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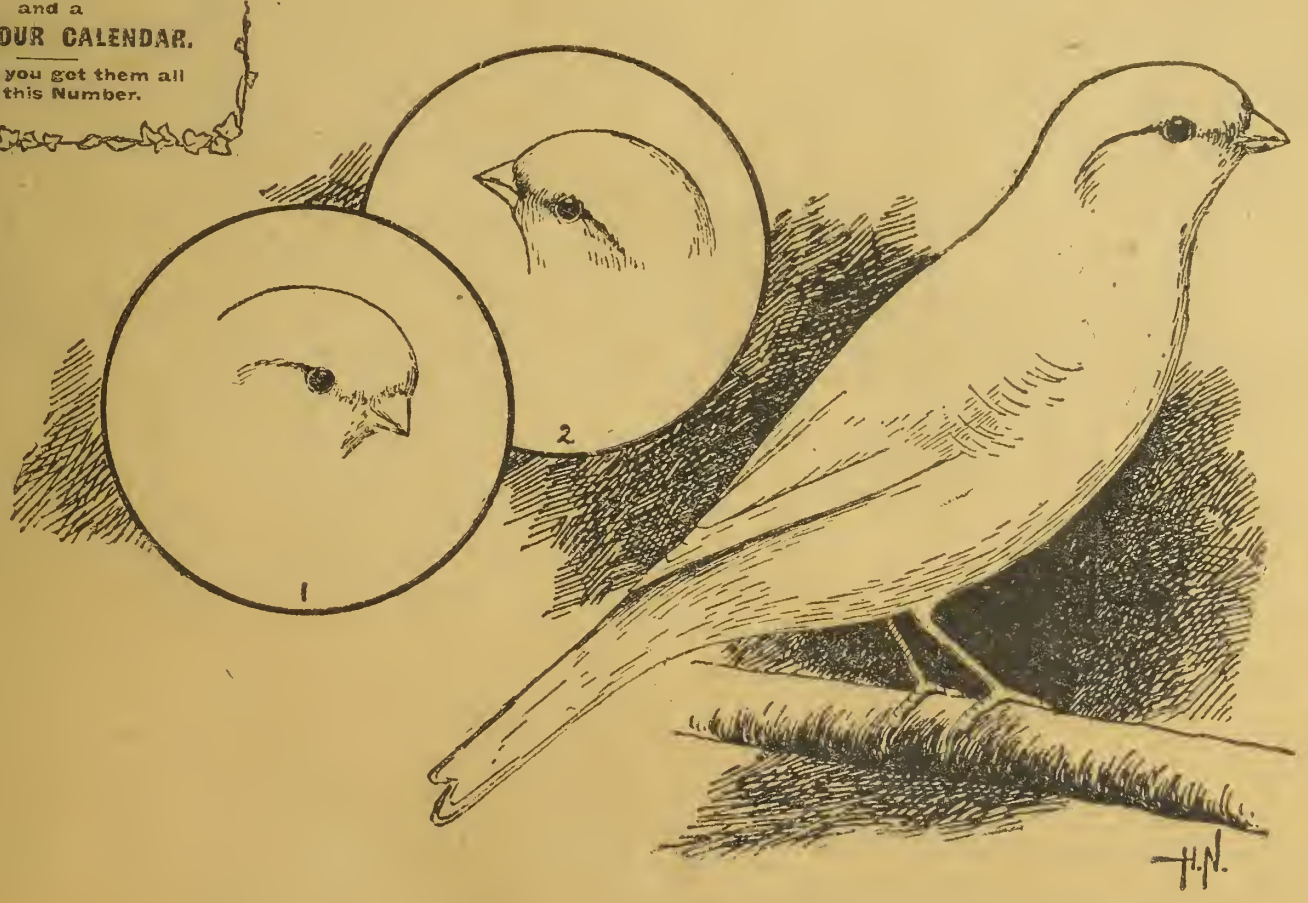

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No. 1: Shows the width of entrance.

No. 2: Side view of skull, showing the well-rounded head.

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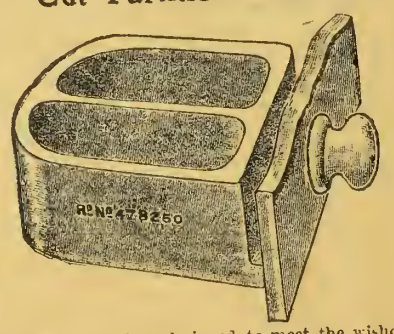

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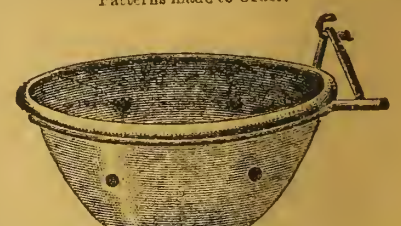

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Enamelled Tin Seedboxes, with loose sliding glass fronts, easy to clean, made in the following sizes: 2in. wide, 2/6 doz.; 3in. wide, 3/- doz.; 4in. wide, 3/6 doz.; 7½in. wide, for double cages, 5/- doz. Self feeding Aviary Seedhoppers, 1/- and 1/6. Enamelled Tin Baths, to hook on cages, 6d., 9d. and 1/- each. Any description of wire or tin work made to order.

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Real White Swansdown Linings, 1/1 doz., post free, Sanitary Hair Felt Linings, 11d. doz., post free. These linings are ready made and will fit any ordinary nest pan. China Eggs, natural size and colour, 7d. doz. post free. Large bags of Medicated Moss and Cow[illegible] 10d. doz. bags, post free.

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Breeders and Fanciers should not delay to order these Perches and Brackets at once.

Thousands were sold in the first month in which they were put forward to fanciers. Full particulars are given on pages 52 and 53 of the issue of CAGE BIRDS of July 28th, and we shall be glad to send a large four-page circular to all inquiring concerning these. The protected nest hanger is specially valuable for breeding cages.

We give below a copy of the first criticism and testimonial received.

Mr. G. W. PROVART, 87a, Churchfield Road, Acton, London, W., writes:

"Gentlemen,—Thanks for the brackets and perches which duly arrived. In my opinion the 'Paull-Dobbie' specialities have come to satisfy a long-felt want. As a fancier and canary breeder of many years I think that, apart from the unique advantages of the cup carrier, the brackets **are worth more** than their small cost **as mere perch holders,** as it is so easy and convenient to lift them out for cleaning. I find that what I imagined would be a weak point is quite otherwise. I refer to the clamping plate, which I thought would work loose, but instead I find that it holds like 'grim death' in any position on wires, and yet is easily and instantly detachable, a most desirable quality. The perches have also strongly appealed to me, although not now an exhibitor, as having essential advantages for exhibition cages, especially the 'Ideal.' In conclusion I may say **that the combination is an all-round commonsense one,** well thought out, and **eminently practical,** and one that has certainly come to stay."

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Ditto, extra strong for long perches .. .. **6d.** each.
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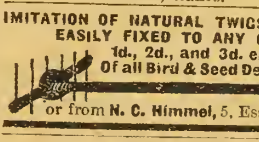

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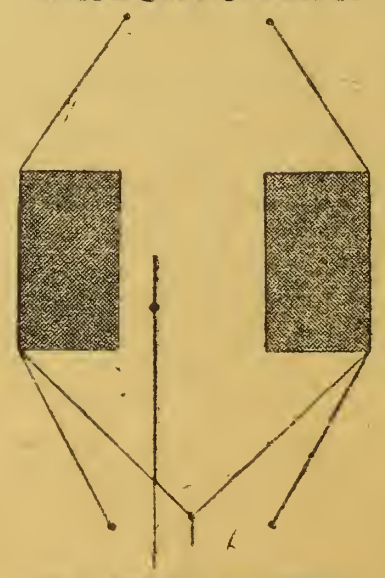

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CREST and Crestbred stock and show birds cheap; approval; deposit with CAGE BIRDS.—Webber Wilder Road, Ilfracombe x 263

FEW pairs of Crests and Crestbreds from 15s. to 60s., good strain; inspection invited.—Mais, 17, Union Cottages, Union Road, Nottingham.

LARGE green Crested cock, 20s., large green Crested hen 15s., large variegated Crested hen, 1906, 15s.—G. Bairstow, 13, Tennyson Street, Lee Mount, Halifax. x263

I HAVE four large Crested cocks, 1906, crest to end of beak, bred from two good Crests, little rough but grand stock birds, £3 each. Approval.—T. Billington, 220, Colwick Road, Nottingham.

CRESTS and Crestbreds. Pairs, 14s., 16s., £1; cocks, 12s., 14s., same strain as my winner Coventry, only time shown.—W. Taylor, Station Road, Hinckley.

HIGH-CLASS Crests, Crestbreds; few good birds for disposal, bred from and related to winners; also several cheap pairs on approval.—Onion, 53, Leopold Street, Radford, Nottingham.

WINNING Blood. F. G. Bale, 66, Victoria Street, Barnstaple, winner of gold and silver medals, has a few large Crest-bred cocks cheap, to clear; large Crest-bred hens, 1906, from 25s.; approval.

GOOD, large, green-Crested cock, 6s. 6d.; large, feathery, green Crest-bred cock, 5s. 6d.; smaller Crest-bred cock, 4s. 6d.; approval, deposit.—W. Moses, 23, Rose Street, York.

WANTED, 1906 good stock crested cock in exchange for large 1905 Crestbred cock; or sell, 25s., approval.—Watson, 22 Hutton Street, Nottingham.

THREE large Crests and two square aviaries for sale; or will accept offers in exchange; also Parrot (green) and brass-rimmed cage; cheap.—Watson, 27, Radford Road, Lewisham.

E. C. COX, winner of cup three years in succession at Southampton, offers pairs (all bred by himself) from 15s.; only want seeing; state wants; approval.—"Crestlea," Earl's Road, Southampton.

DOUBLE-CRESTED cocks and hens, from 7s. 6d., very cheap; overstocked Crestbred hens; exchange for Buff-crested or Crestbred cock or hen; approval. George Borthwick, 25, Octavia Street, Kircaldy.

PROPERLY matched pairs of Crests, 25s. 6d., 30s., 35s. 6d., 40s., 50s.; also odd Crested hens, 12s. 6d., 15s. 6d., 20s.; Crestbred cocks from 15s. 6d.—Treasure Grove Villa, Cheltenham.

W. H. BALE and Son have several grand Crests and Crestbreds, from 15s. to 50s. each; bred from their grand winning strain; cold room; approval.—55, Newport Road, Barnstaple.

C. ROBERTS, 67, Whitegate Drive, Blackpool, offers properly matched pairs of champion Crests from 30s. 6d. to £12 12s.; single birds from 12s. 6d.; approval.

MONSTER Crestbred hen, grand skull and head feather, 30s.; another, good feathery bird, 20s.; Dickson Barnett strain, splendid stock birds.—Gordon, Longley House, Rochester.

HIGH-CLASS Crest and Crestbred cocks and hens, yellows and buffs, 10s., 12s. 6d., 15s., 17s. 6d., 20s., 25s. each, upwards; approval.—Wilkins, 7, St. Martin's Lane, Birmingham.

WANTED, Crested or Crestbred cock; must be good; exchange 1906 pair Scotch Fancies, winners; also clear buff Fancy hen for buff Plainhead hen; approval.—Chalmers, 69, Hillhead, Kirkintilloch.

SURPLUS stock Crestbred cocks from 20s., 40s. three; Crests 20s., 40s.; all own breeding; deposit; approval; winner 20 1sts, 15 2nds, 14 3rds this season.—George Shillinglaw, Charles Street, Kilsyth.

G. O. SMART, Tindale Crescent, Bishop Auckland, Durham, has few Crested cocks for disposal; also few hens. Crests, Crestbred; will exchange yellow Crestbred or Crests; must be good; any on approval.

REMARKABLY good green crested cock, related to winners, 12s. 6d.; yellow cock and hen, 10s. 6d each; very cheap.—Haywards, Old Town, Chard.

FOR Sale 20 birds, Crest and Crestbred, 17, '96 8, '95, as bred, cocks and hens, bred in a cold room, price 60s. for the lot; approval, deposit.—Foottit, 143, Belvoir Street, Hull, Yorks.

G. GRANT, Crest and Crestbreds. On account of business pressure am giving up the Fancy; all my birds to be sold, prices reasonable; 3 days' approval, stamp reply; no odd hens.—20, Marney Road, Clapham, S.W. x265

WALLACE'S champion Crests, Crestbreds, same blood winners Palace and leading shows last sixteen years; cocks, hens, from 15s. matched pairs from 30s.; approval.—115, Rosemount Place, Aberdeen. x264

1906 WING-MARKED buff dark Crested hen, nice round crest of good quality, 40s.; 1906 buff green Crestbred hens, plenty of head feather, 30s.; cocks from 15s., Dixon and Barnett's strain; approval.—Railton, 7, Bridge Road, Millwall, E.

CLEAR body dark Crest cock, ditto wing-marked, 8s. 6d. each; two variegated Crestbred cocks, 7s. 6d. each; lot, 27s. 6d.; all 1906. Wanted, clear Crestbred cock; approval.—Schofield, Saddler, Ipswich.

CRESTED hens; clear body, dark, 30s.; even-marked, 30s.; green, 20s.; yellow, dark, 18s.; green-Crested cock, 25s.; good Crests, well bred; young birds; approval, deposit.—Crookes, 51, Stalkerlees Road, Sheffield.

LARGE heavily-feathered Crests and Crestbreds; pairs, 20s., 25s., 30s.; odd cocks, 10s., 12s. 6d., 15s., 20s.; these birds have extra heavy Crests; approval willingly, deposit.—L. Westhorp, Burnham-on-Crouch.

A ROUGH, large buff, marked, colour, crest-bred cock, singing, beautiful condition, 15s.; will exchange for pair well-marked Lizzards, Belgian, or long cinnamon Yorkshire.—Stocks, 44, Bentley Road, Doncaster.

HIGH-CLASS Crests, to clear, half value; clean body, dark Crest cock, 20s.; grey Crest hen, 14s. 6d.; green Crest hen, 7s. 6d. Wanted large, green Crestbred cock, good body, approval.—W. G. Dixon, Robin Hood's Bay.

LARGE 1906 evenly-marked, dark-crested cock, winner 1st special, Stratford members's class; large, well-feathered, with lovely crest, price only £2, approval.—Sam Donkin, junr., Studley, Warwickshire.

CRESTED cock, first at Wick and Thurso (see CAGE BIRD's report last week), price £2; crested hen, first at Wick, first and cup at Thurso, £2 10s.; Crestbred hens, winners, 30s.; approval.—Clyne, Moray Street, Wick.

HURRY up, Crest breeders! A few of the right sort for sale, including Crest-bred cock, 1st Burnley, Crested hen, he Burnley, £3 10s. the pair; others from 25s. upwards.—A. Taylor, 59, Ormerod Street, Accrington.

CRESTBREDS.—Several large-bodied cocks, good long head feather, related to my winners at Gateshead, Blaydon, and other Northern shows; approval, stamp.—Lister, 25, Third Street, Bensham, Gateshead.

A NUMBER of Crests and Crestbreds, cocks; also four good large Crestbred hens, bred from winners; no Crested hens; a few good match pairs from 20s.; Crested hens from 20s.; approval, deposit.—Bale, 63, Victoria Street, Barnstaple.

W. R. SPICER, Crest breeder, to exhibitors.—Having selected my own stock, can supply (for few weeks only) high-class Crested hens, 10s. 6d.; cocks 15s. 6d.; Crestbreds, 7s. 6d. and 12s. 6d. respectively.—The Aviaries, 118, Queen's Road, Watford.

DARK Crested cock, marked on wings, 12s. 6d.; Crestbred cock, 8s 6d.; hens, Grizzle crest, 7s. 6d.; Crested green, 7s. 6d.; dark Crested, marked, 7s. 6d.; approval.—R. Hawksley, 13, Welbeck Street, Sutton-in-Ashfield.

CRESTBREDS.—Large yellow cock, even wing-marked, dark capped (1905); cost 37s., sell 15s.; another yellow variegated cock, 8s. 6d.; buff variegated hen, 4s. 6d.—Clarke, 82, High Street, Sydenham.

LARGE yellow variegated Crestbred cock, 7s. 6d.; Buff ditto 7s. 6d.; slightly Ticked ditto 8s. 6d.; variegated dark Crest hen, 9s.; clear Crestbred hen, 5s.; green ditto, 7s.; all large healthy birds; approval.—Hatton, Windmill, Belper.

CANARIES.—Given up Fancy; Crest and Crestbred from 20s. to 80s. pair; odd cocks and hens; state wants; 26 in all; what offers for the stock? Must be sold; approval.—George Bradey, 24, Quarry Row, Houghton-le-Spring, Durham.

CREST, Crested-bred 3 Yellow cocks, 1 Buff, for sale; mine is the very best Yellow strain in Nottingham; I won more prizes with Yellow birds than any other fancier in Notts.—Charles Wayte, 29, Manchester Street, Nottingham.

One buff green Crested cock, one yellow variegated Crested hen, one clear yellow Crested hen, also one good pair Harris' strain; will sell in one lot or separate; cheap.—Bemrose, 6, St. Alban's Terrace, Sherwood Street, Nottingham.

J. RUSHMERE, 70, Radford Road, Exeter, has three pairs of Crests from 20s., and four Crestbred cocks from 12s. 6d.; young and healthy breeder—not exhibitor; don't buy show birds to sell surplus; approval.

E. A. CUPIT, East Kirkby, Notts, would like to sell his well-known winning grizzle Crest cock, winner numerous prizes, pure Barnett strain, sound, healthy, good breeder; can be seen any time except Sundays. Price £5, worth double.

A FEW Crests and Crest-breds, winners and bred from winners at principal shows, 20s. to 40s.; winner of five Hyde's teapots twice, challenge cup, gold and silver medals, etc.; approval, deposit.—W. Campbell, Leishman Square, Alva.

BUY from the breeder. Having selected my breeding stock, have 50 Crests and Crestbreds for sale, Barnard's strain, from £1 to £5 per pair; cold-room bred; approval.—Inspector Storey, Police Station, St. Ives, Hunts.

SPECIAL offer, even-marked Crestbred cock, double Crested Buff hen, 30s. 6d.; other pairs, 20s. 6d. to 60s.; odd cocks from 10s. 6d.; strong healthy birds.—Roylance, Alexander Street, Tivoli, Cheltenham.

LIGHT and dark Crests, real good ones; also some clinking Crestbred cocks, guaranteed bred from yellows; few Crestbreds from two Crests (cocks); also some first cross Lancashire Crests and Crestbreds; approval; stamp reply.—Colledge, Kilburn, Derby.

CHEAP, to clear. Crest-bred cocks, 20s., 22s. 6d.; Crest-bred hens, 12s. 6d., 17s. 6d., 27s. 6d., 45s.; Grizzle Crest hen, 12s. 6d.; dark Crest hen, 35s.; own breeding. See report Dunfermline Show approval; stamp reply.—William Watt, 103, Appin Crescent, Dunfermline.

CRESTS, Crestbreds, related to my winners Dulwich L.C.B.A., L.P.O.S., Deptford, Nottingham—see report Walthamstow this week—hundreds other prizes; single birds from £1; approval, deposit.—H. Horton, 18, The Avenue, St. John's Park Road, Blackheath, London, S.E.

CRESTS AND CRESTBREDS—continued.

CHAMPION Massive Crests and Crestbreds, 10s. 6d. each; ten days approval.—Wm. Powick, Eastfield House, Dewsbury.

GOOD Crested Norwich cocks, 12s., 15s. 20s. each; Crested hens, 7s. 6d., 10s., 12s. 15s. each; Cresthred cocks, 10s., 12s. 15s. each; Crestbred hens, 6s., 7s. 6d., 10s., 12s. each; stamp reply; money returned if not approved.—Stewart Brothers, Surrey Street, Norwich. x265

GOOD Crested cock, ditto hen, 10s. each; ticked buff Norwich cock, 7s. 6d.; variegated ditto, 12s. 6d.; two yellow, one buff, hens 5s. each; good housemoulted cock Siskin, hen Greenfinch, cock Redpoll, 6s.; or exebange, Bullie hens.—James Ovenstone, Wallace Street, Grangemouth.

I HAVE for sale a clear '06 buff hen with dark crest, sister to my winner at Manchester, 25s.; also 1906 clear buff Crestbred cock, bred from same, 15s.; also a few odd dark crested hens, same breed, will sell cheap; all on approval.—W. Wilkinson, 9, Grafton Street, Clitheroe, Lancashire.

FEW Crests and Crestbreds, best of blood, no rubbish, all large, strong, healthy young birds, my own breeding, with good typical crests and plenty of feather, 25s. and 30s. a pair to clear, as I want room; I guarantee them the same as dealers send out at 60s.—Pennington, 87, Harrington Street, Grimsby.

LARGE 1905 Crestbred cock, green head and wings, feather to end of bill, 16s. 6d.; green Crestbred cock, feather to bill end, 10s. 6d.; yellow Crestbred cock, very browy, 9s. 6d.; few Crested cocks, 7s. 6d. to 10s. 6d.; birds in grand condition, cold room. Approval, deposit.—White's Aviaries, Disborough, Harborough.

MASSIVE Crestbred hens and Crests. R. B. Tope, 8, Hoe Street, Plymouth, having selected his breeding stock, has 20 Crestbred hens worth the attention of breeders of this grand variety. See them and judge for yourself, combining the strains of Diploma winner at the Palace for best Crest in show and my well known Perfection the Second; approval to known fanciers.

AT London Provincial Ornithological Society, October 30th, 1906, with four entries, I won eight prizes including Crest Club Special, two medals and Championship Diploma for best Crest open classes; have several Crests and Crestbreds from 7s. 6d. upwards; approval; stamp.—Woollard, Sprowston, Norwich. Note, I am not a dealer; absolutely all my own breeding. x264

GEORGE Williams, 50, Lower Union Street, Torquay.—Crest and Crestbred for sale; some of the best blood than can be got for the money. I have constantly bred winners from those birds for the last 25 years, and still continue to do so. I have shown and won hundreds of prizes to all the leading shows—cups, etc. Prices from 20s. to £5 a pair, on approval; stamp reply. Breeder, not dealer.

CREST and Crestbreds, best blood in the world, winner of challenge bowls at Barnstaple, Bristol (four), Plymouth, Sidmouth, and £25 cup; among latest winnings, Nottingham, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc.; Cardiff, two 1sts, etc.; Gateshead, two 1sts; few to spare, single, from 30s.; pairs, from 60s.; state price prepared to give and enclose stamp.—Rev. G. W. Joyce, Wellington, Somerset.

HAVING selected my breeding stock, I have a few Crests, also Norwich Plainheads for sale, bred from and related to my winners; matched pairs of Crests from 20s. 6d. pair; Norwich Plainheads from 12s. 6d. pair; at the Cheltenham and Gloucester Shows I won 3 firsts, 6 seconds, 7 thirds, 2 fourths, 5 specials, and numerous other prizes; satisfaction guaranteed or money returned.—J. H. Hands, Brightonville, Moorend Crescent, Cheltenham.

CHAMPION Crests.—At Westminster, Cheltenham and Gloucester I won 14 firsts, £5 5s. cup, 2 Crest Club specials for best Crestbred, besides many other specials. I have some good stock Crests, Crestbreds from 20s. each, and few show birds of each variety, all bred by myself from the very best blood; Cinnamon Crests a speciality; winner of over 7,000 prizes; breeder over 40 years.—T. J. King, Coronation Road, Cheltenham.

SILK'S Famous Crests.—Green Crestbred cock, monster, well lashed, winner anywhere, 40s.; ditto, Clear, wonderful skull, heaps feather, tip beak, bargain, 30s.; wing-marked dark Crested hen, splendid daisy Crest, very veiney, 30s.; champion stock dark Crested cock, splendid body, big Crest, 40s.; two other lovely dark Crested hens, 25s. each, toppers. All on approval.—A. E. Silk, Aviaries, Whitstable.

Mr. A. J. SMITH has a few first-class Crests for disposal, from one of the best strains. Evenly-marked buff Crest cock, large bird, and well-formed crest, first and second special late Birmingham show, 50s; green Crest cock and buff Crest-bred hen, first in a class of 20 late Birmingham show, 40s. the pair; broken green Crest hen, 1906, 20s.; buff Crested-bred hen, unevenly marked, 12s. 6d.—St. Ives, Chester Road, Erdington, near Birmingham.

SPECIAL! Special!! Heavily feathered prize-bred Crests and Crestbreds of the identical strains with which I have given such satisfaction for many years. Judiciously matched breeding pairs, 12s. 6d., 15s., 20s., 30s., 40s. upwards; odd cocks and hens, very reasonable; enquiries invited; exhibition cocks or hens, 20s. to £5 each; all cold-room bred, and willingly on approval, anywhere.—H. Amiss, Breeder and Exporter, C9, Ashby Street, Norwich.

HAVING selected my breeding stock, have the following high-class Crests, Crestbreds for disposal. Barnet and Joyce's strains; monster even wing-marked dark Crest cock, 17s. 6d.; large heavy feathered ditto, 15s.; ditto, 12s. 6d.; variegated heavy feathered dark Crest cock, 14s.; monster even wing-marked dark Crest hen, 17s. 6d.; large heavy feathered variegated ditto, 15s.; large ditto, 12s. 6d.; very large, slightly ticked, Crestbred cock, 14s.; large heavy feathered green ditto, 14s.; large heavy feathered variegated Crestbred hen, 13s. 6d.; ditto, 10s.; large feathery clear Crestbred hen, 10s.; all grand stock birds, in perfect condition; approval.—Hatton, Windmill, Belper.

HIGH-CLASS CRESTS.

and Crest breds; the very best blood in the Fancy. Hundreds of winners sold by me. I have some grand birds for sale, both for stock and exhibition; 30 years' breeder; advertised in "Feathered World" for 20 years. I sell reasonable, and on approval. Please note change of address.—T. Billington, 220, Colwich Road, Nottingham.

HIGH-CLASS CRESTS.

Splendid specimens. Crests and Crestbreds. Pairs properly matched, 12/6, 15/-, 17/6, 20/-. Crested or Crestbred Cocks, 8/6, 10/6, 15/-. Crested Hens, 7/6, 10/-. Crestbred Hens, 5/6, 7/6, 10/-.

ARTHUR THOMPSON,
197, BRADFORD ROAD,
FRIZINGHALL, BRADFORD.

Dutch Frills.

HIGH-CLASS Dutch Frills, cocks and hens; list free.—Rudd, Bird Specialist, Norwich.

PEDIGREE Dutch Frills, reasonable, exchange surplus Yorkshire hens; pair show Borders, 15s. 6d.—Edward Williams, Parliament Place, Liverpool.

Greens.

NORWICH greens.—Foul buff cock; self yellow hen, 15s.; foul yellow cock, 10s. 6d.; approval, deposit.—Bloor, 16, Albert Road, Widnes.

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshire and Norwich greens; singles; matched pairs a speciality; approval, stamp.—Hadwin, 28, Pembroke Place, Liverpool.

SIX pairs Yorkshire greens; fit to win; good type and colour 20s. to 35s. pair.—Matthews, 50, Thorburn Street, Liverpool.

YORKSHIRE Greens, good strain, cocks and hens, cheap.—Johnstone, 13, Cecil Road, New Ferry, Cheshire.

FOUL Norwich Green cocks, 6 yellows, 7s. 6d. each; 2 buffs, 6s. 6d. each; approval.—R. Lea, 3, Chapel Street, Widnes.

TYPICAL Yorkshire and Norwich Greens, some grand hens, also large Clears, reasonable.—Greengrass, 118, Alwyn Street, Aigburth, Liverpool. z262

7 INCH, yellow Green Yorkshire cock, 15s.; buff Green, 10s. 6d.; Cinnamon Yorkshire hen wanted.—Eastoe, 12, Forestview, Manor Park.

TWO pairs of Yorkshire Greens, 20s. pair; also 4 buff Green Yorkshire cocks, 10s. each.—Bentley, Daisyfield, Bury.

CHANCE of a lifetime.—T. J. King, Coronation Road, Cheltenham, is clearing out all his Greens (to make room for Crests); they are large good coloured birds; three Jonque cocks, £2, 30s. 6d., 30s. 6d. each; 2 Buff cocks, 20s. 6d., 12s. 6d.

THE finest collection of Greens living (see Altrincham show reports). I won outright 2 silver rose bowls, for 4 highest birds and best Norwich in show. I took 3 firsts, 3 seconds, 3 thirds, 1 fourth, 1 vhc; having 150 birds, can spare some grand pairs or singles, Yorkshire or Norwich, reasonable; cash or deposit, CAGE BIRDS; approval, stamp.—W. Thompson, 69, Penton Street, Liverpool.

Lancashires.

TICKED yellow Plainhead cock, 10s. to clear.—Adams, 17, Baron Street, Rochdale.

YELLOW Plainhead cock; yellow Coppy cock, 15s. each.—Adams, 17, Baron Street, Rochdale.

BUFF Plainhead cock, 12s. 6d.; buff Coppy cock, 10s.; four Coppy hens, 8s., 10s.; gold Lizard cock, 8s.—Wrigley, 115, Crompton Street, Oldham.

GRAND pair Lancashires, young birds, healthy, approval, 30s.; good buff Coppy hen, 15s.—Naden, 18, Royds Street, Rochdale.

W. MILLS has a few Buff Coppys; also Plainhead cocks, from 10s.; only want seeing; approval.—Stewart Street, New Hay, Rochdale, x262.

TWO young buff Plainheads and Coppy cocks, 12s. each, also 2 pairs grand birds, 35s.—Hughes, Tailor, Tweedale Street, Rochdale.

MASSIVE buff Plainhead cock, 20s.; first-class pair properly matched, 50s.—Naden, 18, Boyd's Street, Rochdale.

CHAMPION Coppys and Plainheads, yellows and buffs, 10s. 6d. each; ten days' approval.—Wm. Powick, Eastfield House, Dewsbury.

ARTHUR WEST, Tweedale Street, Rochdale. High-class Lancashires from my winners yellows and buffs, Coppies and Plainheads; on approval.

I HAVE a few good birds left for disposal, cocks or hens; approval; stamp.—Cundiff, High Street, Macclesfield.

CLEAR buff Plainhead cock, buff Coppy cock, yellow Coppy cock, 12s. 6d. each; yellow Plainhead cock, 14s.; grand young birds; approval, stamp.—Fitton, 41, Laurel Street, Rochdale.

LANCASHIRES.—Having selected my breeding stock, I have only a few for disposal, same strain as my winners at the leading shows this season; stamp.—Rushton, 102, Buxton Road, Macclesfield.

SURPLUS yellow and buff Coppies, buff Plainheads, young healthy birds, cheap to clear; approval; full song.—Geo. Wm. Oldham, 285, London Road, Hazel Grove, Stockport.

HAVING selected my breeding stock have a few on sale from one best strains in England, winners of hundreds of first prizes; stamp reply.—Garner, 14, Lever Street, Hazel Grove.

A FEW good Lancashires cheap to clear; buff coppy cock, 15s.; yellow coppy hen, 20s.; buff coppy hen, 15s.; buff Plainhead hen 15s.; lot 60s.—Broadhead, Grocer, Derby Street, Macclesfield.

ON sale all the stock of the late Ben Turner, Lancashire and Lizards, cheap to clear; inspection invited.—Apply, Frank Turner, 3, Clement Royd's Street, Rochdale.

GRAND young Lancashire Plainhead cock, healthy, ready for pairing, 12s. 6d.; ditto Coppy cock, 15s., both healthy, fine piumage; cash, sent at once on receipt of postal order.—Hawkins, Shalimar, Withdean, Brighton.

Lizards.

WINNERS' stock cages, best obtainable; send for list; stamp.—Oliver, Hadfield Street, Glossop.

FIVE good Lizards, cocks, 5s., 6s. each, no hens.—Samuel Beswick, Hatherlow Lane, Hazel Grove, Stockport; approval, deposit.

FOR stock or exhibition, high-class birds only, also a few 1905 silver cocks.—Barker Clegg, 7 Russell Square, Hyde Street, Manchester, S.W.

I HAVE a few for disposal from my noted winning strains; satisfaction guaranteed; approval; stamp.—W. Cundiff, High Street, Macclesfield.

CLEAR Cap gold cock, two silver hens, 1906 bred, 12s. 6d.; approval, deposit; bargain.—Holt, Tobacconist, Durham Street, Rochdale.

HIGH-CLASS Lizards.—Some winners, Manchester, Rochdale, Nottingham, Middleton, Rochdale Good Intent, etc.—John Dewsnap, 68, Princess Street, Glossop, Stamp.

MISS WHIPP, 524, Rochdale Road, High Crompton, Shaw, has for sale a few pairs of good Lizards, winners at all the recent shows; pairs from 12s.; odd silver cocks from 8s. Approval.

"THE LIZARD KING."
F.W. Baker, Shaw, nr. Oldham
The most successful Breeder of this variety in the World. Also Champion Cinnamons.

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TEN hens, five 1906, 2s. each, 15s. lot.—Schofield, Saddler, Ipswich.

TWELVE Norwich hens, 15s. the lot; a few nice cocks, 5s. upwards.—J. Nixon, 35, North Road, Brentwood, Essex.

GRAND Norwich for sale, bred from prize stock, pairs, 15s. upwards; even-marked yellow cock, 10s. 6d. Smith, Chemist, Scarborough.

YOUNG Norwich cocks, on song, from 7s., hens from 3s.—W.H., 122, New Road, Battersea, S.W.

ENGLISH Goldfinch, has bred Mules, tame, healthy, 10s. 6d.—E.E.R., Camden Road, N.

MILES, Aviaries, Chichester, has exhibition cock Bullfinch, can win, 4s. 6d., hens 1s. each.

THREE good Norwich hens, two yellow, one buff, non-fed, 6s. the lot.—Upward, Worting, Basingstoke.

FEW unflighted buff cocks, from winners, 10s., 15s.—Pegg, 24, Pretoria Avenue, Morpeth.

CRESTBRED cock, 12s. 6d.; two Buff Plainhead hens, 5s. each; lot 18s.—William Smith, Camelver.

BUFF Norwich cocks, nice type, 4s. 6d., 6s. 6d. each.—Ratcliff, Tyndal Road, Grantham.

GRAND Norwich Canaries, 12s. 6d. pair; what offers.—Brooker, 15, Frome Terrace, Dorchester.

VARIEGATED Norwich Plainheads for sale, cheap.—W. Illing, Horwood House, Winslow, Bucks.

GRAND healthy Norwich hen Canaries from 2s. 6d. each.—H. Cooper, Decorator, Luton.

TWO yellow Norwich hen Canaries, 5s.—Royce, Cottesmore House, Oundle Road, Peterborough.

TYPICAL young, healthy Norwich cocks, 6s. each; approval.—Campbell, Leishman Square, Alva.

LARGE chubby Norwich cocks, 5s. 6d.; hens 3s.—Head, 7, Webster Cottages, Dereham.

FOR sale, Canaries, cocks 7s. 6d.; hens 3s., Norwich; particulars.—Walker, Woodnorton, Mayfield.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich yellow hen, Robin type, 20s.—Kirk, Belvedere Road, Lowestoft.

SOME good Norwich; cheap; seen any time except Sunday.—29, Lila Road, Crouch End, N. x262

WANTED large Bullfinch type cocks and hens, 1906 birds.—Doughty, King Street, Great Yarmouth.

PRIZE strain Norwich, 9s. pair; buff hens, 3s. 6d.—Reeve, 67, Cambridge Street, Norwich.

NORWICH or Yorkshire cocks, 5s. 6d.—Coles (side door), 109, High Street, Borough, London.

WANTED Norwich Canaries for cash.—Smith's Bird Stores, 40, Townhead Street, Hamilton.

NORWICH songsters 5s., hens 2s. 6d.; exeellent breeders.—George, 23, Ditchling Rise, Brighton.

ALL my Canaries, breeding and show cages, for sale.—Key, Berdmore Street, Fenton, Stoke-on-Trent.

LARGE clear Norwich cocks, grand order 7s. 6d. and 10s. each; hens 5s.—Little, Chemist, Carlisle.

SOME good Norwich cocks for sale; state wants.—S. Ward, 9, Lyndhurst Road, Peckham.

NORWICH cocks, 1906, vigorous birds, 4s. 9d., two 9s.—16, Tennyson Street Mansfield.

HENS, 3s., yellow cock 6s. 6d., strong, healthy, for breeding or song; call.—24, Cunard Street, Albany Road, Camberwell.

GOOD Norwich Canaries from 5s. 6d., hens, 2s. 6d., pairs, 7s. 6d., clear, buff, yellow.—31, Norfolk Street Coventry.

TWO 1906 Norwich cocks, 1 yellow variegated, 1 buff, 5s. 6d. each.—Barbour, Knoll, Bishopmill, Elgin.

EVEN-MARKED yellow Norwich cock with show cage, 15s. 6d.; 20 good colour-fed cocks, 7s. 6d. each.—Gilbert, Arcade, Coventry.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich Canaries, cheap, overstocked, prize strains; stamp reply.—Brain, Glastonbury.

TWO clear Yellow hens, 1905, good breeders, 4s. 6d. each.—Cannon, Yard 56, Highgate, Kendal. Good birds.

YELLOW and Buff cocks from 12s. 6d., bred from winners at Palace, etc.—Williamson, 63, Murchison Road, Leyton.

FOUR Common buff hens, for feeders, 2s. each, pair Greenfinches, 1s., lot 8s. 6d.—Sandars, Kettlebrook Road, Tamworth.

EXCHANGE silver watch, cost 35s., for good Norwich Canaries.—Edwins, 52, Stanton Street, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

NORWICH cock Canaries, splendid condition, in full song, yellows and buffs, non-fed, 5s., 6s., and 7s. each.—Ranford, 11, Lyttelton Street, Worcester.

NORWICH cocks, 4s. 6d., 5s. 6d.; buff Lancashire cross, 6s. 6d.; approval; what offers in exchange?—Lawton, 8, Coronation Street, Tamworth, Staffs.

FEW young cocks left at 5s., also hens at 3s.—Oakley, Coroner's Court, Warwick Place, Whitecross Street, E.C.

TYPICAL matched pair Norwich, non-fed, Roberts' strain, 12s. 6d., worth double.—Lane, Royston, Whitegate Drive, Blackpool.

NINETEENTH annual sale of surplus Norwich pairs, from 7s. 6d., hens from 3s., healthy; approval.—Fred Burchnall, Enderby, Leicester.

YOUNG cocks, singing, 5s. 6d.; hens, 3s.; pairs for breeding, 7s. 6d.; cash or deposit.—Miss Glennon, 88, Antrim Road, Belfast.

SIX good quality, colour-fed Norwich cocks, 7s. 6d. each; 4 hens, 2s. 6d. each.—D. Metcalf, Norfolk Street, King's Lynn.

NORWICH.—Some grand birds for disposal, cocks, 8s. each; hens, 10s., 2s. 6d. each.—White, Alderman's Green, Foleshill, Coventry.

BIG unflighted buff Norwich hen, 5s.; grand buff cock 7s. 6d.; big Yellow cock 7s. 6d.—Eddy, Bellevue Terrace, Penzance.

WANTED, Cinnamon-marked (lightly) 1906, typical hens; approval, deposit.—W., 14, Albert Road, Ramsgate.

20 NORWICH Canaries; all bred and remaining in open outdoor aviary; inspection invited; from 7s. 6d.—Salisbury, 40, Tower Bridge Road, S.E.

BUFF cock; Sandiford's, cost 25s., bargain, 10s 6d.; others from 6s. 6d.; hens from 5s. 6d.; nothing better.—Lees, 15, Oldham Road, Rochdale.

HAVING selected my breeding stock I can spare a few fit to win; approval stamp.—Cundiff, High Street, Macclesfield.

CLEAR buff cocks, large, full of quality, 10s. 6d. each; few hens from 5s. 6d.—Miss M. Gibbons, Boddington, Cheltenham.

SOME splendid Norwich colour-fed cocks from 7s. 6d.; hens, 3s.; approval.—Daines, 86, Lyham Road, Brixton Hill, London.

FOR SALE, 6 Norwich cocks and 1 hen, 6s. each, or £2 lot; same strain as my noted Mulers.—Clark, 49, Rushmore Street, Leamington.

THREE cocks for sale; 6s., 7s., 7s. 6d.; own breeding; also 6 ft. aviary.—Evans, 107, Hartington Street, Moss Side, Manchester.

NORWICH. Few good stock birds for sale; same strain as my winners; stamp reply.—W. Dawson, 117, Primrose Street, Farnworth, near Bolton.

G. GRIMWOOD, breeder, high-class Norwich, has few pairs to spare; prices on application.—28, Preston Road, Blackpool.

NORWICH Canaries for sale; yellows and buffs; also few good singing cocks.—W. Harding, 6, Leigh Place, Ardwick, Manchester.

PAIRS from 10s. 6d., colour-fed and natural, can be seen by appointment.—M. Walker, 70, Merton Road, Wimbledon.

GRAND Norwich cocks from 5s. 6d., hens 3s. 6d.; exhibition Redpoll, 3s. 6d.; Siskin Mule cock, 4s.—Freeman, Chapel Street, Birmingham.

MUST reduce genuine stock birds, parents direct from Eckersley, hens, 15s., 20s.; cocks, 20s., 25s.; approval; deposit.—Norris, Guildhall, Newbury.

SPLENDID young Norwich cock, good singer, 4s.; also three young hens, suitable for aviary, 3s. 6d. the three, cash; genuine.—Watts, Bledlow, Bucks.

PRIZE-BRED Norwich cocks, 5s., 6s., 7s.; hens, 2s., 1s., 5s.; satisfaction guaranteed.—H. Gray, 62, Warwick Street, Leicester.

GOOD Norwich songsters, natural colour, coldroom, 6s. 6d. each; seen Sundays.—Sam Bottomley, 28, Whelorake Road, Pitsmoor, Sheffield.

NORWICH hens, 1906, good feeding strain, 2s. 6d. each; cock Goldfinch Mule, grand songster, 7s.; approval.—Allen, 427, Portobello Road, Kensington.

CANARIES for sale, cocks from 5s. 6d., hens from 2s. 6d.; pairs, matched, from 7s. 6d.; P.O. or deposit.—J. Ottaway, Gt. Melton, Norwich.

GOOD ticked buff cock 7s. 6d., yellow hen 4s. 6d., clear buff cock 7s. 6d., buff hen 4s., large varigated cock, Lancs.-Norwich, 7s. 6d.—Whent, Shoeburyness.

TWO large Lancashire Norwich cocks, one clear yellow, one ticked, 8s. 6d. each; large buff Norwich hen 4s. 6d.—Whent, Shoeburyness.

GRAND Norwich, Eckersley strain, cocks from 7s. 6d.; pairs from 10s. 6d.—J. L. Collis, 42, Henshall Road, Bollington, Macclesfield.

FOR satisfaction only, try one of my prize-bred Norwich cocks, from 10s. 6d.; pairs from 15s.—Banks, 38, Roach Road, Sheffield.

FOUR pairs high-class Norwich, from 6s. 6d. pair; giving up the fancy; worth double.—Adams, Grove Road, Atherstone, Wawickshire.

NORWICH Canaries. Matched pairs, 10s., 12s., 14s., cold room bred.—W. Taylor, Station Road, Hinckley.

GRAND Norwich cocks, in song, 7s.; hens, 3s. 6d. and 4s. 6d.; cage free.—Colvin, 19, Portland Street, Glasgow. x246

VEALE'S strain direct; a few good cocks, yellows and buffs, cheap; approval stamp.—Tope, 8, Hoe Street, Plymouth.

BREEDER and exhibitor of Norwich cocks, from 7s. each; hens, from 5s.; approval.—Thos. Cleminson, Hume Terrace, Darlington.

LOOK! Norwich Plainheads, 8s. 6d., 10s. 6d. pair; cocks, 6s. 6d.; hens, 2s., 4s. 6d.; satisfaction guaranteed.—Cracknall, 42, Clarke Road, Norwich. x263

SEVERAL good Norwich Canaries, cocks, hens from 5s. each; been in outdoor aviary all winter.—Nalson, Althorne, Essex.

THREE yellow Norwich hens, 2s. 6d., 3s., 3s. 6d., excellent condition; also cages, aviary, cheap.—Webster, 46, Hume Terrace, Darlington.

GOOD Norwich for sale, six hens, four cocks, grand condition; bargain.—Norman Couper, Bervie, Kincardineshire.

COCKS from 6s. 6d., full song; hens from 2s. 6d.; healthy.—Pike, 33, Queen Street Buildings, Queen Street, Edgware Road.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich, good stock pairs from 15s., single cocks or hens 10s. and upwards, yellow or buff; approval.—Williams, 186, High Street, Cheltenham.

NORWICH 1906 Plainheads for sale; cocks, from 4s. 6d.; hens, from 2s. each.—Apply, 3, Cromer Road, Holt, Norfolk.

FOR sale, 6 matched pairs good Norwich Canaries, 8s. 6d. pair; natural colour.—Sawbridge, 81, Richmond Road, Leicester.

STEPHEN TWEDDLE, breeder and exhibitor of champion Norwich Plainheads, winner at all the leading shows, 123, Balaclava Street, Blackburn.

ABOUT dozen good young variegated buff hens, from 4s. upwards; also few spare cocks, 6s. upwards.—Nelson, Middleton Road, Banbury.

NORWICH bred from my winners, 10s. pair; approval, deposit.—W. Allen, Witchford Aviaries, Ely, Cambs. x269

MRS. ARTHUR BAYLY, has good Norwich for sale, winner many firsts, seconds, and others; state wants; approval.—Queen Street, Margate.

GRAND Norwich, from prize birds, on approval; hens, 5s. 6d.; cocks, 7s. 6d.—I. Day, Fornham Road, Bury St. Edmund's.

GIVING UP. Typical Norwich Plainheads, good stock birds, from 12s. 6d. a pair.—Allnatt, Butler, The Knoll, Kingston Hill, Surrey.

HIGH-CLASS pairs, 7s. 6d., 10s. 6d.; cocks 5s. 6d., 7s. 6d.; hens 2s. 6d., 3s. 6d., colour-fed; approval, deposit.—Bedmead, Attleborough, Nuneaton.

GOOD Norwich cocks 4s. 6d.; Yellow 5s. 6d.; hens 2s. 6d., 3s.; pairs 7s., 8s.; satisfaction guaranteed.—Staples, 19, Outram Street, Leicester.

YELLOW, green and variegated Norwich cocks, splendid songsters from 6s.; two hens 3s. each.—Miss Parker, Eccleshall, Staffs.

FEW nice pairs Norwich from 12s. 6d. to £1; also odd birds cheap.—Thomas, 79, Larcom Street, Walworth, London.

CHAMPION Norwich. I have 10 pairs of grand Norwich for sale, cheap, related to my winners; see Yorkshires.—H. Lindsay.

NOTICE! Grand Norwich cocks in song, 3s. 6d. each, or cock and hen, 5s. 6d.; approval.—McKeand, 15, Queen Street, Castle Douglas.

A FEW high-class Norwich left, including one or two show birds, 12s 6d. to 25s. per pair.—Rev Bernard Wilton, Bilsdale Vicarage, Middlesbrough.

PRIZE-BRED Norwich, in the pink of breeding form, cocks 5s., hens, 4s.—A. R. Langlands, Confectioner, Montrose.

I HAVE a few pairs of Norwich Canaries from 10s. 6d. per pair, stout yellow and buff hens from 5s. each; approval.—A. Ward, 10, St. Paul's, Norwich.

SIX PAIRS splendid Norwich stock birds, best strains, 15s. to 30s.; overstocked, owing to removal.—Hardcastle, Eliza Street, Sale, Manchester. x263

GRAND lot young variegated Norwich Plainheads, own breeding, best blood procurable; on approval.—Jones, New Tredegar, via Cardiff. x263

NINETEENTH annual sale of surplus Norwich, pairs from 7s. 6d., hens from 3s., healthy; approval.—Fred Burchnall, Enderby, Leicester.

C. ROBERTS, 67, Whitegate Drive, Blackpool.—Champion Norwich, properly matched pairs, from 15s. 6d. to £5; single birds from 10s. 6d.; approval.

PLAINHEADS, cocks from 12s. 6d., hens, 10s.; bred from winners' strain, second to none; young, healthy; approval, stamp.—Scaife, Fauldhouse, N.B.

NORWICH Plainheads, yellow and buff, all bred from 1st prize winners, and can win.—R. Pollock, Gardnerswell, Bathgate. x263

W. KNIGHT, breeder of champion Norwich, has few for sale, cocks from 7s. 6d., hens from 5s. 6d., upwards.—Address, Glynne Street, Canton, Cardiff.

TWELVE Canaries for sale, three cocks, nine hens, what offers?—Chandos-Pole, Brand, Market Drayton. x 263

A FEW grand Norwich, fine type and quality, will breed winners; cocks, from 7s. 6d.—Call or write, Thirlwell, 5, Llanover Road, Wembley, Middlesex.

CHAMPION bred Norwich cocks for sale from 6s.; yellows and buffs; approval.—F. Harrison, 353, Humberstone Road, Leicester. x262

LARGE Norwich hens, 3s., 3s. 6d., 4s.; yellow cocks, 7s. 6d., 8s. each, worth double.—Bear, Warley, Essex. x263

FEW good Norwich cocks, 10s. 6d., buff; some even marked, 1906 bred, healthy; approval, deposit.—W. Clements, Mall, Hungerford, Berks.

FOUR Yellow cocks, 10 Yellow hens splendid quality from 10s. each; on approval.—Barker Clegg, 7, Russell Square, Hyde Street, Manchester, S.W.

BREEDERS, look! I won 1st, 3rd, Barnstaple open; 1st, 3rd, Bideford open; grand lot; pairs from £1; all from the same stock; approval; state wants.—Dalling, Hairdresser, Barnstaple.

J. G. NOAKES, breeder of exhibition Norwich; surplus cheap hens from 5s., cocks from 7s.; deposit with CAGE BIRDS or me.—Shoulder of Mutton, South Normanton. x264

WANTED large Bullfinch type cocks and hens, exchange ladies' costume cloth, 7 yards, value 15s., 21s., or other drapery goods to value.—Stone, 27, Wilton Drive, Glasgow.

NORWICH cocks from 5s. 6d., hens from 3s.; twice house moulted cock Goldfinch, breeder, 6s., exchange anything useful, or Roller cock.—Brown, 38, Shawpark Street, Glasgow.

LARGE Norwich songsters, yellow or buff, 7s. 6d. each; matched pairs, 10s. 6d.; approval.—Beazley, Genesta, Calne, Wilts.

REMOVING shortly, must reduce stock; see report of L.C.B.A. show, Westminster. Birds bred by me, cocks from 10s. 6d.—C. W. Baker, 80, Cambridge Street, Pimlico.

NORWICH Canaries, high-class pairs, 10s. 6d.; satisfaction guaranteed; reduction for quantities; enquiries answered.—A. J. Cooke, Grocer, Kenilworth. x264

NORWICH Plainheads; colour-fed cocks, from 6s.; hens, 3s. 6d., 4s., 5s.; buff, 3s., 4s. 6d.; pairs matched for breeding, 8s. upwards; on approval.—Hewett, "The Rose," Mariner's Lane, Norwich.

REALLY good Norwich-bred from great winners, five pairs and few odd hens at exceptionally low prices.—Raven, 80, Lightwood, Road, Bearwood, Birmingham.

PRIZE-BRED Norwich from my Cup winners, Cambridge, Yarmouth, Peterboro', Spalding, Lynn, etc., from 7s. 6d. each; also Yorkshires.—Candley, Lynn Road, Walsoken, Wisbech; approval.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich for sale (see reports Burnley, Gt. Harwood, Bramley, Warrington, Manchester, Edinburgh), not bought, but bred by myself; few to sell cheap.—Evans, 157, Rectory Road, Burnley.

LARGE unflighted Buff cock (brother 1st and special, Dunbar) 21s.; Yellow cock, 1905, bred winners, 15s.; approval.—Smith, 74, Whitefriar's Street, Coventry.

NORWICH, good type and quality, 1906 birds, cold-room bred, cocks from 7s. 6d., hens 4s. 6d., pairs 10s. 6d.; approval.—Ireland, 93, Chapeltown Road, Leeds.

FINE, healthy Norwich, in song; cocks 5s., 6s., 7s.; hens 3s., 4s.; cold room, 1906; approval, deposit.—Wall, Tankersley Lane, Hoyland Common, near Barnsley.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich cocks and hens for sale, cheap; also Crest-bred hen; all 1906 birds; on approval, deposit; stamp reply.—Munro, 165, Bellfield Street, Glasgow.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich, young, clear, yellow cock; clear buff hen, variegated buff hen, Vardy's and Gowing's strain, direct, 15s. 6d. lot; approval.—Fitton, 41, Laurel Street, Rochdale.

TWO buff hens, four buff cocks, one yellow cock, 1905 and 1906 bred, Vardy's and Bishop's strain, hens 5s., cocks 7s. 6d. to 12s.; approval, deposit.—Foster, 27, Rectory Avenue, Gainsboro'.

NORWICH.—7 young healthy cocks, 4s.; 3 large yellow Crested cocks, 6s. 6d.; full song; 6 hens 2s.; approval.—Garland, 99, Michaels Road, Northampton.

FEW good Norwich for sale; cocks from 7s. 6d., hens from 5s.; also few good Yorkshires; cocks from 7s. 6d. to 10s.; pair Norwich greens, 14s. 6d.—H. Frost, 109, London Road, Brighton.

A FEW large buff Norwich cocks to dispose of; show or stock; on approval or deposit; price from 7s. 6d., 10s. 6d., 12s. 6d. upwards.—Peter Lawton, 59, Old Hall Street, Farnworth, near Bolton.

I HAVE a few good unflighted buff and yellow cocks for disposal; grand quality, 10s. 6d. and 12s. 6d. each; bargain; approval.—Jas. Shaw, Meynell Street, Derby. Wanted good Goldfinches.

G. MAY, has some typical unflighted cocks and hens, bred from my winners, champion section, Peckham and L.C.B.A.; prices reasonable.—77, Farley Road, Catford.

MR. HAWKES' offer.—Magnificent 1906 colour-fed Norwich cock, taken 2nd prize Walthamstow, sacrifice 10s., worth treble.—Heathbank, Richmond Road, Leytonstone.

GRAND buff cock, winner, 12s. 6d.; buff hen, Bishop and Vardy's, 7s. 6d.; exchange variegated buff cock for stock; approval.—Quince, 69, Melrose Road, Gainsboro'.

LARGE chubby Norwich cock, very highly commended Woolwich, lovely day and night songster, bred from parents winners of many prizes, sacrifice 7s.—G. Hawkes, Richmond Road, Leytonstone.

TYPICAL Norwich cocks 6s., 6s. 6d., 7s. 6d.; good chubby hens 3s., 3s. 6d., 4s., 5s.; all 1906 large birds, good colour strong and healthy; satisfaction guaranteed.—Freestone, 3, Clarendon Street, Leicester.

FOUR good Norwich hens, 3s. 6d. each, or 12s. lot; also quantity of Dobbie's grit; several breeding, flight, single cages and fittings, cheap.—Hart, 70, 72, Augustus Street, London, N.W.

FOR sale, few Norwich cocks 8s.; also cocks, Mules, 7s., in full song; exchange for Siberian Goldfinch cock, for Norwich or Mules.—Llewellyn, 93, Under House, High Street, Cymmer, Porth.

FOR sale 10 Norwich cock Canaries; also 7 Norwich hens, in healthy condition, from good feeding stock.—Apply, Wm. Haldenby, 44, Winchester Road, Armley, Leeds.

A FEW good Norwich for sale, cocks from 7s. 6d., hens from 5s. 6d.; can be seen any time after 5 o'clock, after 1 p.m. on Saturday.—J. M. Edwards, 10, Baker Street, Crossmyloof, Glasgow.

COLOURED PLATE of Yellow and Buff Norwich Plainheads, artistic and lifelike, sent post free, carefully packed, on receipt of four penny stamps.—CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

"A STUDY IN GREEN AND GOLD."—Mr. H. Norman's latest coloured plate of Cinnamon-marked and Self-green Norwich, post paid, 3d.—E. Carl, CAGE BIRDS Office, 154, Fleet Street, E.C.

LARGE Norwich Canaries, clear, ticked, and green; correct shape and fine condition. Seen evenings and all Saturday.—Richards, 10, Dewhurst Road, Shepherd's Bush Road. x256

HIGH-CLASS Norwich cocks, 4s. 6d., 5s. 2d., 6s., 7s., 8s.; hens 2s., 2s. 6d., 3s., 4s., 5s.; not suited, money returned.—Alfred Riley, Grocer, Lower Church Gate, Leicester.

MR. PAVEY, 4, Gavin Street, Plumstead, having selected breeding stock, can supply pairs from 15s.; single Yellow hens, 7s. 6d. upwards; approval, deposit, inspection invited.

A FEW nice young Norwich cocks, yellow and variegated buffs, 5s. and 6s.; approval, deposit; travelling cages, 3d. extra.—Mrs. Griffiths, Oak Cottage, Horsham. x262

LARGE Norwich cocks, yellows and buffs, colour-fed and natural, 7s., 8s., and 10s. each; also a few yellow hens, large, 6s., smaller ditto, 4s.—Townley, Victoria Grove, Ripon; approval, cash, deposit.

CHAMPION Norwich, few pairs for sale, same strain as my winners, Frome, Barnstaple, Weston-super-Mare, Cheltenham, Salisbury, St. Albans, etc., etc., 20s. pair.—P. Jupe, Romsey, Hants.

TWENTY buff Norwich hens, 2s. 3d. each, six Crested hens, 3s. 6d. each, young, healthy, ready for breeding.—Roper, 134, Derby Road, Seven Kings, Essex.

FROM and related to my winners, variegated Yellow cock, and Clear Buff hen, 12s. 6d.; other odd cocks and hens, Buff, from winners (see report, September 1st).—W. Bailey, King Street, Dawley, Salop.

GIVING UP. About 40 Norwich, 6 Yorkshires for sale, cocks from 6s., hens from 2s. 6d., or cash offers for lot.—Leadbeater, 9, Croft Road, Coventry. Approval; deposit.

TWENTY Norwich hens, 8s. each, four for 10s., variegated and clear; few good cocks, 7s. 6d., three for 20s.; overstocked.—Richards, 16, Watery Lane, Birmingham.

NORWICH. Clear yellow cock, 6s. 6d., buff variegated cock, 5s. 6d., yellow variegated hen 4s. 6d.; approval.—Wm. Ledingham, 32, Baker Street, Aberdeen.

FEW grand Norwich cocks, bred 1906, splendid songsters, 5s. 6d., 6s. 6d., 7s. 6d.; no hens left; seven days' approval, deposit.—J. Evans, 19, Gloucester Road, Croydon.

TWO extra large Yellow hens, 25s. each; marked Buff hen 25s., a gem, sure winner; or exchange surplus Norwich cocks.—Wood, 4, Glebe Street, Stockport.

FOR sale, 10 Norwich Canaries, cocks and hens, 1905 and 1906 bred, medium sized to clear, 30s. the lot, or nearest offer.—J. Crombie, Port Elphinstone, Inverurie, Aberdeenshire.

GOOD quality Norwich, clear and variegated, cocks from 7s. 6d., hens from 2s. 6d.; seen evenings, Saturday afternoons.—Millward, Byron Place, Leatherhead.

FEW 1906 clear yellow Norwich hens to dispose of, 3s. 6d. each; ditto, cocks at 5s. 6d.; in song, approval.—Wm. Reeder, Swan Street, Fakenham, Norfolk.

BARGAINS.—Large, well-bred, unflighted Buff cock, 15s.; four large, well-bred, unflighted Buff hens, 6s. 6d. each; approval.—Charles Oliver, 44, Daybrook Street, Macclesfield.

J. HARRISON, 19, Ardgowan Street, Greenock, N.B., who is leaving Greenock, has for disposal high-class Norwich, including winner. State wants. Breeding pair from 10s. 6d. Bargains.

HANDSOME Norwich cocks, grand songsters, 5s., 5s. 6d.; hens 2s. 6d., 3s.; pairs 7s. 6d., 8s. 6d.; typical prize-bred stock; approval.—Hatton, Windmill, Belper.

WM. HINDMAN, 26, Sarah Ellen Street, Blackburn, breeder and exhibitor; champion Norwich, properly matched pairs, 15s. 6d. to £2 10s.; grand cocks from 10s. 6d. to 25s., cold room; on approval.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich cocks, prize strain, 5s., 6s., and 7s. 6d. each; hens, to match, 2s. 6d., 3s., and 3s. 6d. each.—Apply, Chapman, Haymarket Aviaries, Leicester.

MR. JNO. ALLEN has champion Norwich stock cocks from 12s. 6d., worth 30s.; also smaller unfed singing cocks, 4s. 6d., and hens 3s.; approval.—4, Bousall Street, Mere Road, Leicester.

J. WILSON, 9 Hartley Grove, Woodhouse, Leeds, has his surplus stock of Norwich for sale, same strain as winners at Leeds, Bramley, etc.; pairs from 12s. 6d.; approval; deposit.

J. C. WILMOT, 17, Landhurst Road, Bedford, has about 20 Norwich to spare, all related to his winners at Bedford, Luton, King's Lynn, etc.; please state wants.

GEORGE HIGHAM, 7, Glebe Street, Stockport, grand young Norwich cocks, yellow or buff, from 6s. 6d., hens from 3s. 6d.; Cup winner.—Stockport Bird Fanciers' Association. Approval, deposit.

NORWICH cocks, four Buffs, two Yellow ticked, unflighted, same strain as my winners (see show reports), at 7s. 6d. and 10s. 6d.; approval.—Crimes, 67, Underwood Lane, Crewe.

NORWICH, some good young birds left yet, mostly Buff cocks, 15s., and hens 12s. 6d.; one Buff var. cock 15s., cheap to clear.—W. Hampton, 25, Damacre Road, Brechin.

GRAND Norwich for sale, related to our winners; pairs from 10s. 6d., 12s. 6d., 15s. to 21s.; no odd hens (see show reports).—Athersuch and Son, 65, Spon Street, Coventry. x265

FRED. BEARDALL, breeder of Champion Norwich, has few for sale from 12s. 6d. per pair; no better strain living.—Address, Sutton Road, Hucknall Huthwaite, Notts.

MISS STOREY has Norwich Canaries, from 2s. each, carriage paid, on 7 days' approval; new illustrated price list, post free.—Miss E. L. Storey, Crowle, Doncaster.

JOHN LIGHTBOWN, breeder high-class Norwich, winner of the £5 5s. silver Croucher cup, November 1906, has a few birds to spare, reasonable; approval; deposit.—20, Preston Road, Blackpool.

LARGE yellow cocks, Trengrove's strain, 10s. 6d.; buff cock, 3rd prize L.P.O.S., 12s. 6d.; another, from Palace winners, 15s.; cheap pairs for pets, 12s. 6d.; few buff hens.—Barrows, Wardington, Banbury.

T. ROBSON has for sale Yellow cock 12s. 6d.; Buff cock 12s. 6d.; one 10s.; Buff hens from 2s. 6d. to 5s.; large double breeding cages, nearly new, carpenter made, fit Palace, nest pans, ready for use, 4s. each.—58 Dale Road, Gospel Oak, London.

BUFF cock, commended, Markinch, 10s.; another, 3rd, £1 selling class, Dysart, 10s.; large Yellow hen 10s.; Yellow cock 10s.; two Buff variegated hens 8s. each; Buff hen 8s.; cheap; approval.—Milne, Lethammill, Arbroath.

SURPLUS stock from the breeders, satisfaction guaranteed, pairs matched for breeding from 10s. 6d., cocks from 6s. 6d., hens from 3s. 6d., also specials.—Secretary, Fye Bridge Association, 32, Colegate Street, Norwich.

MR. IMESON, Somerset Place, Ripon, has two Yellow cocks 10s. 6d. each; two Buff cocks 10s. 6d. each; two Yellow hens 5s. each; few Yellow and Buff cocks 5s. each; cock Goldfinch Mules, 5s.; approval; cock Bullfinch 2s. 6d.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich Plainhead, 1906, colour-fed, cold-room, very hard, cocks, 8s. 6d. and 10s.; hens, 6s.; a few from 1906 Palace show winner, buff cock or hen, 14s.; inspection invited, or approval.—J. Mountney, Ivy Cottage, Page Street, Mill Hill, N.W.

SPECIAL! Three pairs of Norwich Canaries, and a few odd Buff cocks and hens for sale; also two variegated Cinnamon Norwich hens; all well bred; pairs 25s.; cocks 7s. 6d.; hens 5s.; deposit, "C.B."—J. Thomas, 37, Stafford Street, Derby.

NORWICH hens, three yellows and two buffs, all 1906, bred in cold room, 4s. each, or 16s. the lot; also three cocks, one yellow, two buffs, 7s. 6d. each, or £1 for three.—W. Paull, Penpol Meadow, Hayle.

FEW pairs Mennard's champion yellow hen strain, 12s. 6d. pair; also unflighted clear buff cocks, 7s. each, nice quality; approval, deposit.—Hornby, Secretary L.C.B.S., 27, West View, Beeston Hill, Leeds.

FORTY Norwich for sale, cocks, yellow, buff, var.; hens, yellow, buff, var.; cocks from 7s. 6d. upwards, hens from 3s. 6d. upwards; all 1906 cold-room bred.—Apply, George Stanesby, 18, Rosehall Street, Glasgow; or call, top flat.

COCKS, yellow 15s.; Yellow ticked 12s. 6d.; Buffs 8s. 6d.; hens, Clear, Buffs 4s. 6d.; Buff variegated, 12s. 6d., from good stock; cock Saffronfinch, 4s. 6d.; wanted cock Bullfinch; offers for the lot.—Henderson, Walkerburn, Peebleshire. Stamp for reply.

POWICK'S Champion Norwich, the same strain as the winners at all leading shows, cocks 7s. 6d., 10s. 6d.; hens 5s. 6d., 7s. 6d. each; pairs, matched to breed winners, 10s. 6d., 15s. 6d., and 20s. per pair; no rubbish; ten days' approval.—Wm. Powick, Field House, Dewsbury, Yorks.

W. BERKSHIRE has some grand unflighted Norwich, also good stock pairs that will breed winners, for sale from £1; can be seen by appointment; approval.—3, Larch Road, Balham, London.

NORWICH buffs and yellows, beautiful shape, big birds, in full song, from 10s. to 25s.; satisfaction guaranteed; 14 days' trial; no rubbish; money returned.—Street, 35a, St. Mary's Butts, Reading, Berks.

H. CHIPPENDALE has some splendid Norwich and stock birds for sale, all colour-fed, cages, etc.; giving up the Fancy; Tweddle and Bickerstaffe strain; this is a bargain.—Apply, 111, Byron Street, Blackburn.

THIRTY 1906 high-class Norwich cocks, 8s. 6d., 10s. 6d.; hens, 4s., 5s.; natural colour, cold-room bred; few songsters at 6s. 6d.; few Yorkshires same prices.—Myers, 6, Queen's Road, Gorton, Manchester.

THIRTY 1906 Norwich cocks, seven hens, all colours to be sold, cheap breed for pastime, not big profits, suit dealer; offer wanted to clear; can be seen any time.—Moore, 17, Surrey Square, Old Kent Road.

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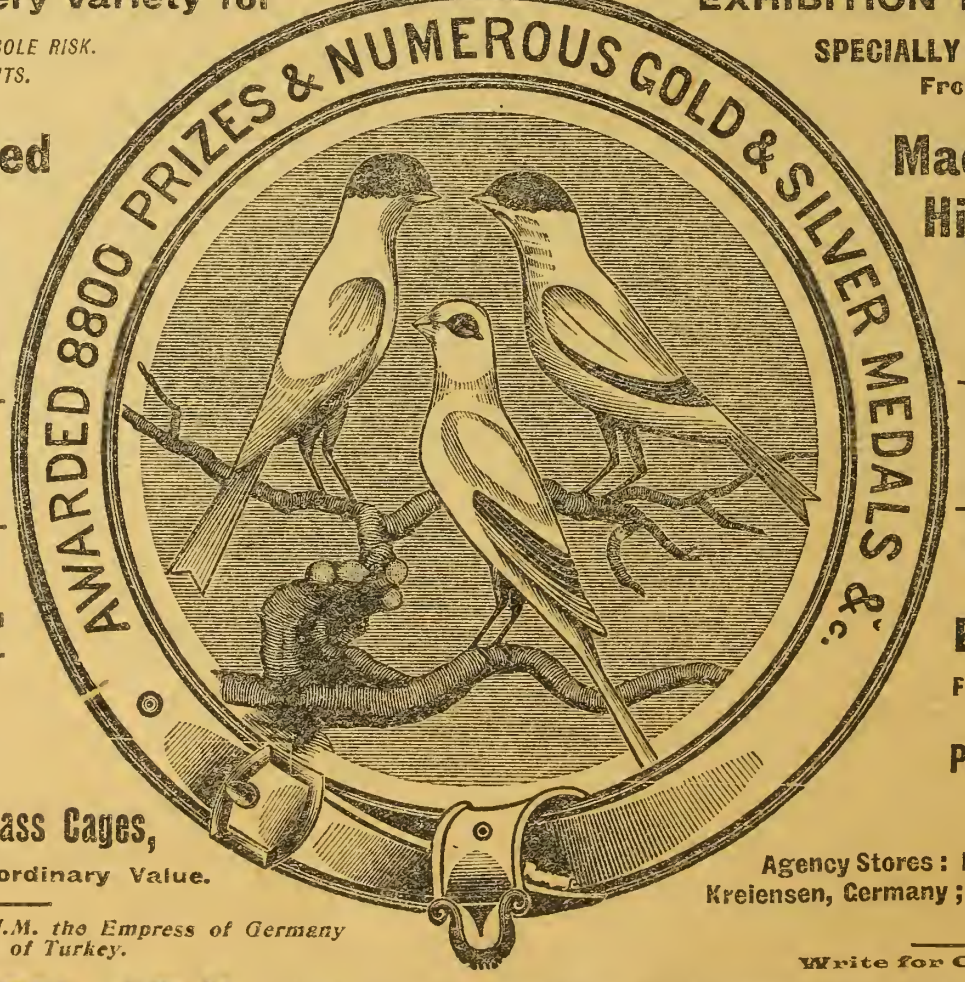

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Shall not fail to recommend you.
296, Tyldesley Road, Hindsford, Atherton, 12 Jan., 1907.—Birds arrived Saturday and I am highly pleased with them. They are a pair of grand birds and fully up to expectations. I shall be pleased to refer any interesting purchaser to you, and if at any time I am in need of anything in connection with the Fancy shall, without fail, entrust my order with you.—F. Mort to E. Taylor.

Breeders' Outfit better value than described.
8, Baker Street, St. Helens' 2 Jan., 1907.—I was agreeably surprised with the breeder's outfit and pair of Yorkshires. They are good birds and I consider them better in reality than described in catalogue.—J. Dixon to E. Taylor.

Never saw such value for money.
8, Tram Cottages, Donnybrook Co. Dublin, 12 Jan., 1907.—Birds arrived quite safely and I am very pleased indeed with them. I never saw such value for money. The figure was low but the birds are splendid.—W. Quinn to E. Taylor.

Arrival of birds forty hours after order posted.
1, Lower South View, East Street, Franham, 12 Jan., 1907.—Pleased to tell you that birds arrived quite safely, and myself and brother are very pleased with them. Thanks for your prompt attention to order. It was only about forty hours from the time I posted your letter before the birds arrived, showing that your advertised stock is always on hand.—E. Ranson to E. Taylor.

Real beauty for the money.
117, Green Lane, Birmingham, 12 Jan., 1907.—I have just received bird quite safe, and I am very pleased with it. I have shown it to my friends, and we all think it is a beauty for the money.—R. H. Layton to E. Taylor.

More than pleased.
19, Ligoniel Row, Belfast, Ireland, 11 Jan., 1907.—I am more than pleased with the Canary you have sent me, and also the way it was packed. I got it on Friday, and it was singing all day on Saturday, and has continued ever since.—J. Thompson to E. Taylor.

Just what he wanted.
6, Bellevue Terrace, Penzance, 12 Jan., 1907.—Yorkshire hen safely to hand, and I must thank you very much for sending me such a nice bird; it is just what I wanted. I think you are a very honest man to deal with, and when I want more birds shall send to you.—A. Eddy to E. Taylor.

Charming everybody with its beautiful singing.
409, High Street, Cowdenbeath, 12 Jan., 1907.—The bird arrived in the best of condition and is charming everybody with its beautiful singing. You are certain to get more orders through this bird.—J. Michell to E. Taylor.

More than satisfied with my bargain.
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Best value I ever got from any dealer.
19, Castle Street, Rothesay, 9 Jan., 1907.—Received the yellow Norwich cock, and I must say I am well pleased with it. It is the best value I ever got from any dealer.—H. Derby to E. Taylor.

Always been well satisfied.
5, Mostyn Street, Mid Reddish, Stoekport, 11 Jan., 1907.—I have bought birds from you before, and I have always been well satisfied, and shall always buy from where I am well treated.—J. Sandham to E. Taylor.

Grand pair, and Cage a marvel for money.
C/o R. Ledger, West Horsley, near Leatherhead 9 Jan., 1907.—Bird and cage arrived quite safely, and I am very pleased with them; they are a grand pair of birds, and the cage is a marvel of value, and I shall certainly deal with you in future.—G. Marshall to E. Taylor.

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Would have to search the world over for a better bird.
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Did not expect such good birds.
26, Grey Street, Rochdale, 9 Jan., 1907.—Received birds quite safely, and they give me great satisfaction; I did not expect such good birds for the money.—R. Greenhalgh to E. Taylor.

Cheap at the money.
2, Greenside, Townhill, 11 Jan., 1907.—Birds arrived all safe, and they are cheap at the money. I am more than pleased.—P. Auchtirlenio to E Taylor.

Good value for the money.
66, Kempton Road, Liverpool, 12 Jan. 1907.—Received the bird sound and well the day after you sent it, and I think it real good value for the money.—R. Southall to E. Taylor.

Shall not fail to recommend you.
69, Elmwood Street, Burnley, 12 Jan., 1907.—Glad to say I received bird last night, and, allow me to thank you many times for the kind and honest way you have dealt with me. I shall not fail to recommend you to my fellow Fanciers.—J. Guttridge to E. Taylor.

Good value for the money.
26, Manse Sreet, Falkirk, 15 Jan., 1907.—Received Roller cock, and I have had him three days now, and he has sung well; the longer I have him the better he sings, both by daylight and gaslight. I cannot speak too highly of the way you have treated me, and he is good value for the money.—J. Kelso to E. Taylor.

Fine bird for the money.
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Hen is worth the money of pair.
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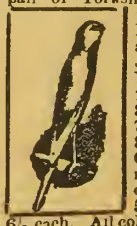

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AN AFTERNOON WITH THE NORWICH SPECIALIST.

By C. A. HOUSE.

(Author of "The British Canary," &c.)

Business taking me to Norwich recently, I called upon Mr. W. Rudd, the original Bird Specialist. Inquiring for Mr. Rudd at his private residence in Park Lane, I was asked to wait whilst his people communicated with him by telephone. In a little while he was with me, and after a short chat, I made tracks for the aviaries, which are situated in one of the adjacent roads. These being his own property, are fitted up entirely for the transaction of his now extensive bird business, although there is no suggestion of a shop. As a business man I have, for some considerable time, known that Mr. Rudd's operations must be on a pretty extensive scale, but I hardly thought that the business was of such a mammoth nature as it is.

Entering by the main door of the building, the first room on the ground floor is Mr. Rudd's private office, a nice, cosily furnished room, adorned with oil paintings and photographs of birds and places. The next room is the clerks' office. The next room on the ground floor is a general utility room, used for various purposes, and having a trap-door communication with the rooms above.

Proceeding upstairs, we entered a room which contained between 160 and 170 cages, all built to pattern. This room is tenanted by the better class Norwich, Cinnamons, Mules (Light and Dark), Belgians, Dutch Frills, etc. Many of the birds, of which there were quite 300 in the room, were up to exhibition form, but all were really high-class breeding stock. The next room, similarly fitted, contained mostly Crests, Crestbreds, and Yorkshires, with a fair sprinkling of the breeds mentioned as being in the other room. The Norwich hens here were a clinking good lot. As I looked them through, I spotted quite half-a-dozen that could hold their own in the keenest competition, whilst a very large number of others were suitable for small shows. A feature of the stock at the time of my visit was the large number of Crestbred hens on hand, many of them really good birds, with plenty of dense feather, nice shaped skulls, and neat beaks, not the usual class one expects to find in a dealer's emporium, but birds well fitted to adorn any exhibitor's stud. Amongst the Crests also were a number of birds that could win at ordinary shows. A big surprise in this room also was a team of Borders, and a really good lot, too. Altogether, this chamber contained between 400 and 500 birds.

Leaving the two rooms devoted to the better-class birds, we entered others, in which are stored the cheaper stock. All the varieties mentioned before are here to be found, but they are not kept in one's, two's, and three's, as in the other rooms, but in dozens, and scores, in larger cages, although a number were to be seen in single cages as well, but these were mostly choice German songsters. One of these rooms contains nothing but our native songsters. Goldfinches, Bullfinches, and Linnets, naturally predominate, although did I give the names of all the breeds in the room I should want almost as much space as would be occupied by the British Bird Club's list. In this room are packed and labelled all the birds sent away, and to avoid unnecessary labour and waste of time they are, when packed, passed through a trap-door into the room below.

Each of these rooms is most efficiently ventilated, the fresh air being admitted by a special contrivance affixed to the windows, and all the foul air taken away by an exhaust ventilator fixed in the ceiling. The floors are all covered with linoleum, each is as sweet and clean as any living room. These rooms, as they become exhausted, are "fed" by birds from the Park Lane Aviaries, which formerly contained the whole of Mr. Rudd's stock.

A big trade is done in breeding cages, especially with "Rudd's Perfection Breeding Cage." The great advantage this cage has over others is that it is possible to examine the eggs or young birds without removing the nest from the hangers, or handling either birds or eggs; this, to young and inexperienced breeders is a great boon, and that it is much appreciated is shown by the extensive trade which is done in "Perfection Breeding Cages." The fronts, also, are fitted in a manner totally different to any other cage I have seen. The cardinal principle governing the whole production of "Rudd's Perfection Breeding Cage" has been the combination of utility with simplicity. A better cage for amateurs it would be hard to conceive. Whilst on this matter of cages, I may say that Mr. Rudd supplies cages of all kinds, from the handsome outdoor aviary, costing over a score of golden guineas, to the humble little travelling cage, valued at a few pence.

W. Rudd, Bird Specialist, Norwich, is known, I was going to say, all over the world, but that would hardly be correct, for he has not yet sent any consignments to unexplored regions, such as Central Africa or the North Pole. Yet in the ordinary sense of the word the ramifications of his business are world-wide, and his customers are to be found in Asia, Africa, America, Australia, and Europe. They are also to be found in the princely palace of Royalty, the castle of the peer, the villa of the well-to-do tradesman, and the humbler cottages of our working classes. In fact, Rudd, of Norwich, is known here, there, and everywhere, at home and abroad, on the Continent, and equally in our colonies and dependencies. His business has grown, increased and multiplied because it is conducted on sound lines. "Value for money," is his motto.

Mr. Rudd may truly be termed a pioneer in his own line of business, and I doubt if there is a firm in the trade to-day supplying at first-hand direct from producer to customer so many specialities as does Mr. Rudd. He is no mere middleman only; of course, he does not manufacture all the goods he sells; he could not without he had a pottery, a glass manufactory, a metal foundry, etc., but he does make a number of various kinds of cages, foods, and medicines. These specialities are the outcome of his vast practical experience, gained after more than a quarter of a century's practice. Like all successful business men, Mr. Rudd has been subjected to that most sincere form of flattery—imitation. The first to bring out an Illustrated Guide, he has since seen it copied so closely that in some cases the pages of other guides are complete facsimiles, and the same with his price lists, some competitors having even copied the exact wording as well as the design. Such plagiarism does not say much for the inventive powers of these competitors, but it does say a great deal for their powers of appropriation of other men's ideas and methods. One thing which my interview with Mr. Rudd brought home most forcibly to my mind is the fact that integrity of purpose, combined with excellence of stock, and up-to-date methods of dealing will command success in the bird world as in any other walk of life. Further, Rudd is a name known and respected by Britons at home, by Britons beyond the seas, and by Britain's allies all the world over. If you ask me the reason why, I can best reply—Honesty is his policy.

The above is an extract only from the pen of one whom all the old school well know as a fearless writer, judge and critic. Comment from me is needless.

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PLAIN-HEADED NORWICH HENS. Clear Yellow, 3/6, 4/-, 4/6, 5/-, 7/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-. **Clear Buff,** 3/-, 4/-, 5/-, 7/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-. **Ticked or variegated,** 2/6, 3/6, 4/-, 5/-, 7/6, 10/6, 15/-. **Pairs Norwich Plain-heads correctly matched for breeding,** 7/6, 8/6.

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ATTERCLIFFE AND DIS. C.B.S.

Members' Annual Show, December 28th and 29th, Vestry Hall, Attercliffe, an ideal room for the purpose, being well-lighted and warm. Entries came up well considering it was the Society's First Show. Altogether about 200 birds were staged, the Yorkshires leading in numbers, whilst the quality all round was excellent. The British section was a good show in itself, some very good specimens being shown. Mr. G. Browning judged Yorkshires, Mr. E. Taylor Norwich, and Mr. J. Bagnall British. They got to work early, and gave every satisfaction. The exhibition was opened by Councillor S. Walker, supported by Councillor S. Hemmings. The Show was well patronised on both days considering the bad weather that prevailed. YORKS. CL. OR TKD. YELL.: 1, Greenfield; 2, 3, 4, vhc, Perry. First nice bird, good wing carriage; second a good yellow, a close runner. BUFF: 1, Greenfield; 2, 3, 4, Perry. Nice stock birds. YORKS. HEN A.V.: 1, 2, 4, Greenfield; 3, c, Durban; vhc, Waldron; hc, Wilkinson. YORKS. UNFLI.: 1, Greenfield; 2, 3, 4, vhc, Perry. NOR. CL. OR TKD. YELL.: 1 2, 3, 4, Gregory. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, 4, Gregory. UNFLI. MKD.: 1, 3, 4, vhc, Gregory; 2, Perry. First a good stock bird; second a rare good type and position, might have done better with a little soap and water. HEN A.V.: 1, 2, 4, Gregory; 3, Justice; vhc, hc, Granger. A.V. NOR. UNFLI.: 1, 2, Perry; 3, 4, Gregory. First and second two grand birds, good type and feather, well deserved their cards. NOVICE, OLD BIRDS, YORKS., CL. OR TKD. YELL.: 1, c, Harrison; 2, 3, Bettinson; 4, Durban; vhc, Waldron; hc, Empson. BUFF: 1, Harrison; 2, 3, Durban; 4, vhc, Goodley; hc, Orbell; c, Empson. Eleven birds, a very good class. UNFLI. MKD.: 1, Goodley; 2, 3, Empson; 4, Durban; vhc, Orbell. NOR. CL. OR TKD. YELL.: 1, 3, Dearden; 2, Richinson; 4, Justice. VAR.: 1, 3, Durban; 2, Granger; 4, Justice. UNFLI. YORKS. CL. YELL.: 1, Goodley; 2, Bettinson; 3, vhc, Waldron; 4, Durban; hc, Orbell; c, Wilkinson. CL. BUFF: 1, 4, Durban; 2, Bettinson; 3, Empson; vhc, Orbell; hc, Goodley. TKD. YELL.: 1, 2, Durban; 3, Waldron; 4, Orbell. BUFF: 1, Bettinson; 2, Durban; 3, Goodley; 4, vhc, Orbell. CL. BUFF: 1 Durban; 2, hc, Granger; 3, 4, Richinson; vhc, Bettinson. TKD. YELL.: 1, 4, Richinson; 2, 3, Durban. First a nice even coloured bird, winner of Ramsden's medal; second a rare good bird, not so fine in colour as first. BUFF: 1, Richinson; 2, Durban; 3, Granger; 4, Justice. MULES A.V.: 1, 2, Gregory; 3, Draycott; 4, Empson. LINNET: 1, 3, vhc, Johnson; 2, Gregory; 4, Draycott. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, vhc, Gregory; 2, 3, hc, Johnson; 4, Justice. A.V. HARD: 1, 4, Justice; 2, Gregory; 3, Orbell. SOFT, LARGE: 1, 3, Durban; 2, 4, Walsh. AMALGAMATION CLASSES: YORKS. CL. OR TKD YELL.: 1, Harrison; 2, Perry; 3, Goodley; vhc, Humphreys. BUFF: 1, Harrison; 2, Goodley. BRIT. A.V. HARD: 1, 2, Humphreys; 3, Shaw; vhc, Bramham; hc, Draycott; c, Gregory. SOFT: 1, 3, vhc, Walsh; 2, Durban; hc, Shaw. First a Tree Creeper, a nice little bird, caused much attraction by its movements; second a Thrush, a beautiful bird, which delighted visitors by its free singing.

LEICESTER C.B.S.

Annual Members' Show, held on Friday, Dec. 28th, at headquarters, Harc and Pheasant Hotel, High Street. Mr. F. Beardall (Hucknall Huthwaite) officiated as judge and gave general satisfaction throughout. Some very good birds were staged, numbering about 130.

NOR. CL. OR TKD. YELL. (4): 1, 2, Hartshorn. UNEVEN OR VAR. YELL. (3): 1, Edwards; 2, West; 3, Marriott. CL. OR TKD. BUFF (5): 1, vhc, Marriott; 2, Edwards; 3, Hartshorn. UNEVEN OR VAR. BUFF (4): 1, Edwards; 2, Hartshorn. UNFLI. YELL. (5): 1, spl, Marriott; 2, Edwards, Heighton; vhc, West. A.V. YELL. HEN (7): 1, Wheatley; 2, Marriott; 3, hc, Hartshorn; vhc, Heighton; c, West. BUFF (4): 1, 2, Marriott; 3, West. CINNS. YELL. OR BUFF (2): 1, 2, Wheatley. UNFLI. (2): 1, 2, Wheatley. HEN (2): 1, 2, Wheatley. A.O.V. CAN. (5): 1, spl, Ride; 2, 3, Wheatley; vhc, Collins; hc, Marriott. LIGHT MULE (1): 1, West. DARK (2): 1, T. West. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (4): 1, spl, Hunt; 2, Whitmore; 3 Adams; vhc, West. BULLFINCH (6): 1, Hunt; 2, hc, c, Ride; 3, West; vhc, Heighton. LINNET (3): 1, Hunt; 2, Ride; 3, Collins. SISKIN, REDPOLL OR TWITE (7): 1, Heighton; 2, 3, Hunt; vhc, Adams; hc, Harrison; c, Highton. GREEN, CHAFFINCH OR BRAMBLE (5): 1, 2 3, Hunt; vhc, Archer; hc, Ride. A.O.V. SEED-EATER (3): 1, 3, Ride; 2, Hunt. A.V. LARGE (1): Hunt. A.V. BRIT. HEN (9): 1, vhc, Ride; 2, hc, Hunt; 3, Whitmore; c, Hartshorn. FOR. COLD, OR BULLFINCH (2): 1, Adams; 2, Hunt. SELL. 21s. (2): 1, Edwards; 2, West. 12s. 6d. (5): 1, Edwards; 2, Heighton; 3, West; vhc, Harrison; hc, Lowe. NOVICE CLASSES, NOR. TKD. OR CL. YELL. (2): 1, Curtis; 2, Moore. BUFF (2): 1, Curtis; 2, Adams. UNEVEN OR VAR. BUFF (2): 1, Curtis; 2, Archer. UNFLI. YELL. (6): 1, Gray; 2, vhc, Heighton; 3, Lowe; hc, Adams; c, Harrison. BUFF (6): 1, Highton; 2, 3, Gray; vhc, Curtis; YELL. HEN (3): 1, Adams; 2, Harrison. BUFF (7): 1, Archer; 2, Lowe; 3, Curtis; vhc, Gray; hc, Moore. A.O.V.CAN.: 1, 2, Collins; 3, Burbidge. A.V. YELL., NON-FED: 1, Wood; 2, Morris; 3, Moore; vhc, Burbidge. BUFF: 1, Goode; 2, 3, Burbidge; vhc, Moore.

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The extensive nature of the business so ably carried on by this firm, with its ramifications into practically every country on the face of the globe, is difficult to realise. Truly, it is astounding. One gets some idea, however, of the monster output by visiting the headquarters in Fenchurch Street. The huge block of buildings there, which serves as a "hub" for the many branch establishments which the flowing tide of trade has necessitated being opened in all the important cities of the world, is a veritable hive of industry. The range of offices, with its hundreds of clerical occupants, busily engaged with the inevitable "books," and in dealing with the enormous postal side of the business, is a sight in itself. The prompt despatch on the date of receipt of all orders sent through the post has always been a feature on which Messrs. Spratt's have prided themselves, and is one which has given the utmost satisfaction to fanciers residing in the country at a distance from an accredited agent, who, however, may be found in every city or town, almost in every village and hamlet throughout the British Isles.

The showrooms are regular eye-openers. Here every speciality made by the firm may be inspected—and tested, too, if desired. If the visitor be in doubt as to the exact food, medicine, or appliance suited to his wants, the services of a staff of experts, all specialists in some branch or other of the live-stock hobby are at his disposal, and under their able advice his difficulties melt away like the proverbial snows of June. The appliances make a most interesting section, and whether one be looking at a dog-kennel or an aviary, he cannot fail to note how skilfully it has been designed to fill its own particular purpose, nor can he with-hold an expression of admiration at the many ingenious little contrivances with which each is fitted, adding both to the comfort of their intended occupant or occupants, and to their owner, saving the latter both time and labour. Such satisfactory results can only be secured to their customers by a firm like Spratt's Patent, whose "heads" are themselves practical fanciers.

In this department an admirably designed outdoor aviary is to be seen (No. 406 in the catalogue). It is built on most substantial lines, and is perfectly suited to the housing of any species of small birds. The particular stock size is 10 ft. long by 6 ft. wide by 6 ft. high at eaves, by 7 ft. 6 in. high at ridge. The aviary is roofed right over, and made to bolt together in sections, thus ensuring ease of erection, and of removal when necessary. It is constructed of well-seasoned, tongued and grooved matchboards, in sections to fit together with bolts and nuts. The roof is made of sound weather-boards, painted three coats of best oil colour. Flight is constructed of iron frames covered with ½-in. mesh galvanised wire netting. A porch is fitted to front of flight, so that there are two gates, which entirely obviates the risk of birds escaping when flight is entered. The nesting house is fitted with half glass door, and woodwork is stained and varnished. Every detail has been the subject of careful thought, and an outdoor bird-place which very closely approaches perfection is seen as the result. This price of this aviary is £10 10s., carriage paid to purchaser's door. Other sizes and prices will be sent any bird-lover on application.

When the visitors leave the showrooms, maybe they enjoy a peregrination through the warehouses, which comprise room after room, floor on floor, and block on block, crammed from base to ceiling with commodities awaiting despatch to the innumerable branches, agents and customers, of the firm.

Messrs. Spratt's have a strong claim to the suffrage of the bird lover and breeder, whether he keeps his pets in cages or in aviaries, solely for pleasure, or for pleasure and exhibition combined, for they have always been to the fore in meeting his needs. Many valuable foods and medicines owe their inception to them, or were bought and put within reach of fanciers through their enterprise. These we shall deal with in detail later on.

To be the cage-bird man's "guide, philosopher, and friend," they commissioned one of the best-known breeders and fanciers to write a little booklet, which was published under the title of "The Common-sense of Canary and Cage Bird Keeping." This brochure at once met with acceptance, and proved a great help and source of knowledge to hundreds of struggling cage-bird keepers, as is testified by the heap of letters received by the firm from grateful fanciers anxious to record their appreciation. The revised edition has just been published, and now lies before us. The booklet has swollen in bulk far beyond its original bounds, and now numbers some 100 pages of reliable, up-to-date, and thoroughly practical information on the management and breeding of all varieties of Canaries, the popular British and Foreign birds, with chapters on Hybrid-breeding, and the keeping of Doves. Colour-feeding and diseases have also their special sections in the work.

A few extracts will serve to show the plain straightforward style in which it is written, easily understandable by all. Dealing with the Song Canary (the popular Roller), it says:—"Some of these little feathered musicians are executants of considerable ability, being highly educated, and those who have once heard these trained birds perform are not likely to forget their great range, exquisite softness, and wealth of song. The cages of these songsters are generally enclosed in cabinets of wood and glass, the object being to keep them free from all draughts, as their lungs and vocal organs are very delicate. Possessors of ordinary singing birds should take a lesson from this and cease to keep their pets in open wire cages placed in the draughty windows; if birds must be kept in such places let the lower half of their little prisons be shielded from currents of cold air by sheets of glass. The food of the Song Canary should consist Spratt's Mixed Bird Seed (the firm have now a special "Roller Seed Mixture") alternated with Spratt's Cod Liver Oil Cage Bird Food and Spratt's Egg Fruit and Seed Mixture. The little fellows are models of good temper and brimful of joy, which they are ever ready to share with all the household."

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In addition to the more popular members of the Canary family, the London Fancy, Lizard and Scotch, Belgian, Cinnamon-Crest, and others receive adequate attention. This valuable booklet will be sent post free to all readers who write direct to the firm for same and mention CAGE BIRDS when applying, and we advise everyone to secure a copy at once, prior to the breeding season now so near at hand; a postcard will do.

To aid in the keeping and successful breeding of birds, Messrs. Spratt's have put up the following specialities, the suitability and superlative quality of which has secured for them a wonderful sale. MIXED SEEDS, in 1d., 1½d., 2d., 3d., 4d., and 6d. packets, and 1s. tins; post paid 2½d., 3½d., 5d., 6d., 8d., 11d. and 1s. 6d. respectively. CANARY SEED MIXTURE (WITH EGG AND FRUIT), in 2d., 4d., and 6d. packets, post paid 5d., 8d., and 11d.; also in 1s. tins, post paid 1s. 6d. Both the above suit all Canaries admirably, and are a boon to those who keep pets songsters. FINCH MIXTURE.—Prices and packages same as Mixed Seeds. LINNET MIXTURE.—Prices and packages same as Mixed Seeds. A boon to British bird-keepers. MIXED SEEDS FOR FOREIGN BIRDS. In 6d. packets and 1s. tins. PARROT AND MACAW SEED MIXTURE, in 2d., 4d., and 6d. packets, post paid 4d., 8d., and 11d. respectively. Also in 1s. tins, 6d. and 3d. bags, post paid 1s. 6d., 10d. and 6d., and in 2s. bags. DOVE SEED MIXTURE, in 2d., 4d., and 6d. packets; post paid 4d., 8d. and 11d. respectively. Also in 1s. tins, post paid 1s. 6d., and in 3d. and 6d. bags, post paid 6d. and 11d. LARK FOOD (also for Blackbirds, Thrushes, Starlings, etc.), in 1d. and 3d. packets, post paid 2d. and 5d., and in 3d. and 6d. tins, post paid 6d. and 10d. Also in 7 lb. bags. 2s. 6d., post paid 3s. 2d. "FINE CRISSEL" (or MEATMEAL for soft-billed birds) in 1d. packets. CANARY AND CAGE BIRD FOOD (a substitute for Egg Food), in 3d. and 6d. tins, post paid 6d. and 10d.; and in 1d. and 3d. packets, post paid 2d. and 5d. Also in 7 lb. bags 2s. 6d., post paid 3s. 2d. COD LIVER OIL CAGE BIRD FOOD (rears from the shell without Egg and Bread Crumbs), in 3d. and 6d. tins, post paid 6d. and 9d. Also in 7 lb. bags 2s. 6d., post paid 3s. 2d. The latest productions of the firm are:—ROLLER SEED MIXTURE (for German Canaries), in 6d. packets, post paid 11d. PLAIN CANARY SEED, in 2d. and 4d. packets, post paid 5d. and 8d. The Medicines for Cage Birds, etc., stocked by the firm, are:—CANARADYNE, for Asthma and Wheezing, per bottle 6d., 1s. and 2s. 6d.: post paid 7d., 1s. 1d., and 2s. 8d. RED MITE KILLER, per bottle 6d., 1s., and 2s. 6d.; post paid 8d., 1s. 3d., and 3s. QUINELLA (Registered), for Inflammation of Stomach, per box 3d., 6d., and 1s.; post paid 4d., 7d., and 1s. 1d. CHEMICAL FOOD, per bottle 6d., 1s., and 2s.; post paid 9d., 1s. 4d. and 2s. 5d. PARROT TONIC, per bottle 6d.; post paid 7½d. "PENNAKURA," for destroying external parasites and preventing feather-eating in Cage Birds, per bottle 3d.; post paid 4d. To ensure getting the genuine articles it should be noted that all Biscuits are branded with the firm's name and Trade mark ("X"), and Meals, Seeds. Bird-foods, Sand, etc., are packed in original sealed bags and packets. Carefully note the address:—Messrs. Spratt's Patent, Ltd., 24 and 25, Fenchurch Street, London, E.C.

COCKERMOUTH.

Second Annual Exhibition, Jan. 11th and 12th. The room was well lighted and commodious, and the birds were well staged. Mr. Litt, the Hon. Sec., and a hard-working committee had everything well in hand, and the success of the show was largely attributable to their efforts. Mr. W. Mundell (Bradford) judged the Canary and For. section, and Mr. Dixon (Wigton) Mules and British.

NOR. (13): 1, Younghusband, buff rich colour, feathered like wax, good head and chest, grand wing carriage, short tail; 2, Wilson, buff, blaze of colour, full of quality, good head and wings, nice type; 3, Younghusband, yell., rich colour, full of quality, good head, round chest, good wing carriage, chubby; 4, Younghusband, buff, rich colour, full of quality, good head; vhc, hc, Ostle; hc, J. S. Wilson. HENS (9): 1, Wilson, yellow, var. Cinn. marked, full of quality, good head and chest, plenty of substance, grand wing carriage; 3, 4, Ostle, third, buff, full of quality, rich colour, good head and chest, correct type, fourth, buff, close up in feather, rich colour, not so chubby as winner; 2, Younghusband, buff, grand type, rich colour, good head and chest, feathered like wax; vhc, Hirst, yell., silky feather, correct type, rich colour, neat head; hc, Davidson; c, Stephenson. YORKS. YELL. (6): 1, 3, Cuthbertson, thigh tkd., pale colour, well on leg, good head, wings, and tail, full of quality, correct type, third, good head and tail, nice wings and carriage, full of quality, very stylish; 2, Hirst, rich colour, round head, clean breast, full of nerve, grand position; 4, Thompson and Son, thigh ticked, pale colour, grand position; vhc, Mills. BUFFS (6): 1, 3, Cuthbertson, first and sp for best Yorks., cheek mkd., a gem, full of quality and nerve, well on leg, long, compact wings and tail, good head, third, rich colour, typical, good head, well on leg; 2, 4, Hirst, nice wings and tail, good head, fourth, very high colour, grand position, neat wings and tail, shows a little frill; vhc, Thompson and Son, long, upstanding bird. BORDERS CL. or TK. YELL. (11): 1, 3, Wilson, first, ticked on head, full of quality, neat, round head, clean on breast, grand wings and tail, third, good head, pair of nice wings, neat tail and breast, good colour; 2, Pennington, good head, full of quality, very typical, nice wings and tail; 4, Hopper Bros., cheek ticked, good head and breast, neat wings and tail; vhc, Deacon; hc, Ellwood; c, No Name. BUFF (9): 1, Hopper Bros., good head and wings, neat tail, full of quality, correct type; 2, Younghusband, capped on head, grand wing carriage, neat tail, very steady; 3, c, Walker, grand type, neat head, grand wings and tail, full of quality; 4, vhc, Plaskett Bros., fourth, neat head, correct type, good quality; hc, Ellwood. UNEVEN or VAR. (8): 1, Wilson, yell., grand colour, good head, grand wings and tail, full of quality; 2, 4, Hopper Bros., buff, good head, grand wing carriage, very neat, fourth, yell., correct type, full of quality, nice wing and tail; 3, Pennington, true yell., good head, wings, and tail, full of quality, very steady, shown well; vhc, Ellwood. HENS ANY COL. (14). A grand class: 1, Wilson, even marked buff, correct type, full of quality, neat head, good wings and tail; 2, hc, Hopper Bros., second, uneven buff, teeming with quality, good head, grand wings and tail, will be heard of again; 3, Murray, yell. green, grand type, good head and wing; 4, vhc, Ellwood, fourth, uneven yell., neat head, good wings and tail; c, Pennington. A. O. V. (6): 1, 3, Ellwood, first, buff Scotch Fancy, long reach, full of nerve, third, buff Scotch Fancy, plenty of reach; 2, vhc, Ben Thompson, yell. Cinn., good head and chest, plenty of substance; 4, Litt, Cinn.; hc, Little. FOR. (9): 1, 2, c, Mrs. Snowden and Thompson; 3, Sewell; 4, Howe; vhc, Bewley; hc, J. G. Thompson. SELL., 15s. (11): 1, Wilson; 2, Ellwood; 3, H. Thompson and Son; 4, Davies; vhc, hc, W. Davidson; c, No Name. GIFT (11): 1, vhc, Walker; 2, Deacon; 3, Litt; 4, Ellwood; hc, Strong; c, Ellwood. HYB. DARK CAN. (11): 1, vhc, Johnstone, first, Linnet-Canary, grand substance, correct Linnet type, full of quality, grand wings and tail; 2, 4, Davies, second, Goldie-Can., fourth, Siskin-Can., very steady and shown well; 3, Mrs. R. J. Graham, Siskin-Can., very nice bird; vhc, Parker Robinson; c, Ford, and Hayhurst. A. O. V. HYB. (7): 1, 3, vhc, Davies, Bullfinch-Can., grand type and quality, third, Goldie Can., well marked, grand colour and quality; 2, Bertram and Bell, Goldie-Can; 4, Wilson, Siskin-Redpoll; hc, Aiken; c, Brown. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (17): 1, Howe, Goldie, good blaze and buttons, very steady; 2, Parker Robinson, Bullie, plenty of colour, good head, fine condition; 3, vhc, Mrs. Dickens, Goldie and Bullie; 4, Nichols; hc, Ellwood; c, Liffin. LINNET (17): 1, Kearton, nicely pencilled, good colour, very steady; 2, Keough, nice type, good pencilling; 3, 4, Parker Robinson, third, grandly pencilled, lacks a little in colour; vhc, Kearton; hc, Milburn; c, Carlyle. SISKIN, ETC. (7): 1, 4, Parker Robinson; 2, 3, John Wilson; vhc, Milburn; hc, Bell; c, Oglethorpe. GREENFINCH (8): 1, 3, Ellwood, first, very steady, grand colour, chubby and steady; 2, John Wilson, massive bird, good head and chest, lacks a little in condition; 4, hc, Bell; vhc, Parker Robinson; c, Kearton. CHAFFINCH or BRAMBLE (7): 1, Nichols, Bramble, grand condition, very steady; 2, Howe, Chaffinch, a beauty; 3, Parker Robinson, Chaffinch; 4, Oglethorpe; vhc, c, Bell; hc, Evans and Harris. HAWFINCH, ETC. (9): 1, Howe, noted Hawfinch; 2, Smith and Son, yellow Bunting; 3, Parker Robinson, Hawfinch; 4, c, Evans and Harris, fourth, Crossbill; vhc, Oglethorpe; hc, Wilson. SKYLARK, ETC. (7): 1, 4, John Wilson, first, Black Redstart, in the pink of condition, wins; 2, 3, vhc, Nichols, second, yell. Wagtail, third, Nightingale. DOVES A. V. (7): 1, Todhunter; 2, Sharp; 3, vhc, Thompson; 4, c, Wilkinson; hc, Lizzie Bell.

LIVERPOOL & DIS. C.B. SOCIETIES.

Amalgamated Show of the Liverpool and Dis. C. B. Societies held their Second Annual Show in St. Mary's Schools on New Year's Day. Mr. A. Wellings and A. Hirst judged, and gave general satisfaction. The entries did not come up to last year, but the quality of birds was good, and some noted winners were staged.

BUFF YORKS.: 1, Cawley; 2, Lobb; 3, Worrall; vhc, Slater; hc, Larkin. TKD. YELL.: 1, Cawley; 2, Horne. CL. TICK, ETC., YELL. UNFLL.: 1, Jones; 2, Cawley; 3, Worrall; vhc, Stewart; hc, Hawkes. UNFLL. BUFF: 1, Nicols; 2, Coffey; 3, Worrall; vhc, Richardson; c, Jones. YELL. HEN: 1, Holford; 2, Lobb; 3, Benson; vhc, Cawley; hc, Coffey; c, Slater. BUFF: 1, Stewart; 2, Benson; 3, Lobb; vhc, Cawley; hc, Jones; c, Horne. CINN. TICK YELL.: 1, Coffey; 2, Brotherton; CINN. TICK YELL. HEN: 1, Lobb; 2, Benson. BUFF: 1, Cawley; 2, Horne; 3, Bratherton. GREEN SELF YELL.: 1, hc, c, Deacon; 2, 3, Brindle; vhc, Stewart. SELF BUFF: 1, Benson; 2, Hughes; 3, Bindle; vhc, hc, Deacon; c, Hawkes. FOUL YELL.: 1, vhc, Deacon; 2, Bell; 3, Hughes. BUFF: 1, Bell; 2, Hughes; 3, Davie; vhc, Deacon; hc, Stewart; c, Young. HEN: 1, Stewart; 2, Benson; 3, vhc, Ryno; hc, Carswell; c, Deacon. SELF or FOUL BUFF HEN: 1, c, Deacon; 2, Benson; 3, Bell; vhc, Hughes; hc, Stewart. UNFLL.: 1, Benson; 2, vhc, Stewart; 3, Hawkes; hc, Hughes; c, Ryno. UNFLL.: 1, Hughes; 2, Benson; 3, Worrall; vhc, Hurrell; hc, Holford; c, Deacon. NOR. YELL.: 1, Harding; 2, Porter. BUFF: 1, Cawley; 2, Porter; 3, Lewis; vhc, Brotherton; hc, Rigby. HEN YELL.: 1, Lewis; 2, Stewart; 3, Porter; vhc, Rigby. BUFF: 1, Worrall; 2, Hawkes; 3, Porter; vhc, Lewis. CREST A. V.: 1, Barnes; 2, e, Hawkes; 3, vhc, hc, Mrs. Simpson. CREST-BRED A. V.: 1, hc, c, Mrs. Simpson; 2, Barnes; 3, vhc, Hawkes. NOR. GREEN FOUL BUFF: 1, 2, Hadwin; 3, Stewart; vhc, Harrison. BOR. A. V. YELL.: 1, Harrison; 2, vhc, c, Beaty; 3, hc, Woodman. BUFF: 1, 2, Johnson; 3, e, Woodman; vhc, Harrison; hc, Hadwin. A. V. YELL. HEN: 1, Johnson; 2, 3, Woodman; vhc, Harrison; hc, c, Beaty. BUFF: 1, Woodman; 2, Harrison; 3, vhc, Beaty; hc, Hadwin; c, Stewart. NAT. COL. YORK. YELL.: 1, Carswell; 2, Nicols; 3, Benson; vhc, Young. BUFF: 1, 2, Johnson; 3, Coffey; vhc, Young; hc, Holford; c, Nicols. YELL. HEN: 1, Coffey; 2, Young; 3, Nicols; vhc, Harding. BUFF: 1, Horne; 2, Nicols; 3, Young; vhc, Hawkes. NAT. COL. NOR.: 1, Hadwin; 2, Rigby. A. O. V. CAN. YELL.: 1, Stewart; 2, Hawkes. SELL. PAIR, 30s.: 1, vhc, Hawkes; 2, Harding; 3, Slater; hc, Carswell. 15s.: 1, Horne; 2, Hadwin; 3, Coffey; vhc, Harding. HEN, 12s. 6d.: 1, Hadwin; 2, Benson; 3, Hawkes. LIGHT MULE: 1, Porter. DARK: 1, 3, Galt; 2, Horne; vhc, Beaty. BRIT. GOLDFINCH: 1, Richardson; 2, Horne; 3, Penwick; vhc, Coventry; hc, Galt; c, Brotherton. BULLFINCH: 1, Harrison; 2, Horne; 3, Coventry; vhc, Johnson; hc, Galt. LINNET: 1, Whittington; 2, Galt; 3, Horne; vhc, Brindle; hc, Richardson; c, Hurst. BRAMBLE or CHAFFINCH: 1, Edwards; 2, Woodman. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, 2, Hurst; 3, Harding; vhc, Coventry; hc, Galt; c, Stewart. NOVICE YELL. YORKS.: 1, Kendall; 2, Corbett; 3, Nicols; vhc, Brindle; hc, Dodd; e, Roscoe. BUFF: 1, Roscoe; 2, Carlill; 3, Dodd; vhc, Nicols; hc, Morton. HEN: 1, Nicols; 2, Roscoe; 3, Holford; vhc, Morton GREEN SELF or FOUL YELL.: 1, Hurrell; 2, Brindle; 3, Carlill; vhc, Carswell; hc, Holford; c, Nicols. BUFF: 1, Carswell; 2, Holford; 3, Brindle; vhc, Roscoe; hc, Nicols. YELL. or BUFF HEN: 1, Carswell; 2, Hurrell; 3, Carlill; vhc, Nicols. NOR. YELL.: 1, Williams; 2, Lewis. BUFF: 1, Kendall; 2, Williams; 3, Dodd.

The North London C.B.A. secured a good profit on both Shows last year, and the balance in hand has increased from £3 13s. 11d. in 1905 to £11 10s. 6d. in 1906.

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GEO. BENNETT, 46, Wenlock Street, Luton, Beds. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Thirty years' experience. Terms moderate.

W. A. COWGILL, 115, Washington Street, Girlington, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Over twenty years' experience. Terms moderate.

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T. DIXON, Pioneer Terrace, Bedlington Station, Northumberland. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Life experience.

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SECRETARIES PLEASE NOTE.

PELTON AND DIS. C.B.S.

First Annual Show, Fleece Inn, Old Pelton, Dec. 29th, 1906. There were 37 classes, with a splendid entry, and very excellent results for the initial effort of a new society. The exhibits were well looked after by an enthusiastic committee, to whom great credit is due. Mr. John Riseborough (Sunderland) judged, and his awards gave general satisfaction.

NOR. YELL. CL. TKD., ETC. (Bred 1906): 1, Brown; 2, Humphrey; 3, Harker; vhc, Elliott; hc, Herdman; c, Brown. BUFF: 1, sp, Brown; 2, Stanger; 3, Harker; vhc, Hall; hc, Brown; c, Elliott. HEN A. V.: 1, medal, Stanger; 2, Brown; 3, Humphrey; vhc, Brown; hc, Murray; c, Hall. NOR. CL. YELL. TKD., ETC.: 1, sp, Brown; 2, Brown; 3, Stanger; vhc, Harker; hc, Smith; c, Elliott. BUFF: 1, sp, Herdman; 2, Moslen; 3, Brown; vhc, Brown; hc, Elliott; c, Mason. HEN A. V.: 1, sp, Moslen; 2, Brown; 3, Humphrey; vhc, Smith; hc, Snell. CREST COCK (1906): 1, sp, Bewick. C. B. COCK: 1, sp, Bewick; 2, Herdman; 3, Loates. CREST or C. B. HEN: 1, sp, Parnaby; 2, Herdman; 3, Loates; vhc, Bewick. OLD BIRDS CREST COCK: 1, medal, Bewick; 2, Herdman. C. B. COCK: 1, sp, Stanger; 2, Parnaby; 3, Herdman; vhc, Bewick; hc, Loates. HEN C. or C. B.: 1, sp, Bewick; 2, Snell. YORKS. A. V. (1906): 1, Parnaby; 2, Moslen; 3, Snell; vhc, Carr. OLD BIRD: 1, sp, Moslen; 2, Parnaby. CINN. YELL. (1906): 1, sp, Bewick; 2, Stanger; 3, Parnaby; vhc, Carr. BUFF: 1, sp, Bewick. OLD BIRDS YELL.: 1, sp, Parnaby; 2, Stanger; 3, Bewick. BUFF: 1, Bewick. YELL. CL. TKD., ETC. (1906): 1, sp, Snell; 2, Elliott; 3, Stanger. BOR. (1906): 1, sp, Brown; 2, Moslen; 3, Elliott; vhc, Elliott. HEN: 1, sp, Elliott; 2, Brown; 3, Snell; vhc Elliott. YELL. OLD BIRD: 1, sp, Snell. BUFF: 1, sp, Stanger; 2, Snell. HEN: 1, sp, Stanger; 2, Elliott; 3, Snell. A. O. V. (1906): 1, Loates; 2, Parnaby; 3, Bewick. A. O. V. OLD BIRD: 1, sp, Parnaby; 2, Bewick; 3, Herdman. PAIRS CREST: 1, sp, Bewick; 2, Herdman; 3, Smith. PAIRS NOR. PLAIN: 1, sp, Herdman; 2, Elliott; 3, Moslen; vhc, Humphrey. PAIRS A. V.: 1, Moslen; 2, Bewick. SELL., 10s.: 1, sp, Hall; 2, Boyd; 3, Bewick. BRIT. GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, sp, Smith; 2, Murray; 3, Boyd; vhc, Elliott; c, Humphrey. A. O. V. BRIT.: 1, sp, Boyd; 2, Brown; 3, Brown; vhc, Murray; hc, Elliott. LINNET: 1, Bewick; 2, Smith; 3, Harker; vhc, Hall; hc, Murray; c, Boyd. SOFTBILL: 1, Elliott. MULE: 1, Stanger; 2, Boyd; 3, Mason; vhc, Smith; hc, Hall. FOR.: 1, sp, Parnaby; 2, Towers; Brown absent. NOVICES: 1, sp, Smith; 2, sp, Harker, 3, sp, Hall; vhc, Parnaby; hc, Mason; c, Elliott.

We have received a statement of accounts of the Third Annual Show of the Hayle F.A., which proves to be a most satisfactory document. Receipts totalled £104, and expenditure £99, which leaves a balance on the right side of £5. Entry fees reached the substantial sum of £52 7s. 6d., and no less than £56 14s. was paid out in prize-money.

The Treasurer of the Thirsk Fanciers' Society reports an excellent season. The balance sheet showing credit at bank to the amount of £10 7s. 11d.

OBITUARY.

MR. LUKE BIGGINS.
Death of a Veteran Blaydon Fancier.

There died at Blaydon last Wednesday, Jan. 9th, a well-known local fancier in the person of Mr. Luke Biggins, at the ripe old age of 79. He began breeding birds when only nine years of age, by pairing a Linnet and Canary, his trap cage being altered to answer the purpose of a breeding cage, he not being able to afford a better one. From this small beginning he went forward until manhood, when he became widely known as a breeder of good Norwich. Later he became fascinated by the Crest, and was not long in getting some good stock birds into his room. Not given much to exhibiting, he nevertheless bred some good birds, notably a Crestbred, shown with success by the late Mr. Burns, of Newcastle. this bird being father to that gentleman's big yellow winner. There was also the clear body dark Crest, shown so successfully by Mr. Geo. Stobart, of Newcastle, which, after winning at Manchester, changed hands at a good figure, and, I believe, proved to be worth what was paid for it. Mr. Biggins in his day was a tall fine-looking man, and of a kindly nature, and although somewhat bent with age, his mental faculties were more like those of a young man. His memory was particularly good. It was a mere nothing for him to refer back 50 years in his breeding of birds. The following will show how enthusiastic he was to the end. On Jan. 2nd I called to see him. He asked me into the bird-room; there he had 42 Canaries, and two Goldies, for he never forgot his early muling days. After telling me how he intended pairing next season, he pointed to a Norwich hen he obtained from a brother of mine, saying, "Do you think he has a cock related to her?" his idea being to have a nest of Canaries first round before putting her to the Goldie, with a view to getting some muling hens for the following season. But as Burns has it: "The best laid schemes o' mice and men gang aft a'gley." Although he looked in good health and spirits, he took to his bed next day with an attack of bronchitis, and passed peacefully away a week that day. The interment took place on the 12th, at Blaydon Cemetery. Amongst the fanciers present, we noticed Messrs. Daglish, Hands, Davison, Vallans, McGuinness, Robson, Tyson, Morgan, Twedell, Dobson and Son, of Blaydon. J. Thompson, of Gateshead, and Mr. D. Scott, of Benwell.—D. A. OGILVIE (Blaydon).

Mr. JOHN HAND (Stoke-on-Trent).

Mr. J. Pitchford writes:—I regret to inform you of the death of Mr. John Hand, the esteemed President of the Potteries C.B.A., which took place at his residence, the Red Lion Hotel, Stoke-on-Trent, on Dec. 31st last. The deceased gentleman was only ill a few days, but pneumonia developed, and quickly proved fatal. Of a kind and generous disposition, and a true fancier, he was much respected by all local fanciers. He leaves a widow and five children, who have the deepest sympathy of all who know them.

MR. CHARLES TWEED (Bathgate).

Mr. D. J. Gardner (Bathgate) writes:—It is with the deepest regret that we have to announce the death of Mr. Charles Tweed, who passed away peacefully on Friday last, on the eve of Bathgate Show, of which he was a former President. Charlie was of a genial disposition, and had many friends, and no foes. Since the commencement of Bathgate Show he took a keen interest in same, and did much to make the show what it is to-day, one of the foremost in Scotland. He was always the same, winning or losing. During his last hours he was continually inquiring about the Show, and was greatly pleased to learn that it was to be a record one. Borders were his favourites, but he also bred some fine Mules and good Finches. He was sadly missed at the show on Saturday, as he had a kindly smile for everyone, and many of the visitors, on hearing of his demise, were deeply touched. The greatest sympathy is extended to his widow and two young sons. He was 36 years of age.

LINNET CONTEST AT LEEDS.

The quality Linnet singing brigade mustered in good numbers to witness the usual week-end contest at the Old Bird House, King's Head, Shannon Street, Leeds, and were treated to some extraordinary Linnet singing. Sixteen selected birds competed for three good prizes given by the landlord, Mr. J. Booth. Result: 1st prize, C. Whitaker; 2nd, J. Whelan; 3rd, Sam Hardcastle. Judges, J. Clark, C. Cooper, who said jointly that it was a long time since they had heard such quality singing. Mr. C Whitaker, the owner of the winner, is willing to match his bird, contest time, 10 minutes, to sing any bird in Leeds, nobody barred, first come first served, for £1 upwards. Anybody wishing to make a match should apply King's Head, Shannon Street, off York Road, Leeds. N.B. Our Linnet and Canary Clubs are now open to new members. Apply, J. Melia, 14, Elm Street, off York Road, Leeds.—J. MELIA, Hon. Sec., T. STEAD, Assist. Sec.

ILLUSTRATED IDEAS

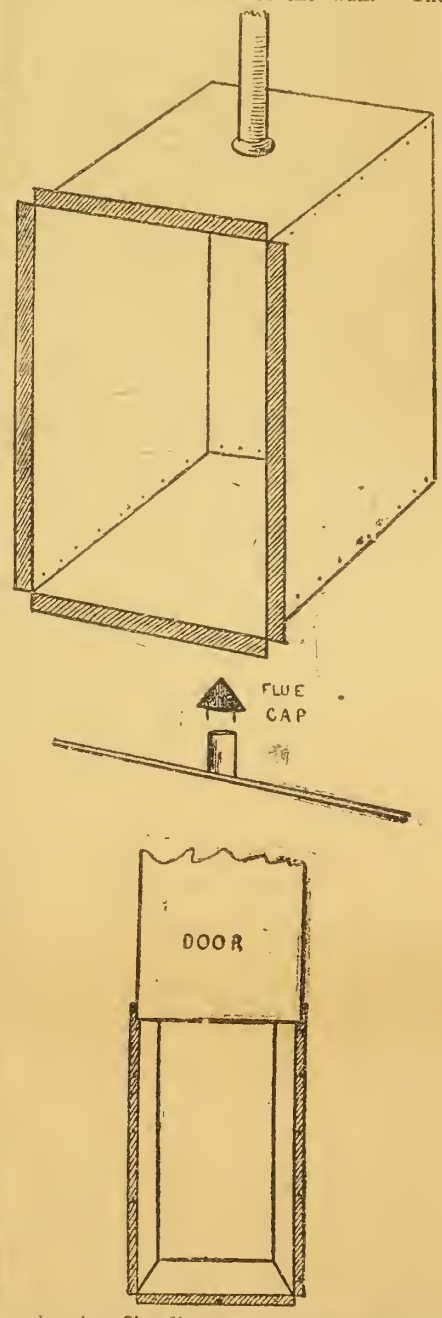
Under this heading we shall illustrate weekly some idea useful to the bird-keeper. Readers are invited to send us particulars of any novel and practical appliance of use in our hobby, either in cage, bird-room or aviary, with a rough sketch of same where possible. Every "Illustrated Idea" used in this column will entitle the sender thereof to a postal order for two shillings and sixpence.

No. 68.

STOVE FOR OUTDOOR BIRD ROOM

Sent by E. Hawkes, 23, Conway Road, Plumstead, Kent.

The enclosed sketch is that of a stove which I made to heat my bird-shed. It can be made to suit size of lamp or gas jet, the size of my own stove being 2ft. 6in. by 1ft. by 1ft. The stove is put in front (outside) of the shed, and the 1in. flange round the front face (shaded in sketch) laps over and is screwed to the outside of the wall. The



smoke pipe, 2in. diameter, is inside the shed, and passes up through the roof, having a wind cap upon the top, as shown. The lamp, or gas jet, is put into the stove from the outside, and the opening is closed by a sliding sheet-iron door. By using this stove no smoke or fumes can get into bird shed, because it is open only to the outside. The whole is made of sheet-iron, riveted together. The cost of my stove was:—Sheet-iron (6ft. by 2ft. 6in.) 2s. 4d.; length of 2ins. piping 1s. 6d. Total 3s. 10d.

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PRIZE MONEY PAID.

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Scottish National.

ENTRIES CLOSE.

Jan. 20—Calow—Messrs. Parker & Rhodes.
Jan. 25—Thirsk—Messrs. Bell & Long, Ingramgate.

SHOW DATES FIXED.

*Feb. 15 to 19, 1907.—**Great National (Crystal Palace)** (J.H.P., W.M., H.T.T.C., S.C., S.R.C., J.F.D., J.D., T.H., J.F.H., A.R., R.R., J.R., J.H.R., R.H., W.S., G.E.W.)
Oct. 11 and 12, 1907—**Great Harwood.**
Nov 1 and 2, 1907—**Mansfield.**
Nov. 9, 1907—**Boness (Nottingham)** see advertisement.
Nov. 15 and 16, 1907.—**Leeds** (C.B.U.)
Nov. 20 and 21, 1907.—**Margate** (J.R.)

GATESHEAD REPORT.—German Songsters: My birds were first and special, also hc; it is a grand report of a show, and one that should please every body.—E. Hawthorn (Llandrindod).

Mr. Allan Loggie, Secretary Muirkirk O.S., writes:—All exhibitors present from the east at Muirkirk Show, on 5th January, will get their birds lifted to catch the 3.40 p.m. train.

THE GROWTH OF CAGE BIRDS.

A RHYMING COMPETITION.

On the front page of our supplement this week will be found a "Picture Without Words." It illustrates by a combined effort of photographer and artist the progress and increase in CAGE BIRDS from Volume 1 to Volume 9. A prize of 20s. will be given to the reader who summarises in the happiest manner the gradual Rise and Development of CAGE BIRDS from its "nesting days" to the present time.

The said summary must be contained in a rhyme complete or verse to be written on the back of an ordinary post card. (Our own preferred—Managerial Side Whisper.) The picture should serve as a source of inspiration. All postcards should reach us by the latest Feb. 16th, 1907.

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A Sparrow with white flight feathers and a white tail comes into our yards regularly, writes Mr. B. Jones (Kidsgrove).

Mr. W. Ambrose writes:—I have removed to 74, Foulden Road, Stoke Newington, N. I have disposed of all birds and cages.

I like "Bird World" very much—it is so nicely got-up—and wish it every success.—Mrs. E. WARREN, Vernon (Toddington).

The new address of J. and H. Hanley, late of 12, Tyndale's Place, Islington, is 85, Halton Road, Canonbury, N.

Mr. G. Leech has removed from Cross Street to larger and more commodious premises. His address now is Cross Aviaries, King Street, Dudley.—(Advt.)

The buff Norwich cock, shown on to-day's cover, has won the Walthamstow Cup two years in succession, and has also secured 1sts at the L.C.B.A., Bristol, Cardiff, S. W. London, etc., this season.

An order for twelve postcards of Lizards has come to hand with no name and address attached. If the sender will forward these necessary particulars, the postcards will be sent by return of post.

"Kindly thank all applicants for Goldfinches advertised in last week's CAGE BIRDS. I find it impossible to answer. I have over 50 now—this proves that the paper to advertise in is CAGE BIRDS."—J. W. SALMONS, Towcester.

Mr. G. P. Pickering, of Hull, writes to tell us of a Linnet in his possession which has been caged for over 21 years. This veteran is yet hale and hearty, and is still able to awaken admiration, if not envy, in the breasts of fanciers and judges.

Please let all enquirers know that I have sold my hen Gouldian advertised in "C.B." last week; too numerous for me to reply to each individually. Thanks for such a medium as "C.B."—JOHN THOMPSON (Hucknall Huthwaite).

"Will you kindly thank all those who replied to my advertisement in CAGE BIRDS, January 5th. The letters were too many for me to reply to all; I could have sold 50 if I had had them, which speaks very well for CAGE BIRDS as an advertising medium."—F. BAILEY (Hull).

The points specials at Bathgate were given as follow:—Most points over Show, R. Bald, with 52 points; 2nd most points over Show, A. Gilchrist with 33; points, Norwich, A. Roberts with 25 points; Border, A. Gilchrist, with 33 points; British Mule and Foreign, R. Bald, with 52 points. Bathgate is fully reported in our Scottish Edition.

At Walthamstow Show the Goldfinch Class was one of the best ever seen in the London suburbs, no less than thirty-five facing Mr. Norman, who had a most difficult task in dividing the contestants. Linnets and Bullfinches were a hot lot. Our artist-in-chief evidently has the confidence of the Finch fraternity.

Great National Cagebird Show, Crystal Palace, 1907.—R. A. Newley begs to announce that he will have a fine exhibition of bird cages and sundries of all kinds on his stall at the above show. Inspection and patronage of fanciers and public visiting is respectfully invited. Address all communications to R. A. Newley, 24, Stockwell Green, London, S.W.—(Advt.)

The Expert Trade.

Foreign orders from Holland, Natal, Queensland (Australia), India, Cape Colony, Calabar (India), Bombay (India), Sydney (Australia), United States, Mass. (U.S.A.), Constantinople, Barbados, have been received by Mr. Rudd, of Norwich, during the month of January, 1907. Nothing provides more convincing testimony of the marvellous growth of this Norwich specialist's business than his foreign trade development.

Another Birthday Number.

Other papers besides CAGE BIRDS have their birthdays. Synchronising almost with our own the "Tribune," one of the latest and brightest of London's newspapers, is also celebrating a birthday, having just completed a lusty first year of life with every prospect of a long and prosperous career. Healthy in tone, virile in management, and prodigal of good things, the "Tribune" will take equal rank with any other London daily, without exception. The air of reliability pervading its news columns is refreshing in these days of irresponsible chatter-mongering and that it may have many more birthdays and continue to delight us with its generous literary fare is CAGE BIRDS' sincere wish.

In our last issue Mr. F. A. Lester's replies to correspondents, re Rollers, were, by a printer's error, attributed to Mr. Patterson.

The name of Mr. J. H. Roe (Derby) has to be added to the list of sufferers from influenza.

"Just a line to say I have had wonderful results from my advertisement in CAGE BIRDS, and to ask you to correct my name in article on "The Roller Canary." It is Walter, not William Whittaker."—WALTER WHITTAKER.

"Will you kindly thank, on my behalf, through your columns, the gentlemen who replied to my advertisement—the enquiries are too numerous to answer."—G. W. ARMES, Waltham Abbey.

Mrs. W. White writes:—I regret to have to write and tell you that my prize-winning Yellowhammer, winner of 1st Portsmouth, 2nd Winchester, 3rd Bournemouth this year, was dead in its cage when it reached me from Walthamstow Show on Saturday, Jan. 12th.

Mr. C. Goodall, a well-known and hard-working fancier, of Great Horton, has left the county of broad acres for America. In order to show their appreciation of his past services, Yorkshire fanciers contributed towards a handsome Gladstone bag, which was presented to Mr. Goodall with many expressions of good-will.

Mr. James Winter, secretary Scottish National C.B.S., writes:—"I wish to tender my sincere thanks for the truly grand report you gave of our Show in your valuable paper, which is highly appreciated by all connected with the Society. Kindly announce that all prize and sales money in connection with our late Show has now been paid. Anyone missed should apply at once to me."

During the past show season we have been fortunate enough to secure the services of Mr. T. S. Kirkpatrick, the well-known fancier photographer of 3, Tib Lane, Cross Street, Manchester, and his highly successful photographic Show supplements have not only secured a fine measure of approval, but acted as stimulants to rival enterprises to endeavour to surpass his work; but, so far, they have signally failed. Mr. Kirkpatrick's life-like portraits remain the best of their kind.

Important to New Societies.

Will the Secretary of any Society that was not represented in CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL (last year) kindly send us the correct name of the Society and the name and address of Secretary, also particulars of membership.

Rare Foreign Finches.

Some small Finches lately reached Mr. C. A. Luer, the well-known foreign bird dealer, of Leman Street, London, E., which in all his wide experience he had never before seen, so, naturally, could not find a name for. They came from South Africa. A visit to the Natural History Museum disclosed them to be the Rufus-backed Mannakin. But it was only after great search among the collection of dried skins kept at that institution that their identity was established.

Genuine Spanish; Free Gift.

The advantages derived through feeding one's birds on really genuine Spanish canary seed are known to every seasoned bird-keeper. The difficulty is: Where can the genuine Spanish be obtained? Readers will note that Messrs. Hindhaugh, of 38, Cloth Market, Newcastle-on-Tyne, the well-known seed importers, offer a special shipment in our advertisement columns this week. What is more, a sample will be sent free to all who apply to them for same, and mention CAGE BIRDS when doing so; a postcard is sufficient.

No Charge.

At the London and Counties' Pair Show on Saturday, specimen copies of CAGE BIRDS were in great demand, and the little printed tickets which we dispatch with specimens, inviting visitors to take a copy from the heap free of charge, were also in great request—for the purposes of the practical joker. Two humorously-inclined young gentlemen respectively "chevied" each other for some considerable time upon walking round with these "free" cards attached to their coat collars, serenely oblivious of the fact that this ornament hung suspended to their own. One of the members, we hear, coming from the Show, walked several hundred yards through one of the busiest London thoroughfares with a CAGE BIRDS poster hanging in magnificent style on his back. This unconsciousness of evil on the part of certain London and County members was the effect, doubtless, of great absorption in the cage bird fancy.

Accept my heartiest congratulations on the most excellent coloured plate this week. It is truly beautiful, and second to none that has ever been published. I shall certainly have it framed.—S. W. Birchley (Churchdown).

"In all Probability."

Speaking of the wingless birds of New Zealand, an American naturalist, quoted by the "New York Herald," says that in all probability the Kakapo, or great ground Parrot, once had the use of its wings, but, being a grass seed feeder and finding no enemies on the ground, it, in a process of evolution, lost its ability to fly, though able to run very swiftly.

Can it?

Let's have quality and substance, exclaims "J.E.N.," in the "Eastern Mail." A young and energetic judge of Canaries remarked the other day to an experienced Plainhead breeder—"Colour can be bought for eighteenpence, but quality and substance cannot be purchased for as many shillings." Let these words be borne in mind by all lovers of the breeding of Norwich Plainhead Canaries—the hardest class of cage bird to judge.

Birds in Transit.

Dr. Galloway, of Aberdeen, reports that a cinnamon Linnet was sent to him from Luton on Dec. 28th last, by a Mr. J. Clifton, at 4.30 p.m. It arrived here, Jan. 1st, he writes, at 1 a.m., having been caught in the severe snowstorm of the past few days. Strange to say, the bird is alive and well, a fact which speaks volumes for the careful attention paid to it by the railway companies in an exceptionally trying time. I was glad to find it the rule at Aberdeen to water and feed all birds delayed by the storm.

Sociable Novocastrians.

The Newcastle Good Intent C.B.S. intend to hold a Social at the Co-operative Hall, Dain Crook, on Tuesday, February 5th. Tea at 7.30 p.m., followed by music, etc. Tickets, ladies or gentlemen, 1s. 6d. each. A presentation will also be made to Mrs. Curry and Mrs. Hutchinson, in recognition of their and their husbands efforts in making our first show so great a success. Subscriptions to the testimonial may be given to any of the Committee, from whom tickets for Social may also be had.—T. C. CRAWHALL, Hon. Treasurer, 121, St. George's Terrace.

Birds Fed on Aniline Dyes.

According to a writer in the "Daily Mail," colouring birds artificially by feeding them with aniline dyes is actually being done now-a-days with Canaries, Parrots, and even chickens. "For this purpose," says the writer, "the dyes are either mixed in the dough of ordinary bread before baking, or else disguised in 'cottage cheese'—either being a readily-assimilated form of food. Baking takes away the bitter taste of such coal-tar products, and the crumbs are freely eaten." This will be news to a great many readers of CAGE BIRDS.

REVIEWS OF SCHEDULES.

Liverpool Green Canary Association.—Members' show. January 26th. Judge, Mr. H. W. Battye. Forty-seven classes. Yorks. Greens 4, Nor. Greens 4; (the cup, etc., classes): Yorks. Green 4. Nor. Green 4, Yorks. Cl., etc. 8, Nor. 5, Bor. 5, A.O.V. 1, Sell 3. Hyb. 1, Brit. 8. Fee 1s., to be divided into three money prizes. Valuable cash and other spls. Entries close January 21st to S. HADWIN, 28, Pembroke Place, Liverpool.

Rugby.—January 30th and 31st. Judge, Mr. G. F. Russell. Thirteen classes. Nor. 4, Yorks. 1, A.O.V. 1, Mule 1, For. 1, Brit. 3, Sell 2. Prizes 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d. Fee 1s. 6d. Entries close January 23rd to H. TARBOX, Westfield Cottage, Dunchurch Road, Rugby.

Thirsk (N.B.)—February 1st. Judge, T. J. Ambrose. Six classes. A.V. Can. 3, Novice 1, Sell 1, Brit. 1. Prizes 8s., 4s., 2s., card. Fee 1s. Entries close January 25th to J. BELL and Lone, Ingramgate, Thirsk.

LIVERPOOL B.B.A.

Report of general meeting of the Liverpool Bird Breeders' Association, held on January 10th, 1907, Mr. A. Thompson in the chair. After ordinary business, the following officers were elected: President, J. Williams, Esq.; Vice-Presidents, J. Walker, Esq., A. Coffey, Esq., G. B. Daniels, Esq., H. McMurtry, Esq., T. Rowlands, Esq., T. Wardale, Esq., T. Ryno, Esq., W. Thompson, Esq., W. Hales, Esq.; Chairman, F. Handley, Esq.; Vice-Chairman, J. Davie, Esq.; Secretary, H. Barratt, Esq.; Assistant Sec., T. Wilson, Esq.; Treasurer, J. W. Metcalf, Esq.; Auditors, R. Irwin, Esq., C Hillmen, Esq.; Committee, Messrs. Doughty, Isaac, Bratherton, Dixon, Hules, Nimmo, Bell, Hayden. Disqualification at November Show:—It was passed unanimously after full discussion, "That this meeting do exonerate all members who were disqualified at the old show by Mr. Mundell for having trimmed or cut the feathers on green birds, such feathers known as square feathers. The members are satisfied the birds were honestly shown, and that the square feathers are a natural growth on Green Birds," and that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Green Canary Association, as the members disqualified belonged to the G.C.A. I was instructed to ask you to give this resolution prominence, so that all who read of the disqualification may read this.—H. BARRATT, Sec.

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Even the Wise Owl Wonders!

SUPPLEMENT TO "CAGE BIRDS" BIRTHDAY NO. 1907.

A NEW FORM OF BIRD-CAGE

BY
DR E. T. MARTIN

AS an introduction to this short article on my favourite form of bird-cage, permit me to make a few remarks on the hobby of bird-keeping and bird-cage making in general.

CAGE-MAKING AS A BRAIN TONIC.

The brain of man is not like a sponge, from which thought can be squeezed as is water from the latter, but it is rather like a complicated house of business, having many departments, each department being concerned chiefly with its own exclusive duties; *e.g.*, there are departments of the brain for written language and for spoken language, others for hearing, seeing, for controlling the muscles of the limbs and other parts of the body, and so on. Consequently one part of the brain may be tired by its duties while another part may still be comparatively fresh.

What has all this to do with cages and cage-birds? A good deal, for it enters into the very origin of the hobby. Tired with the daily round of duty, certain of the brain cells which have been exercised with one form of work can be at rest while other cells come into pleasurable activity over the bird-keeping hobby. It is here that I think one of the chief departments of that hobby serves a useful purpose: I mean that of cage-making.

I can confidently recommend cage-making, from personal experience, as a real good tonic for the sedentary man, for the brain-worker, and for those who do not in their daily work have to use the muscles of the arms much. To meet various requirements and circumstances, cages are needed of all sorts; and here ingenuity comes into play, and the faculty of invention. It thus forms a good training for boys. And lastly, it not only diminishes the cost of the hobby, but adds considerably to its interest and pleasure.

AN IDEAL COMPOSITE CAGE.

I am now about to describe a form of cage which I have myself devised, and for above a year have found of the greatest convenience. I think it is no small advantage to possess cages of a pattern which are capable of serving as box-cages, breeding-cages (single, double, or treble), or as flight-cages of any length; a form of cage from which birds can easily be run into show or other cages, one which is very accessible for cleaning purposes, which renders the capture of a bird easy from out a great number of other birds, and which permits in the breeding season of the young being readily divided from the old ones. Further, if the owner wish, it can be cleansed and baked while, I had almost said, the birds are still in it; at any rate, while they are still occupying a part of it.

It seems to me rather an opportune moment to bring a new form of cage before bird fanciers, for now is the time to set to work and get a few made, while the duties of the breeding season do not press upon one.

MAINLY EXPLANATORY.

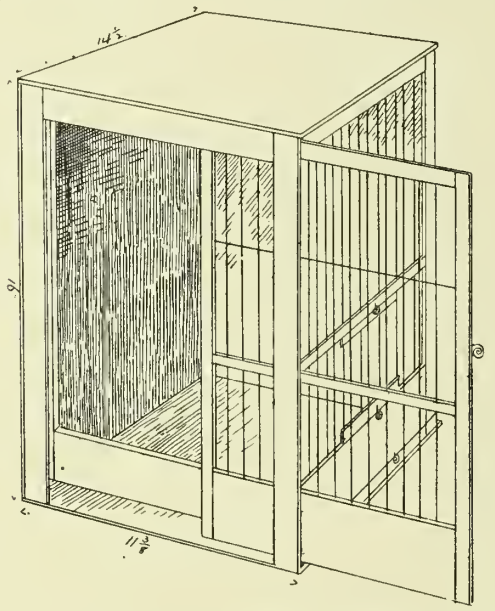
Calculate, then, how much wood you will require, and order so many feet of yellow pine, three-eighths thick and 11 ins. wide. Make the cage 14½ ins. long and 16 ins. high, and when the back is nailed on it will be 11⅜ ins. from front to back, all outside measurements. This 11 in. inside measurement is a nice depth for a cage (birds should not be stinted of a few cubic inches of space), while the height, 16 ins., just permits of the back being formed of one board and a half with a trifle left over for planing down.

Now, if you were to make up this cage by nailing and glueing the top, back, sides and bottom together, and adding a wire front, you would, of course, have just an ordinary box-cage. But this is not our object; we want it not only to be a box-cage when we so require it, but also to from part of a breeding-cage, or flight-cage, when we so wish. For this purpose the sides must not be fixed, but must be movable; they must consist of slides capable of being inserted or withdrawn at pleasure.

To prepare the cage for the slides, fix four uprights, 1¼ ins. wide, at each end of the cage, leaving a space of half-an-inch between them for the easy play of the three-eighths of an inch thick slides. Join these uprights at the top by 1¼ in. strips and the two inner uprights at the bottom by a 2½ in. strip. It is better for cleaning purposes not to join the two outer uprights at the bottom by a cross-piece, but to leave them open. All this will be made clear by the accompanying diagram.

ELASTIC AND CONVENIENT.

You will now see, by the sketch, that mine is a system of sectional cages. You may build up, side by side, any number together, which, when the middle slides are all withdrawn, will leave a flight cage as long, if you so desire it, as the side of your house. Yet by inserting a slide here and there you may at any time separate and catch any particular bird you wish, and lift it down, cage and all.



Dr. Martin's Sectional Cage.

It is advisable to have four slides for each cage, two wired and two solid. Then at any moment you have your choice whether you will use it as a closed box-cage or as a cage having one, or both, ends wired.

The wired fronts are better fixed. There is no object gained in having them loose when you have loose ends; cleaning can be carried on in the easiest possible manner when you take out the two end slides.

The sand-trays should be made entirely of zinc; and if the amateur has not mastered the art of soldering, he had better employ a plumber or tinsmith to construct them for him. When being cleaned, after first being emptied and then scraped with the cage-trowel, a little water (hot, if you like) should be run into them, and they should be brushed with a stiff, straight bristle-brush, such as housewives use for cleansing saucepans.

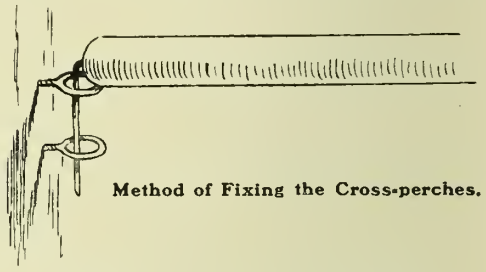
With regard to the perches, two from front to back in the middle of the cage, and one from side to side at the bottom, for the head-holes, are sufficient. This bottom perch is always a trouble—a trouble to keep clean, and a trouble to fix. The handiest method I have found for fixing it is the following:—Screw two little brass eyelets one above the other at each side of the cage, in the bottom cross-pieces, and at each end of the perch insert a piece of wire bent at right angles. The loose arm of this piece of wire is then dropped into the evelets. The accompanying little diagram will make it clear.

POSSIBLE OBJECTIONS CONSIDERED.

It now only remains to allude to a possible objection or two which I fancy I hear made against this fashion of cage. The first is that concerning the trouble, time and expense of its making. With regard to trouble: this is a word which does not enter into the vocabulary of the true bird-fancier. Work there may be, but not trouble. As for the time and expense, I am of opinion that this is a form of cage which in the end will effect a saving of both.

The second objection is that this style of cage may encourage the production of that nightmare of the Canary fancier—the red-mite. But for those who would like to give these cages a trial, I will say that I have never seen a red-mite for three years, and in that time have kept and reared a good many Canaries; have not seen, in fact, a red-mite even in the nest-pans. On second thought, I am not quite sure if this is correct: I believe I have seen a few, on freshly-purchased birds, but they (the red-mites) bade us a hasty adieu.

How have we managed this? I have no doubt that ordinary cleanliness, fresh air and sunshine, have had something to do with it. But in the main it is due undoubtedly to the use of a fluid which I saw mentioned in CAGE BIRDS just when "our paper" was commencing its illustrious career.



Method of Fixing the Cross-perches.

RED-MITE EXTERMINATED.

Above three years ago one of its correspondents, to whom I have since felt very much obliged, mentioned that as a preservative against red-mite he had found nothing to equal "Carbolineum Avenarius," a fluid sold by Messrs. C. A. Peters & Co., of London, Liverpool, and Derby. I purchased some then and there, and have used it ever since, with the result stated above.

This preventative stains the wood brown, and I believe the best plan is to paint the entire cage with it—inside and out, slides, wires, the ends of the perches and all. It should be put on hot, and I have sometimes mixed about a quarter of common terebene, or of ordinary turpentine with it; it seems then to dry a little more quickly. Paint your new cages with it in an out-house, and leave them there for three or four days, or until they appear dry. Then, when you have an opportunity, stand them in front of a good fire for a few hours, afterwards letting them stand by for three or four weeks, by which time the birds may be put in.

In the breeding season rub some of the fluid round the nest-pans; leave them to dry for an hour or two, roast them for a while in the oven, and when cool they will be ready for use.

I conclude this short contribution to our hobby with the hope that it may be of service to some fellow-fanciers.

HYBRID GUESSING COMPETITION.

On the opposite page readers interested in the many curious and fascinating crosses between the various Finches will find a plate of "enigmas," which they are asked to while away half-an-hour in solving. To the writer of the first letter opened which names them correctly, we will send a cheque for half-a-guinea. Solutions may be posted at any time so long as they reach us not later than first post February 1st, on which date an independent person (blindfold) will make a choice at random until a correct solution comes to light. Mark all letters "HYBRID COMPETITION," in the top left-hand corner. Postcards not admissible.

The birds to be numbered and named in the following order (do not tear out the page);—

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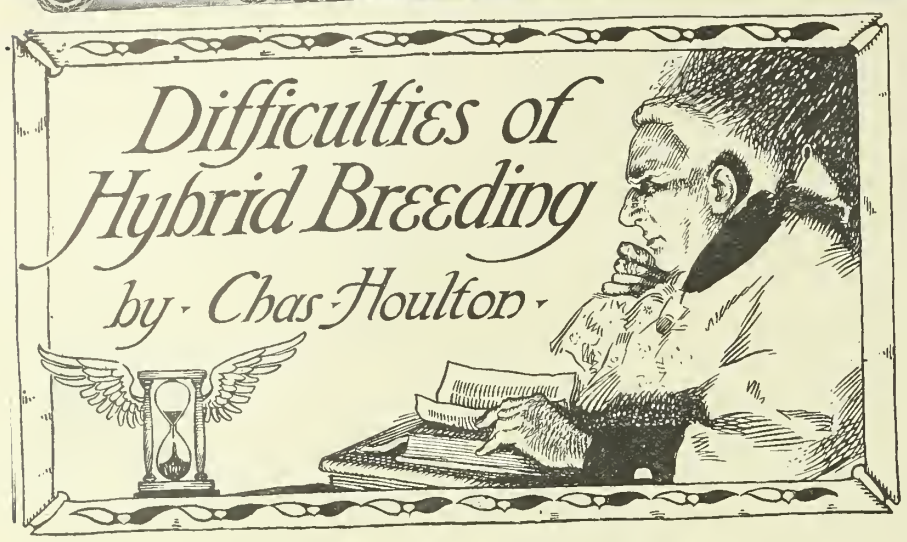
5	6

Hybrid Guessing Competition

Readers who take an interest in Hybridism are required to correctly identify the above Hybrids. *(See opposite page).*



A SEASONABLE CONVERSATION.

NOTHING in the world gives me greater pleasure than to put pen or pencil to paper in order to try and help novices to overcome little difficulties which from time to time crop up in connection with their hobby. And surely there must sometimes appear to be a thousand and one obstacles before them; no sooner is one mastered than they are face to face with another. A young fancier with grit in him will with might and main go on persevering until he has gained the height of his ambition and will not be disheartened over a few failures.

We will take our novice friend, "Johnnie," who has determined to try his hand at producing some rare and beautiful Hybrids. He has been to see the various crosses on view at the shows, and has made his mind up to at once prepare the way for the end he has in view. He secures various Finches and Canaries. He puts together pairs of different species, and looks upon them with pride, thinking that he has his foot on the first rung of the ladder of fame. But some of the pairs, alas, squabble and fight and tear each other's plumage to shreds, and death to one or the other seems imminent. Then our friend, Johnnie, in disgust at their behaviour separates them. This is one of his first obstacles.

His friend Joe calls in to see how affairs are progressing in the direction of Hybrids, and to his dismay no longer finds the pairs together. So he enquires the reason.

"Oh, they were killing one another," savs Johnnie, "so I had to separate them." "Why, how was that?" "I don't know; but they were." "Now," says Joe, "I'll tell you what to do. Prepare a large flight cage, or a large wired-off long flight about 2 feet wide and 4 or 5 feet high, along one side of your bird room. It will be all the better if it is from 5 to 10 feet long. You can, indeed, if you have room, make two of these. You will then be able to put several hen Canaries, two or three hen Bullfinches, and several cock Finches of different species in one of the flights together. You may put cock and hen British Finches of different species in the other flight."

The present is a good time to select the finest birds of each species you can, and to put them together, as just stated by Joe. You will soon see which birds become the most friendly. Make a note of these, and when the warmer season begins to approach you may cage the friendly ones off in smaller cages with some confidence that you will not meet with so much "battering about" as before. There is, indeed, a very rosy chance of you being successful when the birds pick out their mates by the method friend Joe advises Johnnie to adopt.

INTERFERENCE HAS ITS PENALTIES.

Here is one of the next drawbacks a novice meets. As soon as the birds go to nest and begin to lay, he (the novice) is so elated that he keeps ever examining the eggs when they arrive. This so disturbs the birds that they won't sit at all, or only for part of the time, and nest after nest of eggs mav prove useless. Leave the birds as much to themselves as possible after you have given them their early morning cleaning out and feeding and watering.

More difficulties beset Johnnie when the young are hatching out. He eagerly watches for the hen to feed her brood. She gets very jealous of his presence, and so will not feed her young while he is looking on. Johnnie, afraid she is letting the youngsters die, begins to meddle with matters, and succeeds in so upsetting the hen that she deserts her nest, or else sits so closely, for fear of him running away with her brood, that they all are killed or starved. This comes about through Johnnie's over-attentive eagerness and over much meddling.

Have patience my young Hybrid-breeding friend, and wait the opportunity to just peep at the young when you see the hen has come off the nest of her own accord. If you find they have bright skins, and food in their crops, leave them as soon as possible, and keep the hen well supplied with dandelion and groundsell, egg food, canary seed and some crushed hemp seed. Too much meddling will lose you more young in the nest than anything else.

Another difficulty often met with lies in hens that are sluggish and indifferent about the time of hatching a brood. They become so lazy through want of exercise during incubation that something is required to stir them up to activity. Johnnie maybe does not know what to do. and feels very down about the likelihood of these hens rearing their young. To overcome this state of things, it is a good plan to give each hen in her drinking water a good dose of Epsom salts two days before the eggs are due to hatch out.

Many hens I have known come out good feeders after this treatment—hens that have failed to feed previous broods. "Bad feeders" have been given me as useless, yet by treating them in the way above stated I have got them to successfully rear Hybrids. One damsel in particular—a bad-feeding green hen—brought up two Goldfinch-Canaries, one Greenie-Canary, and a Canary in one nest. I had mixed up the eggs so that I should not lose all of one sort, if I lost any. I left her only one of her own, the Greenfinch-Canary, and gave the other three eggs of her clutch to another hen. I was quite satisfied with the results. There are some hens, I know, that won't feed whatever one may do.

There comes a day when Johnnie's face looks very glum. He arrives home from work, goes into the bird room, and quickly looks at first one nest, then another. He gets to his ten-day-old Hybrids. One—and far and away the largest, of course—he finds has jumped, or been carried out under the hen's wing, from the nest, when, mouse-like, it has bolted through the drink hole—there it lies in a corner of the bird-room floor, starved to death.

Now, my boy, hadn't you been day after day lifting the nest-box down to see how the birds were progressing? I think you had, or else the mother and brood would not have become so nervous. These young Hybrids are much more precocious than young Canaries, and once disturbed by you, inquisitive Johnnie, they won't stay long in the nest. This results in all manner of mischief; they meet with disaster and death almost wholesale. Keep in the background after feeding, etc., as I have said before, and wait patiently. The young birds will show themselves to you in quite time enough, and a few days are not long to wait. Hybrids, when doing well, may be out of the nest any time after they are 14 days old, and if left alone will be all the stronger and healthier.

Another difficult time will now be facing Johnnie. The youngsters are all over the cage like mice, and the hen Canary is wanting to nest again. She begins to pull feathers out of her babies, and Master John is much annoyed, but doesn't know what to do. He only needs to cage them off in a Yorkshire show-cage, and hang the latter on the front of the breeding-cage, with one door open and the other closed. The young will soon be fed through the wires by the mother, any nesting material given to the hen Canary will soon be carried to the nest, and all will go well. But the youngsters must have some egg food put inside the cage they are caged off in. They will soon begin to pick morsels up, and get the knack of feeding themselves in a few days' time. Leave them where they are as long as the hen will continue feeding.

A HELP OVER SEVERAL STILES.

One of the next anxious periods to get over is the moult. Let the youngsters have as large a flight cage as possible, or the run of an indoor or outdoor aviary if you have one. They will then grow and thrive, and get through the moult more quickly and make up into finer birds than if kept in small cages; further, will be less trouble to look after. Don't attempt to colour-feed these baby birds during their first moult, for you will cripple their growth by so doing. Keep them on the wing until they are turned two years old—that is, if you have the patience to do so. They will well repay you for having waited the time, for they will be the finer birds, stronger, healthier and hardier in every respect, to face their prospective show career.

I always tried to "shelve" my youngsters in this manner as long as I could, so that when I did turn them out for show I had developed them to the fullest possible extent. It is most unwise to begin to work young Hybrids too soon. It is like working colts when too young, before bone and muscle are fully grown and set. You stunt them in the growth, and so never get satisfaction from them.

Among other obstacles to be surmounted is the selection of the right sort of birds to successfully match up. A large hen should be paired to a large cock in whatever species you wish to cross to produce Hybrids. I prefer Siberian Goldfinches, and also Siberian hen Bullfinches, whenever they are to be got. I prefer the largest and best type of either Canary or Finch—the broad-set, Norwich type is the thing. More imposing and valuable Hybrids are produced by following these lines.

Johnnie does not know which cross he would like to try first, and so goes in for three or four different ones to begin with. Better far if he had bought or secured from someone a pair of tried, successful Mulers, and set himself to learn how to manage them, extending his field of labour by additional variety of pairs afterwards. Many likely pairs may be upset through too much chopping and changing about, and over-eagerness on the part of Johnnie. Maybe he hasn't patience even to wait the routine the birds will sometimes go through before settling down. Once again I say, don't meddle with them too much.

After much heartburning and various failures and accidents, Johnnie finds that he has—or, rather, his birds have—reared several promising youngsters. But, dear me, they are *so* wild; there is no doing anything with them. Here is a fine young yellow Goldfinch-Canary, and in the next cage there is a very large dark yellow Linnet-Canary, yet if he goes near their cages, or takes a friend to look at them, he perforce bites his lips with vexation, because they won't stand to be looked at. He is dying to know whether they will be good enough to show, whether he shall colour-feed them and how. So he lets loose a shoal of questions upon his friend, who has had a few years' experience in these matters.

You would be wiser, Johnnie, to turn them into the flight cages or aviaries, as before referred to, for a year at least, then cage them and start to practise them running into show cages. If you can, fix a show cage against the stock or keeping cage, with both doors open and facing each other. All this you do at the beginning of the moulting season. Whenever you have an hour to spare at this period put your "wild" youngsters you are about to colour-feed and moult for show through a long "drill exercise" of running in and out of the keeping and show cages. Keep them at it—each one—for several minutes at a time. Be gentle, of course, so as not to make them nervous. They will soon understand the process and then steady down, when by the time they are over the moult you will have no further trouble either in running them into their show cages, or in their being unsteady.

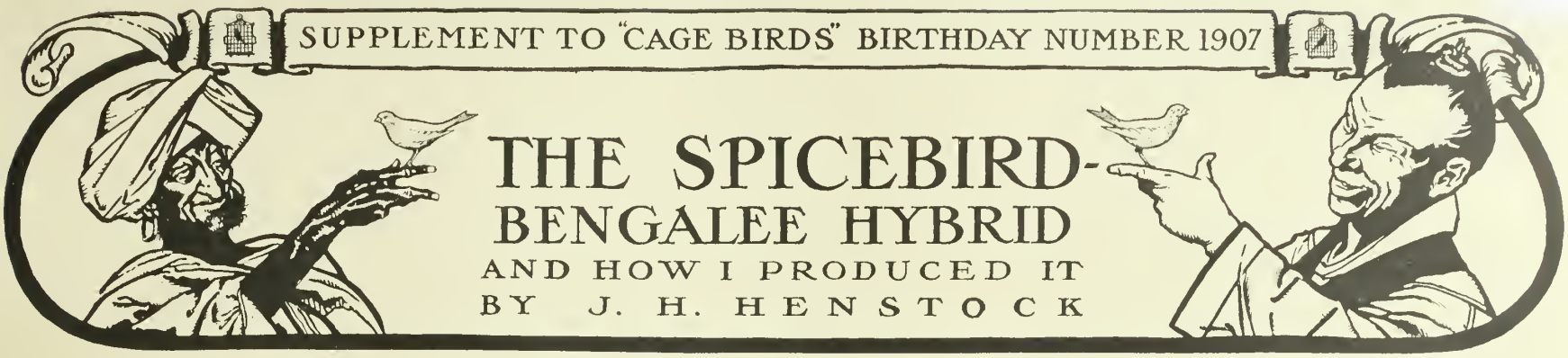
FINISHING TOUCHES.

Again, run them frequently into a clean open wire cage, and spray them well. This, regularly done, has a very steadying influence, and the Hybrids preen up and condition themselves much quicker and better. They will the sooner carry that lovely satin-like gloss and polish on their feathers, which is so charming to see, and, depend upon it, without "bloom" your otherwise good birds will be beaten by better-conditioned ones, even though they be, perhaps, the largest. Size and colour alone will not, or should not, win, if the feathers on the body resemble a bunch of rags.

By getting Hybrids into proper form, as indicated, the various colours and markings will come up more clearly and be bright and distinctive. Nothing tells so strongly against a show Hybrid as dull, smoky, wiry-looking plumage. Brightness, gloss and markings are all killed by this smoky or murky appearance of the surface of the feathers. You cannot be too particular about having your Hybrids in tight, glossy condition before turning them out to a show.

And here another "stumbling block" appears in Johnnie's pathway to success. The birds do not come out of pen-feather about the face and cheeks quickly enough, and he finds the shows are fast gliding by. Why don't the stupid things clear off? he wonders, and almost despairs of the birds coming through in time for a single show. He asks first one and then another what he should do to help them properly finish off this tantalising face and cheek moult. At last his friend Joe tells him to take a silk handkerchief in one hand and a bird in the other, then prompts him to place the bird in one corner of the handkerchief, in his left hand, with the head between the thumb and first finger.

Then Johnnie has to gently breathe on the head of the bird and with the right hand groom the head feathers with another corner of the silk handkerchief, keeping up the process for a few minutes. After carefully working away for some time, Johnnie gleefully sees the "pens" coming off one by one and quite a "transformation scene" coming over that bird's head and cheek feathers. They begin to look glossy, and the fibre lies with wax-like closeness and tightness, just as smoothly as if the plumage had been spokeshaved. Best of all, the colours come out brightly. If only you had started this method sooner, Johnnie, your birds would have been ready probably a month earlier. It is a grand move with all British Finches and Hybrids, and particularly those of the Goldfinch persuasion.



A STROKE OF LUCK.

I THINK I ought to say that at the outset I had no intention whatever of attempting any kind of hybridisation with foreign birds, though I certainly did connive at various possible crosses with British birds and Canaries. The *kudos,* if any there be, attaching to the production of Hybrids between the Nutmeg Finch and the Bengalee, belongs, therefore, to a simple stroke of good luck. As all aviculturists will readily agree, there are plenty of periods of bad luck which come their way, so that one of the opposite variety takes them almost as a pleasant surprise, and it is such happy events that bind us the more strongly to our fascinating hobby. I think I must describe these occasional successes as "lucky," because with foreign birds they must largely be spontaneous, and it is important to bear in mind that their own natural breeding season is not during our period of hot weather (when we have any at all). The arch-enemy to all bird breeding, and especially foreign bird breeding, is the variation of the weather, which upsets the best laid schemes. If possible, this trouble is accentuated in Hybrid breeding, because, generally speaking, the young Hybrids are naturally not so robust as the young of a pure-bred species.

It will, of course, be gathered that I am speaking of birds housed in an outdoor aviary, in which, I may say, are kept some fifty or sixty, both British and foreign (all seed-eaters), with a few Canaries thrown in. It will therefore be seen that any attempt at the pairing up of particular birds would be impossible. I have had no experience in the keeping or breeding of foreigners in cages; indeed, unless the cages were very large, should never attempt it.

EARLY HISTORY.

But to come to the particular case I wish to write about: I may say that both the Spice-bird (cock) and the Bengalee (hen) were bought from a dealer last year in the ordinary way, and presumably were imported birds. Certainly this must have been the case with the male bird, as the breeding of the species in this country has, I believe, only occurred two or three times. The Spice-birds were a pair, or so I supposed, but both turned out to be cocks. There were also in the aviary two male and three female Bengalese of the fawn-and-white variety. I must confess to a weakness for the Bengalee, with its quaint little ways, its docility, and its gentle bearing amongst other birds. In addition, the wonderful possibilities of its irregular markings certainly appealed to me, and made me very anxious to breed freely from these birds.

I got the birds from a friend of mine who had kept them in a cold indoor aviary, and they were turned out of doors into mine about the end of January last. As will readily be recalled, the hardest part of last winter (here in Derbyshire, at any rate) occurred in February, so they were outside during the coldest weather we had. I might add that the hen Bengalee had reared a nest of her own kind in my friend's aviary before I had her. This was in the August of the previous year, only a few weeks after he had purchased them.

A QUAINT COURTSHIP.

As I have said, I was particularly anxious to breed Bengalese, and therefore I was anything but pleased to find one of the Spice-birds—a fine, robust, well-garbed specimen—chevying a Bengalee hen about the aviary. In her quiet, gentle manner, she declined the advances, and edged away from him whenever he settled down beside her. Master Spice-bird would alight on the opposite end of the perch, and commence the peculiar gurgling sound which stands for a song with his kind. It resembles, as nearly as anything I can think of, the sound produced by pouring water out of a narrow-necked bottle as rapidly as possible.

To add to the effect of this grotesque "melody" the bird lowers the front part of his body and, turning his head on one side, looks up with ludicrous gestures while he pours out his tale of love and admiration. From the end of the perch he comes sidling up towards the favoured hen with lowered head and apparently incessant chatter; yet scarcely a sound can be heard. Should the object of his affection take no notice of him, he will bring his chattering beak quite close to hers, as though about to kiss her.

But all is of no use; my little Bengalee will have none of my Spice-bird. Away she flies to another part of the aviary; but only to be followed by her ardent admirer.

This pretty comedy went on for a week or more. Then the lady seemed to accept the inevitable, by no means, however, with the same relish as her mate. Meanwhile the remainder of the Bengalee family viewed the *mésalliance* with evident alarm, and in their demure way seemed quite shocked that such a thing could occur.

A TREMENDOUSLY INDUSTRIOUS HUSBAND.

The Spice-bird then became tremendously industrious in another way. A Hartz Canary cage, hanging high up, was selected as a home, and the hours from morning till night saw him busily engaged in making the nest. This was of dome shape, and built entirely of hay, no moss or hair, though about in plenty, being used in its construction. I noticed he did most or nearly all of the nest-making, the hen confining herself to putting a bent of hay straight here and there.

On July 12th, the first egg was laid, and on each of the following five days one was added. Then commenced the work of incubation. During the whole of the time it occupied (I think 16 days, though I am not quite sure) I scarcely ever saw the cock bird off the nest. Most of the day, and all the night, both birds sat. This, I thought, would be sufficient to spoil the eggs, even supposing they were good. But these small foreign birds can squat together very closely. Another thing, too, made me sceptical as to the result: the very open and loose way they had built the bottom of the nest, which, I thought, would admit a cold draught.

I got impatient at last as my other Bengalese made no attempt to breed, and one morning I took down the cage with the intention of taking out the eggs, when, to my surprise, I found two young ones within. I put the nest back in a hurry, you may be sure, and day by day the other four eggs hatched out. The old birds were very attentive, and the lapse of a few days saw all the young ones fine and plump. The skins of four of them were all dark; but on the other two there were light patches, indicative, I thought, of white plumage. These two, I surmised, would make charming variegated birds, and I was eager to see the feathers through.

"THOSE WHOM THE GODS LOVE."

When the young were about seven days old, I entered the aviary and took down the cage, to see how they were going on. I found one nearly on the edge of the nest, so I gently put it back again among its fellows. I then discovered there were only four in the nest, and on looking on the aviary floor saw the other two lying there. I picked them up and tried to restore animation by breathing on them and warming them. But it was too late; they were quite dead. What was still worse, they were the two light-coloured ones. Truly "those whom the gods love die young." Needless to say, I took good care to prevent a further catastrophe of the kind by putting a strip of wood across the entrance to the nest. It was fortunate I did so, because every morning I found some of the youngsters had crawled up to it, and in its absence they must have shared the fate of their brothers.

The old birds continued to be ideal parents, and their young family grew apace, finally leaving the nest when between three and four weeks old. I never saw either of the parents eat anything but white and spray millet, with the exception of green-food. I used to put in a bundle of chickweed, dock, plantain, dandelion, grass in flower, shepherd's purse, etc., and amongst it they were foraging and feeding most of the day. I certainly think this played a most important part in the rearing of the young birds. The latter "called" to be fed for a long time after they were flying about, which reminds me that they were very strong on the wing right from the day they left the nest. They have been hale and hearty ever since, and moulted without giving any trouble.

THE PLUMAGE DESCRIBED.

As I believe (though not sure on the point) that this is the first record of this particular cross, a word or two on the plumage of the Hybrids may not be out of place. The birds show more of the Spice-bird in point of colour, though in build it is easy to trace the Bengalee. The head and shoulders, as well as the wings, are of dark, rich nutmeg-browns, varying somewhat in shade. Thus, round the neck the colour is a lovely golden brown, quite irridescent in the sunlight. This golden hue is probably derived from the fawn of the Bengalee mingling with the rich brown of the Spice-bird. The lower part of the back to the rump, and also the breast, has a whitish ground, and on the breast and sides the scalings are very regular and distinct, though, of course, more subdued than in the male parent. The beak, which is short and stubby, as in the Bengalee, is black, as also are the legs and feet. Generally speaking, their plumage is pleasing to a degree, the golden flush on the neck and back making them, I think, more handsome than either of their parents. One of the Hybrids has the two outer flight feathers perfectly white, and another has a white feather in one wing.

A NOTE FROM W. T. PAGE, F.Z.S., Etc.

Mr. Henstock kindly presented me with two of these Hybrids, a supposed pair, that I might note any interesting data as to changes of plumage, etc. When they arrived (in nestling plumage, though one or two feathers had been already dropped), they were of a very nondescript appearance, their plumage consisting of washed-out browns, lighter on the underparts, with no scalings whatever. Mr. Henstock's graphic description of the adult plumage of the two birds he retained, leaves me but little to add. The rich golden-brown shining through the darker colouring on the sides of the face and neck and on the upper back is present in my birds; one also has the two outside tail feathers white. I may add to his description that the larger wing feathers and also the tail are very dark brown, almost chocolate colour. One of my birds has the whole of back dark brown, suffused in parts with golden brown; the other has the upper back brown, and the lower portion of same whitish, regularly scaled with dark brown. The underparts from the throat are whitish, regularly scaled with V-shaped markings of rich brown, except on the centre of the abdomen, which is almost clear. The beaks are blackish, shaded with a line or two of dark silvery blue. The couple turned out to be a true pair, and though at the present time barely three months old, have built and also laid several infertile eggs. In addition to the seed diet named by Mr. Henstock, my birds pick over the soft food, take a little fruit, and manage to secure regularly several of the meal worms supplied to the other birds. They have the same almost inaudible (in an aviary) song as the Spice-bird, which is only apparently produced by prodigious effort, while the courting attitudes and dance are also an exact resemblance. Lastly, they might be mistaken at first glance for pure Spice-birds, but at a second look one notes the Bengalee contour, as well as indicated colour, and with Mr. Henstock I consider them far handsomer birds than the Spice, or Nutmeg, Finch.

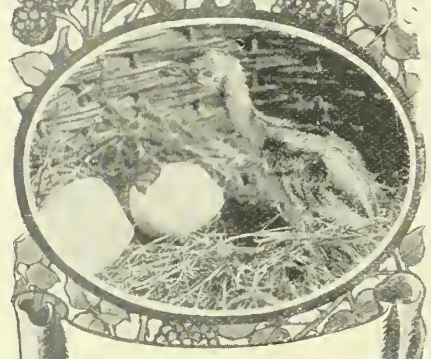
The Spice-bird and the Bengalee will be found portrayed in the body of the paper this week.

"Think of your woods and orchards without birds!
Of empty nests that cling to boughs and beams,
As in an idiot's brain remembered words
Hang empty mid the cobweb of his dreams!
Will bleat of flocks or bellowing of herds
Make up for the lost music when your teams
Drag home the stingy harvest, and no more
The feathered gleaners follow to your door?"—*Musician's Tale.*

NOTES ON NESTLINGS

By Frank Finn, B.A., F.Z.S.

Young Porphyrio.

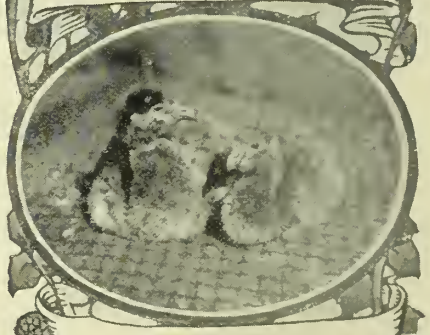


Young Rhea, 2 hours old.

Pair of Penguins and young.

Young Barn-Owls.

Young Herring-Gull.



Young Screamers.

Razorbill, half fledged.

AN INTERESTING TOPIC.

The appearance and habits of young birds should be an interesting subject to aviculturists, since so many people go in for breeding birds nowadays; it is also one of great importance in ornithology. The condition of the young, whether helpless nestlings or active chicks, is an extremely valuable point in classification, for it appears to be quite constant in every natural family, and also in groups of related families. A member of the Duck or Pheasant family which produced young naked and helpless like young Canaries would be a phenomenon indeed.

THE TEST OF THE TOE.

It may be asked—and the question is of some importance from the point of view of practical aviculture as well as science—how is one to tell what the young of an unknown bird will be like? One may come upon a species which one cannot place, according to one's experience of bird-groups. What sort of chicks may one expect from such creatures?

The answer is: Look at the hind-toe. If this be noticeably smaller than the other toes, as in the duck and fowl, or if it be absent altogether, as in many Plovers, the young will probably be downy and active, running or swimming freely, as we know young chicks and ducks do.

If, however, the hind-toe is well-developed, and suited for grasping a perch, like that of a Pigeon or Canary, or if there be two toes turned backwards, as in a Parrot, then the young of that bird will usually be a nestling, and unable to look after itself. This rule applies whatever be the habits of the parents; thus, among perchers with helpless young we get not only Finches and pigeons, but also Cormorants and Herons.

ACTIVITY AND INACTIVITY.

Penguins, having a quite rudimentary hind-toe, might be expected to produce lively chicks; but they are among the few exceptions. The young Penguin is downy, indeed, and has its eyes open at birth, but it stays in the nest a long time, till it is as big as the parents. Then it begins to fledge, and not until this process is complete does it take to the water, so that the old ones have a lot to do in feeding it, especially considering that they have to walk to and from the sea, being unable to fly.

It is a curious fact that young Penguins—at any rate the young of the Cape species (*Spheniscus demersus*), which is that most frequently seen in captivity—acquire feathers first on the wings, although these will never be used for aerial flight, but only as paddles. In the young of the Auks, which so much resemble the Penguins in many ways, the fledging proceeds more evenly all over, as may be seen in the illustration of the young Razorbill.

The young of the Razorbill and other Auks, and of the cliff-building gulls, are examples of young birds which are able to move about but have little opportunity of doing so, being born in such elevated and narrow tenements that pedestrian exercise is impossible, being too dangerous.

I have been able to observe that young Guillemots walk even better than their parents, which usually only shuffle along on their hocks; but it does not do for Guillemot chicks to be too nimble, hence in their case Nature places a premium on laziness. In this way we can see how the helplessness of some young birds may have been acquired through natural selection, supposing that all birds originally had active young like their relatives the reptiles.

BIRDS' BABY-CLOTHES.

The down of young birds varies a great deal in character and quantity; in ducklings it is much like fur, in Owlets fluffy to a degree, which makes the little things look like powder-puffs; in Canaries and most other small birds it is very scanty, and in many species absent altogether. Sometimes the young birds are at first naked and become downy in a few days, as is the case with young Cormorants; but all active young birds have a full coat of down from their exit from the egg. Such present a very woe-begone appearance when they first appear in their wet coats, as the picture of the young Rhea shows. But they soon dry, and some species do not even wait for this before trying to run; at any rate, I have seen young Californian Quails start stumbling attempts to do so.

It will be noticed that most active chicks are clothed in down which is variously, and often very prettily, coloured. I need only recall the chocolate-and-cream streaks of game chickens and the black-and-yellow pied pattern of young ducks. These patterns, no doubt, are usually of protective value, and certainly are so in the case of the streaked young of the game-birds, which are very hard to find when squatting on the ground for concealment. Similarly protective designs are the peppered colouration of young Plovers, and the spotted stone-grey of young Gulls.

The protective value of patterns in game-chicks is confirmed by the colour of one of the few in which a pattern is absent—the young of the See-see Partridge (*Ammoperdix*), which is plain buff. This is a desert species, hence a plain sandy colour hides the chick better than a variegated coat.

SOME PUZZLES.

There are, however, cases in which the colour of the young birds is not so easily explained. Why, for instance, are young Grebes so beautifully striped? If they lived ashore among grass, the explanation would be easy, but they spend nearly all their time either in the water or on the old bird's back, so that little protection can be needed.

Then, why are young Rails plain black, like the young Porphyrio illustrated, or dark brown, and young Cranes buff? If it is so necessary for young ground-birds to be concealed, one would think a striped or speckled pattern would have been better. The explanation would seem to be that Rails are very cunning and clever skulkers, and Cranes big and powerful, so that parental supervision renders any elaborate concealing pattern unnecessary. And in each of these cases both parents look after the brood and defend it.

This view of the case is supported by the fact that the young of birds which live in nests and are helpless, though downy, hardly ever exhibit distinct patterns, being usually of some nearly uniform light or dark tint, often absolutely black or white. It has been suggested that the white chicks are so coloured to keep them cooler under the glare of the sun in an open nest; but this theory will not hold water for several reasons. An open nest need not necessarily be in the sun; moreover, the colours of the chicks do not fit in with the theory at all.

The Peregrine Falcon breeds on an exposed cliff, and its young are white; the Barn-Owl nests in a gloomy hole, and has white young too. Cormorants, which usually build in the open, have black young, but the young of some of the hole-breeding Petrels are likewise dark. I have even seen, in Calcutta, the Dwarf Cormorant (*Phalacrocorax javanicus*) and its near relative, the Darter, or Snake-bird (*Plotus melanogaster*) breeding in the open on the same tree-tops, and the former has black young and the latter white!

A POSSIBLE EXPLANATION.

After all, it cannot matter very much what colour nestling birds are, for if an enemy finds their home and cannot be beaten off by the parents, the colour of the little inmates cannot save them then. This is the reasoning applied by my friend, Mr. D. Dewar, with regard to the eggs laid in other situations than on the ground or in holes, and I think it applies to young birds, too.

If we are right, it does not matter what coats such young ones wear if their nest is in a safe situation or protected well by the parents. Thus they tend to become uniformly light or dark in their down, the need for elaborate patterns no longer existing, just as the chicks of our fowls have in many cases lost the "game" striping, and become black or yellow, since poultry were taken under the protection of man.

This would also explain the uniformity of tint in young ground or water birds whose parents are well able to protect them, such as the cinnamon colour of young Cranes, the grey of Cygnets, and the yellow and olive of the young Screamers figured, whose parents are remarkably well armed with two spurs on each pinion-joint. No need to masquerade in imitation of the background when both parents are skilled in the use of "knuckle-dusters"!

In the case of the little singing-birds safety lies in concealment, and the nest is cosy and warm, so we find the down is very scanty, or disappears altogether; the only passerine bird whose young has a full coat of down is an unusually big one, the Lyre-bird of Australia.

GAPERS AND GOBBLERS.

Every keen observer of bird-life must have noticed that the method of feeding among young birds varies as much among the different groups as does their dress. The active ones usually pick up their own food, as do our chicks and ducks. But a few, like the Moorhen and other Rails, the Grebes, the Gulls, and the Cranes, much prefer their parents, at any rate for the first few days, to find the food and hold it for them to peck at; these young, however, do not gape and hold their mouths open. Gulls bring home the food in their gullets, and often vomit it on the ground for the young ones to pick up.

Most nestling birds gape for food, in the manner so familiar to us in young Canaries. But there is a variation of this method. When the young bird gapes, the old one puts its bill into its mouth; but in some families the process is reversed, and the nestling's bill goes inside its parent's, as with pigeons and Parrots. Some of the waders and waterfowl carry this process further, though some, like the Storks and Herons, gape for food. The young Ibis thrusts its bill right down the parent's throat, and the young Cormorant fairly rams its head and neck in, with the impetuous greediness which has given the family its name for gluttony.

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A Rare Northern Visitor—the Nutcracker.

The illustration gives a good idea of the Nutcracker's plumage, the ground colour of which is sooty-brown, with the wings and tail glossy black. The bird in size, flight, and habits, closely resembles the Jay, but feeds more on nuts, and frequents conifer-forests, whence its German name of "Fir-jay."

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"OUR TRUE INTENT IS ALL FOR YOUR DELIGHT."—*Midsummer Night's Dream.*

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To pictorially represent all the many loyal and hard working spirits to whose practical support "Cage Birds" owes its present position would be, of course, an impossibility. On these pages we show just a few of our helpers, for whose valuable aid we are and shall be always profoundly grateful.

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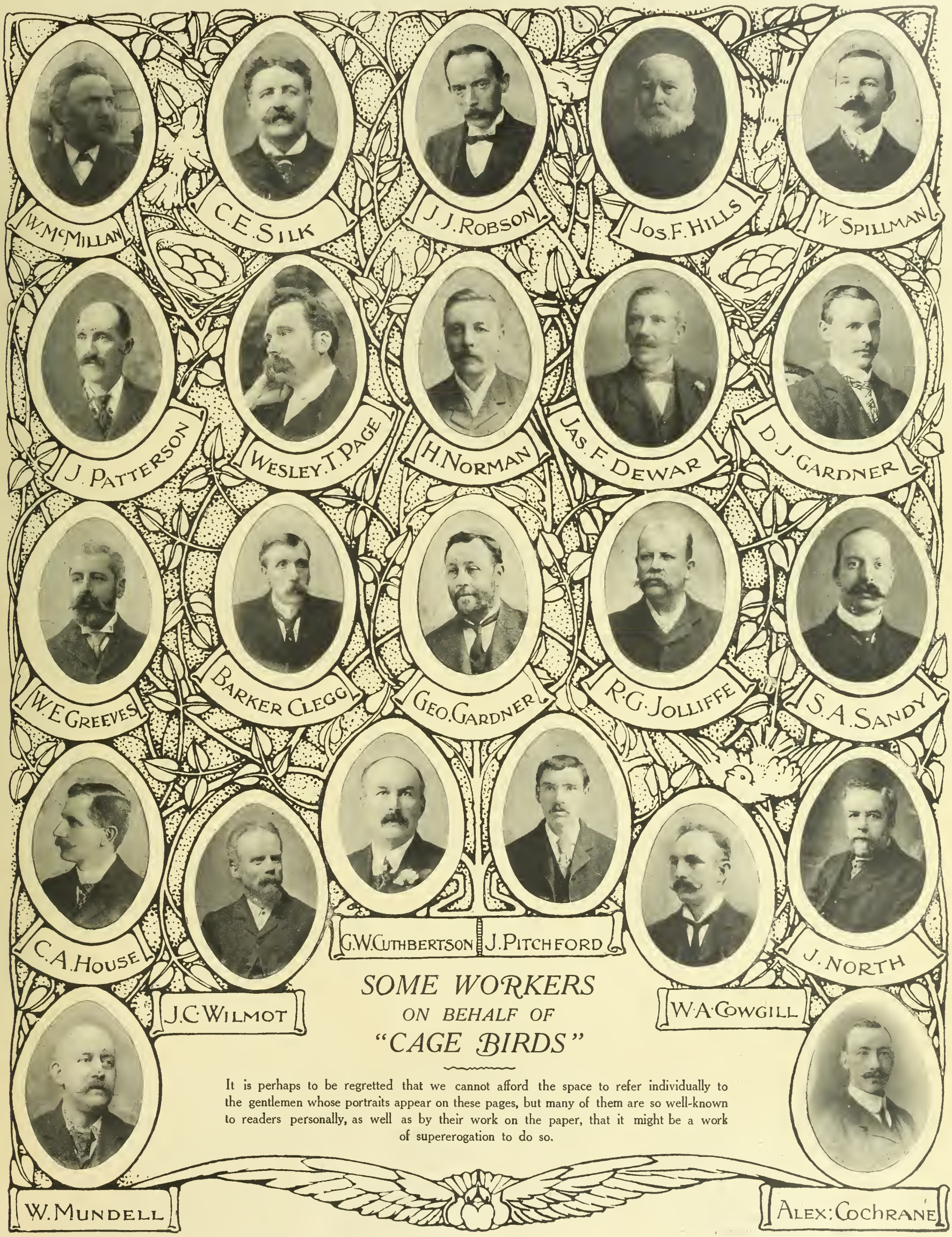
"WE'LL STRIVE TO PLEASE YOU EVERY DAY."—*Twelfth Night,*



SOME WORKERS ON BEHALF OF "CAGE BIRDS"

It is perhaps to be regretted that we cannot afford the space to refer individually to the gentlemen whose portraits appear on these pages, but many of them are so well-known to readers personally, as well as by their work on the paper, that it might be a work of supererogation to do so.

SUPPLEMENT TO "CAGE BIRDS" BIRTHDAY NO. 1907.

THE POPULAR PLAINHEAD

MY EXPERIENCES OF THE NORWICH CANARY

BY W. VARDY

THESE personal experiences of the Norwich Plainhead Canary, specially contributed to CAGE BIRD's Birthday Number by one of our oldest and most successful breeders and exhibitors of the variety, will, we feel assured, be perused with acceptance alike by those skilled and those unskilled in the art of producing show specimens of "the popular Plainhead," and form a basis for the younger generation of fanciers to work upon in their endeavours to achieve greater success than has up to the present fallen to their lot. Mr. Vardy's deeds amongst the Norwich Plainheads need little recapitulation here: for several decades his name has been a "household word" amongst keepers of the variety. It is well over a quarter of a century ago since birds from his room commenced to make their presence felt among the prize-lists, and unvarying good fortune has attended him down to the present day, the quality of his exhibits still telling its tale in no uncertain manner wherever his team puts in an appearance. Mr. Vardy won the Twenty Guinea Challenge Cup of the Norwich Plainhead Club outright in the years 1899-1900-1901. Beside this he has secured the Hyson Green (Notts) and the Sheffield Cups, in addition to being the holder for the time being of many other trophies. Perhaps the performance he takes most pride in, however, was that accomplished at the International, Scotland *versus* England, Contest, held at Preston two seasons ago, when he accounted for no fewer than five first prizes—a splendid feat indeed.

THE ROOM AND THE CAGES.

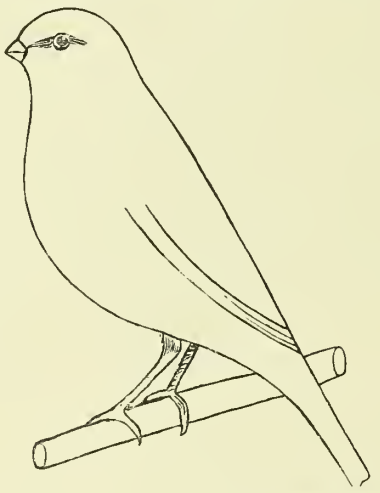
To my way of thinking, the fancier who sets out to breed Canaries, no matter of what variety, is the better off if he can provide himself with a bird-room—that is to say, a room which he can keep entirely for his birds. I am well aware that plenty of breeders do well who have not this convenience, and I do not wish anyone to think that he cannot produce and keep good birds without a room. That would be wrong, for often a corner in a bedroom or a quiet living-room can be used with every success. But wherever they are kept it should be arranged that the birds are free from disturbance as much as possible, and from strangers moving about and looking into the cages, especially when breeding operations are in progress, for then these things tend to put them off the proper performance of their duties.

I like a room facing South very much, and think, if anything, this is the best outlook of all. But it is not essential it should face this way, for many fanciers get along nicely in rooms which face the opposite direction. You must, though, get a room with plenty of light—the more light the better. I have myself done very well in a breeding-room with the window facing West, and consider this very good, as the old birds can see to feed their young much longer at night, a point all in favour of the breeder. The earlier the birds can see to get to work in the morning, and the longer they are able to keep it up in the evening, the better the chances of the young birds developing quickly into well-built and well-nourished specimens.

Many varieties of cages are adopted by different breeders, but I do not think it necessary for me to go into details about all of them. It will be more to the point if I describe the kind of cages I am using myself at the present day, the cages which my experience has led me to prefer as the best for all-round purposes, and explain the points about them that commend themselves to me.

My breeding-cages are all of one size and pattern, that known as the double-breeder, or two-compartment cage, 36 ins. long, 18 ins. high, and 10 ins. from back to front, with a division down the centre to permit of either a wired or an all-wood slide being inserted. They have removable wire fronts, made with the flat cross-bars (punched bars), which are a great improvement on the old style of cross-bar lapped with binding-wire. They are made perfectly plain, for ornamentation is of no use to the breeder, and does not improve the looks of the cages, but only makes them more difficult to keep perfectly clean. There are, of course, two doors in the front, made on the slide-up principle.

I like this class of cage, for they come in very useful all the year round, besides being so easy to clean out and overhaul when needed. With the wood slide down the centre one has excellent single stock cages. Without any slide at all one has fair-sized flight-cages. In the breeding season you do not need any nursery cages, for by running in the wired slide you can part the young from the old birds when the latter are ready to go to nest again, and they will finish off the feeding of their brood through the wired portion of the division. They are also very useful in the pairing-up of the birds, as you can part the couples when they are quarrelsome and seem disinclined to mate, as so many are apt to do at first. I leave the wire slide in between them until they "make friends," then draw it out again, when everything goes on just as you want it to.



Mr. Vardy's Ideal Norwich Plainhead.

Depicted by Master J. Vardy (age 15 years), one of three sons, each of whom is clever with the pencil.

Down one side of my room I have set out my flight cages. These are 5 ft. long, 2 ft. high, and 2 ft. from back to front. I have eight of them, arranged in two stacks of four. They are made in the same plain style as the breeding-cages—known, in fact, as the "box pattern," that is, wired in front only. I use the removable punched-bar fronts in these also, with slide-up doors in the centre; they are so convenient, and enable you to clean out the cages at any time thoroughly and easily. The flight-cages are fitted to permit of a dividing slide being run down the centre, so that the birds may be run from one to the other while being cleaned out, or for any other reason you may desire.

I like this kind of flight-cage very much. I have found them quite large enough for all ordinary purposes, and yet not too cumbersome to handle when necessary to do so. At one time I fixed up a very large flight, running right down the side of the room, and going well up to the ceiling, with a depth of about 5 ft. from front to back. But while this was very good for the birds to exercise in, I soon found it had a defect which made it useless to me. All the young birds I threw in to moult got very wild, and when I caught them up to give them their education in a show-cage, I had a lot of trouble on this score. Young Canaries get very nervous, and but little knocking about is needed to smash their tender flight and tail feathers. As the new feathers will grow longer than the old ones, this is a point to be avoided, for, as everyone knows, short tails and short wings are needed in exhibition Norwich.

(Exigencies of space compel the holding over of the remainder of Mr. Vardy's description of his room until the next instalment.—ED.)

A WORD-PICTURE OF THE IDEAL.

Having described my bird-room and the way it is fitted, I think I had better go on to describe the Norwich Plainhead which constitutes my ideal, after which I will give you the methods I adopt when trying to breed the same. I like a fairly large bird, by which I mean a bird from 6 to 6¼ ins. long. This is quite long enough for any exhibition Norwich Plainhead, but get the bird as big as you can for this length, that is to say, with as much substance as possible. A 6-in. bird with a poor frame will look long and thin, but a stoutly-built bird of that length will look just as we all want them, short and chubby.

The head is the first thing to look at in most varieties of the Canary family, and this applies with force to the Norwich Plainhead. Its head must be of good size, proportionate to the chubby body, and nicely rounded from the beak to the back of the skull, with a good rise starting directly from the beak and continuing to the crown. It must also be well-rounded from eye to eye, and free from all "browing," as feathers hanging over the eyes are termed. The flat, browy head we often see in birds is a thing to be avoided. What you want is a head something like a nut, with a bold eye set in the centre at each side, and carrying a neat, short beak. This is what I call a correct head. The beak, by-the-way, is a point often overlooked. Yet what looks worse than a heavy beak?—it gives any bird an ugly appearance. The feathers, of course, must fit closely all over the head.

To carry the ideal head we must have a short, thick neck—the thicker the better, for I have not yet seen a bird with a neck which has been too thick. Let the bird, too, be well filled-in at the cheeks. In the body it must be as short as possible, and taper off well to the tail, or, as the show reports often put it, be "well cut away behind." The less a bird has at the back of the legs the better. The back should be broad and well filled-in, and the chest bold, deep and well-rounded, which will give you the necessary thickness through the shoulders, and width across the breast.

The wings require to be short and well-braced—that is, carried tight against the body. A bird with slack wing-carriage never looks well. The flight feathers must lie evenly, and the tips just meet at the root of the tail, fitting closely without crossing—known as being "well-packed." The tail itself has something to do with this, however, for if not short and carried stiffly, as it ought to be, you can often see between the wings and tail, which lends the appearance of bad wing-carriage. A "hinge-tail" is a bad fault for any bird to have. It should be carried in a line with the wings and the back, and be kept there, and all the tail feathers should keep close together. A well-folded tail helps a bird a lot, whereas an open, or fish-tail, is all against it. The legs require to be of medium length, neither long enough to give the bird a stilty appearance, nor short enough to make it seem to hug the perch.

You need a jaunty carriage—just sufficient "life" in the bird to cause it to move briskly from perch to perch, without any suspicion of unsteadiness or ruffling of the plumage. A dull, or sluggish bird, is often handicapped owing to the trouble a judge has to get it to tighten up and show itself properly; a wild bird, of course, stands but little chance of success. Then, to top all, you must have quality of feather and colour. The plumage should be soft, shining, and silky-looking, fitting so tightly that the bird seems as though moulded out of wax. Dry, harsh feather, which carries no polish, is a heavy handicap. Colour is also essential, but it must be bred into the birds, or you cannot hope to feed it into them; and this we can leave till a later stage.

I think I have now enumerated those points which, if only you can get them all into one bird, will leave you with something very nearly approaching our "ideal" Norwich Plainhead Canary of to-day. (*To be continued.*)

SOME RARE EXHIBITS OF RECENT YEARS.

By H. Norman.

THOSE who have followed the cage-bird fancy for a number of years, and who will let their memory slip back, cannot but agree with me that the British bird section is now of much greater interest than it ever was. We have many more exhibits, both in the Finches and Softbills, the birds are shown in much better condition, and we frequently are shown some rarity that sets our tongues a-wagging. There was a time when the only Softbills exhibited were such common species as Thrushes, Blackbirds, and Starlings. In those days hardly any attempt was made to understand the requirements of more delicate birds, and even the Thrushes were not cared for and fed as they are now. Canaries, as cage-birds, occupied the leading position, and if anyone had a tendency towards bird-keeping it was generally a pair or so of these that took their fancy. Even the Finch family was only tolerated for the purpose of mule-breeding, or for keeping in small cages as songsters.

All this has been changed; not suddenly but gradually. As each year passed we saw some improvement—some new species added to the classification. Who among the most ardent of us would ever have dreamed of a class of 50 Goldfinches, or of a score of the common and despised Greenfinch? Who ever thought it was possible to cage and stage the Blackcap and Nightingale? Both species, however, have often been shown, and these one-time rarities are now seldom seen, even in the prize list! Although 'Gales then had a class to themselves, and a well-filled one, too, they now seldom number more than two or three at even big shows. So, too, had the Robin, and a most charming exhibit he made, but his adaptability to cage life killed the venture, for many were caught a week or so before the show, and as they possessed the rich wild plumage, generally secured the prizes.

The Robin class is one we would like to see revived, for with our present-day knowledge of Softbills it is doubtful whether the wild specimen would head the poll. Birds would be carefully selected for size and colour, moulted upon good food in an outside aviary, and caged ready for exhibiting.

Among the rarer exhibits we must not forget to mention the Wagtails. These graceful birds have been taken up with avidity. Their pretty manners and engaging tameness make them charming cage-birds. They are one and all delightful, the Greys possibly standing pre-eminent, although some lovely Yellows have been shown and a few Blue-headed specimens have done well in recent years. Fanciers looked askance at the first of the latter species exhibited, some openly doubting its nationality. But many of these birds found their way to our shores during the spring months, although in consequence of their close resemblance to the Grey were no doubt frequently overlooked. They generally come with flocks of Yellow Wagtails and frequent the fields and meadows, where probably some of them nest, but get overlooked.

Another bird whose nationality was questioned is the beautiful Black Redstart. Yet this bird is a regular winter visitor, especially along the southern coast. A fine specimen is indeed a handsome bird, and to my mind excels the ordinary Redstart, although he lacks the beautiful colouring of the breast. Still, its black and blue-grey plumage make up a most charming picture.

Generally there has only been one of this species of any note exhibited during a season, but three or four years ago there happened to be two good ones going the round of the shows, each taking premier honours These birds met in competition at one of the Palace Exhibitions, and both were such excellent specimens that any fancier might well have said either was the better. It was, indeed, not until they were scanned side by side that there was any apparent difference. Then it could be seen that the one hailing from the Eastern counties was slightly larger and more perfect in black markings; still, the difference was very slight and only discernible by the "experts." The best of the pair stood first, and the other, in consequence of the many rare exhibits staged in the same class, was relegated to fourth position. Unfortunately there was no help for this, although a fourth prize was not by any means a true approximation of its worth, as compared with the first bird, which only just managed to beat it.

In this same class was shown a good specimen of the elusive Sedge Warbler (catalogued as a Grasshopper Warbler). Very few of these birds have found their way upon the show bench, which is rather surprising when one considers how plentiful they are on our marshes and reedy streams. Netting them with a silk net is not a difficult matter, as they can be driven up the stream almost as easily as a Kingfisher.

Writing of the marshes reminds one of the Reed Warbler, a still rarer exhibit, a bird quite as graceful and shapely, with all the sleek beauty of the Sedge-bird, but lacking its lovely markings. A very fine example was shown last season in London. We heard that a knowing young gentleman who was present brought all his lady friends to see the lovely "Nightingale." They hung round the cage for some time, hoping to hear the voice of the famous singer, but needless to say the Reed-bird did not oblige—not even with his own chattering song.

Not being remarkable for colour, nor possessing anything special in the way of markings, it is very doubtful if these and kindred species do so well upon the show bench as they deserve. Yet to keep and stage a good Reed Warbler is quite as difficult a feat as the staging of some of the more showy birds. Few people are familiar enough with these species in a wild state to determine if the specimen be a good one or only an indifferent example.

With most of our rare exhibits, someone sets a fashion which is invariably followed by others. Just now the beautiful little Tree Creeper (if a fair specimen) is almost certain to be among the winners, and no doubt the exhibitor deserves the award, for such birds are not by any means easy to keep. They are always attractive to visitors, and their quick, animated ways make them delightful exhibits. Of the many shown there have been only one or two really good specimens, for although they are practically a white and brown bird many fail in purity on the breast, which should be silvery and lustrous, not a dull, lead-like colour. The markings in one or two specimens are as near to perfection as possible, and given a suitable interior to the show-cage, and good health and condition, they deserve all the prizes that fall to their lot.

Running the Tree Creeper hard just now for premier honours is the Pied Flycatcher. Both of the Flycatchers are most difficult birds to keep. In a state of nature they live almost exclusively upon insects, and to supply this want sufficiently to keep the birds in a fit condition to exhibit is a difficult task. In addition, the Pied Flycatcher is not by any means a common bird It is, in fact, numbered among the rarer birds of this country, so that when an exhibitor is fortunate enough to obtain a good specimen, and to stage it in perfect condition, it is indeed hard lines to have that bird misplaced in the honours list through ignorance or caprice. But this class has always been a most difficult one to judge, and always will be with so many rare cage-birds competing together.

Last, but least only in size, is the rare Fire-crested Wren—rare enough as a wild species, but much rarer as a caged one. It is doubtful whether more than two or three genuine specimens have ever been shown Several so-called Fire-crests have proved to be highly-coloured Golden-crests. Of the latter species many little beauties have been exhibited, some of them very tastefully and artistically staged. Of these I think the house-moulted specimen now being shown by Mr. Maxwell is deserving of special mention. It certainly lacks a little in depth and richness of colour, but has been shown in most perfect health and condition—a feat which has never been excelled in aviculture.

A Rare Visitor to our Shores.

The Crested Titmouse.

Drawn by Miss. L. M. Medland.

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1. A Breedy Yorkshire.
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6. Stilty and Hinge-Tailed.
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12. Slipped Toe.

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The PRACTICAL SIDE of BRITISH BIRD KEEPING

BY A. COCHRANE.

NOTWITHSTANDING the wide dissemination of general knowledge on bird-keeping through the medium of CAGE BIRDS, and the happily broader-minded attitude of fanciers towards that particular branch of the hobby (other than their own) taken up by fellow-fanciers, it is still not unusual to hear expressions of how easy and simple the keeping of British birds is in comparison to the culture of the Canary. How very far this theory is removed from squaring with actual practice it would be difficult to say which realises most, the person who has reached the top of the ladder, or the person who has tried to do so and failed. I am assuming, for the purpose of this article, that successful moulting for the show bench is the aim of every British bird keeper; and this successful moulting really means, in a word, their successful keeping in health and condition.

It is certain that the beginner is pretty sure to be disappointed who starts off with the impression that all he has to do is to secure good specimens and follow faithfully the generally-accepted ideas on feeding and management for him and his birds to have a good time. It may be accepted as an axiom that while a good specimen may moult out badly, a poor specimen will *never* moult out a winner. Whether aware of this or not, the beginner generally seeks to obtain the best specimen he can, and with his difficulty here comes his first insight into the *practice* of obtaining good specimens as opposed to the mere *theory*. It will only be after a more-or-less lengthy experience that he learns that real good specimens are found only in a very small minority; further, that the undoubtedly best specimen at the moment is *not* the one to secure with a view to moulting out well. Indeed, he may never gain that subtle ability to choose "rough diamonds" which is possessed by so few, and whose selections would sometimes, to his mind, appear to approach uncommonly near to the "poor specimen" of the axiom above referred to. This is a matter on which it is extremely difficult to give any hints, and only a close study of details such as age, seasonal changes, temperament of the individual bird, etc., on the part of the beginner himself will bring any enlightenment.

The subject of feeding he should approach with something of an open mind, remembering the adage about "one man's meat being another man's poison." Otherwise he will soon find that the rigid adherence to any set formula for feeding any given species is quite a mistake in the case of many individuals of that said species. For instance, while it is absolutely necessary that in most cases Goldfinches should have hemp seed, I have had some which from the first preferred canary seed and thrived for years on it. I knew a certain Goldie which had an unbeaten record on the show bench for four years running, which would never look at any seed other than maw, and another which bred three years to my knowledge and never ate any other than inga—that much-abused, yet very useful seed, so-called "poison." I maintain that so long as any bird appears to be thriving, its idiosyncrasies in feeding ought to be studied, not thwarted, due regard being paid to the general conditions under which the bird is kept.

On becoming possessed of a fresh specimen, it naturally occurs to one to see that it gets at the food and the latter is generally plentifully and conspicuously offered, but I am afraid that the perhaps more important matter of the water is often unconsciously neglected, with consequent loss of many valuable specimens. It should be borne in mind that, although the bird may drink freely out of the dealer's or catcher's store cage, it does not follow that it will immediately drink out of the vessel in the cage to which it has been transferred by the buyer. Therefore it behoves one to have a watchful eye. Further, if a bird is desired to drink from an outside vessel, see that the hole is just comfortably big; for instance, do not expect a Bullfinch to push its head out of a hole just big enough for the head of a Redpoll or Siskin. Unless one knows for a certainty that a bird has been accustomed to drink from the outside, it is always safest to place water both outside and in, withdrawing the latter when the bird has become accustomed to its new cage.

Unless the bird is fairly steady, it should be kept for some time, at least, in a very small cage. Again and again this point has been dwelt upon by writers, and my reason for once more referring to it is that I am much impressed by it, and think its importance cannot be exaggerated. I have examined the bodies of so many apparently plump, well-developed specimens, particularly Linnets, which before death showed no symptoms of the familiar bird diseases, and have found that a very high percentage indeed of these deaths resulted from injury to the head. The conclusion to be drawn here between putting a recently-caught bird into an ordinary roomy cage where it can dash about with more or less impetus, and into a small one where it cannot do so to any extent, is sufficiently obvious and offers a field for investigation, especially by catchers and dealers, for I know from experience it will have for them in particular very practical and profitable results.

I do not propose to enter largely into the question as to whether birds should be colour-fed or not, but I am convinced that more Britishers are spoiled than benefited by the process. Therefore I would advise the beginner to consider well whether the bird he proposes to "feed" is of a kind or colour likely to be improved by it. For instance, I never yet saw a Linnet improved by it (and I am something of a Linnet specialist), but I have seen many good ones ruined, insomuch that colour which was brown before became black, or "burnt" as they call it, after a course of "feeding." Now black is absolutely undesirable, whereas brown—of the proper shade, neither too light nor too dark—is really difficult to get. Again, with the Goldfinch my observations prove that colour-feeding may improve the yellow of the wings, but it undoubtedly darkens and blackens the chest marks, and transforms the blaze into a flat, bronzy, undesirable hue, in proportion to the amount given.

Turning to species whose general colouring lends itself to the effects of "pepper-feeding," such as the Siskin, Yellowhammer, Greenfinch, etc., it is a well-known fact that, notwithstanding all the colour-food which may be lavished upon them, and which they may greedily eat, a great many will moult out just as if they had never tasted it, their colour absolutely unaffected by it. So I again warn the beginner against the fallacy that colour-feeding is essential to what one might call the "remoulting of colour." Rather should he pin his faith to general cleanliness, good air, unlimited bathing and natural foods; nor should the latter be allowed to outweigh the other items in importance, particularly the bathing, frequent spraying being resorted to in the case of any birds which appear disinclined to use the water otherwise.

To moult well, a bird must *be* well. It is useless to hope for a sickly one to become well after the moult; on the contrary, the chances are that it will go to the wall. We all know the fancier who during winter attends the shows, works up his enthusiasm, and gets together a fair stock of likely birds. Spring arrives and his birds seemingly are getting on well enough. He then neglects to attend to them so well as he might in the matter of the early green-foods, dandelion, hawthorn buds, etc. Summer comes and he perhaps pursues some other hobby, to the further neglect of his birds—chickweed and groundsell ripen in vain for him. But as the moulting season approaches he begins to think of the coming shows, and to look out for greenstuff to help them on. But he is too late: the birds have lost their vigour, and his now feverish attention does but little to hasten or improve the lagging process of Nature. Eventually he wonders why his birds are so long in finishing, and look so poor after all.

Contrast this with the other man who has laid in a stock of personally-gathered dried wild seeds for winter use. Spring finds him always on the hunt for the earliest weeds, and his seed bill begins to decrease as his birds are eating less and less of this, and more and more of Nature's fresh supply. At the same time their owner's pleasure in them grows more and more intense, and his search after green-foods unremitting. Then, when the moult comes, he gets them well through it with the minimum of trouble and a minimum death-rate. Why?—simply because this attention on his part has kept their health up to "concert pitch," and so, being well, they moult well.

I think most fanciers are apt to overrate the importance of dried wild seeds. I do not mean to say that these are valueless—indeed I am now using up some 2-year-old knapweed—but I would like to press the importance of fresh wild seeds as opposed to preserved seeds. By-the-way, attention should be given to the quality of the green-food. It is worth walking another mile to get chickweed carrying more seed, or knapweed with bigger heads. Human nature inclines to prejudice, and so you find some fanciers discarding certain green-stuffs which others swear by. I advise a trial of them all.

I do not know whether it is prejudice against it, or whether it is scarce and comparatively unknown, but there is a weed which I do not remember having ever seen mentioned before, and that is goatsbeard ("Jack-go-to-bed-at-noon"). Its seeds are large and greatly relished by the birds. I often wonder why some of the various weeds are not purposely planted and cultivated in obscure corners by fanciers for their own future gathering. I do not think it is generally known, either, that rowan, privet, and other berries can be kept perfectly fresh for a considerable period if packed in dry sawdust, after the manner in which imported grapes reach the fruit merchant. Hence it is possible to strip a rowan tree in autumn when the berries are red and ripe (that is, if the birds in the garden do not forestall you) and later on present your Bullfinches and Hawfinches with a fine fresh bunch for a Christmas treat.

Perhaps the greatest bugbear the British bird-keeper experiences, and one of which the Canary fancier knows absolutely nothing, is their unfortunate knack of occasionally stampeding during the night. Panic seems to seize upon the birds and spreads from cage to cage. Sometimes only one or two become affected; sometimes the whole stock. They dash wildly about, knocking out flights and tails, till they subside, sometimes bleeding badly, from sheer exhaustion. Why this happens can often be accounted for: mice, a sudden noise, the flashing of a light, etc. But just as often it is impossible to explain. After much observation, absurd as it may seem, and at the risk of being thought ridiculous, I fancy that birds "dream." A dreamer falls off its perch, splutters about in its fright, and so begins the general disastrous panic. In this connection I have found Bramblefinches a positive danger in the bird-room, on account of their restlessness and noisy squealing during the hours of darkness.

Siskins and Redpolls have a nasty habit of sleeping on the wires, generally near the top. Besides messing the fronts, the strain often results in their becoming stilty-legged, Siskins especially. I have found that by inserting a short twig between the wires at about the spot which they favour, they can often be induced to roost on it, and after a time this twig can be gradually lowered till it reaches the level of the perches. After they have roosted on it for some nights at this level it can be dispensed with, when they will take to the perch itself, rarely seeking to sleep on the wires thereafter.

I have not of late years paid much attention to Softbills, though I must admit that the sweetness and delicate charm of manner of the smaller varieties always appeal to me.

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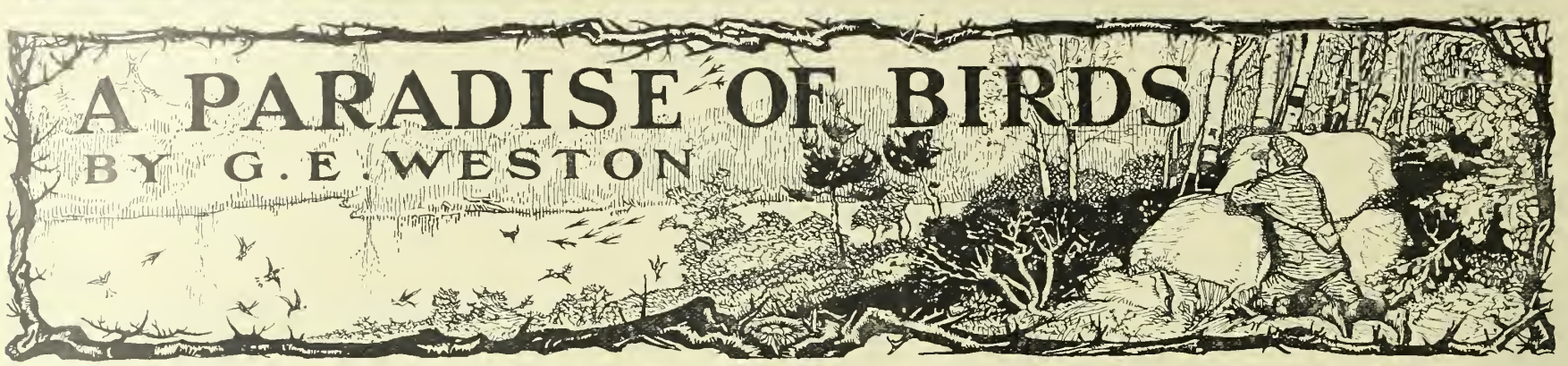

A lover of our native birds tells of one of England's tiniest Beauty Spots, and of some of its feathered inhabitants.

Go abroad
Upon the paths of Nature, and when all
Its voices whisper, and its silent things
Are breathing the deep beauty of the world,
Kneel at its simple altar. . . . .

WILLIS.

At the south corner of the Charnwood Forest, in a beautiful valley surrounded by rich woodlands, lies a straggling, picturesque village. Cottages with worn plaster sides supporting streaky, moss-grown thatch, gardens in which glorious roses bloom and fade, dainty villas with woodbine-laden porches and cool green lawns, from which yews and hollies of fantastic shape rise strangely up, deck the dusty grey road, which, seldom disturbed save when the Sparrows revel in the dirt, winds calmly on, and is lost at last, high up, in the shadow of the trees.

A little babbling trout stream runs across the centre of the village, passes under the roadway, and meanders on—over stepping-stones where Wagtails love to drink—past the ivy-covered church where, leaving the main road and turning sharply to the left, you are on the threshold of a very Paradise of Birds. Before, however, you may enter this "land of heart's desire," you must climb a high stone boundary-wall, by means of a particularly awkward stile.

A BEAUTY SPOT.

Once safely over, a scene of rare beauty is revealed; you find yourself, most unexpectedly, in a miniature ravine. This lovely spot—'tis but a dell some half-mile long—is part of a noble park of no little historic interest, containing, as it does, the ruins of the one-time home of the hapless Lady Jane Grey. On either side, grass-covered hills studded with huge boulders of slate and granite rise to a considerable height, and seem in the near distance almost to meet: there, though, the tumbled masses of rock and earth end as abruptly as they began. Long ago, in ages far remote, these tumbled masses of rock, by some awful convulsion of Nature's forces, were heaved from the bowels of the earth and piled in their present position, to develop, as time went on, that picturesque charm which captivates all who see.

Our old friend the trout stream threads its way along the bottom of the glade; rushing through channels narrow enough for a schoolboy to skip across; whirling and eddying over the tiniest of waterfalls; here and there widening out into placid, shallow pools—pools covered with a green mantle of duckweed, arrowheads and frog-bit. Underfoot is a carpet of springy moss, hidden during part of the year by a myriad ferns. Hundreds of venerable oaks, rugged and lichen-covered, line the hillsides; many, despite their centuries, are young still; others, mere shells of bark, struggle gallantly year by year to put forth their acorn-bearing leaves; and some, weird and ghastly, like forest ghouls, lift blackened, lightning-blasted arms towards the sky.

On the near left-hand side of the stream, along the carriage-road, and up the hillside, the presence of the general public, on certain days, is tolerated, and on such occasions scores of holiday-makers and other undesirables roam the place. Many there are who find no pleasure in restful quiet amid such beauty as this: inactivity bores them. With prying eyes they scan the bushes, trees and walls, and woe betide the birds that build within this zone—few ever rear their brood undisturbed. Only a bird's nest!—little such vandals consider the loving labour and ceaseless care rendered as nought by their ruthless hands.

On the far side of the stream the ground slopes upward directly from the water's edge, more precipitously and to a greater height. No pleasure-seekers ramble here—all is sacred to the game-keeper and his charges. Herds of graceful deer wander in the shade; rabbits feed and frolic in their thousands; the challenge of the pheasant rings through the air. Many pleasant hours have I spent here, seated, nearly hidden by the ferns, comfortably against a rock, with a pair of field-glasses, a pipe and tobacco, and, perhaps, a sandwich or two, an interested observer of the little "goings on" of some of our rarer British birds.

AN IDLER AMONGST THE BIRDS.

I may say that, being naturally of a lazy disposition, I am no believer in walking mile after mile, on and on, in search of birds. It is hot work usually, and always seems to induce—as a kind of second objective—thoughts of a public-house. And when you *do* drop across a bird it, as a rule, pops over the nearest hedge with a startled scurry before you have time to determine whether it is a Sparrow, a Hoopoe, or a Buzzard!

I may as well say, too, that I am not able to name on sight every bird one meets. The facility with which some, apparently, do this, is a standing marvel to me. Many species have some characteristic of form, flight, call, or song, which renders them instantly recognisable; and the locality in which they are seen will also assist to this end. But what of the number of sober-coloured birds, and particularly the indispensable females? Take the members of the family *Sylviidæ*. I do not believe anyone except, perhaps, an ornithologist of great experience, could accurately name them after just the momentary glimpse obtained as they flit away from you. And these are by no means the only species one could specify in this connection, especially so in regard to the females.

The walking method may, perhaps, enable an observer to see a great variety of birds in a short space of time, but of their inner domestic life, if I may so term it, he will learn next to nothing. I prefer to choose some likely spot—the centre of a thicket, the hedge surrounding a stubble-field, the banks of a stream (the nearer to timber the better), the interior of a wood, all are such—to take advantage of whatever cover it offers to conceal myself as closely as possible, and then to keep my eyes open for whatsoever comes my way. One seldom has to complain of boredom when pursuing such a plan: never in the Paradise just described.

Strange though it may seem, it is nevertheless true, that here one finds the representatives of species more or less rare (and nearly all these—I speak of the summer time—Softbills), outnumber those of varieties usually far more common. This fact, however, is easy of explanation: owing to the swampy, lush nature of the lower ground insect life, both winged and wingless, flourishes amazingly (so much so that towards the close of a hot summer day the place becomes positively unbearable unless you keep your oldest and strongest pipe constantly on the go), thus ensuring an abundance of food—an irresistible attraction. Then, too, the sheltered position, the almost never-ending quiet, and the conformation of the ground generally—the loosely-set granite walls, teeming with likely crevices; the trees, fissured with age and the storms of centuries; the thick, well-nigh impenetrable bushes; the gorse-covered rocks; the hollow, reed-fringed banks of the stream—make it an ideal breeding place for those birds. It is rarely used for such a purpose by the smaller seed-eaters; they seem to prefer the plantations and hedges on the more open ground outside, and nearer the gardens and orchards of the village.

It is obviously impossible in the course of a short article to mention, even briefly, the many different birds I have identified and watched in this little dell, and in the plantations and on the open ground outside; a few notes here and there are all one can give. Starlings swarm to excess: from almost every tree where there is a decent-sized hole the metallic cry of their nestlings may be heard. Although sociable and of great value as insect destroyers, they need their ranks thinning; they are far too numerous, and must crowd out birds of greater interest and rarity that also nest in the holes of trees.

SOME CLIMBERS OF TREES.

That very handsome bird, the Green Woodpecker, is by no means rare; the Greater Spotted Woodpecker is also to be found, but the Lesser Spotted Woodpecker, though I have watched carefully, I have yet to see. These species are not altogether easy to keep under observation, their search for food, round and round the tree, taking them out of your sight one moment and in the next, and they always seem to drop off a tree on the side farthest away from you, and to keep the trunk in their line of flight. The peculiar cry they rarely fail to utter on alighting soon rediscovers them however. Their use of their tails, in supporting themselves, is extraordinary: I have repeatedly seen this bird in such a position as to look for all the world as though it had dug its caudal appendage into the bark, and were giving a little exhibition of the art of balancing on the tip.

A nest of that shy little bird, the Tree Creeper, I found about twelve feet from the ground in the hollow of a decayed branch. In it were five promising nestlings, and a snugger household would be hard to find. I noticed that the parents when returning from their excursions after food, never lit on the tree anywhere near the nest, but generally much lower down and on the opposite side, from whence they ran swiftly upwards, over e branch, and so to the nest hid within the fissure. The agility they display is wonderful. Nuthatches, too, find the locality congenial—they always remind me strongly of certain foreign birds—and seem very fond of tinkering up their nesting places, some alteration being usually deemed necessary. Several times I have seen Wrynecks hereabouts, but their nests I have never discovered. All birds, in fact, which build their homes in the holes and crevices of trees, or in the ivy and other parasitic plants attached to them, are in their element here, and few species go unrepresented.

A STUDY IN BLACK-AND-WHITE.

Spotted Flycatchers abound: sweet little things, confiding and industrious—hawking for flies the livelong day. I have found only one nest of the Pied Flycatcher, and that was foredoomed to destruction—built within the danger zone. I was somewhat nonplussed when I first saw these sprightly black and white little birds; I could not think what they were. I was walking by the side of the brook as I caught sight of the cock; a few paces further on the hen dropped, apparently, off the bark of a tree. A search of the spot revealed a small cup-shaped hollow, left by the forcible breaking off of a lower bough (probably by boys swinging on it), which held a neat nest of moss, bents and hair. Reposing therein were five pale blue eggs: the mystery was no more. On concealing myself the hen—modestly garbed by comparison with her mate—presently came back and settled down on her treasures. I could see her head and neck standing out above the sides of the hollow—reminding me strangely of the sugar caricatures sold as "Easter eggs"—and I had my fears: she was easily seen where there were so many to see. Two days later, on re-visiting the spot, I found every egg had disappeared.

"IMPUDENT LITTLE BEGGARS."

Those impudent little beggars, the Blue Tits, lord it all over the place. The Greater Tit and, in a lesser degree, the Coal Tit, are also very much in evidence; but the Marsh Tit (though the place seems so suitable) and the Long-tailed Tit have yet to come under my notice.

It is a treat to watch the little "Billy-biters"—their ceaseless activity, their acrobatic ability, and their swagger, excite one's wonder and admiration. I kept my eyes on one tiny couple so often and so long that they got to know me well; my presence did not alarm or hinder them one jot, though I sat and smoked at the foot of the tree which, not

ten feet up, held "all their little world." The hen was particularly inclined to be chummy: when she alighted on the tiny branch nearest the nest, with a fat, juicy grub in her beak, and observed me gazing sympathetically at her, down would come a friendly "tweet." Of course I never failed to "tweet" back, and up would go the feathers on her head—from very pleasure, I'll swear.

GOOD FEEDERS AND GOOD FIGHTERS.

Such indefatigable foragers these Blue Tits were, too: prodigious the number of plant-lice, caterpillars, and grubs consigned to an early grave by them. On two occasions, towards the dusk of evening (in the busy time, so to speak) I timed them in their visits to an oak close by from which the majority of their victims came. On the first occasion, when the youngsters were some three days old, in five minutes the pair did thirteen journeys; a week later, in the same space of time, they actually went one better. A little arithmetic on the basis of these facts gives one figures more than a little astounding, even after deducting a big percentage for intervals for personal "light recreation." If we could only cross their abilities in this direction into our strains of Canaries!

On one occasion I endeavoured to get a glimpse into the interior of the nest, to ascertain the number of youngsters. The hen, however, strongly objected. Unable to gauge the exact wickedness of my designs, she brought up her heavy batteries to defend the position: ruffled herself out all a-shake with rage, hissed and spit like a vicious she-cat, and looked so furious and obnoxious generally, that I beat a hurried retreat. It is a remarkable impulse this, the love of the helpless offspring—unconquerable, even though involving death. And yet in a few days' time every member of this tenderly-nurtured brood would fly out into the wide world and she would know them no more. Some little while later I discovered it was a case of "we are seven," not by any means a large family for a Blue Tit.

DINING IN THE DARK.

In these woods and ruins the Wren finds abundant choice of nesting sites, and many a big-domed structure is hidden hereabouts. Jenny is a clever architect, and designs and finishes her nest with great nicety, taking advantage the while of every possible means of concealment the site affords. I discovered one nest hidden in the hollow of a thick semi-ruined wall, the face of which was covered with a dense growth of matted ivy. It took me some time to locate—I doubt whether I ever should have found it but for the visits of the old birds with food—the outside of the nest harmonising so well with the accumulation of dead refuse at the back of the ivy, and the thickness of the latter rendering the light so very dim, the interior of the nest, as far as human eyesight was concerned, being pitchy dark. I imitated the low call of the parent birds, and, judging by the volume of answering "cheeps" within, the progeny was, as usual, a numerous one. The "instinct"—call it what you will—which enables the old birds to feed them in the dark one after the other evenly (as must be the case) is surely little short of miraculous.

Along the banks of the stream the Grey and Pied Wagtails nest freely, holes in the bank and in the walls alongside being usually favoured, though, not infrequently, the cavities in the undermined roots of a tree are chosen.

TWO MISSING GEMS.

One would think such a spot as this would be the haunt of that beautiful bird the Kingfisher. His gorgeous beauty—flashing meteor-like down the stream—is one of the two things lacking in an otherwise perfect whole. That darker jewel, the Nightingale, is the other gem mourned by this lovely setting.

Philomel's "long trills and gushing ecstasies of song" heard as the twilight faded in the West and the softened winds whispered to the trees would lend these glades a glamour their waking moments, beautiful though they be, could not hope to possess. But no!—its voice, "most musical, most melancholy," tunes not its "love-laboured song." Many a summer night have I lingered, hour after hour, hoping to hear its rapturous strains pour forth from some shady covert: alas! in vain. Sometimes the Sedge Warbler awakes and deputises in a disjointed manner; but what an apology for the 'Gale himself!

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My experiences when I kept the latter led me to conclude that about the easiest to keep was the Bearded Tit and the most difficult the Wagtails; but I am far from dogmatising on this point. I do not think the value of maw seed—which is rich in vegetable oil—as an aid in the feeding of Softbills is as well understood as it should be. Neither do I think the practice, which I long ago adopted, of having special fronts fitted with glass instead of wire, for use during the time the birds are under the spell of the migratory fever, is so well-known either. I found them of immense benefit, obviating the constant clinging to and fluttering against the wires, and resultant broken flights and tails and "skinned" nostrils. I have dwelt on the importance of supplying Hardbills with unlimited green-food; so, likewise, must Softbills be attended to in the matter of live insect food.

Properly treated, it is astonishing how long British birds will live in captivity, indeed, certain kinds are of little service on the bench till they have moulted several times—the Redstart and Yellow Wagtail, for instance. On the whole, I believe the Hardbills live longest, which, on reflection, is only as might be expected. As an instance of longevity, I might mention that I know a Bramblefinch which has been winning during this and for several seasons past, and, though seventeen times house-moulted, still looks youthful and fit. He is now in the possession of Mr. Sam Ward, of Glasgow, and has been owned at various times by nearly every prominent West of Scotland exhibitor, each of whom, presumably, parted with him because he was getting old! Undoubtedly the keeping of British birds demands more attention on the part of their owner than does the keeping of Canaries, and is a much more practical affair. Yet I would not have it supposed that this is a drawback; on the contrary I fancy that those who are devoted to their birds will agree with me that therein lies its greatest charm.

GOLD-CRESTED WRENS: Dainty Birds and their dainty aerial cradle.

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Some Rare Exhibits of Recent Years.

Depicted by Mr. H. NORMAN.

While the commoner birds must always claim a welcome corner in the hearts of bird lovers, it is to such rare and interesting exhibits as Mr. Norman shows us in the above plate that we look for the added attractiveness of our cage bird shows to-day. An interesting account of these species is given on page 11.

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Our Xmas Number Competition.

A splendid entry has been received for the front page colouring competition, arranged by us in connection with our last Christmas Number. Over 1,000 front pages, painted in every conceivable medium, crayon, oil, and water-colour, have come to hand. One of the birds has evidently caused great speculation amongst the competitors, some of whom picture it as a Linnet, others as a Greenfinch, others as a Chaffinch, and others as goodness knows what. A large number of the entries represent so much waste of time, but on the other hand a large number have taken the utmost pains, and the winning front will have to be a super-excellent effort. The winner of the prize offered will be announced next week. The competition certainly seems a highly popular one.

THE CAGE BIRD UNION.

The Penzance and Dist. Fanciers' Association has affiliated to the Union; their show being on Jan. 25th; King's Heath and Moseley, January 25th-26th, and Rugby and Dis., January 30th-31st.—G. W. F. Lythgoe.

BOLTON WOODS C.B.S.

On January 12th, general meeting held Victoria Hotel. Secretary presented the balance sheet, showing a balance of £7 4s. 7d., which is very satisfactory. The following gentlemen elected: President, Councillor H. W. Rodgerson; Chairman, Mr. W. B. Atkinson; Sec. and Treas., Mr. E. Shepherd; Assist. Sec., Mr. J. Hutton; Auditors, Messrs. W. Firth and W. B. Atkinson. Date fixed for concert and distribution of prizes was February 2nd, when we hope to have a good attendance of members and friends.—E. Shepherd, Hon. Sec.

CITY AND SUBURBAN A.C.B.

A large number of members attended the Annual General Meeting, headquarters, January 14th. There were no less than four nominations for membership. Ballot for officers resulted as follows:—Council, Messrs. Prance, 58 votes; Curtis, 57; Davis, 56; Daintry, 55; Pooley, 54; Easterling, Hart and Shepherd, 53; Burton, 50; Lazarus, 41; Vickery, 40; Bassett and Offord, 37. Mr. Bassett withdrew in favour of Mr. Offord. Auditors, C. Prior, 51 votes; F. W. Thorpe, 43. Trustee, R. L. Crisp, 49 votes. Judge for Pair Show, J. Robson, 37 votes. Of 82 ballot papers, 62 were returned. The annual balance sheet read and passed. Treasurer gave a few statistics, drawing attention to the fact that £4 6s. 4½d. had alone been saved in postage last year. In special prizes, they gave to the members in 1903, 19s. 6d.; in 1904, £1 8s. 1d.; in 1905, £1 13s. 6d., and in 1906, £5 5s. 11d. Their cash balance rose from 5s. 4d. when he took over the treasurership at the end of 1902, to £5 9s. 0d. in 1903; £15 5s. 3½d. in 1904; £19 2s. 7½d. in 1905, and £24 8s. 6d. in 1906. The total worth of the Association was 13s. 8d. per member, thus showing the steady progress made. A vote of thanks to the auditors (Messrs. F. W. Thorpe and C. Prior) was acknowledged by Mr. Thorpe, who remarked that he was more than satisfied with the sound financial condition, all accounts being in correct order, and fulfilling all their requirements. There was but one alteration in the set of new Rules, which speaks volumes for the careful way they were drawn up by Mr. G. E. Weston. Notice of two alterations had been received. The first was to the effect that a win at an open limit class should not make a member become a champion, which was lost, and the second bone of contention was riveted upon the simple little word "Gift" in Show Rule 1, which was hotly contested and finally deleted. Date of Pair Show was fixed for February 2nd; Finch Show, April 8th; Young Bird Show, July 6th, and Annual Show, November 22nd and 23rd. (Secretaries kindly note). After the announcement of various lectures, competitions, etc., arranged for the ensuing year, Mr. F. Pullinger proposed the reading of a paper on "Breeding," himself offering 10s. as first prize, and Mr. A. W. Curtis 2s. 6d. as third prize, which was approved of and the donors thanked. Mr. L. Daintry placed upon the table a lovely silver cup, to be called the Yorkshire Cup, for the best unflighted Yorkshire, to be won outright at the Annual Show by a novice who has never won a first prize.—Victor Wynn.

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Yet another Birthday Number of "CAGE BIRDS"! The sixth, and so far the largest, and, we trust, the most successful of the series.

The flight of time brings many changes, but has it, we wonder, ever brought any more remarkable development than that of "CAGE BIRDS"? Comparatively few of our readers can have seen the first number of this paper; it was a miserable little demy quarto twelve-page sheet, but it had as stout a heart and as large an ambition as any journal in the land. The possibilities before it, foreto'd in the opening editorial, have every one of them been realised. True, the ideal cage bird paper has not yet been produced, but "CAGE BIRDS" may with justice claim to have reached as near perfection as human fallibility and weakness will permit in such a short space of time.

The concensus of public opinion has been with us almost from the start; latterly the tide of public favour has borne us along triumphantly, and the result is seen to-day in a giant paper, with a far-reaching circulation guaranteed at well over 40,000 copies a week, a staff of experts impossible to equal let alone surpass, a record advertising medium, and coloured plates the exquisite loveliness of which had never greeted the eye of the fancier before.

A letter which has reached us this week from one of our readers, evidently one of those good-hearted unpretentious spirits we frequently find in the Fancy, so adequately conveys the attitude of our average supporter that we select it from the budget of good wishes lying on the table in front of us. This reader sends us an advertisement, as he says,

> "for your Birthday Number, or I should say, my Birthday Number, as I have taken a great interest in the paper from the commencement, and have been greatly pleased to watch its growth, which I think must be beyond all readers' expectations, considering that at the time it started it had such strong rivals. The last time I advertised, it brought me in contact with so many fanciers privately that I cannot supply all their wants, but rest assured I shall do my best for 'C B's' further success. Coming to my bird room for a little birdy chat are many visitors, and I always keep the current number of 'Cage Birds' on my table, also the plates, which please them well. Wishing you every success and a prosperous New Year to self, staff and paper.—E. W. Sellick, Ashbourne, Derbyshire."

Now what this good friend of ours does we want all of you to do. Recommend "CAGE BIRDS" right and left, endeavour to interest your neighbours, your friends, and even strangers in your hobby by showing them "CAGE BIRDS" plates and lending them your "CAGE BIRDS" to read.

Specimen copies of "CAGE BIRDS" will always be sent, free of cost, by the publisher to any address on receipt of a post-card, and in any way we can supplement your efforts we will.

The splendid response made by Fanciers to our appeal of last week has overwhelmed us. We wanted to break all records; with the grand support received we believe it will be said we have done so handsomely. On this auspicious occasion we extend sincere thanks to readers the world over and to all who have in any way contributed to our success. Whatever the future may have in store for us, gratitude for past favours will always remain.

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The Walmer Shooting Affray.

The domestic affairs of a well-known cage bird man have come into sad prominence the last few days with the arrest of Mr. Patrick E. Trainor, late of Teddington, on a charge of shooting with intent. The case is not completed at the time of going to press, but it appears from the evidence that Trainor, who has been living apart from his wife, accuses the man he assailed at Walmer of taking his wife from him. This is denied by the wounded man, and meanwhile great excitement has been caused in cage bird circles, as elsewhere, by the unexpected news. Mr. Trainor will be remembered by our readers as a defendant in the celebrated "Trainor case," brought by him against the London and Provincial O.S. for withholding prizes on the ground that he had incorrectly entered a bird in Novice Classes, being ineligible to show in that section. The action went against Mr. Trainor, and he was mulcted in costs. Mr. Trainor at the same time threatened Cage Birds and another Fancy paper with libel, but did not take action.

Is it a New Variety of Canary?

A correspondent draws our attention to a laughable misprint in a Scotch newspaper. The local reporter has discovered a new variety of Canary entitled, "The Plumbald Norman." Whether he had in mind our artist in chief, or what he really intended to write, is known only to himself.

The Sex Problem.

The difficulties of judging hen British bird classes were well illustrated at the recent West London Show, when a Grey Wagtail which was so large and so good in colour as to be left out as a cock (and deceive the onlookers as well) was described by its owner, Mr. Francis, as an old aviary inmate, which had therein built, laid eggs, and sat on them! All, however, proved unfertile, through, Mr. Francis thinks, default of the male bird, which, by the way, he said looked, when in winter dress, much more like a hen than the real lady herself. In summer dress, of course, the comparative absence of black throat markings at once betrays the hen.

CLUB NOTICES.

No charge is made for notices of forthcoming meetings, but they can only be inserted once. Should secretaries desire to secure immediate insertion of their announcements **exactly as written** they can do so by prepayment at the rate of three words a penny.

Amalgamated Yorkshire O.S.—Annual general meeting, Fri., Jan. 25th, at Market Tavern, Godwin Street, Bradford, 8 p.m. prompt. Presentation of cup and medals, balance-sheet, etc.—Fred Hammond, hon. sec.

Ashton-under-Lyne and Dis. O.S.—Jan. 26th, at 16, Old Road, 7.30 prompt. Election of officers, balance-sheet, etc.—Harry Foden, sec.

Barnsley and Dis. C.B.S.—Jan. 19th, at Temperance Hotel, 7 p.m. Election of officers.—F. Morris, sec.

Bee Hive Bird Club, Cynthia Street, Pentonville.—Handicaps: Linnets, Chaffinches; Sundays; prizes, free. Cork club meeting, Sundey evenings. Pigeon flying club, Monday evenings. Members wanted. Handicaps every evening, Mondays excepted. Join our summer outing club.—Frank Rob, sec.

Bradford (East) O.S.—Jan. 22nd, at Park Chapel Schools, 8 p.m. Schedule for February Show; all members please attend.—H. Hill, hon. sec.

Brighouse and Dis. C.B.S.—Tues., Jan. 22nd, at Round House Inn, Clifton Road, 7.30 prompt. Drafting schedule for Members' Show, Feb. 2rd, and other Show business, and to discuss Yorks Union rules as presented by sub-committee.—A. Morton, hon. sec.

Bristol C.B.S.—Feb. 6th, at Headquarters, 8 p.m. Election of officers for the ensuing year, and other important business.—C. E. Brown, sec.

Derby C.B.C.—Sat., Jan. 26th, at Derwent Hotel, 7 p.m. Statement of accounts, votes of thanks to retiring officers, election of officers for ensuing year, clearing up Members' Show, etc.—W. H. Bamsey, hon. sec.

Dewsbury and Dis. C.B.S.—2.30. Members' Table Show.—B. Cook, sec. (No date given, nor place of meeting.)

Eccleshill C.B.A.—Sat., Jan. 19th, at Fountain Inn, Eccleshill, 7.30 p.m. General meeting; election of officers, balance-sheet, and other important business.—W. Hollings, sec.

Farnworth and Dis. C.B.S.—Jan. 20th, at Old Post Office Inn, Market Street, 7.30. Election of officers, balance-sheet, etc.; will all members please attend?—W. Dawson, sec.

Green C.A.—Thurs., Jan. 24th, at the Oldham Hall, Renshaw Street, Liverpool, 8 p.m. prompt. Bird Washing Exhibition.—S. Hadwin, sec.

Gt. Horton Good Intent.—Jan. 26th, at Church Schools, 8 p.m. Adoption of balance-sheet; arrangements for Members' Show; musical evening; all attend.—A. Holden, sec.

Laisterdyke B.F.A.—Jan. 26th, at Royal Oak Hotel, 6 p.m. Annual Members' Show; please note change of Sec.—J. Pownall, 69, New Hay Road, Bowling, Bradford.

Leicester C.B.S.—Jan. 23rd, at Headquarters, 8 p.m. Balance-sheet and election of fresh officers; Table Show any variety Norwich, yellow ben, ditto Novice; judge, Mr. T. Ride.—J. Heighton, sec.

London and Counties A.C.B.—Annual general meeting, Jan. 24th, at "The Bay Malton," Great Portland Street, W., 8.15 p.m. Election of officers, etc., etc.—R. J. Pretty, hon. sec.

London C.B.A.—Postponed annual meeting, Wed., Jan. 23rd, at St. Clement Danes' Parish House, 8.30 prompt. All members please attend.—W. A. Hobby, hon. sec.

Loughborough and Dis. C.B.A.—Jan. 23rd, at Charnwood Coffee House, Mill Street, 7.30 p.m. All bird-lovers invited.—E. Thorp, hon. sec.

Manchester and N.C.O.S.—Mon., Jan. 21st, at The Deansgate Temperance Hotel, 7.45. Election of officers.—Geo. Bleach, asst. hon. sec.

Oldham and Dis. C.B.S.—Jan. 22nd, at Textile Dining Rooms, Shaw Road, 8 p.m. Mr Hampshire's demonstration of "Cage Making," followed by advice on painting and enamelling of same; all welcome.—A. Ackroyd, sec.

Porth and Dis. C.B.F.S.—Jan. 19th, at Danix Temperance Bar, Hannah Street, Porth, 7.30 p.m. Report of the school children's essay on Show.—John Challenger, sec.

Potteries and Dis. C.B.A.—Jan. 26th, at Red Lion, Stoke, 8 p.m. Important business.—J. Simcock, sec.

Spen Valley C.B.S.—Mon., Jan. 21st, 8 p.m. Important business; all members attend.—A. Whitehead, hon. sec.

St. Helens O.S.—Jan. 21st, at George Inn, Water Street, 8 o'clock; all members are requested to attend; important business.—Thos. Vose, sec.

Stockport O.S.—Mon., Jan. 21st, at County Restaurant, 8 p.m. Receiving specials, ticket money, and electing auditors.—W. Stafford, sec.

Stoke Newington F.A.—Wed., Jan. 23rd, at Devonshire Square Church, Stoke Newington Road. Annual general meeting; election of officers, Secretary's and Treasurer's report; members requested to attend.—Geo. Dowden, sec.

Western Counties O.S.—Mon., Jan. 21st, at Boro' Restaurant, Bank Street, Plymouth, 7.30. Pair Show (matched), breeding, for Society medals.—Thos. Pope, sec.

Wibsey and Dis. C.B.S.—Jan. 26th, at Horse and Groom, 6 p.m.—W. E. Norton, sec.

Mr. W. R. Miles is judging Ryde Fanciers' Show, Jan. 31st.

Dealers Disqualified.

The Bristol C.B.S. have decided unanimously that dealers be not eligible for membership of that Society, and have issued a definition of the term "dealer," which they state means a person who gets his or her living out of cage birds.

The Mouse-bird.

In the foreign class at the recent West London Show, Mr. J. Dewhurst had a rare exhibit on view in the South African Coly (black-faced variety), called by colonists out there the "Mouse-bird," probably owing to its curious habit of creeping about with its legs out flat, looking as though "crawling about on its hocks," as an onlooker at the exhibition put it, all its toes being usually carried pointing forwards. These birds are fruit-eaters in captivity, and climb about the cage in an extraordinary manner, with lightning-like rapidity. They also sleep suspended by their powerful toes, and hang together in "bunches." Their plumage is extraordinary, being more like coarse fur than feathers, with a disagreeable feel" when touched. On the top of the head appear a number of longer feathers, capable of erection, something like a miniature Cockatoo crest.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

DOUBTS AND DIFFICULTIES SOLVED BY SPECIALISTS

Queries will be answered under the following conditions:—

(1)—*All questions must be clearly written in ink (or typewritten) on one side only of paper, and must conclude with either the correct name of querist, or a pseudonym, or initials.*

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(4)—**Queries must not include** *or be included in orders for books, instructions re advertisements, or any other matter for publication.*

(5)—*The department to which the queries refer must be stated in bold letters on the left-hand corner of the query.*

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(9)—*All queries must be addressed* **the Editor, "Cage Birds,"** *154, Fleet Street, London, E.C. Only queries so sent will be answered. Postcards are not admissible.*

NOTE.—Readers are requested to carefully study past numbers and current issue before submitting questions. By doing so they may save trouble and unnecessary repetition.

THE following gentlemen represent CAGE BIRDS staff of **ADVISORY EXPERTS.** Queries must in no case be addressed to any of them individually, but to the Editor.

Norwich Plainheads.—**J. H. Payne.** Yorkshires.—**H. W. Battye.** Crests & Crestbreds—**W. E. Greeves.** Cinnamons & Miscellaneous Canary Queries—**J. North.** Border Fancies—**J. Patterson.** Scotch Fancies—**R. Wright.** Lizards—**Barker Clegg.** Lancashires—**S. R. Compston.** Greens—**S. Hadwin.** Belgians—**W. B. Cobb.** Rollers—**F. A. Lester.** British Birds, Mules & Hybrids—**G. E. Weston.** Foreign Birds—**Wesley T. Page,** F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S., &c. Park and Lake Aviculture—**Frank Finn,** B.A., F.Z.S., M.B.O.U. &c. Wild Bird Life—**H. Norman.**

CANARIES.

NORWICH PLAINHEADS.

Answered by J. H. PAYNE.

Cross Moult (Madam).—Your cock bird has evidently gone into a cross moult, as you say he is casting a lot of feathers. This would stop him from singing. The cause of its moulting is no doubt the heat of the kitchen where you are keeping him. Keep him as far away from the fire as you can, and in a box cage, that is, one with only the front of wire. Cover over at night with a warm cloth; give in his drinking water 10 drops of tincture of quinine for a fortnight. Three times a week give a little crushed biscuit and hard-boiled egg well mixed, say a half-teaspoonful, to which add 5 drops of Parrish's chemical food. Hang him as far below the ceiling as you can. Treat your hen the same.

An Unbearable Noise (A.R.W.).—The probability is that if you remove your birds from your kitchen to a cold room you will get them fall into a cross moult, so that I should advise you to let them stop where they are, and try and bear with their lusty singing. Let the thought comfort you that they are in tip-top condition for the time of year. I can assure you there are a great many that would like to hear their birds singing as yours are doing. No, I don't mean deaf people, but those who have birds that do not sing a note, and there are, I know, hundreds in this unfortunate position from various causes. If you have been giving your birds egg food in any form, discontinue it, and feed only on plain canary seed.

Much Too Fat (Lover of "C.B.").—Keep your hen as you are doing in a roomy cage, and let the perches be as far away from each other as possible. Give her twice a week a little Epsom salts in her drinking water, just enough to make it taste slightly. Keep her on equal parts canary seed and millet, and occasionally a little German rape. Keep her in as light a place as you can; give two or three times a week a spray or two of watercress.

A Quandary (In Abeyance).—I should advise you to pair up your birds rather early so that you may have a couple of nests and then part them, which you should be able to do nicely in time for you to enjoy your holidays. Pair them up the first week in April. A fortnight previous give them a little egg food every day, and a pinch of maw seed three times a week, the object, of course, being to get them into as high a condition as possible, so that they will go to nest as soon as you wish them to. I should certainly not advise you to take your birds with you on your holidays, as I feel sure you would not do any good by so doing, and, again, the time you name, the last two weeks in July, is practically the end of the breeding season. If you commence when I say, the last nest should be old enough to do for themselves, with just ordinary attention.

A Nasty Noise (A. Williams).—Give your Norwich cock in his drinking water 15 drops of syrup of Tolu for a fortnight on alternate days. On the days he is not having this, give him a little honey, dissolved in warm water, to which add 10 drops of glycerine. Keep him covered over at night with a warm cloth, and away from any draught.

Anxious to Nest (F. Yardley).—Your hen is evidently ready and anxious to go to nest, but it is far too early, so do not put her with a cock yet. The latter end of March or the beginning of April will be quite early enough. In the meantime, keep her on a plain diet, canary seed and German rape. Do not give her any egg food until about ten days before you pair her. Let her have a piece of apple to peck at twice a week. If you can keep her in a room by herself until ready to pair her up, so much the better.

Sore-footed Cock (F.H.).—Bathe your bird's feet in slightly warmed water for about a minute, then dry and put on a little vaseline with the tip of your finger. Do this for a week once a day, and I think he will come all right again. You do not say how you are feeding, or I could have advised you further.

Wing Carriage (A. Butler).—As you say your pair of Norwich are equal in points with the exception of the cock's wings, which are slightly crossed at the tips, I do not think you need have any fears as to the result of their breeding. You may get a small percentage with the wing defect of the cock, as this is a fault that we see a lot of, and amongst some of our very best birds. A lot depends on whether your cock bird is bred from a pair that were both good in wing carriage, or whether from a pair either or both of which had this fault. It from the former, and as you are pairing him to a hen which I gather from your query has a pair of perfect wings, it is possible that you may not have a single bird showing this defect.

Effects of Protracted Moult (Avis).—Your bird is evidently run down, no doubt the result of a protracted moult. Give him in his drinking water for a fortnight 10 drops of tincture of quinine. Then follow up by giving him three times a week a little crushed biscuit and hard boiled egg, well mixed, to which add 5 drops of Parrish's chemical food. Let the staple seed be best Spanish canary. Three times a week give a little of the following mixture:—Hemp, German rape, and Niger seed. Twice a week give him a pinch of maw seed, and let him have a piece of apple between the bars of his cage for him to peck at.

Time for Breeding (W. J. B.).—Pair up your birds about the second week in April. As you say you have been troubled with egg-bound hens in the past, try giving them, a few days before you expect them to lay, plenty of niga seed, and let them have some cuttlefish bone to peck at. Also give a little fresh butter well mixed with a little Demarara sugar. Make it as stiff as you can, and put on the end of the perch for them to peck at. You will soon find it disappear. The times you name—May or June—is far too late. Many will have had their second round by then.

A Defective Claw (South-West).—I see no reason why your Norwich cock, that you say has one defective hack claw, should not fill eggs. I do not think there is any doubt but what he will. As you say you only want him for stock purposes, I should not advise you to attempt to put the claw right, the probability is that you may make it worse. If you can prevail upon the person from whom you purchased him to change it for another, I should do so.

Moulting last July (Amateur).—Your bird has evidently gone into a cross moult. Do you keep him in the window? If so, take him away at once, and put him in a warm corner away from any draught, and take the precaution to cover over every night with a warm cloth. Hang him well below the level of the gas burner. Give him in his drinking water ten drops of tincture of quinine on alternate days for a month. Give twice a week a little crushed biscuit and hard-boiled egg well mixed, to which add five drops of Parrish's Chemical Food. Give him a little boiled carrot, and occasionally a pinch of maw seed.

Wanting a Pair (Smith).—I should advise you to procure a pair of stock birds from some good and reliable breeder in preference to buying a pair in a show. Many birds are put into selling classes at shows that are practically useless from a breeder's point of view, many being barren, bad feeders, have cannibalistic and other equally as bad tendencies, and they are put there so that their owners may sell their trouble. Of course, I do not mean to suggest that all are worthless; on the contrary, I have seen many really good birds in these classes, sound and all right in every respect, and fit to win, but they are not, as a rule, put in by the old hands. They are generally to be found coming from the room of an amateur, who has started with some well-bred stock, and the old hands are the ones that snap them up. If you wish to buy them from a show, see they are unflighted, and have the advice of a practical fancier before purchasing.

YORKSHIRES.

Answered by H. W. BATTYE.

Flying Bird for Exercise (H. J. Cable).—I see no objection to you allowing your bird to fly about as often as you can; the exercise will be beneficial to the bird. Give best Spanish canary as its staple food, and one teaspoonful twice a week of the following mixture:—1 lb. summer rape, ½ lb. maw, ½ lb. inga, ½lb. hemp.

Time to Pair (Beginner).—Yes, but you should not pair the hen up till well into the month of May, when she should have got well over her moult and be in good breeding condition. (2) Keep free from draught and give a little egg food daily, to which add, once or twice, six drops of Parrish's Chemical Food; well mix together and sprinkle a pinch of maw seed over the lot. Keep the bird in the room it now occupies, and cover at night with a light cloth.

Sleepy Hens (Novice).—From your description of your two hens I should advise you to get rid of them, and the best way would be to kill them at once. Unhealthy stock are of no use for breeding.

Pairing Queries (F. P.).—(1) If you pair a clear yellow cock to a green marked yellow hen you may expect to get all yellows, but might possibly get one or two buffs, and you would have about even chances of getting both clears and marked young ones. I do not advise breeding with two yellows. (2) You do not say what colour your birds are, but I take it for granted they are yellow and buff Cinnamon marked birds. By breeding with two marked birds most of the young ones would be marked, some of them probably very heavily. If the parents are yellow and buff, expect about even numbers of yellows and buffs from them. (3) You ask: "If I pair a clear yellow cock to a Cinnamon marked hen, what colour of young ones would I get?" It would depend on how the clear yellow cock was bred. If a green-eyed bird, without Cinnamon blood in its veins, you would breed clear and green marked youngsters, but if your clear yellow cock was a pink-eyed or Cinnamon-bred bird, then you would breed clear and Cinnamon marked youngsters. But to get either kind of markings with certainty you should know how both birds have been bred. (4) By pairing a Cinnamon marked cock to a clear yellow hen you would get both Cinnamon marks and green marks, if the yellow hen was devoid of Cinnamon blood; but if pink-eyed you would get all Cinnamon marked birds. But to breed for given points, either in markings or type, you should make a point of knowing as much as possible of your breeding stock's ancestors.

Out of Condition (W.F.).—Keep your bird on plain white canary seed as staple food; instead of scalded rape, give ½ teaspoonful of maw seed three times a week, and keep well supplied with clean, sharp gritty sand. Give in its drinking water, for seven days, fresh every morning, 10 drops of syrup of buckthorn.

Nervous and Frightened (H.E.B.).—Evidently your bird is of a very nervous kind; keep it where it will have good light (near front of window); give 10 drops of Parrish's chemical food in its drinking water, fresh daily. Keep it where someone is regularly moving about; talk gently to it, but avoid startling it. It may gradually improve, as nervousness seems to be the only thing the matter with it.

Rough and Broken Feather (A.A.).—I am of opinion that both the bird and its cage are infested with red mite. Get a clean cage (a new one would be best); catch the bird during the day and give it a good dusting with freshly prepared insect powder, any good chemist will supply you with this. Dust this well into the feathers, especially underneath its wings, then get a little paraffin oil, wet the end of your finger, and lightly touch the bare places. Do this on alternate days for a week, and then repeat twice a fortnight. Sometimes a hen will make more noise than a cock, but you will definitely discover the sex later.

CRESTS AND CREST-BREDS.

Answered by W. E. GREEVES.

Mating Two Crests Together (S. R. B.).—It is usual to pair a Crest to a Crestbred, i.e., a plainhead bred from one Crest parent. Mating two Crests together will produce mop Crests, and most likely young ones with sore heads or with bald places on the head. This method of mating two Crests together is occasionally adopted by breeders of exhibition birds, but then it is with two of the largest possible Crests, perfect in shape; it is only waste of time mating two small Crests together.

Crestbred Cock. Loss of Voice (A Constant Reader).—Crests and Crest-breds are not, as a rule, noted for their singing powers. I have possessed some grand birds and know many others which made but a poor attempt to make even a slight noise. If your bird is healthy, and does not appear to be suffering from lung trouble, as the spring advances he will most likely get stronger in voice. Your feeding is correct; instead of the present medicine put three drops Syrup of Tolu on the egg food three times a week, and six to ten drops of Parish's Chemical Food in the drinking water for a week or ten days.

Crest Hen with Growth (J. Birchmough).—It is difficult to tell, without seeing the bird or knowing the nature of the growth of the two small red lumps you say have grown on each side of the oil gland, what to advise you to do. If the bird is in good health, and there is no inflammation round the lumps, and the bird does not appear to suffer any pain from them, I should let them alone for a time and watch further developments. If they are hard lumps, and when touching them they will move about, they may be removed by just cutting the skin, when the hard substances inside can be taken out. You should get a medical man to do this, or someone who thoroughly understands how it should be done; if it is merely a hard lump, free from inflammation, paint with iodine.

Crests and Crest-breds—Meaning of Terms (W. G. B.).—(1) Grizzle.—A Crest with part light feathers and others lightly shaded dark. (2) A Grizzle Cap Crest-bred.—A plainhead bred from one Crest parent with mixed head feathers, light and dark, only that the dark feathers are a much lighter shade than the usual green; the top of the head of a plainhead is the cap. (3) Grizzle, Light and Dark.—The former carrying more light feathers than dark; the latter more dark than light. (4) Mop.—A Crest with no formation, merely a tuft of feathers twisted, and generally standing up. (5) Heavily Lashed.—A Crest-bred with an abundance of head feather hanging well over the eyes. (6) Good Frontal.—The front of the crest, wide, dense in feather, coming from the centre to the end of the beak. (7) Heavy Brow.—Synonymous with heavily lashed. (8) Heavy Feathered Crests.—A quantity of feather, dense, many layers of feather. (9) Feathery.—The feathers in crest wide and of a soft, silky nature, opposed to a long, narrow, wiry feather. (10) Gray Crest.—Synonymous with Grizzle, but a name more often used than Grizzle. (11) Clinkers.—Often used to denote an extra good bird.

BORDERS.

Answered by J. PATTERSON.

Cock Unwell (W.E.B.).—I answered a query from a party using the same nom-de-plume last week. It was something similar to yours, and I expect you will be the same querist; if not, please refer to advice in last week's issue, and follow out the same instructions. Only you state the cock keeps the feathers of his back all up. You might safely add to diet a small piece of sponge cake, with five drops sherry wine. Stick it between the wires every other day, on the day you do not use the egg-food. You might also dust his egg-food with about as much Cayenne pepper as you would take amongst your own food, until you see some improvement; then gradually withdraw all tonics in food, and place in water ten drops syrup of Buckthorn until well; keep quite away from all draughts and cover him well over with paper at night.

Cinnamons: Selfs and Marked (Donald).—You state you want to breed a strain of your own, and ask me to tell you what to get to pair up with, but you give no particulars of what birds you have in your room, or if you want to buy all your stock birds. I am therefore at a disadvantage to know how to answer you. If you have some birds you wish to keep, and are anxious to procure suitable partners for them, kindly repeat query, and give colours, markings, type, etc., and I shall be happy to further advise you; but if on the other hand, you are buying all your stock birds, you would need some of them Selfs and some Marks, just as many pairs as will suit your requirements. Keep the Selfs for Self breeding alone, and only introduce one now and again into your marked strain, when markings are getting light, and vice versa, where you may be losing in type, etc. If you want to start with green birds, you have a long and tedious task before you, whereas if you purchase a few pairs from any well-known breeder of this variety, you might produce a winner the first season, and it would be cheaper in the long run to pay a good price for a suitable and reliable foundation. The greatest drawback at present in Cinnamon Borders is to get cock birds. Most Cinnamons shown are hens, and I am afraid you must rest contented with a Cinnamon green cock, say yellow paired to a Buff Cinnamon hen. The majority of their youngsters would be green cocks and Cinnamon hens. Keep one of the green cocks, and pair up to his mother, so as to strengthen the Cinnamon blood, and reduce the green until you have a Self cock. After that you may feel your way more safely, but the man is not born yet who could tell you what to expect from any given pair, without the fullest knowledge of your stock birds. (2) They are what I might term freaks of nature, and there are great secrets hidden in the production of same, which I have up to the present not mastered. (3) Examine the feather of a green bird, and you will find the extreme outside carries more colour than down towards the roots, whereas in the latter it is more solid and all of one shade. I hope you will be successful with this variety and able to make a name for yourself with them, and also bring them more to the front. At present they are neglected.

Hen Weak (F.M.).—I have grave doubts that your hen will be of any good this season, although she is calling to the cock, as you imagine. From your description of her, and the way she let all her broods die last season, I would prefer a fresh hen to pair up to the cock, and if she is well bred you might keep her as a spare one. If so, add to her diet a third of German summer rape seed every other day; give on the other days a little milk sop with five drops chemical food mixed well through; give in drinking water five drops syrup of Buckthorn and ten drops sherry wine fresh daily for the next week or ten days, until you see some improvement. (2) Your other hen was egg-bound with her first egg, with the result she got into a very weak state, which must have upset her whole system. She may do all right this time; feed the same as No. 1, with the exception of drugs in water. Give fresh gritty gravel every week on drawboards when cleaning out. Hang up a piece of cuttlefish bone for them to peck at; also keep all eggshells from your kitchen, dry in oven, and mix amongst the gravel. After this month is over, give a little inga seed, unless you give once a week amongst the gravel some mixed seeds sold in packets by some well-known seed firms. The great cause of your failure I think is from your keeping them in the kitchen. The temperature fluctuates far too much in kitchens to keep birds in proper trim. Could you not get them into any spare corner of some room, or attic, where it would be more equal. Look over and see. Write me, and I shall be happy to advise you how to construct it to your own and your birds' comfort. (3) Pleased you think so well of CAGE BIRDS, and thank you for wishes for its success. Don't think of "trouble," it is a pleasure to help such as you.

LIZARDS.

Answered by BARKER CLEGG.

Injured Leg (A.E.P.).—Ere this reaches you, I hope your Lizard will be much better. You have done perfectly right with your treatment. Bathe the leg in a small pot of hot water, to which add two teaspoonsful of whiskey, keep the leg immersed for at least five minutes night and morning, then dry the under parts with a warm cloth, and place a little chopped hay over the cage bottom, half inch thick. You might leave one perch low down, and if the bird is wild, bind the wings round with hemp or worsted. It will manage to jump on the low perch, if inclined. Keep in a warm room, and very quiet. I think your bird will be all right in a short time.

Pairing Two Broken Caps (T. Snow).—I must refer you to the answer to D. Smith, in the last issue of "C.B.," re the first part of your enquiry; secondly, yes, it is quite possible for you to get a Clear Cap from two Broken Caps. Still, you would be losing ground in your endeavour to produce the ideal bird by pursuing this course more than one season, unless your broken Caps in each case were bred from Clear Caps. Then you would be quite in order. As you don't say anything on that point, I presume you don't know their pedigree; therefore, it would be more to your advantage to procure two Clear Cap birds and mate them up. You would then be able, with ordinary success, to continue upon the line breeding for many seasons.

Blue Lizards (J. Needham).—Yes, there were what were termed Blue Lizards; they were of the same stock, but exhibited a blueish shade, being invariably bred from two Silvers. This class of bird died a natural death when colour feeding was introduced some 25 to 30 years ago. If natural colour should again be the order of the day, no doubt there might be a revival of the Blue Lizard. The late W. A. Blakston does make a reference to these birds, I believe, in one of his works.

GREENS.

Answered by S. HADWIN.

Norwich Greens (Curious).—It is rather a bare enquiry to ask what would be the result of pairing a Marked Buff cock to a Self Yellow hen, seeing you do not say how the birds have been bred. Assuming from the tone of your enquiry that the cock is bred from a marked strain and not from Greens, the result is likely to be heavily marked youngsters. Colour to a very great extent follows the cock, so that a marked cock paired to a Self hen would not throw as near to the Self colour as a Self cock paired to a marked hen would. The best thing for you to do, would be to repeat your query, giving particulars as to how your birds are bred, and be very particular to describe feet and beak, as to whether they are dark or light, as their feet and beak have a big influence in determining the quantity of green blood possessed by any specimen.

ROLLERS.

Answered by F. A. LESTER.

Breeding Advice Required (Novice).—If you want finer built birds, I would suggest Yorkshire hens as I have used this cross myself for a few gift birds for friends, and found them very good. (2) The size would be right, but keep separate. (3) Feed plainly on good canary 1 part, best German rape 2 parts. Hemp, maw, linseed, ¼ teaspoonful now and then. Egg food, five biscuits and one egg, boiled ten minutes, thoroughly mixed twice a week, the small lots of seed alternately. (4) Mr. House publishes a book on Canaries that would suit you admirably, the price is 1s. 2d. from this office.

What to Mate to German Hen (Canariensis).—You will get the best results from a German Roller cock. You must choose from our advertisement columns. We cannot recommend individual advertisers. The hens' sore feet are due no doubt to excreta clogging in the folds of the underfoot, and to the perches being too small or too large; wash the feet carefully in warm water, with a few grains of permangate of potash dissolved into it. Do this two or three times a week. Put a thick sprinkle of silver sand on cage bottom. Alter perches, having one square, rounding off sharp edges, and the other round. Use deposit system to buy bird.

Hangs One Wing Down (J. Oates).—If the bird is not a valuable one, and you have good cause to think the wing broken, I should destroy it, as it would not be much use for breeding in that condition. Accidents to birds are very difficult to deal with; they are best destroyed, unless very valuable. Glad you find our paper valuable; kindly recommend it to your friends.

Diarrhœa (Huggy).—Presuming your bird has this complaint, I should imagine he has got it from some stray seed that has got into his ordinary mixture of rape and canary, or maybe the egg food is responsible for this. If you only keep your bird for song, I should try and break this off, as

it is not really necessary. Clear his stomach out with Epsom salts, enough to cover a threepenny piece, as advised to Denis A. Nunan last issue. Then give him a few drops of Parrishe's in his drinker; this and few pieces of apple and fat bacon occasionally will doubtless soon set him right. Do not keep too warm.

Aged Roller Not Singing (Mountain Roller).—I should think that your bird has perhaps got past singing. Do you mean you have not taken very much care of him? If that is so, it will account for his condition. Give him a few other seeds, as recommended to Novice in this issue, and a little egg food now and then, and he will doubtless recover and delight you again with his song. YORK. S

MISCELLANEOUS CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by J. NORTH.

Off Song.—Cock Canary seems lively enough, is in good condition, but is continually eating, and is "off song." His bowels seem to be enlarged, of a dark red colour in some places and white and dark in others. He is always pecking at himself. Seed and apple diet; cold room.—J. Y.

Your bird may have got inflammation of the liver and bowels. It should be kept in a box cage and in a warm room, or where the sun shines. It should not have any apple or green food at present, but feed it on bread and milk sop sprinkled with seed. Get a chemist to mix the following, and give in a glass vessel in place of plain drinking water: Sulphate of iron, 1 scruple; diluted sulphuric acid, 20 drops; sulphate of soda, ½ oz.; distilled water, 1 pint. The pecking of itself is probably caused by redmite; look for same by candle-light, and if found dust bird well with insect powder, and apply turpentine to cracks and crevices of the cage.

Hens Want to Nest.—Two hen Canaries want to nest, one has laid an egg. Do you think it is too early to pair them up?—A. SNOW.

Your hens have most likely been forced into abnormal breeding condition by being kept in a warm room. It is quite two months too early to pair up Canaries for breeding. Run each hen into a separate cage, feed on Canary seed and sweet apple; reduce the temperature of their room, and keep them out of sight and sound of the cock bird.

Better-Looking Songsters.—Which would produce the better songsters and better-looking birds with more colour, Border Fancy cock with Roller hen, or Norwich cock and Roller hen?—J. L. PLUM.

A great deal depends on the way the stock birds have been bred, and also on the birds themselves. Cross-bred birds from a common Roller will not be any improvement on parents. It is most difficult to get good whistling, and fancy properties of size, colour or marking in one bird. Better by far stick to the English varieties if you admire their superior appearance. Most of them sing well enough to please. Rollers have a cultured way of singing, but have no pretensions to good looks. A yellow variegated Border would put some colour and quality into the Roller stock without altering the size and build of the progeny. It does not matter which is the cock or which the hen.

Lost Tail.—Canary lost its tail three months ago, and there is no sign of a new one. I am feeding on mixed seed, and give twenty drops of Chemical Food twice a week.—TAILLESS.

Your bird must have got its tail broken off; roots of the quills of the first feathers are probably still in. Examine it carefully, blowing away the bent feathers. If they are in you can extract them. Let the bird have a teaspoonful of soft food daily, also a slice of sweet apple, boiled carrot, or a few leaves of watercress, chickweed or groundsel. Feed well and keep warm in sunny window.

Egg-Food.—Should I be as successful if I discarded the usual egg-food and adopted the undernoted preparation for rearing young from nest. If not, would it do to mix it with the egg and bread. If so, what quantities? "Biscuits, 8 ozs.; ground linseed, 2 ozs.; oatmeal, 3 ozs.; rice, 3 ozs.; crushed hempseed, 2 ozs.; sugar, 4 ozs.; salt, ½ oz.; maw seed, 2 ozs." Taken from Wallace's Canary Book, page 57.—MIDLOTHIAN.

I have not the means of verifying the quotation at this moment, but I cannot help thinking that a perusal of the context would have given a solution; the enthusiastic writer you mention did not as a rule leave any room for doubt. Your first-mentioned item (biscuits) is a puzzler, there being so many kinds and qualities, some rich in fat, eggs, milk, and sugar, others being chiefly wheaten flour. The majority of show birds are reared on egg-foods. Common Canaries can be raised on common food, dog biscuits, scraps from the table, bread and milk sop, "canary cake" or "bird bread."

Canary Off Song.—What can I do to make my Canary sing again? Three months since I put him in a wire cage by the window; four weeks ago I noticed it had a kind of a squeak in his song, so I put him in a box cage, hanging it on the wall, but it did not seem to make it any better.—E. NAVIN.

Keep it in a warm room and give it the benefit of all the available sunshine. Feed it on bread and milk sop, sprinkled with mixed seed; into two tablespoonfuls of its drinking-water mix half-a-teaspoonful of the following:—Glycerine, Ipecacuanha wine and oxymel of squills, of each equal proportions.

Swollen Claw.—I have a Canary with hind claw swollen; he stands on one leg. Kindly recommend a remedy.—E. L.

Bathe the foot in warm water every day, dry well with a soft cloth, and then apply fluid extract of witch-hazel with a camel-hair brush. If this does not soon cure it, try equal parts of glycerine and water.

Pairing Query.—Cock Canary with hen and other birds in an indoor aviary. In March I intend shutting them off together to breed. Would they be all right in the aviary? Last year the hen sat on eggs in aviary; she is not at all a shy bird.—ARDENT.

I could have given you a more helpful answer if you had mentioned the dimensions of the aviary, but, assuming it is of the "Crystal Palace" pattern, I consider it quite likely that your birds would build their nest, lay and set their eggs, and rear their young in the end compartment. A partition of cardboard would be a better screen from the other birds than one of open wire-work, as through the latter the male birds on either side would be constantly quarrelling.

Bare of Feathers.—Bird perfectly bare of feathers on back and breast; skin looking rather dark. Is in good health, and sings lustily.—E. M. AMBROSE.

I always suspect red mite in these cases, so you would do well to look for same by candle-light, and, if found, proceed to exterminate them in the manner so often suggested in these columns. Sometimes the bareness is caused by liver trouble. Sweet apple, boiled carrot, or watercress can be given to assist the liver and bowels to act regularly. An invisible parasite under the skin also often causes loss of feather. A lotion made as follows, if applied daily will soon destroy the parasites and cause the plumage to spring up afresh:—Precipitated sulphur and glycerine, of each one teaspoonful; mix with two tablespoonfuls of fresh milk.

Brass or Lacquered Cage.—Is it inadvisable to keep a Canary in a brass cage, lacquered to prevent verdigris; what would prevent verdigris forming?—V. A. OATS.

I have always thought a brass cage a superior article—in price anyway—to a brass-lacquered cage. The former is made of brass wire, etc., and the latter of common wire, coloured with lacquer to make it look like brass. If your cage is really brass, it can be kept free from the danger of verdigris if washed with warm water occasionally, but enamelled iron-wire cages, or wood and wire cages, are more generally used, and appear more comfortable for the birds.

Fears Hen is Consumptive.—Canary hen eats well, but is very thin. I am afraid it is a case of consumption. How can I best feed her. Should she be separated from other Canaries? She is four or five years old, has mated, but her eggs are useless. Fed on canary seed, rape, and bread and milk sop.—E. G.

Do not be afraid that your little Canary hen is going into consumption, because it is contended by some who have made a deep study of the subject, that Canaries do not have "consumption," or wasting disease of lungs. Your bird has a great deal more likely got a diseased liver, and, having regard to her bad record as a breeder, most fanciers would "part company" from her. Still, you may be successful in curing her, especially as the spring will soon be coming, and it is at that time of the year that most improvement can be made. Run her into a box cage by herself; continue the seed and sop diet, but in addition give good supply of sweet apple and salads.

Plucking Feathers.—Hen Canary is apparently healthy, but has lately acquired the habit of plucking and biting wing feathers. The butts of her wings are plucked nearly raw. She is also continually twitching her wings, and allows them to droop. There are a few red mite in the cage, but I cover a white cloth over at night to catch them; also use quassia in bath water.—H. CLARKE.

From my point of view it seems quite feasible that all the troubles your bird has got have arisen through redmite, and it would be well to take more stringent measures for their extermination. Run the bird into a clean cage, dress the old one with turpentine, then scrub with hot water and soda. Dust the bird every alternate day with freshly ground Pyrethrum insect powder; continue the quassia in the bath water. To the bare and inflamed butts of the wings apply some sulphur lotion as advised to E. M. Ambrose in this issue. Continue diet of seed and apple, adding spring salads as they may be procurable.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

A Mule Breeding Failure (Bill).—If you are "disgusted," as you put it, at one little failure, I am afraid you will never make a Mule breeder, and I advise you to turn your attention to songster Canaries, which are very easily (comparatively) produced. One of the essential assets of the Mule-breeder is a determination never to give in—to regard present failure as merely temporary. Some Canary hens absolutely will not accept the attentions of cock British birds; such are rare, it is true—but I have had them myself, and so has many another fancier. I feel convinced, however, that your method of mating was at fault. It often happens when two birds are rushed together, and one of them is not ripe for breeding, that serious fighting ensues, which embitters the couple for the rest of the season. You yourself say your hen never seemed to settle down. Then why not have tried another? Not even the luckiest of breeders can expect to met with success from every hen put up. However, if you follow this advice, success will, I fancy, crown your efforts this coming season. Keep the Goldfinch and the hen Canary in different rooms for a month. Then re-introduce them in a double breeding-cage, having the wired slide down the centre—that is, one bird in each compartment. When the hen begins to carry nesting material about in her beak, and appears to be looking for a receptacle in which to deposit it, hang up a nest-box, withdraw the slide, and let the Goldfinch run in with her. Before this takes place, I fancy you will find him (if, as he ought to be, in condition) both singing to her and feeding her through the wires. If so, you can shake hands with yourself on a rosy outlook. A great deal more depends on the proper mating of Muling (and other) couples than the majority of breeders seem to credit. Some do not even seem to worry about whether the birds are in breeding condition; when they think the time has come for them to breed, pop they go together. Then there is trouble should one of the twain happen to be rank and its partner contrariwise. Have another try; better luck may attend you. Cock and hen song Thrushes are alike in plumage. The only safe method of sexing them is by hearing them sing.

Couples and their Cages (F.F.)—You are making a mistake. Take my advice and give the Canary hens the smaller cages, and the British couples the larger. Here is how I myself should utilise the cages and birds you specify. No. 1 cage, 10 feet by 2 by 2, the Goldfinch and Bullfinch; No. 2, 7 feet by 2 by 2, the Redpole and Siskin; No. 3, 7 feet by 2 by 2, the Greenfinch and Canary; No. 4, 4 feet by 1 by 2, the Goldfinch and Canary; No. 5, 3 feet by 1 by 2, the Linnet and Canary. Sliding divisions down the centre would be an advantage in all; in No. 3 you certainly ought to have one. No. 1 cage could very well be made into two, and another couple be housed therein—say big cock Redpole to a medium-sized hen Bullfinch. Any progeny from the latter mating will be very valuable—the males, that is. All the above-mentioned pairs are correct, though you do not say which are the cocks and which the hens; I have assumed, however, the birds named the last to be the hens.

Two Ailments (Alleghany).—Dissolve in the water of the Chaffinch you describe as "loose in the bowels" as much citrate of iron as will just lie on a threepennypiece—quantity of water, two tablespoonfuls. Watch its effect, and cease as soon as the desired end is secured. The dose may be slightly increased, if necessary. The one which you say seems to have a slight cold should have stirred into the same quantity of water a small teaspoonful of a mixture of best honey and glycerine in equal parts. If after eight or nine days the wheezing has not ceased, try the same quantity of our Mr. North's bronchial syrup: glycerine, oxymel of squills and ipecacuanha wine in equal parts—say half-ounce of each. Keep this bird out of draughts, and in a dry (not damp) room. Let both birds have plenty of maw seed to eat. The medicines, of course, must be given fresh every day.

Seed Samples (E. Sharratt).—Both the samples, marked 1 and 2, are charlock (or wild mustard, as it is often termed, in allusion to its pungent taste when chewed). They seem to be fresh, and of excellent quality.

Wild Seed (S. E. Larkey).—The plant you favour me with, which has long seed-pods (like pea-pods) is charlock, a common weed, and one whose seeds are eagerly sought and eaten by Linnets and many other Finches. You say the yellow flower misled you (or friends) into believing it to be gold of pleasure; but the seed-pods of the latter are rounded and quite small (like a tiny, somewhat flattened, pea). You say you gathered a lot of this charlock, and that when you "threw a heap of it into the flight I can tell you the birds make a raid on it in quick time." Your experience in this direction is precisely that undergone by myself, and many other fanciers, too, of course. An occasional feed of the wild seeds which form part of their natural diet is relished by practically all of the Finch tribe when in captivity, and forms a valuable change of food, as there can be no question that the latter is badly needed at times.

Bullfinch Ailing (M.A.B.).—You say your bird's eyes appear to have "shrunk to half their size, while stomach appears much swollen." I can only inform you that I think the case an utterly hopeless one; probably the bird will have succumbed ere you see this reply. Should he still be in the land of the living, however, clear out his stomach with a dose of sulphate of soda, dissolving as much as will just lie on a shilling in 2 tablespoonfuls of drinking water. Give this for twelve hours only. Afterwards, in the same quantity of water, give 8 drops of chlorodyne, fresh twice daily. If you can possibly do so, get the bird to eat a little crumbled Osborne biscuit moistened with a few spots of new milk, and liberally sprinkled with maw seed. Also let the bird have a free run at maw seed in a separate vessel. Offer it, too, as many mealworms daily as it is inclined to eat. Should Bullie pull round, let him have a lengthy course of a tonic, say Parrish's chemical food, a small teaspoonful in the above-mentioned quantity of drinking water. He must have a change of food, though, at once.

Blackbird Moulting Grey (Moutague).—I have not the least idea what caused your Blackbird to moult out with grey feathers in wings and tail, beyond knowing that this sort of freakishness is attributed to absence of the normal black pigment from the parts affected. It is said that a local change of colour can be effected by a hurt to the pulp of the growing feather. Albinism and melanism are conditions which puzzle the learned (no reference to myself) at present. No one can legally trap or net protected birds in the close season.

Seed Samples (W. W. Huxford).—The sample of rape seed is of good quality, quite safe to use. (W.B.S.) Sample No. 1 is not German summer rape at all, but cabbage or turnip seed, or some other member of the genus Brassica. No. 2 is genuine summer rape, and a very nice sample. No. 3 merits the same remarks as No. 1. No 2 is the seed to use. The difference in colour is due to it being obtained from a different plant and under different climatic conditions to the others. The right sort of German summer rape seed is always very small.

Temper of Goldfinch Mules (P. H. Harris).—Mules are born "scrappers," and the reverse of sweet-tempered with each other. If you put two high-conditioned cock birds in a cage 20in. by 18in., look out for trouble. Mules sing themselves into a "paddy," and a fight seems to be the only blood-cooler acceptable when others of their kind are within striking distance. In an aviary they often make themselves obnoxious by the persistency with which they pursue and endeavour to thrash fellow inmates. Keeping a cock Mule with a hen Mule in a small cage would not prevent the former singing, by any means; but how he would treat the fair damsel I am not prepared to say. I have had cock and hen Mules together when the couples were ready to go to nest, and nothing untoward has occurred; beyond that I cannot speak. You could, at any rate, soon remove one or the other if necessary. If kept with a male bird your hen would want to build and lay in due season, and you would have to provide nesting materials, or she would probably proceed to strip her partner naked and utilise his garments to construct the home with.

Red Mite and Breeding Cages (Novice).—I do not know of anything which will actually prevent red mite from establishing themselves in breeding cages, though, of course, constant supervision by the fancier himself will always keep them down to "vanishing point," so to speak, and render them perfectly harmless to his birds. It is only in the midst of neglect where they can flourish and become a source of annoyance to the birds, and of danger to their health. I note, however, that Dr. Martin, who contributes an article to this week's Birthday Supplement, tells readers of a fluid which he has found actually keep away red mite from his cages. This must be worthy of a trial. Benzoline is a sure destroyer of red mite, but its effects soon pass away, and wood treated with it will harbour them again when this comes about. Keating's powder and pyrethrum powder are equally effective as red mite destroyers.

Room for Mule Breeding (H.M.).—You will no doubt succeed in breeding and rearing Goldfinch Mules in the room you mention—a large room in which a little cooking is carried on, but which otherwise remains unheated. At the same time, a quiet room away from the culinary department would certainly be better. I assume a fire is used; gas and oil stoves are not good for birds. To do any good in such a situation, a house moulted, well-domesticated Goldfinch should be used.

Song of the Hand-reared Thrush (D. E. Nunan).—Hand-reared birds never sing the song of their particular species so well as birds which have acquired the same out in the country under the usual conditions. So you cannot expect your hand-reared Song Thrush to become a really skilled exponent of the "pure wild notes" which the birds in the fields utter so charmingly. One moment, though, if you can arrange to give your bird even a few days' tuition under a good singing Thrush, you will find his song improve beyond recognition. In fact, he will sing the family music as well as need be, given opportunity to learn it. The annoying thing is this: Hand-reared birds never seem to forget any "bad" notes acquired in their youth from other birds. And they are great mimics, imitating anything from a Sparrow to a Starling.

Loss of Flights (J. G.).—I don't think the loss of the flight feathers at all difficult to understand. Most fanciers undergo the same experience at some period of their career. Both Mules and British birds are very nervous if wakened up suddenly during the night, and the sound of another bird knocking about is then sufficient to send all in a panic. The result is a mad scramble in the dark about the cages, and flight feathers knocked out. The more acute the state of panic, the more damage will be done. Canaries are much more stolid, unimpressionable individuals, and take a lot more shifting from their roosting positions, which will account for your own Canaries coming out scathless. What induced the racket, I cannot, of course, pretend to say. It might well have been the scampering of a mouse about the cages; see that you have none of the pests around. I have often heard fanciers talk of birds "dreaming." Suppose one of yours had a touch of indigestion, or a twinge of liver, with an attendant horrible nightmare of being stalked by hungry cats? Small wonder that he hopped about. I know I hop about myself when suffering that way. The diet for Bullfinches is mentioned in another reply this week.

Larks for Song (D.A.N.).—You will not do any good by keeping two Larks in one cage, even though the latter measures 30 by 9 by 15. They would probably disagree, too, as they came into full song, though I cannot say for sure, as, to tell you the truth it never occurred to me to try to keep two of these birds in the same cage. If you have only two cages, be content with only two Larks. You can soon test the matter, however, by means of the old singing Lark you say you have. Should you decide to do so, I shall be very glad to know the result.

Starling in Aviary (A. Wheelwright).—A Starling would do very nicely in an aviary 16 feet long, and varying from 3 to 10 feet in width. In such a place a couple would be likely to breed if you fixed up a tree stump with a deep hole in it in some sheltered, secluded spot. I don't think you would find them harm the other birds, however small; but as to whether they should be kept along with small Foreign Finches like Spice birds, I cannot answer, for all queries relating to Foreign birds must be addressed to our Mr. W. T. Page. The diet you mention will answer admirably: Melox, crushed dog biscuit, currants, bread crumbs, table scraps, etc., damped with carrot, milk, boiled potato, etc. See that the milk does not turn the food sour at any time.

Concerning a Chaffinch (Novice).—The best cage to keep a Chaffinch in is the Finch stock cage, illustrated and described in CAGE BIRDS' ANNUAL for 1906. It is a box-pattern cage (wired at front only) about 16 by 12 by 9, with inside food trough, doors at front and side, and two perches. Feed him as recommended another enquirer this week. Your present dietary is not varied enough to keep him in high condition. Few house moulted Chaffinches exhibit quite the same contrast in colours as a good bird moulted in a wild state. Don't omit to supply a bath freely.

Stocking an Aviary (T. B., Manchester).—It is far from a good plan to try and mix seed-eaters and insectivorous birds in an aviary, and I do not advise you to attempt it, especially seeing that you are a beginner. Your place, 10ft. by 3ft. by 6ft., is not large enough, for another thing. Even for all seed-eaters it should certainly be made at least 4ft. from back to front if you can possibly manage it—the wider the better. At present it would hold 20 to 24 small birds comfortably if kept nicely clean. Make your selection from the Finches and Buntings and you cannot go wrong. Do not include more than one Chaffinch, Bramblefinch, or Yellowhammer, or, at least, a pair of each. And if any prove incorrigibly quarrelsome, remove them at once. A few small Foreigners, such as Saffron, Singing, Parson, Spice, etc. Finches, Diamond Sparrows, and the like, would add colour and variety. Our Mr. Page would oblige with a suitable list. Fix up dead hawthorn, bramble, furze, etc. bushes, bundles of pea-sticks, and suitable dead branches. Live shrubs in such a place would soon become an unsightly mess. You can try one or two if you like, changing them when necessary—that is, giving them a spell outside. Privet and box bushes would be very suitable for the purpose.

Goldfinch Queer (Novice, D.K.).—You are doing quite right in keeping the Goldfinch which has undergone a bad moult in a warm room, out of draught. But do not fly to extremes, and keep him too warm. Your seed mixture of hemp, canary, rape, teazle, and linseed, in equal parts, with half-part of maw, is pretty correct, though I'd wager he never eats any of the rape, which I never recommend for British Goldies—so, you see, you are not feeding as I advise, although you say that. Refer to another answer this week. Put in an equal part of inga, and throw out the rape; in fact, give him all the inga he will eat. Try him with a few small mealworms as well. Drop the egg and biscuit; also the glycerine in the water. It is a point in his favour that he will tackle soft food. Go to a chemist and get a small bottle of finest quality tasteless cod liver oil. Moisten a little crushed Osborne biscuit with a few spots of this (don't overdo it, especially at first), and liberally sprinkle it with maw seed. Let him eat as much as he will of this. For two days give a gentle saline medicine—as much sulphate of soda as will just lie on a sixpence, dissolved in two tablespoonfuls of drinking water. Afterwards dissolve in the same quantity of water as much citrate of iron as will just cover a threepenny piece. Fresh daily, and continue for 10 or 12 days. This treatment should pull him round.

A Muling Question (Enthusiastic).—Personally, I prefer to do my mule-breeding in suitable cages, for then one has much better control over operations. Still your Goldfinch and Norwich hen Canary would doubtless do all right in the outside aviary "8ft. by 4ft. by 6ft., stuffed full of thorn bushes." Let them be in a cage indoors until the end of March, close together, and well within sight of each other; then let them fly out into the aviary. Even then another male bird may try to rob Master Goldie of his "missus." There is no reason why the hen should not turn out a success this coming season, though, as she suffered so from egg-binding last year, you ought not to mate her up until late—the beginning of April at the earliest.

Ox-eye Tit (W. W.).—You would, no douht, note that your questions concerning this bird were anticipated by another querist last week, in whose answer you will find embodied the information you desire. A Great Tit (or Ox-eye, as you term the bird) does not stand much chance on the show-bench, for it has to compete, as a rule, against a crowd of small insectivorous species in the "mixed" class. Still, it is not often we see a real good one benched; they are extremely restless in a small cage usually, and soon manage to wreck their plumage. I quite agree with you that the Ox-eye is a handsome bird, and you should certainly give the extra fine specimen you would seem to possess a chance to distinguish itself at some of our exhibitions.

Bullfinch, etc. (R. Burgess).—As stock mixtures for your birds the following will answer admirably:—Bullfinch: canary and teazle, three parts each; summer rape and linseed, one part each. Give also a good feed of sunflower seed daily. Vary this diet with occasional feeds of hemp, maw, inga, thistle, dandelion, wild seed mixture, etc. Linnet: same mixture as above, but with one part of charlock seed added. Vary this as advised for Bullfinch, a little lettuce seed also being relished by many Linnets; while a little sunflower seed, if offered cracked, may be sampled by them. Goldfinch: hemp and teazle, four parts each; canary,

three parts; linseed, one part. Inga and maw may be mixed in equal parts, and a feed be given practically daily. Thistle, dandelion and wild-seed mixture are also relished by them. Equal parts by measure is meant; let a half-pint measure, say, stand for one part. By "feed" I mean about half-a-teaspoonful—just enough to give the bird a good taste, as a tit-bit, so to speak. If you give your Linnet half-a-teaspoonful daily of the mixed maw and inga seed, it should very soon sing, if a male. You will give green food, of course, according to season—rape seedlings and lettuce are about the safest now.

Will Mules Breed? (T. Kidger).—This is an old query, my friend. I have frequently stated in reply to enquiries that it has never yet been conclusively established that Mules (the Finch Mules of fanciers) will breed. The cocks will run hens down to nest like cock Canaries; but they never fertilise the eggs. The hens will build and lay eggs, but their eggs, too, are never fertile. The hens, further, make excellent foster-mothers, feeding young birds in irreproachable fashion. Many people have claimed to have bred with "Mules," but their claims have never withstood investigation (to my knowledge), the supposed Mules turning out to be merely ordinary marked Canaries. Hundreds of people believe Canaries splashed in any way with dark feathers to be "Mule-birds," and always refer to them as such. Any bird dealer who, in his business, touches a large number of private (as distinct from fancier) customers will tell you at once that this is so. Thanks for your kind remarks, also for helping along our journal by recommending it to your friends.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., M.B.N.U.S.

Zebra Finches and Bronze Mannikins.—(1) My birds are very quarrelsome; the Bronze Mannikins chase the others about and give them no rest; I have had to separate. How can I make them agree? (2) The Mannikins have gone to nest again—only 14 days ago they deserted their eggs. Shall I permit them to sit?—"FLORENCE."

(1) In a large or medium-sized aviary Bronze Mannikins are amiable enough, though they will not permit any other bird, large or small, to approach their nest box. In a cage when they are thinking of nesting, or playing at same, they will seldom tolerate any company; they are rather dangerous company even for birds much larger than themselves. You will have to keep them separate. Even the amiable Zebra Finch can make himself very objectionable to other birds when breeding in a cage. It is a standing rule when attempting to breed Foreign birds in cages to have only one pair in each cage. (2) Leave the Mannikins to follow their own sweet will as regards nesting; they frequently lay and sit, but do not often rear young in captivity.

Moustache Parrakeet.—My bird is fairly tame, will take fruit, biscuit, etc., from my fingers. How can I train it to come on my finger? Would it be safe to let it have a fly round the room? Do they talk?—"PARKY."

You must make sure of the temper of your bird; if it makes no attempt to bite, put your hand in cage and tap its feet slightly, and it will soon begin to clutch your finger and play with same, and will soon learn to come on same. When quite sure of the temper of the individual bird, I have trained them to play with finger through bars of cage; they soon begin to put the foot through and clutch the finger—a "sort of shaking hands"—and, when I have felt it safe, the insertion of the hand in cage, and the finger rubbed slightly against the bird, has brought about the desired result. It will do your bird good to have a fly round the room, but it must not be driven; it will go back to cage of its own accord when tired or hungry. At the same time, you must keep a watch on the furniture and wood fittings of the room, as they are very fond of sampling wood. There is no reason why it should not talk if you repeat continuously one or two words, and keep at these till learned, and then take up fresh ones; but it often requires much patience before the words are uttered. On the other hand, some birds will respond almost at once.

Grey Singing Finch.—Please give me a list of these birds as songsters, etc. What do they eat? How can I maintain them in health? What is their value?—"NATURALIST."

Though plainly clad, this is really a handsome and beautiful little bird, and to be numbered as one of the best of Foreign songsters; the capacity of individuals varies much in this respect. A good one—and they are many—will sit upon a branch in the aviary, or perch in a cage, and sing his sweet melody for an hour at a time. Kept in either cage or aviary, they are charming birds, long-lived if kept out of draught, on the go nearly all the day long, being very full of life and vivacity. Their flight is graceful and undulating; they somewhat resemble butterflies flitting to and fro. Young have been successfully reared in a large-size canary breeding cage. White and spray millet and canary seed forms the staple bill of fare; a few ants' eggs (cocoons) scattered over sand tray, and a little crumpled sponge cake, slightly damped, are much appreciated; also blighty foliage (not from lilac, laburnum or mock orange), when obtainable, will help to keep them in fine condition. Green food, such as chickweed, grass in flower, or a leaf of tender lettuce; cuttlefish, grit and water for drinking and bathing ad lib. When kept in a cage, it is best to hang bath outside cage over the open door. The average price for a male is 5s. 6d. to 7s. 6d., according to number on the market; and 7s. 6d. to 10s., sometimes a trifle more, would be a fair price for a pair.

Blue-crowned Conures.—(1) I have had a pair of birds brought me from Chili, and am told they are Blue-crowned Conures; description enclosed—is this correct? (2) What is their value? (3) My Californian Quails have become very wild; shall I cut their wings? (4) Could you give me a cheaper food than white millet for these birds?—"SHEFFIELD."

(1 and 2) I am doubtful as to what species your birds are; the description comes very near to the Blue-crowned Conure, but differs in one or two points. Will you give me the actual measure in inches (you can get this without catching the birds if they are in a cage) from tip of beak to end of tail—also separate length of tail? If you give me these details, I will give name and value in following issue. If they are Blue-crowns, they are worth 40s. to 50s. a pair. (3) It would be better to cut the flight feathers of one wing, or they may seriously injure themselves by dashing violently against the top of aviary; this may not be necessary another year, when they have become thoroughly accustomed to their surroundings. (4) Make up a mixture of two parts each canary, millet, and one part each of dari, wheat, buck-wheat, and rice in the husk. Green food in variety should be supplied—grass, lawn clippings, chickweed, lettuce and cabbage leaves, etc.; insect food of some kind should be supplied—ants' eggs, pupæ of the flesh fly, caterpillars, beetles, earwigs, and plant bugs generally. Game meal—or, better, Partridge meal—is cheap enough, and a little of this made crumbly moist is wholesome; most species of Quails will eat it readily. These birds require a dust-bath, the same as domestic fowls, and a handful of sulphur mixed with same will help to keep down lice and other parasites.

Blue-fronted Amazon.—Have had it two years, and it has done well up to present. It has a swelling the size of a pea under its beak and one eye has become swollen. Please advise.—M. R.

Your bird ought to talk by this time; you should commence its tuition at once. Repeat a word or two continuously, and keep on at the same words till they are thoroughly learned, and then take up something fresh. You do not say how you are feeding; however, you will be quite safe in carrying out the following:—Get from your chemist a box of either spermaceti or zinc ointment, and annoint the growths with same; if there are any growths inside the mouth, wipe out the bird's mouth with the following:—20 grains chlorate of potassium mixed with two drachms of glycerine, using a feather or small camel-hair brush for the purpose, which must be well cleaned each time after use, and the portion of the mixture must not be used a second time. For one day only make its drinking water just saline with Epsom Salts, and repeat if necessary in a week's time. Bathing the eye with a solution of sulphate of zinc (from your chemist) should give relief; if not, try a warm decoction of camomile flowers instead. If the bird appears at all weak, just colour its drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food.

What Bird—(1) I have a bird said to be a Solomon's Island Parrot. Does my description tally with that bird? (2) Please describe the King Parrot to me, and give correct diet.—D.B.V.

(1) Your description is that of the Solomon Island Cockatoo. (2) By the King Parrot, I presume you mean the Australian King Parrakeet, the male of which has the head, neck, and under surface, rich crimson; rump and band at back of neck, rich blue; tail, blackish; remainder of upper surface, rich greens. The female has the head, nape, back wings and tail, green; throat and chest, green washed with red; abdomen, crimson; rump, blue. Diet: equal parts of canary, millet, oats, wheat, dari, maize, and half a part each of hemp and sunflower seed; this constitutes the staple food. A regular supply of grit, cuttlefish, and water must be kept up; also give so as to vary the diet, raw carrot, greenfood, ripe fruit, plain biscuits, and stale household bread. This species is quite hardy, and is really better in a roomy outdoor aviary than in the house. Indoors, it should have a roomy cage, and only needs protection from draught. It must not be kept in too warm a room.

Ring-necked Parrot.—I have a young bird, all green, no ring, said to be a male; am told it will not show ring until it is two years old. It has scarcely uttered a sound so far. Shall I wait till it begins chattering before commencing to teach it to talk? Feeds well, and is not wild, but is ruffled and somewhat dull? Have given chemical food.—R.F.H.

Young Ring-necks resemble the female, which has no ring. When about two years old they moult into adult plumage. A healthy youngster usually chatters, or rather squalls, a little. You cannot begin too soon to teach it to talk; this requires patience. Try it with one word at first; when learned begin with a fresh one. Parrish's chemical food will not harm a young bird; give it every other day, and keep its bowels gently moving (not loose) with an occasional dose of Dinneford's magnesia (one teaspoonful to two tablespoonsful of water). Diet:—Canary and millet, 2 parts; oats, hemp, and sunflower, 1 part each. Give ripe fruit, plain biscuit, greenfood, cuttlefish, grit, and water; let it satisfy its thirst three times a day. At this season lightly spray the bird once a week; keep strictly out of draught till dry.

Indian Green Parrot.—Have had my bird two years, it is a good talker; last few weeks it has been very sick. It is fed on Parrots' mixture, boiled potato, scraps of meat, and bread dipped in tea. Please advise. Is the Pekin Robin a good songster to keep indoors?—H. CLARK.

See reply to R.F.H. re diet. Do not give Parrot foods, sops, slops, or animal food of any kind. Give one teaspoonful of Dinneford's magnesia in two tablespoonsful of water; let it have only this to drink for one day. Repeat in a week's time. If the sickness is not checked give two or three applications of 5 grains each of bicarbonate of potash in the drinking water on separate days. Follow this by a course of Parrish's chemical food; just colour the water with same. Till the bird is well again do not leave water in cage, let it have a drink three times a day.

Budgerigars.—I have done as you suggested, but the male of my first pair has forsaken his own mate, and wants to pair with the other hen; he hunts the other male about. What can I do to keep each devoted to his own hen?—NOVICE.

Young birds reared at this time of year seldom make strong birds. Take out your husks, and see that there are branches or perches well up against the roof, so that the birds can get shelter at night. You can re-hang the husks in April; in the meanwhile let your birds have plenty of cuttlefish, a few oats once a week, and the other foods as you are now giving. Colour their drinking water with Parrish's chemical food every other day for the next two months, and give daily a fresh tender leaf of lettuce. Otherwise, just leave them to themselves, and let each Jack choose his own Jill; you will find they will soon settle down. Your birds are evidently weak, or else birds of the year; the above treatment will strengthen them up.

Young Budgerigars Dying—I am sending you further particulars and sketch of my aviary. The young appear to fall from the nest to the ground and die; they were fully fledged. I feed as advised in F.B.Q. column. Are they as a rule able to fly when they leave the nest, and when are they able to feed themselves?—C. C. BROWN.

Your birds are evidently in a debilitated condition, and I should not permit them to breed till March is past. To this end remove the husks, and do not replace them till first week in April. At the same time, see that there are perches in sheltered parts of the shed, close under roof, for them to sleep on at night. Keep up a good supply of cuttlefish, and give a leaf of fresh and tender lettuce daily. For the next two months make their drinking water the colour of pale port with Parrish's Chemical Food, every alternate day. Normally, Budgerigars are able to fly to the ground when they leave the nest, but I always have a branch within a few inches of all my husks and nest boxes, so that they can just hop on and have a look round before indulging in flight. Speaking generally, the old birds feed the young for about a week after they leave the nest, sometimes longer, but the young are able to look after themselves after the third day.—Even though the birds are ready to breed in the winter, it is bad practice to let them do so; the young are never so robust as summer-reared birds.—Sow grass, oats, etc., in the flight, and keep two inches of sand over concrete.

Grey Parrot Still Mopy (L.A.F.).—I have found all the species it is suitable for eat the seed mixture readily, and a little later I am of the opinion you will find yours doing so. You must give the magnesia sufficiently often to keep its bowels moving freely, not loose. Get the following mixture: Ipecacuanha wine, oxymel of squills and glycerine in equal parts, put one teaspoonful of this to each ounce of the drinking water till relief is given. It is, however, possible the back of the bird's mouth is ulcerated; you had better examine it, and if so, wipe out its mouth with a mixture 20 grains of chlorate of potassium mixew with 2 drams of glycerine, using a camel hair brush or feather for the purpose, and a fresh portion of the mixture for each occasion. Keep the cage strictly clean, and the bird warm and quiet. Note carefully the effect of the treatment, and unless the bird becomes suddenly worse, report progress in a fortnight's time.

Amazon with Swelling (T. J. B.).—I hope the case is not as serious as I fear, but it is impossible to advise in such a case without seeing the bird, and the only course for you to take is to let your vet. or medical man see the bird, and if it is not too far gone he should be able to give the bird relief. You make no mention as to how you are dieting the bird. The correct diet is—No slops, or animal food, but as staple food the following seed mixture: canary, millet, oats, wheat, dari, maize, hemp, and sunflower seeds, ripe fruit, greenfood, plain biscuit, boiled potato, nuts, given so as to vary the diet; also regular supplies of grit, cuttlefish, and water. A little boiled maize should be given twice a week (this only keeps fresh one day), but while the bird is in its present condition you had better give it daily. Keep the bird warm and quiet. I should be interested in hearing how the bird progresses. Regret I cannot help you direct.

Grey Parrot Scratching.—(1) My grey scratches its neck a little; will it be safe to use insect powder? (2) What species of Amazon makes the best talker?—DUDLEY.

(1) You give me no clue as to your diet, and as, in nine cases out of ten, skin irritation mostly arises from an unwholesome diet, how can I help you? If there are any insects on the bird, either dust it with insect powder or sulphur; spraying it with Quassia solution would be equally effective: but these will give no relief unless the bird is troubled with parasites. Give your bird for one day only, one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in its drinking water, and let it have only this to drink for that day. Diet your bird as advised almost weekly in this column. You had better repeat query with full particulars as to diet and treatment. (2) The Blue-fronted is the most freely imported, handsome, robust, and about as talented as any, being but little behind a Grey as to talking ability. All Parrots must be patiently and carefully taught; their talent usually depends on the care bestowed upon their training. Of course, it is a well-known fact that some individuals are almost unteachable, and others pick up a vocabulary almost at once.

Grey Parrot with Abortive Mandible.—The lower mandible grows so that the upper does not close properly on it, but crosses it; have had it cut, but it still grows. What can I do to remedy this?—PETERBOROUGH.

You will have to have its mandible cut again; there is no other remedy for the present trouble. A recurrence should be prevented by getting a lump of hardish mortar rubbish, drill a hole through one end, and hang it up by a piece of binding wire; let it have this to bite at; also keep a piece of cuttlefish bone hanging in the cage, also a piece of, say, poplar wood to chew up. Ususally a supply of cotton reels and a chunk of non-splintery wood will save the perch. Try all the above, and any that it makes no use of can, of course, be discontinued after a few days' trial. Unless you can get it to exercise its beak upon some of the above, it will continue to be a source of periodical annoyance, but unless yours is a most exceptional case the above treatment should end the trouble.

Budgerigars with Cold.—My birds are in an indoor cage, 3½ by 3½ by 1½, containing 4 husks. Do you think they will breed? They sneeze a good deal. What can I do to stop this?—J. WELLS.

You will have to move any young you rear as soon as they are able to feed themselves, as your cage is barely spacious enough for the two pairs for breeding purposes. Your dietary is correct, but cuttlefish should be regularly given, and oats when they have young to feed. Get from your chemist a small bottle of the following mixture: Oxymel of squills, glycerine and Ipecacuanha wine in equal parts, put one teaspoonful of the mixture to each ounce (say two tablespoonfuls) of the drinking water. Avoid draught, as, though these birds are as "hard as nails" and require no artificial heat, they must be protected against draught. If there should be any running from the nostrils, syringe same with diluted glyco-thymoline.

PARK & LAKE AVICULTURE.

Answered by FRANK FINN, B.A., F.Z.S., M.B.O.U., etc.

Wood-pigeon Hybrids.—(1) Is it possible to breed Hybrids between the Wood-pigeon and Tame Pigeon? (2) If so, how does one proceed—I suppose it is best to use a cock Wood-pigeon and hen Tame Pigeon? (3) Would the Hybrid be eligible in a British Hybrid class?—COLUMKILLE.

(1) Yes, Hybrids between the Wood-pigeon and Tame Pigeon have been produced, but very rarely: there is a fine cock bird in the Zoo now, bred by Mr. P. St. John Podmore in this way. It is a "light Mule," too, resembling a splashed blue and white Tame Pigeon in colour, though showing the Wood-pigeon blood plainly in size, shape, actions, and note. It has bred again with a hen Tame Pigeon. (2) One would naturally think the best way to go to work would be to use the hen Tame Pigeon, but Mr. Podmore has found this would not do, and he did not succeed until he got a hen Wood-pigeon, which he reared from a very early age by hand. The case seems to be similar to that of the Canary-Bullfinch cross. (3) Mr. Weston would be able to tell you this better than I; personally, I should think any Hybrid between any two British birds—other than game-birds and water-fowl perhaps—should be eligible in a British Hybrid class. It would be interesting to see something different from Finch Hybrids.

Changeless Water-fowl.—Are there not any ducks that keep their colour all the year? It seems a great drawback that the drakes should be out of colour during so much of the best weather, just when one wants to watch them.—IMMUTABLE.

You must remember, as a set-off to the dinginess of drakes in summer, that it is something to have outdoor birds which will give a touch of colour in winter; besides, the finest of the ducks, the Mandarin and Carolina, remain out of colour a shorter time than the other species. There are some handsome ducks, however, which never go into a dull plumage; all the Sheldrakes and Tree-ducks, the Spotted-bill, Bahama and Chilian Widgeon, and the male Rosy-billed Pochard. Eliminating some of the Sheldrakes as too pugnacious—the English one is the best to keep for temper—you have quite enough here to make a nice collection, which would be always gay to look at.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. J. North, 425, Oxford Road, Reading, will examine cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for a reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post-mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to J. North, with fee. Any sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

Goldfinch (F. L. Hill).—Death was caused by inflammation of liver. The bird had the appearance of being recently caught, and, perhaps, imported, its dieting has very likely been irregular and unsuitable.

GENERAL.

Answered by the EDITOR.

Deposit System (Old Reader).—Remarks noted.

Articles (Finch).—Too late this week to do as you wish.

Picture of Crimson Wing (R. Nisbet).—So long as you are pleased, we are.

All Should Help (C. K. E.).—Thanks for kind remarks and practical help.

C.B.U. Rules (T. C. Crawhall):—Your interesting observations duly noted.

Cleared Out (J. McGough).—Very pleased to hear you have done so well with your CAGE BIRDS.

Good Wishes (W. H. Goodall and many others).—Best thanks for kind wishes and practical support.

Sketch (Mrs. G. Barker).—We shall be pleased to receive the promised sketch whenever you care to send it.

"Cage Birds Annual" (Samuel McCann).—Ready second or third week in February. Thanks for good wishes.

Idea (J. H. P.).—Your suggestion, Sir, seems to us a very excellent one, and we will give it our serious attention.

Special of Framed Plate (H. Dobson).—Sorry to hear glass was broken in transit. Let us know cost of new one.

Lost at Show (W. Lewis).—Nothing so bad as worry. Sit tight, and all may yet be well. We have inserted your letter.

Red-crested Yorkshire with Ruff (C. P. Craven).—If such a bird could be produced, it certainly would be worth £500.

Crystal Palace Schedule Wanted (F. King).—You will see the show advertised this week. Also the Schedule reviewed in another column.

Special Prize (W. Jackson).—We see no objection to your keeping the unwon prize offered by us till next year. It has been sent you, as requested.

Book on Canary Breeding (M. Keough).—We can send you a first-class manual on this subject, entitled "The British Canary," for 1s. 2d. post paid.

Looking Forward (E. M.).—Let us hope that in your case, when the distance that "lends enchantment to the view" is removed, the enchantment will remain.

Index (J. Dring).—Your suggestion could scarcely be adopted, for the front page has to go to press some time before the inner pages. But we will give your letter further consideration.

Takes "C.B." Regularly (Mrs. Knowles).—Your lodger evidently doesn't know what's good for him. He can't be such a nice young man as the lodger in the comic song is reputed to be.

Kind Remarks (A. Burtenshaw and many others).—The volume of work to be got through prevents us from doing more than just acknowledging your very kind expressions of goodwill and hopes for future prosperity.

Good Wishes from North London (R. P. Harper).—The sentiments so admirably expressed by you find an echo in 154, Fleet Street. That the 1907 season may have better things in store for both of us is our earnest wish.

Gouldians, etc., Dying (Dorothy Langdon).—Sorry to hear of your father's loss, Dorothy; but birds are, like ourselves, very subject to ailments, and, sooner or later, must go the way of all flesh. We wish him better luck in 1907.

Recommendation (James Gillespie).—We regret we can't advise you on the point. We never recommend one advertiser to the detriment of another. You or your correspondent must use you own judgment.

Postcards (C. Henfrey).—It means that, if you sent for a set of six, you can choose exactly which six you would like to have, either all of a sort or all different, or two of one sort and four of another. In fact, just anyhow; but you would not get more than the six. Is this clear?

Perch, and a Story (B. J.).—We were unable to print your sketch of perch, as it happened to be the one our correspondent already had in use. We shall be very pleased to have your story of the old collier, the gun and the sparrow, etc., whenever you can find time to send it on to us.

Dead on Arrival (James Nile).—You talk a lot about the rules of this paper, but it is evident to us you have not made yourself acquainted with them, or you would not send us such an unreasonable demand. Over and over again we ask purchasers to use the deposit system, and, if they neglect to do so, they have only themselves to thank if dissatisfaction comes their way. The Angel Gabriel wouldn't satisfy some people, and you, we fear, are one of them. Read our Rules again.

What Sort of a Man Is—— (P. S.).—(1) We really can't answer such a question, much as we would like to oblige you. But we will go so far as to say that we have heard no complaints of him. As for instituting a comparison between one advertiser and another, it really isn't fair to expect us to do so. Probably the man you mention is suffering from a glut of orders. (2) If you wish your advertisement to be supervised, our advertisement manager will be very pleased to advise you; but you will have to give him all the particulars you require publishing. (3) Thanks for appreciative and encouraging remarks.

Douglas Show (Border Fancy Member).—We see no good object in printing your letter. If you or any exhibitor were dissatisfied with the awards, your only remedy is to leave the judge alone next time. Were we to start printing complaints from dissatisfied exhibitors, we should have room for little else, I fear. (2) You say it is no honour for a firm to win a medal against a single competitor. Why not? The birds compete, and not the exhibitors; and whether a bird is owned by a firm or a single individual can make little difference to its merits. (3) Any legitimate grievance you wish ventilating will gladly be published, but you must not magnify dissatisfaction, but try and bear losing in as sportsmanlike a manner as you are capable of.

Many Queries held over.

LONDON AND COUNTIES A.C.B.

The Annual Show of the above Association was held at the "Bay Malton," Great Portland Street, W., on January 12th. There was a very satisfactory attendance, and the entries, though somewhat less than last year, were of first-rate quality. Mr. T. Heath judged, and little criticism was offered as the result of his awards.

NORWICH PLAIN. CHAMPIONS: 3, Orme; spl, vhc, Orme; 4, Bell; hc, Bell; 1, spl, Bell; 2, spl, Pretty; c, Pretty. AMATEUR: 3, Sparke; 4, Sparke; 1, D. Jackson; 2, D. Jackson. NOVICE: 3, Hammant; 1, spl, Stacey; 2, Stacey. NAT. COL.: 1, H. Stacey. CREST. CHAMPIONS: 1, spl, Pretty; 2, Pretty. AMATEUR: 1, Willis; 2, Willis; 3, Willis. NOVICE: 1, H. J. Hawes. YORKS. CHAMPION: 2, spl, Davis; 1, spl, Davis; 3, Davis; 4, Pretty; vhc, Pretty. NOVICE: 3, Ransley; 4, Ransley; c, Simpson; hc, Naylor; spl, vhc, Naylor; 2, Stacey; 1, Key. LIZ.: 1, Pile. BOR.: 1, spl, Pile; 2, Pile. A.O.V., NOVICE: 1, Williams. GOLDFINCH AND CAN.: 4, Thorpe; 1, Orme; 3, Bell; 2, Pile. LINNET AND CAN.: 3, Hawes; 2, Elgar; 4, Elgar; hc, Collins; c, Bell; vhc, Kelly; 1, spl, Pile. GREENFINCH AND CAN.: 2, Hammant; 1, Pile. A.O. FINCH AND CAN.: hc, Thorpe; 4, Morrison; 1, spl, Hawes; 2, Elgar; vhc, Pile; 3, Pretty. BRIT. BIRDS, COCK AND HEN: 1, spl, Morrison; 2, Morrison; 3, Morrison; spl, vhc, Elgar; hc, Elgar; c, Pretty. SELL., 30s.: 2, Morrison; abs., Simpson; abs., Simpson; abs., Simpson. 20s.: 2, H. Davis; 3, G. A. Morrison; 4, H. Naylor; 1, H. Naylor. 15s.: 1, H. Davis.

SPEN VALLEY C.B.S.

Fourth Winter Show, held January 5th, at the Northgate Hotel, Cleckheaton. Mr. T. Bennett (Great Horton) officiated as judge. CHAMPION CLASSES: TKD., ETC. YELL. COCK: 1, Bentley. BUFF: 1, Bentley. CINN. YELL.: 1, Wharton. BUFF: 1, Wharton. YORKS. HENS, YELL.: 1, Wharton; 2, 3, Bentley. BUFF: 1, 2, Bentley. CINN.: 1, Wharton. NOVICE CLASSES: CL. YELL. YORKS. COCK: 1, 2, Oddy; 3, Cawthed and Son; 4, S. Whitworth. BUFF: 1, Greig and Pearson; 2, Cawthed and Son; 3, Oddy; 4, Smith. TKD. OR UNEVENLY MKD.: 1, Oddy; 2, 4, Cawthed and Son; 3, Smith. CINN. BUFF TKD., ETC. COCK: 1, Liley and Rothery. YELL. YORKS. HEN: 1, Oddy. BUFF: 1, Cawthed and Son; 2, 4, Whitworth; 3, Greig and Pearson. CINN. YELL. OR MKD. HEN: 1, Greig and Pearson; 2, Lewis. BUFF: 1, Whitworth; 2, 3, Smith. CLASS II.: A.V. CAN. OR MULE: 1, Lewis; 2, 3, Liley and Rothery. BRIT. BARD.: 1, Lewis; 2, Smith; 3, Wright; 4, Ellis. SOFT: 1, Greig and Pearson.—A. WHITEHEAD, Sec.

A Fanciers' Society is in contemplation for Dartmouth and district.

Shipley O.S. have altered their meeting night to the first Tuesday in the month, and the fee from 6s. to 4s. a year.

THE CRYSTAL PALACE.

FORTY-EIGTH GREAT ANNUAL NATIONAL CAGE-BIRD SHOW.

A splendid Schedule and a record list of judges.

OPEN TO ALL.—The schedule of the Annual Crystal Palace Show just to hand gives evidence of the existence of a Cage Bird Union in a rather striking manner by the notice printed in bold letters right across the page, "This Show is open to all," while inside the precaution is taken of stating that "All fanciers, whether affiliated members of the Cage Bird Union or not, are equally eligible to exhibit at this Show." It has been too generally assumed by the non-"fancying" public that association or affiliation with the Cage Bird Union implies some sort of stipulation that exhibitors must also be affiliated.

DATE OF SHOW.—The Show will take place Friday, Saturday, Monday and Tuesday, Feb. 15th, 16th, 18th and 19th, 1907, inclusive. The Show will open at 3 o'clock on the Friday, and will close on Tuesday, at 4 p.m.

ENTRIES absolutely close Saturday, February 2nd. There will be no extension and no whip up cards. The entrance fee throughout is 2s., and prize money is as follows: 1st, 15s.; 2nd, 10s.; 3rd, 5s.; 4th, 2s., or medals of varying quality at winners' option. Cash will be sent unless otherwise requested. No prizes will be withheld in any of the standing classes. No classes will be amalgamated.

SHOW MANAGEMENT.—All entries must be sent to H. Lambert Brown, 64, Manor Park, Lee, S.E., who will dispatch tickets, labels, etc., also pay prize and sale monies. The Show at the Palace will be under the sole management of Mr. J. W. Ramsden, 10, Heron Road, Herne Hill, S.E., who will accept orders for stalls and advertisements and dispatch all birds at close of show. Birds fed on seeds supplied by Carter and Co., High Holborn.

ADMISSION.—No extra charge for admission.

THE CLASSIFICATION, JUDGES, Etc.

NORWICH PLAINHEADS (OPEN).—Judge, J. H. Payne. Under patronage Southern N.P.C. Eight classes. Thirteen specials.

CRESTED NORWICH (OPEN).—Judge, R. Rhodes. Under patronage Crested Canary Club. Four Crests; three Crestbreds. Eleven specials.

YORKSHIRES (OPEN).—Judge, W. Mundell. Under patronage Y.C.C., C.M.Y.C., S.Y.C.C., and the G.C.A. Eight classes other than cinn. ticks.; four cinn. ticks. Over fifty specials.

GREENS, Yorks. Type.—Judge, T. Heath. Four classes. Norwich type: Judge, J. H. Payne; four classes. Green Canary Association specials offered.

CINNAMONS (OPEN).—Judge, T. Heath. Under patronage Cinn. C.C. Four classes. Ten specials.

LANCASHIRES.—Judge, S. R. Compston. Under patronage of Lanc. and Liz. F.A. and the Lancs. C.A., who guarantee two classes. Four classes (guaranteed). Ten specials.

LIZARDS.—Judge, S. R. Compston. Under patronage L. and L.F.A. Four classes. Nine specials.

BORDER FANCY.—Judge, J. F. Dewar. Under patronage B.F.C. and E. and W. B.F.C. Seven classes. Over seven specials.

SCOTCH FANCY.—Judge, J. F. Dewar. Under patronage S.F.C. 4 classes; 4 spls.

BELGIANS.—Judge, J. F. Dewar. Under patronage U.K.B.C.A. Four classes. Eight specials.

A.O.V.—Judge, J. Robson. One class. One special.

OPEN NOVICE SECTIONS.—Norwich, Judge, J. Robson. Six classes. Ten specials. Crests and Crestbreds: Judge, R. Rhodes. Two classes. Three specials. Yorks.: Judge, T. Heath. Seven classes. Nine specials. Cinnamons: T. Heath. Two classes. Two specials. A.O.V.: J. Robson. One class.

LIMIT CLASSES.—Judges, Dobson and Robson. Seven classes. Prices varying in limit from 20s. to £5.

ROLLER CANARY SINGING CONTEST.—Judge, A. Rettich. Under patronage B.R.C.C. These birds must be in show before 12 on Thursday, February 13th. Judged same day in separate room and afterwards staged in an annexe to the show tent. Three classes. Seven specials.

MULES OR HYBRIDS.—Judge, J. H. Roe. Eleven classes. Eight specials.

THE BRITISH, etc.

G. E. WESTON.—103 Bullfinch; 104 Goldfinch; 105 Linnet, and 106 Chaffinch Classes respectively. Also Foreign Goldfinches and Bullfinches.

S. COOK.—107 Lesser Redpoll or Twite; 108 Siskin; 109 Bramblefinch; 110 Greenfinch; 119 Nightingale or Blackcap; 120 A.S. Lark or Pipit; 121 A.O.S. Resident Bird; 122 A.O.S. Migratory Bird; 123 price limit A.N. Finch.

J. F. HILLS Classes 111 Hawfinch; 112 A.S. Bunting; 113 Blackbird; 114 Song Thrush; 115 Starling; 116 Magpie, Jackdaw, Jay, Chough; 117 Pied Albino, etc.; 118 Hens, A.S. British Finch. Thirteen specials. N.B.B. and M.C. specials three.

FOREIGN.—Under F.B.C. patronage. Judge, H. T. T. Camps. Three classes. Russell Humphrey seven classes. Eleven specials.

There is also a class for the Crystal Palace employees. Judge, J. Dobson. Also extra stock class. Fee of 1s. per cage.

CAGES.—Judge, W. Swaysland. Fee 2s. per cage. Three classes.

JUDGES' LUNCH.—February 15th. Covers at 2 o'clock. Tickets 3s. each. Tickets for exhibitors and friends supplied by the Show Manager.

TELEGRAMS OR LETTERS asking for result of judging cannot be answered by the authorities. Under these circumstances CAGE BIRDS will be pleased to supply exhibitors with the result in any class upon compliance with the following rules:—

1. Fully stamped post-cards, letters, or telegraph forms must reach us, at 154, Fleet Street, prior to February 15th.

2. The number of each exhibit and number of class must be stated, and spaces left blank for awards. For instance:—Jones, 15, Aberystwyth Terrace, Swansea.—Class 30, No. 259 ——; Class 31, No 263 ——.

3. All applicants for results at the Palace must write RESULT on top left-hand corner of the envelope.

CAGE BIRDS will have its usual stall at the Palace and we shall be pleased to welcome visitors and friends.

NEWCASTLE C.B.S.

General Meeting held in Lockhart's Cafe, Jan. 3rd. Mr. J. Shepherd presided over a good attendance. The rules for the ensuing year was unanimously agreed that Messrs. Curry and Hutchinson act as Joint Secretaries and Treasurers. Mr. J. Shepherd and Mr. J. Currah were re-elected Chairman and Vice-Chairman respectively. All retiring members of the committee were re-elected with power to add to their number. The report of the auditors was given upon the balance sheet, which was considered satisfactory for the first year of the society. Several new members were enrolled. Anyone desirous of becoming a member of what is going to be one of the principal societies in the kingdom, please send names and addresses to the secretaries. Entrance, 1s., subscription, 2s. 6d.—W. Curry, J. G. Hutchinson, Joint Secs., 60, Grosvenor Gardens, Newcastle-on Tyne.

CITY OF BELFAST BELGIAN AND SCOTCH FANCY C.B.

Monthly Meeting Avenue Hall, Mr. R. Trimble, President, in the chair. Old office bearers were re-elected for present year. Show to be held on Nov. 9th. The President and Secretary will give a special of 5s. each for new members (amateurs). Number of members 20.—R. Smith, Sec., 22, Paxton Street.

BRIGHTON F. & F.A.

The Year Book for 1903 of the Brighton F. and F.A. is a neatly got-up and informative booklet, and will form a useful compendium for local Fanciers. Especially convenient is a list of railway rates for stock on all railways in Great Britain and Ireland. We are glad to note that the Society has a balance in hand of over £14.

THE QUESTION OF THE MOMENT!

HAVE YOU HAD YOUR JANUARY "BIRD WORLD" YET?

If not, get it AT ONCE or you may be TOO LATE. "The proof of the pudding is in the eating," and the success of **THE BIRD WORLD** is proved by its reception. No. 2, like No. 1, is fast running out of print; repeat orders are coming in every day. This fact and the letters received daily from delighted readers prove that **THE BIRD WORLD** fills the proverbial long felt want.

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An article on the Bird Pets of Royalty, by Princess Helene Vacaresco.
The first instalment of a highly instructive and extremely interesting Serial entitled "A History of Birds," by W. P. Pycroft, the well-known ornithologist.
An illustrated interview with a Champion Exhibitor of British Birds.
An article on Canary Breeding for beginners, and numerous other very interesting Articles and Illustrations.

The circulation which reached the unexpected figure of 12,500 has not been confined to the United Kingdom alone; our books already contain a large number of subscribers from Australia, New Zealand, India, Canada, British West Indies, etc., and we have already received several letters of congratulation from distant parts.

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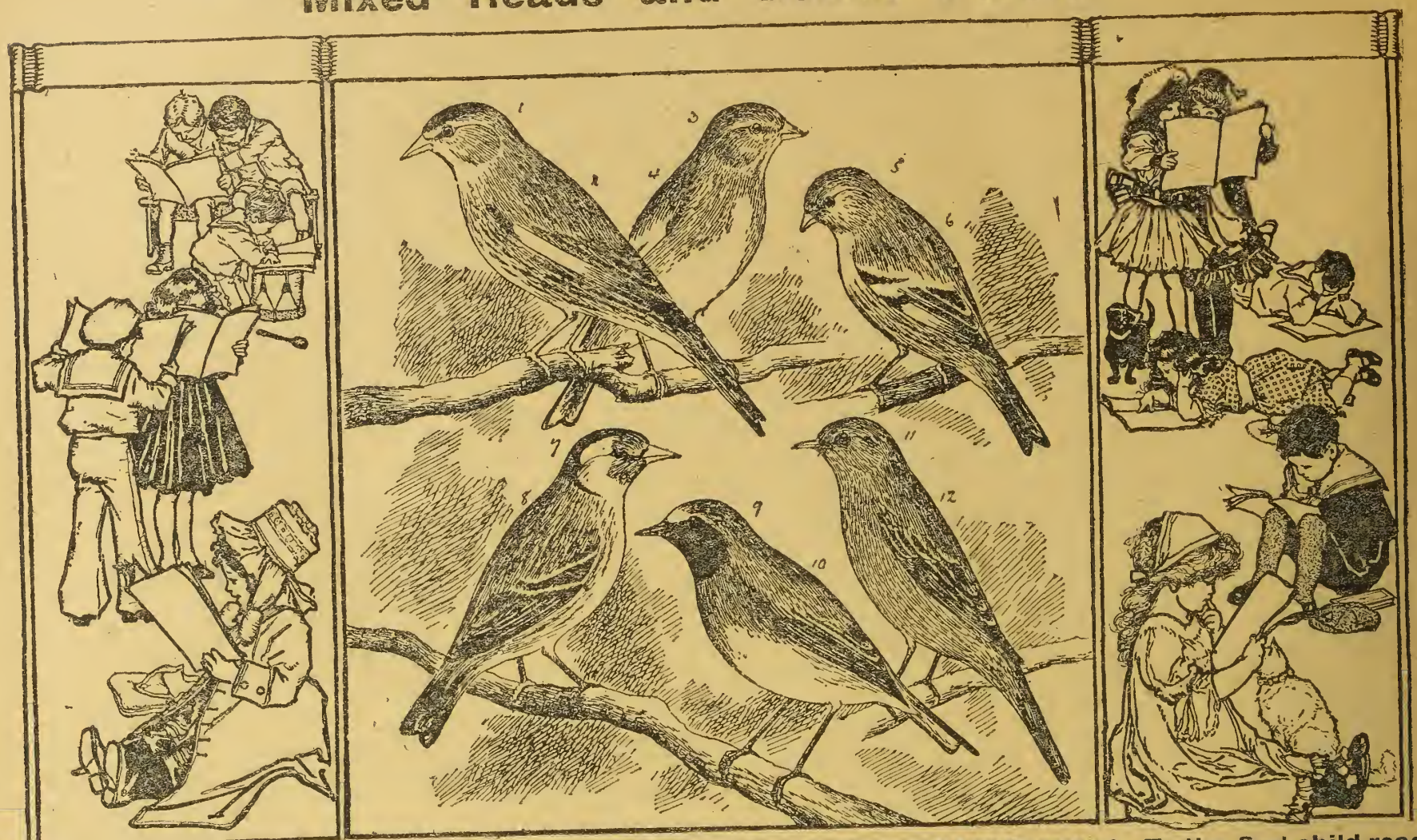
OUR CHILDREN'S COMPETITION.

Mixed Heads and Bodies Puzzle.



Here are some naughty birds which have evidently got their bodies and heads mixed. To the first child reader of "Cage Birds" under sixteen years of age who succeeds in successfully placing all the right heads on the right bodies we will give half a sovereign. Every head and every body has been given a number, so it is not necessary to mutilate the paper in order to compete. Full name, age, and address must be written on a postcard with solution, and posted before February 16th, 1907, when entries will finally close. Only one guess allowed to each child. Winning card selected by an independent person, blindfolded.

CRYSTAL PALACE SHOW.

Sir,—Seeing the Great National Show to be held at Crystal Palace is now fixed, can you arrange for an excursion, so as to embrace the North-east coast? To start from Glasgow and come by Edinburgh, Berwick, Newcastle, Gateshead, and Darlington, which embraces Stockton, Middlesbrough, and the Hartlepools, then Yorks., etc. The excursion would be well patronised. Have it to embrace the whole of the week, or even longer. If Messrs. Thos. Cook and Sons were consulted by you, I feel sure it would be a success. Will you please give the matter your very careful attention? By so doing you will oblige a large circle of fanciers and readers of Cage Birds. —William Cotton.

[This is more a matter for the Palace Show manager than Cage Birds. Perhaps he will inform our correspondent if any special excursions are arranged from the Darlington district.—Ed. "C.B."]

THE HOMING INSTINCT IN A CALL-BIRD.

Sir,—I am an interested reader of your valued paper, and have read several interesting letters on the homing instincts of cage birds. I could recount several instances of various species, but to-day's experiences I consider most remarkable. I have a hen Chaffinch that has been used as a call-bird in a back cage; but, premier position being taken by a fine male, I decided to let it fly, and opened its door in the bird-room, which is a small conservatory. It flew about for awhile, and then into the garden, hopping about some gooseberry bushes, taking no heed when closely approached, and then it flew into a high plum tree, where it was joined by several of its clan by its repeated "pink, pink." Being called for a while away from the fascination of watching its joy at being once more a free bird, on returning, it was nowhere to be seen; only sparrows and starlings occupied the trees. Now, to-day, we had spring-like weather, and, being a day of rest, I sat in the open reading my favourite paper, "C.B." with a few favourite songsters hung on a wall opposite me, and I was surprised, on looking up, to see my bob-tailed Chaffinch, with crown feathers stuck up, strutting along the wall above the cages. I was all attention to see what she would do. There is something very satisfying in knowing a bird is not afraid of one, and, above all, that it loves its home. However common a species it might be, it commands our affection. After a while it flew on to a cage, and then hopped from one to the other backwards and forwards. Then it flew on to the side of one as if to get in. I got its cage, and placed it on top of another, when it immediately hopped in and commenced feeding. I took it down and fastened its door. It is certainly the tamest Chaffinch I have known, as, after being caged years, they are often as wild as the day they are caught.—T. Hubbard.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. It kills all insects, harmless to everything else. Sold in tins, 3d., 6d., and 1s each.

KESTRELS IN CAPTIVITY.

Sir,—I am pleased and gratified to read in your valuable paper, Cage Birds, that Mr. J. S. Clarke (whose letters I have noticed on more than one occasion) has taken up his pen to defend the Sparrows from such inhuman and barbarous methods of slaughter as practised by your correspondent "Tiercel," who in his misguided greed for blood, or so-called "back-garden sport," resorts to means which are heinous crimes in the eyes of the civilised How terrible to maim Sparrows in order to provide sport for "Tiercel" and food for his Falcon. It might have escaped notice a hundred or more years ago, when the law and protection extended to birds were less apparent, but to-day we have a society whose object is to prevent such malpractice. I wonder if they would call it "sport." Judging by the strong outburst of feeling and indignation displayed in his reply to Mr. J. S. Clarke's letter "Tiercel" is evidently hard hit. I have heard of men whose light has been hidden under a bushel, and to whom a little advice would have come as a boon and a blessing, may it prove so in "Tiercel's" case, and cause him in future to be more humane, and thus become a blessing to himself and the Sparrows alike. In all common sense and feeling there cannot be sport in watching an untrained Falcon do to death a Sparrow, maimed to deprive it of its chance of escape, and "Tiercel" knows this.—C. Brunt.

Sir,—Allow me to thank "Shikra" for his instructive and interesting letter re falconry. What interesting articles he could write in your columns on his hawking expeditions! British officers, I am told, indulge much in this "ancient and royal sport" on the plains of India. Mr. J. S. Clarke convicts himself of cruelty that is fiendish compared with that for which he arraigned me. He says he "has shot hares and rabbits"!!! Angels and ministers of grace defend us from the righteous indignation and the mock heroics of a rabbit-potter! When J. S. Clarke attacks me on the ethics of cruelty why does he not reply to my arguments? Is it not a case of the pan calling the kettle black? He may blow a hare's leg off with his shot, and yet he wriggles and squirms like a bottle full of worms at a recital of the death of a cock sparrow! If you would shoot your rabbits "humanely" you must shoot with Quaker Oats, not lead! At the end of his letter J. S. Clarke gives me some of the information I sought, but I have had to wring it out of him by first wringing his neck like a cock chicken. I speak figuratively, of course. If my quixotic traducer considers this another "farrago of abuse" let him not forget that he was first to throw stones.—Tiercel.

[Much of this correspondent's letter has had to be deleted. A long and harrowing description of the cruelty of rabbit and hare shooting is not suitable for the columns of Cage Birds. Mr. J. S. Clarke may, if he so pleases, reply briefly, and then this correspondence must close.—Ed. "C.B."]

GRAVE CHARGES AGAINST EGREMONT SHOW.

Sir,—I am the representative of the C.B.U. referred to. I visited the show on the Sunday, and found seven birds without water, and looking soft; five in Border section, and two in Norwich. Now, Mr. Moffat, I must admit that I did neglect doing my duty, but four birds out of the seven being my own, I did not feel inclined to make any bother about them. But there, as you have beaten round the bush in the manner you have done, I am obliged to tell the 40,000 readers of Cage Birds a little more of the case. First, he, Mr. Moffat, is not an obliging Sec—far from it—or else he would have put himself out of the way for five minutes, instead of saying that someone else had the key of the hall. But, as I told Mr. Withington, I could not prove any neglect of the dead bird, as the drinker was full of something of a pink colour and the bird had seed. But now, Mr. Moffat, you said in one of your letters I neglected my duty, which I admit. Well, it is your fault, first, in not informing Mr. W. of his bird's condition, and for making a wrong statement about the key, and my fault in the second place, for allowing the lads in charge of the hall, and to let the birds go out; they were not committeemen. This is my first letter and my last, as this beats cock-fighting, Jim.—W. J. Park.

(Letter from Mr. Moffatt, jun, crowded out.)

DISQUALIFICATION AT HAYLE SHOW.

SIR,—I have no desire to introduce anything of an unfriendly nature towards Mr. House, but I must say he "hit off" at the outset with an air that was not all that could be desired, and when I drove the point home he treated my inquiry, re disqualification, with an amount of disregard which was unbecoming in an "All England" judge. Still, I propose sending the said bird to the Great National, so that one and all may see the grizzle smear on the side of the neck, the size of a shilling. Here ends this regrettable controversy.—W. COLLINGS.

SOUTHERN N.P. CLUB.

Proposed Testimonial to Mr. Leclair the Retiring Hon. Sec.

SIR,—On learning Mr. Leclair is about to resign his post as Hon.-Sec. to above club, through pressure of business, as a member I think we ought to make him a present of some kind for the services he has rendered to our club, and should be pleased to hear of someone more prominent than myself who will undertake to collect subscriptions. The time is short, but should like, if possible, for the presentation to take place at the forthcoming Crystal Palace Show. I should like to hear what other members think in the matter.—W. R. MILES.

DUTCH FRILLS AT SCOTTISH NATIONAL SHOW.

SIR,—Will you kindly note that the pair of Dutch Frills, 1st prize cage No. 15 in class 108, were mine, as I understand, though by some error the name of the owner of these birds is printed wrong in the Show Catalogue. Though the weather was so severe, this pair of birds went and returned all that distance in safety, and in the pink of condition, and came home again. This speaks well for the hardiness of the birds, considering the awful weather that prevailed, and also is a tribute to the care that the Sec. and the Stewards of the Scots National Show betowed upon exhibits. The Dutch Frill, it appears, must be put on to the show bench, and so having been urged to do some exhibiting, though I am not keen on it, I am thinking over it, and maybe some Liverpool Frillies will be seen about the Halls de Exposition in fair array shortly.—EDWARD WILLIAMS.

A TALKING ROSE-BREASTED COCKATOO.

SIR,—Perhaps it may be of interest to your readers to know that some rose-breasted Cockatoos can be taught to talk. I have had a young male bird for the last ten months. His name is Joey. He can now say the following sentences, to our great delight: "Mary, make the tea—quick, quick! Harold, Tommy, daddy, have a cup of coffee. Tish, oh! Cockoo! Fine Kippers! Penny a pair! Sweet! Bobby! Ada, come along! Kiss, kiss!" (then imitates kissing). "Joey, mother's beauty! Pretty boy!" A knock or ring at front door brings forth: "Who's that?" My morning's greeting very often is: "Halloa, my beauty!" On leaving the room, he says: "Good-bye, Joey—good-bye! Who are you? What do you want? Puss, puss! Mew! Frank, how you do? Baby, don't you cry? Oh, you beauty!" At meal-times it is: "Give us a bit." He is still learning, is tame, and a good, lively companion.—(Mrs.) KNOWLES.

NETTING SPARROWS.

SIR,—A few young friends of mine went out during the Christmas Holidays—round the hedges—with a sparrow net (i.e. a net upon two long bamboo poles). One acted as beater, and went the opposite side of the net, another had the net, and the third one carried a bull's-eye lantern, which he showed upon the net, and his light greatly helped to attract the birds, which were thus more easily caught than the would have been without one. There are several parties here who go out netting, but they only go on moonlight nights. In my young days I always preferred the light, and many a time have I thrown the light from a bull's-eye into thick bushes, and caught the birds in my hands. The results of this catch were nothing very choice, only sparrows (plenty of these), Greenfinches, Chaffinches, a few Yellowhammers, and about 7 or 8 Linnets, 1 Robin, and 2 Hedge Sparrows, and about 7 or 8 Blackbirds and Thrushes. No Bullfinches, Goldfinches, or Bramble Finches. It is very rare, indeed, that the netters get any of these three last finches; but there are plenty caught in the Fens where they use the clap-nets. The Linnets are found in plenty in the Fens, and good catches are made. The same with the Bramble Finches. The Bullies are not so plentiful only in spring in the gardens and orchards, when they can be easily taken with the trap-cages. A few young farmers in the district have gone in largely for the past few years round the stacks with the sparrow-nets, and some hundreds of sparrows have been taken. Sparrows they will tell you make many a good pie, only they are a lot of trouble to prepare. Some say they are as nice to eat as Larks. A great many of the Blackbirds and Thrushes are used for "puddings" by those who regularly go out on these nocturnal raids.—T. H. KINCH (Ramsey).

SUGGESTED CAGE BIRD CLUB FOR LEYTON (Essex).

SIR,—I have been approached by several cage bird fanciers about forming a cage bird association for this district, and if any local cage bird fancier will kindly communicate with me at above address, I will have a meeting arranged, and so get the thing on a working basis. I, myself, think that a very strong association can be formed, seeing we have no cage bird association anywhere near us. I have already about 20 promises of membership, also the promised support of a few local tradespeople, and in addition to this I have three challenge cups promised for competition, so as to give us a start if the association can be formed. I may also say that it is proposed that the association be open to the county of Essex only; but, of course, we can see how the feeling of the meeting is as regards a point like this. Now, all you local fanciers let us hear from you, as we want to make this a bumping association. It is to be a Cage Bird Association only, and not a mixed society.—F. WILLIAMSON, 63, Murrison Road, Leyton.

ANOTHER APOLOGY.

SIR,—With the permission of our Chairman (Mr. Thomas Floyd), forty years a fancier and exhibitor, and on behalf of the Ashington and Hirst C.B.F.C., I would deem it a favour if you could publish an apology (copy enclosed), received from T. Rowell, of Bebside, who made certain slanderous statements about our first show, held on December 29, 1906. He may consider himself fortunate that such an apology is accepted, and I trust it will be a lesson for the future, as we are determined to put a stop to such practices. I also hope the apology will satisfy the public of any doubt as to the honesty and intentions of our Chairman and Society, and that exhibitors will not be deterred from giving us their support at our future shows.—JOS. MILES (Hon.-Sec.)

Mr. Floyd,—I must appoligise you no what it is for a man to have to much drink.

Yours,
T. H. ROWELL.

(Exact copy).

ROBIN REDBREAST.

SIR,—The following may perhaps be of interest to some of your readers. It is supposed that while our Saviour was upon his way to Calvary, that a robin picked one of the thorns from out the crown he was wearing, and the blood rushing from the wound covered the breast of the bird, dyeing it the proverbial red. This beautifully sweet legend seems to explain the reason why the robin redbreast has become such a favourite of man. Another legend attributed to the robin is that he carried dew upon his bill to the souls shut up in the lake of fire, and that in consequence his breast became scorched by the fire from Gehenna. The poet Bishop Doane, in his poem on the "Robin Redbreast," says:—

"Sweet Robin, I have heard them say,
That thou wert there upon the day
That Christ was crown'd in cruel scorn,
And bore away one bleeding thorn,
That so the blush upon thy breast,
In shameful sorrow was imprest;
And thence thy genial sympathy,
With our redeemed humanity."

Whittier, the poet, gives the following regarding the tradition of the robin carrying moisture to the parched souls in the lake of fire:—

"He brings cool dew in his little bill,
And lets it fall on the souls of sin;
You can see the mark on his red breast still,
Of fires that scorch as he drops it in."

Trusting this may be acceptable to those who may not know these legends.—A. H. M. C.

SIR,—The robin's early whistle generally portends an early or severe winter. This year they were rather early with their sweet warble, hence the severe winter we are now having. The robin I always consider a great pet, his gentle manners make him a general favourite. I will also relate another instance of what happened on New Year's morning. Poor robin was our first-foot, having found his way early in by an open door to our parlour, where he evidently enjoyed the warm reception, and was not the least put about by me moving about the room. He allowed me to get within arm's-length of him without being at all disturbed. Even when writing this letter poor Robin is paying close attention to me in my office, comes in whenever the door is open, and remains a long time.—J. J. W. LAMB.

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SHOULD MISSING CLAWS DISQUALIFY?

SIR,—On looking over the winners in the Greenfinch class, at the recent West London Show, I was surprised to see No. 1, a Greenfinch, with a claw missing, awarded 2nd prize. This same bird at Watford show was passed; evidently the judge, Mr. Frostick, must have noticed the missing claw, and judged it according to the rules stated in Schedule. In my opinion it should have been so passed at the West London Show, if judged according to rule 3 in Schedule. It is not fair to exhibitors, or yet judges, when we see such specimens as the above taking honours over perfect specimens. I should like to see the opinions of fellow exhibitors.—ONLOOKER.

[Possibly our correspondent is not aware that the winning Greenfinch at the last Crystal Palace exhibition also had a claw missing; further, that this is a question on which different judges hold different opinions.—ED.]

GOLDFINCH MISSING A MOULT.

SIR,—This is not an uncommon occurence among cage birds, and in most instances the bird does not suffer any evil effects from it. I have known it in some few cases to cause death, but very rarely. If birds are kept in roomy cages, and given a bath three times weekly, they should moult. Some cage birds will not bath; in that case syringe them occasionally with a very small glass syringe, using tepid water, unless it is summer time. Then hang them in the sun; they soon get dry. If at the present season, keep them out of all kinds of chills. Feed upon crushed hemp, mixing a little flour of sulphur, just a pinch, in all food, and carbonate of iron in the water, only enough to discolour it. Give apple or pear daily between bars of cage—no other green food. If the bird is in a small cage (box cage) put him in a larger one. I think you will find this treatment will cause the bird to moult; but if the bird is in good health, and sings I should leave him alone until the warm weather comes. Don't forget sand. Some birds will not take it off the bottom of the cage, in such cases mix it with their food. This is my experience, and it has been a long one, I can assure W. C. Freeman of that.—FRANCIS SMITH (Walthamstow).

SHOULD MULE BREEDING BE ENCOURAGED?

SIR,—Your correspondent J. H. Verrall evidently has never seen "Notes on Cage Birds," edited by the late Dr. Greene. In this, Chap. IX., of 50 pages, is entirely devoted to Doves, and the rest of the book consists of the correspondence from the "Bazaar" columns with Editorial Notes by the late doctor. It is published by L. Upcott Gill, and the price is 6s. for the second series, the first series, I believe, only being supplied to subscribers, as there is a list of these in the later edition. I think J. H. Verrall is also mistaken in thinking that Dr. Greene never bred any Canary Mules, as in his book "Birds I Have Kept," published in 1885, he says, "The only crosses I ever attempted, have been with the Brown Linnet and the Greenfinch, from which I obtained hybrids, and the Chaffinch and the Saffron Finch, from which I had no result." He was not in favour of this branch of the hobby, for as he continues: "I am not an admirer of mules, for I think we can scarcely improve upon Nature's handiwork, and Nature has set her face against such intermeddling with her arrangements by stamping the offspring of these unnatural unions with uniform sterility." I should advise J. H. V. to get hold of any of Dr. Greene's books he is able to, as there is not one that is not only valuable to the fancier, but they are all written in a chatty way, which makes them doubly interesting.—A. H. DESPREZ.

SONG OF THE REDWING AND FIELDFARE.

SIR,—I see that some querists have been asking your able expert, Mr. Weston, some questions about the Redwing and Fieldfare. I may say I have heard the Redwing singing here (North Ayrshire) several times in April, in a wild state. I also heard one singing sweetly in October, 1906, but it was not so loud as those I heard in April. The song somewhat resembles that of the Song Thrush. I have also heard Redwings warbling in consort. The Redwing also produces a "chuck" note, which resembles that of the Blackbird; this note is usually uttered while the bird is perched. It also produces a long-drawn "cheep," which also resembles that of the Blackbird; this note is generally uttered while the bird is on the wing. The Redwing is easily distinguished from the Song Thrush by any of these notes. Other distinguishing points are a whitish streak above the eye, and the red under the wings. The Redwing flies more rapidly and the wings are kept more straight than those of the Song Thrush, while the body is not so large, and the bird has a more snaky appearance while perched. With regard to the Fieldfare, I have often heard them making a chattering noise, and some of them seemed as if just going to sing; but I have never heard them singing.—JOHN CRAIG (Beith).

THE "STUCK AT SIX" QUESTION.

SIR,—It has come to my knowledge that statements are being circulated that at Kilsyth Open Show on Dec. 15th, 1906, classes were intentionally stuck at six. I am prepared to deposit 10s. with CAGE BIRDS, which, in the event of any exhibitor being able to prove that any such thing was done, or that any entries in cage birds were returned for that purpose, can be devoted to any object the Editor of CAGE BIRDS cares to nominate.—ANDREW D. DUNCAN (Hon. Sec.).

CANARY MISSING FROM LLANELLY SHOW.

SIR,—I should esteem it a favour if you could grant me a little space in your valuable paper. At the late C. B. Show, which was held Jan. 8th, an error has been made in repacking the birds. We have missed a Buff Norwich in Class 2, No. 3; therefore I appeal to exhibitors at the above show to thoroughly examine their exhibits, and I trust to have a reply to my satisfaction. I must expresss my regret at this mistake.—W. LEWIS (Sec.).

LLANELLY SHOW—ALLEGED TAMPERING IN TRANSIT.

SIR,—Llanelly being the last show for competition for the English and W.B.F.C.C. Cup I entered and nominated two birds, and, to be sure they would arrive in good time, I sent them off on Sunday night, Jan. 6th, by mail train, the show being on Jan. 8th (Tuesday). To my surprise, early on the Tuesday morning, day of show, I had them handed in to me by a railway servant. I went down to the station to see where they had been returned from, but they could not tell me, as they had no waybill back with them. They told me the label must have got turned, but by whom, or where, they could not say. I wrote to the Secretary to make strict enquiry at Llanelly Station, and see if ever my case had been there on Monday. He wrote back and told me he had been to the station and checked all the cases that had been to the show, but mine had never been there at all. As I was standing well up in points to win the Cup, the only motive seems to have been to spoil my chance of winning. It is the most dastardly trick I have ever known in all my 20 years' experience as an exhibitor of cage birds. I should like to know if any of your readers have ever had a similar experience. I have put a claim in to the railway company, and it will be seen whether they are responsible or not.—J. THOMPSON (Wigton).

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NORWICH PLAINHEAD AND CREST CLUB FOR IRELAND.

SIR,—I notice in a recent issue that one of your readers suggests that we should have a club for the above varieties. Surely it is time that something should be done, as I am greatly afraid that another season or two will see our schedules excluding these varieties altogether. The past season has been a perfect failure in respect of them; at most of the shows Crests and Crestbreds only averaged three per class, and Plainheads only five. This is not an encouragement to show committees to continue classes for these. The exhibitors of these varieties will have to do as their friends the Yorkshire exhibitors did—start a club, and do the same as soon as possible. If they do not, I am afraid the Norwich will not make as big a headway as the Yorks.—C. J. MULLIGAN (Sligo).

"A PRIVATE APPEAL."

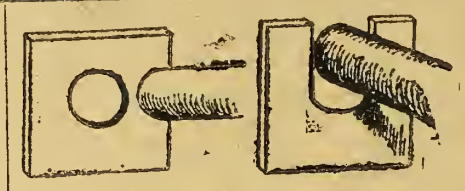
SIR,—It was a pleasing surprise to me to read Mr. R. Rhydderch's appeal on my behalf. The gentleman is a stranger to myself, and I only know his name from having replied to some queries forwarded on to me by the Editor. But what he has written is quite correct. On my health improving, I was unable to regain any of my former employments. I have never learnt any trade. The workhouse was the only place where I could obtain board and lodging. Reading and writing is called a luxury, and can only be done during the dinner-hour, or between six and eight in the evening, and on Sundays. I am hoping that through the generosity of old friends and new readers I may be able once again to visit the Crystal Palace Cage Bird Show.—J. H. VERRALL.

SIR,—I have pleasure in sending you P.O. value 2s. towards the "Verrall" (I presume) Fund. Ah! well do I remember about fifteen years ago, when writing on mules, how friend Verrall partly questioned my remarks, and in return I gave him an invitation to spend his summer holidays with me, to which the late Mr. Comyns added: "What does friend V. think of this spontaneous invitation?" Well, no one knows what may happen, and I say many can help one, where one can't help many, and I trust he may be comforted in his old age. I could write a lot more about all the good things you are giving us, but must stay for the time.—W. SPILLMAN.

The following sums have also been received: From J. Wilkins (Tonypandy), 1s.; from Mrs. Ivatt (Walmer), 1s.; from William Cairns (Edinburgh), 5s.

THE CLASSIFICATION OF YORKSHIRES.

SIR,—Now that the Show season is nearly over, and a few more weeks will bring us into the breeding season, I think the interval might be taken as an opportunity to devise ways and means of ensuring a better co-operation of fanciers with a view to promoting and exhibiting the different breeds of Canaries. As the same means will apply to all varieties, I will take for example the variety I am most interested in—viz., the Yorkshire Canary. I am pleased to see the rapid advancement of this popular bird in Cumberland, also to note the formation of the Northern Y.C.C., and humbly express the hope that their officials will use their utmost endeavour to secure a different classification to that which we have been favoured with during the past season in the North of England. If things go on as they are shaping, we might possibly find ourselves with a classification such as "Any variety Yorkshire, yellow or buff." Gradually but surely many societies are cutting down the classes and amalgamating them together with a view to getting large entries. These societies are not run for the benefit of exhibitors, but for the benefit of themselves. Will some of our leading Yorkshire fanciers take this matter up in earnest, and by friendly discussion upon the questions I ask much good may be done to advance the interests of this variety. Will the Hon.-Sec. of the Yorkshire C.C. kindly inform me as to how many classes have to be provided by a society to secure the Y.C.C. patronage? First, for Challenge Cup; secondly, for Taylor's Cup and Specials.' And whether there is any stipulation as to the classification, or is it entirely left in the hands of the society patronised? Will any of our leading exhibitors kindly explain why they generously support societies who only give from three to five classes, and why societies giving seven or eight classes scarcely ever get a single entry from them? Is mixed classes preferred to separate classes for clears, tsks., and uneven mks., and separate hen classes? Should not societies who give a classification similar to the above be supported, even at a little inconvenience to the exhibitor? I trust this matter, Mr. Editor, with your kind indulgence, will be heartily taken up by lovers of the Yorkshire, fully discussed, and be productive of much good to both fanciers and societies.—JOHN FERGUSON (Whitehaven).



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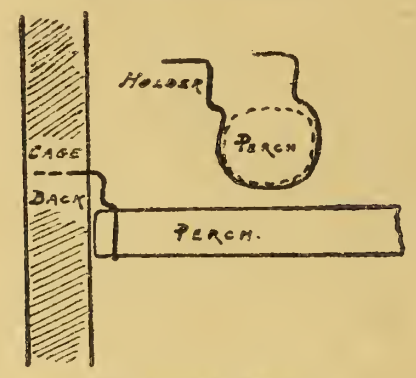

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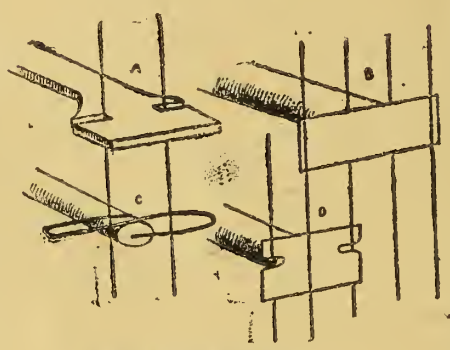

A: Mr. S. Dean's Perch.
B: Mr. Pitcher's Perch.
C: Mr. T. Soar's Perch.
D: Mr. R. Allen's Perch.

SOME EASILY REMOVABLE PERCHES.

SIR,—I am sending sketch of a simple method to secure perches. Take a short piece of cage-wire, and bend it to get round the perch; then bend as per sketch and fix in the back of cage. The perches cannot fall down, and you can easily take them out for cleaning, etc.—G. BRADLEY.

SIR,—I see a fancier wishes for a perch that can be taken out of the cage from the outside without lifting down the cage and disturbing the birds. I enclose sketch of one, which answers two purposes, i.e., perch and egg board, for placing soft food on.—S. DEAN.

P.S.—Perch for box-cages which can be taken out of cage from outside. They should be made from three-eighths inches wood, with one end cut perhaps an inch square (as per illustration), then cut with a saw to fit between the wires of the cage, after the style of an egg-board. If desired, they can either be made long enough to touch back of cage, or to be a bit short, when they will be almost like spring perches. Sufficient should be left outside to take hold of, in order to fix in position.—S. DEAN.

SIR,—In reply to J. E. D. in your issue of the 22nd inst., re simple way to fix perches, he has only to cut them long enough to strain a little tight from front to back, and use no nail or tack whatever. I do not know if he uses such or not, but there is no need of it; he can put his hand to the perch and take it down without any trouble.—H. FOWLER.

SIR,—I herewith send an idea which I think will meet the requirements of "J. E. D." in this week's correspondence column. Perches made as per sketch, with a piece of stout tin nailed to one end, are easily slipped in and out for cleaning. A hole bored at the far end makes a good trap for red mite, which are easily dislodged by giving a sharp tap or two on the perch. The end must not touch the back of the cage. I have made and used these myself for years, so can speak with confidence as to their complete satisfaction.—W. J. PITCHER.

SIR,—A correspondent of yours asks for a secure perch-holder that can be easily taken out without moving cage. How will one suit him that is easily cut from a piece of brass and will hold any weight, while fastener is outside of cage, and perch can be removed without putting the hand in the cage at all? The nicks inside of brass must be tapered, and they will not then slip off the wires. The perch need not go to back of cage, as it will hold firmly with fastener only, which grips the wires very tightly, and will not drop if nicks are not cut too far in for the gauge to which the wire front is made. The sketch shows a piece of brass (or other hard metal) cut out like design, and with a few notches made in it at the point which is driven in up to the top in the perch. Insert in cage front with brass front-piece turned endwise. Then turn flat to lock in wires of front; to take out, turn straight again.—R. ALLEN.

SIR,—I am sending you a simple way to fix perches so that they may be got out to clean. I get a piece of hard, smooth wood, about quarter-inch thick, and bore a hole in same about size of perch; or perch can be made to fit hole. Then I glue it to back or sides of cages, as the case may be. If for fixing from back of cage to front wires, I have a slit sawn down about half-inch or so in perch, to fit a wire, when all you have to do is lift the end on the wire upwards and pull it out through the front wires. For breeding-cages I have two blocks of wood, one with a piece cut out as shown in sketch. This is for flight, etc., cages, when running from end to end, and the perches should fit pretty tightly in both the hole and the slit. I glue the two blocks to the sides, etc., of the cages, after, of course, the necessary holes have been cut.—A. EAGLE.

SIR,—I beg to call your correspondent's attention to the accompanying explanations and diagrams. Get some ordinary cage-wire and bend it in the shape of an elongated letter S. Leave a tang, which flatten and then drive into an ordinary wooden perch. Interlace the elongated S between your front wires, and there you are.—THOS. SOAR.

Many readers have kindly responded to "J.E.D.'s" inquiry for an easily removable perch, and their ideas we purpose publishing in due course. It was, however, inevitable that some amongst them should forward on similar notions, and, of course, we can select only one of each for illustration. We have to return thanks to Mr. G. Stevens (Cheltenham), Mr. John Canning (Tyldesley), Mr. A. Winfield (Watford), Mr. B. Jones (Kidsgrove), and several others.—Editor.

BRITISH CAGE BIRDS ABROAD.

SIR,—As an ardent lover of birds, especially British, I thought that perhaps it might interest those of your readers, who like myself, are condemned to live in sultry climates to hear of my experience in keeping British birds in such. I started off to join my regiment in West Africa (Sierra Leone) with a cage containing two Larks, one Bullfinch, one Goldfinch, one Linnet, one Canary. This was before I had any experience in keeping Larks, or any soft-billed birds. I mention this to show how hardy Larks are, as they lived in that cage, principally on seeds and Indian corn meal, with a few insects that I caught by robbing the Mason Wasp's mud nest of his store of spiders. I was only at Sierra Leone six weeks, as a certain riot broke out at Belize, British Honduras, in that year, 1895, to which I was sent with a detachment of my regiment, and so, of course, the birds went too. They sang beautifully all this time and seemed to like the eternal summer. I had separated the Larks, but had no proper cage. Well, to make a long story shorter, I left Belize after nine months, and my birds were still alive and apparently quite fit. My destination was now Jamaica, West Indies; there I met with my first mishap, and it was of course, one of my best birds, my tamest Lark. This Lark was so tame that he would come on my hand and twitter to me, and I often let him run about the room; the consequence was, a dog killed him in mistake for a mouse. Then, after some time, the Bullfinch wasted away and died, and then the Goldfinch. The other Lark lived for some years—I think about three—and sang all the year round, as far as I remember. Then one night came a cursed army of travelling ants, my worst enemies, and went through the cage, literally eating the poor little bird alive. This was, of course, my fault for not having stood the cage on a table the legs of which were standing in oil tins. When I went home at the end of my term of service of nearly five years, I left the jolly little Linnet still hale and hearty, with a dear old Devonshire "pal" of mine, to whom it brought back dear memories of yellow gorse bushes and trout fishing, and I think it lived for about another year. My other experience was about 18 months ago, when serving in Barbados, West Indies. I got people to bring me out three Thrushes from home. Of course, the Thrushes were supposed to be cock birds—they were sold as such. Well, I had a big cage made, and separated them all; they were fed on Spratt's patent food, and, when that ran short, on bruised hemp-seed, egg and bread crumbs. One bird very soon died without singing. Another, evidently a very old one judging from its legs, sang fairly well, but not so loudly as they do at home, and the other cock Thrush astonished me one morning by laying an egg in its bath. I promptly transferred the real cock to her cage, at which she was delighted, and did her best to encourage the honeymoon by building a nest in an old cigar box. I gave her some clay, too, with which she lined it, but still preferred to lay in her bath. As fast as I put the eggs in her nest she ate them! The old cock bird died and I gave away the hen. I am due to sail again for Sierra Leone at the end of the month, and am taking out a cock Blackbird (reared on Capern's excellent new food), a Goldfinch, and two Larks, and I intend to ask H. Allen, of Leeds, to pick me out a good Linnet. Now, will some one else give me their experiences? Your excellent paper will, of course, reach me weekly, and I shall probably try and write more if it does not bore you.—H. A. HILL (Major, West India Regiment).

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THE BRENT GOOSE.

SIR,—In answer to your correspondent, "Constant Reader," I am of opinion that the bird recently shot by him on the Welland is a specimen of the Brent Goose, judging from the description given in his letter. It certainly cannot be a Pochard, for the description does not agree with any of the Pochard family, either in size or colour. In the first place there is no white ring on the neck in the Pochards. Then, again, the rump and vent parts in these birds are black. Also there are distinct white bands on the wings similar to those found on the wings of the Chaffinch or Bullfinch. On the other hand, the description answers in almost every point to that of the Brent Goose. Selby, in his "British Ornithology," describes the bird thus:—Irides, brown; bill, black; legs and feet, black, with faint tinge of reddish brown; head, neck, and upper back, black, with patch of white on each side of neck, about half-way down; back, scapulars, and wing coverts, clove brown, the feathers having their tips and margins paler; under parts, French grey; rump, vent part, upper and lower tail coverts, white. These birds often appear on our eastern coast in large numbers, especially on the muddy and sandy flats between Holy Isle and the coast of Northumberland. In severe winters they appear much further south, especially after long continued north winds. Flocks of these birds begin to make their appearance early in October, and they continue to arrive during October, November, and December. They begin to migrate in February, and will be all gone by April. If captured, these birds can be easily tamed. When tamed they readily eat all kinds of grain, as well as grass and other vegetables. They are fit for the table. The average weight is about three pounds.—ERNEST COLLINS.

P.S.—I hope to give you some information later about some very rare visitors to our North Devon coasts.

SIR,—In reply to "Constant Reader" in last week's CAGE BIRDS re Wild Duck, please allow me to state that it was a specimen of the Brent Goose that was shot. It is one of the commonest Geese to visit Great Britain in the winter, but it does not frequent inland rivers, preferring the coast. In the Arctic regions it is captured by the thousands, and then eaten by the natives. They are very nice additions to anyone who goes in for fancy Waterfowl, being absolutely hardy, and about this time of the year can be bought very cheaply from almost any dealer, especially the Leadenhall Market ones.—W. EARP.

(Many letters unavoidably held over owing to severe pressure on space.)

SHOW REPORTS

WALTHAMSTOW.

The show held in the Public Baths, Walthamstow, on Jan. 10th and 11th, was one of the best ever held by the Walthamstow Fanciers' Association; in fact, the fixture, as a whole, was the best open event in the society's history, and our section, in its entirety, contributed its full share to the success which was attained. Canaries were not great numerically, but the quality was far in advance of what has usually been seen at Walthamstow fixtures. In Yorkshires Mr. Pattrick's splendid team were the cynosure of all eyes, not only for their individual merit, but for the magnificent manner in which they were staged. It is strange, but nevertheless a fact, that no one can surpass a Yorkshireman in the staging of the slim beauties named after his county. Mr. Forse's winning hen was a gem, and many were the congratulations the popular assistant secretary received on his success. Messrs. Jones, Mabey, and Parrott also put down some capital birds. These young Ilford enthusiasts, the Messrs. Morris, won each of the novice classes with a useful pair. Norwich were a most typical lot, most of them being short and compact in shape and of grand feather properties. The members' cup for the best Canary fell to a very choice buff, shown by Mr. Miles. Messrs. Green, Hodder, and Carr were each represented by choice specimens. The Norwich novices came up well, and made strong classes in both numbers and merit. The winning exhibits of Messrs. Bromwick, Green, Handscombe, Vincent, and Watchman all being of standard properties. Crests were not numerous, but some very choice birds were staged by Messrs. Horton, Calver and Sons, Johnson, and Farmer. From Northampton came the winner in the A. O. V., and for quality and type we have not seen a better Cinnamon for many a day. The great feature of the Cage Bird section was the grand class of Goldfinches, thirty-five, and all good ones. We did not envy Mr. Norman the task of separating them, but he got through it with credit and satisfaction. The class was quite the best we have seen this season, and very little separated the best from the worst. Bullfinches topped the score, and in placing Mr. Howe's pair at the top Mr. Norman did well, but Mr. Carter's crack pressed very hard. Mr. Bull's Linnet was a worthy companion to his charming Goldfinch, but he had to acknowledge the superiority of the Wellingborough crack. The fight for supremacy in the Bramblings and Chaffinches was again a duel between the West and the Midlands, but the former carried just a trifle too much powder for the latter. Mr. Carter's Siskin by its colour and beautiful condition well deserved its position in front of its giant adversary Mr. Lowne's Hawfinch, which is indeed a beauty. Mr. Lowne's Blackbird, which headed the large variety, is one of the correct stamp, and was beautifully shown. Mr. Baldry's very handsome Tree Pipit had quite an array of special prize cards on its cage, and well it deserved them. It is indeed a gem. Two grand classes of Mules wound up the finest collection of British birds we have ever seen at a London suburban show. Walthamstow usually has a grand collection of our native songsters on view at its annual fixture, but this time all its past records were well beaten, which must have been as gratifying to Mr. Norman as it was complimentary. As in past years the birds were staged in the gallery in a splendid light, and in a position which enabled them to be well and easily seen by visitors. It is hardly needful to say that a show executive, containing the names of such well-known aviculturists as Messrs. J. S. Clarke and C. A. House would not be lacking in the essentials of good management, and in addition to them such whole-hearted devotees as Messrs. E. J. Voss, R. Farmer, B. Forse, R. Mien, W. Cole, C. Carr, and A. B. Forse were a guarantee as to the manner in which the work was carried out. Messrs. Forse attended to the feeding and watering, and most carefully did they perform their task. Mr. C. W. Mead, the Secretary, proved that he improves with keeping, and it is to be hoped the day is far distant when he will resign the position he so worthily fills. Mr. Bishop, the Treasurer, is another most indefatigable worker, and most ably fills his responsible post, whilst his good wife renders most loyal and effective service by her superintendence of the refreshment department. Walthamstow Show of 1907 was a good one, and one to be remembered, especially by lovers of British. Mr. T. Heath judged Canaries, and Mr. H. Norman British and Mules.

YORKS. YELL. (9): 1, sp, Patrick, really a gem, stands right out, as smooth as glass, full of nerve, very slim and tapering, rare wings and tail, put down very fit; 2, hc, Jones, beautiful shape and style, well up on leg, very tight in feather, plenty of nerve; 3, Mabey, not so long, but a beauty, splendid type, grand quality and nerve, stands well; vhc, Parrott, rare shape and carriage, fine feather, not so hot; c, Joiner. BUFF (8): 1, Patrick, wonderful quality, feathered like a Java, nice fine head, rare wings and tail, very slim and shapely, handles well; 2, Broome, grand shape, carriage, and colour, capital wings and tail, hardly so well burnished; 3, Parrott, noted winner, splendid shape and style, well braced wings and nicely piped tail; vhc, Civil Service sp, Watson, good head, wings, and tail, splendid carriage and feather; hc, Mabey; c, Bleach. TICKED, ETC. (6): 1, Pattrick, thigh ticked yell., sweet head, nice level back, wings, and tail, grand quality of feather, rare shape and style; 2, Jones, thigh ticked yell., hardly so even in colour, but beautiful soft, silky feather, very nice modelled, and as erect as a soldier; 3, Hall, another thigh ticked yell., most beautifully feathered; vhc, c, Mabey, very long var., Cinn. marked, nice style, but lacks colour. HEN (14): 1, sp, A. B. Forse, lovely neck ticked yell., very sweetly built, full of grace and style, a bonny hen, and claimed at catalogue price by Mr. Webb, of Southend; 2, Jones, neck ticked buff, again great length and style, with beautiful feather properties, and a slim, neat body; 3, vhc, Mabey, very fine, long yell., of rare shape and quality, and a wing ticked buff of superb feather, grandly shaped and well shown, we liked immensely; vhc, Parrott (2), two grand birds, but look as though the end of the season is near; hc, Hall; c, C. B. Forse. NOVICE YORKS. YELL. (10): 1, sp, Morris Bros., very hot clear, capital length, shape, and carriage, well feathered and stands well; 2, Honeysett, wing ticked, not so much colour, but great style and splendid shape; 3, A. B. Forse, eye ticked, very slim and well tapered, grandly feathered and good legs; vhc, Coates and Humphries; hc, c, Penton. BUFF (7): 1, sp, Morris Bros., grand clear, beautiful shape and feather, splendid carriage, and nice colour; 2, Honeysett, finely drawn clear, well up on leg, capital feather and style; 3, B. F. Forse, clear, capital feather and style, but not built on quite such fine lines; vhc, Coates and Humphries; hc, F. A. Forse. NOR. YELL. (7): 1, Miles, beautiful rich even colour, very neat in shape, and full of quality; 2, sp, Hodder, not quite so even in colour on face, but good shape; 3, Burton, grand body, lovely feather rich bright colour, given a trifle more fulness of head as good as any; vhc, Hodder, grand shape and colour, not quite so fine in feather; hc, Kilby; c, sp, Barton. BUFF (9): 1, sp, members' Canary cup, 3, Miles, a gem, very rich bright colour, beautifully frosted, short chubby body, grand head, and feathered like wax, a clever and well-deserved win, third, splendid shape and feather, rare colour and meal, capital back and chest, not so neat in head; 2, vhc, Hodder, beautifully coloured and mealed, rare shape and carriage, as tight as wax, not quite so bold in chest, the vhc, another beauty, which we liked quite as well if not better; hc, c, Cooper. TKD., ETC. (11): 1, Matthes, very smart thigh ticked, grand shape, colour, and feather, a bonny bird; 2, vhc, Carr, neck ticked, grand shape and colour, nice carriage, tight in feather, vhc, thigh ticked, beautiful type and colour, and had they been a trifle better shown might easily have stood first and second; 3, Kirk, var. yell., not quite so chubby, but capital colour and feather; hc, Kilby; c, Lupton and Jordan. HEN (8): 1, Green, most charming yell., not one of the largest, but so shapely, quality of feather, and true Nor. character, would take beating; 2, Hodder, cheek ticked buff, rare shape, beautifully coloured and frosted, nice head and wings; 3, vhc, Miles, rattling good clear buff, which we liked as well as any, splendid shape, neat wings and tail, neat round body, splendidly feathered and good colour, vhc, grand-bodied buff, of good colour and feather, not so neat in head; hc, Clarke; c, Kilby. NOVICE NOR. YELL. (13): 1, sp, Green, beautiful colour and feather, just a shade long in body and tail; 2, Handscombe, smaller, and full of quality and colour, well staged, and nice shape; 3, sp, Vincent, grand shape and feather, very even and sound in colour, and well staged, we admired greatly; vhc, Puxley, splendid colour and quality, needs just a bit more depth and fulness of chest; hc, Bromwick; c, Isom. BUFF (20): 1, sp, Bromwick, a good one for a novice, rare shape and style, beautifully coloured and evenly frosted, neat wings and tail, very compact in feather; 2, Isom, neck ticked, a little beauty, rare shoulders and chest, splendid depth, richness, evenness, and brightness of colour, well mealed, and full of quality; 3, Watcham, very stout, heavily variegated, as tight as wax, a magnificent stamp for breeding purposes; vhc, Roberts, rare colour and quality, nice shapely body, hardly so full in head; hc, Neal; c, Pike, Green, Roberts. CREST COCK (6): 1, sp, Horton, almost self green, splendid shape and radiation, neat centre, good front, capital quality of feather, inclined to lift at times; 2, 3, Johnson, very handsome wing marked, neat centre, well radiated and drooped, not quite so long in frontal, third, good-bodied grey, nicely centred and drooped, not so wide in frontal; vhc, Archer; hc, Miss Gilbert; c, Irving. HEN cancelled. C. B. COCK (9): 1, sp, 3, Horton, green with pied tail, bird of exceptional shape and quality, very densely covered with long, broad feather, nice, broad, dome-shaped skull, and well browed, third, heavily var., not so much substance, but plenty of feather and nice shape; 2, Calver and Son, variegated, if anything a better shaped and more massive skull than that of the winner, but not so well thatched, splendid body and very close-fitting feather; vhc, Johnson; hc, c, Clarke. HEN (7): 1, Johnson, variegated, splendid shape of skull and body, dense, long, broad feather, nicely browed; 2, hc, Farmer, cap and wing marked buff, wonderful quality, and just the nice cushion-shaped skull so much desired, should be very useful in the breeding room; 3, Calvert and Son, not so massive or broad in skull, rare quality of feather, and plenty of it; vhc, Clarke, var. yell., with plenty of feather and a good-shaped skull and body, might have gone up a notch higher without injustice to anyone; c, Archer. A. O. V. (6): 1, Swingler and Blackwell, rare good Cinnamon, very rich and sound in colour, beautiful Nor. shape, and covered with feather of the most silky character, one of the old-fashioned sort; 2, Cooper, another good coloured, shapely Cinn., but lacks just the touch of super-excellent quality and sheen possessed by winner; 3, Phillips, var. Belgian, nice shape and carriage, fairly good position, hardly quiet enough when handled; vhc, Baldry; hc, Johnson.

THE BRITISH BIRDS.

One of the features of the exhibition was the fine show of British birds. It was certainly flattering to all concerned to see such well-filled classes. At mixed shows we do not, as a rule, expect to find 35 Goldfinches in one class. The Bullies numbered 22, while 25 bonnie Linnets faced the Judge. Mr. Baldry's Tree Pipit is a lovely bird, and won several handsome specials for its owner. Mr. Lowne's exhibits from Yarmouth were not in the best of feather; possibly their journey to the show had not been a smooth one. His winning Blackbird is a gem.

GOLDFINCH (35): 1, Bull, a bonnie Britisher, very shapely, splendid position, nicely tanned, not over large blaze, nor very square cut, but beautifully polished and rich, something very taking about him, and he certainly wins; 2, Carter, another good one, hardly so big, but beautifully tanned, good square cut blaze, exceedingly rich bars, nicely staged; 3, Baker, very sleek, shapely bird, good blaze, stands well, capital wings and buttons; 4, Carrier, an extraordinary big, square-cut blaze, good wings and bars, but lacks that indefinable something which makes the champion; vhc, Swingler and Co.; hc, Watson, Pike; c, Carrier. BULLFINCH (22): 1, 2, Howe, grand pair, most difficult matter to divide them, both have deep, rich coloured breasts, and silvery backs, rare feather and quality, the winner a shade more Bully in shape; 3, Carter, another lovely bird, not far behind, grand shape, with plenty of polish, capital cage, well shown; 4, hc, Jupe, very shapely, rare colour and condition, but hardly the sheen of winners; vhc, Prescott and Co.; hc, Marks; c, Waldock. LINNET (25): 1, Howe, most charming bird, possessing all the qualities of an exhibition Linnet, the bird deserves all he gets, but the owner might stage him a little better, a jewel, certainly should have a proper setting; 2, Bull, might be a nest companion, lovely shape, colour and condition, beautifully marked, yet hardly so clearly as winner, splendidly staged, a near thing; 3, Temple, beautiful shapely bird, capital colour, takes his perches well, hardly the finish of winner; 4, Johnson, bonnie bird, rare stamp and size, nice wings, beautifully laced; vhc, Taviner; hc, Marks; c, Morris and Watson. GREENFINCH (11): 1, Howe, real champion, rare size, nice silky feather, not spoilt by heavy colour feeding, stands well and shows himself off to perfection; 2, hc, Hellens, another bonnie bird, nice distinctive colour, plenty of rich, green and bright yellow, will do more winning; 3, Bull, good bird, nice colour and condition, capital wings; vhc, White; c, Joiner. BRAMBLE, ETC. (13): 1, Bull, good Bramble, not over large, but full of quality and colour, splendidly marked; 2, 3, Howe, former a wonderful Chaffinch for quality, very shapely, fails a bit in cap or would have won, third bonnie Bramble, good colour and condition, perches too high in cage to show off spangling; vhc, Hawkins; c, Swingler and Co. A.O.V. FINCH (7): 1, Carter, bonnie Siskin, nicely pencilled and capital colour, good wings; 2, Lowne, topping Hawfinch, very shapely, capital colour, evidently had a rough time of it, as several lesser wing feathers were sticking out in all directions, and spoilt his chance; 3, Cocq, also a very nice bird; vhc, Botting; hc, Irons. LARGE (7): A small but topping class; 1, Lowne, gem of a Blackbird, extraordinary depth of colour, rare polish, bonnie, shapely bird; 2, Walker, very fine Magpie, perfect in feather, rare sheen and polish, hard lines to meet such a Blackie, deserved to win; 3, Baldry, topping Song Thrush, very shapely and bold, nicely spotted; vhc, Tabor; hc, Tasker; c, Overy. SMALL (8): 1, Baldry, most lovely Tree Pipit, shapely, full of colour, marked to perfection, the man who could find fault with him would be hard to please, wins cup for best Britisher; 2, Howe, lovely Gale, grand shape and carriage, shade damaged at lores; 3, Lowne, beautiful Bearded Tit, but like his aviary companion, the Hawfinch, had evidently had a rough journey, was not looking his best; vhc, hc, Baldry, nice Redstart and good Whitethroat; c, White. MULES, LIGHT (13): 1, Bull, beautiful lightly marked Goldie-Canary, good size, stands well, capital polish and colour; 2, Pattrick, another very shapely, lightly marked bird, not so large as winner, but in capital condition; 3, Watson, big, full-bodied bird, shade heavier in markings, but very clean and nice colour, well shown; vhc, Watson, good bird, beaten in finish; hc, Morris; c, Cook and Prescott and Co. DARK (18): 1, Gunnett, bonnie Goldfinch-Bullfinch, rare size and colour, lovely feather, good win; 2, hc, Marshall, well-known Goldie-Canary, brimful of colour and quality, a real topper; 3, Lamb, beautiful Linnet-Bullie, capital size, rare condition and colour; 4, c, Chapman, good Goldie-Bullie, hardly the size of winner; vhc, Bull and White.

I have sold my best Goldie, 1st Kilmarnock, and other wins, to a well-known Southern exhibitor, writes Mr. A. Howe (Wellingborough).

WALLASEY.

This Annual Show of British birds held by the Wallasey and Dis. C. B. S, duly came off in St. Mary's School, Liscard, on Jan. 10th. There were 12 classes provided, which afforded ample scope for good competition. With Captain Hurst, Mr. Irwin, Mr. W. Young, C. Stewart, T. T. Woodman, W. Barnett, and last but—like a new planet or "star"—by no means the least Mr. A. Coffey, who came out with a very strong team, and did great execution. Competition was very keen. It is remarkable how an enterprising fancier can extend himself when competition presses him to do so. That this gentleman has been very wide awake lately the detailed report of classes will show. The points gained count in addition to points gained at this club's several "Canary shows" during the season, for a challenge prize, which produces good competition and keen interest in the club's yearly doings, others would do well to act likewise. Mr. Mallinson is an ideal Hon. Sec., who does his work in a masterly manner, and his club's members highly appreciate his services. Mr. Chas. Houlton judged.

GOLDFINCH (6): 1, A. P. Hurst, "Pride of Liverpool," standing his long travels very well, won with a bit in hand; 2, Irwin, not quite so large in body, but very pretty blaze, nice moons and bars, and good tan back and breast, in nice feather; 3, vhc, Hurst, pair of fine young Greypates, beginning to develop a few sterling points, particularly in the perfect moonings and bars, and clean cut blazes; hc, Coffey; c, Stewart. LINNET (4): 1, Coffey, a fine, big, upstanding bird, shows well all that is in him, fine head, fairly good colour, and nice markings and condition; 2, Hurst, grandly coloured and marked bird, very tame, and just beaten here in tightness of condition a little; 3, Young, not up to the high class of former two yet, nice quality of feather and requires a bit of working up; vhc, Stewart. BULLFINCH (7): 1, 2, hc, Coffey, first two fine big birds, leader in grand form and all out a noble Bullie, we were told was the Scottish National winner in new hands, and, if so, looking well, second, looser in feather and not the colour of winner; 3, Hurst, smaller, but equal to first in every other point, and the owner informed me it occupied running-up position to first here at Scottish National; vhc, Irwin, nice Bullie, good size, hardly up in finish to others; c, Young. GREENFINCH (6). Good set of birds: 1, 3, Coffey, large, good clean cut shaped bird, nice even colour, massive head, steady, and in silky feather, third, smaller, but grand colour, shape, and condition; 2, hc, Irwin, a capital size and shape, just beaten a very little in colour; vhc, Young; c, Stewart. BRAMBLEFINCH (4): 1, Coffey, splendid size, good shape, well coned off, spangled profusely, rich colour, good, glossy condition, and well shown; 2, Woodman, a fairly good one, but beaten in all-round points; 3, Young, fair size and markings, but, like second, beaten; vhc, Stewart. CHAFFINCH (5): 1, Hurst, a well-known winner, coming up in spring colours form and condition wins rather easily; 2, Coffey, a very nice shape, smaller, but well up in all colours and markings and condition; 3, Woodman, a good, big bird, but a bit soft in condition, which told a bit against it; vhc, Young, a decent Chaffie, but fails in tail feathers; hc, Stewart, little paler and tail awry. SISKIN (4): 1, Hurst, good colour markings, shape, and quality of feather, nice deep, large, well cut cap, correctly laced; 2, 3, Coffey, capital size and shape, natural coloured bird, well spangled markings, and good feather, fails in bib only, third, rich coloured small one, beaten in cap; vhc, Stewart, a bit too small. REDPOLL, ETC. (4): 1, Coffey, grandly marked Twite, good size, shape, colour, and glossy condition; 2, Hurst, bonny Lesser Redpoll, rare good bib, well finished, in glossy condition; 3, Stewart, smaller Twite, in nice condition; vhc, Young, good sized, fresh caught Lesser Redpoll. ANY SPECIES BUNTING cancelled. Why? I know these men have them. A. O. S. HARDBILL (2): 1, 2, Hurst, first takes special also for best in show, a silver-plated teapot, capital Hawfinch, good size, rich level colour, nice bib, and feathered as close as a Java from head to tail, and beat "Pride of Liverpool," the runner-up, on tightness and finish in condition, second, fair, wild-coloured Cressbill, in nice feather. SMALL SOFTBILLS (4): 1, Barnett, lovely conditioned Nuthatch, better in feather and steadier than is usually seen; 2, Young, a fair Robin, a bit shy; 3, vhc, Stewart, a Blue Tit, very effectively cross-wired in his cage, and a Robin, very shy and surly. LARGER SOFTBILLS (3): 1, Coffey, fairly well spotted Thrush, of nice shape and condition, good; 2, Young, a big, good-shaped Skylark, good spangle and nice contour; 3, Stewart, another Skylark, beaten in shape.

OLDHAM AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Annual Show of hen Canaries and British birds in the large room, Textile Dining Rooms, Jan. 5th. The cup, which is competed for by four nominated birds, was won by Mr. Hampshire with 27 points out of a possible 28, being closely followed by Mr. Young with 26. The judge was Mr. Alex. Donnelly.

LIZ. GOLD A. V. (4): 1, 2, 3, 4, Hampshire. SILVER (4): 1, sp, 2, 4, Hampshire; 3, Lowe. LANC. COPPY (4): 1, 2, Rowbotham; 3, Harrison; 4, Steeple. PLAINHEAD (4): 1, 2, 4, Lowe; 3, Harrison. CREST (4): 1, 4, Lowe; 2, Harrison; 3, Rowbotham. C. B. (4): 1, Rowbotham; 2, 3, Lowe; 4, Harrison. NOR. YELL. (5): 1, Young; 2, vhc, Burke; 3, Ackroyd; 4, Simms. BUFF (5): 1, 2, 3, 4, Young; vhc, Simms. YORKS. YELL. (4): 1, Hampshire; 2, Harrison; 3, Ackroyd; 4, Steeple. BUFF (5): 1, Ackroyd; 2, vhc, Burke; 3, 4, Steeple. BRIT. (5): 1, Simms, Siskin; 2, Ackroyd, Siskin; 3, Rowbotham, Bramble; 4, Cooker, Goldfinch; vhc, Lowe, Bramble. SELL. (6): 1, Hampshire; 2, 3, hc, Steeple; 4, vhc, Burke. A. O. V. (4): 1, Nelson; 2, Ackroyd; 3, Lowe; 4, Young.

WEST LONDON F.A.

The above progressive Metropolitan Fanciers' Association held its Eighteenth Annual Show, on January 10 and 11, in the Wycombe Hall, Hammersmith. The entry, on the whole, was considered fairly satisfactory, though, like the curate's egg, it was only good in parts. No doubt the unfortunate clashing with another suburban fixture adversely affected the number of exhibits, and it seems a pity this could not have been avoided, to, no doubt, the benefit of both of the ventures concerned. The Open Canary Classes had to suffer under the secretarial shears, but those that stood contained some first-rate specimens. The Hybrid section was an eye-opener. It is safe to say that a finer collection for quality has never been seen in London outside the premier shows, and there were actually sixty-two specimens in the four classes—nearly sixteen per class! We saw three or four Clear Mules, and no fewer than four Canary-Bullies! The Judge must have had a warm time selecting the winners. The British birds were a very good lot, too, the Goldies and Bullies mustering to the tune of twenty-three. The Softbills were also most attractive. In the Foreign section Mr. Dewhurst showed us one or two rarities as usual, and these classes lent pleasing variety to the exhibition. The members' section was an extensive one, but competition was not conspicuously keen in many of the classes, several of the exhibitors having things all their own way. The Association's cups for best young birds (bred 1906) were won by Messrs. J. Turner (Crests), C. Battison (Norwich), and L. Daintry (Yorks). The hall is a very comfortable room, and the exhibits were well staged therein, while their wants received every attention from a very capable band of stewards and helpers, whose names included Messrs. Bond, Lack, Crust, Pieroth, Tucker, Boyes, Lewis, Easterling, Daintry, Turner, Stone Bros., Lazarus, Lethbridge, Lovett, and Peverall. Mr. B. Stevenson, the chairman, lent invaluable aid, while Mr. Dewhurst, junr., helped to lighten his father's task in no small degree. As Secretary, Mr. J. Dewhurst quite filled the bill, for, as becomes an "old war-horse," he left nothing unattended to, or to chance, every detail being carefully thought out and given practical attention. We hope under his guidance the Society may go on to attain still further prosperity, and have a "bumper" show next season. Mr. J. Robson judged.

The four Crest classes were all cancelled. NOR. YELL. CK. (9): 1, Meades, shade lengthy, yet a very fine clear, good head and chest, nice style, excellent wings and tail, rich tone of colour, full of quality, put down in fine form; 2, 4, Hodder, leader of good size and substance, shapely, well-cut body, neat bead, nice texture of feather, needs a tubbing, fourth, mkd. tail, very typical, but just on the small side; 3, Godfrey, good clear, short, chubby, and stylish, has feather of taking quality, close up, a trifle loose on chest at times; vhc, Spooner; hc, c, Curtis; "W. C.," Daines, a buff. HEN cancelled. BUFF (7): 1, hc, Curtis, really fine clear, grand chest, well-cut, thick-set body, short, well braced wings and tail, nice head, lovely under-colour and mealy, scores somewhat easily; 2, Meades, mkd. left wing and eye, shade behind in substance, but close on winner in other points, full of quality, short and stylish; 3, 4, Hodder, couple of nice ones, leader mkd. wings and eyes, regular ball of fire, rare under-colour, nice shape and carriage, latter, sweet clear, beautiful quality, shade small; vhc, Spooner, rare big one. HEN cancelled. YORKS. YELL. (12): 1, Crisp, the well-known neck tkd., grand Yorkie, splendid length, beautifully drawn, takes a faultless stand, very close in feather and teeming with quality, just a suspicion of flatness on crown, yet wants some beating; 2, 4, Ogden Bros., clear, magnificent length, gets well up from perch, tightly braced all over, real good bird, hardly so slim and nicely moulded as winner, latter is also a true Yorkie, but shorter and less even on chest; 3, Daintry, heavy variegated, grand length and style, slimmer than second, and well moulded, teems with colour and quality, very breedy bird; vhc, Watt; hc, c, Parrott. HEN cancelled. BUFF (8): 1, Crisp, another well-known performer, clear, wonderful length and quality, very shapely, feather wax-like in quality, was looking decidedly "soft" and queer when we took our notes, however; 2, c, Turl, former, a nice clear, shade short on leg, but stands well, full of quality, staged in taking form; 3, Ogden Bros., eye tkd., excellent length and style, stands on fine legs, grand texture of feather, nicely moulded, we liked well; 4, Watt, very well-drawn, nice carriage and quality, handicapped by want of a tub; vhc, Willcox, slim, takes a good position; hc, Peverall. HEN (7): 1, c, Daintry, clear buff, wins nicely, sweet hen for quality and style, not a feather out of place, excellent length and stand, very neat wings and tail; 2, Easterling, another taking damsel, neat to a fault, excellent length and position, sweet head, well drawn; 3, Parrett, very nearly four-marked, trifle smaller than leaders, full of quality, neat, good style and shape; 4, hc, Ogden Bros., rather heavier in build, yet of fine length, lovely colour and quality, true Yorkie in style and stand, hard lines, we thought; vhc, Knight. A. O. V. cancelled. HYBRID LIGHT GOLDIE (15): 1, 4, Denny Hunt, lovely clear, nice size and shape, full of colour and quality, in rare condition, fourth, lightly mkd. yell., also of beautiful colour and quality; 2, 3, vhc, c, John Williams, another charming clear leading, excellent size and shape, grand Mule, yet a trifle soiled in plumage, and beaten for colour, third, red-hot, four-pointed yellow, fine specimen, big and shapely; hc, Taiab, good bird, looking a wee bit soft. DARK (7): 1, 3, Hunt, beautiful Jonque, shines like satin, wonderful rich bronze colour throughout, very fine size and shape, romps home, a clinker, though with a suspicion of light plumage here and there, third, another hot yellow, of A1 quality, a size smaller; 2, 4, Best, two real smart buffs, excellent size and shape, in tip-top condition, full of colour; vhc, Vale, rare big buff, little out in feather; hc, Goodall; c, Browning. A. O. V. CAN HYB (19): 1, vhc, hc (2), c, Hunt, Canary-Bullie leading, good size and shape, thick-set, bold chest and head, excellent colour and quality of feather, not over-steady, however, so is apt to get feathers awry at times, vhc, Cinnamon coloured Greenfinch, sweet shape, lovely wax-like coat, very level in colour, a sleek, rich-coloured dk. yell. Siskin follows, and yet another Canary-Bullie, a rattling good team; 2, 3, 4, Williams, second, also a Canary-Bullie, very close on second's heels, and which we heard many say they preferred to win, very cobby and shapely, carries a lovely sheen, tight as a drum in plumage, very steady and stylish, darker shade of colour than winner, which, possibly, the judge did not care about, fourth, the noted lightly mkd. Linnet-Mule, in very beautiful condition, grand bird, large and shapely, pressed leaders closely, third, variegated Greenfinch, another gem, teeming with colour and quality; vhc, Lamb (2), dark Twite Mule, exceptional size and shape and Canary-Bullie number four! a very thick lot in this and the next class. A. O. V. HYB. (21): 1, 3, Williams, the champion Goldie-Bullie to the fore, we cannot say more about him than we have already done, he is a star of stars, and ought to be seen by every Hybrid breeder, he was looking in great form, third, very fine Linnet-Bullie, rare size and shape, fine chest and head, a little more breast colour would make him a topper; 2, c, Hunt, beautiful little Goldie-Redpoll, rare, good, deep colour, yet unsteady, and so failing to show quite to the best advantage; 4, Andrews, real good Goldfinch-Linnet, excellent size and shape, well polished and rich in colour, shows parentage nicely; vhc, Browning, well-known Greenfinch-Bullfinch, looking very fit, a fine specimen; vhc, Ward, Linnet-Bullfinch, named "Unique the Second," a youngster which should follow in the footsteps of the "First" by winning same prizes, great length, needs to fill out a bit; hc, Prior, Goldfinch-Greenfinch, grand body and head, full of colour, would make a real clinker if given an ounce or two of sweet pepper in due season; vhc, Parsons, needs more colour and polish; hc, Jupe; hc, Lamb, topping Goldfinch-Siskin, quite unusually low down in the list; unnoticed, No. 2, Lamb, the well-known winning Goldie-Redpoll, very shapely, sleek, and steady, lovely clear colour, must have run second hard.

BRITISH GOLD or BULLFINCH (23): 1, Andrews, a clinker for colour, shapely, rich blaze, fine deep tanning, excellent moons and buttons, fine Finch, clear win; 2, vhc, Maxwell, leader, lovely, clean-coloured Goldie, rare underblaze, very chubby and shapely, good in all points, just beaten for depth of colour; 3, Vincent, we thought resembled the Manchester winner in fresh hands, fine, big Goldie, with a grand face, excellent polish and colour, not well contrasted, though, marred by colour-feeding; 4, Jupe, black-legged Bullfinch, splendid colour and lustre, grand cap and body, very taking bird, yet has feathers chipped off over beak, so fortunate to score over the vhc (Maxwell), a clinking good housemoulted specimen; vhc, Herbert, splendid-bodied Goldfinch, beaten for blaze; vhc, hc, Allison, good faces, nice stamp, short of polish; vhc, Browning, we thought showed too many foreign characteristics to pass; hc, Wickham, very good, square-faced Finch; c, Turner. SISKIN, ETC. (9): 1, Maxwell, clinking Twite, fine substance and colour, well pencilled, steady, and carries a nice bloom; 2, hc, Francis, smart non-fed Siskin, big and cobby, good head and bib, well marked; 3, Andrews, whopping Mealy Redpoll, rare substance, good feather; 4, Clark, sweet Lesser Redpoll, tight and shapely, nicely marked; vhc, Prior, grand Twite for markings, shade small; c, Dewhurst. LINNET (10): 1, Pile, wonderfully big bird, very rich nut-brown colour, lovely polish, with more work about it would be a champion; 2, Maxwell, same failing as leader, otherwise an excellent specimen, shapely and stylish, sound colour; 3, 4, Francis, former a shade too dark in colour, yet a fine Linnet, excellent size and shape, good polish, latter, a big one; vhc, Wyse, was looking soft when we saw it; hc, Pearson; c, Browning. GREENFINCH, ETC. (10): 1, Withers Bros., slashing big Chaffinch, rare chest and head, well contrasted in colour; 2, Goodall, fine Greenfinch, splendid colour, size and shape, in A1 condition, the Watford unnoticed bird, owing to a claw it had missing; 3, Maxwell, very good exhibit, but cage is too small to allow it to do justice to its beauty; 4, Vale, the Watford winning Greenie, slasher for size, very hot colour, well polished; vhc, Clark, exceedingly good-conditioned Chaffie, trifle slim; hc, Meades; c, Francis. A. O. V. SEED-EATER (9): 1, hc, Francis, very fine Hawfinch leads, splendid size and shape, grand bib, full of colour and bloom; 2, R. J. Howe, one of the steadiest, best coloured and marked Meadow Buntings we have seen, very attractive exhibit; 3, Maxwell, smart Yellow Bunting, big and shapely, well marked, plenty of colour; 4, Prior, lovely Bramblefinch for colour and spangling, well-laced and marked all over; vhc, Withers Bros., very big Bramble, beaten in spangling; c, Dewhurst, nice Tree Sparrow. THRUSH, ETC. (6): 1, 2, 4, vhc, R. J. Howe, grand team, two topping Blackbirds leading, winner excels in size and density of colour, lovely rich beak and ceres, fourth, very fine Thrush, cloudy in mooning; 3, Francis, big, bold Thrush, very distinctly mooned, goes right under, deep, sound colour, damaged feathers over beak, or would have gone a peg higher; hc, Chapman. SMALL SOFTBILL (12): 1, 2, Dewhurst, pretty Nightingale leading, fine shape and colour, steady as a rock, second, charming Whitethroat, in the best of condition; 3, vhc, Francis, well-known Wheatear, fine size and shape, about the best for colour and markings we have seen, pressed; 4, Cook, attractive Long-tailed Tit, in nice form; hc, Fowell; c, Ledbitter, nice Grey Wagtail, in winter plumage; No. 5, Hawes, catalogued Tree Sparrow, is really a Hedge Sparrow. LARGE cancelled. HEN (11): 1, hc, c, Dewhurst, very smart Greater Spotted Woodpecker, sleek and tame, full of life and playfulness, yet we could not see how it beat 2, R. J. Howe, the well-known champion Song Thrush, a perfect picture, we certainly thought won hands down; 3, Eyes, beautiful hen Bullfinch, fine size and shape, coat like silk, nice tone of colour; 4, Fowell, said to be a hen Reed Bunting, very nice bird, in lovely condition, some fancied it a young male, however; vhc, Francis, attractive, good-conditioned hen Bearded Tit; No. 2, Francis, wonderfully large and high-coloured hen Grey Wagtail, we took to be a cock at first glance, and no doubt the judge passed it on this account, yet its owner interested us very much with an account of its nesting in his aviary. FOREIGN SEED-EATER (15): 1, F. Howe, the well-known King Parrot, perfect condition, rich, lustrous colouring; 2, vhc, hc, Dewhurst, one of the best Grey Parrots we have seen leading, very large and of lovely colour, followed by Red-shouldered Whydah and Yellow Budgerigars, all in beautiful condition; 3, Townsend, attractive Black-throated Cardinal, deep colour, A1 condition; 4, Acland, very pretty Redrump, worth its place; c, Frost, nice Rosellas. INSECTIV. (8): 1, hc, Townsend, gem of a Blue Sugar-bird, wax-like in plumage, very rich, lustrous colour, latter, very fine Zosterops; 2, 3, 4, c, Dewhurst, splendid team, rare Coly (or Mouse-bird), leading, followed by Green Glossy Starling, Superb Tanager, and White-eared Bulbul, all excellent examples, in attractive condition; vhc, Withers Bros., true pair of Pekin Robins, splendid specimens. SELL. PAIRS (17): 1, Stevenson, nice Crests; 2, 3, Cooper Bros., two good couples of Nor. P.-heads; 4, Podd; vhc, Lazarus; hc, Brooks; c, Pullinger. SINGLE (6): 1, Cooper Bros.; 2, vhc, Brooks; 3, 4, Yeoman; hc, Lazarus.

MEMBERS' SECTION.

CHAMPION CLASSES. CREST (6): 1, 3 spls, 2, 3, 4, Turner, a clinking good team for any fancier to own, leader a grand wing-mkd. dk. Crest, great body substance, excellent texture of feather, rare sweep of crest, well-built and neat; second, lovely hen, big, neat, veiny headpiece; vhc, hc, Stevenson. CRESTBRED (4): 1, 4, Stevenson, clinking varieg. leading, grand frame, broad skull, well shaped and clothed; 2, 3, Turner, fine (lightly-mkd. specimen, wide, rising skull, heaps of feather, very close up. NOR. YELL. (3): 1, 3, Battison, leader short and well filled out, grand colour and quality; 2, Godfrey, shade slimmer, yet teeming with colour, very silky feather. BUFF (2): 1, Battison, beauty, very typical all over; 2, Godfrey, grand bodied bird, full of quality, shade flatter on crown than winner. VARIEG. CKS. (3): 1, Cooper Bros., chubby and typical, grand feather texture, looked a wee bit soft when we saw it; 2, 3, Godfrey, excellent specimens, of the right quality, second close up except for a little slackness in wing carriage. HENS (4): 1, Battison, fine cobby buff; 2, Godfrey, stylish wing-mkd. yell.; 3, Peverall, size smaller, very neatly made; 4, Cooper Bros. YORKS. YELL. (2): 1, Crisp; 2, Peverall, both very typical, well-drawn birds, leader has the pull in length. BUFF (4): 1, Crisp; 2, 3, 4, Knight, another fine all-round lot. MKD. (7): 1, Peverall, very lengthy and slim varieg. yell., stands on good legs, teems with quality; 2, c, Daintry, fine, long-drawn buff, shade stouter got up, very neat and stylish; 3, 4, Crisp, two smart ones, very close up, excellent length, neat and well-moulded; vhc, hc, Knight. HENS (4): 1, 2, 3, Knight, fine trio, winner very taking hen, grand length and position; 4, Peverall, another typical damsel. AMATEUR: In the Crest and Crest-bred classes Mr. Lazarus staged a fine team of five birds and took all the honours. NOR. YELL. (2): 1, Lethbridge, nice type, very good head and quality; 2, Lovett, neat all over, shade longer. BUFF (3): 1, Lack, excels in quality; 2, Lethbridge, also a nice one. MKD. (3): 1, Lethbridge, very hot varieg., nice type; 2, Lovett, has quality, very fair stamp; 3, Lack, grand condition. HEN (2): 1, Lethbridge; 2, Lack, two smart hens, neat and fair type. YORKS.: Mr. Easterling had out three really excellent Yorkies, and took all the prizes. NOVICE CRESTS (8): 1, Franz, very smart clear body, grizzle crest, nice frame, expansive, neat, well-drooped head-piece; 2, 3, 4, vhc, hc, c, Mugford, highly creditable team, leader wing-mkd. dk., looked to have a nice head-piece, but had been tubbing it when we saw him. CREST-BRED (12): 1, 2, Franz, couple of high-class specimens, both have feather of good texture and rare good frames; 3, 4, vhc, hc, c, Mugford, another fine lot. NOR. YELL. (4): 1, 2, 3, Williams, smart trio, good in type and feather. BUFF (5): 1, 2, Podd, two rare big ones, nice quality, latter carries a shade too much astern; 3, vhc, Lack, fine colour and quality; 4, Williams. MKD. (4): 1, 3, 4, Williams, good yell., fine silky coat, leading, latter also of excellent quality; 2, Lack, big, stout varieg. HENS (3): 1, Williams, light-var., well-rounded chest, neat head; 2, Podd, heavy var., a strapping hen; 3, Lack, almost green, teems with quality. YORKS.: In these classes Messrs. Stone Bros. cleared the deck with seven very nice examples of the breed. CUP CLASSES. CRESTS (BRED 1906) (5): 1, 2, 4, vhc, Turner, winner green, with a crest of fine size, thickly built and well laid, inclined to shield-shape, yet high-class youngster; 3, Lazarus. NOR. (BRED 1906) (12): 1, c, Battison, romping big, clear buff, beautiful head and chest, wings and tail well packed, full of quality, scores nicely; 2, 3, 4, Godfrey; vhc, hc, Lethbridge. YORKS. (BRED 1906): 1, 3, Daintry, winner head mkd. buff, good length, wonderfully neat and tight all over, fine stand, just wins after a struggle with 2, Easterling; 4, Knight. BRITISH SEED-EATER (9): 1, 2, 4, vhc, hc, Robinson, a warm lot, headed by an excellent Goldie, nice face, rich colour; 3, Dewhurst, good Bullfinch; c, Lack. INSECTIV. (4): 1, 2, 3, 4, Dewhurst, attractive quartette, excellent Blackie in premier position. HYBRID (1): 1, Robinson.

LEEDS C.B.S.

Winter Show, held December 15th, 1906, in St. Luke's Schoolroom. Judge, Mr. Megson (Bramley). The Leeds and President's Cup were both won by Mr. Stead with 42 and 56 points respectively, Mr. Mennard being the runner-up with 37 and 50 points. A silver teapot given by Mr. Greenwood for most points in show was carried off by Mr. Mennard with 29 points; an alarm clock given by the same gentleman for second most points going to Mr. Moody; Wallace's "Canary Book," given by a friend for third most points was won by Mr. Bracewell; and a gold-centre medal for fourth most points, given by Messrs. Middleton and Pollard, was won by Mr. H. E. Wilkinson. The cards were placed as follows:—YORKS. YELL. CL. (9): 1, Farrar; 2, 4, Bracewell; 3, Hall. TICK., ETC. (9): 1, Ramsden; 2, Bracewell; 3, Hall; 4, Jones. HEN (9): 1, Porter; 2, Bracewell; 3, Hall; 4, Wilkinson. BUFF CL. (11): 1, Farrar; 2, Wilkinson; 3, Ramsden; 4, Ireland. TICK. OR VAR. (8): 1, Bracewell; 2, Wilkinson; 3, Hall; 4, Farrar. HEN (11): 1, 3, Bracewell; 2, 4, Porter. PAIR STOCK (9): 1, Bracewell; 2, Porter; 3, Hall; 4, Farrar. NOR. CL., TICK. OR VAR. (6): 1, Stead; 2, 3, Mennard; 4, Wilkinson. HEN (7): 1, 3, Mennard; 2, Woof; 4, Wilkinson. YELL. UNFLI. (6): 1, Wilkinson; 2, Stead; 3, Mennard; 4, Woof. BUFF (6): 1, 2, Mennard; 3, Stead; 4, Bracewell. NOR. HEN (9): 1, Johnson; 2, Woof; 3, Wilkinson; 4, Hornby. BUFF UNFLI. (7): 1, 2, Stead; 3, Johnson; 4, Chambers. PAIR STOCK (6): 1, Mennard; 2, Woof; 3, Wilkinson; 4, Ireland. GREENS A.V. (3): 1, Ramsden; 2, Yelland; 3, Hall. CREST A.V. (7): 1, 2, 3, Moody; 4, Johnson. C.B. (8): 1, Mennard; 2, Moody; 3, 4, Johnson. A.O.V. CAN. (6): 1, 3, Nichols; 2, Wilkins; 4, Yelland. PAIR STOCK, A.O.V. CAN. OR HYB. (4): 1, Moody; 2, Simpson; 3, Hornby; 4, Bennet. MULE A.V. (8): 1, Simpson; 2, Hunt; 3, 4, Hallet. GOLDFINCH BRIT. (14): 1, Thompson; 2, Stephenson; 3, Hunt; 4, Simpson. BULLFINCH (2): 1, 2, Bennet. GREENFINCH (7): 1, Turton; 2, Hunt; 3, 4, Thomson. LINNET (12): 1, Pearson; 2, Yelland; 3, Turton; 4, Hunt. A.O.V. BRIT. (6): 1, Thomson; 2, 3, Hunt; 4, Turton. SELL., 10s. 6d. (6): 1, 3, Moody; 2, Mennard; 4, Hornby. PAIR SELL., 15s. (1): 1, Mennard. NOVICE A.V. YORKS. (9): 1, Hallet; 2, 3, Greaves; 4, Porter. NOR. (4): 1, Stephenson; 2, 3, Chambers; 4, Wilkins.

BELPER.

This show was held in the Public Hall on Jan. 12th and 14th. Cage birds had 12 classes provided, with an average entry of seven per class, a considerable falling off from last year's entry. Norwich came up fairly well, both in numbers and quality; Mules and British were good, but Yorkshires and Crests were a long way behind. The birds were all nicely staged at one end of the hall away from the rest of the exhibits. Mr. J. N. Harrison judged.

YELL. NOR. (9): 1, Shaw, very hot colour, fair shape and quality; 2, Webster, lovely colour and quality, not quite so good in size; 3, Nutt, grand shape and size, but uneven in colour; r, vhc, Vardy, two nice shaped birds, of lovely quality, not quite so hot as winners; hc, Bickerton, Walker. BUFF (11): 1, Pegg, very smart cl, nice shape, lovely colour and quality, wants more substance; 2, Rathbone, var., nice shape, bit short of quality; 3, Shaw, very fine shape and size, grand head and neck, rare quality for a big one; r, vhc, Vardy, two grand birds; vhc, Walker; hc, Fox. CRESTS (2): 1, 2, withheld; 3, r, Simms, heavy var., with crest of grand size coming well over beak, second, grand clear crest of good quality and droop. C.B. (2): 1, 2, withheld; 3, r, Simms, nearly green, grand size and substance, rare head and lash, lightly var., good size and substance. STOCK PAIR (6): 1, Walker, Nor. clear buff cock, of grand shape and size, lovely quality of feather, with marked yell. hen; 2, Bate, grand pair of Yorks.; 3, Hampshire, good pair of Liz.; r, Williams; vhc, Nutt; hc, Webster. YORKS. YELL. (8): 1, withheld; 2, Mountain, rather small cl, of fair shape and position; 3, Bate, better length, grand position, full of style, lovely quality and colour; r, vhc, Elkins, clear and Cinn. marked, the latter we liked well; hc, Ash, nice stylish bird. BUFF (2): 3, Bate, grand length and stand, feathered like a Java; r, Mountain, marked, not quite so good in quality, nice position. A.O.V. (4): 1, withhold; 2, Hampshire, very good clear cap, Silver Liz., grand size, nice bold spangling; 3, Pegg, lovely four-pointed yell. Nor., of good shape and quality, marked well; r, Elkins, fair Bor.; vhc, Fawley. MULE A. V. (11): 1, vhc, Vardy, well-known four-pointed buff Gold-Can., locking well, and yell. Linnet and Can., of nice size, grand colour and quality; 2, Lees, Greenfinch and Can., of good size and shape; 3, Draper, very fine Gold and Bullie, rare size, grand blaze, rich breast colour, right down to vent; r, Herrett; vhc, Mitchell and Needham; hc, Bridges. BRIT. (14): 1, 2, Hakes, fine Hawfinch leading, lovely colour and beautifully marked, just a few feathers out of top of head, second, very good Blackbird; 3, Kinch, nice Bullfinch, grand colour; r, Mear; vhc, Dallman; hc, Garton.

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ST. HELENS RECREATION F. & F.A.

Show held Jan. 12th, Works Cafe, a room which lent itself well for the purpose. There were 10 open classes and 17 members' classes for cage birds, and for this, their first "birthday" show, a good entry of very high class was secured. As the members of this society are all employees of Messrs. Pilkington Bros. (the great glass manufacturers), the membership is perforce limited, but seeing that this gigantic firm employ many thousands of men and youths, they can muster a very good membership. The show has the patronage of Messrs. Pilkington Bros. (with R. A. Pilkington, Esq., J.P., President), Dr. Giles, Messrs. F. Eddleston, L. West, W. Owen, W. Arnold, J. H. Dickinson, A. Britton, J. Poole, J. Dickinson, and G. Holt as Vice-Presidents; Mr. J. Judson, Chairman; Dr. Siddall, Vice-Chairman; J. H. Lewis, Hon. Treas.; J. Shufflebotham, Hon. Sec. The stewards are:—Messrs. J. T. Rigby, L. Whittle, W. Knowles, J. Blanshard, J. Grice, and H. Forber, with Mr. Robt. Little, Hon. Show Manager. The chief officials and stewards did well, and the Hon. Sec. and the Hon. Show Manager proved that they are thoroughly competent to manage this onerous work. Birds came in from far and near, some really first-class ones being shown. About 50 special prizes —many of them very valuable—were given by the leading gentlemen at the works, and by leading tradesmen in St. Helens. Hyde's and Capern's Specials were also for competition. Mr. Levi Whittle, of crest fame, staged a grand var. buff dark crest, which won 1st local and 1st open (being allowed to compete in both sections), sp, best crest, sp best members' Canary, and Hyde's special, a grand performance. This exhibition knows how to select and put down a good crest, and we hope soon to see him going strong again in the open as he did years ago. Several other notable wins were made, which are noted later. Taken all through competition was very level and keen, and very fine points had to be looked for to separate them. General approval of the day's work was apparent. A fine attendance of visitors gratified the Show Manager and his colleagues, and that a pronounced success was achieved is undoubted. The next venture will, we believe, see a vast extension and improvement. Mr. Chas. Houlton judged, and his awards met with cordial approval from those present.

MEMBERS' CLASSES.

YELL. NOR. COCK (9): 1, sp, Capern's Can. sp, Vose, grand typical clear bird, fine chest, clean cut through, neat head, good carriage, wings, and tail, nice quality feather, well wins the quadruple; 2, he, Grice, storming, big cl yell., tremendous head and eyebrows, longer wings and tail than first; 3, c, Helm, similar build to second, and only a shade beaten in tail; vhc, Barrow, nice type and col. BUFF (5): sp, 1, 2, Grice, rattling clean cut, typical bird, A1 quality feather, well finished, second, good head, beaten in body condition; 3, hc, Helm, rare head, fine body, just beaten a little in breast; vhc, Vose. HENS (8): 1, sp, Helm, lovely-shaped clear yell. hen, good size, fine head, tight and clean cut, good wings and tail; 2, vhc, c, Grice, nice trio, first two fine clear buffs, good quality and shape, well mealed; 3, hc, Vose, clear yell., fine body shape, fair size, rare feather, very tight, run as a yell. to first. YORKS. YELL. COCK (2): 1, 2, Grice, first very solid in feather, finely drawn, good stand, neat head, wings, and tail, well up on legs, second, Cinn. mark wings, very snaky, well up, neat head and good carriage. BUFFS (2): 1, sp, best members' Yorks., Grice, slashing long-drawn bird, stands up grandly, well filled and clean cut through, feathered like a Java; 2, Little, tick wings, smaller, nicely drawn out, well up on leg, good position and condition. HENS (3): 1, 2, 3, Grice, var. buff, lovely feather and condition, second, good yell., fine type and stand, nicely posted, third, Cinn. mark, yell., good quality, trifle small. CRESTS (4): 1, sp best crest, sp best members' and Hyde's sp, Whittle, grand var. buff, dark crest, grand size and formation, good radiation, droops nicely, immense body and body feather; 2, 3, vhc, Knowles, very good hen in body, fair crest for a young bird, will improve much with age, third, similar. CREST-BRED (2): 1, sp, Whittle, buff var., great size and feather, broad, dome-shape head, good entrance, wealth of frontal feather; 2, Knowles, nice var. buff, smaller, good stock bird. A. O. V. CAN. (2): 1, Grice, big buff Cinn., foul tail, fine stock bird; 2, Helm, self Cinn., good Nor. type, rather smaller than first. A. V. MULE (4): 1, sp, vhc, Grice, big, nearly evenly marked buff Gold-Can., very clean, good in colour; 2, 3, Helm, pretty Siskin-Canary and a fair Greenfinch-Canary. A. V. NOR. or YORKS. NAT. COL. (5): 1, sp, hc, Barrow, large, good feather and condition; 2, vhc, Grice, even mark Yorks., grand feather, fair shape and stand, medium size; 3, Little, very compact cobby-shaped Yell. Nor., A1 condition. BRITISH GOLD. or BULL. (3): 1, sp, Capern's sp, Grice, capitally finished bird, blaze and other colours well defined, clean cut, good body shape and finish; 2, Leather, hen Bullie, very fine condition; 3, Helm, fails on head a little to first. LINNET (7): 1, sp, 2, Grice, well got up pair, A1 form; 3, Little, rare size and shape, wants time to make a grand bird; vhc, hc, Helm, very nice condition, shade smaller, ought to moult up into good ones; c, Mercer. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, sp, 2, Grice, best all-round Siskin, fine cap and good colour, second, nat. col., fine shape and condition; 3, vhc, Helm, pretty Lesser Redpoll and good Siskin. BRAMBLE, ETC. (5): 1, sp, 3, Helm, capital Greenfinch leading, and a wonderfully big hen, third, yell. Bunting, grand feather and condition; 2, vhc, Leather, smart Chaffinch, and a smaller Greenfinch, both in nice condition; hc, Grice, very nice Bramble. BLACKBIRD (4): sp, 1, 2, 3, Grice, leader wins Capern's sp, very fine Blackbird, in good feather, nice size and shape. A. O. V. SOFT (3): 1, sp, 3, Grice, large, good-shaped Lark, well spangled, good feather, steady, third, nice Lark, well shown; 2, Helm, good Robin, in nice feather and steady.

OPEN SECTION.

YELL. NOR. COCK (5): 1, sp, 2, Barker and Abbott, grand var., immense substance body, rare colour, feather, and condition, second, grizzle head tick bird, grand head, neat body, feathered like a Java, runs very close; 3, Hawkes, fine big bird, good shape and head, rare condition; vhc, Harding; hc, Clarke, both good, on a little smaller scale. BUFF (5): sp, 1, Tasker, tick head, slashing shaped bird, lovely silky feather, neat head and wings, just long enough in tail; 2, 3, Barker and Abbott, pair of the right stamp, very hard to separate from first; vhc, Lover, capital head, fine bird, bit long, was splitting breast feather just a little, for stock purposes; hc, Hawkes. YORKS. YELL. (4): 1, sp, W. R. Knowles, very grand Cinn. marked yell., finely drawn, full of nerve, A1 quality and finish all out; 2, 3, Binns, pair of clears, second, best all-round type, quality, position, and carriage; vhc, Horne, shorter and very racy, good feather. BUFF (4): 1, sp, vhc, Binns, splendid clear bird, straight as a rush, well up on legs, fine wing and tail carriage, neat head, lovely feather, vhc, smaller stamp, nice quality and good carriage; 2, W. R. Knowles, mark head, grand length and style, well-bred, neat in all points and fine condition; 3, Horne, finely drawn out, a little weaker on breast and sides than others, good feather and condition. A. O. V. CAN. (4): 1, Whittle, A1 crest, fine centre and crest, good droop, well filled in, good shape, plenty of feather; 2, Fairclough, fine Cinn., grand Nor. shape, nice level colour, good feather and condition; 3, Hampson and Billington, heavy var., buff Scotch Fancy, nice size, fair thickness through heart, full of nerve; vhc, Hawkes, wing mark, dark crest, a yell., nice crest, on the small side. BRITISH GOLD. or BULL. (11). Very strong class for quality: 1, sp, Hunt, grand Goldfinch, rare, big, square, clean cut face, rich, bright colour, good flow of rich tan on body, well defined moons and good broad wing bars, medium sized bird, in grand condition; 2, Berry, very fine rich-coloured Bullie, big, broad, dense cape, breast and back, colour bright and clear, wings and tail dark points; 3, Hampson and Billington, Goldfinch, very big, square blaze, deep colour and well cut off, plenty body brown, nice bars and moons; vhc, Penwick, good Goldie all through; hc, Lover; c, Jones. LINNET (8): 1, sp, Hampson and Billington, grandly marked bird, rare thick body shape, grand colour and condition, steady; 2, vhc, Parr, pair of gems, grand heads, very good markings, glossy feather, steady as a rock; 3, hc, Hunt, another pair of beauties, nearly, if not quite, as good in all points as former pair; c, Berry. SELL., 20s. (4): 1, Tasker; 2, Hawkes; 3, Lover; vhc, Barker and Abbott. 12s. 6d. (10): 1, Horne; 2, 3, vhc, Barker and Abbott, second soon claimed; hc, Anders; c, Hampson and Billington. GIFT (3): 1, Knowles, Crest; 2, Grice, Yorks; 3, Vose, Nor.

STIRCHLEY.

Second Open Show, held in Telly Park Baptist School, January 9th. Two classes only were provided for cage birds, and both were well filled. The Committee would be wise in making more classes another year, as this section was quite the attraction of the Show, and would well bear extension. We were pleased to see the Show so well patronised; it was simply packed, and we had hard work to see the exhibits, which were well looked after by a capable lot of stewards. Mr. Proud judged, and his awards were as follows:—

NOR. A.V.: 1, spl, Hughes, good clear yell., nice and chubby, clean cut, grand colour and condition; 2, Wood, fair, good buff, in nice condition, closely pressed by 3, Symonds and Sen, grand even-mark., good head, well filled in neck, fine wings and tail; res., Hughes; vhc, Derry; hc, spl, Jones. YORKS. A.V.: 1, Hughes, good yell., capital length and position, splendid pipe tail, wins; 2, 3, Key, buff, second frilled a bit on breast, good quality and condition, third very decent yell., nice style, well up on leg, good colour, might have changed places with second; res., spl, Symond and Son, very finely drawn tick buff, nice wings and tail, well shown; vhc, Smith; hc, Smith, Pugh.

NETHERTON.

The Dudley and Dis. F. S. held a show at Netherton, on Jan. 9th and 10th. It was confined to a 12-mile radius, and was a great success. Fanciers from the surrounding district attended in great numbers. Cage birds had 3 classes alotted to them, one being cancelled; the other two were well filled. The class for British birds was the chief attraction, some noted winners putting in an appearance. Mr. W. V. Witton judged.

CAN. A. V. (15): 1, sp, vhc, Fallows, nice yell. Yorks., fair length, good colour; 2, Jones and Bradley, grand yell. Cinn., lovely colour and quality, good size; 3, No Name, very nice Crest-bred, good frontal, nicely staged; 4, Capewell, head and wings marked Nor., nice shape, good colour, rather long in tail and flights; vhc, Russon (3), Hingley, Busby, Willetts (2).. BRIT. A. V.: 1, sp, 3, vhc, Jones and Bradley, noted trio, Blackcap first, Nightingale third, well-known winners, need no further comments; 2, r, vhc (2), Hingley, leader Hawfinch, in grand condition, nice colour, good bib, deserves its place, r, very nice conditioned Nuthatch, all nicely shown, in good condition; 4, Capewell, Bullfinch, the Halesowen winner, outclassed here, good cap, wing bars, and breast colour, rare size; vhc, Fallows, Hingley; hc, Garret. Silver medal most points was won by Messrs. Jones and Bradley.

In your report of Coventry Show you gave the winner of Class 76 (hens) as Tebbs, which should have read Ibbs, as I was credited with that honour.—T. Ibbs (Stoke-on-Trent).

HERTFORD.

Hertford and Dis. F.A. scored another big success in its Third Annual fixture, which was held in the Corn Exchange, January 9th and 10th. Although a young Society, it has by its splendid organisation secured the patronage of most of the elite of the neighbourhood. Sir G. F. Faudel-Phillips, Bart., G.C.I.E., is patron, and the list of Vice-Presidents is imposing. The President is Mr. "Pat" Harrower, the famous football referee, and joint Secretary of the Crystal Palace Poultry and Pigeon Show, and a better man for the post it would be impossible to find. A born organiser, the manner in which he leads his committee and gets the last ounce out of each member is splendid. He is ably supported by Mr. E. J. Hott (Treas.), whilst the Hon. Sec., Mr. Fred Looker, by his urbanity and energy, keeps everything going smoothly. Amongst the Committee are such well-known fanciers as Messrs. W. Rose, H. Harry, P. H. Hott, W. H. Scoby, W. Cox, H. W. Robinson, A. B. Mitchell, J. P. Farley, A. Scales, W. J. Alexander, and C. G. Smith. The Show was opened by the Hon. Mrs. Abel Henry Smith, the wife of the member for the division, who was supported by the Mayor, Mr. W. Grayeson, and other prominent local residents. Mrs. Smith made a most telling and appropriate speech, in which she expressed her great pleasure at being able to help on the good work of the Association. The classification was not large, but the entry and the quality was much in advance of the Association's two previous shows. Mr. Brookes staged a grand pair of Norwich, which easily headed the class. Mr. Mabey repeated his last year's performance of taking first, second, and third in Yorkshires, with a most typical trio. Mr. Welch's Goldfinch is one of the best we have seen this season; Mr. Meadows headed the Foreigners with a Varied Lorikeet of most charming colour and plumage. The Members' classes were much stronger than in previous years, and several of the winners could have won in the Open. Mr. C. A. House judged.

NOR. (9): 1, 2, spl, Hyde's spl, Brookes, wing and eye marked buff, grand shape, nice even colour, well frosted, splendid feather, second very prettily marked four-pointed yell., of rare colour and quality, not so typical; 3, res., vhc, Moles, wing and cap marked buff, grand shaped body, but trifle long in head, as tight as wax, res., vhc, two very neat buffs of capital shape, feather and colour, but needed washing; vhc, Jupe, stout saddle-marked buff, of nice shape and feather; hc, Linsey. YORKS. (10): 1, 2, 3, spl, Mabey, bit slim, well tapered yell., of splendid colour and quality, well up on leg, tick. on wing, second sweet clear buff, feathered like a Java, grand style and colour, third cl. yell., capital colour and shape, the longest of the three, but not so tight; res., Ramsdeu's spl, vhc, Linsey, neck tick. buff of rare colour and style, nice feather, and a neck tick. yell., full of nerve; hc, Hudspeth (2); c, Jupe. BRIT. (8): 1, spl, Welch, very brilliantly coloured Goldfinch, deep, well cut blaze, grand body and feather, very steady; 2, res., vhc, Hill, very smart Grey Wagtail in capital form, a prettily marked, shapely Siskin, and a rich coloured Goldie, not so large in shape as winner; 3, Blackwell, grand breasted Bullfinch, glossy, well cut cap, nice back; vhc, Hills, another capital Bullfinch, close up; hc, Rayment. MULES (11): 1, spl, Lees, light Linnet-Can., splendid shape and feather, very lightly marked; 2, vhc, hc, c, Bruce, large, shapely, var. buff Goldfinch-Can., capital colour and feather; 3, Hill, well marked Siskin-Can., sound, natural colour, rare shape and quality; res., Dickens, big, var. buff Goldfinch-Can., nicely feathered, needs colour; vhc, Hills, another really nice var. Goldfinch-Can., grand feather. FOR. (9): 1, spl, Meadows, charming Varied Lorikeet, splendid colour, grand head, beautiful feather and condition; 2, res., Smith, yell. fronted Amazon, of capital colour, feather and marking, and a nicely feathered pair of Yell. Budgerigars, in colour; 3, vhc, Cooper, well-marked Red-rumped Parrakeet, rich colour; vhc, Miss Gladys Hunt; hc, Miss Hopwood. MEMBS.': CREST, ETC. (9): 1, 2, 3, res., vhc, hc, c, spl, spl second best members' C.B., Smith, very nice team, a grand young Crest leading. NOR. (10): 1, spl, cup best members' bird, Harrower, very even, rich coloured yell., of grand shape; 2, res., vhc, he, c, Miss Croft, bonnie buff, nice type, feather, and colour; 3, vhc, Smith, shapely, good feathered buff, beaten in wing carriage. YORKS. (13): 1, 2, 3, res., vhc, hc, spl, Hudspeth, very nice team, long, slim, and well tapered, plenty of style, need tightening up a bit; vhc, hc, Dickins; vhc, Macpherson; c, Blaekwell. A.O.V. (9): 1, 3, spl, Harrower, two shapely yell. Cinns., leader best in colour, latter best shape; 2, Welch, shapely yell. cinn., of good quality,

BAILDON C.B.F.A.

The third monthly show was held at the Roebuck Hotel, January 5th, when upwards of 70 birds were staged. Mr. Joseph Exley judged, his awards giving general satisfaction.

CLEAR YELL. YORKS: 1, special, 3, Fawcett; 2, 4, Greaves; vhc, Tidgwell. CLEAR BUFF YORKS.: 1, special, Fawcett; 2, 3, Rhodes; 4, Halliday; vhc, Tidgwell; hc, Wilson; c, Tyler. TICKED YELLOW: 1, special, 2, Fawcett; 3, 4, Greaves; vhc, Halliday; hc, c, Tyler. TICKED BUFF: 1, special, Rhodes; 2, Jennings; 3, Halliday; 4, Fawcett; vhc, Tidgwell; hc, Wilson. YELLOW HEN: 1, special, 3, Rhodes; 2, Tidgwell; 4, Fawcett; vhc, Halliday; hc, Greaves; c, Tidgwell. BUFF HEN: 1, special, Greaves; 2, Fawcett; 3, Halliday; 4, Wilson; vhc, Jennings; hc, Tyler. ANY VARIETY CANARY OR MULE: 1, special, vhc, Tyler, green Yorkshire and Mule; 2, 4, Fawcett, Norwich; 3, Tyler, Norwich; hc, Halliday. ANY VARIETY BRITISH: 1, special, Fawcett; 2 Rhodes; 3, 4, vhc, Tyler. SELLING 10s. 6d.: 1, special, hc, Fawcett; 2, c, Halliday; 3, vhc, Wilson; 4, Tidgwell. SELLING CLASS, HEN, 10s. 6d.: 1, special, 3, Fawcett; 2 c, Halliday; 4, Hudson and Dawson; vhc, Tidgwell; hc, Greaves.—Fred Tyler, hon. sec.

NOTTINGHAM P.O.S.

Annual Show, Boxing Day. The competition was very keen, as there were several prominent exhibitors well in the running for the year's aggregate points prizes, the result of a series of shows held throughout the year. Mr. Joe Goode was the winner of the premier points prize, beating Mr. J. Birch by four points, being followed by Messrs. Hill, Wood, Davis and Onion. Mr. Goode was the recipient of a fine pair of bronzes; Mr. Birch blankets; Mr. Hill set of carvers in case, and Mr. Wood cruet. Mr. J. H. Scothern judged, and the arrangements were well carried out by Mr. G. Clay, the energetic Secretary, who was well supported by an enthusiastic Committee.

CL. YELL.: 1, J. Birch; 2, 3, Hill; 4, Birch; vhc, Paling. CLEAR BUFF: 1, 2, Hill; 3, 4, Birch. TKD., ETC. YELL.: 1, 2, Birch; 3, Paling. BUFF: 1, Hill; 2, 3, Birch; 4, Paling; vhc, Hill; hc, Taylor. UNFLI.: 1, Birch; 2, 3, Hill; 4, Birch. HENS: 1, 2, Birch; 3, 4, Hill; vhc, Paling. PAIRS: 1, 3, Hill; 2, 4, Birch; vhc, Paling. YELL. DK. CREST: 1, Onion; 2, 3, Maybe; 4, J. Goode. BUFF, DO. CK.: 1, Wood; 2, Onion; 3, Bowers; 4, Clay. LIGHT: 1, Bowers; 2, Onion; 3, Davis; 4, Onion. CREST. HENS: 1, Onion; 2, Greensmith. YELL. C.B. CK.: 1, Chas. Maybe; 2, Wood; 3, Onion; 4, Goode. BUFF: 1, 4, Davis; 2, Bowers; 3, vhc, he, Onion. YELL. HENS: 1, 2, J. Goode; 3, R. Woolley. BUFF: 1, 3, Goode; 2, Wood; 4, Onion; vhc, Taylor; hc, Bowers. STOCK PAIRS: 1, Goode; 2, Bowers. CRESTS, UNFLI.: 1, Onion; 2, 3, Wood; 4, R. Woolley. C.B., DO.: 1, 2, Goode; 3, A. Onion; 4, Greensmith; vhc, Bowers; hc, Davis. SELL., 20s.: 1, Davis; 2, Wood; 3, Cooke; 4, Whyles. 15s.; 1, Maybe; 2, Goode; 3, Onion; 4, Davis; vhc, Cooke; hc, Greensmith. 10s.: 1, Birch; 2, Hill; 3, Birch; 4, Paling; vhc, Hill; hc, Goode. BRIT.: 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, J. Goode; hc, Hill.

ERDINGTON.

The Fourth Annual Show of the above was held in the Queen's Head Assembly Rooms, Jan. 5th, and was a huge success, considering that it was confined to a five mile radius. Entries in cage bird section come up well. The Norwich and Yorkshires made a nice display, and quality on the whole was very good. The birds were staged in a room by themselves, and were well looked after by Mr. Wells, who had everything well in hand, and cards quickly up. Mr. G. E. Russell judged, and gave every satisfaction. The special for most points was won by Mr. Wells.

YELL. NOR. (5): 1, Broadhurst, nice typical, lovely quality, good shape, nice wings and tail, wins well; 2, Shaw, nice chubby body, good head, rather long in tail for our liking; 3, De Mailett, nice quality feather, good colour and condition; res., Shireley, fair var., close feather of good quality, not quite as bold in head as those above; vhc, Hughes. BUFF (6): 1, spl, Shaw, grand clear of good shape, nice quality feather, best of wing carriage, wins well; 2, Wells, another nice clear, deep chest, short wings and tail, deserves its place; 3, Broadhurst, not quite so typical as those above, rather long in tail; res., De Mailett; vhc, Hughes; hc, Storer. NOR. HEN A.V. (9): 1, Broadhurst, a gem, medium size, splendid shape, neat head, rich colour, feather of a nice silky texture; 2, Shaw, nice var., good head and chest, nice quality feather, well shown; 3, vhc, De Mailett, third nice and chubby, fair size, fails colour to winners; res., Shireley; hc, Wells; c, Hughes, nice class. CREST OR C.B. (9): 1, spl, vhc, Smith, first var., dark crest, of good size, good droop of nice leafy feather, well radiated, taking exhibit; 2, Broadhurst, var. C.B., plenty of head feather, comes well over beak, nice entrance; 3, res., hc, c, Harvey, third dark, green crest, plenty of feather, split at side, which no doubt put it down, res. var. dark crest, plenty of feather, but split left side, hc nice clear buff C.B., good quality head, feather well lashed, nicely shown. YORKS. YELL. (9): 1, spl, Richardson, good size, nice style, well on leg, neat, narrow shoulders, wins; 2, he, Burke, equally as good in shape, as straight as a dart, hardly so long in leg as winner, but a very taking cinn. marked bird, well shown, close up; 3, 'Members' spl, Wells, another nice clear, good length, well drawn, hardly so tight in feather; res., Mole, very nice broken green, neat, round head, good tail; c, Shaw. BUFF (11): 1, 2, Richardson, first nice var., long and slim, good style, well on leg, neat head and tail, second nice cinn. marked, good wing and tail, nice colour, both well shown; 3, Burke, nice clear, good shape and style, bit slack at thighs, which put it down one; res., Shaw, good quality, nice length, inclined to drop tail; vhc, hc, Wells; c, Mole. HEN (8): 1, spl, Richardson, grand hen, lovely shape, neat head, good tail, splendid colour, easy win; 2, spl, vhc, c, Wells, nicely drawn, good carriage, fair length, fair wings and tail, deserved its place; 3, Mole, clear buff, very long and shapely, grand wings and tail, beaten colour; res., Allen, nice shape, good colour, hc, Key. MULE A.V. (5): All prizes to Wells, first Linnet and Canary Mule, splendid size, nice shape, good colour, second yell. Siskin-Canary, third buff, Siskin-Can., two very nice Mules, little to part them; res., vhc, two nice Goldie-Canary Mules, dark ones, good quality and flourish, nicely shown. GOLDFINCH: 1, spl, 3, res., Wells, grand trio, first has the pull in blaze, nice body colour, good moons, third nice Finch, loses in face to first, both well shown; 2, Holder, good moon and bars, not up in blaze; vhc, Hughes, larger than some above, but not the face of winner, rich tanned chest; hc, Shaw. SELL., 10s.: 1, Shaw; 2, Holder; 3, res., Wells; vhc, Emery. GIFT: 1, spl, 3, Wells; 2, res., Hughes.

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CLUB REPORTS.

CITY OF DUNDEE & DIS. NOR., M. & B.B.A.

Annual General Meeting, Doig's Rooms, Jan. 9th. Balance sheet past year read and adopted. The date of Annual Show was fixed for the last Saturday of November, 1907.—A. MILLER, Sec.

NORTH LONDON C.B.A.

Annual Meeting, January 9th, at Headquarters, Library Hall, Stoke Newington. The Pres., Mr. T. R. Trower occupied the chair, and a fair number of members were present. The Secretary presented the balance sheet for 1906 showing a satisfactory balance of £11 10s. 6d., which was well received. Several important alterations and additions to Rules were made. Result of election of officers for 1907 was as follows:—Chairman, Mr. J. W. Rennie; Vice, Mr. H. K. Rankin; Treas., Mr. H. Sweetman; Hon. Assist. Sec., Mr. H. Pike; Committee, Messrs. W. Morris, F. Williamson, S. A. Griffin, T. Cawthorne, T. W. Morgan, A. J. Marley, J. Hale, G. Williams. Challenge cups and prizes were presented by Mr. Trower, who complimented the Association on such a successful year's working, and promised a Challenge Cup for Amateur Section. A hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Trower and all retiring officers concluded the meeting.—R. P. HARPER, Hon. Sec.

HULL C.B.S.

Annual Meeting, Jan. 7th, Oddfellow's Hall. One of the best-attended meetings ever held. Room crowded. The balance sheet read and passed, showing a balance in hand of £7 15s. 3d., with various amounts outstanding to about £3 more. Election of officers for the coming year resulted as follows: D. Hope, Chairman; T. Perkins, Vice-Chairman; G. W. Oliver, Treasurer. Messrs. F. F. Potter and F. H. Stamford, Joint Secretaries. Committee: Messrs. Brumby, Banks, Pepper, Barwick, Walker, Harland, Buckley, and Stones. These were elected after a spirited competition. Auditors elected were Messrs. Longhorn and Jopling. A vote of thanks was passed to the retiring officers for their past services, and as the hour of closing had gone by it was resolved to adjourn the meeting until February 4th to take into consideration the alteration of rules and other matters, when we hope to have a good meeting.—GEO. W. OLIVER.

CHELTENHAM C.B.S.

Annual Meeting held on January 9th, Mr. T. J. King in the chair. The Secretary read the balance sheet and report, which showed that although there was a deficit in the Open Show, the Society is in a flourishing condition. There was an increased membership. On the proposition of Mr. Child, the same officers were elected, viz., Mr. T. J. King, Pres.; Mr. G. Grant, Vice; and Mr. A. S. Treasure, Hon. Sec. and Treas. The post of Assist. Hon. Sec. was left open, Mr. T. N. King junr., having resigned owing to his removal to Ipswich. A hearty vote of thanks to Mr. King was passed, the Hon. Sec. especially regretting his loss. The following resolution, proposed by Mr. T. J. King, was unanimously passed:—"That this meeting wishes to place on record its appreciation and thanks to the Hon. Sec. for the very efficient manner in which he has carried out his duties." The Secretary announced an attractive programme for the ensuing year, including washing competitions, judging ditto, and several lectures and discussions. The annual Pair Show takes place on January 26th.—A. S. TREASURE, Hon. Sec.

SHEFFIELD & DIS. C.B.S.

An important meeting was held on Jan. 3rd, Wentworth Cafe, Pinstone Street. First business on the agenda was to fill the vacancy of Hon, Vice-President, caused by the death of the late Norman B. Roberts, Esq. The consent of P. Walsh, Esq., of Sheffield, to occupy that position was received by a round of applause. Next was the alteration of a few rules, the most important being Rule 13, which reads "a new member shall be allowed to show in novice classes, and shall be considered a novice unless he has won two firsts in any members' class, or one first in open competition." This rule has caused a lot of complaint of late years from young novice members who have won with British and Foreign birds in small classes, their novice career having been ended in Canary classes, and several complained how the society had lost members through having to compete in champion classes. The matter was discussed at length, with the result that the rule be altered to read "A member shall be allowed to show in novice classes, and shall be considered a novice until he has won with Canaries or Mules two first in members' classes, or one first in open competition, British and Foreign wins not to count." Any member that this rule has affected in the past should apply to the Secretaries in writing before May next to be reinstated.

Next came the programme for 1907, which promises to be of interest. Several table shows are to be held, the first of which is down for the next meeting to be held February 14th, 1907, and is for matched pairs of Norwich Plainheads and Crests for breeding. Novice and champion classes will be provided.

Last, but not least, was the remuneration of Mr. W. Oxley for his valuable services as Honorary Treasurer to the society for so many years. The committee's decision found favour from all members present that £1 be given out of the society's funds followed by subscriptions from all the members, and that a box be placed in the room the following two meetings for members to give what they please. The presentation to be in the shape of something useful. The enrolment of several new members brought an interesting meeting to a close.—BISHOP and PILLEY, Secretaries.

NORWICH PLAINHEAD CLUB.

The following are winners of prizes given by the club for 1906. Manchester Club Show: (champions, best birds) Messrs. Bancroft (gold medal), Drakeley, Hayhurst, Cook, Wootton (2). Amateurs: Wrigley (gold medal), Hindley (2), Massey, Mallinson, Huggins, A. Points prizes Gt. Harwood: Messrs. Booth, Barraclough, and Cook all equal; Nottingham: Vardy, Booth, Hayhurst; Preston: Croucher, Dent, Booth; Wellingboro: Bishop, Nutt, Coulson, and Towers tie; Hartlepool: Trengove, Eckersley, and Tweddle tie; Altrincham: Shaw and Hindley tie, Edwards; Challenge Cup: Cooke, 70 points, Trengove, 45, J. and J. Hopkins, 33. Amateur points: Hindley 40 points, Wrigley, 30, Sutton, 9. All prize-money paid. Will those members whom I have written to please forward their subscriptions at once?—J. RAYNES, Hon. Sec.

BORDER COUNTIES N. & C. C.C.

The result of the silver bowl competition in connection with above club, held at five nominated shows, viz., Morpeth, Sunderland, Darlington, Kelso, and Gateshead, is as follows:—Brown, winner, 57 points, followed by Grey 39, Rowell 38, Cameron 32, Dixon 22, Wilson 11, Stanger and Herdman 8, Hay 4, Taylor and Sanderson 4. Bowl has been sent on to Anthony Brown, Gateshead. The following are the winners of the cash specials at all shows under our patronage, for most points totalled over all shows:—1, Rowell, 139 points; 2, Brown, 86; 3, Stanger and Herdman, 84. The above are the winners of the cash specials. The runners-up were:—Cameron 82, Grey 72, Wilson 31, Dixon 22, Taylor and Sanderson 21, Hay 4, Winter 4. Anyone overlooked in the counting of points to write Sec. at once, as cash specials will be sent out within week from date of issue.—ANTHONY HAY, Sec.

BRADFORD (EAST) O.S.

Annual Meeting, held at Park Chapel Schools, January 8th. The balance sheet was adopted, showing a nice sum of money left in hand. The Society is to be congratulated in having Mr. E. Suddards as President, who is supported in that office by the following gentlemen: Vice-Presidents, Messrs. G. R. Rushworth and W. Cruise; Hon. Sec., Mr. H. Hill; Assistant Sec., Mr. G. White; Treas., Mr. J. Farrar; Auditors, Mr. W. Laycock and Mr. A. Wilkinson. The outlook for the coming year is one of which the members ought to feel proud, for we have obtained, through the kind permission of the Trustees of Park Chapel Schools, the use of a splendid little room in which to hold our meetings, also a larger room in which we can hold our Members' Shows. This is, indeed, a rare chance and members are determined that they will leave no stone unturned in making this Society one of the strongest in the district. There is one feature about the formation of this Society which deserves special mention—many of the members have never been in any way connected with a Society before, and are practically unknown in the Fancy; this speaks well for the progress that the Yorkshire Canary is making in this district. The subscriptions were fixed at 3s. per annum, and if any fancier is desirous of joining us we shall be only too pleased to give him a hearty welcome. The monthly meetings will be held the first Tuesday in each month. I should like to thank the Editor of CAGE BIRDS, on behalf of our Society, for the part this important journal has played in making it known to the Fancy at large, also for the kindness shown us in announcing our meetings. It seems to be the only bird-paper read by our members.—Mr. H. HILL, 31, St. Stephens Road, West Bowling, Bradford.

HAYLE F.A.
Annual Supper.

Hayle F.A. held its annual supper at the White Hart Hotel on January 10th, a large number sitting down to an excellent spread, provided by Host Trevena. The Chairman of the Association, Mr. J. Roskrow, presided, the vice-chair being occupied by the Secretary. The Chairman gave the toast of the King, which was replied to with musical honours. Mr. Trott proposed the health of the President (Col. F. H. Harvey), and spoke of the great interest the Colonel had always shown in the Society, and regretted that owing to a rule of the Association to elect a new President each year, Colonel Harvey was not eligible for re-election. The Hayle F.A. was proposed by the Rev. Father Mullins, who complimented the Society on the high position they had attained amongst West Country shows, and he attributed their success to the fact that the Society was very fortunate in possessing two such capable and up-to-date officers as their Chairman, Mr. Roskrow, and the Cage Bird Secretary, Mr. Cock. He had much pleasure in coupling the names of these two gentlemen with the toast. Mr. Cock thanked Father Mullins for the kind words he had said about him, but his modesty, he said, would not allow him to take all the credit. When he said that within an hour of closing their show the whole of the 347 cage birds were packed, and all the staging removed, it would be seen that credit was due to more than one individual. In fact, the Hayle committee was one which any Secretary might be proud. A good musical programme was arranged by Mr. Hancock. Mr. Thompson presided at the piano, Messrs. W. Harris and Daniel gave violin selections, and songs were contributed by Messrs. Rowe, Willougby, Pearce, Sangwin, Wedgewood, Trott, and others. Mr. Symons, in a very neat speech, proposed the visitors. Mr. T. Rowe replied, and said it always gave him very great pleasure to come amongst the Hayle fanciers. He had exhibited at each of their shows, and he must say the way in which the Hayle Committee looked after exhibits deserved the support of all fanciers.

READING AND DIS. C.B.S.

Meeting held Palmer's Hall, January 2nd. Good number present. Vote of sympathy accorded a member (Mr. J. Read), who recently lost his wife. Mr. T. Nason was elected a member. The two next monthly meetings will be advertised in two local papers. At next meeting, January 6th, 1907, a Washing Competition will be held.—G. A. CHARLES, Sec., 94, Grange Avenue, Reading.

ECCLES & DIS. C.B.S.

General Meeting, Jan. 9th, Grapes Hotel, Peel Green, Mr. J. H. Walker, Chairman. The Secretary presented the balance sheet, showing a balance in hand of £3 13s. 1d., which, taking into consideration the short time this society has been formed, is a very satisfactory report. Officers were nominated, and will be elected next meeting 16th inst. The discussion as to joining the Cage Bird Union will also take place. It was decided to hold our first open show on Nov. 30th, 1907. Vote of thanks to officers for the past year closed the meeting. Anyone wishing to join, kindly send their names and addresses to A. WHEATLEY, Hon. Sec.

SEAHAM HARBOUR & DIS. B.B.A.

First Annual General Meeting, Jan. 12th. Balance sheet for year just ended showed our income from all sources to be £12 11s. 6d., our expenditure was £8 9s. 10½d., leaving a balance in hand, £4 1s. 7½d. The accounts were received with enthusiasm and accepted. The election of officers resulted in everybody being elected as before en bloc. Chairman, J. Hudson; Vice, T. Toy; Treas., W. French. Committee: W. Deacon, J. Pickering, T. Wilkinson, R. Harrison, M. Elliot, J. Hancock. Banking Stewards: W. French, R. Harrison. Sec., J. M. Nicholson. One new member admitted. Several minor questions settled, which brought an excellent meeting to a close.—J. M. NICHOLSON, Sec.

OLDHAM AND DIS. C.B.S.

Annual General Meeting at Headquarters, Jan. 7th. There was a good attendance of members. After the Hen Show business had been disposed of, the Chairman (Mr. Hampshire) invited the Secretary to present the year's accounts, which showed a gain of £8 2s. 3½d. The election of officers followed, and resulted in Mr. Sharples being elected Pres., Messrs. Young, Steeple, and Nelson Vice-Pres., Mr. Hardy Treas., Mr. Ackroyd Sec., and Messrs. Eckersley and Garside auditors. The committee is composed of Messrs. Steeple, Lowe, Harrison, Garside, and Cocker. It was decided to arrange lectures on the Norwich and Yorkshire varieties and one on Mule breeding. Three new members were nominated—Messrs. Hatchard, Heywood, and Pickering.

LANCASHIRE C.A.
Secretary's Annual Report.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,—No doubt you will be aware that this association was formed last March, the first meeting taking place at the Coffee Rooms, near Rochdale Station, when it was unanimously decided by a good number of Lancashire fanciers that a society like this was needed very much, for the principal object of bringing the Lancashire Canary more to the front, and I am pleased to see that taking the season through there has been a good number of birds on the show benches; take, for instance, the Rochdale Town Hall show, this being the first show we gave our patronage to; we had about 80 Lancashires, exhibited in 9 classes, this averaged almost 9 per class. The next show we gave our support was Manchester. This society, I am sorry to say, did not get as good an entry as I expected. I don't know whether it was the 2s. entry fee or what; but there is one thing I would like to say, and that is, in my opinion I considered the Lancashires very badly staged; the table being very unsuitable; they should be staged on the gallery where the British were. However, it would be as well if this was mentioned to the Secretary next time. In the novice classes at this show there were only 14 entries, and I am sure we ought to thank Messrs. Steeple and Hardy for guaranteeing individually these two classes. The next show was the Rochdale Good Intent, where we guaranteed the two novice classes, and nobly did novices respond. We had an entry of 33 exhibits in the two classes; in the six classes there we had 78 birds staged, an average of 13 per class; this, I consider, up to the mark. The next and last show of the year was Middleton. This fixture did not come up to expectation, but perhaps they will do better the next time. I hope so. That, gentlemen, concludes the shows we patronised, and the losses at them are as follows:—Rochdale Town Hall was 11s. 6d.; Manchester Town Hall was 11s.; Rochdale Good Intent nothing; Middleton was 9s., making a total of £1 11s. 6d.

Of course you will be aware that we have the Palace Show yet, which takes place next month, and I trust you will all do your utmost to let the Southern fanciers see that there are plenty of Lancashires up this way. Give them a good entry. Mr. Green has written me, stating that he will see that all exhibits sent will be specially cared for by himself; he also enclosed a copy of a letter received from a friend of his in Canada, in which he says that he has given a gold medal for most points in Lancashire classes, the winner must be a member of the Lancashire Canary Association, and Mr. Lambert Brown, the Secretary of Palace, has wrote asking for me to send a list of specials if we have any; he is keeping the schedule open until Monday for this purpose. I will now read you the balance sheet:—Receipts, £5 6s.; Expenditure, £4 3s. 10½d.; balance in hand, £1 2s. 1½d. This, gentlemen, concludes my report, and I thank you, one and all, for your attention, and wish you all a successful breeding season.—Yours, Jas. Law. Audited and found correct (signed) James Eckersley, R. R. Gaskill (Auditors).

BRISTOL C.B.S.

A very successful Meeting was held at headquarters on Jan. 9th, Mr. W. G. Bull in the chair. Following were accepted as members: Mr. A. Newman, Mr. Quarman, Mr. G. Cox, and Mr. A. N. Hill. Messrs. Davies and Fowler were elected auditors. Mr. A. J. Trubody proposed, and Mr. Manley seconded, that no dealer of cage birds be accepted as member of this society. Definition of a dealer a person that got his or her living out of cage birds. Carried unanimously.—C. E. BROWN, Hon. Sec.

NORTH MANCHESTER C.B.S.

At the General Meeting held Jan. 8th, the following members were elected officers for the ensuing year: President, Mr. Balshaw; Treasurer, Mr. Aspinall; Assistant Sec., Mr. Slater. Committee: Messrs. Wilkinson, Hall, Norris, Aspinall, Harvey, Vint, Clarke, Thomason, D. Bardsley, and J. Connor. Hon. Sec., John Davey. We have decided to abolish the radius clause, and are now open to receive members from any district. The next meeting is Jan. 22nd, at 8 o'clock, at headquarters.—JOHN DAVEY, Hon. Sec.

PORTOBELLO C.B.S.

A Meeting of the above was held on Jan. 7th. Final arrangements were made for the Washing Exhibition on first Monday in February, and a paper on "The breeding and preparing for exhibition of Scotch Fancy Canaries" was promised by Mr. John Bell. This will be read at the meeting on first Monday in March. The society placed on record its sincere regret at the death of Dr. Andrew Balfour, its first patron and warmest supporter. After the business an interesting discussion on the Scottish National Show was taken part in by all the members present.—W. LECKIE, J. LEACH, Hon. Secs.

CHESTER AND DIS. C.B.S.

Annual Meeting, Nag's Head Cocoa House, Jan. 7th and 8th. Following officers elected: T. S. Moore, Esq., President; Messrs. Lloyd and Slovin, Vice-Presidents; Messrs. Bracegirdle, Crane, T. Jones, Swindley, T. Wright, and R. Williams, committee; Messrs. Woodcock and Red were re-elected Treasurer and Secretary. Hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Treasurer and Secretary for their services during the past year. The Treasurer then distributed prizes won at Old Bird Show. The advisability of extending the society's radius was then considered, and after considerable discussion it was unanimously resolved that the radius of the society remain as at present fixed, viz., 10 miles from Chester Cross. Decided that we hold a Pair Show next meeting, Feb. 5th, at Mr. Whitlow's, The Boot Inn, birds to be staged not later than 7 o'clock. Entry fee 3d. per cage, to be divided into three prizes.—A. J. RED, Sec.

LOUGHBOROUGH & DIS. C.B.A.

A very successful meeting in connection with the above was held on Jan. 8th, 28 names being enrolled for membership, which we think is highly satisfactory for a first meeting. Mr. Glover was elected Chairman for the year, and much enthusiasm was shown by those present, almost everyone taking part in the business, which speaks well for the future success of the society. It was decided that meetings be held every fortnight for the first six months, on Wednesday evenings, at 7.30. A room in the Charnwood Coffee House, Mill Street, has been engaged for the purpose. The next meeting will be held on Jan. 23rd, at 7.30 p.m. The subscriptions were fixed at 4s. per year, to be paid quarterly in advance, first payment to be made next meeting. We should be pleased to hear from any fancier who would be kind enough to give us a helping hand by way of a lecture on any subject connected with the fancy that would be of interest to the novice.—E. THORP, Hon. Sec., 34, Oxford Street, Loughborough.

BURY & DIS. C.B.S.

The Annual Meeting was held at the Textile Hall, Jan. 8th. A large number present. Chair was occupied by the Rev. R. P. Hudson, President. Balance sheet, showing the society to be flourishing, was unanimously adopted. Following were elected officers: President, Rev. R. P. Hudson; Chairman, Mr. J. R. Greenwood; Vice Chairman, Mr. J. E. Wolstenholme; Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. W. P. Turton; Assistant Secretary, Mr. F. E. Holden. Committee: Messrs. Fallows, Clark, Ramsbottom, Hall, Farraday, Hamer, E. Lord, Gibson, G. Austin, Brough, Jameson, Lomax, Wheateroft, Gorton, and Boothman; Auditor, Mr. H. Fortman. Decided to hold first feather show July 13th; annual autumn show Nov. 9th. Question of continuing the drawing competition for boys at the annual show was discussed, and it was decided to arrange some suitable competition, the nature of which was left to a committee. Retiring officers were thanked for services rendered during the past year, and to the Rev. R. P. Hudson for presiding.

DULWICH AND PECKHAM C.B.S.

Annual General Meeting, held Jan. 10th, when the following officials were elected: Patron, A. Bonar Law, Esq., M.P.; President, J. Peacock, Esq.; Vice-Presidents, Messrs. Bussey, R. Brownlie, G. Sands, D. Mabey, Robson, H. E. Tringham, G. Dansie, F. Godwin, T. Boydon, A. E. Crowhurst, and D. Sidgwick; Hon. Treas., Mr. W. Goodwin, the Herne Tavern, Forest Hill Road, S.E.; Trustees, Messrs. G. H. Garlick and J. B. Waterman. Committee: Messrs. G. F. Woolhouse, Chairman, F. J. Day, J. W. Cranfield, E. S. Lee, W. R. Wall, N. A. Meredith, S. D. Kell, A. E. Rogers, A. C. Wetenhall; Auditors, Messrs. F. S. Matthes and W. Morris; Hon. Secretary, W. Hodson, 209, Crystal Palace Road, East Dulwich, S.E. Monthly meetings are held on first Thursday in each month: Committee meetings third Tuesdays. Subscription, 2s. 6d. Entrance fee, 1s. Headquarters, the Herne Tavern, Peckham Rye S.E. Number of members 50. It was decided to hold a members' show at the Herne Tavern on Feb. 7th. All information from the Hon. Secretary, W. HODSON, 209, Crystal Palace Road, East Dulwich, S.E.

Some Desirable Aliens.

By "CATALONE."

Some practical hints on the birds shown in Mr. Goodchild's wonderful plate.

One great reason why the keeping of foreign birds has not made even greater progress here than has actually been the case is that beginners do not know what are the best—and especially the hardiest—kinds, and so are apt to buy indiscriminately, and get discouraged at the outset. The birds in the coloured plate, however, are all eminently suitable for the tyro in aviculture, and if he keeps nothing else but these for the first year or two, he will have no cause for regret. All will winter out of doors, and if the aviary is large enough, can be lodged together, and all have been bred, though not with equal ease by any means.

THE BUDGERIGAR.

(Melopsittacus undulatus.)

The Budgerigar is, taking it all round, the pick of the group, for no bird is so easy to keep as this. It will live happily in a cage, and even sometimes breed therein; in an aviary it will be happier still, and be practically certain to reproduce, especially if several pairs are kept. It requires the minimum of attention, making very little mess, requiring no bath, and being able at a pinch to dispense even with drinking water for weeks together. No special food is wanted for bringing up the young, and a cocoa-nut husk is a sufficient nest. Thus this is pre-eminently the busy man's bird, and may be bred by the dozen in aviaries by any one who can spare a few minutes daily. The food is simple—canary seed, millet and oats, with groundsel, chickweed, and especially flowering grass, as green food. If there is a grassed outdoor flight to the aviary, the labour of applying green food is much reduced, of course. Although it has only been in cultivation for about half a century, and thousands are still imported from Australia—where it is known as the "Shell Parrot"—the Budgerigar has already produced variations, one of which (the yellow form shown in the illustration) is now a fixed breed; absolutely pure yellows, however, though not unknown, are exceedingly rare, as is also the blue variety. The present writer recently saw a male specimen with the head nearly all black. When ready to breed, Budgerigars may be easily sexed by the colour of the cere, or skin surrounding the nostrils; this being bright blue in the cock and pale brown in the hen. Young birds have bluish-white ceres in both sexes, and are less brilliant in colour than adults. If hand-reared, young males will learn to talk, and even old ones have learnt the songs of other birds; while the training of these little parrakeets to "tell fortunes" has made them so familiar in our streets that they are better known to townspeople than are most British birds.

THE JAVA SPARROW.

(Munia oryzivora.)

The Java Sparrow is more than twice as old a favourite as the Budgerigar, and more than twice as cheap; in fact, he is the cheapest of all foreign birds, a fact which may make his flower-like delicacy of colouring less appreciated than it should be. He will live on the same food as the Budgerigar, but must have his drink and his tub, and is all the better for some soft food when feeding young. The ordinary Grey Javas, however, are not very free breeders, nor are they at all easy to sex, at any rate for a beginner, the slightly bolder head and bill of the male being the only distinction. The white domestic variety bred by the Japanese and Chinese in cages is naturally a ready breeder, but is very much more expensive, perfectly pure whites fetching about half-a-guinea a pair. These white birds, however, with their pink bills showing "like rosebuds on a bank of snow" have a beauty of their own that is quite unique, and they are much more easier to sex than the grey ones, the larger size and stouter bill of the males being quite perceptible if several are examined.

Javas will build in cocoa-nut husks or other covered nest-places, like Budgerigars, but they need some nesting material. As with Budgerigars, several pairs can be kept together, and as Javas are themselves pretty hard biters, they will do well along with these little parrakeets, even in a confined space. Thus, by keeping the pale varieties of each kind as well as the normal birds, a very pretty and easily-managed collection can be had by the use of these two species alone. In the case of both, the colour-varieties can be bred true if properly paired to start with; if a normally-coloured Java or Budgerigar pairs with one of the light birds the offsprings are most likely to resemble the naturally-coloured parent.

THE RIBBON-FINCH.

(Amadina fasciata.)

Often known by the somewhat repulsive, though highly appropriate name of "cut-throat," this modestly-coloured little bird is one of the most commonly-seen foreigners. It has the great advantage of being readily sexed—the hen lacking the crimson half-collar—and of being almost the easiest foreign bird to breed in a cage. In such a case, one pair only must be kept, and must have the cage to themselves. The nest-box provided must be a covered one, and soft food be given to the parents while they have young. In the ordinary way, canary and millet will suffice for them. Although much smaller than the Java Sparrow, and not suitable for close association with it, this bird must also not be put with species smaller and weaker than itself (such as Waxbills), unless there is plenty of room, as in a large aviary. This species is an inhabitant of Africa, and is widely spread across that continent.

THE RED-CRESTED CARDINAL.

(Paroaria cucullata.)

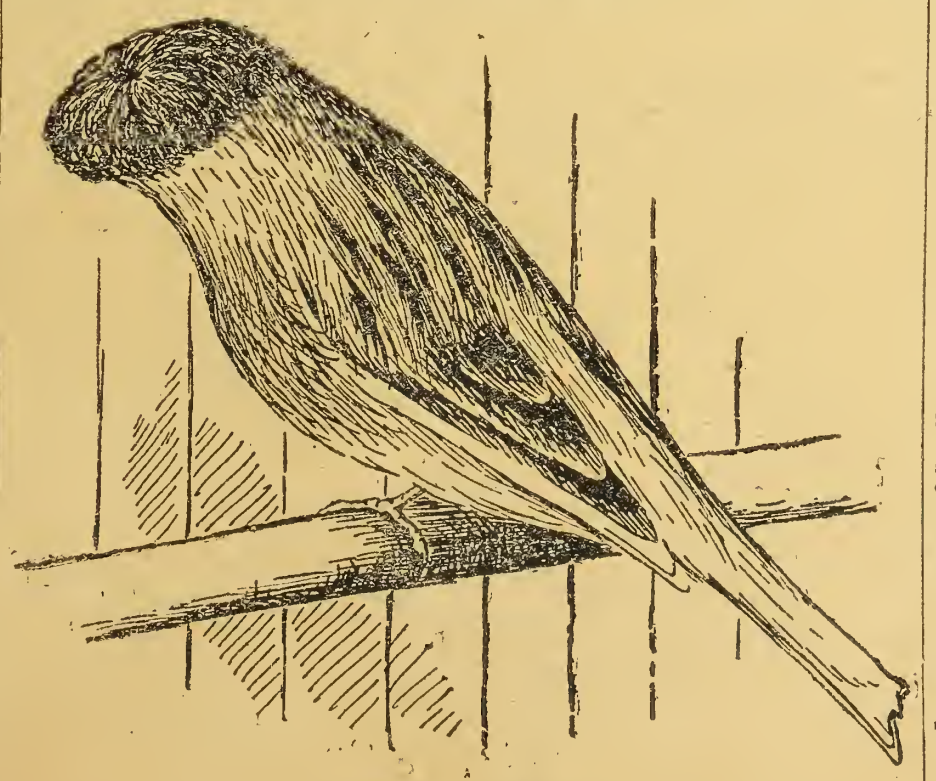
As the only large Finch imported in great numbers, this species has a position of its own in the trade, and it unfailingly attracts attention by its smart and showy appearance. As Mr. Goodchild's beautiful drawing shows, it has the neat and slender appearance of a soft-billed bird rather than the heavy make of a Finch. The sexes are practically alike, but on comparison it is possible to pick out pairs by noticing the stouter and more arched bills of the cocks, and the farther extension down the breast of the red colour of the throat. The specimens often seen with the head rusty orange, instead of scarlet, are young birds in their first feather.

Of the selection on the plate, this species is the best suited for keeping as a single pet bird in a cage. If so treated, the cage should be a large one, and those used for Thrushes will be found suitable. The ordinary bird-seeds should form the staple diet, with such fruit and green food as are found acceptable; but it should always be borne in mind that this bird, like Cardinals generally, is to a great extent insectivorous. A few mealworms or any other available insects should therefore be offered daily, or in default of these some soft food containing dried flies, ants' eggs, or egg, or all three of these ingredients. In an aviary this species will breed, but if this is wished not more than one pair must be put in, and it is not wise to allow these birds where small and weak species are kept, as they sometimes develop carnivorous tastes. As companions to Budgerigars a pair would be ornamental and harmless. The nest is an open one, built in a bush like a Thrush's, and a good supply of animal food must be kept up during breeding. Although hardy, this bird comes from a hot climate, ranging from Brazil to Bolivia. One has been known to live two years at large in a London park.

THE PEKIN ROBIN.

(Liothrix luteus.)

Although this bird is a "soft-bill," and hence gives more trouble than its companions in the picture, needing a continual supply of soft food, it is, on the whole, the most desirable of all, owing to its beauty, its fine song so freely given, and its gentleness and intelligence. It is also a very cheap bird—at any rate at this time of the year, when the main importation of the species takes place, the birds being chiefly brought from China, though also found in the Himalayas. So brightly-coloured a specimen as the bird illustrated would probably be a cock, as the hens are usually a little duller, and in particular show little or no orange on the breast; but this is a very variable species, and the best way to be sure of getting a true pair is to get one or two caged separately, when a male is pretty certain to sing in answer to the calls of his companions. The attachment of these birds to each other is very great, and a bird set free, even outdoors, will usually return to its comrades or mate in captivity, so that anyone who will lodge a pair of these birds in a two-compartment cage with sliding partition may enjoy the spectacle of seeing one hopping about in the open, its companion being retained as a hostage for its return. A cage for Pekin Robins should be large and box-shaped, as they are very nervous at first—though soon becoming tame—and need much exercise, besides being perfectly frantic bathers. With regard to their food they will eat practically anything, insects, seeds and fruit being their natural dish. The great thing is to give them variety. They are, unfortunately, very shy breeders, even in an aviary; but one cannot have everything, and except for this point, it would be almost impossible to name a more perfect pet bird than is the present species.



CRESTED CANARY.

Winner of Second Prize at Plymouth Show. The property of Mr. W. C. French.

"STARS OF THE SEASON."

NOTES BY THE OWNERS.

(See Mr. Norman's Felicitous Creation.)

Mr. W. H. Shackleton (Girlington) writes:—In response to the Editor's invitation to write a few notes on my Yorkshire Canary, a portrait of which appears in this issue. I may say that this bird is a grandson of my old champion ticked buff, and was bred in 1905. He is the winner of numerous prizes, including 1st Shipley, 1st Laisterdyke, 1st Prestow, 1st Bradford West, 2nd Sandy Lane, and 2nd Thornton, beaten on the two latter occasions by his aviary companion when he was not quite fit.

I consider the bird one of the best I ever bred, as he possesses in a marked degree all the essential qualities required to make a really typical Yorkshire.

Perhaps it may be of interest to note that the parents of the above bird were both 1st prize winners, as also were his grand parents, and great-grand parents. By the foregoing it will be at once apparent that I have a predeliction for inbreeding; that being so, I may say that in my humble opinion it is the only royal road to success Having bred fancy stock for over forty years, I have had ample opportunities of testing the various modes of procedure to gain and fix any particular point or quality in the stock operated on, and the results obtained by practical experience extending over such a lengthened period have convinced me more thoroughly than ever that one must work on scientific lines, and that pedigree breeding must be our motto if success is desired no matter whatever the variety may be.

Some breeders of the Yorkshire Canary will, I know, argue that our birds will deteriorate in size and stamina by inbreeding. To those I would say that there are ways and means at our command which can be adopted to counteract this tendency, and which would obviate the necessity of introducing fresh blood for a lengthened period. Now, by way of illustrating my meaning, I may remark that it is a well known fact to anyone who has cultivated either flowers or fruit for exhibition, and where size is the most essential quality desired, that the whole of the blooms on a given plant or tree are not allowed to mature, and the same applies to fruit on any plant or tree set apart for a like purpose. In both cases the flowers and fruit are systematically thinned out so as to allow the full strength to flow to the remaining few, and by these means far greater sizes are obtained. In the production of size in the Yorkshire Canary the same principle must be applied as illustrated above—that is to say, if there are from four to six fertile eggs in one nest, one half of these should be removed, and placed under feeders specially provided for the purpose. By these means I have known the size to be increased wonderfully.

Personally I never allow more than three young to be reared in one nest—two for choice—as I am of the opinion that the makings of a really good bird are done in the first three weeks of its existence, and I spare no effort to do anything that will conduce to their development during this period. Perhaps I may deal more exhaustively with this subject on a future occasion, but this must suffice for the present as no doubt space is a serious consideration in this issue.

Mr. J. F. Bishop writes:—This is the way my dear yellow Champion, 1906, was bred:—Bred by owner, April, 1903, from a ticked yellow cock and ticked buff hen, both medium-sized birds, and bred by owner, winning as an unflighted in 1903 and 1904:—2nd Northampton, 2nd Derby, 2nd Leicester, 1st Nottingham, 1st Pendleton (England and Scotland), 2nd Crystal Palace (Champion Class, 1st Burton-on-Trent. 1904-5:—2nd Derby, 3rd Manchester, 2nd Hinckley, 4th Nottingham, 1st Crystal Palace Champion Class. 1905-6:—Not shown on account of broken leg. 1906:—London and Provincial O.S.:—1st and special for best Norwich in Show and diploma, 2nd Sheffield, 1st Nottingham; and will be shown at the coming Crystal Palace Show.

Barbary Doves at Large.

These pretty birds are popular, and in some of the Royal parks they may be occasionally seen at liberty. At St. James' Park they have had a strain of free birds for many years, though the birds are not often seen, and this year (1906) a pair haunted the corner of Regent's Park, opposite the "York and Albany," for some months, and one or other might often have been seen feeding by the cab-rank. This cheap and ornamental bird might easily be established as a park species, but cats would inevitably take a heavy toll of them, as, being bred in captivity, they are deficient in the wariness of wild birds.

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Ye Ancient Art of Falconry.

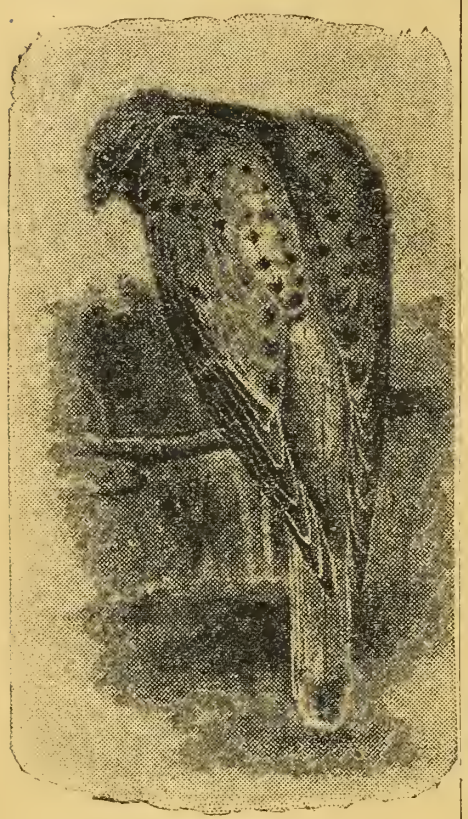
By H. P. Ledbitter.

A Chat about Hawks and Hawking.

Hawks used in Falconry are divided into two classes—long and short-winged, or, more strictly speaking, Hawks and Falcons. Of the former are Goshawks and Sparrow Hawks; of the latter Gerfalcons, Peregrines, Hobbys, Merlins and the plebian Kestrel. The art of Falconry is, in a nutshell, the making of a wild caught Hawk so attached to its trainer that it is willing to exchange the sweets of freedom for the care and protection of its sometime enemy, man. The pursuit and killing of the quarry is merely a carrying out of its natural instincts.

"WILD AS A HAWK."

I do not purpose, within the limits of this short article, to give particulars of the training of the large and expensive Hawks, but will confine myself to such as are comparatively easy to obtain, and can be reclaimed and flown by persons with



THE KESTREL.
Ready for his next meal.

but limited leisure and means to bestow upon their hobby. I have myself kept the Peregrine and Goshawk, as well as the smaller kinds, but do not advise anyone taking up the former, unless they have at least a few hours every day to give up entirely to each bird, or an assistant to do nothing else but attend to their wants.

Of all the birds I have kept I have found the Falcons the most intelligent and companionable. Whoever originated the saying, "Wild as a Hawk," had evidently never kept one. The Merlin is one of the easiest to get steady, or, as a Falconer would say, to "man." The last wild caught female I was lucky enough to get, ate its first meal in captivity on my fist, and would fly across the room to be fed three days after it was caught.

HAND-REARED HAWKS USELESS.

The first difficulty that the budding Falconer has to encounter is getting a suitable Hawk. Hand-reared birds are absolutely useless. You may with luck get a Sparrow Hawk, or Merlin, from a bird-catcher or game-keeper. If you get it as soon as it is caught, and uninjured, you are to be congratulated, for such are invaluable. I would here say that almost all country people call the Kestrel the Sparrow Hawk, consequently the beginner, unless he is acquainted with both kinds, should be on his guard lest he wastes time and patience uselessly, so far at least as sport is concerned. Trained Kestrels will not kill live quarry. Broadly speaking, the Sparrow Hawk has yellow eyes with transverse breast bars, and the Kestral dark brown eyes and longitudinal breast streaks.

On getting your bird you will first put on the jesses. These are a strip of thin leather (as sketch), varying in size and strength according to the size of the

Hawk's Jesses.

Hawk. For a Sparrow Hawk or Merlin, 4 inches long by ¼-inch wide is ample. B, C and D are slits: the distance between B and C should be sufficient to just go round the bird's leg—not too tightly, or it will chafe the leg; nor too loosely, for the bird will pull its foot through. If you are not used to handling Hawks throw a cloth over it, and get someone to grasp it firmly round the wings, legs upwards, tail outwards. Take a jess, put the end A round the leg, through the slit C, and draw tight; now put the end D through the slit B, draw tight; do the same with the other leg, and your jesses are fixed. Next get a swivel hook (for the small Hawks I use watch-chain hooks) and attach to the slits D, then get a leather boot-lace (porpoise hide is safest), tie a firm knot in one end, slip the other through the ring of the hook, and you have your leash.

FIRST STEPS.

Your Hawk should now be temporarily tied down by means of a staple to the floor of a quiet room, or loft, with straw for bedding. Your next care will be to get your newly-caught Hawk to feed. To do this will require a lot of patience, but once done you are safe from further trouble on this score, at any rate. First put a glove on the left hand, for you will have found by this time that your captive has claws and can use them. Go up to your bird quietly, stoop and gently stroke it down the breast and legs with your gloved hand. Probably, being fresh caught, it will dance about and scream, striking at your hand with its claws; if you find it will not step on to your hand on gently pressing backwards against its legs, unfasten the leash, take hold of the swivel end of the jesses with the gloved hand, and stand up. Your Hawk will, of course, be struggling about, head downwards; keep your left hand firm, and it will probably soon come to its senses and take up a more natural position on the nearest perch—in this case your hand. Once it has taken perch, hold the jesses tight by winding the leash round the little finger of the left hand, thus preventing it jumping off. You will have had in readiness some fresh, raw, lean meat, cut up in small strips. Take a piece in the right hand, touch your Hawk on the shoulder with the forefinger, which will cause it to strike at you with open beak. This is your opportunity. Before it can decide exactly what you are going to do, slip the meat as far as possible into its open beak. The first piece or two will probably be flicked angrily away, but after a time, finding the flavour agreeable to its palate, it will, especially if a Merlin, soon peck the pieces freely from your fingers. Having given it a good feed you will transfer it to its straw bed, placing an upright block of wood for it to perch on if so inclined. Why I advise tying it to the floor when newly caught is because it will not be so liable to hang itself as if tied to a perch. When partly trained a screen-perch should be used. A screen-perch is a padded pole fixed in a horizontal position about four feet from the floor. Hanging from the underneath part is a piece of canvas stretched tightly to the floor. To this perch trained, and partly trained Hawks are tied, leaving only the length of the jesses free. The canvas is to help them regain the perch after trying to jump, or, as we call it, "bate off."

OUT OF DOORS.

You will repeat the feeding process every day, twice a day in the case of a Merlin, giving a little fur or feather each time for castings, which you should find every morning. After a time get the Hawk to walk a few inches for its food, and jump on to your hand, gradually increasing the distance till it will fly to you across the room to be fed. You will be surprsied how soon it will do this. You can now continue your practice out of doors. Take off the leash and attach a light cord to the swivel; the cord may be as long as you please, but should be as light as possible, compatible with safety. Place the Hawk on a gate, or some other suitable perch, and retire to a little distance. You will have had something in your pocket that the bird knows by sight and thinks is good to eat, such as dead or stuffed bird. Taking this out you will show it, when your Hawk will probably fly to you at once, if sharp set, and you should never take them out except when hungry. Do not give it this lure, but reward with a small piece of meat. Repeat this practice day after day, until you are quite certain your pupil will fly to you whenever you show the lure. Its training is now complete, but your difficulties are by no means at an end. Take your Hawk to some quiet place, detatch the leash and start it off at the quarry intended for it, quite free. If it kills, well and good; if not, but takes perch in a tree, call it down with the lure and try again.

For further details the amateur should procure a modern work on Falconry. These are published, I believe, by the "Field," though you can sometimes get them second-hand.

I have not mentioned hoods, as it is not necessary to hood the smaller Hawks. In olden times Peregrines were "seeled"—i.e., their eyelids were sewn together with a fine needle and silk, and as their training advanced the stitches were let out one by one. It is not a practice I would advocate, and it should never be attempted except by an experienced hand.

Merlins are generally flown at Larks, and Sparrow Hawks at Blackbirds and Thrushes. In all Hawks the female is much the "better half," being far superior in size, strength and courage to the male.

PRICE OF FOOD.

As to the price of untrained Hawks, a female Peregrine would cost 40s., Goshawk 30s., Merlin 15s. or 20s., Sparrow Hawk 10s., Kestrel 3s. 6d. Males of all kinds considerably less.

As regards food, most people think anything in the way of meat will do for a Hawk. I am frequently reproved for giving a nice, plump, young pigeon to a Peregrine. To think they will do on anything is a great mistake. Merlins are especially troublesome. I have found the best food for these to be a morning meal at eleven, consisting of 2 oz. of sheep's heart, without eastings, and in the evening, at six, either a freshly-killed Sparrow or, what is vastly better, a full-grown mouse. I keep a stock of tame mice and kill them as required. Sounds rather barbarous, doesn't it?

Except in the case of the large Hawks, you should never throw down the food promiscuously. Take the Hawk on to your hand and let it feed there. Sparrow Hawks are much less delicate and will do with one meal a day, which should consist of Sparrows, Blackbirds or Larks, freshly killed if possible, though this is not absolutely necessary, as is the case with the Merlin. They seldom, if ever, drink, but should have a bath at least once a week.

The only person I know who can supply falconers' requisites is C. T. Mollen, Falconer, Valkenswaard, Holland.

In conclusion, I would say that no one will succeed as a falconer unless he has, in the first place, a natural love for Hawks (not merely a passing fancy), and is prepared to spend unlimited time and patience in attending to their wants. Speaking for myself, I can say that the sympathy and companionship you will derive from your pets will repay you for any amount of trouble.

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Uncle Peter wonders if his nephews and nieces are ever puzzled, as he himself has often been, by the different coloured plumage the same bird puts on at different times of the year. Uncle Peter's own particular pet bird at present is a Weaver from South Africa, and while all the summer-time he is dressed in the most gorgeous black velvet and orange satin, in winter he wears a shabby suit of brown feathers, just like a hen Sparrow's.

On or over the water in every London park now, as well as on the Embankment, you may see the graceful little Black-headed Gulls flying and swimming about. But if you see them in winter only you will wonder why they were named "Black-headed," as in winter their heads are quite white. Only in the summer-time, when they fly away from London, they wear their dark brown hoods. But you can always recognise them by their pretty red feet and beak. The common Gull has yellowish-green bill and legs; while the Kittiwake's feet are black. Our other three Gulls are so much larger than the Black-headed one that they could not possibly be mistaken for him.

You will all be able to think of other birds whose feathers are not so brightly coloured in winter as they are in summer-time; and of some which change their colour completely, as the Ptarmigan does, from brown to white.

* * The Dotterel.

This bird belongs to the Plover family, and is a summer visitor to our country, and in many localities where it used to be abundant, or at least common, it is now rare or almost unknown. This is the case on parts of the Yorkshire Wolds, as well as in the Lake district. The female makes no nest, but lays her three eggs in a slight cavity on the ground near high mountain tops. The eggs are of olive hue, spotted plentifully with brownish black or dark brown. The Dotterel is largely caught by fowlers. They follow the bird to its resting-place with lanterns. The bird fascinated by the light copies its pursuers' motions extending a wing in imitation of an arm held straight out, lifting a leg, and strutting, bobbing its head down and so on. Its feathers are used for dressing flies used in trout fishing.—Sent by W. Hollings (age 11), Gas Works, Llanidloes.

* Happy, though Afflicted.

One morning I found the wires of our aviary covered with blood and dark feathers. Looking on the floor inside we found our poor little Linnet with a wing torn from its body by a cat. After careful nursing he got better and was put back with the Canaries. Within six weeks he was the father of a handsome nest of Linnet Mules, and although with only one wing my favourite bird is in the best of health and sings beautifully.—Sent by Florrie Marley (age 8 years), 85, Manor Road, Leyton, Essex.

Our Skylark Jack.

We have a Lark, he is two years old and is in full song now (Christmas), and has been for this last month, by gaslight and daylight. We feed him on the usual Lark food, with an additional packet of dried flies and ants' eggs. We always give him a little of whatever we are eating, and nothing seems to upset him. I have heard father say the last Lark he had lived to be 11 years old, and he had for his staple food nothing but bread, cheese, and crushed hemp, and the usual tit-bits from the table. The one we have now my mother hand-reared.—William Trueman (age 12), 43, Mill Street, Ilkeston, Derbyshire.

*Twice Caught.

I caught a Bullfinch in my garden and sold it to one of my school mates for 1s. A few days after he went to get it some water and left the door open; when he went back with the water he found it had gone, and a day or two after I hung my trap cage out again, and when I came home from school I saw that the same bird was caught again, which was a very strange occurrence indeed. How I knew it was the same bird because it had lost half its tail and some feathers off its head. My mate lives quite a mile and half away from me, but however I took the bird to my mate again and he gave me 8d. more for my trouble.—Sent by Algar Bevan (age 14), 28, Belle-Vue Road, Ipswich.

The Two Parrots.

In the town of S————e, two gentlemen, who lived next to each other, had each a Parrot. During fine weather the two cages were hung outside the windows of the houses and the pedestrians passing by had sometimes the opportunity of hearing amusing disputes between the two birds. These conversations often used to show up the characters of the two owners. The first Parrot would open the "dispute" with—

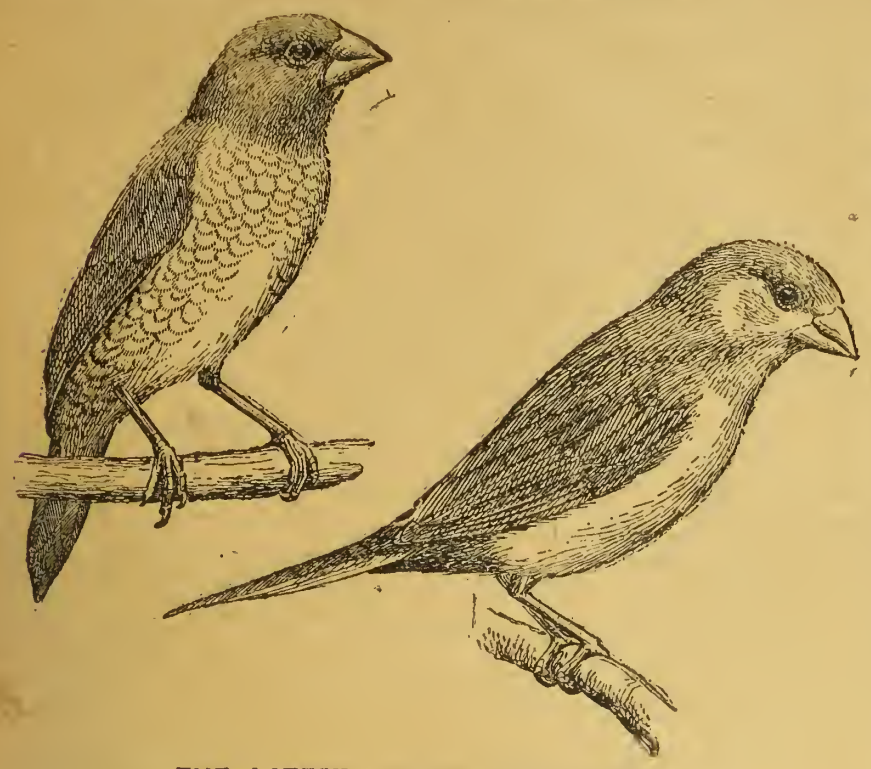
1st P.: "You shut up, you don't know what you're talking about."

2nd P.: "Those are gross, insulting words."

1st P.: "You mind your own business, or I'll come and thrash you well."

2nd P.: "For what we are about to receive may the Lord make us duly thankful."

Sent by Leonard P. Luke (age 15), 17, Crossley Street, Lower Newlands, Brighouse, Yorkshire.



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See Mr. Henstock's article on page 5 of this week's Supplement.

A BUCCANEER BIRD.

The Frigate Bird at the Zoo.

(*Fregata aquila.*)

At last, after many years, the celebrated Frigate or Man-of-War bird is again represented in Regent's Park. This creature, perhaps the most wonderful and interesting of all sea-fowl, is remarkable for the immense span of its wings, the size of which may be judged even when they are closed, by the forward projection of the pinion-joints, to say nothing of the long flights. As the tail is long and forked, and the feet very small and imperfectly webbed, the Frigate bird has some resemblance to a gigantic Swallow a yard long, though its bill much resembles that of a Cormorant, to which bird it is related.

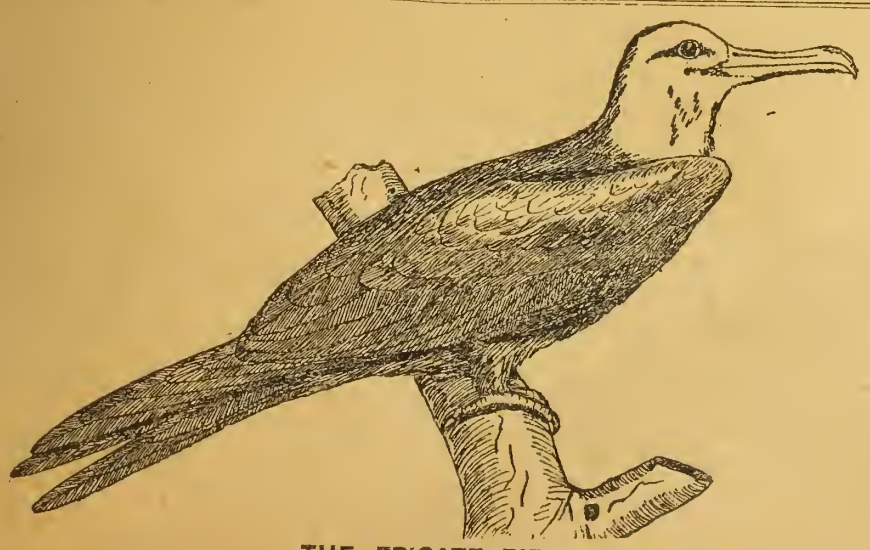
It feeds, however, in a very different manner, hardly ever settling on the water, but soaring aloft like a Kite, and swooping down on any surface-swimming creatures of the sea, such as fish, cuttle-fish and young turtles. It is, however, a thorough pirate, gaining much of its living by hunting gannets, gulls, or terns, until they vomit their prey, which its seizes in mid-air and greedily devours. Nor are the young of these birds safe from it; in fact, like so many sea-birds, it will devour any animal food it can get down—and, like rascals generally, seems commonly hard up and in want of a meal.

The Frigate bird is found all through the tropical seas, but only breeds locally, making a nest of twigs on trees or bushes, and laying one egg; the nestling is clothed in white down, and as soon as fledged begins to fly abroad and practice swooping and picking things off the water, though still fed by the parents. The bird at the Zoo is in young plumage—dark brown with a white head and breast. In females the breast always remains white, but the adult male becomes of a fine glossy black and has a scarlet pouch on his throat which he blows out to a huge size when courting; at the same time drooping his wings as he sits on a tree. When not at roost, this bird is constantly flying, and is probably the finest performer on the wing of all known birds; on the ground its walk is slow and feeble, and it is doubtful if it can swim—indeed, as mentioned above, it is rarely seen even to float. Those in the Zoo previously have proved very sluggish birds, as they naturally require much space in which to exercise their enormous wings; but the exhibition of such a bird at all is of the greatest interest.

F. Finn, F.Z.S., &c.

Catching Dotterels.

Of all our waders, the pretty Dotterel is probably the least suspicious, and consequently the easiest to approach. But the following account of an old method of taking them reads very much like a rather tall yarn:—"The Dotterell is, in its manner, a very singular bird, and may be taken by the most simple artifice. The country people are said to go in search of it in the night with lighted torch or candle; and the bird on these occasions will mimic the actions of the fowler with great archness. When he stretches out an arm, it stretches out a wing; ◆ he moves a foot, it moves one also; and every other motion it endeavours to imitate. This is the opportunity that the fowler takes of entangling it in his net."



THE FRIGATE BIRD.

A Pirate of the Air.

WILD BIRD LIFE

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The Way of the Snipe.

To thoroughly study bird-life in winter one should live near the sea, or upon the banks of some big tidal river with long stretches of marshy land running by the water. There one would be in constant touch with wild-fowl of all species frequenting our shores during the winter months, and which, in consequence of their wild, wary habits, are all of them difficult birds to approach. Weather conditions naturally affect such birds to an extraordinary degree, and old marsh-men, who are used to the ways of Wild fowl, will be able to say with tolerable certainty if there is any likelihood of certain species being about.

THE WILY SNIPE.

In a marshy district in Kent it is useless looking for the elusive Snipe unless an east wind has been blowing during the night. This brings the birds with it up from the mouth of the rivers, and they settle to feed upon favourite spots along the banks. The Snipe is possibly one of the most conservative birds in existence. I well remember certain boggy patches, each some dozen yards square, where, under certain conditions one or two of these birds could for a certainty be found, although, to an ordinary observer, there were miles of marsh-land exactly similar. But there was evidently something in those few square yards of ground which in some way suited the requirements of these birds, and each fresh arrival was quick to note the fact.

The majority of these visitors were the smallest of the Snipes—that is, the Jack Snipe. This bird breeds in Northern Europe and is only a winter visitor to this country. One has no trouble to watch the doings of this Snipe, for if disturbed he takes wing, executes a few twisting movements, and then settles again almost immediately, not only once, but several times. One bird has been known to keep a bad shot going all one morning.

The Common Snipe is a larger bird, and breeds with us on marshes and boggy moorlands. The nest is placed in the centre, or by the side of a tuft of coarse grass or rushes. It is lined with dead herbage and grass. The eggs are very large for the size of the bird, handsomely and richly blotched with dark brown, and paler markings of light brown and grey. Several pairs of birds may be found breeding upon one stretch of marsh land, although each pair keeps to themselves.

This is the time to watch the peculiar antics of the cock bird. Rising quickly from the ground, he flies round in zig-zag fashion and appears reluctant to leave the spot. Then suddenly he commences to mount until he is almost lost to view. This is not performed in the manner of the Sky-lark, but in a twisting, gyrating fashion. Up, up, he goes; then as suddenly shoots downward, and to your astonishment as suddenly stops. Then up yet again, to repeat once more the performance. And if you are observant you hear a peculiar humming noise, a sound as mysterious as the booming of the Bittern. How is it done? Some contend that it is a vocal production; others that it is produced by the wing or tail feathers cutting the air in the bird's headlong descent. But while in the air other sounds are heard, unmistakably bird notes. The "drumming" of the Snipe is a weird, uncanny sound.

Notes and Queries.

Astounding Bird Intelligence.

During the recent severe weather (a correspondent writes) a Robin was noticed to be carrying away large pieces of bread from a window-sill at Semer House, near Hadleigh. As it was recognised that it could not possibly eat all that it took away, a watch was kept upon its movements, and it was discovered that it carried the food to a Rook which sat on the snow in a meadow immediately adjoining the house, and about 100 yards distant from the window-sill. The Robin continued to do this work as long as the snow was on the ground.

The Bullfinch in Dulwich.

The residents of East Dulwich have a very natural place for birds, namely, Peckham Rye Park. It is well wooded for nesting, etc. While walking round yesterday I saw a cock Bully hanging on to some fern stems. As I had never seen this bird before, I came to the conclusion it must have been one that had escaped. Do you think it had been driven close in by the snows? I have seen many other birds there, but never the Bullfinch.—F. Russell (East Dulwich).

[It is very probable the Bullfinch seen was a wild specimen, as the sharp weather we experienced caused most species to move nearer dwellings.—H. N.]

Migrating Skylarks.

I was under the impression that the general migration of birds takes place in spring and autumn, and so was somewhat surprised to notice flocks of Skylarks, about fifty strong, passing over from east to west at intervals all day on Dec. 29. From Eastbourne I hear that continuous flights of birds of many species, and in number amounting to several thousands, were noticed there all the morning of Dec. 27, flying also from east to west, and following the coastline. Some of your readers may have noticed these moving armies, and may be able to account for the migration at what seems to me an unusual time of year.—M. T. (Chertsey), *Queen*.

Crossbills in Flight.

A huge flock of Crossbills must be a singular and interesting sight. Lord Lilford, in one of his books, mentions an enormous flock in Spain; thousands could have been shot had the observers wished to do so; as it was they killed 150. The curious part about it is that previously these birds were quite unknown in the district. The movement was evidently very extensive, for by the same post he received intelligence of a large number in another part of the country.

The Effect of Sunshine.

Sunday was a glorious day, quite spring-like in character, and we registered several hours of bright sunshine. And what a difference it made to the feathered tribe. The Thrush that has been silent since the spell of snow at Christmas, commenced again with seemingly renewed vigour to cheer us with his loud song. Several Larks were in the air together, singing with full deliberate notes, unable to resist the influence of the glorious day. Even the Tits were shouting a perky little song as they chased each other from tree to tree. The Starlings were noisy, and took the opportunity of having a regular washing-day. A Starling can manage his bath as well as most birds, even when water is scarce. No wonder his jacket shines.

Fate of a Heron.

A Hunstanton reader, Mr. E. Langford, sends an account of a Thrush's nest having been found in Berkshire, which is not an impossibility, although quite unseasonable. He also sends a cutting about a Heron being killed by coming in contact with overhead wires. If it was possible to keep a genuine record of all the birds killed in this manner, it would no doubt be quite a formidable list. At different times I have heard of the death of several species, but this is the first time I have noted the Heron. It is possible the accident occurred late in the evening, as these birds occasionally return to roost when it is almost dark.

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WANTED, Canaries in exchange for cutlery, electro-plate goods, etc.; particulars, stating wants. —Broadbent's, 129, Langsett Road, Sheffield.

WANTED cock Canary, exchange dozen gent.'s white linen handkerchiefs, value 7s. 6d.—Howarth, Battye Street, Dewsbury.

WANTED large young Crested cock, exchange pair Norwich and Scotch Fancy hen; approval.—Dempster, 12, Galloway Street, Paisley.

WANTED cock Goldfinch, must be good, exchange 3 prize bred yellow Border Fancy hens; approval. —William Scaife, 129, Dundas Street, Grangemouth.

WANTED Norwich Crested and green Crested hens, would frame supplement or plates to value.—72, New Park Street, Devizes.

WANTED, hen Canary or 2 hen Bullfinches; exchange splendid fountain pen.—Gold, High Street, Egham.

WILL exchange pictures, mouldings, or gold paint for pair Norwich or Cinnamons.—Carver, 12, Wharf Road, Newport, Mon.

EXHIBITORS.—Wanted an offer for 2nd prize cock Bullfinch, excellent colour, steady.—White, Leigh Terrace, Park Road, Cowes.

HENS, Black Cap, Nightingale, exchange cock light Linnet Music.—111, Long Street, Middleton, Lancs.

LARGE Crystal Palace aviary, exchange volumes 1—20 "Pearson's Magazine," publisher's cloth covers, sell £3.—Stock, Museum Road, Oxford.

WILL give 6s. per pair for good Norwich and Yorkshires; approval.—White, Bird Fancier, New Southgate.

CASH offer for dozen cocks, Norwich, Yorkshire, and Mules, all in full song.—Jones, Church Road, Coalbrookdale, Shropshire.

EXCHANGE tailor-made fancy vest, worth 12s., for yellow Yorkshire hen.—T. Dixon, Tailor, 6, Unity Terrace, Cambois, Blyth, Northumberland.

STANDARD Yorkshire show cages; for 2 cocks, crossed between Roller and Norwich.—R. Sykes, 94, Cundy Street, Sheffield.

WANTED, Canaries; exchange cages; state wants. —Parkinson, Cage Manufacturer, Sheepcote Street, Birmingham.

TWO young singing Norwich or Yorkshire cocks; exchange nine good working Homers.—4, Oak Lane, West Bromwich.

NORWICH cock, big, chubby; give Goldfinch cock, Bullfinch, Linnet, hand-reared hens; approval.—Holder, 83, John Street, Bridlington.

WANTED, Canaries, Goldfinches, Siskins, Linnets, and Lizards, for cash.—Scott, Bird Dealer, 43, Upper Medlock Street, Hulme, Manchester.

WANTED, two yellow hens, one Crested, one Crestbred; exchange pair blue Chequer Dragons, can win; sell, 15s.—Sandall, Cheadle, Staffs.

OFFERS.—Cage birds, Budgerigars preferred, for 100 Pearson's Magazines; sell.—Coward, Organist, Stroud.

WANTED, offers in boots or shirting—anything useful—for good St. Andreasberg Roller, 8s.—U. Tromans, Colley Gate, Cradley.

WANTED, well-bred Dog or Bitch, cage birds, anything; exchange winning Tumblers or Tipplers. —Bayliss, 18, Middle Street, Worcester.

WANTED.—Gold-crested Wrens and small Woodpeckers, must be in healty condition.—Write to M. Jacobi, 43, Lee Road, Blackheath, London, S.E.

WANTED, offers Canaries; exchange pair Scotch blankets, 25s.—Drummond, Hutchesou Street, Glasgow.

OFFERS, Canaries; exchange silver English lever watch, 30s.—Drummond, Hutcheson Street, Glasgow.

WANTED, offers in Canaries, for musical-box, plays ten tunes; cost £3; almost new.—Dimmock, Chapel Street, Luton.

WANTED, acclimatised Parrot, able to talk, grey preferred; state price.—Stamford, 22, Walgrave Street, Hull.

WANTED, offers in Norwich or Yorkshire hens for breeding, for 5 stone of Charlock seed.—Roll, Easington, Durham.

OFFERS in Canaries for Fox Terrier bitch, grand guard, good at rats and rabbits.—Sample, Kirbymoorside. Well bred.

WANTED, big yellow Cinnamon hen (Norwich); on approval.—J. W. Dalzell, 48, Campbell Street, Oldham.

WANTED, Canaries; British and foreign; in exchange exhibition or stock show Homers; approval. —Dewis, Bond Street, Nuneaton.

WANTED, for cash, all-brass Parrot cage; not less 20 inches square; good condition; approval.—Dudley, Farnworth, Bolton.

WANTED, a pair Plumheaded Parrakeets (*Palæornis cyanocephala*) hen Rosa (*Palæornis rosa*); hen Cockatiel.—William Young, Taw Vale, Barnstaple.

CREST or Crestbred hen; exchange pair healthy Cockatiels, or ditto Turtledoves.—David Devis, 1, Westlecott Road, Old Swindon, Wilts.

WANTED true pairs Nicobar Pigeons; Bleedingheart Pigeons; Emerald Doves and Weavers.—C. Castle Sloane, Esq., Oat Hall, Crawley, Sussex.

WANTED, meat-mincing machine; exchange dark Goldfinch Mule; in splendid feather and song.—A. Hutchinson, Surneflect, Yorkshire (S.O.).

WANTED to exchange cock Goldfinches (Mules) for Siberian Goldfinches, or sell, 7s. 6d. each.—King, 89, York Street, Cambridge.

WANTED, breeding cages; exchange a large, strong parrot's cage, or what offers?—G. Bell, 36, Peebles Street, Newton-on-Ayr.

WANTED, winning song Thrush and winning Bullfinch cock, cheap.—Particulars to Nield, Fern Lea, Taunton Road, Ashton-under-Lyne.

WANTED, Yorkshire bull hen Canary, long, slim bird; exchange pair Nuns.—Merson, 6, Portessie, Banffshire.

SCHOOLMASTER Roller wanted, in exchange for lady's silver watch and Albert chain.—Clarke, 282, Great Brick-kiln Street, Wolverhampton.

WANTED, pair Lizards, or cycle tyre; exchange really good pair Norwich; sell, 10s. 6d.—Johnson, 111, Heysham Road, Southport.

WANTED, two strong, typical Norwich yellow cinnamon hens; exchange exhibition Goldfinch, grand mule.—Sadler, 16, Sparsholt Road, London.

WANTED, good long, slim yellow Yorkshire hen; give good Goldfinch-bred Mules, last year's; mutual approval.—Johnson, Walmer Villa, Malvern.

WANTED, Canaries and Britishers; exchange fine tame Parrakeet, with cage and cash.—Williams, 78, New Dock Road, Llanelly.

WANTED, Canaries, all varieties, cheap, for cash; also British and Foreign birds and cages.—Avaries, 17, Seaside, Eastbourne.

WANTED, large yellow muling unflighted hens, Norwich, Yorkshires; approval; exchange Goldfinch, Linnet, cock Mules.—193, Cottontree, Colne, Lancs.

WANTED offers cock Goldfinches, for "Book of the Rabbit," cost 15s., coloured plates.—Reg. Thursby, Gypsey Lodge Bridlington.

WANTED, large unflighted Yellow Cinnamon cock; exchange two typical buff Norwich hens; approval.—Ford, Carclein Cottage, Truro, Cornwall.

WANTED, hen Canaries; exchange electric battery, or air-gun, in good condition.—Dawson, Blyburgate, Beccles.

WHITE-LEGGED cock Goldfinch and cage, give in exchange 50 cigars, value 7s. 6d.—Bryant, Tobacconist, Weston-super-Mare.

WANTED offers Canaries for 114 of the "Black and White Budget News of the Boer War," from 1900 to 1902.—79, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham.

WANTED, for cash, one dozen cock Goldfinches and one dozen cock Bullfinches.—Collinge, Bankside, Bacup.

YELLOW Norwich hen, give Tweed trousers, as new, cost 18s. 6d., 36 inches inside leg; approval.—Dunn, Coxhoe, Durham.

WANTED, 2 Bullfinch type young Norwich hens, exchange show cage, 2 large Muling Finches.—Cook, Pembridge.

NORWICH, Bullfinch type, matched pairs, will give double value in drapery goods.—Stone, 27, Wilton Drive, Glasgow.

WANTED best offer in Norwich for good 14 inch iron sole plane (Spiers), cost £2, as new.—M. McKean, 20, Fullarton Street, Irvine.

WANTED, English concertina, in exchange for pair Norwich Canaries, or sell £1 15s.; approval.—Andrew Wilson, 247, Argyle Street, Glasgow.

WANTED, weekly supplies of Canaries, Linnets, and Chaffinches; state lowest prices.—J. Thorn, 37, Plumstead, Woolwich.

WANTED, Canaries, cloth, boots; exchange gold watch, 28s., Colombia Graphophone, 24s., hen Bullfinches, Goldfinch, Blackbird.—Westrope, North Street, Bumpstead, Haverhill, Essex.

WANTED, feeding cocks or hens; exchange brass cage, cost 8s. 6d., coffee mill, exhibition Flying Homer cock.—Crant, Inver Cottage, Newtown, Bowness, N.B.

WANTED, cock and hen Goldfinch that have nested in cage or aviary, or cage-bred cock for breeding Goldfinches.—Address, P., CAGE BIRDS Office, 154, Fleet Street.

WANTED, 2 or 3 large hen Bullfinches, hand-reared, also 2 pairs of green Norwich Canaries; will exchange exhibition Flying Homers, or good Belgian hares.—J. T. Hodgson, Snaith, S.O., Yorkshire.

NORWICH hens, exchange Foreign stamps, sell collections, 25 7d., 50 1s. 1d.; all different; perfect condition; some scarce.—Claude St. John, Gornal Wood, Dudley.

WANTED, Norwich Plainheads, or Crests; exchange pen white Wyandottes, or guinea setting of eggs from my winning white Wyandottes; ready any time.—G. Francis, South Wharf, Lowestoft.

THOROUGH good buff Yorkshire hen, particularly full neck; exchange No. 3 rook rifle, perfect shooting condition, value 15s.—Durrant, Jarvis Brook, Sussex.

WANTED, talking machine and records, must be good; exchange Canaries or British; no rubbish given or wanted.—Vernon Pastou, 11, Paget Road, Ilford, Essex.

WANTED, acclimatised pair red-headed Gouldians, must be perfect, steady birds, in exchange for British show birds or Yorkshires; mutual approval.—Bailey, 109, Gloucester Road, Bristol.

WANTED Canaries, exchange gent's morning coat and vest, 37 in. chest, unsoiled; Blackie's "Shakespeare" (24 2s. parts, complete, unbound), 60 full-page engravings.—Wild, Khartoum Road, Ipswich.

WANTED, yellow Yorkshire cock; exchange winning Greenfinch; also powerful telescope, exchange yellow Lancashire plain-head cock; no rubbish.—John Shaw, 23, Gardiner Street, Lochgelly, Fifeshire.

WANTED, two pairs Cinnamons or Yorkshires; winners; with breeding cage; exchange for three pairs yellow Dragoons; winners; value £7.—Gambrill, Cheriton Road, Folkestone.

SEVERAL 1906 yellow Norwich cocks, 8s. each; bred from my Leamington, Burton, Hugglescote winners; hand-reared hen Bullfinch, 2s. 6d.—Smith, 126, Blackpool Street, Burton-on-Trent.

FOUR crossbred pullets, 2 cockerels, sell 15s.; rabbit net, 80 yards, good condition, sell 10s.; exchange Goldfinches, Ferrets, offers.—Shenton, Ballhaygreen, Leek.

WANTED, Canaries; or sell Lemon-crested Cockatoo and large cage, 30s.; grey and red Parrot, Roseate, acclimatised, 35s.—Mullitt, Caroline Street, Dudley.

WANTED, 1906 marked buff Yorkshire cock; will give lady's silver watch and hand camera in exchange, or sell, 16s. for lot.—H. Robson, 6, North End, Northallerton.

WANTED Foreign birds for outdoor aviary; have for sale or exchange 50 Brown Linnets and 10 Goldfinch cocks from outdoor aviary.—Clarke, Westmere, Sutton Bridge, Wisbech.

WANTED large house moulted cock Goldfinch, Russian preferred; exchange auto-harp, in case, piccolo, or handsome gold dress ring; approval.—Mitchellhill, Longtown, Carlisle.

GOLDFINCHES, Bullfinches, Siskins, Chaffinches, Hawfinch, Crossbill, Waxwing, exchange fountain pen, squirrel cage, rabbits, offers.—Ross, Suowdon Road, Middlesbrough.

WANTED Canaries, Goldfinches, Siskins, exchange carpet, rubber, wringer, child's cot, macintosh, watch.—Particulars, 58, Battersea Bridge Buildings, London.

WANTED at once, weekly supply of Linnets and Goldfinches, also good Yorkshire and Norwich Canaries, Snails, any quantity. Please state prices. —Wakeford, Bird Dealer, 1, Wandon Road, Stanley Bridge, Fulham.

WANTED, cock Canary or 3 hens for 1 pair of exhibition Pigeon Show Homers, Working Homers, R.P. rung, Magpies, Archangels, Self Tumblers, Dragoons, or Croppers, worth 20s. pair.—Pearson, Greenwich.

WANTED, large, house-moulted Goldfinch, Siberian preferred; exchange Greenfinch Mule, cock; commended, Innerleithen; sell, 8s.; approval both ways.—Cockburn, Hairdresser, Innerleithen, Peebleshire.

WANTED, Yorks., Norwich, Rollers, cocks; also box singing and flight cages; exchange clothing, tools, books, cock Linnet, and feeding hens; stamp only.—Whitaker, 2, Elverson Road, St. John's, London.

WANTED, a big yellow Lancashire Plainhead cock, pure-bred; will give in exchange large ticked buff Norwich cock, 12s. 6d., and setts for cages to value (see advt.).—Hardy, 4, Winston Street, Hartlepool.

WANTED, long Yorkshire hens; exchange 72 cylinder records and carrying case, holding same; cost £5; will take £2 10s.; also mitre machine, value, 15s.; list, stamp.—Parker, Carr Street, Huddersfield.

WANTED, good pair Norwich Plainheads, exchange about 50 copies CAGE BIRDS, "Living Races of the World," complete, unsoiled, and one dozen golf balls, value 24s.; no rubbish; approval.—Cunic, Dornoch, Sutherland.

WANTED, breeding or flight cages, in exchange for following birds—or sell—pair Budgerigars, 7s. 6d.; pair Java Sparrows, 3s. 6d.; cock Greenfinch, 2s. 6d.; hen Goldfinch, 2s. 6d.; all house-moulted.—Wood, 32, Linden Road, Gloucester.

WANTED, offers in Yorkshire or Norwich Canaries, exchange well-bred Irish terrier dog, fifteen months, good house dog, quiet with children, ratter clean in house, sits up, begs, shakes hands, 25s.—Smith, 19, Chelsham Road, Croydon.

WANTED, Roller cocks, good songsters, exchange to value ladies' glace kid, bar or court, shoes, sizes 2, 3, 4, price 6s. 11d.; gents.' patent court shoes, size 6, price 8s. 11d.; gents.' black boots, size 9 or 10, price 9s. 11d.—Write Williams, 216, Blythe Road, West Kensington.

WANTED, Canaries; give two Goldfinches, four Linnets, Bramblefinch, caged three months; four dozen linen collars, four vests, copper tea urn, clap nets and fittings, silver watch, old Verge watch, hand-caroera, model dynamo.—Turner, 204, Shirley Road, Southampton.

WANTED, offers; selected cock Goldfinches, or cash, for house-moulted cock Greenfinch; hen Bullfinch, will mate with cock Redpoll, and two cock brown Linnets, two cock Greenfinches, caged 12 weeks.—Seth Walmsley, 70, Towngate, Leyland, Preston.

WANTED, from hatchers, all kinds of British birds; state what you have in stock, large or small quantities taken, and very best cash prices given, only reliable catchers must apply; 500 Goldfinches, Linnets and Siskins wanted at once.—Mrs. Dennerley, Central Aviaries, George Street, Hyde, Cheshire.

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TWO good cock Goldfinches, will exchange for yellow hen Canaries, or anything useful.—T. Ford, Brickworks, Norton, Malton.

PAIR Bullfinches, 3s. 6d.; 2 yellow cock Greenfinches, 2s.; exchange Canary songster or 2 hens.—English, 33, Porthill, Hertford.

Four cock Goldfinches, 3s. 6d. each, 12s. four; 2 Jonque cock Mules, 7s. 6d. each; approval, deposit.—Bowhay, Horrabridge, South Devon.

HOUSE moulted Goldfinch, 2 house moulted Linnets, 12s. 6d., exchange Yorkshires, anything.—Putner, Hairdresser, East Greenwich.

TWO cock Goldfinches, 2 cock Linnets, 1 yellow Norwich hen, exchange lot for pair of long, slim Yorkshires.—J. Wain, 38, Bennett Street, Buxton.

EXCHANGE Thrush, Bullfinch, Greenfinch, cocks, for large Norwich hen, offers.—"Stubberfield," 1, Cambridge Road, Bexhill, Sussex.

IMMENSE cock Greenfinch, show specimen, 5s. 6d., or exchange cock Goldfinch.—Iremonger, 109, Gloucester Road, Bristol.

LIGHT Finch Mule cock and two Mule hens for a pair of Yorkshire Cinnamous, or sell for 16s.—C. H. Cockings, Port Talbot, S. Wales.

LARGE Greenfinch (cock), show bird, 7s. 6d., or exchange house moulted show Linnet.—Elliott, 105, North Road, Bristol.

COCK Goldfinches, twice house moulted, bred Mules last year, safe eggs, splendid songster, 8s. 6d.—Grace, 21, Cannon Street, London.

COCK Goldfinches, caged three months, 3s. each; Linnets, 1s. 3d.; useful exchange.—2, Bath Square, St. Clement's, Oxford.

CURIOUS pure white British Sparrow; also splendid Song Thrush; exchange; offers.—Magoldrick, Enniskillen, Fermanagh.

EXCHANGE exhibition Hawfinch, good size, grand bib, colour markings, for good stout Norwich hen Canaries.—Lawson, Auchinloch, Lenzie.

GRAND specimen cock Goldfinch, twice house moulted, bred Mules, 7s. 6d.; exchange cock Canary, hens.—17, Blakey Street, Longsight, Manchester.

EXCHANGE five cock Greenfinches and hen Bullfinch and pair horse machines, for Goldfinches.—Peet, Bedehouse Row, Oakham, Rutland.

EXCHANGE five hen Bullfinches for large cock Siskin, caged month; or sell 3s. 6d.; approval.—Poulton, Bredenbury, Bromyard.

EXCHANGE four Redpolls for cock Linnet, five for Bullfinches, seven for Siskins, nine for Goldfinches.—George, Birch Cottage, Bushy Heath.

EXCHANGE white-legged cock Goldfinch Mule breeder for Norwich hen, or sell, 6s. 6d.—H. Cook, Welton, near Bath.

GOLDFINCH 3s.; Greenfinch 1s. 6d.; brown Linnet 1s. 6d., cocks; exchange good cock Yorkshire; approval.—Jordan, Vine Cottage, Oswestry.

EXCHANGE two hen Bullies, one laid in cage last year, for two Norwich hens.—Woodbridge, Freckenham, Soham, Cambs.

SPLENDID cock Thrush, handsome cage, exchange good cock Goldfinch.—Finney, Cross, Oswestry.

HOUSE-MOULTED Goldfinch, Linnet, both cocks; also 3 hen Canaries, for tea set, or useful exchange. Ewer, Wingrove, Rowlands, Gill.

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HOUSE-MOULTED cock Linnet, exchange Norwich hen or sell 5s., no rubbish wanted.—Hill, 12, Victoria Street, Oldham.

TWO pairs Goldfinch cocks, Greenfinch hens, both bred last season, 15s. lot, or exchange pair Cinnamons.—Phillips, Horsey Lane, Bridgwater.

SEVEN cock Goldfinches, three cock Canaries, one cock Linnet, sell 30s.; or exchange bicycle.—Thomas, 30, Geo Street, Old Goole.

YELLOW Lancashire Coppy cock, 1906 bird, for cock Siberian Goldfinch, muler preferred.—Adams, 17, Baron Street, Rochdale.

EXCHANGE two pair of hand-reared Wood Pigeons for Norwich Plainhead cock.—Allen, Bullington Road, Barton Stacy, Hants.

GRAND house moulted Goldfinch and cage, also small bird net, 4s. lot; or exchange anything.—Tipple, Hales, Loddon.

SPLENDID cock Linnet Mule and father of Mule, 10s. 6d.; exchange pair of Norwich or Crestbred hen.—Roberts, 1 Court, Deretend, Birmingham.

THRUSH, 3 times shown, 1st special, 2nd, he, exchange young Norwich, pair Yorkshires.—Whalley, Adelaide Street, Lancaster.

LARGE British Goldfinch, house-moulted, for yellow clear or ticked Yorks hen; fit to show.—Fergusson, Westcliff Terrace, Harrogate.

THRUSH, 2nd, Wymondham, 7s.; can win; exchange.—Particulars Ely, Folly, Wymondham, Norfolk.

WILL exchange two cock Goldfinch Mules, two cock Linnet Mules for two chubby yellow Norwich hens; approval.—Wm. Oriel, Blaina.

EXCHANGE two cock Bullfinches, two cock Twites, one cock Bramblefinch for good Plainhead hen Canary.—Jeffrey, 6, Hillhouse Road, Rothesay.

WILLIAMS, of Summerland Crescent, Newtown, Exeter, exchange Goldfinch-linnet Hybrid for pair of Yorkshires.

BRAMBLEFINCHES; large well-spangled cocks, good chest colour, 9d., 1s.; Goldfinch, proved breeder, 6s.—Henshaw, 24, Wesley Street, Ilkeston.

COCK Linnet, twice house moulted, grand bird, offers young Norwich or crossed hens, 1906 bred.—Ernest Fretwell, North Wingfield, Chesterfield.

EXCHANGE 9 Canary-reared Linnets, 1 hen Canary, for a good Norwich Crested cock.—E. Collins, Wycke Road, Burnham, Essex.

WHAT offers in Cage Fronts for cock Goldfinch or cock Canary? Approval.—James Beutley, 27, High Street, Burton.

EXCHANGE house-moulted cock Bullfinch, cock Goldfinch, Redpoll, for hen Canaries or anything useful; approval.—Herbert Roberts, Islington, Halesowen.

TWICE house-moulted Goldfinch, Muler, one young cage reared; 2 Norwich hens, months with same; good Crest hen wanted, or Crestbred; lot 12s.—Hardisty, Frier Street, Penrith, Cumb.

THRUSH, Starling, Robin, Blackbird, all cock birds, hand-reared, exchange hen Canaries; large aviary cage, exchange Canaries, hold 30 birds.—James, 201, Chester Road, Hulme, Manchester.

PAIR Bullfinches, 4s.; cock Bramblefinch, 2s. 6d., house moulted; 3 Yorkshire show cages, 24s.; wanted Norwich Canaries, yellow preferred.—Wraight, 3, St. John's Road, Faversham.

EXCHANGE house-moulted Greenfinch and Bullfinch, paired, for pair of yellow Norwich or Yorkshire Canaries, or offers; mutual approval.—Geo. Edmundson, 31, Sarah Ellen Street, Blackburn.

TWO Goldfinch Mules, 6s. 6d. each, singing; Buff Lancashire Coppy cock, 14s.; exchange lady's watch, household articles.—76, Mercfield Street, Rochdale.

VEITCH, Butcher, Crieff, N.B., will give four cock Bullfinches (house-moulted), one winner at Perth Show, also two Bramblefinches, for one pair prize bred Norwich or Yorkshires.

YELLOW cock Greenfinch, breeder, with young Bullfinch since October; offers, yellow Lancashire cock.—Nicholson, Confectioner, Boaler Street, Liverpool.

TWO cock Thrushes, two joiner made cages, sell Thrush and cage 5s. 6d.; exchange for hen Canaries; any kind phonograph records; six for hen Canary.—Gibbs, Wyndham Road, Chatham.

EXCHANGE three cock Larks, two pairs Bullfinches, one singing Goldfinch, for good Yorkshire or Crestbred hen; hen to be sent first.—Thomas Morris, Athlone, Ireland.

MULE Breeders and Exhibitors.—Splendid cock Bullfinch, can win, 3s. 6d., good hens, running with Canaries all winter, 1s. 6d.—Sellick, Ashbourne, Derbyshire.

PAIR Goldfinch Mules, also pair Canary-reared Greenfinches; exchange for buff Yorkshire or Norwich Crest hen, sell 14s. he four.—Dudley, 10, Stafford Road, Oakengates.

PAIR Yellowhammers, pair Chaffinches, pair Bramblefinches, pair Greenfinches, pair Linnets, 1s. 6d. a pair; exchange good yellow Norwich cock.—Bohbett, Lynch Aviaries, Walton, Bridgwater.

FOUR compartment breeding cage, cock Blackbird double trap cage; also splendid Blackbird and cage, 8s. 6d. lot; exchange.—Walter Robinson, Combs, Stowmarket.

EXCHANGE 3 Bullfinch hens, one Linnet hen, one Goldfinch hen, cage-moulted birds; pair Norwich, good, wanted, or sell, 15s.; large, healthy, muling hens.—Burtenshaw, Wenban Road, Worthing.

WANTED hen Goldfinch for breeding in aviary in exchange for German hen Canary, two Redpolls, and hen Chaffinch, been in aviary three months.—Smart, 25, Northland Street, Camberwell.

TWICE house-moulted Goldfinch, muler; one young, cage-reared; two Norwich hens; months with some good Crest; hen wanted, or Crestbred; lot, 12s.—Hardisty, Frier Street, Penrith, Camb.

EXCHANGE cock Goldfinch Mules for large pair clap nets, poles, etc., complete, or anything useful; mutual approval.—C. Larman, 9, Bunyan Road, Hitchin.

SELL or exchange, Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Greenfinches, cocks and hens, cage moulted, bicycle preferred.—Robert Rushen, Chipping Hill, Witham, Essex.

FIVE pairs of Goldfinches for unlighted Norwich Plainhead Goldies, grand plumage and health; no rubbish offered or wanted; approval both ways.—Haggett, Upper Coxley, near Wells, Somerset.

WILL exchange Mule, pure Goldfinch notes, also Goldfinch, father of above, for pair of large Norwich yellows.—Peterson, 3, Custom House Steps, Sandside, Scarborough.

EXCHANGE Greenfinch cock Mule for Siberian Goldfinch cock, house moulted, or 1906 buff Norwich cock.—Robert Wyper, Hamilton's Land, Overtown, Wishaw, Lanarkshire.

SPLENDID cock Bullfinches, 2s. each; hens, 1s.; cock Linnets, Twites, 9d. each, or 4s. dozen; Chaffinches and Greenfinches, 6d. each, or 3s. 6d. dozen, or exchange.—Sycamore, Blackheath, Colchester.

TWO loud-singing Skylarks, 5s. each, genuine songsters; musical album, nice condition, 7s. 6d.; exchange anything; what offers?—Smith, 100, Alker Street, Blackburn.

HOUSE moulted cock Bullfinch, house moulted cock Brown Linnet, and Norwich hen, Mule breeders, house moulted Redpoll, 8s. 6d., or useful exchange.—J. Stone, 42, Devonshire Street, Leicester.

EXHIBITION Goldfinch, Siskin, Linnet, or Twite wanted in exchange for Border Fancy Canaries; buff cock, latest win, 3rd, out of 24, 8s.; yellow cocks, 5s.; hens, 2s. 6d.; no rubbish; mutual approval.—Story, Easton, Jedburgh.

EXCHANGE cock Siskin, Yellowhammer, one pair Greenfinches, one pair Redpolls, one Linnet, one dark Linnet Mule, for good cock Seifert Roller, or sell, 10s.; been in aviary 15 months; approval.—Chas. Wells, 12, Herbert Street, Darlington.

PAIR green Budgerigars, ready for nesting; beautiful house moulted Goldfinch, sex unknown; two cock Bramblefinches, cock Chaffinch; exchange hen Canaries, or 9s. lot; offers.—Joseph Sargeant, 18, Aloa Road, Deptford Park, Deptford, London, S.E.

SPLENDID Hawfinch, winner, or exchange for good black Spaniel dog, or sell 25s.; Pekin Robin, 2nd Markinch, sell 7s. 6d., or exchange for large Bullie hen, house moulted; 3 days' approval.—Alexander Donaldson, 33, Milton Street, Edinburgh.

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TWO Goldfinch-Canary Mules, pure Goldfinch notes, 1905 bird, splendid catcher, for large Crestbred hen, or sell 7s. 6d. each; mutual approval; reference "English Gentlemen."—Butler, Tullyeross, Ballykeran, Athlone.

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SPLENDID cock Blackbird, now on full song, finger tame, will accept 6s., or exchange yellow hen Canaries, or offers; birds must be sent on approval.—Apply, B. Young, Oulton Stores, Oulton Broad, near Lowestoft.

THREE beautiful cock Bullfinches, splendid colour and size, 2 fit for show, 6s. 6d. the 3, or exchange for Siberian cock Goldfinch; 3 Goldfinch Mules, hens, 1 hen Bullfinch, 4s.; exchange good English Goldfinch cock.—R. Stokes, Spring Gardens, Higham Ferrers, Northampton.

HOUSE-MOULTED cock Goldfinch, used catching, sure Muler, for Bowden brake, workshop coal stove, boy's wheelbarrow, or half-inch wire netting, sell 6s.; cock Goldfinches, caged months, 3s.; Larks, Redpolls, 6d.; approval.—William Worrall, 55, High Street, Amblecote.

EXHIBITION British birds for sale; two grandly marked Chaffinches, three good Greenfinches, one each Blackcap, Siskin, Redpoll, Ortolan Buntiug, and Bramble; all cocks, house moulted, steady, 5s. each to clear; exchange for single breeders with loose fronts.—Brett, Rendezvous Street, Folkestone.

TWO Buff marked cock Goldfinch Mules, 15s. 6d., 10s. 6d. each; one dark ditto, 10s. 6d.; one cock Linnet Mule, 7s. 6d.; house-moulted cock Bullfinch and Bramblefinch, 3s. each; lot 45s., or part exchange phonograph.—Campling, 1, Gray Street, Goole.

Mainly Canaries
To be Sold or Exchanged

WHAT offers for two Yorkshire and three Roller cocks, singing?—Lovett, Cross Lane, Radcliffe.

PAIR good Norwich Canaries; exchange useful, for house; offers.—Miller, Aviaries, Goole.

FOR sale, grand pair oil paintings, cash 65s., or would exchange for Norwich, or Cinnamons; particulars, 174, Pont Street, Hirst, Ashington.

NOTICE! Will give good exchange in Yorkshire Canaries, for Gent's cycle; mutual approval.—Howes, 25, Leslie Road, Wolverhampton.

EXCHANGE good yellow Norwich cock for two Yorkshire hens, yellow or green.—H. Clay, 41, Palace Road, New Southgate.

A LOVELY pair of young Canaries for one dozen ladies' hemstitched pocket handkerchiefs.—The Lawn, Etwall, near Derby.

TWO buff Norwich green cocks, from my Palace winners; what offers? No live stock.—Metcalfe, 12, Brythen Street, Liverpool.

POULTRY or cages wanted; exchange Canaries; cocks, 5s. 6d.,, hens, 2s.; or anything useful.—P. Titchmarsh, 10, Millbrook Road, Brixton.

CLEAR buff cock, Sib bred; exchange for two 1906 Norwich yellow hens.—Speed, Ambrose Street, Bangor.

EXCHANGE Crests for Cinnamons; pair good Norwich for two Lizard cocks.—William Pearce, Butcher, St. Ives, Cornwall.

EXCHANGE poultry hamper, white wicker, used once, for yellow Norwich hen, good type; approval.—Ratcliff, Tyndal Road, Grantham.

TWO yellow variegated cocks, for one Crestbred and one Crested cock, or sell, 25s. each; approval.—Phillips, Perth.

LARGE Norwich Crested cock, 12s. 6d., exchange good pair Yorkshires, Rollers, other offers.—Barton, 27, Chorlton Road, Manchester.

EXCHANGE grand Yorkshires for Stag's head, cloth, drapery, talking machine, records.—60, St. Peter's Road, Leicester.

SURPLUS stock, twenty cocks and hens, Crest, Crest-bred and Norwich.—Jackson, Valletta Cottage, Balmoral Road, Gillingham, Kent.

EXCHANGE pair of Border Fancy hens, yellow and buff, for house-moulted cock Linnet.—William Brownlie, 55, Quarry Street, Hamilton.

EXCHANGE pair Border Fancy Canaries, prize-bred, for house-moulted Siberian Goldfinch, cock.—William Brownlie, Quarry Street, Hamilton.

TWO good Norwich cocks, 6s. each; exchange cock Goldfinches or good singing Mule, Goldfinch song; approval.—W. Binns, Aine, York.

BUFF variegated Plainhead Norwich hen; sell 15s.; or exchange anything useful.—Thomas Mackie, High Street, West Leslie, Fife.

HIGH-CLASS Border hens; Clears; marks; reasonable; one week's approval; exchange Bowden brake.—Walker, 12, Tower Road, Tweedmouth.

EXCHANGE gold-tipped ivory handle walking-stick; new; valued 15s., for Roller Schoolmaster.—Brassey, 14, Leinster Avenue, North Strand, Dublin.

LARGE Crestbred cock, 15s.; large cock Goldfinch Mule 12s.; exchange Norwich; offers; anything useful.—Tutty, Waterloo Place, Mitcham, Surrey.

EXCHANGE pair Norwich; wanted flannel and calico; or sell, 12s. 6d.—32, Second Avenue, Plaistow, Essex.

SIX Canaries, Norwich type, buffs, 2s. 6d. each, or exchange Pullets; offers.—Bales 18, Gladstone Street, Easton Road, Bristol.

EXCHANGE football, good as new, for a clear yellow unflighted Norwich hen, or sell, 4s. 6d.—Farler, Martock, Somerset.

YOUNG St. Andreasberg Roller, splendid songster day or gaslight, 10s., exchange hen Canaries.—Roper, 134, Derby Road, Seven Kings, Essex.

NICE pair Norwich cocks, in full song, 10s. 6d.; or exchange.—Smither, The Poplars, Wealdstone, Middlesex.

YELLOW Norwich cock (1906), exchange typical buff Yorkshire hen.—Brown, 62, Long Lane, Moldgreen, Huddersfield.

CRESTS from my winners, 25s. pair, upwards; two German hens, 4s.; exchange for linoleum, boots, anything.—Herbert Schofield, Skelmanthorpe.

TWO large Linnet Mules, Linnet song, exchange stock Norwich.—32, Church Terrace, Tranmere, Birkenhead.

WOULD exchange pair of Lizards for pair of Yorkshires or Norwich Plainheads, or sell 15s.—Crossley, Pianist, Littleboro'.

FOUR good Norwich cock Canaries, 7s. 6d. each; or exchange to value.—Hornsley, 3, Bath Square, St. Clement's, Oxford.

EXCHANGE 3 good Norwich Croppers for Yorkshire hens; approval both ways.—H. Ralph, 18, Carpenter Street, Battersea, London.

WILL exchange cock or pair Canaries for men's boots, size 7.—Samuel Clarke, Victoria Street, South Normanton, Derbyshire.

BEAUTIFUL new engraved lady's silver watch, value 25s.; exchange Canaries or cock Mules.—Lloyd, 7, Dean Street, Aberdeen. x265

TICKED yellow Norwich hen required, short, typical; exchange buff cock or hen; mutual approval.—Stubbs. See Norwich advertisement.

EXCHANGE buff Scotch Fancy cock, direct from Davies, for a big yellow Norwich cock, or sell 30s.; approval.—Sykes and Son, Witham Green, Boston.

EXCHANGE green Crestbred cock for clear yellow Crested cock.—G. Roberts, South Creake, Fakenham.

BARGAINS.—Five typical Yorkshire hens, good strain, feeders, 10s. 6d. lot; exchange pair Lizards.—Mills, 34, Sutton Road, Liscard.

PAIR prize-bred Belgian Hares, sell £1; exchange matched pair of Crests; mutual approval.—Barrett, High Street, Dawley, Salop.

YORKSHIRES.—Two pairs left, 12s. 6d. pair; also few hens; exchange tenor horn or anything useful.—T. Islip, Market Rasen, Lincolnshire.

EXCHANGE pair Crests for good Yorkshire cock or Goldfinch Mule; approval wanted.—D. Nickerson, Rotton Row, Ramsds, Norths.

GOOD Yorkshire Canaries, cocks from 6s.; exchange Lizards or Norwich.—M. Ward, 13 John Street, Primrose Hill, Wakefield.

CASE and three small British show cages (new), exchange for yellow variegated Norwich cock; stamp.—McMillan, 77, Kilshaw Street, Liverpool.

EXCHANGE pair of high-class Rollers for good Crestbred, or pair Norwich.—Peters, Panton Hall, Wragby, Lincs.

GRAND variegated crested cock Wernier, 25s., or would exchange common singing cocks or anything useful.—Salter, 34, Offord Road, Barnsbury, London.

CRESTED hen, accept 3s. 3d.; also Chaffinch or Yellowhammer, with cage 2s. 6d.; also hen Canary 2s. 3d.; bargains.—36, Hazledon Road, Brockley.

YELLOW Norwich cock, 7s. 6d.; 2 buff hens, 3s. each, 1906; exchange Scotch hen.—Thomas Herbert, Headless Cross, Redditch.

BUFF Norwich cock, winner 1st Dunstable, 15s.; good stock birds, cocks, 6s., hens 3s.; approval.—Pedder, 149, North Street, Luton.

PAIR of good Yorkies, buff cock, variegated yellow hen, matched, for pair Borders, buff cock yellow hen; must be good.—Johnson, 14, Bisley Street, Liscard, Cheshire.

EXCHANGE two pair Yorkshires for Cinnamons or Norwich, sell 18s.; offers; approval.—Hicks, Kenyn Street, Truro.

WILL exchange large bouncing grey hen for Yorkshire cock or two yellow hens; on approval; sale, 12s. 6d.—Reid, Glasgow Bridge, Kirkintilloch.

THREE nice yellow hens, 7s. 6d. each; 1 yellow cock 10s. 6d.; 1 yellow Norwich cock, 7s., unflighted; approval deposit.—Demain, Brook Street, Clitheroe.

TWO Yorkshire hens, one Norwich hen, one German hen, for Crestbred hen, or value 15s.—Gledhill, 41, Eastbro', Scarborough.

CINNAMON buff cock, 1906, will exchange for good big buff Yorkshire cock; approval both ways.—Yates, Hackney Lane, Darley, Matlock.

EXCHANGE 11 1906 hen Canaries for cloth or ready-made clothes.—Streeter, 5, Walnuttree Cottages, Church Road, Wimbledon.

EXCHANGE for Norwich cock, in song, three hens, 1906 birds, clear, variegated.—William Musket, 14, Gilmour Street, Kilmarnock.

EXCHANGE new Roller show cage, folding doors, for Yorkshire or Norwich cock, or two hens.—Oxley 8, Dalberg Road, Brixton, London.

EXCHANGE four Yorkshire Canaries, 1906, good birds; sell flying Homers, 2s. 6d.; show Homers, 5s.; Dragoon, 5s.; Long-faced Tumbler, 4s.; or offer part and up.—Wray, 420, Anlaby Road, Hull.

WANTED, common hen Canaries; also few pairs Yorkshires; cash, or exchange good Norwich. See British Birds.—Gould, Aston Aviaries, Aston, Birmingham.

EXCHANGE St. Andreasberg Roller for good Siberian Goldfinch and cage, cost 15s. from a well-known man; or sell 12s. 6d.—J. Henney, 21, Jubilee Terrace, Hamstrely, near Ebchester, Durham.

CHAMPION Fox Terrier bitch, maiden, 18 months old, good ratter; exchange good yellow Norwich cock, unflighted; sell 20s.—Hendry, Orchard Grove, Forfar.

EXCHANGE two cocks, four hens, Border Fancy Canaries, two cock Bullfinches, for boy's boots, clothing, waterproof coat, anything useful for house; stamp reply.—Graham, Wellwood, Muirkirk.

EXCHANGE 1906 even marked yellow Yorkshire cock, fit to win, for pair 4ft. light Shandry springs, or sell 12s. 6d.—Gatword, New Road, Holywell, Flints.

EXCHANGE a good big Buff Norwich cock for two good Yellow Cinnamon Norwich hens, or sell 20s.—Moore and Son, Tenterfield Terrace, Lobmill, Todmorden.

NOTICE.—Will exchange pair of Norwich yellow cock, buff hen, clears, for a good Yellow hen; hen sent first, approval.—C. Smith, Arthur Cottage, Whitwell, near Mansfield, Derbyshire.

TWO pairs matched Lizards, large palace-shaped cage, sell 35s., or exchange anything useful, value 40s., gramaphone preferred.—Downing, Primrose Hill, Raunds, Northants.

PAIR well matched unflighted Norwich Canaries, prize bred, colour fed, £1, or exchange pair of yellow Budgerigars, same value.—Wilson, 20, Regent Street, Wellingborough.

EXCHANGE large wing-marked Crested hen, plenty of feather, large round crest, Joyce's strain, for large joiner-made dog kennel.—Outram, Ribet Cottage, Heanor.

EXCHANGE two yellow Norwich hen Canaries and house-moulted cock Goldfinch for two yellow cock Norwich Canaries; approval.—H. Ling, Ingate Brickworks, Beccles, Suffolk.

GENTLEMAN'S gold signet ring, 9ct., stamped, genuine, sell 15s.; exchange good pair Norwich; approval willingly.—Barrett, 8, Borneo Street, Walsall.

EXCHANGE buff Cinnamon Norwich cock for yellow Cinnamon Norwich hen; buff Yorkshire cock for green Yorkshire hen.—William Alderson, 24, Greenfield View, Skipton, Yorkshire.

SALE or exchange; two Cinnamon, one yellow, two variegated Yorksbire hens; wanted poultry, 15s. lot.—Fincham, 148, Caledonian Road, King's Cross.

EXCHANGE gentleman's silver keyless Watch, in good working order, for pair good Norwich Canaries, or offers.—Copp, Trinity Street, Barnstaple.

SPLENDID pair Yorkshires, yellow cock, buff hen, also Norwich buff cock and Yellow hen and pair Cinnamons, sell or exchange phonograph; approval.—Solloway, Bryn Howell, Llangollen.

EXCHANGE pair high-class Buff Cinnamon Selfs, also pair house moulted Linnets for typical clear yellow Norwich Plainhead cocks.—Hervey, 30, Rectory Road, Hornsey.

FOR sale, 8 Norwich cocks, 4 Yorks. hens, 1 Norwich; or exchange for phonograph, repro. and records, or sell, £4 10s.; approval, deposit.—C. Wasley, 15, Primrose Street, Thwaites, Keighley.

PAIR prize-bred Yorkshires, 10s. 6d.; pair of Crests, 12s. 6d.; exchange anything; approval; offers.—Knowles, 60, Fleetwood Street, Preston, Lancashire.

EXCHANGE clear yellow Norwich cock and Gold-Siberian Goldfinch cock; must be good bird.—Charles Sisson, Barber Street, Hilltop, Eastwood, Notts.

PRIZE pair of Yorkshires for good Norwich hen, yellow or buff; must be good; no rubbish given or wanted; or sell 20s.—Crimes, 67, Underwood Lane, Crewe. Approval.

LIZARD Canaries (Baker's), lowest prices, one-third cash Barnardo's Homes, deposit Editor, exchange cutlery, electrical models, anything useful.—Noble, "Sunbeams," Shrewsbury.

PRIZE-BRED Norwich and Yorkshires, exchange anything useful to the trade.—Handley, Coach Builder, etc., Lynn Road, Walsoken, Wisbech (see (Norwich.)

LARGE typical buff Norwich cock 15s.; smart, 1906, Yorks. hens, yellow, buffs, 5s. each; exchange typical unflighted yellow-marked Norwich cock; stamp reply.—A. Knaggs, Westgate, Guisbro', Yorkshire.

GRAND 1906 double-Crested green cock (Roberts); exchange really good Cinnamon-marked buff Yorkshire hen; grand clear Sib hen 1906, 4s. 6d.—77, Macclesfield Old Road, Burbage, Buxton.

WILL exchange good cock Canary and new fly rod for cock Seifert Roller Schoolmaster; approval both ways.—Hughes, 16, Shrewbridge Lane, Nantwich.

YORKSHIRE Terrier dog, 18 months, immense coat, good colour, 8 lbs. weight, value 30s.; approval.—Stainsby, Lecchmere Road, Grangetown, Sunderland.

CRESTS, 12s. 6d. to 60s. pair; exchange ladies' or children's boots or clothing, lady's watch, anything useful; mutual approval.—Evans, Long Preston, Yorkshire.

YORKSHIRES, typical birds, bred from winners, cocks, 7s. 6d.; hens, 5s. upwards; clears, greens, green-marked; will exchange for good trained Roller cock to value; approval.—Strutt, Victoria Street, Braintree.

W. T. DANE intends disposing of his surplus stock of high-class Yorkshire and Norwich Canaries, hens, 3s.; cocks, 8s. 6d.; cash offers or exchange invited; approval; not Sundays.—68, Alderbrook Road, Balham, S.W.

TWO pairs good Norwich, 8s. 6d. pair; three pairs Bullfinches, 3s. 6d. pair; four muling cock Goldfinches, 3s. 6d. each; exchange pure Poultry, anything.—J. A. Robinson, 33, Harboro' Road, Rushden.

MAINLY CANARIES—continued.

TEN cocks, Norwich and Yorkshires, five pair Yorkshires, five pair Norwich, four Yorkshire show cages in case, three Norwich show cages, large round Parrot cage; exchange Linnets and Goldfinches.—Sewell, 16, Seldon Street, Colne, Lancashire.

SIX good 1906 Yorkshire cocks, singing, 7s. each, or exchange Goldfinch cocks, Siberian or English, must be big, and large Muling hens; approval.—Parkinson, Chemist, 205, Gloucester Road, Bishopston, Bristol.

LARGE unflighted buff Cinnamon cock, ditto yellow, bred from my winners, 25s. each, or exchange either for large chubby unflighted yellow Norwich hen, must be good strain.—W. Yates, London Road, Chesterton, Staffs.

EXCHANGE pair Scotch Fancy Canaries, buff cock, yellow pied hen, good birds, value 30s., for pair Crests equal value; these are really good birds from winners, well worth money; mutual approval both ways.—Reid, Newbarns, Carluke.

PAIR Norwich Plainheads, £2; 2 cock Goldfinches (house-moulted), 2 hen Canarics, paired to above, bred Mules last season, 15s. pair, or exchange typical yellow Norwich Plainhead hens, breeding cages, anything useful.—Inch, Wooton, Aylesbury.

THREE pairs prize-bred Border Fancies, 15s. 6d. per pair; 2 Goldfinch Mules, 7s. 6d. each, or what offers in exchange in anything useful in house, no live stock.—Greenhorn, 164, Oakbank, Mid-Calder, Midlothian.

MAGNIFICENT yellow Yorkshire cock, Knight's strain, 7s. 6d.; very large green Norwich cock, 9s. 6d.; both 1906, proved breeders; would exchange either for clear yellow or buff pink-eyed Lancashire Plainhead hen.—Bingham, West Street, Long Sutton.

BRED especially for feeding; four hens, Norwich and German cross, champion feeders, 2s. 6d. each; also two Yorkshire cocks, one foul-marked Yellow, one Clear Yellow, 7s. 6d. each, 1906 birds.—Miller, 4, Aire View Terrace, Skipton, Yorkshire.

THREE 1906 Canaries full song, clear and variegated, good health and feathers, 6s. each; hens, 2s. 6d each; large prize and stock birds in good colour, exchange for Gem Phonograph.—Nicholls, Aviaries, Whitstable.

HIGH CLASS Yorkshires from winners Whitehaven, Egremont, Barrow-in-Furness (Cockermouth 1906); champion stock-hens from 7s. 6d., cocks from 10s.; exchange men's or boys' clothing; boots, offers, or good gramophone; goods first.—Ferguson, Newtown, Whitehaven.

HIGH-CLASS Border Fancies.—A few matched pairs, even marked and even marked bred, matched to breed even marks, 1905 and 1906 bred; sell or exchange Goldies, Siberian, or British; also a grand cage moulted Hawfinch (1906); stamp reply.—Robert Dyer, Haystoun Farm, Peebles, N.B.

SPLENDID Green Crestbred hen, good stock, 1906, exchange young pair Border Fancy, 1906, or sell £1; also good Dalmatian dog pup, pedigree given, 5 months old, splendidly spotted, sell £2.—Walker, 32, Hadfield Street, Old Trafford, Manchester.

WANTED, the following articles in exchange for prize Yorkshires: Non-skid tyre, 26 by 2¼, large tool bag, ¾ belt, 8 feet, and good clothing, etc., suitable for winter motor cycling. (See Yorkshires for prices of Canaries.)—Williams, 30, Lister Street, West Hartlepool.

EXCHANGE or sell three pairs high-class Yorkshires, bred from winners, splendid type; pair of masked Grassfinches, fit for exhibition, with show cage; pair of Zebra Finches, aviary bred; house moulted cock Chaffinch, with show cage. Wanted offers in cash, or exchange Crests, for stock or poultry, or useful exchange.—W. Cooper, Tailor, Carisbrooke, Isle of Wight.

FIRST prize and special Buff cock (large), 30s. 6d.; ditto, Yellow hen, 25s.: her mother (Yellow), 12s. 6d.; Buff cock, unflighted (good one), £1; Buff cock, 12s. 6d.; large and shapely Buff hen, 10s. 6d.; large and shapely marked Buff hen, 7s. 6d.; 3 large marked Buff hens, 5s. 6d. each; nearly clear body, even radiated, dark Crest cock, vhc, 18s. 6d.; nearly clear Crestbred cock (good one), 12s. 6d.; green Crestbred cock, 12s. 6d.; green Crested hen (good one), 3rd prize last month, 18s. 6d.; dark tail Crestbred hen (£1 direct from Roberts), 12s. 6d.; two nearly clear Crestbred hens, 8s. 6d. each. Above are cheap; must clear.—Apply, Gateson, Stacksteads.

Mainly Foreign
To be Sold or Exchanged

WHAT offers in hen Canaries for pair Budgerigars?—Bassett, Queen Street, Gravesend.

FOR sale, or exchange furniture; handsome white lemon-crested Cockatoo, in new cage.—16, Princess Road, Finsbury Park.

LEDBETTER'S Cockatoo, grand size and crescent, will make a winner, been caged 12 months, exchange offers.—Walsh, 6, Regent Street, Blackburn.

PAIR Budgerigars, and new breeding cage; exchange for Goldfinches and Linnets.—Sewell, 76, Seldon Street, Colne, Lancashire.

EXCHANGE pair Nuns for twe good Norwich hen Canaries, or sell 7s. 6d.—Turner, 653, Holloway Road, N.

EXCHANGE pair Budgerigars, pair house-moulted Linnets, two cock Blackbirds, for Canaries.—Walter Osborne, Norton, Stoke-under-Ham.

TWELVE small Foreign Finches, mostly Zebras; exchange three pairs breeding Budgerigars, or sell.—Jones, Witton Street, Stourbridge, Worcestershire.

EXCHANGE splendid pair of Parrakeets, sure breeders for small Foreign Finches; particulars.—Frank Whysall, Wright Street, Codnor, Derbyshire.

GRAND Ringnecked Parrakeet, in good cage, just commencing to talk, price £1, or offers.—Withers, 14, Park Street, Stoke Newington.

BLUE-FRONTED Amazon, 1st prize winner, exceptional good talker, £5; deposit; approval; exchange cottage piano, organ, or furniture.—R. Silcock, Mablethorpe.

CAPE Canary, 7s. 6d.; Green singing Finch, 5s.; good exchange entertained.—20, Portland Road, Slade Lane, Longsight.

EXCHANGE exhibition yellow-fronted Amazon Parrot, winner two firsts, for Chocolate Pom. dog or graphaphone, or sell £4.—R. Lamb 40, Jane Street, Hetton Downs, Durham.

Miscellaneous
Sale or Exchange

EXCHANGE grand show Homer cock for hen Canaries.—Bramley, Townsend Street, Cheltenham.

TRIO handsome Wyandottes, exchange for Norwich Plainheads.—Francis, South Wharf, Lowestoft.

EXCHANGE winning Cavies for cock Canary or Mule.—Greatrex, 55, Campbell Street, Rugby.

EXCHANGE "Daisy" air-gun for birds; offers.—M. Hardy, Pathfield Road, Streatham.

HEMP mill, new; exchange for two Norwich show cages.—Clapperton, Strathyre, Perthshire.

200 "BANDMASTER" coupons for Norwich hen.—Pearson, 84, Brandon Road, Brixton, London.

141 CAGE BIRDS, 35 plates; Goldfinch Linnets, or offers.—36, Priory Street, Everton.

SMALL four-wheel, £2 10s.; exchange anything useful.—Salway, Brook Villa, Owery St. Mary.

GOLD shield Scarfpin, 16s., or exchange Norwich Canaries.—Clarke. See below.

23 PARTS Virtue's "Imperial Shakespeare," with steel engravings, cost 46s., accept 21s. cash, or exchange Norwich Canaries.—Clarke. See below.

PAIR of genuine Doulton ware Vases, 21s., or exchange for Norwich Canaries.—Clarke, 6, Lower Orchard Street, York.

WHAT offers in Canaries for tweed or serge suit length, value 25s.?—B. Soanes, 92, Bevan Street, Lowestoft.

LADY'S sable Fur, also chinchilla Fur, new, cost 30s., exchange Poultry, Canaries, anything useful.—Haynes, 20, Whitehead Road, Birmingham.

TWEED or serge Suit Lengths, 24s.; silver Lever, new, 30s.; exchange Canaries.—Fraer, 16, Franklin Street, Bridgeton, Glasgow.

OFFERS, cash or Norwich yellow hens, for CAGE BIRDS, No. 62 to present number.—Mr. H. Rees, 9, York Terrace, Clapham, London, S.W.

EXCHANGE double Breeding Cage, complete, 40 inches, for Siberian cock Goldfinch.—Dimond, 47, High Street, Glam.

WOULD exchange American zither harp for pair of Norwich Plainheads, or sell 17s. 6d.—Allen, Travior Street, Littleboro'.

BANJO, seven-stringed, nickel rim, splendid instrument, 15s.; Fairy Bells, beautiful tone, 5s., cost 25s.; or exchange.—Pearson, Greenwich.

BICYCLE, gent.'s free-wheel, by Gamage, two brakes, cost £7 7s., take £3 3s.; or exchange Canaries or Parrots.—Pearson, Greenwich.

NOTICE.—What offers in Canaries for new Palace-shaped aviary? or sell 25s., or show cages.—Write, Hogg, Cage Manufacturer, Carlisle.

SALE or exchange Top Boots, stiff legs, size 7, 8s.; bargain; approval; cash or deposit.—West, 17, Britannia Street, Aylesbury.

STRONG pneumatic Cycle, £1, fixed gear, exchange Norwich and Crested.—Pearson, Postman, Todmorden.

WILL exchange Collie Bitch, sable and white, for birds or any kind of live stock, or sell, 15s.—Merrington, Dennett's Grove, New Cross, London.

EXCHANGE 24 parts of "Living Races of Mankind" for good Yorkshire cock.—Roberts, 88, Ringford Road, Wandsworth, S.W.

EXCHANGE breeding cages, mahogany fronts, show or fancy cages, for Canaries, Goldfinches, Bullfinches.—Stephen, 11½, Drums Lane, Aberdeen.

SILVER cock Pheasants, must clear, sacrifice, 7s. 6d. each; exchange laying Pullets; offers.—Glover, North Morgan Street, Canton, Cardiff.

EXCHANGE Yorkshire Terrier, 7 lbs. weight, for British or Foreign birds or Canares, or sell, 25s.—John Smith, 80, Cairnie Street, Arbroath.

GENT'S fixed-wheel Pneumatic, good running order, re-tyred; exchange Canaries, or sell, £1.—Lloyd, Newland, Whitney, Oxon.

EXCHANGE buff Pekin Bantam cock and pair Archangel Pigeons for good Plainhead hen Canary.—Jeffrey, 117, Montague Street, Rothesay.

MASSIVE black Orpington cockerel, 10s. 6d.; approval; exchange; Goldfinches preferred.—Finney, Cross, Oswestry.

SEVERAL pairs Pigeons (Loutans), imported from Egypt; exchange Canaries, Britishers, Fowls, anything.—Swain, Manufacturer, Dunstable.

EXCHANGE two Norwich and two Yorkshire show cages and case for Lizard cock.—Broomfield, 273, Small Heath, Birmingham.

WILL exchange all kinds of fishing tackle for poultry or cage birds.—James Laing, 39, Townhead, Kilsyth, N.B.

GOOD chain Dog, clean in house, quiet with children; exchange Roller hen Canaries; sell 10s.—Sturdy, Bond Street, Hunslet.

LADY'S dark, feathery Stole, five lengths, 84 in. long, sell 12s.; exchange Norwich Canaries.—Cooke, 11, Lockhurst Lane, Coventry.

WILL exchange pair Opera Glasses for 1906 yellow-marked Norwich hen, or sell, 15s.; approval.—D. Bogie, 24, Barrington Street, Newcastle.

VIOLIN, bow, case, been in family 50 years, 35s.; exchange Norwich Canaries, small Foreign.—Moore, Aston Street, Birmingham.

OFFERS wanted for new Crystal Palace-shaped Aviary; Canaries, or anything useful; or sell, 25s.—Leech, King Street, Dudley.

WANTED, offers in Canarics or cash for Rogers Treadle Fretsaw Machine, value 12s.—Gale, 49, Hatherly Road, Reading.

WHIPPET, broken, £1; child's folding cart, 7s. 6d., spring bottom; exchange Canaries; anything useful.—Muir, 24, Guilford Road, Southend-on-Sea.

WANTED, Lizard Canaries, in exchange for massive studded dog collar, Norwich hens, and little cash.—Glendene, Westgate, Hale.

DRESS coat and vest, black vicuna cloth, 25s., worth double, or exchange anything.—Parnell, Princes Street, Paignton, Devon.

COCK Goldfinch Mule, 5s. 6d.; cock Linnet Mule, exhibition bird, 7s. 6d.; exchange yellow Border hens, must be good.—Ruddiman, Hillbank, Cupar.

SPLENDID gents' cycle (racer); exchange good singing birds, or sell, £3 10s.—Williams, 4, New Tanymanod Terrace, Blaenau, Festiniog.

PAIR Crests, 20s.; Linnet cock and Sib hen, 5s. 6d.; exchange for concertina; offers; anything.—Brookes, Hairdresser, Stocksbridge, Sheffield.

HIMALAYAN buck Doe and five young, 7 weeks old, 15s.; exchange anything.—Dale, Plumber, Alma Street, West Hartlepool.

DOLLY Pedigree blue roan cocker bitch, finest blood possible; exchange grey Parrot; sell, £3.—Pinner, King's Hill, Wednesbury.

EXCHANGE Gold-nib fountain pen, new, for 1906 Yorkshire hen.—Gammon, 40, Cotswold Road, Bristol.

FISHING-ROD, 12 ft.; exchange pair Norwich, large; or sell 15s.; approval; deposit.—Ben Davies, Shipman's Lane, Haverfordwest.

"CAGE BIRDS," 1906, 43 plates ("Feathered World"), 12 CAGE BIRDS; exchange Crestbred hens.—Muir, The Ayre, Kirkwall.

WILL exchange two Bovril pictures, "Tempting Bait," for Canaries, what offers?—Goddard, 23, High Street, Stroud.

COCK Bramblefinch, winner selling class; also yellow cock Greenfinch, sell both 4s., or exchaugo anything.—Davies, Builder, Narberth.

RIPPINGILLE'S oil heating lamp, as new, 12s. 6d.; exchauge young Crested hen; offers?—Young, 70, Newbury Road, Bromley, Kent.

FIRST three vols. "Country Side," unbound, clean; exchange yellow Budgerigars.—Rosier, Swallowfield.

GOOD telescope, 3½ ft.; exchange for yellow Yorkshire or Norwich cock.—Herbert Gibbs, Shuttford, Banbury.

TWENTY various coloured plates, 50 CAGE BIRDS; exchange buff Norwich cock or Zebra Finches.—Waiter, 112, Bishopsgate Street.

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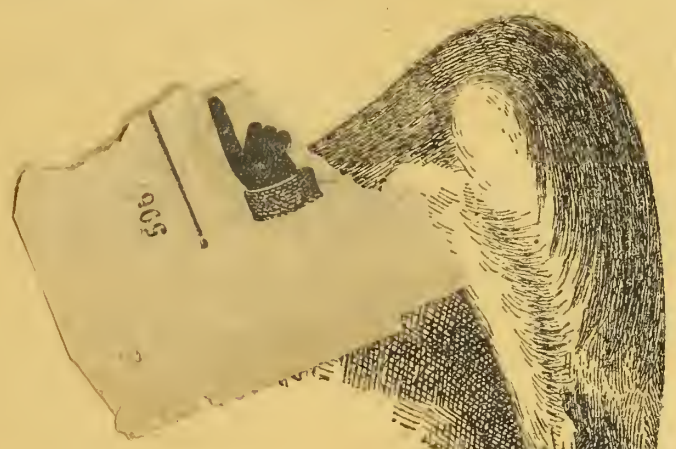

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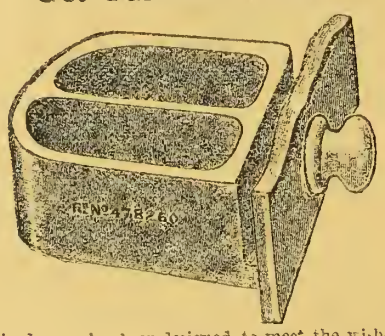

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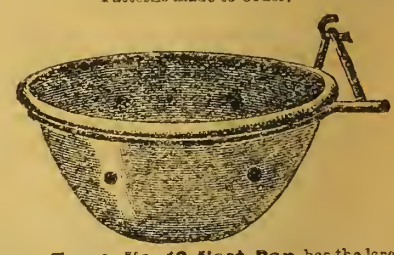

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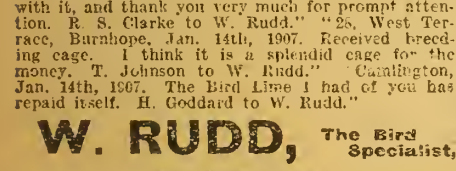
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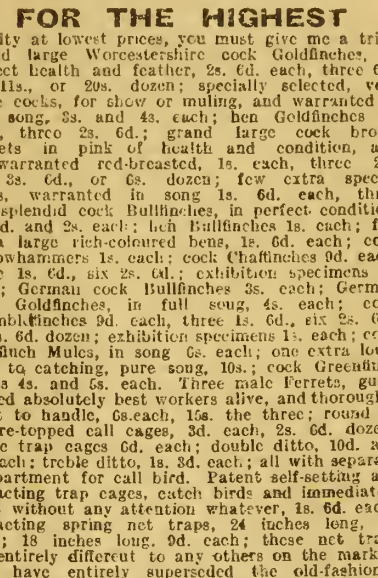

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DOUBLE Mop Crested hen, 10s. 6d.; green double Crestbred cock, 12s. 6d.; hen, 7s. 6d.—Eastoe, 12, Forest View, Manor Park, Essex.

SPECIAL choice Crest and Crestbred, 12s. pair; odd hens, 4s. each; bargain.—Robert Collins, Marsh Road, Burnham, Essex.

TWO Crested cocks, 5s. 6d. each, two hens, 2s. 6d. each, or 14s. lot.—Wood, 169, Hatfield Road, Wimbledon.

DARK Crested, Yellow cock, 1906, full song, 5s 6d.; 1905 Buff hen, dark crest beak-end, 4s. 6d. Bargains.—Beeston, Ross-on-Wye.

ALL my Crests, Crestbreds, Cages, etc., for sale, giving up.—Mrs. Crocker, 57, Onslow Gardens, Muswell Hill.

TWO pairs good Crests for sale, 2nd prize Chelmsford Show, 12s. 6d. pair, on approval.—Puxley, Springfield, Chelmsford.

GRAND large, Yellow Crest cock, grizzle crest good stock bird, splendid songster, 10s. 6d.; bargain.—F. Simonds, Upper Houghton, Dunstable.

FEW grand Crests and Crestbred 1906 cocks for sale, from 10s. 6d. each.—Joseph Maddocks, Cowley Manor, Cheltenham.

EXCHANGE pair Borders, value 10s., for large 1906 Crestbred cock; Yorkshires, 10s. pair.—Dawson, 104, Cardross Street, Glasgow.

CHAMPION Massive Crests and Crestbreds, 10s 6d. each; ten days approval.—Wm. Powick, Eastfield House, Dewsbury.

BUFF Coppy cock, 1906 bird, 15s., exchange for Crested hen, young bird; approval.—Law, 76, Merefield Street, Rochdale.

CREST and Crestbreds for sale, single or pairs, 15s., 20s., 30s. pair; approval.—Harris, 10, Ladysmith Street, Colwick Road, Nottingham.

COCKS from 8s.; hens from 4s.; pairs, 12s., 15s.; every variety.—Broadbent, 129, Langsett Road, Sheffield.

CRESTS matched to produce winners.—Can be seen at the L.C.B.A. Pair Show, The Napier, High Holborn, Saturday, January 26, three to nine.

HIGH-CLASS Crest and Crestbred cocks and hens, yellows and buffs, 10s., 12s. 6d., 15s., 17s. 6d., 20s., 25s. each, upwards; approval.—Wilkins, 7, St. Martin's Lane, Birmingham.

FOUR pairs of good Crest and Crestbred, Norwich type, 12s. pair; approval, deposit; also four large Sib bred hens, 4s. each, 14s. lot.—E. Hall, 5, Holly Terrace, Whetstone, London, N.

ENTIRELY new pattern show cages, movable fronts, as supplied leading Northern fanciers. Crest, Norwich, 2s. each; try sample pair.—Rae, 67, Richmond Street, Aberdeen.

VARIEGATED crested cock, show bird, 45s. variegated Crestbred hen 15s., Green Crested cock, 20s., Clear Crestbred hen, 5s.; all on approval.—Mitchell, 164, Clepington Road, Dundee.

SELLING OFF, ten pairs Crests, Grey Crested hen, Green Crestbred cock, £2 10s. pair, hen worth double; others from 15s. pair; Jenkin Thomas strain. Bridgefields, Radcliffe, Manchester.

GRAND 1906 yellow Crestbred cock, 12s. 6d.; also very large cobby buff Crestbred hen, 1906, 12s. 6d., bred from winners; approval.—Mrs. Lindridge, South gate House, Buxton.

LARGE green Crestbred cock, 20s., large green Crested hen 15s., large variegated Crested hen, 1906 15s.—G. Bairstow, 15, Tennyson Street, Lee Mount, Halifax. x263

I HAVE four large Crested cocks, 1906, crest to end of beak, bred from two good Crests, little rough but grand stock birds, £3 each. Approval.—T. Billington, 220, Colwick Road, Nottingham.

WINNING Blood. F. G. Bale, 66, Victoria Street Barnstaple, winner of gold and silver medals, has a few large Crest-bred cocks cheap, to clear; large Crest-bred hens, 1906, from 2s.; approval.

HAVE just bought 47 Crests, Crestbreds from Mr. Cork, of Norwich; 30 years' careful breeding, winner of firsts All England Show; have 5 good birds for sale, cocks, 10s. to 60s. each; several half-bred Lancashires, yellow or buff, pairs, 15s. to £5; on approval; no odd hens.—Hart, 52, Stevens Street, Lowestoft; stamp reply.

CRESTS AND CRESTBREDS—continued.

PROPERLY matched pairs of Crests, 25s. 6d., 30s., 35s. 6d., 40s., 50s.; also odd Crested hens, 12s. 6d., 15s. 6d., 20s.; Crestbred cocks from 15s. 6d.—Treasure Grove Villa, Cheltenham.

CRESTED cock, Crested hen, and 3 Crestbred hens, from 15s. to 30s., not half value, to effect a clearance. Also large Flight, cheap.—McColl, 2, Park Terrace, Wallsend-on-Tyne.

TWO Yellow Crestbred hens, marked eyes and wings, 7s. 6d. each; one cock, dark crest and wings, 10s. 6d.; 1906 birds.—W. Stevens, 22, South Street, Derby.

CRESTED hen, Crestbred cock, 15s., second at Tonbridge; hen Bullfinch, 2 cock Goldfinches, Yorkshire hen, all good Mulers; no reasonable offer refused.—Martin, Tonbridge Road, Maidstone.

CREST cock, 1906, £1; grey Crest, 1905, £1 10s.; Crestbred cock, 1906, £1; yellow Crestbred cock, 1905, £1. Approval.—T. Robson, 41, Shield Street, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

CRESTS and Crestbreds, cheap to clear, Edward VII. strain, grand stock, healthy, two firsts Manchester, etc.—T. Taylor, 68, Edward Street, Gateshead. x264

CRESTED cock, 9s.; Crestbred hens, 5s.; Green ditto, 5s. 6d.; good Crossbred hens (10) 24s. the lot; Green cock, 7s. 6d.; Clear, 5s. 6d.; offers; perfectly healthy.—Johnson, 57, Talbot Road, London, W.

THREE grand Green 1906 Crestbred cocks, two variegated Crestbred cocks 17s. 6d., 10s. 6d. and 15s. 6d., or what offer for lot; approval.—Wallbank, Hairdresser, Withers Street, Blackburn.

CRESTS and Crestbreds, Pairs, 14s., 16s., £1; cocks, 12s., 14s., same strain as my winner Coventry, only time shown.—W. Taylor, Station Road, Hinckley.

HIGH-CLASS Crests and Crestbreds, cocks, 10s., 15s., 20s.; hens, 5s. 6d., 7s. 6d., 10s. 6d.; pairs, 15s., 20s. upwards; approval, cash or deposit.—R. V. Youens, Leaverden Asylum, King's Langley, Herts.

CRESTS and Crestbred cocks and hens, same as my winners, from 7s. 6d.; cock, 1906, brother to 1st Kirkcaldy, 25s., exchange Crestbred hen; approval.—Reid, Falkland.

SILK'S famous Crests. Few choice Crests and Crestbreds, my own breeding, single birds from 12s. 6d., pairs from 25s., finest blood in the Fancy; approval.—Silk, The Aviaries, Whitstable.

HAVING selected my breeding stock, I have 4 Crested cocks and 4 Crested hens to part with, all young birds, bred from winners; approval.—H. Cowpertwait, 11, Trevitt Street, Nottingham.

HIGH-CLASS Crests, Crestbreds; few good birds for disposal, bred from and related to winners; also several cheap pairs on approval.—Onion, 33, Leopold Street, Radford, Nottingham.

G. GRANT, Crest and Crestbreds. On account of business pressure am giving up the Fancy; all my birds to be sold, prices reasonable; 3 days' approval, stamp reply; no odd hens.—20, Marney Road, Clapham, S.W. x265

SPECIAL offer, even-marked Crestbred cock, double Crested Buff hen, 30s. 6d.; other pairs, 20s. 6d. to 60s.; odd cocks from 10s. 6d.; strong healthy birds.—Roylance, Alexander Street, Tivoli, Cheltenham.

WALLACE'S champion Crests, Crestbreds, same blood winners Palace and leading shows last sixteen years; cocks, hens, from 15s. matched pairs from 30s.; approval.—115, Rosemount Place, Aberdeen. x264

BUY from the breeder. Having selected my breeding stock, have 50 Crests and Crestbreds for sale, Barnard's strain, from £1 to £5 per pair; cold-room bred; approval.—Inspector Storey, Police Station, St. Ives, Hunts.

SEVEN pairs Crests, Tyson's, Grant's strains, Crestbill, grand, healthy stock, from 15s. pair; no reasonable offer refused; five enamelled breeding cages, lot cheap; seen any time.—White, 24, Stockdale Road, Battersea.

MASSIVE clear Crestbred cock, mate winner. Crest hen to match, 30s. pair; variegated Crestbred cock, grand skull, winner many prizes, good dark Crested hen to match, 60s., worth double; approval.—Tottle, 58, Portway, Frome.

GENUINE clearance, thirty years' breeder, 70 for disposal. Crests and Crestbred cocks and hens, 5s. 6d. to 25s. each; useful exchange entertained, Bulldogs or Puppies.—Smeth, Bootmaker, Leigh, Lancashire.

GOOD Crested Norwich cocks, 12s., 15s. 20s. each; Crested hens, 7s. 6d., 10s., 12s. 15s. each; Crestbred cocks, 10s., 12s. 15s. each; Crestbred hens, 6s., 7s. 6d., 10s., 12s. each; stamp reply; money returned if not approved.—Stewart Brothers, Surrey Street, Norwich. x265

LARGE variegated Crest-bred cock, 7s. 6d.; ticked buff ditto, 8s. 6d.; clear Crest-bred hen, 5s.; ditto, beauty, 7s. 6d.; variegated ditto, 7s.; green ditto, 7s.; variegated dark Crest hen, 5s. 6d.; ditto cock, 6s. 6d.; all large healthy birds; approval willingly.—Hatton, Windmill, Belper.

W. G. FRENCH, 28, Seymour Avenue, Plymouth (prizes won at Plymouth shows, 3rd, 4th, 5th, and four, he, four specials). Can spare three good Crested cocks, two Crested hens, two Crest-bred hens from my grand strain. See CAGE BIRDS last week. Cocks, 20s., 25s., 30s.; hens, 10s., 15s., 20s.

MASSIVE Crestbred hens and Crests. R. B. Tope, 8, Hoe Street, Plymouth, having selected his breeding stock, has 20 Crestbred hens worth the attention of breeders of this grand variety. See them and judge for yourself, combining the strains of Diploma winner at the Palace for best Crest in show and my well known Perfection the Second; approval to known fanciers.

AT London Provincial Ornithological Society, October 30th, 1906, with four entries, I won eight prizes including Crest Club Special, two medals and Championship Diploma for best Crest open classes; have several Crests and Crestbreds from 7s. 6d. upwards; approval; stamp.—Woollard, Sprowston, Norwich. Note, I am not a dealer; absolutely all my own breeding. x264

SPECIAL! Special!! Heavily feathered prize-bred Crests and Crestbreds of the identical strains with which I have given such satisfaction for many years. Judiciously matched breeding pairs, 12s. 6d., 15s., 20s., 30s., 40s. upwards; odd cocks and hens, very reasonable; enquiries invited; exhibition cocks or hens, 20s. to £5 each; all cold-room bred, and willingly on approval, anywhere.—H. Amiss, Breeder and Exporter, 69, Ashby Street, Norwich.

HAVING selected my breeding stock, have the following high-class Crests, Crest-breds, for disposal; Barnett's and Joyce's strains; Mouster even-wing marked dark Crest cock, 16s. 6d.; large heavy-feathered ditto, 15s.; grand feathery ditto, 12s. 6d.; large heavy-feathered yellow green Crest cock, 14s.; feathered variegated dark Crest cock, 14s.; monster even wing marked dark Crest hen, 17s. 6d.; heavy feathered variegated ditto, 15s.; ditto, 12s. 6d.; large heavy-feathered green Crest-bred cock, 14s.; monster variegated ditto, 14s.; large heavy feathered Crest-bred hen, variegated, 17s. 6d.; grand feathery ditto, 15s.; ditto, 12s. 6d.; all grand stock birds, in perfect condition; approval.—Hatton, Windmill, Belper.

CREST and Crestbreds, best blood in the world, winner of challenge bowls at Barnstaple, Bristol (four), Plymouth, Sidmouth, and £25 cup; among latest winnings, Nottingham, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc.; Cardiff, two 1sts, etc.; Gateshead, two 1sts; few to spare, single, from 30s.; pairs, from 60s.; state price prepared to give and enclose stamp.—Rev. G. W. Joyce, Wellington, Somerset.

C. ROBERTS.

Champion Crests, the best money can buy, matched pairs, 20s. 6d., 30s. 6d., 40s. 6d., to £12 12s. each pair; single birds from 12s. 6d. each. Approval.—67, Whitegate Drive, Blackpool.

CRESTS AND CRESTBREDS.

Not having had time to show this season, I have a nice lot of Crests and Crestbreds for disposal, very reasonable. No single hens.—Mason, 23, Ferme Park Road, Stroud Green, N. x264

HIGH-CLASS CRESTS & C.B.s,

Related to winners Crystal Palace and L.P.O. Shows. Two lightly marked Crested cocks, 50s. each; two variegated ditto, rough crests, 15s. each, large birds with plenty of feather; green Crestbred hens, 10s., 15s., 20s. each; approval.—Crow, London Road, Lowestoft. x264

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Splendid specimens. Crests and Crestbreds. Pairs properly matched, **12/6, 15/-, 17/6, 20/-.** Crested or Crestbred Cocks, **8/6, 10/6, 15/-.** Crested Hens, **7/6, 10/-.** Crestbred Hens, **5/6, 7/6, 10/-.**

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CHAMPION CRESTS & NORWICH PLAINHEADS.

These are the two varieties I keep, and no one in England has better. Last Season I had three Fanciers breeding for me with birds of the highest quality. Neither money or sound judgment has been wanting in getting one of the finest stocks in the world together; and remember I don't exhibit now I breed for my customers to win. Hundreds of Winners sold by me, and reasonable. 30 years breeder. Have had the honour to judge at over one hundred shows. If fanciers cannot get the right birds from me, where can they get them? All on approval.

T. BILLINGTON,
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Dutch Frills.

HIGH-CLASS Dutch Frills, cocks and hens; list free.—Rudd, Bird Specialist, Norwich.

MOULTED Singing Thrush, 15s.; Skylark and cage, 4s. 6d. and 7s. 6d.; exchange Yorkshire hens, Dutch Frills, reasonable.—Edward Williams, Parliament Place, Liverpool.

Greens.

NORWICH Greens.—Grand 1905 buff hen, two yellow, two buff 1906 cocks, 7s. 6d. each, to clear.—Mallinson, 107, Gibraltar Road, Halifax. x264

LARGE Green buff Yorkshire cock, 7½in. long, bred 1906, from winners, 10s. 6d.—Gilman Church Institute, Buxton.

THIRTY Greens and Clears, Yorkshires, best blood in the Fancy; cages, travelling cases.—Caples, 372, Latham Street, Kirkdale, Liverpool.

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshire and Norwich greens; singles; matched pairs a speciality; approval, stamp.—Hadwin, 28, Pembroke Place, Liverpool.

NORWICH Greens, the finest strain living; cocks, big, slashing birds, 10s. 6d., 15s. and 20s., hens 5s. 6d., 7s. 6d., 10s. 6d. Approval with pleasure.—J. Alkin, 19, Albert Street, Wednesbury.

THE finest collection of Greens living (see Altrincham show reports). I won outright 2 silver rose bowls, for 4 highest birds and best Norwich in show. I took 3 firsts, 3 seconds, 3 thirds, 1 fourth, 1 vhc; having 150 birds, can spare some grand pairs or singles, Yorkshire or Norwich, reasonable; cash or deposit, CAGE BIRDS; approval, stamp.—W. Thompson, 69, Penton Street, Liverpool.

Lancashires.

LANCASHIRES on sale, Coppies and Plainheads, buffs and yellows, cold room; approval, stamp reply.—King, Milnrow, near Rochdale.

MOP-HEAD young buff Coppy cock, 8s. 6d.; buff Plainhead cock, 10s.; grand birds; approval; stamp.—Fitton, 41, Laurel Street, Rochdale.

CHAMPION Coppys and Plainheads, yellows and buffs, 10s. 6d. each; ten days' approval.—Wm. Powick, Eastfield House, Dewsbury.

ARTHUR WEST, Tweedale Street, Rochdale. High-class Lancashires from my winners yellows and buffs, Coppies and Plainheads; on approval.

SURPLUS yellow and buff Coppies, buff Plainheads, young healthy birds, cheap to clear; approval; full song.—Geo. Wm. Oldham, 255, London Road, Hazel Grove, Stockport.

GRAND young Lancashire Plainhead cock, ready for pairing, 12s. 6d.; ditto coppy cock, 15s., both healthy, clean plumage, and buff clear); cash, sent at once on receipt of postal order, bargains.—Hawkins, Shalimar, Withdean, Brighton.

Lizards.

WINNERS, stock birds, cages; no better; send for list.—Oliver, Hadfield Street, Glossop.

FEW pairs from 12s. 6d., and Silver cocks, 6s., 8s., 10s. each; approval.—J. Green, 256, Chapel Street, Leigh, Lancs.

1906 GRAND broken-cap silver Lizard hen, same strain as London and Cheltenham winners, lovely spangling, 7s. 6d.; approval; deposit.—Miss Price, Inverayon, Clifton, Bristol.

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CRESTBRED cock, 12s. 6d.; two Buff Plainhead hens, 5s. each; lot, 18s.—William Struth, Camelon.

FOR sale my stock Norwich Canaries, and all kinds cages; giving up Fancy.—J. Bessell, Ludlow.

THREE cocks, 1906, 5s. 6d. each, 1os. lot.—Gaunt, Kilburn, Derbyshire.

TWO 1905 variegated yellow hens, healthy, 4s. 6d. couple, bargain.—Beeston, Ross-on-Wye.

NORWICH cock Canary, 6s., clear yellow, splendid songster.—Lady Miller, Nash Court, Faversham.

NORWICH, clear buff cock, 6s., clear buff hen, 3s. 6d.—Alex. Douglas, Culbard Street, Elgin.

WANTED Norwich Canaries for cash.—Smith's Bird Stores, 40, Townhead Street, Hamilton.

COCK Canaries from 5s. 6d., hens 1s. 6d.—Coles (side door), 109, High Street, Borough, London.

VERY large clear yellow hen, 10s., winner.—Exton, 31, Chartley Road, Leicester.

YOUNG Norwich cocks, on song, from 7s., hens from 3s.—W.H., 122, New Road, Battersea, S.W.

PRIZE strain Norwich, 9s. pair; buff hens, 3s. 6d.—Reeve, 67, Cambridge Street, Norwich.

GRAND yellow Norwich cock, warranted singing, 7s. 6d.—Lardener, 85, Kilburn Park Road, London.

LOOK! Norwich Plainheads, 8s. 6d., 10s. 6d. pair; cocks, 6s. 6d.; hens, 3s., 4s. 6d.; satisfaction guaranteed.—Cracknall, 42, Clarke Road, Norwich. x263

GRAND Norwich cocks, in song, 7s; hens, 3s. 6d. and 4s. 6d.; cage free.—Colvin, 19, Portland Street, Glasgow x246

GRAND Norwich, from prize birds, on approval; hens, 5s. 6d.; cocks, 7s 6d.—I. Day, Fornham Road, Bury St. Edmund's.

TYPICAL buff hen, colour fed, Heaton's strain, 12s. 6d.; approval willingly.—Berry, Ing Lane Newsome, Huddersfield.

NORWICH.—Some grand birds for disposal, cocks, 8s. each; hens, 10s., 2s. 6d. each.—White, Alderman's Green, Foleshill, Coventry.

VEALE'S strain direct; a few good cocks, yellows and buffs, cheap; approval stamp.—Tope, 8, Hoe Street, Plymouth.

YELLOW, green and variegated Norwich cocks, splendid songsters from 6s.; two hens 3s. each.—Miss Parker, Eccleshall, Staffs.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich, good stock pairs from 15s., single cocks or hens 10s. and upwards, yellow or buff; approval.—Williams, 186, High Street, Cheltenham.

NORWICH 1906 Plainheads for sale; cocks, from 4s. 6d.; hens, from 2s. each.—Apply, 3, Cromer Road, Holt, Norfolk.

STEPHEN TWEDDLE, breeder and exhibitor of champion Norwich Plainheads, winner at all the leading shows, 123, Balaclava Street, Blackburn.

A FEW high-class Norwich left, including one or two show birds, 12s 6d. to 25s. per pair.—Rev Bernard Wilton, Bilsdale Vicarage, Middlesbrough.

NORWICH bred from my winners, 10s pair; approval, deposit.—W. Allen, Witchford Aviaries, Ely, Cambs. x269

GRAND lot young variegated Norwich Plainheads, own breeding, best blood procurable; on approval.—Jones, New Tredegar, via Cardiff. x263

GIVING UP. Typical Norwich Plainheads, good stock birds, from 12s. 6d. a pair.—Alinatt, Butler, The Knoll, Kingston Hill, Surrey.

GOOD Norwich cocks 4s. 6d.; Yellow 5s. 6d.; hens 2s. 6d., 3s.; pairs 7s., 8s.; satisfaction guaranteed.—Staples, 19, Outram Street, Leicester.

FEW nice pairs Norwich from 12s. 6d. to £1; also odd birds cheap.—Thomas, 79, Larcom Street, Walworth, London.

I HAVE a few pairs of Norwich Canaries from 10s. 6d. per pair, stout yellow and buff hens from 5s. each; approval.—A. Ward, 10, St. Paul's, Norwich.

SIX PAIRS splendid Norwich stock birds, best strains, 15s. to 30s.; overstocked, owing to removal.—Hardcastle, Eliza Street, Sale, Manchester. x263

PLAINHEADS, cocks from 12s. 6d., hens, 10s.; bred from winners' strain, second to none; young, healthy; approval, stamp.—Scaife, Fauldhouse, N.B.

NORWICH Plainheads, yellow and buff, all bred from 1st prize winners, and can win.—R. Pollock, Garduerswell, Bathgate. x263

W. KNIGHT, breeder of champion Norwich, has few for sale, cocks from 7s. 6d., hens from 5s. 6d., upwards.—Address, Glynne Street, Canton, Cardiff.

TWELVE Canaries for sale, three cocks, nine hens, what offers?—Chandos-Pole, Brand, Market Drayton. x 263

STYLISH Buff Norwich, unflighted, cheap to clear, exceptional opportunity. State wants.—Stubbs, 243, Browning Road, Manor Park, Essex.

W. G. FRENCH, 28, Seymour Avenue, Plymouth.—Two buff Norwich cocks, one yellow cock, Collins' strain, 12s. 6d. each, or 30s. the lot.

NORWICH, matched to produce winners, can be seen at the L.C.B.A Pair Show, "The Napier," High Holborn, Saturday, January 26th, 3 to 9.

A FEW grand Norwich, fine type and quality, will breed winners; cocks, from 7s. 6d.—Call or write, Thirlwell, 5, Llanover Road, Wembley, Middlesex.

LARGE Norwich hens, 3s., 3s. 6d., 4s.; yellow cocks, 7s. 6d., 8s. each, worth double.—Bear, Warley, Essex. x263

FEW clear ticked or variegated yellow, also clear buff Norwich cocks, few clear yellow or buff Yorkshire cocks, cheap.—Ball, Blackledge, Halifax.

LARGE chubby Norwich cocks, cold bred, yellows, 6s., buffs 5s. 6d.; approval willingly.—Head, 7, Webster Cottages, East Dereham.

PRIZE-BRED Norwich, in the pink of breeding form, cocks 5s., hens, 4s.—A. R. Langlands, Confectioner, Montrose.

NORWICH Canaries. Matched pairs, 10s., 12s., 14s., cold room bred.—W. Taylor, Station Road, Binckley.

SELECT your breeding stock from my Plainheads, cocks from 6s., hens from 3s.—Deakin, 19, Rosedale Road, Forest Gate. x266

GRAND cocks, well on song, 5s. each; hens, from fine breeding stock, 3s.—Oakley, Coroner's Court, Warwick Place, Whitecross Street, E.C.

NOTICE.—Grand Norwich cocks, in song, 3s. 6d. each, or cock and hen, 5s. 6d.; approval.—McKeand, 15, Queen Street, Castle Douglas.

MAGNIFICENT large Norwich Canaries, 6 cocks, 2 hens, clears only 30s.; approval; a bargain.—J. Meaden, Tisbury, Wilts.

NORWICH for sale, yellow, buff, and buff variegated cocks, yellow and buff hens; on approval.—A. Pirie, 255, Montrose Street, Brechin.

VHC, Dark Crested hen, 10s. 6d, Crestbred hen, 7s. 6d., Norwich Plainhead cocks, buff and marked, 5s. 6d.—Bosworth, Sheldon, Birmingham. x265

FEW good Norwich, 12s. 6d., 15s. 6d., and 17s. 6d. pair, 1906 birds.—Collicott, Primrose Hill, Chelmsford.

MRS. ARTHUR BAYLY has good Norwich for sale, winner many firsts, seconds, and others; state wants; approval.—Queen Street, Margate.

TWENTY Buff Norwich hens, 2s. 6d., 3s. each; Yellow, 3s., 4s.; young, healthy, ready for breeding.—Roper, 134, Derby, Seven Kings, Essex.

A FEW grand birds for sale, colour fed, cocks 10s. 6d., hens 7s. 6d. Approval 3 days.—Wilks, 84, Clapham Road, London.

BREEDER and exhibitor of Norwich cocks, from 7s. each; hens, from 5s.; approval.—Thos. Clemmison, Hume Terrace, Darlington.

NINETEENTH annual sale of surplus Norwich pairs, from 7s. 6d., hens from 3s., healthy; approval.—Fred Burchnall, Enderby, Leicester.

FOR Sale, 10 Norwich hens, 2s. each, also 6 Norwich cocks, 4s. each.—Ernest Rowe, 61, Bermuda Chilvers, Coton, Nuneaton.

PRIZE-BRED Norwich for sale, pairs from 10s. 6d. upwards, cocks 7s. 6d., hens from 3s. upwards.—Puxley, Springfield, Chelmsford.

NORWICH for sale, yellow cocks from 5s. 6d., buffs 5s., hens 2s. 6d., cold room bred.—Ashwell, Styvechale, Coventry.

LARGE prize bred buff cock, 10s. 6d., good yellow hen, 8s.; bargains, approval.—C. Bassett, 196, Shirland Road, London.

FEW grand Norwich for disposal, pairs from 12s. 6d.; odd birds from 6s. bred from my winners; approval.—Mallinson, 107, Gibraltar Road, Halifax.

WANTED, chubby Norwich hens, cash or exchange British birds.—Sellick, Ashbourne, Derbyshire.

THREE good yellow Norwich hens, 2s. 6d. each; good house-moulted cock Goldfinch, 5s.; cash or deposit.—Welby, Hallaton, Uppingham.

TWO clear buff hens, Leclair's Sainter's strains, grand shape and quality, colour-fed, 7s. 6d. each; approval.—Gordon, Longley House, Rochester.

FEW cocks left. My own breeding, medium size, bred from winners, cheap; can be seen any time.—F. Chamberlain, 12, Beyer Street, Gorton, Manchester.

FOR sale, six yellow cocks, seven buff cocks, six buff hens, some winners and bred from winners; prices reasonable; stamps for reply; on approval.—Thos. Brown, Statt Street, Brechin.

EXHIBITION Norwich clear yellow cock, unflighted buff hen, 1st Cardiff (pairs, any variety), 45s., show condition.—Jones, 115, Arran Street, Cardiff.

GRAND pair unflighted Norwich, bred from winners, 12s. 6d.; approval, deposit; wanted, large British Goldfinch Muler.—George Potter, Brosley, Salop.

EIGHT large Norwich cocks, good colour, clears, make good stock birds, unfed, singing, 1906 birds, 6s. 6d. each, seen afternoons, 4 Goldfinch Mules.—J.C., 11, Regent's Park Terrace, Gloucester Gate.

THREE deep yellow variegated cocks, one yellow, cap marked, one buff, variegated; hens, unflighted, good sound stock birds; approval.—Turner, 126, Prince's Road, Middlesbrough.

NORWICH typical buff cock, fourth, vhc, 15s.; yellow cock, 9s.; buff cock, 7s. 6d.; large buff hen, 3s. 6d., all 1906, well bred; approval.—Porter, Cabinet Maker, Hangingwater, Sheffield.

ECKERSLEY'S Strain, 4 buffs, 2 yellow cocks, short and thick-set, but not large, accept songster price, 6s. 6d., 7s. 6d., or 30s. lot.—Owen, 39, Ralph Road, Saltley, Birmingham.

BARGAIN.—Pair good Norwich Canaries, 6s. 6d., also house moulted Goldfinch, 5s., healthy birds; approval.—Robertson, 22, Summerfield Terrace, Aberdeen.

CANARIES, Norwich Plainheads, hens, 2s., 2s. 6d., cocks, 5s., 6s. each, fine songsters, good yellows, cold room reared.—F. Baker 67, St. Aubyns, Hove, Sussex.

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WANTED, teazle, igna, maw, canary, rape seeds; exchange wild seeds.—Brain, Glastonbury.

WANTED, any quantity of fancy Mice, Rats, or Ferrets.—Wilson, 247, Argyle Street, Glasgow.

WANTED, hen, Snowbunting, Treesparrow, and Siskin.—C. B. Wainwright, Hill House, Buxware.

TALKING Parrots wanted, Grey or Amazons, also Magpies, Jackdaws, and Jays; state price; bankers, Lloyd's.—Gore, Sherlock Street, Birmingham.

WANTED, Persian kittens in exchange for cages or aviaries, any description.—Hogg, Cage Maker, Carlisle.

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WANTED, Parrot, Fowls, Canaries; exchange phonograph, Blankets, lady's fur, silk handkerchiefs, etc.—Haines, Milton Street, Birmingham.

WANTED, Lizards, in exchange for two pairs of Yorkshires, or sell £1.—Harold, 78, Bolton Road, Bradford.

WANTED, Canaries or Poultry, in exchange for Fox Terrier dog puppy, four months; or sell 10s.—Davis, 29, Station Street, Lymington. x264

WANTED, Canaries; will give in exchange grand Brindle Bulldog, 18 months old; sell £5 5s.—Walter Cross, Hairdresser, Kettering.

WANTED, pair Norwich Plainheads; exchange music, vocal or instrumental; mutual approval.—Laurence Robinson, Cornholme, Todmorden.

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HEN Budgerigar, muling hens; exchange pair Ringdoves or breeding, flight, and single cages.—J. Moran, 38, Broad Street, Pendleton, Manchester.

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WANTED, common hen Canaries; also few pairs Yorkshires; cash, or exchange good Norwich. See British Birds.—Gould, Aston Aviaries, Aston, Birmingham.

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DEWSBURY AND DIS. C.B.S.

Members' Table Show, January 19th, at headquarters, Royal Hotel. Mr. F. Allen (Cleckheaton) judged, and gave general satisfaction. Some very good birds were staged, numbering 76 in all. Messrs. Cook and Son won the medal in the champion section, and Mr. F. Bird the medal in the novice. CL. OR TICK YELL. COCK (7): 1, spl best bird in show, Bird; 2, Cade; 3, Goodaire; vhc, Ainley; hc, Stafford; c, Ainley. BUFF (8): 1, spl, Cook and Son; 2, 3, spl, Taylor; vhc, Goodaire; hc, spl, Ainley; c, Mitchell. UNEVEN MKD. COCK (8): 1, spl, Bird; 2, Cook and Son; 3, Taylor; vhc, Metcalfe; hc, Ainley; c, Roberts. YELL. HEN (11): 1, 3, Bird; 2, Taylor; vhc, Hall; hc, Ainley; c, Cook and Son. BUFF (15): 1, Yelland; 2, Cook and Son; 3, vhc, Taylor; hc, Bird. UNEVEN MKD. HEN (15): 1, hc, Taylor; 2, Bird; 3, Cook and Son; vhc, Rayner; c, Cade. SELL., 10s. 6d. (11): 1, spl, Cook and Son; 2, Cook; 3, Taylor; vhc, hc, spl, Mitchell.

Kindly thank all applicants who replied to my advertisement. The enquiries are too numerous to answer.—J. TROMANS (Cradley).

CHELLOW DEAN CINDERELLA FUND SHOW.

This cage bird Show was held in the City Council School, Allerton, Bradford, on Saturday, January 19th. Alderman David Wade, J.P., opened the Show, and remarked that he was very pleased to see so many fanciers present who took such an interest in birds. He wished the club every success, and hoped that the gentlemen present would carry on the Show year by year, as the object for which it was held (the benefit of the poor children of Bradford) was a good one. We noticed many old fanciers present during the afternoon, including Mr. Brotherton, Chairman of the Cinderella Fund, Mr. Sunderland, Treasurer, Mr. Bastow, the excellent Secretary, and the Committee, Messrs. Greaves, Crabtree, T. and H. Clegg, Wenock, F. Wood, F. Hammond, S. Dean, and J. Clark, who are entitled to every credit for their share in this deserving Show. Also to be seen were our old friends, J. Knight, E. B. Denton, E. Smith, Gibbons (Manchester), A. Hirst (Accrington), Geo. Wear (Skipton), etc. The judges elected for the Show were Messrs. Ambler, Cowgill, and Mundell, who had made their awards by 12.30, so that all cards were placed and the Show was open to the public by 1 o'clock. A good attendance followed, and we heard from the Treasurer, Mr. Sunderland, that he will have a balance to hand over to the Cinderella Fund of £10.

CL. YELL. YORKS. (15): 1, spl, 3, Radley, first the old champion looking well, grand position, full of quality, well on leg, third rich colour, full of quality, well on leg, grand position, good flights and tail; 2, Shackleton, very slim, full of quality, well on leg, good head, wings and tail; 4, Wood, paler colour, nice quality, well on leg, grand wings and tail; vhc, Crossley, blaze of colour, good long flights and tail; hc, Bailey and Swanger. BUFF (15): 1, 3, Shackleton, first pale colour, full of quality, well on leg, good flights and tail, bit unsteady, third rich colour, full of quality, neat wings and tail, good head; 2 Halliday, has position and quality, good wings and tail, bit on the strong side; 4, Spencer and Son, rich colour, full of quality, long flights and tail, on the stout side; vhc, hc, Bailey and Swanger; c, Rawnsley. TICK., ETC., YELL. (12): 1, Walsh, rich colour, well on leg, good head, long flights and tail, full of nerve, wing marked; 2, Mrs. C. M. Sunderland, slim and typical, patchy colour, nice quality; 3, Murgatroyd and Son, full of quality, well on leg, good head, a bit down; 4, vhc, Bailey and Swanger, very typical, full of quality, not steady; hc, Edmonston; c, Taylor. BUFF (18): 1, Bailey and Swanger, rich colour, feathered like wax, long flights and tail, well on leg; 2, Spencer and Son, true-marked, grand position, good head, long flights and tail; 3, Halliday, grizzled on back, grand position, bit stout; 4, Wilcock, ticked head and wings, has position and quality, well on leg; vhc, Wilson, rich colour, very stylish; hc, Rawnsley; c, Brayshaw and Jowett. UNEVEN. (18): 1, Wilcock, buff, full of quality, well on leg, good head, bit strong; 2, Cruise, yell. ticked, full of quality, slim, well on leg, good wings, tail, and position; 3, Murgatroyd and Son, une.-marked buff, full of quality, well on leg, good head and wings, very stylish; 4, Brotherton, buff, very stylish, but wild; vhc, Mrs. Sunderland; hc, Wood; c, Wilson. YELL. HEN (12): 1, Shackleton, eye ticked, full of quality, well on leg, typical, neat head, grand wings and tail; 2, Wilkinson, long slim bird, full of quality, well on leg, bit down; 3, hc, Bailey and Swanger, stylish, full of quality, neat round head, clean on breast, grand wings and tail; 4, Murgatroyd and Son, full of quality, grand wings and tail, well on leg; vhc, Wilcock; c, Rawnsley. BUFF HEN (15): 1, Spencer and Son, fine bird, full of quality, grand position, good wings and tail neat head; 2, c, Ogden Bros., second very stylish, neat head, full of quality, good wings and neat tail; 3, Rawnsley, check ticked, very neat and typical, full of quality; 4, Bailey and Swanger, bit short, full of quality, well on leg: vhc, Halliday; hc, Farrar. CINN. TKD. YELL. (11): 1, Wilcock, capped head and wing marked, rich colour, well on leg, full of quality: 2, Hartley, eye and wing, pale colour, full of quality, well on leg, very stylish; 3, hc, Wharton, cap, head, and wings, rich colour, full of quality, nice stylish, full of quality; vhc, Dobson, capped type; 4, Sutcliffe, eye and wing, very slim and head and wing, very typical; c, Ogden Bros. BUFF (12): 1, Brayshaw and Jowett, eye and wing, rich colour, typical, full of quality, neat head, grand wings and tail; 2, hc, Denton, eye and wings, very stylish, full of quality, good wings and tail; 3, J. and A. Halinshaw, eye and wing, pale colour, well on leg, good wings and tail; 4, Wilcock, splashed on breast, rich colour, full of quality; vhc, Dobson; c, Wear. CINN. MKD. YELL. HENS (12): 1, c, Sutcliffe, eye and wings, full of quality, neat head, good wings and tail, very stylish; 2 Cook and Son, eye and wings, rich colour, full of quality, neat wings and tail; 3, Dobson, eye and wings, typical, rare quality, pale colour; 4, Wilson, eye and wings, typical, neat head, grand wing carriage, very steady; vhc, Hartley; hc, Firth. BUFF (12): 1, vhc, Sutcliffe, eye and wings, beautiful feather, good head, wings, and tail, very typical; 2, hc, Hartley, eye, head, and wings, full of quality, typical, paler colour; 3, Cook and Son, cap and wing, full of quality, shade strong, very stylish, well on leg, good wing and tail; c, Dewhurst. A.O.V. CAN. OR MULE (11): 1, c, Radley, Crest and Crest-bred; 2, Taylor, Greenie-Can.; 3, Chittenden; 4, vhc, Inman; hc, Walsh. SELL., 20s. (17): 1, Hammond; 2, Chittenden; 3, Mrs. Sunderland; 4, Ackroyd; vhc, Crossley; hc, Simpson; c, Wood. SELL., 15s. (26): 1, Bolton; 2, Wilkinson; 3, Denton; 4, Brayshaw and Jowett; vhc, Simmonett; hc, Towers; c, Cruise. SELL., 12s. 6d., HENS (16): 1, Hammond; 2, Towers; 3, Webb; 4, Kirk; vhc, Mitchell; hc, Brayshaw and Jowett; c, Smith. NOVICE YORKS., YELL. (14): 1, Morris and Shackleton, blaze of colour, well on leg, long flights and tail, full of quality, grand type; 2, Lodge, long bird, pale colour, full of quality, lacks a little in head; 3, Ackroyd, rich colour, well on leg, long flights and tail, shade strong; 4, Chapman and Bateman, grand head, back, and tail, well on leg, shows a little frill; vhc, Marsden; hc, Self; c, Pollett. BUFF (23): 1, Towers, very typical, lovely colour, full of quality, grand wings and tail; 2, 3, Dyson, second slim, stylish, good wing carriage, full of quality, third grand type, well on leg, lovely quality; 4, Drake, well on leg, good head, wings and tail, full of nerve and position; vhc, hc, Self; c, Waterworth. TKD., ETC., YELL. (16): 1, Drake, thigh ticked, lovely quality, grand head and back, good wings and tail; 2, Marsden, rare blaze of colour, well on leg, good wings and tail, very stylish; 3, Holmes, cheek marked, typical, well on leg, good wings and tail; 4, Morris and Shackleton, thigh tick., good legs, full of quality; vhc, Wellock; hc, Varley; c, Simmonett. BUFF (14): 1, Wood, thigh ticked, well on leg, good head, grand wings and tail, very typical, rich colour, full of quality; 2, Marsden, thigh ticked, good head and back, clean on breast, well on leg, good position; 3, Halliday, very stylish, full of quality, nice piped tail; 4, Drake, bit on the stout side, rich colour, well on leg; vhc, Alderson Bros.; hc, Dyson; c, Smith. YELL. HEN (23) 1, Townsend, grand position, full of quality, well on leg, good wings, bit on the stout side; 2, Wood, cheek ticked, pale colour, typical, good head; 3, Mitchell, eye and wing marked, pale colour, very stylish, full of quality; 4, Fortnam. rich colour, full of quality, neat head, good wings, vhc, Moore; hc, Ferguson; c, Whitham. BUFF HEN (24): 1, Varley, typical, position, good wings, and piped tail, full of quality; 2, Morris and Shackleton, lovely feather, grand wing carriage, stands well; 3, Marsden, very stylish, good head, lovely colour, well on leg; 4, Drake, neat head, clear on chest, good wings and tail; vhc, Priestley; hc, Fergusou; c, Gudgeon.

GREAT YARMOUTH.

This the Twelfth Show of the Hand-in-Hand F.S., held December 26th, was as usual a most excellent exhibition. Congratulations are due to Mr. J. Marshall (Chairman), Mr. Bowles (Vice-Chairman), Mr. F. W. Clarke (Hon. Sec.), and Mr. H. J. Smith (Hon. Treas.). There was a record number of entries, and quality was quite as evident as quantity. Mr. J. Mackley (Norwich), judged.

CHAMPIONS, NOR. PLAIN.: 1, 2, 3, W. Tiptod. BUFF: 1, 2. Tiptod; 3, Leighton. TICK. YELL.: 1, Marshall; 2, Tiptod; 3, Whittleton. BUFF: 1, Tiptod; 2, Marshall; 3, King. CINN. YELL.: 1, Tiptod; 2, Marshall. BUFF: 1, Whittleton; 2, Haylett; 3, Marshall. CREST OR CRESTBRED: 1, 2, 3, Brown. AMATEUR. YELL. NOR. PLAIN: 1, Tiptod; 2, Haylett; 3, Marshall. BUFF: 1, 3, Tiptod; 2, Claxton: 1, Tiptod; 2, 3, Marshall. MULES: 1, 3, Tiptod; 2, Claxton. FINCH: 1, Clarke; 2, Claxton; 3, Whittleton. LINNET, ETC.: 1, Claxton; 2, Clarke; 3, Whittleton. BLACKBIRD, ETC.: 1, Claxton; 2, 3, Whittleton. NOVICES: YELL. NOR. PLAIN: 1, Bowles; 2, 3, Whittleton. BUFF: 1, 3, Whittleton; 2, Bowles. HENS; 1, Bowles; 2, 3, Whittleton. SELL.: 1 3, Marshall; 2, Haylett.

HEXHAM.

The Hexham and Dist. F.S. held a most successful show in the Corn Exchange, on January 1st. Mr. T. Dixon judged the cage bird classes, and very few exhibitors had any adverse criticism to offer.

BOR.: 1, Pennington; 2, Hopper Bros.; 3, Meekley. YORKS. YELL.: 1, vhc, Cuthbertson; 2, Armstrong; 3, Raisbeck; hc, Ellwood; c, Taylor and Sanderson. BUFF: 1, 3, Cuthbertson; 2, vhc, Armstrong. A.O.V.: 1, 3, Bates; 2, Newman; vhc, hc, Green. SELL., 15s.: 1, vhc Raisbeck; 2, 3, Davidson; hc, Bates. LINNET: 1, Scott; 2, Smith and Son; 3, Newman; vhc, Byron; hc, Reed; c, Bates. GOLDFINCH OR BULLFINCH: 1, Mrs. Dickens; 2, Raisbeck; 3, Bates; hc, Nicholson and Son. A.O. FINCH: 1, Forster; 2, Smith and Son; 3, Nicholson and Son; vhc, Maddison; hc, Newman; c, Porteous. A.O.V. BRIT.: 1, Porteous; 2, Robson; 3, Forster; vhc, c, Penrice; hc, Nicholson and Son. FOR. LARGE: 1, 3, Nicholson and Son; 2, Porteous; vhc, Whyte; hc, McKenzie. SMALL: 1, 2, 3, Porteous; vhc, Newman.

CITY OF BRADFORD O.S.

The Final Show, Members' Competition, for last season was held on January 12th, at the Travellers' Rest. Extra prizes to the value of 30s., 10s., 5s. were offered in each section (open and novice) for most points at the six Members' Shows, three highest birds to count. So tight was the race between the leaders in each section that not till the last class was judged could the winner be declared. The final result was:—F. Ludbrook and Wharton Bros. tied with 85 points for 1st and 2nd, J. Hartley 3rd with 73 points. Novice Section: 1, E. W. Pollitt, 97 points; 2, Hellewell and Wilford, 96 points; 3, T. Fortnam, 95 points. The judge, Mr. A. Spencer (Doncaster), had 62 birds to adjudicate upon, and his decisions were very well received. CL. YELL. YORKS.: 1, 2, Wharton Bros.; 3, Ludbrook; 4, Hartley. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Wharton Bros.; 4, Hartley; YELL. BEN: 1, 3, vhc, Ludbrook; 2, hc, c, Wharton Bros.; 4, Hartley. BUFF: 1, 4, Hartley; 2, 3, c, Wharton Bros.; vhc, hc, Ludbrook. NOVICE CLASSES: CL. YELL. YORKS.: 1, 3, vhc, Hellewell and Wilford; 2, 4, c, Pollitt; hc, Lambert. BUFF: 1, hc, Pollitt; 2, Horsfield; 3, vhc, c, Hellewell and Wilford; 4, Ramsden. YELL. HEN: 1, C. Byard; 2, 3, vhc, Pollitt; 4, Brown; hc, Hellewell and Wilford. BUFF: 1, vhc, c, Pollitt; 2, 4, Hellewell and Wilford; 3, Horsfield; hc, Ramsden. P. Stansfield Sec.

CINN.—MKD. YORKS. C.C.

At a committee meeting held at Bradford City Show, the Secretary reported that a society to whom we had given patronage had decided not to hold a show, and it was decided to give our patronage instead to the Shipley and Dis. Show, and that the members of the committee guarantee the Cinn. mark classes at the Shipley Show also the Charity Show to be held in Bradford. The result of the voting for Palace judge was in favour of Mr. W. Mundell. The competition prizes, along with those presented by J. Brotherton, Esq., to the C. M. Y. C. C. and Y. C. C., were on view at the Charity Show, and were much admired. It has been decided to have a "smoker," at which to present our prizes; this will be held at the Market Tavern, probably on March 2nd. Messrs. Wharton (Pres.), Greaves (Vice-Pres.), Crabtree and Garnett were appointed a sub-committee to make arrangements. Mr. Gibbons, of Manchester, has given a special for the novice members of the club for season 1907-8, and seeing that the Palace committee have allowed us to select our own judge, I hope all members will make as many entries at the Palace Show as possible.—R. Garnett, Hon. Sec.

QUEENSBURY C.B.S.

An enthusiastic meeting was held at the Granby Hotel, on Jan. 15th. Mr. J. Hartley, of Lidget Green gave a washing exhibition. There were a large number of members and friends present. Mr. Hartley explained the various positions in turn as he put the birds through. After he had finished questions were asked and answered by him in an interesting manner. During the evening one or two members also washed birds.—S. Jagger, Sec.

DARLINGTON C. & B.B.F.A.

First annual meeting, January 1th, at George Hotel, Mr. W. A. Simpson, Chairman. The Secretary presented the balance sheet, showing a good balance in hand, which is very satisfactory, considering the short time the Association has been formed. The balance sheet of our first open show, which was held on December 21th, was also accepted, and showed a balance which will go to the funds of the Association. The following officers were elected for 1907: Chairman, W. A. Simpson; Vice-Chairman, J. Cuthbertson; Treasurer, J. Wildsmith; Auditors, H. Hawkins and G. Telson; Secretary, R. S. Black. It was decided that we hold a pair show at our next meeting on February 15th for Yorkshires, Norwich, and pairs for Mules or Hybrid breeding. Entry fee 6d. per cage; the entrance money and a suitable amount from the Association funds to be paid as prize money in each class. One of our members has promised a special prize in cash for the best pair of birds shown for breeding. Two new members were admitted. A vote of thanks to the officers for their services during the past year brought the meeting to a close.—R. S. Black, Hon. Sec.

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SINGING CONTESTS.

PENTONVILLE.

At the Bee Hive, Cynthia Street, Pentonville Road, Saturday and Sunday, there was a large gathering of bird fanicers, and handicaps were won by C. Meacock, Mason, Snow and Smith. Earlier in the week C. Meacock also won. A free handicap for Linnets will take place Sunday, January 13th, 1.30. Hand-painted mirror 1st prize.—Timekeeper, BILL MORRISON.

LEEDS.

Linnet Singing at the Old Bird House.—A great gathering of the quality Linnet singing brigade assembled to witness the week-end contest. Twenty-one selected prize winners at various contests competed for four good prizes, given by Mr. J. Booth. The birds were in splendid condition, and gave a grand display. Result:—1st and 2nd prizes, H. Hayes; 3rd, Sam Hardcastle; 4th, T. Stead.—J. MELIA

BLACKBURN LINNET ASSOCIATION.

The Small Bird Protection and Linnet Fanciers' Association Club held their Annual Feather Show on January 19th, when twenty birds competed. The following are the prize winners: 1, spl, Christopherson; 2, Rostron; 3, McGrevey; 4, Christopherson. At the evening meeting a resolution was passed:—"Any person wishing to become a member of the above Society will kindly give in their names on or before Shrove Tuesday to the Secretary, RD. HAYHURST."

NEWTOWN, LEEDS L.A.

Members and friends of the above met on January 20th, in large numbers to witness a contest between fifteen of the best picked birds in Leeds for three good prizes given by Mr. J. R. Saynor. Judges, E. Wood and T. Craine. Timekeeper, B. Jackson. 1st, H. Allen; 2nd, A. Binner; 3rd, F. Allen.—E. WOOD, Hon. Sec.

A CHALLENGE.

Seeing that we, the members of the Prince Albert Inn Linnet Association, Newtown, Leeds, have got no good Linnets equal to the King's Head Association, we are open to sing the King's Head brigade for a supper (on any date), ten to twenty birds each, the winning team to have their supper where they like, the Editor of this paper to pick three paid Judges. The losing team to pay 5s. a piece, so as it will run at 2s. 6d. per head, all-round. Quality singing; match time; one half of the birds to sing at the King's Head, and the other half at the Prince Albert Inn. Hoping they will show up and see what they are made of.—E. WOOD, Hon. Sec.

[We scarcely feel equal to the responsibility of selecting three judges for the proposed contest. Though anxious to assist we must ask to be excused on this occasion.—ED. "C.B."]

HAMMERSMITH.

A Chaffinch handicap was held at the Duke of Edinburgh, Hammersmith, with the following result:—Clements, 4 x 7, 1st; Cook, 3 x 14, 2nd; W. Smith, 1 x 16, 3rd. A good race between the first and second, who were drawn together, and did not open till the last five minutes, when it was a battle royal which was well worth listening to, both doing pleasant song. After the handicap a match was sung between H. W. Cooke and F. Milsom with Linnets, resulting in a victory for the former.—DARKEY LAWRENCE, Timekeeper.

BURY AND DIS. C.B.S.

I wish to thank the Committee and every member for the way they have worked during the past year. I have had occasion to come in contact with members of other societies, but have failed to find any more enthusiastic than our own. We commenced the year with twenty-four members—now we number seventy, and we may look forward to our show of 1907 being one worthy of any society. I may say that a good prize may be offered by one of our patrons for Hybrids, and he is anxious to see some competition.—W. P. TURTON, Sec.

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the mixture and put it on a course of Parrish's Chemical Food for a fortnight. Keep warm (not a dry heat) and free from draught. When covering up a cage at night, cover it up all round, but not over the top.

Blue-winged Lovebird.—(1) What is its food in captivity? (2) Is it hardy enough to winter out of doors? (3) Do they breed in this country? (4) Is White-headed another name for the Madagascar Lovebird?—S.G.

(1) The Blue-winged Lovebird, or properly the Passernic Parrakeet (*Psittacula passerina*) is very modest in its requirements, taking little beyond Canary, white and spray millet, a little ripe fruit, and greenfood. (2) These birds are decidedly delicate when they first come over, but with care they become quite hardy; do not put them out of doors till June for the first year, and then about October bring them indoors for the winter; put them out again the following May, and after that they can be left out altogether. (3) I have a remembrance of their having nested in this country (but cannot be quite sure from memory), but they certainly are shy breeders in this country. The late Dr. Russ, however, reared young in his bird-room. (4) Yes, both names refer to the same bird.

A Feather Plucker.—My grey, a good talker, has now no other interest than that of plucking itself till the blood drips. It eats well of biscuit, bread soaked in tea, and also Indian corn. Can you give me a remedy?—"A."

This annoying habit is almost incurable once a bird becomes confirmed in it; it is mostly the result of unwholesome food bringing on indigestion, skin irritation, and other ills, in its train. Correct its diet, and give it a cooling aperient, once or twice a week, so as to keep its bowels moving freely, but not loose, one teaspoonful of Dinneford's magnesia to each ounce of its drinking water. Keep up a regular supply of cuttlefish; also on the days you are not giving the magnesia, colour the drinking water with Parrish's chemical food. Get a box of spermaceti ointment, and rub this on the bare and sore parts, but do not make it too greasy. Have a piece of steel chain about 6in. long fixed to the collar, so that it will hang over the bird's breast. I prevent feather plucking by a wholesome diet, but with a bird in such a condition as yours advertiser's remedies would be worth a trial. Diet:—A mixture of two parts each canary, millet, and oats, and one part each of hemp, sunflower, wheat, and dari; well mix, and keep a supply continually in the cage, also regular supplies of grit, cuttlefish, green food, and ripe fruit. To vary the diet give boiled potato, raw carrot, plain biscuit, nuts, and dry crusts of stale household bread. Do not give sops, slops, or animal food of any kind whatever. Do not use a metal drinking vessel while giving drugs. Note replies to other querists in this and past issues.

What Parrot?—What Parrot would make the most companionable and lively pet? One that would come out of the cage and allow itself to be handled. Would a Single Cockatiel answer these requirements?—L.G.

This is a difficult matter; some Greys, Amazons, and Ring-necks, with others, become sufficiently tame to be handled, but most of them are unsafe in this respect, and are liable to give an unsuspected nip that is decidedly unpleasant. I should hesitate in recommending either of them generally as meeting your requirements, and yet there are individuals of all of them that would fulfil your conditions. I have known many Cockatiels as tame and reliable as you require, when caged young and kept as a pet, but I could not say this for the species as a whole. I should recommend you to try a Tui Parrakeet, or better, a pair; they are beautiful little things, and would, I am sure, fully meet your requirements, if you lead them on step by step. Unfortunately they are not always on the market, and are rather expensive, but they are worth what they cost.

Avadavats Dying.—(1) When these birds came to hand, two were rather frail and shortly began to wheeze, so I put a few drops of glycerine in their water, and soon after they were seized with cramp and convulsions, and two died the same day, and the third the following day. Can you give the cause? (2) When can I put a pair of Budgerigars out of doors that have been flying loose in my sitting room for the past three months?—G.O.W.

(1) These interesting little birds come to hand often tainted with septicæmia and lung troubles as a consequence of the insanitary conditions, etc., on the voyage. These are small birds, and you possibly gave an excess of glycerine in the water. The better plan would have been to make it just saline with Epsom salts, and if the wheezing had continued given half a teaspoonful of Ipecacuanha wine, oxymel of squills, and glycerine in equal parts, in four table-spoonfuls of water, and let this be their drinking water, taking away same once during the day and substituting clear water in its place. In future, separate the frail birds from the healthier ones; keep all in quarantine for a few weeks; give a dose of salts as above, and then slightly colour their water with Parrish's chemical food and feed on usual diet, with the addition of a little slightly damped sponge cake, and a few ants' eggs if they will eat them. All new purchases for the first few weeks should be kept fairly warm and out of draught.

Red-headed Lovebird with Cough.—My bird, kept with Budgerigars, had done well, but I procured a mate, and since then it has developed a cold accompanied with quite a cough, and pants. Have given a little castor oil, and put it in a warmer position, and it seems better.—A. BARKER.

(1) It is always unsafe to put new purchases among stock birds straight away, as without any intent to impose on the part of the dealer (his object being to get rid of them as quickly as possible) many of these birds come to hand in a very delicate and disease-tainted condition; they should always be kept in quarantine for a few weeks before being placed with healthy stock. But it is possibly only a cold your bird is suffering from. See that its bowels keep moving freely, not loose, and use either castor oil or Dinneford's magnesia as required for this purpose. Get from your chemist the following mixture: Ipecacuanha wine, oxymel of squills and glycerine in equal parts; put half a teaspoonful of the mixture to two tablespoonfuls of water, and let the bird have only this to drink till relief is given. Let it have a lettuce leaf, and a little ripe apple or banana if it will eat it. Keep warm, quiet, and quite out of draught; at the same time, it ought not to be in too dry a heat. The bird should have room to climb about if it desires to do so. Do not spray again till it has recovered, and then only on warm, genial days, while the winter lasts.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. J. North, 435, Oxford Road, Reading, will examine cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for a reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post-mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to J. North, with fee. Any sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

Canary (F.G.S.).—This bird died of inflammation of the liver and lungs, and as you have lost others, it seems quite possible that this disease has assumed an infection form. Should this be the case, you should run any birds you have left into perfectly clean cages, and have a thorough clear-up and disinfection. The disease, in this form, is incurable, but "prevention is better than cure."

GENERAL.

Answered by the EDITOR.

Cuttings (R. H.).—Thanks for cuttings. Glad to hear that you appreciate CAGE BIRDS.

Lurgan Show (S. M'Collum).—Accept our best thanks for your endeavours in our interests.

Lantern Slides (British and Foreign).—If you require lantern slides of British and Foreign birds try Newton and Co., 1, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

A County Court Case (Constant Reader).—Consult a solicitor. It does not appear to be a case in which we can be of any assistance to you.

What Numbers? (Finch).—The illustrated articles on washing birds for shows appeared in our special issue, No. 198, post free, 4d. Dysart show report is in No. 251, Scottish edition, post free, 1½d.

Bath Show (G. E. Lanham).—You did not send your notice early enough. It could only have appeared in the present issue, and as your show was dated the 24th it would have been quite useless.

Sport of Kings (John B. Waterman).—While deeply interested in your spirited letter, we fear that its insertion in CAGE BIRDS might provoke a controversy entirely foreign to the purpose and aims of this paper.

Society and Glossary (G.H.).—You will find a full list of societies, also a complete glossary or dictionary of fanciers' terms in "Cage Birds' Annual for 1906," which we can send you on receipt of a sixpenny postal order.

Names of Publishers (Reader).—We cannot give you such information, but we shall be pleased to supply any works on ornithology, etc., at precisely the same prices as you could obtain them if you sent direct to the publisher. We can send you "British Birds' Eggs and Nests," by the Rev. J. C. Atkinson, with coloured plates, for 4s., post paid.

"Advertisers Want Results" (J.T.).—The utter worthlessness of such testimony, sent doubtless for the sake of the gratuitous advertisement attaching to it, is more than proved by the fact that even though we have returned their advertisements and twice told these men we do not want their advertisements, they still insist on sending them in to us. This test shows very plainly where their much-boomed "results" actually come from.

Alleged Political Bias (A. R. Coe).—Your letter comes as an unpleasant shock. If there is one thing we pride ourselves upon in this office it is the even balance of political opinion. On the one hand, your humble servant, a believer in High Conservatism and old port; on the other the sub-editor, a fiery Radical, with well-developed Anarchistical tendencies. The Advertising Manager is a believer in Tariff Reform, and the Publisher is a Free Trader. The office boy dreams of developing into a Labour M.P., with "reduction in hours and labour" as the chief plank in his platform. And yet you accuse us of "surreptitiously introducing" political bias. Coe away—life would not be worth the living if we did.

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To Judges.

We are anxious to make our list of judges of cage birds complete and up-to-date, and ask you to favour us with a postcard notifying any change of address since our last **"ANNUAL"** was published. We shall also be pleased to include the name and address of any recognised judge on receipt of same. No charge whatever is made.

To the Trade.

If you are interested in the cage-bird hobby from the trader's side, send your name and address on a postcard, also stating the particular branch of the hobby catered for (birds, cages, wire fronts, seeds, insectivorous food, medicines, etc.), for insertion in our "BIRD TRADE DIRECTORY." Name, address and three words of description FREE, all words over the three must be paid for at the rate of one penny per word. Name of firm thrown up in conspicuous black type at a charge of sixpence.

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must reach us not later than Tuesday, January 29th next.

ADDRESS,

Editor, "Cage Birds" Annual, 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

West Riding Aviaries writes:—Last week's advt. has done very well; 150 replies already.

Mr. H. Sainter, late of Charles Street, has removed to 57, Royds Street, Stockport Road, Manchester.

I gave you an advertisement some time ago. It did splendidly—am yet doing business as the result of it.—J. HARRISON (Greenock).

REVIEW OF SCHEDULE.

Nantwich.—Feb. 8 and 9. Judges, Messrs. F. W. Heaton and W. O. Barlow. Nineteen classes. Nor. 6, Yorks. 4, A.O.V. 1, Mule 1, Brit. 4, For. 1, Sell. 2. Prizes 10s., 5s., 3s., 2s., and spls. Fee 1s. 6d. Entries close Jan. 28 to F. POWELL, 33, Welsh Row, Nantwich.

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At the last monthly meeting of the London C.B.A. Mr. Hobby tendered his resignation as Hon. Sec., and Mr. F. Wade was duly nominated to the vacant post.

British bird lovers will be interested to hear that Mr. F. Turnbor will read a paper on the Yellow Bunting at the next meeting of the City and Suburban A.C.B. For time and place see Club Notices.

Mr. Robert Bald, Secretary Bathgate and Dis. C.B.S., writes:—There have been a few printer's errors in Bathgate Show Catalogue, but the right results appeared in last week's CAGE BIRDS. All prize money has now been paid.

The Lincolnshire F.A. has been re-organised, and by the tone of the last few meetings great hopes are entertained for the future. The Hon. Sec. is Mr. Thos. Howell, and Cage Bird Committee Messrs. R. Sharp and H. Willerton.

Mr. J. Tyson informs us that no less than 36 members have resigned from the London C.B.A., giving as their reason the Association's affiliation with the Cage Bird Union. Fortunately, the same number of new members have joined, so the total of membership is the same as last year.

Will you kindly mention in "Twitterings" this week: "It was not stated in London and Provincial O.S. National Show schedule that competitors in British Roller Canary, Young Bird class, must use the Club cage, or they will not be eligible for the Roller Club specials"?—H. LAMBERT BROWN, Hon. Sec.

At a meeting of the Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S., held January 15th, it was unanimously decided that the membership of Mr. P. G. Sprules should cease from that date. The following were elected members:—Messrs. A. Cunningham, Harris, Dales, May, Luff, Eastwill, Richardson, and Johnston.—W. HODSON, Hon. Sec.

The L.C.B.A. Show.

The next annual Show of the London Cage Bird Association will be held at the Royal Horticultural Hall, Vincent Square, Westminster, on Friday and Saturday, December 6th and 7th, 1907. Secretaries and societies kindly note dates, to avoid clashing. —JOHN TYSON.

Specials at the Palace.

The following Extra Specials are offered at the forthcoming Crystal Palace Show:—Special No. 184, 10s. 6d., presented by the Victorian Canary Society, per F. White, Esq., of Prahran, Melbourne, for the best Norwich Plainhead in the Show; 185, 10s. 6d., ditto, ditto, for best Crest; 186, 10s. 6d., ditto, ditto, for best Crestbred; 187, 10s. 6d., ditto, ditto, for best Cinnamon; 188, bound Vol. "Strand Magazine," presented by G. Newnes, Ltd., for second best Border; 189, bound Vol. "Tit Bits," presented by G. Newnes, Ltd., for second best Belgian; 190, Yarrell's "British Birds," Vol. I. (Newton's 4th edition), presented by J. F. Hills, Esq., for most points in Mr. S. Cook's classes; 191, 2s. 6d., presented by Mr. J. Nadin, for best Lancashire Coppy; 192, 2s. 6d., presented by Mr. W. Hardy, for best Lancashire Plainhead; 2s. 6d., presented by Mr. J. Law, for best vlie Lancashire. The three specials are confined to members of the L.C.A. Members must write L.C.A. on entry form.

The L.C.B.A. Balance Sheet.

The London Cage Bird Association has every cause for self-congratulation on the balance-sheet for 1906, which has just been issued, duly audited by Messrs. Clarke and Boxall. The heavy nature of the work undertaken by the Association during the past year will be familiar to most readers, including, as it did, the great Show at the Horticultural Hall; and under these circumstances it reflects great credit on the Hon. Sec., Mr. W. A. Hobby, and the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. J. Tyson, to come through with a cash balance increased from the £4 12s. 5d., at which it stood in 1905, to £9 2s. 9d. The total assets of the Association reach the fine sum of £61 16s. 9d., the L.C.B.A. being notably rich in challenge shields and trophies, silver cups and bowls, etc. The receipts for the past year total the huge sum of £405 17s. 6d., a gratifying item being £119 19s. 2d. received for gate, stalls, advertisements and catalogues at the Horticultural Hall Show—a result which must have well pleased its promoters. On the expenditure side appears an item of £10 donated to the Lord Mayor's Crippled Children Fund.

Order Your "Bird World" at once.

Mr. J. W. B. Goodwin (Lyddington) writes:—Will you please thank Messrs. E. Collins and W. Earp for their information re the Brent Goose? I am much obliged to them for it.

We learn that Mr. W. Price-Jones, the well-known Welsh exhibitor, has purchased at a good figure the noted jongue Canary-Bullfinch Hybrid, "Invicta," from its breeder, Mrs. Skey, of Plymouth.

Cardiff C.B.S. will hold their annual Concert and Smoking Concert on Jan. 31st, when a presentation will be made to the esteemed Secretary. Contributions towards this from any who may not have had an opportunity of subscribing are invited by F. G. DYMOND, 71, Clive Road, Canton, Cardiff.

All prize money has now been paid in full for the open section of West London F.A. Show. Members who have not received theirs will do so at our next meeting, February 7th. I also wish to thank you for your kindness in giving a prominent position to our advertisement, also a full and good report of the Show. —J. DEWHURST, Hon. Sec.

Mr. E. Houghton (Warrington) writes:—I am very pleased to tell you that Mr. J. D. Leigh, the well-known exhibitor of Crests, Mules and Hybrids, is recovering from a very severe illness. Will all fanciers who have written to him lately please accept these few lines of thanks for the present. All who know J. D. will, I am sure, wish him a speedy recovery.

A sample of "Pannasina," the widely-known medicinal preparation for cage birds suffering from asthma, wheezing, loss of song, and like troubles, and which also helps the birds to come easily through the moult, reaches us from the proprietor, W. J. Hammond, 19, Anstey Road, Coldharbour Lane, London, S.E. It is very simple in use, half-a-teaspoonful being mixed amongst a little soft food and given to the birds fresh daily. Many testimonials have been received, and fanciers in need of such a preparation should certainly give "Pannasina" a trial.

OBITUARY.

MR. B. McCORMICK (London.)

We regret to have to announce the death of Mr. B. McCormick, of Old Kent Road, London, who exhibited British birds largely, and was well-known as a whole-hearted lover of our native birds. Influenza was the cause of his decease. Mr. McCormick had reached the age of 48 years, and leaves a widow and six children, to whom the sympathy of all will go out in their bereavement.

JOHN FARQUHARSON DEWAR.

The death occurred, at the age of 77, on January 21st, of Mr. John F. Dewar, father of Mr. Jas. F. Dewar, the well-known naturalist and judge, of Edinburgh. A full obituary notice appears in our Scottish edition.

Leeds Society have selected Messrs. Battye, Parker Robinson and Robson as judges for Annual Open Show, Friday and Saturday, Nov. 15th and 16th, 1907.

Mr. Anthony Brown (Gateshead) has consented to lecture to the members of Wallsend and Mid-Tyne C.B.A., subject to be "The Norwich Canary and Preparation for Breeding." All fanciers kindly invited to attend Station Hotel, Thursday, January 31st.—JOHN R. EVANS, Hon. Sec.

C.B. Annual Register of Wins.

In response to numerous requests, we have decided to postpone publication of our forthcoming "Annual Register of Wins" until after the Palace Show, so that all the wins for the season may be included. It will appear, accordingly, as a separate publication, part II. of CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL, price sixpence each part. The shilling edition of the Annual will not, therefore, be issued until both parts are ready. But our form must be filled up without delay.

An L. and L.F.A. Appeal.

The members of the L. and L.F.A. are earnestly requested to do their utmost to send a bumping entry to the Palace Show, and find that worthy judge, Mr. S. R. Compston, something to do, also to make the competition keen for the cups and novices' gold medals. Every Lancashire novice has a good chance of securing the gold medal at this Show. They should send for a schedule to the Secretary. Members, kindly do your best and let the whole Fancy see that the Lancashire and Lizard Canaries, and their Association, are well to the front.—H. O'BRIEN, Secretary.

CLUB NOTICES.

No charge is made for notices of forthcoming meetings, but they can only be inserted once. Should secretaries desire to secure immediate insertion of their announcements **exactly as written** they can do so by prepayment at the rate of three words a penny.

Blaydon-on-Tyne and Dis. C.B.S.—Feb. 2nd, at Co-operative Hall, Blaydon, 7.30 p.m.; election of officers. Members all attend.—D. A. Ogilvie, Sec.

Bolton and Dis. O. and R.C.S.—Special Meeting Jan. 28th, 1907, 8 p.m., at Joiners' Arms Hotel, Deansgate. Arrange stewards, etc., for open contest.—J. Stringer, Sec.

Bournemouth and Dis. C.B.A.—Annual general meeting at Headquarters, Quadrant Restaurant, Tuesday, Jan. 29th, 1907, at 8 p.m.—E. Leech and G. W. Jones, Hon. Secs.

Cardiff C.B.S.—Jan. 31st, at Maskell's, Queen Street, 7 p.m. Annual dinner and social, tickets 2s. 6d.—W. Sampson, Sec.

City and Suburban A.C.B.—Monday, Jan. 28th, at the Church Institute, Paddington Street, off High Street, Marylebone, W., 8.15 p.m. Paper on "The Yellow Bunting," by Mr. F. Turnber. All British birds lovers heartily welcomed.—Victor Wynn, Sec.

City of Bradford O.S.—Saturday, Feb. 2nd, at Travellers' Rest, Leeds Road, 8 p.m. Practical demonstration of washing and preparing birds for exhibition, by Mr. James Hartley. Fanciers welcome, and novices especially.—P. Stansfield, Sec.

Coventry O.S.—Feb. 6th, at Crystal Palace, Table Show of pairs Norwich matched for breeding; also members' judging competition, one pair per member only; Birds will be accepted till 7 p.m. day of show, when they must be on the table. Mr. J. Tansley will judge.—G. Turrell, Hon. Sec.

East Bowling and Dis. B.F.A.—Jan. 26th, at Barley Mow Hotel, 7 o'clock Members' Show; election of officers.—F. E. Higgins, Sec.

Federation of C.B. Societies.—Feb. 2nd, at George and Dragon, Market Place, Ashon-under-Lyne. Election of officers, and other important business.—A. Ackroyd, Sec.

Gt. Harwood and Dis. C.B.S.—Jan. 28th, at Late Queen's Hotel, Town Gate, 7.30 prompt. Annual meeting; election of officers; passing of balance-sheet, etc. All members attend.—F. Sharples, Sec.

Greenwich and Deptford C.B.S.—Thurs., Jan. 31st, "Two Brewers," Church Street, Greenwich. Pair Stock Canary Show, and lecture by J. Robson. All friends and fanciers invited.—Geo. Hill.

Hyde and District C.B.S.—Jan. 28th, St. George's School, at 8 prompt. Open Show business.—T. Allsopp, Sec.

Lancashire C.A.—Sat., 2nd Feb., at Rochdale Ornithological Club Rooms, Crook Street, off John Street, Rochdale, 7 p.m. prompt. General business, Palace Show, etc.—Jas. Law, Sec.

L. and L.F.A.—March 2nd, at Spinners' Arms, Oldham, 6 p.m. prompt. Annual general meeting; election of officers; Secretary's report and balance-sheet.—Hector Oliver, Sec.

N.B.B. and M.C.—Jan. 31st, at 25, High Holborn, 9 o'clock. To consider best means to increase the membership. All members invited.—Plumbridge and Carr, Secs.

Rochdale O.C.—Jan. 26th, at Club Rooms, 8 p.m. All England Show business.—J. Butterworth, Sec.

Rotherham C.B.S.—Jan. 26th, at College Inn, 8 p.m. Annual meeting for election of officers, etc.—Ducker and Twigg, Secs.

Seaham Harbour and Dis. C.B.B.A.—Jan. 26th, at Station Hotel, 7 o'clock.—J. M. Nicholson, Sec.

Sunderland C.B.A.—Feb. 2nd, Fawcett Street Cafe Smoke Room, 7.30 p.m. Minutes; 2s to contributions decreasing; motion for marking and ringing birds for exhibition.—F. Gordon, Sec.

Tamworth and Dis. C.B.S.—Feb. 2nd, 1907, at College Lane School, 7.30 p.m. There will be a variety of birds on view. All members and intending members attend this meeting.—J. E. Brown, Sec.

Wallsend and Mid-Tyne C.B.A.—January 31st., Station Hotel, Wallsend, 7 p.m. Lecture by Mr. Anthony Brown on "Norwich Canary and Preparation for Breeding." Fanciers invited.—John R. Evans, Sec.

Warrington C.B.S.—Jan. 31st, at Blue Bell, Horsemarket Street, 8 prompt. Arrangements for Members' Show in Feb., and election of officers. Members particularly requested to attend.—J. D. Leigh, Sec.

Wibsey and District C.B.S.—Members' Show, Jan. 26th, at Headquarters; birds staged at 6; classes as before; judge, Mr. J. Hodgson.—W. E. Norton, Sec.

Wolverhampton C.B.S.—Jan. 29th, at Vine Hotel, 8 p.m.—F. Hokes, Hon. Sec.

Yorkshire Union of O.S.—Jan. 26th, at Oddfellows' Hall, Thornton Road, Bradford, 5 p.m. Contract for Novice Medals and other important business.—F. Armstrong, Sec.

The United States Department of Agriculture (Bureau of Plant Industry) has written to Mr. J. W. Ramsden for a sample of his "famous Spanish paprika pepper."

Mr. C. Fox, Rothwell, Leeds, writes:—"Will you thank the many readers who replied to my advertisement in CAGE BIRDS. I was inundated with replies from all over the British Isles, which speaks well for the circulation you have."

Great National Cagebird Show, Crystal Palace, 1907.—R. A. Newley begs to announce that he will have a fine exhibition of bird cages and sundries of all kinds on his stall at the above show. Inspection and patronage of fanciers and public visiting is respectfully invited. Address all communications to R. A. Newley, 24, Stockwell Green, London, S.W.—(ADVT.)

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C.B.'s "GREATEST" BIRTHDAY NUMBER.

WHAT READERS THINK ABOUT IT.

We beg to tender sincere thanks on behalf of our staff and selves to those readers who have so cordially acknowledged the efforts made by us on behalf of the cage bird Fancy. A few of the many encouraging and kindly comments received are printed herewith. With future numbers, and the same generous measure of support extended to us, we shall hope to further improve the status of this journal and increase its attractiveness to cage bird keepers of every class.

Very pleasing.—G. Rickings (Bristol).

A real treat. No fancier should miss it.—C. Mulligan (Sligo).

A real marvel.—A. Livesey, Hon. Sec., Bingley and Dis. O.S.

Monster value in the plates themselves.—F. Cockerill (Stockport).

This week Cage Birds is extra, and surpasses all others I have had. The plates are splendid. —H. Halsall (Southport).

Birthday Number a bumper. When are you going to finish? The progress has been wonderful.—R. Sharp and Son (Lincoln).

The best issue you have yet presented to your numerous readers, and reflects great credit upon you and your very able staff.—Geo. Peacock (Gravesend).

The Birthday Number was very good. Coloured plates splendid, and Calendar simply grand. The Bullfinch set it off to perfection. —F. Barwick (Ripponden).

"Many happy returns." You have knocked us clean over this time with surprises. Your Birthday Number would be cheap at 1s.—C. G. Martin (Haverstock Hill).

"Grand" Birthday number; all my friends here are pleased with it, especially the coloured plate, "Stars of the Season," with the inset of good old Norwich.—G. Wright (Norwich).

Congratulations on Birthday Number! It is excellent, coloured plates are beautiful. Cage Birds is without a doubt the one and best advertising medium placed before the public.—W. Harrington and Sons (Cardiff).

Congratulate you on the magnificent birthday number of Cage Birds; it is simply grand, nothing ever like it before; glad to say Cage Birds is taking on here, and wish it all the success it deserves.—J. Hicks (Holsworthy).

As one of your workers and well wishers, I must say the Birthday Number is wonderful, and I feel highly delighted to observe the very rapid strides Cage Birds has made. By united efforts no doubt still greater things will be accomplished.—John C. Barnes (Sheffield).

I congratulate you upon the excellence, artistically and otherwise, of your Birthday Number and supplement. By the bye, the border to the plate of Hybrids is a bit cryptic. "Industry and wisdom leading to wealth," eh? J. S. Clinch (Liverpool).

The splendid Birthday Number you have just issued is a perfect treat for all bird-lovers, for the coloured plates alone are worth double the money. It is really as little as we can do to push forward the sale of this magnificent paper as a small recompense for the good value which you give us.—H. Hill (West Bowling).

A revelation of sparkling beauty! Well may we bird fanciers mention it as our finest Journal on the subject. And the coloured plates, well, they are superb, and well worth the 3d. each, especially the Foreign Bird plate, which is a masterpiece. Many happy returns! —H. Rees (Clapham).

I cannot realise how you have got it to such perfection, everything in the right place. Art plates! there never were such on record. The Calendar is so neat and plain that even the poorest of scholars could understand it. I cannot see how you could have done it for the price; it is honestly worth double. You will still go forward in prosperity.—W. R. Berkshire (Balham).

Plates are simply perfection, and do you and staff the greatest credit. The Foreign Bird plate was a work of art, well thought out. The Bullfinch is without doubt a "masterpiece." The Norwich and Yorkshire are a splendid pair, well-drawn, and do Mr. Norman great credit. I am sure all your readers will be pleased with this, the greatest of all "Birthday Numbers."—Jos. Jones (Dudley).

The splendid Birthday Number is beyond doubt the finest contribution the weekly Press has ever given to bird lovers generally. The taste of all sections has been well considered, and equally liberally catered for. As a printer, I can say the supplement and the plates are executed on a high grade, and are worthy examples of our noble art as practised at the present day. I trust this last production will bring a large influx of new patrons to the gallant banner of Cage Birds, and I feel sure it will.—J. H. Henstock (Ashbourne).

I hasten to congratulate you on the arrival of Cage Birds sixth Birthday Number, apparently more interesting than ever. What a magnificent supplement! Great credit is due to each and all your staff, not forgetting Mr. H. Norman and H. Goodchild for their work, which deserves high credit indeed. I can picture some scores of friends this morning with a gladsome mind and glad heart scanning their beautiful copies, which will come as a surprise to thousands of bird lovers. Wishing Cage Birds a prosperous future.—William Dean (Liverpool).

Your Birthday Number quite surpasses anything of the kind produced by a Fancy journal. The supplement and coloured plates are equal to, and in some respects, superior to, the publications devoted solely to art. If Cage Birds increases in size at the present rate, I can quite see that the normal weekly number will be the size of, let us say, the "Field," and the art supplement a small edition of the "Studio." As a reader from No. 1, I have watched with interest the marvellous growth of "C.B." and quite anticipate that the "Bird World" will reach its public, and so induce a greater number of non-fanciers to enter into our fascinating pastime.—David Hall (Brixton Hill).

I was charmed with Birthday Number of Cage Birds.—Oscar Th. Schmitt (Chester).

Very pleased with Birthday Number. You improve with every issue.—A. E. Richardson (Brighton).

Very pleased with your Birthday Number. It cannot be bettered.—John Challenger (Porth C.B.C.).

Last week's Cage Birds was certainly the best ever produced. The calendar was simply perfect and the plates were splendid.—Howard Goodwin (Edgbaston).

The coloured plate called "The Stars of the Season" is one of the best that has ever been published. I shall not give dada any peace till he frames it.—Alice Cox (St. John's Wood).

Excellent Birthday Number, must have been an eye opener for readers of Cage Birds. The plates alone are honestly worth 3d. each, and cheap at that.—A. Watson, Hon. Sec. Civil Service F.A.

I am a old subscriber to your grand bird paper, Cage Birds, and think it gets better every week. As for yesterday's Birthday Number, I cannot find words to say how greatly I enjoyed it.—Mrs. Alice Eddy (Penzance).

Once more we have to thank you for all the good things you are doing for us. When one looks at first issue, it hardly seems possible that such strides could be made in such a time. Well, we surpass ourselves sometimes.—W. Spillman (Devonport).

Coloured plates grand—this week Cage Birds has indeed increased by jumps and bounds; there is a lot of difference between now and the first number. I may say I have taken it from No. 1, and always look forward for Friday for Cage Birds.—Hugh Tyrer (Warrington).

Last number defies competition, especially the Foreign Bird plate. Copies, here in Luton, were at a premium. Long may "C.B." live, and give us poor fanciers, who cannot get to see the places where the foreign birds live, the benefit of other's experiences!—E. Cherry (Luton).

Congratulate you upon the success of the 1907 Birthday Number. The plates and supplement far surpass any previous ones. In fact if these are going to continue to improve the same as they have been doing, I cannot imagine what we shall get in a few years time. I am very pleased the birthday does not happen on the 29th of February. May Cage Birds continue to prosper.—W. H. Nobbs (North Walsham).

Congratulations! The Calendar and coloured plates are splendid, whilst the supplement is a veritable work of art; the whole forming a magnificent production, and all for a modest three-d. Present day fanciers have much to be thankful for in having a Journal all on their own. I look forward every week for my Cage Birds, by which I keep in touch with the doings of the West and the Fancy at large.—Jas. H. Halliday (Plymouth).

Allow me to heartily congratulate you on producing such a magnificent number. It is the cheapest threepenny worth I have ever seen. The coloured plates are perfect, and your artist seems to improve every plate he paints, though goodness only knows there is precious little room for improvement. I'm now thinking what *next* year's Birthday Number will be like. You cannot better last Friday's at the price.—A. Morris (Ilford).

I should like to take this opportunity of congratulating you most heartily on the magnificent Birthday Number of Cage Birds. It is a splendid production—the coloured plates are superb, and the other matter most interesting. It must have cost a pile of money to produce, and I am very pleased to notice how well you are supported by advertisers. They evidently know when they have secured a good medium for doing business.—G. E. Wilkinson, Hon. Sec. Nottingham O.S.

May I say how delighted I was with your grand Birthday Number? It certainly outshines all previous issues by a long chalk. When I received your very first issue of Cage Birds, I wrote you a note which you kindly published in the next week's number, predicting a great and successful future. But I never expected it to reach the high pinnacle to which Cage Birds has attained. May continued success be your portion is my sincere wish. Last week's issue is nothing but what you promised—magnificent.—F. J. Weaver, Chairman Wolverhampton Cage Bird Society.

Hearty congratulations on your magnificent and instructive Birthday Number, which you may justly claim as a work of magnitude. The artistic coloured plates are superb. Calendar is life-like. Bullfinches really natural amongst the hawthorn blossoms. "Rare exhibits" make my mouth water and cause me to think of summer and my rambles amongst them ..... Your artist has the natural position of each bird portrayed to perfection. It makes one listen for the notes and call of each, and especially does this refer to the Reed Warbler. Long may you be spared to lead the Cage Bird Fancy with such works of art!—J. Patterson (Chirnside).

Your Birthday Number was splendid.—B. Fisher (Wandsworth).

Your Birthday Number grand; shall have plates framed.—H. Gray (Lee).

A treat it is, a pity we cannot have a number like it more often.—W. F. Hayhurst (Carnarvon).

Number is truly excellent; the coloured plates are really fine, and worthy of a frame.—Miss Falding (Heaton).

Many thanks for a truly magnificent number, which leaves all other records behind.—Claude St. John (Dudley, Worc.).

Beautiful number this week. It is simply marvellous, where are you going to get to in the finish?—Wm. Hornley (Leeds).

Plates this week are really grand, as well as instructive, and the Birthday Number a grand treat to all.—H. Brown (Tamworth).

Delighted with the Birthday Number. The coloured plates beautiful; I am going to have them framed.—H. Allsop (Abersychan).

Your magnificent Birthday Number exceeds all expectations; it's truly wonderful and reflects the greatest credit on all concerned.—F. J. Green (Redhill).

Congratulating you for such a splendid Birthday Number. I feel sure it will result in increased circulation and sales. Best wishes.—A. E. Gay (Selly Oak).

Congratulations on Cage Birds birthday. The first number compared with the last is like comparing a perfect Tit with an Ostrich.—S. C. Roberts (Emsworth).

The Birthday Number is quite a marvel, and should charm every bird lover or anyone who is interested in the Fancy. It is absolutely beautiful.—G. H. Barnwell, Hon. Sec. Harrogate C.B.S.

Once more accept congratulations on a very healthy birthday with many happy returns. Another tremendous improvement. The youngster is getting very strong.—John Harris (Newcastle).

Cage Birds is a grand success, this week especially. The coloured plates have beaten any we have had before, and we have had extra good ones no mistake.—Ernest East (Rhondda Valley).

Congratulate you on your Birthday Number. It is not often I speak of them, but I cannot refrain this time as the production is "one of the best" I have seen; the plates are very fine. —J. A. Reece (Bristol).

I must congratulate you on the excellence of your Birthday Number of Cage Birds, and also Mr. H. Norman, for the way in which he has drawn my clear yellow champion, which is hit off to perfection.—J. F. Bishop (Radcliffe-on-Trent).

Your Birthday Number could not be excelled. It is marvellous how you can issue such beautiful work at the price charged. It is most encouraging to the Fancy. Your wonderful paper, Cage Birds, deserves every success.—T. Brown (Netherton).

Congratulations on your Birthday issue. It is simply grand; the plates are something worth looking at. In fact, the number is a bumping threepenny worth, and one plate worth more than that itself, without the paper, etc.—W. Simpson (Fort William, N.B.).

The Birthday Number of Cage Birds is really grand. I don't know how you manage it. It is all the talk about here. With every one I meet the question is: Have you seen Cage Birds? All are delighted. The "Bird World" is also bright reading.—H. Moreland (Falkirk).

I have been a reader for three years, and have found Cage Birds of great value for the money, so much so that I have done what I could, and have been successful in getting a few new readers, who, along with me, claim it to be the best birdy paper. It stands second to none.—W. Methven (Govan).

Allow me to express my appreciation of your Birthday Number. The supplement, in my opinion, far exceeds anything you have previously turned out, and I don't think it possible to improve upon. The coloured plates and calendar must be a special treat to all bird lovers. Wishing "our" paper still further success.—James Peters (Barrhead).

Your Birthday Number to hand is certainly a treat, and is the best I have ever seen. I may add that I advertised Siberian Hen Bullfinches in your paper last week, and I had only eleven to sell, but I received over 200 applications for same. I only answered those who enclosed stamps. If I had answered them all I should have been out of pocket with so much for postage. Wishing you every success. —J. Walsh (Blackburn).

The sixth, and so far the largest and most successful, Birthday Number of Cage Birds has just been published; price threepence. With this issue are given a sixteen-page art supplement, two splendid coloured plates entitled "Desirable Aliens" and "Stars of the Season" respectively, and also a tri-coloured and exceedingly attractive calendar for 1907. Such a large number establishes something in the way of a record for a specialist journal.—"The Dundee Courier."

A stormer.—G. A. Hamilton (Peverell).

"A real beauty."—Chas. Smith (Blackburn).

"C.B.'s" Birthday Number is grand. I have taken Cage Birds for nearly two years and it is the best.—J. Linstead (Surbiton Hill).

I can only find one word of praise for that great Birthday Number of Cage Birds, and that is *perfection*.—A. H. Jones (Leicester).

Supplement and plates are magnificent works of art, and are indeed a great credit to those responsible for their production.—W. C. Freeman (Hatfield).

Last week's Cage Birds was exceedingly grand throughout. A decided bargain at such a low price. Well worth double the money.—G. E. Lanham (Bath).

A splendid number. Coloured plate, Calendar, and Art supplements are all magnificent. The fanciers in this district are all highly pleased.—W. Stafford (Stockport).

Many thanks for the life-like illustration of my Norwich cock on Cage Birds' front last week. I consider the Birthday Number a marvel for the price.—W. R. Miles (Chichester).

Permit me to express my appreciation of the excellent article in this week's Cage Birds by my fellow townsman, Mr. Cochrane, also the still greater excellence—if that be possible—of the illustration on page 1 of your supplement. —Jas. Hay (Edinburgh).

Your paper this week is just charming; regular "living pictures." I showed the plates to some of my non-fancier friends, and they all agreed that your Mr. Norman should have R.A. after his name, and I am sure he deserves the honour.—J. Osborne (Sligo).

Birthday Number this week is very pleasing. Thanks for the beautiful calendar and gorgeous coloured plates. I am sure we all appreciate the wonderful way in which you keep your paper second to none, and so interesting and instructive.—Geo. F. Hope (Edinburgh).

Allow me to congratulate you on your magnificent Birthday Number. It augurs well for the continued success of Cage Birds. One word of praise to your artists for the refinement, completeness and exactitude shown in their coloured plates.—Thos. Bennett (Great Horton).

Your splendid Birthday Number was beyond all expectations. It is a grand number; the only fault that I can find is that it is too much for me to read in one week. How can we have so much for our money? Wishing you every success and well wishes.—E. W. Sellick (Ashbourne).

FIRST PRIZE AND SPECIAL

For best number. Beats all previous numbers by a long way.

Hearty congratulations, Birthday Number to hand. Plates (superb), supplement (full of interest). Well deserves the support of all bird lovers; let us tell it out to others.—F. Walter (Worthing).

We expected something good for the "Birthday Number," but this beats all expectations. I am just off to the picture frame makers with the "Stars of the Season." H.N. has certainly excelled himself this time. Wishing you still greater success.—A Fanciers' Wife (Chorlton-cum-Hardy).

A few lines to wish you "Many happy returns." Your Birthday Number cannot be equalled by any other paper. The coloured plates and calendar are perfect, as they always are, and great credit is due to your artists and staff. Hoping you will continue to prosper, and still be able to beat all records in the future.—John Forster (Durham).

Your magnificent Birthday Number is a treat, also the supplement, and the coloured plates. Why they cannot be described! For they get better! The Calendar is a gem and worth fixing up in any home. I have taken "C.B." since the third week of publication, but there has been some great improvements since then, and from what I can see about "C.B." you mean to go on with improvements.—Jos. Smith (Mansfield).

We live in a record-breaking age, and you are truly marching with the times. The Birthday Number of Cage Birds is indeed a revelation, crammed with good things. Fanciers' who miss it will lose a real treat. I found the many articles so engrossing last Sunday afternoon that I was compelled to forego my usual siesta, and I can assure you it must be something very exceptionally good to cause me to do this! The coloured plates, too, are charming works of art, and made up into splendid pictures for the bird-room. I sincerely hope the great enterprise you have shown in the production of this gigantic threepenny worth will be fittingly rewarded.—John B. Waterman (East Dulwich).

Your valuable paper, Cage Birds, is the guiding star of the Fancy, what with its coloured plates and almanack. The Norwich and Yorkshire plates were simply grand, and by the time you receive this letter, will be hanging in my room in a handsome frame. Your artist, Mr. A. Norman, is without a doubt an expert with the paint brush. The Cardinal in the Foreign Bird plate struck me very much, and when I start foreign bird keeping, he will be my first to buy. I read in Cage Birds the week previous to the Birthday Number that you would beat all previous efforts, and, my word, you have done so! There is not a bird paper in London or elsewhere to equal the old favourite, Cage Birds.—Arthur H. C. Lego (Porth, Glam.).

HUNDREDS OF COMPLIMENTS AND CONGRATULATIONS CROWDED OUT.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

DOUBTS AND DIFFICULTIES SOLVED BY SPECIALISTS

Queries will be answered under the following conditions:—

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(9)—*All queries must be addressed* **the Editor, "Cage Birds,"** *154, Fleet Street, London, E.C. Only queries so sent will be answercd. Postcards are not admissible.*

NOTE.—Readers are requested to carefully study past numbers and current issue before submitting questions. By doing so they may save trouble and unnecessary repetition.

THE following gentlemen represent CAGE BIRDS staff of **ADVISORY EXPERTS.** Queries must in no case be addressed to any of them individually, but to the Editor.

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CANARIES.

NORWICH PLAINHEADS.

Answered by J. H. PAYNE.

Pairing Information (Two Year Reader).—Yes; you can pair your yellow Cinnamon cock to one of the variegated Norwich hens, if you are not particular as to the colour of the progeny. You will probably get the majority self colour, either Cinnamon or green. If you are going to pair up the other hen, I should advise you to select a mate for it which is quite clear.

Hen Wheezy (R.H.E.).—Give your Norwich hen, in its drinking water for a fortnight, fifteen drops of syrup of tolu and ten drops of glycerine, well mixed. Keep her in a warm and bright corner away from any draught, and cover over at night with a warm cloth. Feed on plain Spanish canary, but on three days in the week give a small teaspoonful of German rape and best English linseed. It is impossible for me to tell you the cause of its illness, hut tbe probability is that it has at some time or other caught a severe cold, and not being treated for it in time, it has developed some ailment of the bronchial tubes.

Out of Condition (Mr. Plainhead).—Keep your bird in a box cage and in a place where there are no draughts. Cover over at night with a warm cloth. Give three times a week a small teaspoonful of crusbed biscuit and grated egg, to which add six drops of Parrish's chemical food. Let the staple seed be best Spanish canary. Twice a week give a little of the following mixture:—Hemp, inga, German rape, and linseed, also give occasionally a pinch of maw seed. Let bim have now and again a piece of boiled carrot. (2) No; I should not rccommend you to use oilcloth for the bottoms of cages. You would find coarse sawdust suit much better. Of course, you would let tbe birds have some sand or grit.

YORKSHIRES.

Answered by H. W. BATTYE.

Shedding Feathers (W.R.P.).—Loose, soft, eross, French, or whatever kind of moult people like to call this unnatural way of moulting, trouble many bird-keepers at this season of the year. Much of this trouble is brought about by changing into fresh rooms, fearing they cannot stand the cold, or, in other cases, by introducing heat into the room they are kept in; or again, in bringing a bird into the living-room, where the temperature is continually varying. Another cause is stopping up all means of ventilation, and then burning stove or the gaslight in bird-room for an hour or two at night. Tbe birds are bound to inhale poisonous air, and when this is the case is there any wonder at birds getting wheezy? Yet another cause is damp birdrooms and draughts. "Prevention is better than cure," but when a bird has got into this loose moult I am a firm believer in the policy of moulting it through by forcing a proper moult; this is better than tinkering with a lot of nostrums. One of the best means to induce a thorough moult is, if it has been kept in a cold room, to take It into a warm, and if it has been kept in a warm room to put it into a cold one. Feed liberally on egg food and as much maw seed as it will eat, in addition to its ordinary seed, until the bird has got rid of most of its old feathers; then curtail the supply of maw seed and egg food and give a few drops of chemical food on the egg food, or a few drops of tincture of steel in its drinking-water. Give either of these for a week or two, but, in any case, it will not be in breeding condition until well on into the season, say June or July. To pair a cock to a hen when he is not in proper breeding condition simply spells disaster; better wait longer and have the cock thoroughly fit than waste the hen's strength in laying and trying to hatch unfertile eggs. (2) Whether ammoniated citrate of iron and ordinary citrate of iron are one and the same thing I am not prepared to express an opinion, as I am not a chemist.

(The two drugs mentioned are different preparations, and used for quite different purposes.—EDITOR.)

Pecking Feet (I.F.M.).—I do not think there is anything seriously wrong with your bird; you may have been giving it a too stimulating diet, but you do not say how you feed. If you have been giving, say, egg food and hemp seed, stop anything of this kind and keep on plain white Canary seed for a fortnight, and give ten drops of limejuice in its drinking-water for the same length of time. Or you may not have suitable perches; these should be of soft wood, and not less than half an inch wide, and rounded at corners. Or it may be merely a mischievous habit; if so, immerse its feet in a strong solution of quassia chips. Scald the chips with boiling water, let the decoction cool, hold the bird's feet in it for five minutes; this will make them taste bitter and may break it of the habit.

Loose Moult—Mating Geeens (C.R.).—(1) Keeping birds in a living-room is not a thing I should advise where it is avoidable, but as you say your other birds are healthy, evidently the hen that you bought in September is in the loose or soft moult, and for that I should advise change of temperature. Take it from the warm corner of your living-room and put it into a cold room, giving a little egg food and maw seed daily in addition to its ordinary seed. Please see reply to "W.R.P." (2) For the noise your bird makes you may try twelve drops of glycerine and twelve drops of good whiskey, fresh daily, well mixed in the bird's drinking water. (3) From the description you give of your pair of birds you may pair them together when the time comes, with confidence that they will be all right. You will probably get birds of good colour and quality, and if the type is right you will be well satisfied with your youngsters.

Another Loose Moult (J.M.).—Please see reply to "C.R." in this issue, as your birds seem to be in a very similar condition. You might, perhaps, with advantage, read also reply to "W.R.P." as well, as all the three of you seem to be having the same kind of trouble with your birds, viz., cross moult.

Temperature of Room (New Reader).—Yes, but you must be careful to feed them liberally for a week or two on egg food, in addition to their usual seed, after you have removed them into the co'der room. Make a special point of removing them early some bright morning, as this will give them a little time to get accustomed to the change of temperature; for a week or two cover the cage front every night with a thin cloth. If you follow the above directions, I don't think your birds will be any the worse for their change of quarters.

CRESTS AND CREST-BREDS.

Answered by W. E. GREEVES.

Mating Crested Canaries (Beginner).—Mate the yellow wing marked Crested cock with a clear buff Crest-bred hen or one very lightly marked. When mating yellows with buffs, always get buffs with long dense head feather. The yellow Crested cock, if bred from good birds, you might find useful as a breeder; mate him to a big buff hen with plenty of head feather, either clear or marked.

BORDERS.

Answered by J. PATTERSON.

Hen Unwell (I.L.).—Your Border hen has evidently caught a chill, and both her bowels and liver are affected therefrom. Feed on plain canary seed (no rape), and twice a day, for a week, as much milk sop as she will eat; throw away any not eaten each time you renew. Put a little milk into a cup, place the cup in a small saucepan with a little water; put on fire, and bring it to a boil; let cool, then add ten drops of brandy; dip a piece of bread into it, squeeze out some of the milk, give a good dusting of powdered chalk and a little maw seed, and place in wires of cage. Give cold tea to drink one day then add to drinking water five drops tincture of steel and ten tincture of quinine; give fresh daily for one week, withdraw the sops, and only give every other day; give a half-teaspoonful egg food next day, made up with Osborne biscuits, add three drops chemical food mixed well through it; give in water instead of the steel and quinine ten drops syrup of buckthorn and five drops tincture of gentian; any time the bowels are relaxed fall back on the sulphate of iron. Keep her warm, and allow her a good hop in a large flight if possible.

Pairing (Alfred).—Much of your success will depend on your birds being properly matched so as to produce their young up to the standard type, etc. I am afraid I cannot thoroughly advise you without seeing the birds, but from your description I should say pair up the foul yellow cock to No. 6 buff hen, the cock being rich in colour will make up for her deficiency; No. 2 eock to No. 2 hen, the careless wing carriage in cock will be well counterbalanced by the hen; No. 3 ticked yellow cock (if bred from marks) to your No. 4 evenly marked buff hen; No. 4 eye and wing marked cock to No. 5 uneven yellow hen; No. 5 green cock (marked bred) to No. 3 clear bred from marks; and No. 6 cock to No. 1 hen. The great point is always to look out any fault in your cock, and try and make it up with a hen excelling in any point wherein the cock may fail. (2) Choose all hens as true to type as possible, tbe eocks will supply tbe colour.

LIZARDS.

Answered by BARKER CLEGG.

Hens Dull and Moping (W. Nix).—The condition of your Lizard hens may easily have come about through insufficient cage room and imperfect ventilation. You must allow them more exercise, and fresh air in the room each day. Give a dose of Epsom salts, as much as will lay on a sixpence, to a half glass of soft water (it would be better for you to boil the water and use when cold). Allow this one day a week only, early in the day at this time of the year. Syringe them with warm water to which has been added a solution of quassia chips. Feed on canary seed, with a little sweet apple or boiled carrot. Do not give egg food at present. Write again, when I will advise you. Glad to hear that CAGE BIRDS has been a great help to you.

GREENS.

Answered by S. HADWIN.

Green Hen Moping (Novice).—From the description you give of your bird I should imagine it has been rather loose in its bowels, probably accompanied by inflammation of the bowels. Examine its stomach, and if swollen and inflamed paint with equal parts of paraffin and olive oil, and give two drops of warm olive oil in its beak. This I have found a very good remedy. Your feeding is all right, but you might give a teaspoonful of egg food twice a week, and add to egg food twelve drops chemical food.

ROLLERS.

Answered by F. A. LESTER.

Breeding for Song (W. Merrit).—You want to breed Canaries for song and to know which to buy? Ignore fancy names, write to a reliable breeder of British Rollers and use the deposit system. Buy a rung bird, and you will be sure of it being acclimatised; crossed with a Yorkshire you should get a bold, long, free singer.

Bird Chewing Seed Husks (Noel).—Delighted to be of assistance to you; the treatment should be continued for one month at least. If you have not supplied her with cuttlefish bone or grit, try her with it; it may help her to give up the objectionable habit of chewing her seed husks.

Colour-Feeding (Victor Zorn).—You want to colour-feed Rollers; will it harm them, you ask? I do not see any harm in slightly colour-feeding the birds; it will add to their beauty and will not hurt the song. You will see among the numerous advertisements in our Norwich column this week something that will suit you; use the deposit system. The Norwich should be about 6 to 6½ inches long, and thick and cobby. Good birds will be good prices.

Food and Breeding (G. Williams).—(1) Tbe first part is correct; but give apple in winter and greenfood late spring, summer and early autumn. (2) A little egg food is beneficial. (3) No egg food during sitting, put in day before hatching is due. Your other information is correct; one month old put young on egg food and crushed canary, rape, and hemp. The secretary, Mr. J. J. Norris, will supply rings; his address is 31, Scylla Road, Peckham Rye, S.E. Take the cock away as soon as he has paid attention to the hen, the hen will sit and rear better by herself; the cock will be ready for another hen in a few days. You can start to breed when your hens are ready, and that you will find out by the enhanced size of the vent, and their attentions to the cock when they hear him sing. Birds hatched this year would not be fit to breed till next year.

Roller not Singing.—As your bird has not sung for twelve months the case looks rather hopeless, but try this mixture: One pennyworth of Ipecacuanha wine, one pennyworth of Glycerine, one pennyworth of simple syrup, one tablespoonful of whisky; shake well and put a teaspoonful in drinker; keep this going for a fortnight. Keep in box-cage and below gas, and not in a temperature higher than sixty degrees.

Roller not Singing (A.R.W.).—Will you try my recipe as advised to "Mountain Roller" tbis week? Keep it up for three weeks or month. Keep the bird in a box-cage, or cage in a box. Temperature should not be more than sixty degrees. Try fat bacon now and then. Yours is not a hopeless case; write again and I will give you another recipe if necessary.

MISCELLANEOUS CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by J. NORTH.

Soft Moult.—Six Canaries gone into moult. How shall I treat them, and will they breed this season? They are singing a little. I keep them in the kitchen.—CONSTANT READER.

Unless your kitchen is unusually large, it is not a suitable place in which to keep so many birds. The variation of temperature is too great and the heat is very likely to upset birds. You cannot do better than feed them well and get them through their moult as quickly as possible. Give soft food, and such salad as can be procured. If there is any scarcity of it, sow rape seed in sand and give it to the birds while the seedlings have only two leaves.

Suitable Place for Canaries.—Would the following be a suitable place to keep and breed Canaries in? Scullery, off kitchen, 8 feet square and 8 feet high, window 20 inches by 27 inches, in centre of wall, facing direct north, walls all match-boarded. Door opening south, opposite window; cement floor; a little damp; no fire-place.—ANXIOUS ONE.

Much more depends on the weather during the coming summer than on the construction and situation of your room. If the sunshine prevailed, as it did last year, your room might answer the purpose, assuming it got quite dry, and you admitted plenty of light and air. But if there was a lot of rainy, dull weather the birds would naturally become depressed and not likely to be very successful as breeders. An upstairs room, with large windows and dry floor, would be much more serviceable.

Off Song.—Three Canaries off song since last moult. The father is two years old, and the others are last season's birds. When they chirp their note is very cracked. Fed on seed, and three drops of Parrish's Chemical Food to each bird twice weekly.—NOVICE.

Do not be surprised if your two young Canaries prove to be hens. So, if their sex is wrong, treatment will not make any alteration. The parent bird should now be making progress with his whistling. Are you keeping him in a comfortable cage by himself? Let him have a little soft food in addition to his usual seed, and Parrish, and give him a leaf or two of watercress, groundsell, chickweed or dandelion.

Clipped Tail.—Canary had its tail clipped last spring. Did not moult properly. Has not reproduced tail, nor grown any feathers on its back, which at times looks inflamed. Plumage appears dull and dirty, yet the bird keeps in song.—CAMPSEA.

It is quite feasible that this bird went through an abnormal moult before you bought it; again, it may be infested by red mite or microscopic insects under the skin, for both of which conditions advice has been quite recently given in these columns. Kindly refer to same, and in addition to usual seed diet and sweet apple (which may be given daily) let your bird have some sprouting rape seed. Sow it in saucers of sand and give it to the bird as soon as the leaves expand. Would it not be helpful to extract the remaining tail-feather stumps?

Cause of Death and Oil Stove.—Two Canaries died within a few days. They started sneezing and wheezing, then gasped for breath. During late frost and snowstorm I used an oil stove. Was this right? Do you think tbe birds were subject to asthma, or got a chill? I have also noticed one or two birds drop their wings and let them tremble. Is this a minor ailment?—PUZZLED.

There is nothing more hazardous than giving a certificate of death without seeing the patient, either alive or dead. In canarydom the latter could be accomplished by a postmortem examination, rules for the guidance of which are published every week. If your last query includes the state of affairs first described by you, it certainly is not a minor ailment. I can only assume that your birds contracted pneumonia—or inflammation of the lungs—because they were too delicately constituted to stand the very low temperature experienced just after Christmas. The oil stove probably only aggravated the mischief, because, if it is like other oil stoves, it most likely vitiated the air while it was burning, and then burnt itself out just when the frost was keenest. By the time you observed the birds' breathing to be laboured, the mischief had gone too far for medical treatment. If it was absolutely necessary for you to keep the birds in such a cold room (which may also have been damp or draughty), the birds should have been run into large cages, so that they might have kept up their natural warmth of blood by exercise; or this might have been done in another way by the giving of seed remarkably rich in heat-giving properties, such as hemp and rape, when the frost first set in. The dropping of the wings, now and then, even with gentle shaking or trembling, is more a sign of the bird wishing to cleanse itself than of ill-health, unless there are other indications of its having "taken cold or chill," as your birds seem to have done. Sometimes an early removal to a warm room, and the giving of bread and milk sop sprinkled with maw seed, will afford relief. The best medicine is ten drops of the homœopatbic tincture of aconite in two tablespoonfuls of drinking water.

Loss of Upper Mandibles.—The upper mandibles of all a friend's birds have rotted completely away, and now I find one of my own going the same, although it has never been in my friend's room. The lower mandible is quite perfect. Could you tell me the cause, how to cure it, and whether they will grow again? Our drinkers are glass and kept perfectly clean.—W. F. H. and R. E. J.

This is indeed a very curious and serious state of affairs, and extremely difficult to explain, not only because I cannot examine the birds, but also because I know nothing of their antecedents, whether you bred the birds or bought them, and, if the latter, how long since. One of the most curious points is that, although the upper mandible is disappearing, the lower one remains intact, which precludes the idea of any chemical substance, such as sulphate of iron or permanganate of potash being the cause. Again, if the plumage is not also disappearing, one cannot suspect the ravages of skin parasites. I fear the mandibles will not grow again, and it will be advisable to keep the birds supplied with some soft food, such as crushed biscuit or "Canary cake," crumbled up and slightly moistened with a little milk. Make a lotion of one drachm of boric acid to a pint of hot water, and when cold bathe the affected part every day.

Off Song and Getting Old.—Canary, nearly eight years old, ceased singing a year ago. He is frequently moulting slightly, and is continually crouching on the perch. His appearance is good.—G.W.W.

I cannot see that there is anything much amiss with your bird, at least anything that medical treatment can cure. Old age is coming on him, and he is not likely to be so active as formerly or to exert himself in whistling; in fact, he is docile and indolent. But it is quite reasonable to hope that he will improve as the spring advances. Give him a little soft food every day, on which you have let fall three drops of Parrish's chemical food. A slice of sweet apple occasionally would be very acceptable, alternated with a few leaves of watercress, groundsell, or young dandelion.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

Lark Off Song (J.H.B.).—From your letter I should think your Skylark has caught a chill by some unfortunate means or other, and has so "lost its voice." Keep it in quable temperature (not hot), out of draught, and mix five or six drops of tasteless cod-liver oil amongst its food daily until well. Put in its drinking water (two tablespoonfuls) a small teaspoonful of a mixture in equal parts of best glycerine and honey. Continue this for 10 or 12 days; then, if no improvement is manifest, change to our Mr. North's bronchial syrup. Glycerine oxymel of squills and Ipecacuhanha wine, half ounce of each; dose the same as the honey mixture. Feed the bird well, giving mealworms freely.

Four Birds (Novice B.).—A couple of daily doses of sulphate of soda will, I think, put both Linnet and Goldfinch right. Dissolve as much as will lie on a sixpence in two tablespoonfuls of drinking water. Let them have as much maw and inga as they care to eat. They should both have teazle in their stock mixtures. I really cannot understand your Skylark refusing mealworms. Mine would come and lug them out of my fingers in "double quick" time, as the soldiers say. Leave off his food box for a few hours, until he becomes thoroughly hungry, then let him have the opportunity to devour one or two. I'll wager he'll seize both—by which I mean the opportunity and the mealworms. The "hunger" treatment will also get him used to feeding out of the outside food box, especially if the place a few cut-up mealworms on top of the food therein. Greenfinches need neither soft food nor mealworms as a usual thing, though often an ailing or moulting bird relishes a little of the former, and one or two of the latter. Sunflower seed is the chief item in their diet. In addition to this, the usual Finch mixture of hemp, canary teazle, summer rape, and linseed should be given—not over-much of the former.

Goldfinch not Eating Canary Seed (H.J.C.).—There are hundreds of Goldfinches which will not eat canary seed—among them some of the best in the land. So why worry? Your Goldie is a sensible bird to prefer hemp and teazle to it; they will do him much more good. So, once again, why worry? He is alive and flourishing, when so many nice Goldies are "memories only" to their sorrowing owners. Of course, if you desire to go into mourning, by all means endeavour to force him to eat the canary seed. But don't blame me should he then decide to quit this life. Leave him without food for two or three hours, until thoroughly hungry, then tempt him with the golden grains. He will no doubt eat them; and he may quite likely thrive on them. Likewise, he may not.

Siskin Over Fat (Down-hearted).—Siskins are terrors at putting on superfluous fat when kept in small cages, and once used to cage life, fattening seeds should be but sparingly doled out to them. Gradually stop the hemp, and give the bird the following stock mixture: Teazle and canary two parts each, summer rape one part. A little maw twice a week in a separate vessel. Give a course of gentle saline medicine, say as much sulphate of soda as will just cover a sixpence, dissolved in two tablespoonfuls of drinking water. For one week give this on alternate days; then for another week, at intervals of three days—that will be six doses in just over a fortnight. Let him out of his cage daily, for an hour or two, to exercise about the room. This will bring him down to a more reasonable girth. In the warmer days of the spring could you not arrange to let him have a few weeks in an out-door aviary? At that period, too, you should gather him seeding shepherd's purse and chickweed, flowering heads of groundsel, and young juicy dandelion leaves. Mind they are not given with "frost" on. Give them a dip in warm water afterwards dabbing them dry with a towel, if you are in doubt on this point. Your sample of wild seed seems to be a good one, so far as I can tell.

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Bullfinch-Bramblefinch Hybrid (J.C.).—I have no recollection of either reading or hearing of anyone trying to obtain a Bullfinch-Bramblefinch Hybrid. Still, by all means try for it, if you feel inclined. An example of this cross, I should imagine, would be a most beautiful bird; it would certainly be very valuable, and a sure prize-winner. Personally, I should prefer to mate up the other way round, viz., cock Bramble to hen Bullie. Cock Bullfinches are not good at fertilizing eggs in a state of captivity; few seem to do so. You will find several articles on Mule and Hybrid breeding in our pages during the next week or two.

Goldfinch Ailing (Stroud Green.).—If you keep catching your Goldies to look at their stomachs, I don't wonder at them dying. Your letter gives one the impression this is your practice. Your feeding is perfectly correct, and you ought to have no trouble with the birds. I experience very, very little with my own; and many fancier friends I know are equally fortunate (if that is the right word to use). Substitute sulphate of soda for the Epsom salts. The former seems less drastic in its action on the bowels, and it has hardly any taste, consequently does not turn the birds against their drinking water. Above all, let your birds alone as regards handling them.

Blackbird Not Yet Singing (G.H.).—It is pretty evident from your description that the Blackbird was very nearly a newly-caught bird when you bought it. Therefore it could not be expected to sing just yet. I consider it is doing very nicely, under the circumstances, to be now "singing the wild song of the Blackbird, but very low." That proves it to be a cock, and no doubt it will turn out an excellent songster when once Old Sol begins to exert his powers, and cheer us with sunny days. He will get steadier in due course. Don't over-do the cooked meat in his food; a regular supply of mealworms and black beetles would be better. A green-house, especially if damp, through plants being kept in it, is a most unhealthy place to keep birds in.

Concerning a Linnet (A.R.W.).—Feed your Linnet as advised "E. Burgess" last week. As the breeding season approaches, give a pinch of hemp, inga and maw seeds three or four times a week; also gather and give the green foods advised "Down-hearted" in the present issue. Read reply to "R.H.E." this week as regards the bird's chance of muling.

Canary Seed Samples (Con.).—All the three samples seem to be really nice seed, and I don't think you could go wrong with any of them. Personally, however, I should plump for number two, which looks and tastes like high-class goods.

Dead Goldfinch (Dereham).—I cannot see that an expression of opinion on my part would do you any good: the bird's dead—and there's an end to't. The body was in a very much the "worse for wear" condition when I got it, so I could not pretend to appraise the bird's value when alive. It was a Cheveril Goldfinch, in fcid plumage, and, judging by the state of the upper mandible, it had been exceedingly intractable subsequent to capture, the feathers and skin being knocked away to quite a considerable extent at the base of the beak.

Cock Linnet "Nervous" (All-wire Cage).—No living-room is likely to be "too cold" for a cock Linnet (except, of course, a bird used to a hot room). You do not say whether your bird is housemoulted or not. In either case, however, there can be but little doubt that the all-wire cage is the cause of the bird's nervousness. If it is not housemoulted, such a cage is bound to conduce to unsteadiness on its part; if it is house-moulted, I have no doubt it's previous owner kept it in a more suitable style of cage, and the change would certainly make it nervous. Should the bird be a newly-caught specimen, however, you could not reasonably expect it to be steady after, apparently, only a short time in a cage—and the latter the most unsuitable you could possibly have chosen. Get a proper Finch cage for the bird, viz., a box cage (wired in front only), such as is illustrated and described in last year's CAGE BIRDS' ANNUAL. Then you may expect to soon find a great change in its behaviour. Once the Linnet has become tame (well-domesticated), possibly the glaring publicity, if I may so put it, inseparable from the round all-wire type of drawing-room cage may not be so distasteful to it.

Concerning an Aviary (R.B.B.).—Your aviary, 12ft. by 6ft., with a wood shelter, and roofed for half its length, seems a very promising erection. In it you could turn a dozen or so pairs of small birds with every prospect of some of them breeding. You seem to have got the notion, however, that every pair you turn in is sure to breed; if you wish to save yourself feelings of disappointment in the near future, you will cease thinking so at the earliest possible moment. Further, it is no use your entertaining the idea of turning Kingfishers in along with the other birds—especially in the hope of them presenting you with a few baby Kingfishers. You fly at high game with a vengeance! A nice task you would find yourself confronted with, when called on to supply the birds with live fish sufficient to fill the capacious maws of their nestlings. If you had any other daily toil to attend to, I'm afraid you'd have to learn to exist without sleep. Seriously speaking, though, be content, in the beginning, to try with a few of the "smaller fry" amongst birds; when you have felt your feet, then try your hand (forgive the mixture of metaphors) at "big fish," should you think well to do so. Make your selection for the first season from among the better-known Finches, but do not include more than one pair of Chaffinches. Don't over-crowd them, and be absolutely sure the sexes are equally represented; that is to say, have neither unmated males nor females present—it is a moot point which make themselves the worst nuisance. You should begin to get the inmates of the aviary together now. Birds kept in such a place would never get "tame"; that is, in the sense fanciers understand that term. Have given several answers lately on bushes, etc., for aviaries (one last week), so kindly look them up. You must not use wire of a less mesh than three-quarter inch, and five-eighths inch is much better, in fact, I always use half-inch in my own places. If you particularly wish to include an insectivorous bird or two, a pair each of Grey Wagtails and Meadow Pipits will probably do well, given, of course, suitable food.

Pairing Up Muling Couples (A. Hall).—There is no great difficulty in getting a cock Greenfinch to mate with a hen Canary, as a rule. I am assuming, of course, the former to be a steady, well-domesticated bird. A "wild" Greenie, not settled to cage-life, can hardly be expected to breed. The simplest and most straightforward procedure is that I am always recommending, viz., to get a two-compartment breeding cage, and run the hen in one half and the cock in the other, the wired slide being between them. They will thus get well acquainted before the time for muling comes round. When the hen shows a desire to go to nest, hang in the nest-box, give a supply of nesting material, and draw out the dividing slide. You can, if you choose, give the birds a run together for a time daily before leaving them finally together. Sometimes, however, if one should happen to be ardent and the other not yet properly heated by "love's fire," this leads to the former experiencing disappointment. The result, sad to say, is usually a fight. The procedure when Mule-breeding is practically the same as when Canary-breeding, and you should most certainly invest in a book dealing with the latter, and carefully study the instructions given therein for the mating of birds, and for the management and feeding of young. There can be no "exact date" for pairing any breeding couples. If two birds are in "breeding condition" they will produce young in January; but if either one or both be not in "breeding condition," it will not matter one jot whether the month be Jan. or June, the result will be the same: unfertile eggs. Therefore, it follows that no one can give a definite date to pair up on. Breeders have to settle the point for themselves, being guided by the state of their birds. You will find plenty of signs to help you. When the cock begins to take an interest in the hen, he will be found feeding her through the wires of the sliding division; he will also serenade her in most vigorous and adoring tones. She, on her part, will accept his offerings of fodder, and as the pairing fever fills her veins, will "bounce" from perch to perch, flapping her wings, and "calling" to her Romeo in a high-pitched voice—a sort of delirious shriek. One of the best things to do, however, when an understanding seems on the verge of being arrived at between any given couple, is to keep a sprig or two of nesting material in the lady's side of the house. When she begins to carry this about in her beak, and to look for a suitable place in which to deposit it, get a move on you at once—put in the nest-pan, and pull out the slide. Afterwards you must be guided by what happens between them. Should the cock bird interfere with the nest, only let him run with the hen a few hours daily, say in the morning, and shut him off entirely after the third egg has been laid.

Linnet for Muling (R.H.E.).—Once again, as the the song says. Really, I have heaps of times this winter told one querist or another that there is no reason whatever why Finches caught this season should not successfully breed with hen Canaries this coming spring, providing only that they be used to cage-life—that is, are steady and well-behaved. This applies to Linnets and all the usual Muling Finches. Everything depends on the disposition of the birds; and thus I can pass no opinion without first seeing them. You cannot do better than provide for your Linnet's mate a yellow hen of Norwich type (that is, of good substance of body), either clear, or lightly, or heavily marked. The resulting Mules will be beautiful songsters, especially if trained under a sweet-voiced, free-singing Linnet. They will also be of better colour—hence more attractive—than if bred from a Buff hen.

Meadow Bunting (Orlando).—A really good Meadow Bunting stands an excellent chance on the show-bench. Several have been winning prizes during the present show season. It is not an exhibit recognised by the British Bird and Mule Club, so could not count in any competitions for that body's medals. At the same time, it most certainly could win prizes at shows held under the auspices of the N.B.B. and M.C. if the judges chose to award it the same.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S.

Birds for Outdoor Aviary.—How many pairs and what are the most suitable to keep in an outdoor aviary, 5 by 5 by 2½, having regard to attractive plumage and simplicity of treatment? What food would they require?—"QUIDNUNC."

It is only possible to keep such birds in so small an aviary all the year round that will readily take to boxes or husks for night shelter. Here are two alternatives. (1) One pair each yellow and green Budgerigars. These would settle down to breeding and are handsome and interesting birds. Canary, white and spray millet, greenfood, grit, cuttlefish and water are all they require. (2) One pair each Zebra and Ribbon Finches, Silverbills, Avadavats, Grey Java Sparrows and Spice Birds. Put up a number of nest boxes and one or two cocoa-nut husks, and some of them will probably breed. Diet same as in series one, with the addition of a few ants' eggs (cocoons), and a small saucer of some good soft food mixture. Note: Your aviary is very narrow, only 2½ feet wide; cannot you put an all-wire extension in front of your present structure? It would not cost much, would be better for the birds, and be far more interesting to yourself. Such an addition could be sown with grass, Canary, rape seed, etc. The smallness of your aviary limits your choice. Only the hardiest can be chosen.

Grey Parrot Talking.—Two years ago I bought a young grey, warranted a talker, but it only whistles and screams, and has never spoken a word. It growls and makes a fearful noise when a stranger comes near. What can you advise?—K. I. J.

Keep some of the seed mixture regularly recommended in this column in its cage, or sooner or later your bird will be down with a severe attack of indigestion; make a practice of putting some of the seed mixture under the boiled maize; numbers of Greys have been induced to eat the dry seed mixture by this method. The bird certainly ought to have begun to talk long before this, and I fear it will not do much in the talking line now. Try putting a cover over its cage whenever it starts screaming; again, keep it in your ordinary living-room where it will always have someone about it; avoid sudden movements as far as possible when in its vicinity, as it is mostly fear which causes screaming, though with some birds it is vice. Try to induce it to take a little greenfood (leaf of lettuce at this season or apple). Don't give it pastry, and only a little cake; try plain biscuit or a dry crust of household bread.

Perch for Cockatoo.—Is a wood or tin perch best for my Rose-breasted Cockatoo. He is a very fine talker, and I don't want to lose him, his feet are very cold when he is taken out of cage. He is very destructive to wood.—LOO.

Metal perches are very injurious, and by causing chills through cold feet are responsible for many ills. Give it a wooden perch, and supply it with a chunk of some non-splintery wood (poplar or willow), cotton-reels etc., to chew up, and it should soon learn to leave its perch alone. I was interested in noting your bird has a vocabulary of fifty words, as this confirms the reputation they bear in their native country, and you are to be congratulated on possessing so talented a bird. Give regularly cuttlefish bone, and feed as frequently advised in this column.

Nonpariel and Greenfinch.—My cock Nonpariel paired up with a Greenfinch, and produced fertile eggs, which were duly hatched, but young were thrown out of nest. They are flying in my aviary with other British and Foreign birds. Would they be better in a flight cage, 4 feet by 3 feet high?—T. L. PLUM.

The Greenfinch is a free breeder in captivity, and there is no reason why they should not be successfully reared. A little later try them in your flight cage; if they make no signs of resting you can then turn them out again into the aviary with as good a prospect of success as you had last year. If you have any more young hatched, supply some good insectile food, and as many ants' eggs, green fly, gentles, etc., as you can obtain. Instead of putting all the eggs under Canaries, try half of them, but you must make up the full number of clutch in nest by putting in some of the Canary's eggs. I am rather inclined to think the Nonpariel would not pair with the Pintail, and if it did, the two birds are so similar in colouring that the crossed progeny (if reared) would have little value if any beyond that of the pure birds. According to Dr. Russ, the Nonpariel has been crossed with the Canary. I do not remember noting a record of their having done so in this country. These birds eat a lot of greenfood when rearing young.

Outdoor Aviary.—Please advise me as to erecting my aviaries from particulars herewith. Would a wooden floor be suitable for the house? What would be the best time to stock the aviary? What about cats? Should the roof of flight be netting or wood?—NOVICE.

I do not care for wooden floors, as they absorb so much of the moisture of birds' excreta, but you can use it, and put on top of same three or four inches of peat moss litter, rake this over weekly, and replace with fresh as necessary. What I really recommend is a layer of half-inch mesh wire netting, with six inches of earth over same for the floor and on the top of the earth keep up an inch of bird grit. Your arrangements promise well, but I should have the roof of outside flight boarded and felted for the first four feet adjoining the shed; you will have to use half inch mesh wire netting. It is no use your planting trees in the large enclosure, the Parrakeets would destroy these almost at once. Put in some dead trees or, rather, branches, and sow the ground with grass, oats, Canary seed, etc. In addition to the birds you name you could put in pairs of Rosella Parrakeets and White-eared Conures. In your smaller aviary for Finches, I should advise you to leave out the Chaffinches, Blackbird and Thrush from those you name, but the Pekins should do well with the others. The open flight of this enclosure you could plant with trees and shrubs (but not lilac, laburnam or syringa). As regards cats, if your aviary is not near to other buildings from which the cats could jump on to your aviary, you can keep them off the top by having, say, twelve inches of the netting extending outward from the aviary at a slight angle pointing upwards. Budgerigars, Cockateels and Rosellas you can purchase from outdoor aviaries and put in at once; the others purchase as on the market, but keep them indoors till May. They can then be left out altogether. Two-inch quartering will be ample for the frames, and the wire-netting should be stretched on the inside of these so that all ledges may be outside. As a further safeguard against cats, you could stretch another course of one-inch mesh netting on the outside of the frames, and your birds would then be quite safe from Grimalkin. You will not require artificial heat. If you need any further specific help please write again.

Napoleon Bishop.—Please describe the full plumage of this bird. My bird is said to be a young one, and is not very brilliant. Can it be kept in a cold room?—AMATEUR.

The prevailing colour of this beautiful bird is brilliant chrome-yellow; cheeks, chin, nape of the neck chest, and centre of abdomen, velvety-black; wings and tail, brown. The above plumage is only worn during the breeding season, the remainder of the year it is a plain brown bird, slightly yellow in parts. The female is a plain brown bird, somewhat like a Corn Bunting, but becomes slightly yellowish in parts during the breeding season. The intensity of the colouring increases with age. If the cage is sufficiently large to allow it moderate exercise it will do well in a cold room, for it is a hardy and robust species; it would thrive and do well in any ordinary living-room. This species is out of doors all the year round in my garden aviary.

Red-crested Cardinals.—What is the best kind and size of cage for a single bird? How can I sex these birds? It does not sing, and even its chirping is faint and infrequent. Is it a male?—DOUBTFUL.

I am afraid you have no remedy, for when you released the deposit the transaction was closed finally for "C.B." The sexual distinctions are almost infinitesmal, and it is most difficult even for an expert to pick out the sexes from a mixed lot of birds, which are usually of varying ages. In fully adult birds the beak of the female is narrower and more pointed than that of the male, and the scarlet of her crest and throat not so intense in colour, but the distinctions are not striking. Many dealers are not sufficiently acquainted wth them to do more than make a shrewd guess, and I am bound to admit that they mostly manage to pick out the sexes fairly well—an error is not fraud. I have not a great opinion of the song power of the Red-crest. I have possessed many undoubted males that have been very chary of using their voice; on the other hand, at the present time, I possess quite a lusty songster. When the bright weather comes round again you will be better able to judge. As regards cage, it should be of the box type, and certainly not smaller than a Blackbird's cage. You can have mealworms sent you per parcel post by any of our advertisers. The birds should certainly have two or three daily, also fruit. The mealworms keep without trouble in a tin canister containing a little bran.

Green Amazon.—I have a young bird, and shall be glad if you will tell me how to teach it to talk. I have had it six months, and it mimics one or two sounds, and appears strong and healthy. It is fed on mixed Parrot food, sops of bread, and clean drinking water. This is my seventh bird. Please advise me if I am not treating correctly.—HETTY.

Diet your bird as follows: A little boiled maize, prepared fresh daily, as it soon turns sour; when the bird is a little older it will be sufficient to give this boiled food twice a week. Get a quart each Canary, millet and oats, and one pint each hemp, sunflower, dari and wheat; mix the whole well together, and always keep a supply in the cage. You must not give milk, tea, or coffee slops, or soppy bread of any kind. Ripe fruit, greenfood, grit, cuttlefish, plain biscuits should also be given so as to vary the diet. These birds are robust, but need protection from draught. Spray the bird once a week during the winter, and keep it strictly out of draught till dry. The only method of teaching to talk is constant repetition of a word or two till thoroughly learned, then begin again with something fresh. Hope your bird will do well. Read replies to other querists.

All-Green Parrakeet.—Does the All-Green Parrakeet (*B. tirica*) possess any advantage over the Tovi Parrakeet, as regards quietness and musical voice? Which would you recommend as a pet? Are they both about the same size and imported equally freely?—F. C. P.

I have only slight experience of *B. tirica*, but an avicultural friend speaks of his individual as making an excellent pet; but from my own experience I should advise you to decide on a Tovi, or, if you have the accommodation, why not have both? They are plain feeders and easy to keep in health; neither are really noisy birds, and their voices are very similar. What advantage there is, I should say Tovi has it. Tirica is the larger bird of the two, and is the least frequently imported. The Tovi is the smallest of this genus, and, to my mind, the most engaging, becoming very tame when thoroughly accustomed to its owner and cage. Most of these come to hand in a very scared and wild condition, but with gentleness they soon settle down, and though all have somewhat shrill voices, none of them are screamers, so far as my experience goes, both of my own birds and specimens at the Zoo.

Virginian Nightingale.—What is the minimum size cage? What temperature is required? How soon will it begin to sing? What diet?—E.G.

The smallest cage should be a full-sized Blackbird's cage; but one 24in. by 18in. by 24in. high would be far better. I prefer a box type cage to any other. I have only found these birds to sing between March and September; during the other portion of the year a few notes are muttered, but nothing worth mentioning. Your bird will probably commence in either April or May. Diet:—Small maize, oats, hemp, sunflower, rape, millet and canary, ripe fruit, greenfood, and some insects to keep it in health, such as mealworms, smooth caterpillars, spiders, beetles, cockroaches, etc. They are hardy birds, and so long as they are out of draught, the temperature of any living-room will be ample.

What Bird?—My bird was bought as a Pekin Robin, but have been told it is a South African Robin (description herewith). Can you tell me which it is? What is its diet? Is it a male, and what kind of songster is it?—J.H.R.

The South African Robin is quite an uncommon bird in this country. From your description I think you have a young Pekin Robin. It is impossible to say what its sex is at present. If a male, it will duly sing; as regards song, there is a great deal of variation in individual birds, but a good songster is a treat indeed. Its song is very melodious, rich, and full. Diet:—Some good soft food mixture (see advertisement columns), ripe fruit, greenfood, live insects (such as mealworms, beetles, spiders, etc.), grit, cuttlefish, and water for drinking and bathing. Protection from draught.

Nutmeg Finches.—My birds started moulting six weeks ago, and one of them, except for a few wing feathers, has been in quite a naked condition for the past three weeks.—I.Y.G.

Keep in a fairly warm room, and strictly out of the way of draught. Let it have a daily bath (midday), unless weather is very severe. Diet: Canary, white and spray millet, a little of some good soft food mixture, cuttlefish, some of which should be crushed and scattered over sand tray, greenfood (leaf of fresh, tender lettuce), two or three mealworms daily, also such spiders as you can capture. Colour the drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food till the plumage grows again. For one day only, put six drops of tasteless castor oil on its soft food. The following would be a good mixture at the present juncture: Two parts crumbled sponge-cake and one part each of ants' eggs, dried flies and fine crissel; well mix and make crumbly moist. It should be kept in a box-type cage as a precaution against draught, and then the temperature of an ordinary living-room should be sufficient. These birds are quite hardy, and will live out of doors all the year round. Till the feathers grow again, it would be well to fix a small box in the cage, and put a portion of a Canary nest-bag or loose hay in same.

Indian Green Parrakeet.—My bird appears to have some disease round the nostril; it is a kind of growth, and I fear it will eat right down the beak. What can I do to stop it?—NO NAME.

I am afraid I can give you but little help, you make no mention of diet or other treatment. More than this, it is necessary to see such case in order to give adequate advice, and I strongly recommend you to let a vet. see it, who would possibly be able to cut away or open the growth and give almost immediate relief. If you elect to do the best you can with it yourself, touch the growth, if hard, several times daily with a camel-hair brush dipped in tincture of iodine; if it is a running sore it must be regularly cleansed and anointed with zinc ointment. Keep bowels open, not loose, with Dinneford's magnesia, half a teaspoonful to one table-spoonful of water, and let it have only this to drink for that day. Keep up its strength by colouring its drinking water with Parrish's chemical food when not giving the magnesia. Do not use a metal drinking-vessel when giving drugs. For diet see other replies in this and previous issues.

Walnuts for Grey Parrot.—Do you think dry walnuts bad for Grey Parrots? I give mine two daily; they are a special "tit-bit," and a good plaything.—J.A.R.

You need have no fear in using these; they are among the most suitable for the purpose, and in the quantities you are giving are perfectly harmless. You might try a few "monkey" nuts as a change at times; do not shell these, but give them as bought; it will give the bird a little occupation to strip them.

White-eared Conures.—What is the correct diet and treatment?—H.P.

These birds are very modest in their requirements. Canary, millet, green food, ripe fruit, grit, and cuttlefish, with constant supply of clean water, is about all they require to keep them in health and condition; a little hemp in cold weather, and a handful of oats twice a week, makes a wholesome change. They are a hardy species, and can be kept out of doors all the year round, providing they are put out, in the first instance, in the late spring. However, unless they have plenty of space, they should not be associated with any kind of birds smaller or weaker than themselves.

Grey Parrot III.—For the past two years this bird appears to have had colds in the head, and just now it is snuffling frequently, breathes heavily, and is very mopy; however, it eats well. It is kept in a warm corner and out of draught. I have given a bit of bread and a drink of milk occasionally.—G. MERRIMAN.

Stop giving milk in any form and diet as follows: Seed mixture: Two parts each Canary and oats, and one part each millet, wheat, dari, hemp and sunflower seeds; well mix, and let this be your staple food, of which a supply is always in the cage. Daily supplies of grit, cuttlefish and greenfood must be given; also, so as to vary the diet, ripe fruit, plain biscuits, nuts, boiled potato, and a dry crust of household bread; water to satisfy its thirst three times a day. Spray or bathe its nostrils with diluted glyco-thymoline. Get the following from your chemist: Ipecacuanha wine, oxymel of squills and glycerine in equal parts; put one teaspoonful of this to each ounce of the bird's drinking water, and continue till relief is given. For one day only, soak half-a-teaspoonful of tasteless castor oil into a small crust of household bread, and see that the bird eats it; let it dry in before giving to the bird; repeat this, if needful, in three days' time. The bowels must be kept moving freely, but must not be really loose. As soon as the bird's breath is all right, stop

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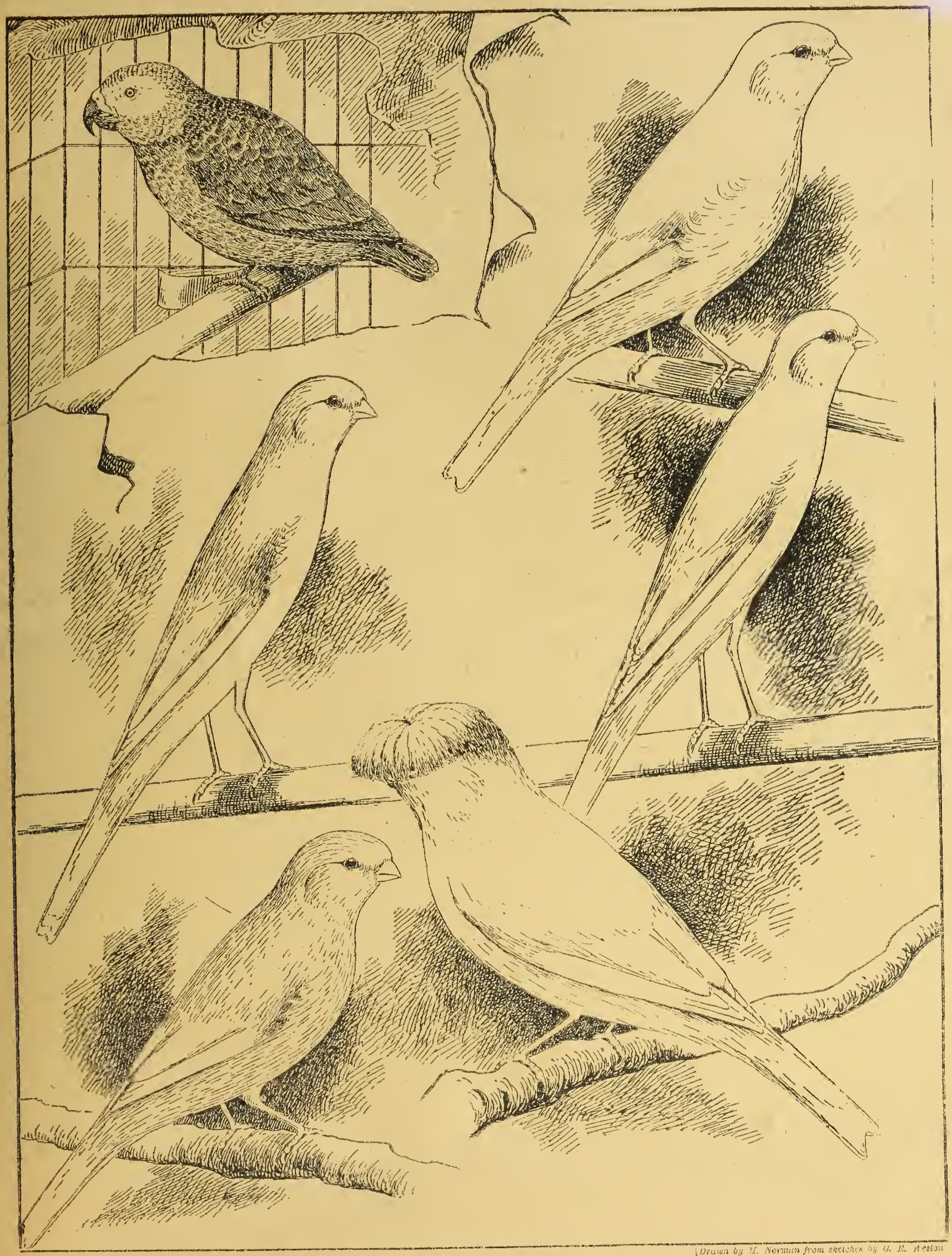

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WOLVERHAMPTON.

The First Show of the newly-formed C. B. S. came off on Jan. 19th, and was a decided success in every way. About 120 birds were staged, and the quality was much above the average seen in South Staffs. Mr. G. E. Russell judged, and his awards met with general approval; he complimented the society on their splendid show, and especially the attractive manner in which the birds were staged. Norwich were a very hot lot. The special for best in show was found in this section, a very fine clear yellow, shown by Mr. F. J. Weaver, second best special going to a grand young yellow Yorks, owned by Mr. F. Howes. Special for best Hybrid was won by Mr. J. A. Tonks, with a very fine Goldie-Greenie, one of a grand team of Mules, shown by this exhibitor. The winning yellow Bunting of same owner was much admired, as was also the Bullie shown by Mr. G. Osborne, which carried off special for best British. The Goldies were the best and most level lot seen in the district, and were not easily divided. This was the Secretary's (Mr. F. Howes) first experience of show management, and great credit is due to him for the most able manner in which everything was carried out.

YORKS. YELL.: 1, Jones, Cinn. mkd., rare length, quality, and style; 2, Jones, another good one, in nice trim, grand type and size; 3, r, vhc, F. Howes, good team, third, very stylish, grand colour, well up on legs. BUFF: 1, Jones, clear, fine, well-drawn, good position; 2, 3, Howes, good type, close feather, standing like guardsman. UNFLI. DO.: 1, sp, 2, hc, Howes, grand team, leader, finely drawn yell., good colour, second, another same stamp, close up; 3, r, vhc, Jones, all buffs, little to choose between them, very lengthy, good quality. HENS: 1, 3, Howes, leader big buff, a beauty, fine length, good back, close-packed wings, feathered like a Java, third, good hen, just a little out of condition; 2, r, vhc, Jones, second, yell., grand type, well drawn, nice condition. NOR. YELL.: 1, 2, 2 spls, Weaver, first, great size, deep chest, fine carriage, good colour, well-carried wings and tail, a gem, second, well-known saddle-mark, grand quality, tight as wax, presses winner very hard; 3, Willoughby, clear, very typical, hardly the substance of leaders, nice, jaunty carriage, grand colour; r, Steadman; vhc, Willoughby; hc, Weaver; c, Garfield. BUFF: 1, Weaver, beautiful quality, clear, lovely colour, good front; 2, Willoughby, neck tick, nice head and neck, good colour; r, Steadman; vhc, Weaver; hc, Willoughby; c, W. Weaver. UNFLI. YELL.: 1, Steadman, big, bouncing clear, full front, good neck and head, full of colour; 2, Weaver, grand colour and type; 3, r, Willoughby, clear, plenty of size, good type and quality; vhc, Steadman. BUFF: 1, Willoughby, clear, fine size, splendid quality, good head and best of wing carriage; 2, Weaver, clear, grand colour, splendid type; 3, Willoughby, another typical exhibit, tight feather, grand wings, clean cut; r, vhc, Willoughby; vhc, Weaver; hc, Tonks. HENS YELL.: 1, Willoughby, lovely type, good colour, shines like satin; 2, Weaver, very similar bird, nice head and substance; 3, Willoughby, grand size, good colour, hardly so fine as leaders; r, Weaver; vhc, hc, Willoughby; c, Birch. BUFF: 1, Steadman, clear, good colour, typical, close feather, nice wings; 2, Weaver, grand hen, feathered like a Java, hardly so large as winner, close up; 3, Willoughby, unfli. clear, grand quality and substance, good colour; r, hc, Weaver; vhc, Garfield; c, Willoughby. LIGHT MULE (4): 1, sp, 2, r, Tonks, leader grand Goldfinch-Greenfinch, splendid size and shape, lovely face and wings, in great form, one of the best, quite an attraction, second, big, nicely-marked Linnet, in good trim; 3, Weaver, yellow Goldie, nice colour and size; r, lightly marked buff Goldie. DARK or PIED (6): 1, 2, Tonks, first, a yellow Greenie, splendid size and shape, beautiful rich colour, in fine trim, second, pretty yellow Goldie, nice shape, red-hot colour, bit small; 3, Gadd, nice sized Pied Greenie in good feather and trim; r, Weaver, Pied buff Goldie, nicely fed, in good order. GOLDFINCH (6): 1, 2, Weaver, first, a bonny Finch, very shapely, grand rich, square cut blaze, beautiful tanning, second, another good one, a little brighter blaze, nice wings and buttons; 3, Potter, similar to first, not quite so large in face, but a beautiful colour throughout, presses; r, Tonks, a noted winner, met his equals here, still a grand, rich-coloured Finch, very sleek and shapely, grand rich blaze; vhc, Smith, very small, nice colour. BULLFINCH or GREENFINCH (12): 1, sp, Osborne, the Hanley winner, great size, good cap and wings; 2, Weaver, topping yellow Greenie, nice level colour, in grand bloom; 3, Tonks, sweet Bullie, dense back cap, nice back and bars, deep rich breast; r, Osborne, another nice Bullie, in beautiful feather; vhc, Gadd; hc, Smith; c, Potter. A. O. V. (9): 1, sp, hc, e, Tonks, first, a topping Yellowhammer, great size, beautiful head and cheek markings, red-hot colour, faultless, hc, Linnet, c, Siskin; 2, sp, Gadd, nice size Chaffinch, of good colour and sheen; 3, Osborne, Redpoll, nice shape and colour, beautifully laced; vhc, Potter, Bramble, good size, grand rich colour throughout, nicely spangled and laced, very steady.

HARROGATE C.B.S.

Third Monthly Show on Wednesday, January 9th. Some very nice specimens were on view. Mr. W. Brown, of Harrogate, officiated as judge, and his awards gave every satisfaction. YELL. YORKS. HEN: 1, Walker; 2, Bennison. BUFF: 1, Bennison; 2, Head; 3, Bennison; 4, Head; vhc, hc, Walker. NOR. HENS 1 4, Barnwell; 2, 3, Gregg. BRIT. 1, Gregg.—G. H. BARNWELL, Hon Sec.

LLANDILO.

Held Thursday, January 17th, unfortunately clashing with a fixture at Swansea, thereby affecting the entry. We were sorry to note this, as this young Society has had an uphill journey from the outset, and the show is run by a few true fanciers whose aim is to pay their liabilities to the fullest extent. They held their first show to try to foster the Fancy in the neighbourhood, and this clashing proved most unfortunate. However, what the show lacked in quantity was amply atoned for in quality, some of the very best birds on the bench being seen in most of the classes. Mr. D. O. Jones, the very excellent Hon. Sec., is to be complimented on the brave fight he made against adverse circumstances, and he was well backed by a hard-working and energetic Committee, headed by Mr. H. Hopkins, who is an "old soldier" at show work in many varieties. The gate was extra good, and quite a fashionable gathering was seen in the afternoon, the President, Captain E. Richardson, and most of the best-known gentry in the neighbourhood being present. The Judge, Mr. J. Robson, had a very hard time of it, particularly with the Rollers, the singing contest taking the best part of two hours to adjudicate upon.

NORWICH YELL. (8): 1, Portman, well-known, a slasher for size, grandly feathered, rare type, very nice win; 2, Wosley, another good coloured one, exceptional head properties, nice, short and chubby, well carried wings and tail; 3, Dummett, close up to leaders, a topper for size, substance and type, clothed with the silkiest of feather, good short wings and tail; 4, Prichard, also a real good one, faultless for type and quality, nice size, built on the cobbiest lines; vhc, Tedstone; hc, Slocombe, a real topper; c, W. Jones. BUFF (11): 1, spl, Sheldon, monster, varieg. buff, grand type, rare quality of feather, lovely head and neck, wins well; 2, Gwilliam, neatly finished one, well furnished body, correct type of head, rarely carried wings and tail; 3, J. Houghton, another topper for size and substance, correctly built on the soundest of Norwich lines, well clothed; 4, Dummett, typical one of nice quality and type, much admired; vhc, Prichard; hc, Stephenson; c, Slocombe. YORKS. YELL. (7): 1, spl, best bird in show, T. Morris, with his well-known clear, rare position and carriage, neatly fitting wings and tail, straight as a gun barrel, wins comfortably; 2, T. Morris, similar type, not so nicely filled in at back and neck, neat wings and tail, fine length; 3, hc, Smith, we liked, correct upstanding position, nice legs, good wing and tail carriage, full of style; 4, hc, Creber, Green of exceptional merit, nice length and style; vhc, c, Williams and Morgans. BUFF (6): 1, 4, hc, Smith, grand clr. leading, fine length and position, feathered like boxwood, in the best of order, nice win, fourth also a neatly feathered one, grand position, full of style, beautiful carriage; 2, hc, Morris, neatly finished one, grandly drawn, in best of feather, put down in well-known style; 3, Griffiths Brothers, very stylish one, plenty of length, good position, straight as a gun barrel, neatly carried wings; vhc, Lovell, good specimen; c, Miss M. Williams. BORDER YELL. (9): 1, R. H. Jones, neatly got up Border, teeming with quality, neatest of wings, closely carried, nice waxlike feathers, beautiful mover, good win; 2, Jenkins, rare coloured one, close up, rare typical model of a Border, very tight and trim, best of wing and tail carriage; 3, Tedstone, neatly staged, nice wings and tail, gay and jaunty in carriage, a Border all over; 4, Richards, neat, good coloured Green, rare type and finish; vhc, Jenkins and Nicholas; hc, Hakin. BUFF (10): 1, 2, D. Jenkins, clr. buffs both, hen leading, a perfect model, neatly finished body, best of wings and tail, rare quality and faultlessly staged, stands away; 3, R. H. Jones, good, sound specimen, neat head, good quality of feather, best of carriage, taking exhibit; 4, Sheldon, also good, put down in splendid style; vhc, Tedstone; hc, Prosser; c, Nicholas. SCOTS OR BELGIAN (3): 1, 3, J. H. Jones, good Belgian leading, topper for substance and shape, good stiff, straight back and legs, put down in rare order, third well-known Scots., nice sided one, in rare form to-day, works without the slightest handling; 2, B. Davies, well-known, in the best of condition and feather. A.O.V. (5): 1, Kearle, Crest, in good feather, nice radiation, well clothed, good size. The rest were all "wrong classed," being unevenly mkd. Yorkshires. SELLING, £1 (8): 1, Davies; 2, Griffiths Bros.; 3, Creber; 4, Prosser; vhc, Prichard; hc, Jenkins; c, Jones. SELLING, 10s. (8): 1, c, P. Jenkins; 2, Griffiths Bros.; 3, Prosser; vhc, Beard; hc, Stephenson; c, Griffiths. HYBRID, LIGHT, ETC. (10): 1, 4, Shellam, Greenie-Bullie leading, looking well, rare size and colour, well defined cap, good bars, wins well, fourth Siskin-Greenie, rare size, excellent feather, a lovely specimen of this cross; 2, Wasley, good yell., light Mule, nice face and bars, rare colour, plenty of size and substance; 3, vhc, Price-Jones, Linnet-Bullie, nice size, shows parentage to a nicety, latter also good; hc, Shopland; c, Miss Williams. DARK (8): 1, 2, Price-Jones, cinnamon Greenie, winning in fine form, nice level colour, rare shape, wins well, second buff Goldie-Canary, good face, bars and back, in best of feather; 3, D. G. Lewis, rare shaped, and coloured Siskin-Canary, distinct cap and thigh marks, in waxlike condition; 4, H. S. Davies, good coloured yell. Greenie Mule; vhc, Williams and Davies; No. 82, Wasley, alleged Canary-Bullie, wrong classed by the judge, who states it was Greenie-Bullie. This bird was devoid of lacing on back, as seen in the Canary-Bullie cross.

In answering advertisements kindly mention "CAGE BIRDS."

GOLDFINCH (16): 1, Hurst, "Pride of Liverpool," rare polish and finish, a real jonque, grand large blaze, shade dirty in whites, very expansive and rich running, good buttons and bars, beautiful blaze colour; 2, 3, D. G. Lewis, rare faced one, exceptionally expansive, cleanly cut at base, bottom and corners, rare finish, could be improved upon in tans, which we consider his only failing, good bars, buttons and back colour, third rounded face, good tans and buttons; 4, T. W. Richards, neatly finished one, nicely polished face, rare tans, nice bars and buttons, not a big one; vhc, J. W. Davies, typical Britisher, nice expansive blaze of sound colour and polish; hc, Hopkins, reported to be the seventh moult of this bird in captivity, in rare bloom, nice cut face, good at all points; c, Ball. GREYPATE GOLDFINCH (16): 1, 2 Carrier, a couple of good big ones, with nice coloured expansive faces, rich tans, bars and buttons, rare colour and polish, like moulted specimens; 3, we missed the name, a neatly got up Finch, in rare feather, good square-cut face, rich body colour, bright yellow bars, hard to find fault with; 4, Jackson and Lohr, neat faced bird, good size, good body and wing colour, nicely buttoned; vhc, Bird, nice one, had twisted his feathers at neck, which spoilt his chance; hc, W. Lewis; c, Herbert. GREENFINCH OR BULLY (13): 1, A. E. Lovell, with a rich coloured Bullie of nice type and quality, rich front and beautifully dense black cap, wing points, and tail, with a metallic sheen, wonderful condition and polish; 2, A. Howe, superb Greenfinch, rare size and shape, wonderful colour and sheen, exceptional head properties, very close up; 3, Nicholas, "Silver King" in nice feather and condition, put down in well-known style; 4, c, Coffey; vhc, Taylor; hc, Raven. BRAMBLEFINCH (6): 1, Lee, nice size and spangle, too black for our liking, lovely condition, in rare feather; 2, Coffey, good shaped one, well cut breast colour, neat spangle on back, good wide bars; 3, Bowker and Cliff, nice size and colour, rare shape; 4, Richards, good big one, natural colour; vhc, Raven. LINNET (7): 1, Lovell, lovely shape and colour, good head and neck, laced from neck to vent in rare style, wins nicely; 2, Hurst, rare coloured one, in fact too much so, which makes the marking appear a bit cloudy, not so tight in feather as we like them; 3, Coffey, good sized one, nice shape and colour; 4, Nicholas, good sound coloured Linnet, neatly marked, nice polish, the correct nutty brown, with a solid front; vhc, Lee, big, full of colour, devoid of markings; hc, Thomas; c, Taylor. REDPOLL, ETC. (12): 1, Price-Jones, rare Twite for colour, size and markings, staged in nice style, wins comfortably; 2, Hurst, nice coloured Siskin, good cap and eye marks, well laced at thighs; 3, Nicholas, rare-coloured Redpoll, nice frontal, rare quality of feather, fails bib; 4, hc, Hurst, Mealy Redpoll, large and well laced, inclined to be colourless; vhc, Bowker and Cliff; c, Isaac. THRUSH (6): 1, H. S. Davies, really fine Thrush, rare colour, beautifully spotted, rare size and finish, wins well; 2, 3, Walters, very good specimens, in nice feather, well spotted, good stamp and size. A.O.V. HARDBILL: 1, 3, Price-Jones, Corn Bunting, at the top at last, beautiful specimen, one of the best we have seen, in grand order, beautifuly marked, champion for size and general finish, third nat. coloured Yellowhammer, good head marking, nice size and feather; 2, A. Howe, noted Hawfinch, in clinking fettle, a wonder for condition and marking, must have pressed; 4, vhc, Raven, Meadow Bunting, good, in rare feather; hc, Ray; c, Nicholas. SOFTBILL (6): 1, 3, Raven, superb Waxwing, in grand feather, nice shape, good distinct wing tips, extra good in crest and bib, nice win, third large, dense coloured Blackbird, rich bill and ceres; 2, H. J. Ford, lovely Tree Creeper, quite at home, in rare feather and condition; 4, Brotherhood, Waxwing, nice size, shape and bib; vhc, Johns; hc, Hopkins. FOREIGN, LARGE (5): 1, Bowen, good Amazon, in rare bloom, well staged; 2, 3, Thorne, fine glossy Starling and silky Cowbird respectively. SMALL (6): 1, Cram, neat pair of Black Throated Cardinals in rare feather, tastefully staged; 2, 3, Thorne, scarlet and superb Tanagers, put down in fine style, beautiful sheen and polish; 4, J. H. Jones, Gouldian, nice size, good colour; vhc, Raven; hc, G. Jones. GIFT: 1, Lee; 2, Jones; 3, Davies; 4, Thomas. ROLLER SINGING (21): 1, Hawthorn, excels in hollow bell roll, grand deep bass tours, and also gluck, free to open, wins easily; 2, Roebuck, good bird, strong forte appeared to be hollow bell, fair bass tours; 3, Netherwood, lovely rise in the hollow bell, rare flute, bell, and bass tours, short duration, or perhaps would have been higher; 4, Hawthorn, good bass tours, also hollow bell, fair rise; 4, G. W. Payne, good steady rise in the hollow bell, bars not of sufficient depth; 187, J. W. Morris, real good one, but inclined to be shy, pure tone, good bass, but too short; vhc, J. E. Bowley.

QUEENSBURY C.B.S.

Members' Show, held Jan. 19th. Mr. J. Wilman (Great Horton) judged, and had a stiff task. About 70 birds were staged. Mr. H. Myers won first for most points, Mr. J. N. Fowle second, and Mr. A. Craven third. CL. YELL.: 1, Jowett; 2, Myers; 3 J. H. Fowle; 4, Jagger and Ackroyd. BUFF: 1, H. Smith; 2, Bramfit; 3, Fowle; 4, Jowett. TK. or UN-MKD. YELL.: 1, Waterhouse; 2, Jagger and Ackroyd; 3, Craven; 4, Myers. BUFF: 1, Myers; 2, Craven; 3, Allen; 4, Fowle. CL. YELL. HEN: 1, Smith; 2, 4, Fowle; 3, Myers. BUFF: 1, Fowle; 2, Wilkinson; 3, Smith; 4, Jowett. TK. UN-MKD. YELL.: 1, 3, Myers; 2, Smith; 4, Jowett. TD. MK. BUFF: 1, Craven; 2, Fowle; 3, 4, Myers. A.V.: 1, Fowle; 2, Allen; 3, Myers; 4, Craven. SELL., 12. 6d.: 1, Fowle; 2, 4, Myers; 3, Allen. HEN, 10s.: 1, 4, Fowle; 2, Bramfit; 3, Smith. H. Smith wins special for member who has never won a first.

WALLINGFORD.

This Annual Show, held in the Corn Exchange, on January 16th, was in every respect a success. The cage-birds were well staged on a raised platform at a comfortable height. The Corn Exchange is a thoroughly well-lighted and ventilated building—just the place in which to stage birds in comfort. The entry was a nice one, and the quality excellent, particularly in British and Foreign birds. The Society enjoys the patronage of the leading residents in the town and neighbourhood, Mr. H. Du Cros, M.P. (Howberry Park) is the president, and the Committee is composed of the following fanciers:—Messrs. S. Taylor (Chairman), G. A. Cole, W. Goswell, J. J. Hall, A. Honeybone, W. D. Jenkins, Junr., F. Whichells, with Mr. W. Honeybone, of Magpie-Pigeon fame, as hon. secretary, and Messrs. F. Snow and Fred Whichells as assistant hon. secretaries. Judging was over in good time, and the catalogues were out with awards a very short time after judging was completed. A large number of fanciers from Reading, Abingdon, etc., visited the show during the afternoon and evening, and, judging by appearances, the gate was a good one. In the British section Mr. W. G. Poole's Cornish Chough came in for a good deal of scrutiny; while in the Foreign section much admiration was bestowed upon Mr. F. Howe's magnificent King Parrot. Mr. Poole also sent a very pretty specimen of the Golden-crested Wren, and Messrs. C. Pearce and Son's lovely little White-throat was the cynosure of many eyes. Mr. G. H. Billett judged. NOR. YELL. (5); 1, 3, Yates, leader, nice shape, well proportioned head and neck, level colour, fine quality, just a trifle open in feather, third var., very fine feather texture and hot in colour, just a shade long in flights and tail, but should breed some good ones; 2, Lewis, warm and level in colour, nicely polished, a gem for quality; res., Yates, nice type, little slack in feather. BUFF (10): 1, 3, res., Yates, leader very chubby in build and nice in feather, neat head and neck, but wanted tightening up a bit, third grand quality, might be a trifle stouter, res. rather long and upright, but rich colour and quality; 2, Lewis, very fine boxwood feather, nice undercolour and mealy, a gem for quality; vhc, Brooker; hc, Pearce and Son, Miss Thomas. YORKS. (8): 1, Martin, yell., very stylish, rich level colour, well polished, goes up like a dart, neat head, level back, nice tail, a good one; 2, Spring, yell., rather more length, but not so well finished; 3, Shetler, buff, very fine quality, close in feather, nice style; res., Yates, very neat yell.; vhc, Martin; hc, Miss Stevens, Shetler, Coates and Humphries. CREST OR C.B. (1): 2, Fifield, very neat wing mark., with nice level drooping crest. A.O.V. (4): 1, 2, 3, Yates, fine trio of cinns., rattling buff leading, closely followed by a bright, pure coloured, well burnished yell.; res., Miss Thomas. HYB. (7): 1, Jupe, the well-known Goldie-Bullie, in fine colour; 2, Lamb, well-known Linnet-Bullie, bright, rich and lustrous, must have pressed the winner hard; 3, Lewin, even buff Goldie-Can.; res., Lamb, a topping 6-pointed yellow Goldie-Can., made a bold bid for a place in the money; vhc, Mitchell and Needham. GOLDFINCH (6): A good class for quality; 1, Marley, not quite so large as some, but full of quality, colours well defined, clean cut; 2, Howe, well-known, larger, rich blaze; 3, Levitt, rare depth of blaze colour, not so lustrous as the others; res., Jupe, fine Finch, little to choose between the pair; vhc, Pearce and Son; hc, Levitt. FINCH A.O.V. (10): 1, 2, Levitt, Bramble leading, not quite in such tip-top condition as might be, second nice Bullfinch; 3, Jupe, a nice bird, shown in good condition; res., Mitchell and Needham; vhc, Sims, A. Howe (2), including his noted Greenfinch, Mitchell and Needham; hc, Pounsett. A.O.V. BRIT. SMALL (7): 1, Poole, beautiful little Golden-crested Wren, tame and in fine feather; 2, Pearce and Son, an equally charming Whitethroat, first at Abingdon; 3, Marley; res., Miss Hopwood, a really good Yellow Bunting; vhc, Levitt; hc, Miss Thomas. LARGE (4): 1, Poole, Cornish Chough, nice feather, except soiled tail; 2, Burrows, capital Ring Ousel, in spick and span feather; 3, Fisher, fine Magpie; res., Pearce and Son, lovely Song Thrush, rich brown, very steady. FOR. A.V. (9): 1, F. Howe, King Parrot, very brilliant, in splendid feather; 2, A. Honeybone, very fine specimen of the Lemon-crested Cockatoo; 3, Poole, rich in colour and in nice feather; res., Leavers, grass Parrakeet, in nice feather; vhc, Coles, Miss Brasher, Poole; hc, Miss Thomas. SELL., 15s. (6): 1, Yates; 2, Burrows; 3, Miss E. Stevens; vhc, Brooker, Poole, Yates. BRIT., LOCAL (4): 1, A. Honeybone; 2, Pounsett; 3, Fisher.

STOURBRIDGE.

This Show was held in the Drill Hall, January 18th and 19th, a good place for a Show, with plenty of room and grand light. The exhibits were well looked after by a capable set of Stewards; the Secretary had everything well in hand, and cards quickly put up. Mr. J. N. Harrison judged to everyone's satisfaction. Through shortness of entries the first and third prize in each class was withheld.

CAN. A.V.: 2, 4, Jones and Bradley, yell. cinn. leading, nice rich even colour, fair size, wins well, fourth very nice gold spangled Liz., both birds well shown; res., vhc, Fallows, yell. Yorks. leading, Netherton winner, beaten here, vhc, buff Yorks., fine long buff, frilled a bit on breast. BRIT. A.V.: 2, res., Jones and Bradley, Nightingale and Blackcap, in the order named, two grand birds, hard to part; 4, Poole, well-known Chough, looking rather down in condition when we saw it; vhc, Harris, a very nice conditioned Skylark, well shown.

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WIMBLEDON.

The Second Annual Show of the Wimbledon and Dist. C. B. S. was held in the Worple Hall, Wimbledon, on Jan. 16th and 17th. Some birds of excellent quality were on view, but considering the patronage of several specialist societies had been worked for, the entry certainly was not anything nearly so good as this splendidly-managed and progressive society deserved. The Yorks. C. C competition attracted some of the "cracks" of the county of many acres down South, and these lent distinction to the collection of lengthy beauties. The S. Y. C. C. and S. N. P. C. also lent their patronage to the fixture. Taken on the whole, the display of Yorkies was an attractive and interesting one. Some of the younger hands would do well to study the fine art of staging, for in many instances neither they nor their birds could be said to shine (appropriate word) in this direction. The Norwich Plainheads were a good, level lot, and we experienced quite a pleasant spasm of astonishment to como face to face with a few good Lancashires, a real novelty London-way. The Hybrid, British and Foreign sections, made a varied show, and well repaid inspection. The local and children's classes were also most interesting. The birds were well looked after and beautifully staged, and no praise could be too high for the hall, a spic-and-span, roomy place, splendidly lighted, and kept at an even, suitable temperature. The society is fortunate in its possession. Another possession they have cause to congratulate themselves upon is their worthy Hon. Sec., Mr. W. H. Colman, an excellent official in every sense, capable and courteous. In Mr. W. H. Stoakley he had the support of a good Chairman, while the committee, Messrs. Broome, Codd, Day, Dell, Dyke, Griffiths, Piper, Rorke, Smith, and Warley, are all enthusiastic fanciers and hard workers. Mr. Whittome also ably assisted. The catalogues, with awards in the margin, were out and on sale at 2.30 p.m., a feat on which the management justly prided themselves. Mr. J. Wheeler won the trophy for most points throughout the show; Messrs. Bailey and Swanger the cup given by Mr. R. P. Broome for most points in Yorks. classes; and Mr. F. J. Day the medal for the hottest bird fed on Ramsden's pepper. Mr. T. Heath judged the Yorks. and S. N. P. C. classes, Mr. J. Robson the remainder. Their awards were well received.

YORKS. CL. or TKD. (10): 1, 2, Bailey and Swanger, the noted clear and thigh tkd., in grand trim, good in length, A1 style and position, wax-like in plumage, a grand pair; 3, Webb, clear, full of colour and quality, well moulded, fairly good length, little slovenly in wing; vhc, Pattrick, very nice, typical bird, stands grandly; hc, Crisp, the well-known neck tkd., failing in bloom to-day, yet a grand one; c, Easterling, in lovely order. BUFF (11): 1 vhc, Bailey and Swanger, tkd. wing, a beautiful Yorkie, hard to beat for style, quality, and pose, splendid length, grand legs, neat as a new pin; 2 Easterling, another wonderfully neat bird, fine length, well drawn, nicely moulded, still has not quite the style of the winner; 3, Wilcock, clear, carries a little more timber than leaders, yet of lovely shape, neatest of heads, wings, and tail, full of quality; hc, Mabey, nice stylish bird; c, Davis, good length and type. MKD., ETC. (12): 1, Wilcock, not the lengthiest, but a gem all over for quality, perfect feather for texture and tightness, stylish, lovely-shaped bird, Cinn. mkd. buff; 2, Bailey and Swanger, the well-known eye and wing mkd. buff, magnificent shape and style, again feather like glass, does not carry quite the colour of winner, yet runs him close; 3, c, Easterling, stylish buff, Cinn. mkd. wings and head, very long and well-drawn, has a grand pair of legs, neat to a fault; vhc, hc, Crisp, two lovely birds for type, but right out of it for tightness and condition. UNFLIGHTED (14): 1, Bailey and Swanger, superb clear yell., gem for quality and colour, takes a beautiful stand, neat, round head, well-filled in back, A1 wings and tail, wins nicely; 2, Wilcock, eye and wing mkd. yell., beaten a shade in condition, but well on winner in other respects, very taking style, fine length, beautifully moulded body; 3, Mabey, another clinker, rare good length, plenty of leg, and knows how to stand, very shapely and neat all over; vhc, sp, hc, Easterling, two exceedingly nice youngsters; c, Parrott; No. 13, Miss Price, S. Y. C. C. sp for best lady's exhibit. HENS YELL. (9): 1, 3, Bailey and Swanger, leader grand one for shape and style, excels in silky texture of feather, a charming hen, third, mkd. wings and eye, little longer, very slim and shapely, teeming with quality; 2, S. Y. C. C. sp best hen, Easterling, Cinn. mkd., just beaten in "the altogether" by winner, yet ran her a close race, lovely damsel, full of true Yorkie qualities, rare style and silky feather; vhc, Webb, again a taking hen, nice length and shape; hc, Wilcock, very typical, shade on the stout side; c, Easterling. BUFF (8): 1, Bailey and Swanger, a little gem, marvellous quality of feather and bloom, shines like satin, nice length, beautifully drawn, stands perfectly; 2, Crisp, another gem for colour and quality, rare silky jacket, wonderful legs, straight as a rush, grand length and style, just beaten by the wax-like finish of winner; 3, Peverall, yet another exceptionally good hen, has length and quality, well drawn, neat, full of style; vhc, c, Parrott, two sweet specimens, need tightening up a shade; hc, Easterling.

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YORKS. YELL. CL. or TKD. (13): 1, Parish, nice yellow, nice length and style; 2, Hawes, rare type, we liked better than winner; 3, Thomson, nice yellow, good body, well up on leg; vhc, S. Y. C. C. sp, Broome; hc, Stevens; c, Tribe. BUFF (10): 1, S. Y. C. C. sp best cock, Mrs. Vipond-Crocker, grand buff, beautiful carriage, very shapely, good quality; 2, Adams, lengthy and slim, another grand bird, good back; 3, Hawes, good shape and style, true Yorkie; vhc, Bennett; hc, Tribe. VARIEG. (11): 1, 3, Hawes, first, wing mkd. buff, leading, very good style, fine shapely body, third, mkd. yell., lengthy, neat; 2, Phillips, good mkd. yell., rich in colour, grand quality; vhc, Broome; hc, Parish; c, Stevens. UNFLI. (16): 1, hc, Hawes, fine yell., good carriage, very neat; 2, vhc, Mrs. Vipond-Crocker, lovely yellow, gets well up, shapely; 3, Broome, nice buff, good quality, beautiful back; c, Thomson. HENS YELL. (13): 1, Warley, nice slim yellow, grand carriage, full of quality; 2, Stevens, splendid hen, grand shape, lovely condition; 3, Hawes, good length and style, a beauty, we liked very much; vhc, Phillips; hc, Bennett; c, Thomson. BUFF (7): 1, S. Y. C. C. sp, best hen, Broome, typical buff, grand hen, well shown; 2, c, Hawes, another very neat buff, good wings and tail; 3, Stevens, lovely clear beauty for shape and style; vhc, hc, Bennett.

NORWICH (Under S. N. P. C. patronage). YELL. CL. or TKD. (3): 1, Berkshire, full of quality, nice bird, real good shape; 2, Day, beautiful clear, fine stamp, just fails a little in wing carriage; 3, Mrs. Joseph, nat. col., nice shape, might be bigger. BUFF (5): 1, 3, Berkshire, two nice birds, full of quality and colour, very shapely; 2, Day, another grand bird, rich in colour, nice quality; vhc, Wall; c, Thomas. MKD., ETC.: 1, Parsons, good type, grand substance, nice head and wings; 2, 3, Day, second, red-hot yell., good head, third, lovely shaped, cobby bird; vhc, Berksbire. UNFLI. (8): 1, S. N. P. C. sp best lady's bird, Miss Hardwick, very neat yellow, sweet, shapely bird, very nice quality; 2, vhc, hc, Berkshire, second, real grand buff, good body and quality; 3, Ramsden's sp, Day, simply teeming with colour, good quality, very attractive bird; c, Miss Thomas. YELL. HENS (1): 1, Miss Thomas, sweet clear, nice shape and style. BUFF (5): 1, Day, dark cap, rare substance, lovely quality, nice and neat; 2, 3, Berkshire, second, very fine clear buff, good colour, typical, third similar bird, very good specimen; vhc, sp, Miss Hardwick; hc, Mrs. Joseph. LIMIT (Open): 1, 3, hc, Mabey, Yorkies, cheap birds, good quality; 2, Spinner, grand yell. Norwich, full of colour; vhc, Slade; c, Parrott.

MEMBERS SECTION.

CHAMPION CLASSES NORWICH YELL. (3): 1, 2, sp, Wheeler, grand bird, lovely quality and colour, second, also a good one, but not quite so fine in feather; 3, Spinner, another very typical specimen, teeming with colour and quality, fine chest. BUFF (4): 1, 2, Wheeler, first, full of quality, nice large bird, grand meal, second, very typical, beaten quality; 3, Spinner, grand colour and type, better feather; vhc, Smith. YELL. HENS (3): 1, sp, Spinner, very good, full of quality, typical and neat; 2, 3, J. Wheeler, second, neat yellow, shapely and good in quality, fails slightly in size and colour, third, good, but rather pinched in head. BUFF (4): 1, sp, 2, Wheeler, nice, bouncing buff, fine shape, lovely quality, second good one, fair type; 3, Spinner, lovely buff, fine shape and quality, we would have placed higher up; vhc, Smith. UNFLI. (5): 1, sp, Spinner, red-hot yellow, first-class quality, real good shape; 2, 3, Wheeler, both very nice buffs, lovely quality, nice and typical. YORKS. YELL. (6): 1, sp, Mabey, very neat yellow, mkd. on wings, good length and style; 2, 3, vbc, Smith, well staged, typical, full of quality, grand carriage, third, very good clear, not quite so slim; hc, c, Wheeler. BUFF (5): 1, sp, 2, Wheeler, first, grand typical Yorkie, mkd. on tail, very neat, second, lovely buff, mkd. bead and wings, grand shape; 3, Mabey, long, well-drawn, good quality, very neat; vhc, hc, Smitb. HENS YELL. (4): 1, sp, 2, Wheeler, first, good clear, lovely back and wings, fine stand, second, grand clear, pressed bard for first; 3, Smith, very neat bird, nice colour and size; vhc, Mabey. BUFF (5): 1, sp, vhc, Wheeler, lovely shape, grand carriage, full of quality; 2, Mabey, beautiful meal, good wings and tail, well drawn; 3, hc, Smith, very good bird, nice shape, bardly so good in carriage. UNFLI. (7): 1, sp, c, Mabey, grand Yorkie, fine length and position, good legs and wings; 2, 3, vhc, Smith, second, lovely quality and position, good shape, third, very nice buff, mkd. on wings; hc, Wheeler. A. O. V. CAN. (6): 1, sp, 2, 3, vhc, bc, c, Smith, a grand team of Lancashires, well shown, typical, and in lovely feather.

AMAT. NOR YELL. (4): 1, sp, 3, Berkshire, first, rich in colour, grand quality and shape, third, nice bird, a little rough in feather; 2, Colman, another nice yellow, shapely, good in feather; vhc, Stacey. BUFF (6): 1, sp, 3, Berksbire, first, good buff, lovely quality and shape, third, very neat; 2, vhc, Colman, good buff, but little feathery; hc, c, Stacey. HENS (3): 1, sp, 3, Colman, first, large bird, good head and chest, third, stylish, var. buff; 2, Staccy, cl yell., neat, good type. UNFLI. (8): 1, sp, 2, Berkshire, first, good rich cl yell., second, nice buff, wants more substance, both of good type; 3, hc, c, Porter, fine buff; vhc, Colman. YORKS. YELL. A. V. (6): 1, sp, Carson, grand Yorkie, good lengtb, first-class quality; 2, Dell, good clear, nice, lengthy bird, well drawn, neat; 3, Colman, nice yellow, mkd. on neck, full of quality and style; vhc, Warley; hc, McLaughlin; c, Stacey. BUFF (6): 1, sp, Carson, grand clear, real beauty, we liked much; 2, Dell, another good, shapely clear; 3, vhc, Colman, both of good length and colour; hc, Warley; c, McLaughlin. HENS (8): 1, sp, c, Warley, very nice mkd. yell., lengthy and shapely, good quality; 2, Dell, very typical buff, good carriage; 3, hc, Codd, clear yell., lovely back, good legs; vhc, McLaughlin. UNFLI. (15): 1, sp, 2, Carson, first, yell., rich in colour, beautiful quality, well up on legs, second, real good, lengthy Yorkie, clear yellow; third, Dell, very neat buff, splendid shape; vhc, Colman; hc, Wyatt; c, Codd.

NOV. NOR. A.V. (4): 1, sp, 2, Mrs. A. M. Collins, leader, fine cobby yellow, excellent style and quality, second, eye mkd. buff, lovely meal, little slimmer than winner; 3, vbc, Miss Walker, very nice buff for shape and quality. HENS (4): 1, sp, Miss Walker, bouncing clear, grand feather, good substance, a bonny hen; 2, Mrs. Collins, taking clear buff, shapely, well shown; 3, vhc, Mrs. Piper, very neat little yellow. YORKS. YELL. (5): 1, sp, 2, Miss Walker, nice birds, both typical, winner excels in position and quality, well shown; 3, vhc, Whittome, long and well drawn, close up; hc, Porter. BUFF (3): 1, sp, Porter, nice clear, would be better for a wash; 2, 3, Wyatt, second, typical green, good size and stand, bit feathery, third, grizzle cap buff, nice one. HEN (3): 1, Whittome, lengtby clear, nice back and wings; 2, 3, Wyatt, botb very fair birds.

CRESTS (7): 1, sp, vhc, hc, c, Mrs. Griffiths, highly creditable team, well put down, first, very nice clear body, grizzle crest, good size, neat and well drooped; 2, 3, Smith, also two good specimens, second, very good clear crest-bred. MULE (7): 1, 2, Lamb, first, Canary-Bullfinch, grand bird, rich in colour; second, Twite-Canary, grand size and shape, fine quality; 3, Smith, Linnet-Canary, large bird, of good colour and quality; vhc, hc, Stacey. HYBRID (7): 1, sp, vbc, Lamb, first, Redpoll-Goldfinch, splendid specimen, well sbown, third, Goldfinch-Siskin, another grand exhibit; 2, Gunnell, Goldie-Bullie, a beauty, well marked, shown in grand style; he, Whittome; c, Smith. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (9): 1, sp, Gunnell, good blaze and colour, nice tanning and sbape; 2, Spinner, beautiful blaze, buttons, and bars, very steady; 3, vhc, Warley, third, another, very good Goldie; hc, McLaughlin. LINNET: 1, sp, Marks, beautifully pencilled, very steady, sound colour; 2, 3, Francis, nice colour, well marked, third, another good Linnet, not quite so steady; vhc, hc, Griffiths. GREENFINCH: 1, sp, 3, Francis, Siskin, good colour, nice cap and bib, third, Greenfinch, nice large bird; 2, Gunnell, grand Greenie, lovely colour, very steady; vhc, Spinner; hc, McLaughlin. A. V. HARDBILL (7): 1, sp, 3, Francis, first, beautiful Hawfinch, lovely quality, well shown, third, Bramhle, well spangled on head, good throughout; 2, Marks, Bullfinch, nice colour, well shown; vhc, Gunnell, better coloured Bullie, grand bird; hc, Dyke; c, McLaughlin. SOFTBILL: 1, sp, Dell, Great Spotted Woodpecker, grand exhibit; 2, 3, Francis, second, splendid Wheatear, lovely condition, yellow Wagtail, another grand bird. SMALL FOREIGN: 1, sp, Day, Cardinal, lovely deep red crest; 2, 3, hc, c, Stoakley, second, Black-headed Gouldian, superb quality and colour, third, White Java, in perfect condition; vhc, Dr. Leonhardt. SELLING: 1, 2, hc, Wheeler; 3, Smith; vhc, Miss Walker; c, Dell. BOYS or GIRLS. (Under 16. Residents of Wimbledon): 1, sp, 2, Master G. Mossop, two lovely Parrots, very good birds for a child; 3, bc, Miss Allen, nice big Goldfinch, very good condition; vhc, Partridge; c, Manning. OTHER RESIDENTS (12): 1, sp, Mrs. Merrington, lovely Grey Parrot, in grand condition; 2, Baker, jun., nice shaped Norwich Canary; 3, Cobbett, good Goldfinch; vhc, Manning, Partridge; hc, Farmer, Clark; c, Saunders. GIFT: 1, Carson; 2, Dell; 3, Colman; vhc, Smith; hc, Tringham; c, Broome.

DOVER.

The First Annual Show of the Kent County C.B.A. was held in the Institute Hall, Biggin Street, Dover, January 9th. The Committee are a body of enthusiastic cage bird fanciers' not afraid to work all night in order to get the birds staged in good time. The Show was opened by Mr. Councillor Appleton with a few appropriate words bearing on the advantages of aviculture as a recreation and hobby for those who work with their hands or with their brains. He congratulated the Committee on their fine initial display and wished the members continued success. Mr. Birch, the Chairman, suitably responded and thanked Mr. Appleton on behalf of the Society. Nearly 300 exhibits faced the judge, Mr. J. North, and the adjudication gave him more than a full morning's work, but in most cases his awards were well received. This young Society deserves great praise for the manner the show was got up, the arrangements being first-class. Mr. H. Sarjeant, the hon. sec., was full of energy, and was ably assisted by his fellow officers. The Committee, with Mr. Appleton and the judge were duly photographed.

NOR. AMAL. (10): 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, Gibbs, winner buff of splendid type, colour and quality, second large yell., trifle long in body and feather, but full of colour and quality, third a bird of standard type and Nor. properties; c, Taylor. TKD. OR VAR. YELLOW CK. (5): 1, 2, 3, Gibbs, well-known birds of excellent type and colour; vhc, Taylor; hc, Patterson. BUFF CK. (5): 1, vhc, hc, Gibbs, winner nice short flights and tail on typical body; 2, Taylor, beautifully smooth plumage; 3, Patterson, trifle soft at time of judging, but first-rate type. YELL. OR BUFF HEN (5): 1, 2, spl for best Nor. hen, Gibbs, grand buff leading, followed by good style of yell. not quite right in flights; 3, Patterson, nice condition; vhc, Taylor; bc, Birch. VAR. HEN (4): 1, withheld; 2, 3, Gibbs, leader a yell. in bigh condition, latter very nice var. mealy; vhc, Taylor; hc, Patterson. UNFLI. CK. (5): 1, Patterson, cl. buff of nice size and splendid type; 2, 3, Gibbs, var. yell., and neat buff of good type; vhc, Taylor; hc, Abbott. HEN (5): 1, Patterson, cl. buff, lovely feather; 2, Taylor, tick. buff, good type; 3, hc, Gibbs, winner nice var. yell.; vhc, Hogbin. CRESTS (8): 1, spl, for best bird in show, Miss V. Conway Gordon, green of good spread and density; 2, 3, McCreath, second dark crest, good front, not so thick as winner, third a nice long-feathered crest; vhc, hc, Birch, of good quality, but inclining to Lancashire type; c, Ivatt. CRESTBREDS (6): 1, 2, Hogbin, grand lightly var. feathered birds, plenty of head feather, second thickset bird, good head and short beak; 3, Company, not so large but still good in cresting properties; vhc, McCreath; hc, Birch; c, Sarjeant. CINN. SELF OR FOUL (7): 1, spl, 2, 3, vhc, c, Ward, winner good sized yell., trifle long as such are apt to be, second mealy of perfect Nor. type, third another nice feathered yell.; hc, Abbott. YORKS. CK. (5): 1, 3, vhc, spl for best Yorks., and Hyde's spl, Leaver, leader the well-known exhibit, of remarkably graceful pose; 3, Gibbs, nicely moulded bird, but not so steady. TKD. OR VAR. CK. (9): 1, Sarjeant, var. yell. of splendid length and style; 2, Reeve, good yell., not so slim; 3, vhc, hc, Leaver, cinn. var. buff, of high quality; c, Gibs. UNFLI. (6): 1, withheld; 2, Sarjeant, var. yell. of lovely quality; 3, Raynor. Three birds in this class were marked "wrong class," for in addition to colour-fed tails and partial flights, the Judge detected other signs of full maturity. HEN. ANY COL. (6): 1, Gibbs, beautifully smooth buff; 2, 3, Reeve, former tick. yell. of high type; vhc, hc, Austen. BOR. CL. (8): 1, 2, Lockett, winner colour-fed specimen of high quality, natty style, typical shape, second non-fed, almost its equal; 3, vhc, hc, Bowes, all birds of perfect type and condition; c, Abbott (2). TKD. OR MKD. (6): 1, hc, Abbott, leader tick. buff of splendid shape and feather; 2, 3, c, Bowes, former nice yell., trifle wide in tail, otherwise very neat, third bird of similar type; vhc, Lockett; hc, Abbott. LIZ. (5): 1, Company, silver, beautifully spangled very good cap, lovely quality; 2, 3, vhc, Heritage, former gold of nice lacing, size, and colour, third silver, nicely marked back; hc, Ward. MULE-LIGHT (5): 1, withheld; 2, spl for best Mule, 3, Ward, leader six-pointed yell. of good size, colour and splendid feather, third well-marked buff for size and quality; vhc, Mrs. Ivatt, beautiful quality Mule, well-marked. DARK (7): 1, Ramsden's spl, Ward, Jonque Goldfinch-Can., exquisite colour and quality; 2, Eade slashing mealy Goldfinch-Can.; 3, Taylor, Greenfinch-Can. in perfect plumage; vhc, Raynor; hc, Stokes; c, Eade. A.O. HYB. (3): 2, Thompson, Greenfinch-Goldfinch; 3, Taylor, Siskin-Greenfinch, both perfect plumage. GOLDFINCH (14): 1, spl for best Goldfinch and spl for best in Brit. group, Kew, fine, large, colour-fed bird, big blaze, nice buttons, perfect feather; 2, Shinner and Pankhurst, grand exbibit for size, colour and quality; 3, Wickham, not so large, but all there for colour, marking and quality; vhc, spl for best black-legged, field moulted bird, Austen; hc, Soames, Stokes, Austen; c, Ward, Brett. BULLFINCH (7): 1, Wickham, housemoulted, good coloured, true Britisher; 2, Taylor, larger, but field moulted, steady, richly coloured; 3, Raynor, shorter bodied, nice type, perfect condition, housemoulted; vhc, Higgins; bc, Ward; c, Reeve, Sbarpe. GREENFINCH (10): 1, Ward, well up for size and colour; 2, Kew, also good in colour and feather; 3, Hogbin, nice size and condition; vhc, Taylor; hc, Brett, Sarjeant; c, Leaver, Austen. LINNET, ETC. (5): 1, Shinner and Pankburst, grand size Linnet, splendid nutty brown; 2, Wickham, steady Linnet of good colour and stand; 3, Raynor, Siskin, nice vhc, Soames; hc, Johncock; c, Brett. A.O.V. SEEDEATER (6): 1, Patterson, Nuthatch, in good condition, well sbown; 2, Thompson, Bramblefinch in high condition; 3, Wickham, Chaffinch, steady and well forward in colour; vhc, Soames; he, Johncock; c, Brett. A.O.V. (4): 2, Acland, lovely steady Song Thrush; 3, Brett; vhc, Kite; hc, Austen. PARROT, ETC. (4): 2, vhc, Conway Gordon, crimson wing and Parrakeet; 3, Branchett; vhc, Burnett. A.O.V. (4): 2, 3, Birch. Green Virginian Nightingales in splendid plumage and condition; hc, Gordon.

PAIRS MATCHED FOR BREEDING (7): 1, 2, 3, Gibbs, former a choice pair clear Norwich, followed by useful Yorksbires and a somewbat feathery Norwich couple; vhc, Patterson; hc, Company; c, Hogbin. GIFT (11): 1, Ward, a slashing big, variegated yellow; 2, Eade, a good Mule; 3, Abbott, nice cinnamon; vhc, Reeve; hc, Gibbs; c, Birch, a class much above the average. SELL., PAIRS, NOT EXCEEDING 25s. (5): 1, Boncey, useful variegated crest pair; 2, Taylor, smart ticked Norwich; 3, Eade, Norwich in good condition; vhc, Company; hc, Gibbs. COCK, 20s. (3): 2, Taylor, cheap Norwich; 3, Gibbs; vbc, Reeve. HEN, 15s. (4): 2, Taylor; 3, Ward. NOVICE, ANY VARIETY COCK (7): 1, Lockett; 2, Saunderson; 3, Berry; vhc, Raynor; hc, Whiting; c, Sharpe. LADIES' AND CHILDREN'S PET BIRD CLASSS (7): 1, spl, Mrs. Hogbin, a high-class Crestbred green, that has been successful before; 2, spl, Mrs. Leaver, nice variegated Goldfinch-Mule; 3, Miss McCreath, slashing Linnet-Canary-Mule; vhc, Lockct; hc, Whiting; c, Leaver.

S.W. LONDON C.B.S.

The result of the election of officers of the South-West London Cage Bird Society is as follows: Mr. Mabey, senior, Treasurer; Mr. Harris, Chairman; Mr. Lilley, Hon. Secretary; Mr. Miller, Assistant Hon. Secretary. Committee; Messrs. Graham, Berkshire, McLaughlan, Dales, C. Mabey, junior, Slade, Pocock; also four new members were proposed and accepted.

Advts. for No. 3 of the "Bird World" should be sent in at once.

SWANSEA F. & F.S.

Owing to the clashing with several other fixtures in South Wales last week, particularly Llandilo, which is not far distant, and was a Cage Bird Show only, the entry at Swansea was not quite what the promoters would have liked. Our Swansea friends could not, however, help themselves, as January 17th was the only day upon which the Market Hall was available. The Canaries, although not numerous, were of good average merit, and the competition was pretty keen throughout. In Norwich the special fell to a grand little buff, shown by that good fancier Mr. F. J. Eynon. The local enthusiast, Mr. H. Creber, succeeded in defeating some Northern cracks in the Yorkshire section, and the manner in which his team was staged reflected much credit upon him. The popular Borders were represented by birds of rare quality and style. "Scotties" made a good class, but the Llanelly winner went down; it was not his day out. In the Mules somewhat of a sensation was caused by the exhibits of Messrs. Jones, Coppy, Lees, and Robbins, all being passed as "wrong class," but, according to the wording of the schedule, the judge thought he had no option in the matter. British birds, as is usual at South Wales shows, went strong both in numbers and quality. Goldfinches were especially good, and the Greypate, shown by Mr. Davies, succeeded in wresting the special from Mr. Howes's crack. The Softbills were a hot lot all the way through, and a double set of winners could easily have been found. Our old and able friend, Mr. D. A. S. Longden, acted as chief steward of the cage bird section, and associated with him in the management were such good local fanciers as Messrs. J. B. Brader, W. Bowen, H. B. Gange, Chapman, P. Clement, S. Ford, D. Curvis, J. R. and W. Cooper, R. Winstone, D. Evans, W. Summerfield, and W. Taylor, whilst Mr. F. Slater made a most able and courteous Hon. Sec. With such a good lot of fellows associated in the management it goes without saying that all was done that could be done to make both exhibits and exhibitors comfortable. There was a fairly good attendance of visitors during the day, and we hope the first venture of the Swansea F. and F. S. proved a financial success. Mr. C. A. House judged.

NOR. CLEAR (6): 1, sp, Eynon, grand buff, beautifully feathered, nice even colour, very typical; 2, Pritchard, yellow, of beautiful colour and quality, grand cobby body; 3, D. Jenkins, buff, of grand shape, colour, and feather, not so stout in head; 4, Tedstone, rattling good buff, but needed the attention of the laundryman; vhc, Rees; hc, Hitchins, splendid bird, but unfortunately was lame. HEN (8): 1, G. Williams, with his well-known cl yell. hen, looking her best to-day, wonderful colour, and nice silky feather, wins well; 2, vhc, Pritchard, a sweetly pretty buff, shown in faultless trim, nice short one, good head properties, superb wing and tail carriage; 3, Love, var. buff, another special one, full of quality, nice head and chest, good wings and tail; 4, Rees, nice-shaped buff, rare quality, good order; hc, A. Hitchins. YORKS. (4): 1, sp, Creber, with his now famous buff, straight, lengthy, nicely drawn, beautiful wings and tail, put down in well-known style, wins; 2, R. W. Jones, wing tkd. yell., rare position and length, feathered like boxwood, beautiful finish, faultlessly carried wings and tail; 3, Walsh, not quite the style of leaders, good length and nice quality of feather; r, Williams and Morgans. HEN (4): 1, W. Walsh, tkd. buff, nice position and carriage, neat head and nicely filled at shoulders rare wings and tail; 2, 3, Creber, former, yell., tastefully shown, tight and trim, good length and position, third, buff, has also the essential length and position, feathered like wax, both neat and well finished; 4, Williams, shapely yellow, good length, nice feather. BORDER YELL. (7): 1, D. Jenkins, with his well-known cl, marvellous colour and condition, neat carriage of wings and tail, and staged like a new pin; 2, Nicholas, another clinking good Border, neat model, well filled in at all points, best of wing and tail carriage, well put down; 3, hc, L. M. Evans, a grand yell., good stamp, neat style and plenty of go, staged with taste; 4, Tedstone, splendid shape, colour and quality; vhc, Jones; c, Walters. BUFF (6): 1, D. Jenkins, a gem, neat finish all through, jaunty carriage, grand wings, closely fitting jacket, faultless condition; 2, Tedstone, very neat, gay carriage, well moulded, moves with ease and grace, in fine order; 3, R. H. Jones, close fight, similar stamp, with the best of wings and tail, neat carriage, well finished exhibit; 4, E. M. Evans, capital shape and position; vhc, P. Jenkins; hc, S. J. Nicholas. UNEVEN MKD. (5): 1, Nicholas, tkd. one, nice quality, with the smartest of jackets, jaunty carriage, best of wings, staged in nice order; 2, P. Jenkins, wing mkd. buff, in the best of feather, neat type, nicely moulded, good wing and tail carriage; 3, D. Jenkins, good green, well staged, nice mover, good type and quality, good race; 4, E. M. Evans, head and wing mkd. yell., very nice body, grand style; vhc, O'Connell. SCOTS (8): 1, 2, B. Davies, with his well-known couple, buff leading, nice circled one, finished off with plenty of weight on top, gets to work in fine style, well put down, second, piebald, grand substance, rough chest, gets head well down, good length of drive, well scooped out in front, not so quick coming into position as leader; 3, c, J. H. Jones, nice-sided buff, gets tail well under, good top, works very freely, very nice outline; 4, vhc, hc, Longden, foul-headed yell., very quick in action, grand shape, wants a bit more substance. MULE DARK (6): 1, 4, vhc, R. W. Jones, noted dark yell., leading, in rare fettle, like a lump of gold, immense colour and size, staged in superb style, fourth, beautiful jonque Linnet; 2, 3, Coffy, Linnet Mule, too dark for our fancy, in rare feather, good size, shines like satin, third, Goldie Mule, good face, nice body colour, in the best of feather, tastefully staged; hc, James. HYBRID (7). (Five were wrong classed here): 1, sp, R. W. Jones, with a class Grecnie-Canary, lovely yell., possessing beautiful colour and quality, rare size, staged in neat order; 2, Longden, Siskin Mule, nice colour and size, shows parentage very well, bonny specimen. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (12): 1, A. Howe, good-sized one, rare big face, nice tans and buttons, beautiful, not quite the cut of face we admire, hardly square enough underneath, still a good one, fit to win in most places 2, Martin, typical Britisher, nice colour, well polished face, neat tans, bars, and buttons; 3, Jeffries, neat, square blazed one, rare colour, good tans, staged in fine order; 4, Birchley, good expansive blaze, not quite the correct cut, nice warm tans, bars and buttons of the best; vhc, W. Lewis, just washed, which spoiled his chance; hc, M. James; c, Robbins. GREYPATE (7): 1, E. J. Davies, big-faced one, possessing the true characteristics of a Britisher, neat warm tans, good bars and buttons, wins; 2, Martin, big, neat Finch, grand-coloured blaze, nice shape, good tans and buttons; 3, Glover, going back in blaze colour, or might have won, very neatly cut face, good, rich, and profuse tans, nice buttons; 4, S. Evans, nice body colour, well marked; vhc, Jeffries; hc, c, Williams and Morgans. BULLFINCH (14): 1, 2, vhc, R. J. Howe, a team of extra good ones, leader not the longest, but rare colour, neat cap and bars, and as tight as wax, second, large, short, cobby one, quite the correct type, with an expansive cap and bib, not the clearness of breast colour possessed by leader; 3, Thorne, very shapely hen, good cap and bars, shortest of wings and tail, neat type throughout; 4, Raven, grand colour and feather; hc, Jupe; c, Coffy. GREENFINCH (11): 1, Birchley, not one of the largest, but rich green colour, nice shape, rich wings and tail, in good feather; 2, Raven, rather larger, in good condition, fine level colour; 3, R. J. Howe, possibly the best yellow seen in Wales, rare colour, size, shape, and polish, we thought had hard lines; 4, Jeffries, nice one for colour and shape; vhc, Nicholas, the noted buff; hc, P. Jenkins; c, Longden. SISKIN, ETC. (6): 1, sp, vhc, Nicholas, a nicely-coloured Siskin, in rare bloom, good cap and eye marks, nicely laced, vhc, Lesser Redpoll, Cardiff, Swansea, etc., winner, rare polish and bloom, grand colour and bib, well laced; 2, Jenkins, Lesser Redpoll, nice breast colour, well laced, put down in fine trim; 3, Robbins, nice-sized Mealy Redpoll, good colour and lacing, in remarkably fine order; 4, Jeffries, nice Twite, rare colour and markings, and shape; hc, Longden. BRAMBLE-FINCH (8): 1, 4, R. J. Howe, Chaffinch and Bramble respectively, former, rare colour and finish, shown in superb style, wins well, latter, rare breast colour, nicely spangled back and thighs, plenty of size; 2, Longden, good Bramble, nice size and spangle, well finished, rare front colour, put down in good feather; 3, Raven, neat Chaffie, rich breast colour, good cap and hood, nice shoulders; vhc, Williams and Morgans; hc, Richards; c, Pearce. A. O. V. HARDBILL (7): 1, R. J. Howe, lovely marked Meadow Bunting, nicely tinted throughout, in capital feather; 2, c, Jeffries, another Bunting, of the same variety (they are most plentiful on the bench this season), nicely feathered one, steady and well staged; 3, 4, Nicholas, good big yellow Bunting, nice colour, well marked head and thighs, fourth, Hawfinch, not looking his best to-day; vhc, Glover; hc, Raven. SOFTBILL (11): 1, Brotherhood, with the well-known Redstart, in the pink of condition, a remarkably fine exhibit; 2, 3, vhc, R. J. Howe, with his noted Blackbird and Thrush, put down in well-known style, latter, good Blue-headed Wagtail, in grand feather, staged in excellent style; 4, hc, c, Birchley, with a clinking good team, the latter Great Grey Shrike, might have won, but did not seem in the best of form. BRIT. SELLING, 15s. (6): 1, R. J. Howe, Wagtail Grey, in good form; 2, 4, vhc, Baverofi, good Goldfinch-Linnet and Greenfinch respectively; 3, W. Lewis; vhc, Messer. FOREIGN (4): 1, J. H. Jones, Red-headed Gouldian, nice size and colour, well staged; 2, 4, Thorne, Long-tailed Whydah, in good trim; 3, Raven, pair of Ruficaudas, neatly put down.

HASTINGS CENTRAL.

The Hastings Central C.B.S. held a very successful Members' Show on Jan. 15th, the entries numbering about 180, and the quality being tip-top. Mr. A. E. Silk judged. NOR. CL. YELL.: 1, Ellis; 2, Godden; 3, Chantler; vhc, Harris Bros.; hc, Bellamy; c, Ransom. BUFF: 1, Bellamy; 2, Godden; 3, Fuller; vhc, c, Harris Bros.; hc, Stubberfield. TK., etc., YELL.: 1, Godden; 2, Chantler; 3, Godden; vhc, Bellamy; hc, Ellis; c, Duck. BUFF: 1, Ellis; 2, Chantler; 3, hc, Bellamy; vhc, Pennells; c, Harris Bros. YELL. HENS: 1, Bellamy; 2, 3, Godden; vhc, Pennells; hc, Harris Bros.; c, Godden. BUFF.: 1, 2, Bellamy; 3, Ellis; vhc, Breeds; hc, Duck; c, Ransom. UNFLIG. YELL.: 1, Bellamy; 2, Fuller; 3, Godden; vhc, Pennells; hc, c, Harris Bros. BUFF: 1, Douch; 2, c, Bellamy; 3, Ransom; vhc, Upton and Button; hc, Harris Bros. YORKS. CLR. or MKD. YELL.: 1, 2, Nagel; 3, Miss Cooper; vhc, hc, Barham; c, Southon. MKD. BUFF: 1, Harris Bros. HENS: 1, Nagel. UNFLIG.: 1, 2, Barham. CRESTS: 1, 2, vhc, Upton and Button; 3, Duck. CRESTBRED: 1, 3, vhc, Upton and Button; 2, Duck. HYBRID: 1, 2, hc, Wappett; 3, Standen; vhc, Harris Bros. GOLDFINCH: 1, Ellis; 2, May; 3, Stubberfield; vhc, Duck; hc, Godden; c, Barham. BULLFINCH: 1, Pennells; 2 Ellis; 3, Chantler; vhc, May; hc, Barham; c, Godden. HARDBILL: 1, 2, R. Pennells; 3, Ellis; vhc, hc, Stubberfield; c, R. May. SOFTBILLS: 1, Upton and Button; 2, 3, vhc, hc, Barham. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, Duck; 2, Miss Maynard; 3, Miss Cooper; vhc, Breeds. STOCK: 1, 2, Douch; 3, Bellamy; vhc, Stubberfield; hc, Barham; c, Miss Earwaker. FOREIGN: 1, 2, Harris Bros. RESIDENTS, CAN.: 1, Miss Harmer; 2, Glenister; 3, Gooday; vhc, Mrs. Harris; vhc, May; hc, c, Boot and May. A.O.V.: 1, vhc, Lane; 2, hc, Herzeiden; 3, hc, Yarman, vhc, Harris; c, Morice

THE LIABILITIES OF RAILWAY COMPANIES.

SIR,—I beg to enclose you a report of a dog case, which I think worth while for you to print in CAGE BIRDS, for it interests all fanciers, and shows how the law stands re liability of railway companies to fanciers. I am, at the present time, on behalf of the C.B. Union, pressing a similar case against the same Railway Company. They admit liability and negligence, but claim that their liability is limited to 5s. per bird.—J. W. RAMSDEN.

£300 for a Dog.

Judgment against Railway Company.

In the King's Bench Division, on Tuesday Mr. Justice Walton delivered his reserved judgment in the case of Williams v. The Midland Railway Company. Plaintiff, Mr. T. Williams, solicitor, claimed damages in respect of a pedigree dog sent to the North of England, and which had been killed before being delivered by the defendants by the basket containing it being set on fire. The value of the dog had been agreed between the parties at £300. The dog was the well-known Rose of Gerwn, and had been sent to Chesterfield via Gloucester.

In giving judgment, Mr. Justice Walton said the case had presented some difficulty. The dog had arrived at its destination at six in the evening, and it was not convenient for the railway company to deliver it. Unfortunately during the night the dog was destroyed. That the dog was burned to death through the negligence of defendants' servants was admitted, and defendants brought into court that which they said was the limit of their liability. They relied upon the terms of the consignment note upon which admittedly the dog had been carried. This note stated that the defendants would be liable for £2, unless a higher value be declared; in respect of this higher value an excess of 1½ per cent. had to be paid, with a minimum of 3d. In this case, though the dog was worth £300, no declaration of excess was made; and of course the excess percentage had not been paid. Therefore, if the contract was binding upon plaintiff he could only recover the limited amount of £2. Plaintiff, however, relied on Section 7 of the 17 and 18 Vic., Chap. 31. The short effect of this section was that a railway company was made liable for a loss of such an animal as this dog, if the loss was occasioned by neglect or default, provided that at the same time the company should not be prevented from "making such conditions with respect to the receiving, forwarding, and delivering of such animal as shall be judged to be reasonable." Was the condition that the company should only be liable for £2 reasonable? A precisely similar question had been before the Court of Appeal in 1886. In consequence of the decision then given, all the railway companies of Great Britain and Ireland changed the form of their contracts for the carriage of dogs. They changed the charge for excess value from 5 per cent. to 1½ per cent. Since the change it had never been tried whether the 1½ per cent. was a reasonable percentage of excess value. The burden of proving that this percentage was reasonable rested with the railway company, but no evidence as to whether it was reasonable or unreasonable had been put before him. That the same percentage was charged whether an animal was carried one mile or 400 miles he must take to be not unreasonable. The evidence given him was that there was considerable risk of dogs getting lost in transit by reason of their trying to escape, often in the most extraordinary way. A witness at Swansea had said that it was a million to one comparing the risks to a dog and a passenger. But that was practical and metaphorical, and did not pretend to be statistical. He did not think the evidence was sufficient for him to say the 1½ per cent. was reasonable. It was for the railway company to prove it was, and he did not think they had discharged the burden cast upon them. There must therefore be judgment for plaintiff with costs.

Mr. B. Francis Williams asked for stay.

The Judge: Yes; I think it is a case for stay of execution.—"S. Wales Echo," January 17.

In enclosing a similar cutting, Mr. W. C. Baker (Cardiff) remarks:—"I think this case very important to all lovers of cage birds who from time to time get birds killed or lost on railway journeys, and never get compensation for same. It only shows what can be done by trying and fighting the railway companies."—W. C. BAKER.

PROPOSED SCOTTISH SPECIALIST CLUB SHOW.

SIR,—A meeting was held at 142, High Street, Edinburgh, on January 19th. Mr. John Ferguson, Glasgow (in the chair), said he was in favour of holding such a show, as there was little doubt the treatment the Specialist Clubs got from some of the open shows required to be put on a more satisfactory basis. He instanced the judge question. What was the use of those clubs selecting a list of judges? There was little wonder there was dissatisfaction, for men were very often selected who knew nothing about some of the varieties, and great dissatisfaction was the result. If such a club show could be arranged to take place about, say, the end of November, with a good classification, nothing but good to the various specialist clubs would result. He had heard rumours that this Club Show was meant to kill the open shows. He could assure them that he, for one, would have nothing to do with it if he thought that was the case.—D. Smith (Edinburgh) reminded the meeting that it had not been decided to hold the show as yet, but he wished those present to discuss the question. He wished to say that this was no new subject, as it had been long talked about and was very much wanted, and would come sooner or later. His idea was that each club taking part should have the best classification, and have the selection of its own judge. Each club to take its own entries, and send them on to the selected general secretary, whoever he was, to have them catalogued together. There were something like twenty specialist clubs, but no one supposed that all would agree to the proposal.—After a short discussion it became quite evident that those present were against such a large undertaking. It was agreed to confine the proposals to Scotland in the meantime, and it was agreed that D. Smith write the four specialist clubs if they would agree to such a proposal, and have a combined show this year. The following clubs will be asked:—Scottish Plainhead Club, Scottish Crest Club, Border Fancy Club, Scottish British Bird and Mule Club.—D. SMITH.

LLANELLY SHOW—ALLEGED TAMPERING IN TRANSIT.

SIR,—I should be very sorry to think that, as suggested by Mr. Thompson, the cause of his birds being returned home again before reaching Llanelly Show was due to the action of some fellow exhibitor, jealous of his success. I remember a case that occurred here, something similar, though, being at the close of a show, not much harm was done. Amongst the exhibits returned from a show held here a number of years ago now, was a hamper containing several Magpie Pigeons, belonging to an exhibitor from Oxford. The hamper, after apparently getting so far on its homeward journey, was returned here again the following day. After feeding and watering, the birds had to make another start for home. I wrote to the exhibitor stating cause of delay in returning exhibits, but whether he claimed from railway company for delay I never knew. The explanation given by the railway company officials of the returning of the birds was that they had been placed on the platform at some junction, had the label reversed in some manner, and were then put in the train coming North again. It appears careless work on someone's part sending on without either waybill or sender (that sounds odd); but I expect that, being livestock, the company will be anxious to get them delivered to someone. I think if the facts were known such will have been the way in Mr. T.'s case. That he may succeed better with the railway company in the matter of his claim is my best wish.—Jos. B. MOORE (Whitehaven).

SIR,—I can sympathise with your correspondent, J. Thompson, in the treatment he has received at the hands of some person or persons, as I have been treated in precisely the same way, and, strange to say, when sending to a show in the same district. I entered four birds for the Swansea C.B. Show, held on November 7th and 8th. I took them to Bristol Station on the 6th in good time, and handed them to the guard of the South Wales express myself. You can imagine my surprise when they were delivered to me again by the railway company's servant the next morning about 10 o'clock, with 1s. 11d. carriage to pay—needless to say I did not pay same. I immediately made out a claim against the railway company, 5s. for each bird for delay, as it was too late to send them on again, and four entry fees, 6s.; and carriage one way, 1s. 4d.; making a total of £1 7s. 11d. The only reason they could give me why they were returned was that the label must have been turned at Landore, as that was the only station where they would be changed. As in Mr. Thompson's case, they had no way-bill, but had traced them to Landore, quite close to Swansea. After waiting several weeks, the railway company offered me 15s. to settle the matter, which I accepted rather than have any further bother.—E. A. LOVELL.

Have you a Breeder's Card in the "Bird World" Magazine?

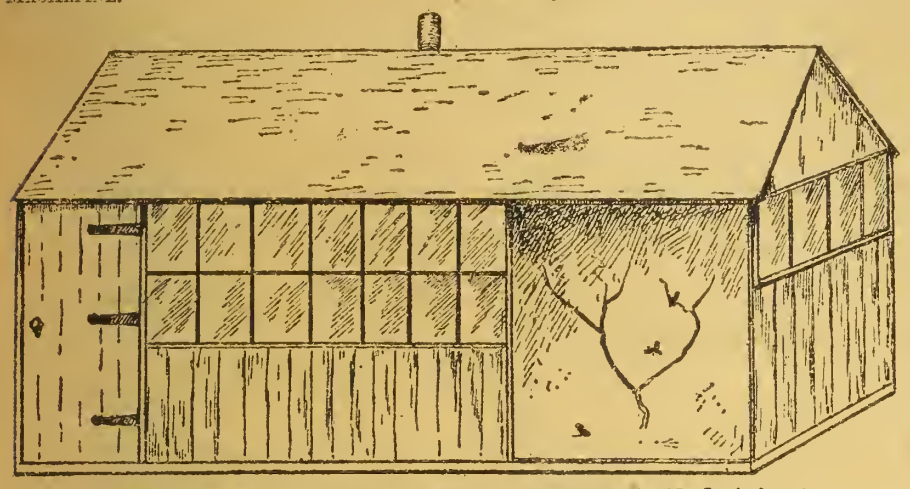
FORRES SHOW.

SIR,—I am sorry, very sorry indeed, that the proffered bait I cast out was swallowed. I made a silly arrangement of my views regarding "Crests," "Borders," and "Britishers," with the result that the admission in favour of my first contention has now been made. No mention of Section (Norwich) is at all in the Schedule, but simply "Scotch Fancies and Norwiches." Classes were provided for Scotch Fancies, Norwiches (fed and non-fed), Crests and Crestbreds, Borders, then "any variety Canary—not otherwise classed." An Esquimaux would have sufficient brains to understand what classification the above indicates; not Norwich, I feel certain of, and outside entirely the clause relating to colour-feeding. I would advise you to be more careful in future. We look for wisdom in the East, as wise men at one time came from that direction. Now I feel inclined to say that this virtue hath departed from amongst you, and leave you to mourn your discomfiture in sackcloth and ashes.—GEORGE MACALPINE.

SUCCESSFUL CANARY BREEDING IN AN OUTDOOR AVIARY.

SIR,—It may be interesting to some fanciers to know that I began my last breeding season at the latter end of March, in my outdoor aviary. The latter is 18ft. long, by 8ft. wide by 9 ft. high at the highest point, with large window at the front and small window at the end, this latter window acting as a ventilator also, being covered inside with ½-in. mesh wire netting, so that when opened for air none of the birds can escape. I have one part of the room 8 ft. square, netted off with ½-in. mesh wire. This is also 9 ft. high, so the birds have plenty of room to fly about. The door into this is very narrow, so that I can just manage to get through without any of the birds flying past me. I put one Norwich cock in with seven hens, and had very good luck with them. I had few clear eggs all through the season, this one cock being responsible for 45 young birds. Unfortunately some of them died, but I reared 33 of them healthy and strong, 23 cocks and 10 hens. I must say, too, that the old cock bird is looking very promising for another season. I also bred from one pair of Germans, in a separate cage, eight young ones, making a total of 41. I have a small one-legged table in the centre of the aviary, for the birds to feed from, so that no mice can get at the seed, and a good glazed dish for them to drink from, which they also bathe in, but it is emptied as soon as they have done bathing, and filled again with clean water. I always keep a jar filled solid with green stuff, such as dandelion, groundsel, lettuce, or watercress; I give mixed seed and egg and bread, with plenty of old mortar and sand on the bottom of the place. As soon as the young ones are able to feed themselves I put them away from the old ones into a part of the aviary which is wired off from the latter, but so arranged that they can feed through the wires if necessary. I let the youngsters remain in these places till after the moult, then cage them off, the cocks separate from the hens, four or five in one big cage. I keep a bit of fire going in a small stove in the centre of the room during the very cold weather, and the birds are very comfortable. I hope this will be interesting to readers of CAGE BIRDS, which I am sure is far the most valuable paper to all bird fanciers, including myself.—W. HALL.

[Thanks for your letter and kindly remarks. We are always pleased to hear readers' experiences in the hobby, and to publish them for the benefit of others.—ED.]



MR. W. HALL'S OUTDOOR AVIARY, facing West, 16 feet long.

KESTRELS IN CAPTIVITY.

SIR,—Before closing this correspondence allow me to thank Mr. Ledbitter for his capital article on Falconry, in which my queries were answered. The article was a treat, quite encyclopædic, yet practical, and perhaps the most unique contribution to your splendid Birthday Number. Metaphorically I raise my hat to him and to your other correspondent, Mr. J. S. Clarke. Both have entertained us royally!—TIERCEL.

SIR,—I thank you for your courtesy in affording me a further opportunity of replying to "Tiercel," but as he adduces neither excuse nor reason for his conduct, to which I took exception, no good purpose can be served by so doing. Bearing in mind the information he has received in your columns, I have no doubt he will be able to use the "nom de guerre" of "Constant Reader" (should he feel so inclined) on the next occasion he appears in print in your correspondence columns. Assuring him that I have no desire to "wring his neck," figuratively speaking or otherwise.—J. S. CLARKE.

NORWICH CLUB FOR IRELAND.

SIR,—I was pleased to see Mr. Mulligan's letter re above in your last issue, and am quite sure if a few more from north, south, east and west of Ireland appeared to like the idea, it would pave the way for a start, and it would get all my support. I have seen all the catalogues of the past shows, including so recent a one as Lurgan. This Ulster show, so near Belfast, was yet very badly supported—three and four entries in the Crest variety, while the Plainhead was only a shade better. Dublin Show was the best in Crests, and equal to Belfast in Plainheads, if not better; Cork was fair, and so was the Yorkshire C.C. Open Show, while Sligo was poor—only ten in two classes, while only one Crestbred put in an appearance. The previous year that the crack judge of Plainheads and Crests (Mr. John McLay) was there he had to face 36 birds in three classes of Crests and Crestbreds, which looked at the time as if this variety was forging ahead. I understand Belfast has a Norwich Plainhead and Crest Club. If so, they should support every show in Ireland, and let our Yorkshire friends see that the Norwich and Crest will hold their own. The Yorkshire Canary Club is a blessing to any show, as their entries (from patronage) more than cover prize money, which would apply to a Norwich Club for Ireland, as instead of having a couple of classes at most of the shows, it would allow of six or eight, and also encourage novices by providing them a share. It certainly would not take much to run it, and I would suggest that the City of Belfast Norwich Club should form itself into an All Ireland one. I have no doubt if the Ulster fanciers move in the matter it will be easy to get Munster, Leinster and Connaught to follow suit.—"IRISHMAN."

ABOUT A SPECIAL PRIZE AT CHELTENHAM SHOW.

SIR,—I am the recipient of a letter from Messrs. the Cheltenham Cage Bird Society, copy of which I enclose, which I think may be of interest to your readers. It will, no doubt, be remembered that these people advertised a competition, with reference to which it was distinctly stated that a prize consisting of a knife would be awarded to the most successful competitor. Believing their offer to be of a bona fide character, I submitted four valuable birds for exhibition, and I am of the opinion that a perusal of the letter referred to above may deter my fellow-fanciers from being decoyed by such specious advertisements.—J. SUMMERHILL and C. DAWES.

COPY.

From Messrs. The Cheltenham Cage Bird Society, to Messrs. Summerhill and Dawes.

Gentlemen,—I much regret that the firm of cutlers who promised the knife as a Special Prize, which was won by you, have informed me that they are unable to fulfil their promise owing to a very bad state of trade. Thanking you for your Entries and support which I trust we may receive another year. Yours faithfully, A. S. TREASURE.

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A PRIVATE APPEAL.

SIR,—May I be permitted to make a suggestion to the Fancy at large? I don't know how many cage bird societies there are in the United Kingdom, but if each secretary or chairman be agreeable at their next meeting to allow a hat to be placed on the table, and if every member present would give a penny, or more if they felt disposed, we could make a grand collection for our old friend Verrall. I shall certainly suggest it at the next meeting of the Cardiff Society.—F. P. DYMOND.

SIR,—I have pleasure in enclosing 5s. to the Verrall Fund, and trust a few more may lend a helping hand to a fellow fancier. I hope he may have the pleasure of viewing the Crystal Palace Show once again, which will perhaps warm his heart—once as strong and as keen as that of the youngest amongst us.—J. PATTERSON (Chirnside).

"A Fancier" (Southport) subscribes 1s., and "C. Elegans" 2s. 6d.

DEFECTIVE EYESIGHT.

The Case of Blind Birds and the Show Bench.

SIR,—This question of sight is frequently before us during the show seasons, and cases of imperfections, or alleged blindness are suspected, more particularly in the Crystal birds. Even judges, at times, seem to draw their conclusions at once, if they perceive that a bird does not immediately act, or acquit itself according to their desires; and many birds have been passed as blind when such has not been the case. These birds with heavy crests, at times completely obscuring the eyes, are apt to get into a habit of movement, appearing as though they were sightless. The fact is, the bird cannot use the sight, the crest acting as a lid. After the show season is over, and the crest is cut away, the eye gradually gets into use, and the bird can see all right. I am not going to commit myself to saying that there are no blind Crests, or other birds; but I do say that judges are at times too impulsive, and for want of a little consideration at the moment, disqualify a bird as blind when at the same time there is a doubt. I have come to this conclusion:—That if a bird acquits itself in the show cage, and displays the necessary qualifications the bird should be placed in the prize list accordingly. If we are not going to give exhibits any consideration on this score, let the schedules and standards say, that shortsighted, one-eyed, and suspected blind birds will be disqualified. If you do this, why not say birds with imperfect wings, and tails or feet, or birds which are in any way imperfect, will have no consideration, no matter how good their properties are otherwise. Well after this, what use is our standard of points? The facts are here: Many of our judges, either have not got the idea, or don't care to use it, of considering an allowance of points for qualification, or defects. I say that if a bird is defective in sight but is able to show to advantage a higher qualification which more than equalises this many times suspected defect, it should be placed according to standard properties.—BARKER CLEGG.

THE JUDGES AT LLANELLY SHOW.

A CORRECTION.

SIR,—Re Llanelly Show, in your issue Jan. 12th, under "Twitterings," Mr. C. A. House is mentioned as having been wired for to judge in the place of Mr. Payne. I beg to contradict that statement, and to say that I was engaged to judge, and beg to enclose telegrams to confirm my statement. Mr. House was wired for, but not engaged. Please correct in this week's issue, and kindly return telegrams.—A. G. DAVIS.

COPIES OF TELEGRAMS.

Handed in at Llanelly, January 7th, at 2.15.

"Payne very ill to judge our show to-morrow, January 8th. Please can you come instead? State price, reply paid.—Lewis, Secretary, Llanelly."

Handed in at Llanelly, January 7th, at 4.2.

"Terms accepted, come without fail, don't disappoint us, wire when will arrive.—Lewis, Llanelly."

THE CAGE BIRD UNION.

SIR,—I was pleased to see the letter from Wm. Reid re the C. B. U. in your last issue. I am quite in favour of his move, for I feel certain that a host of fanciers have never given the Union a second thought, but naturally go with the prevailing sentiment of their society when voting. Perhaps it was because the C.B.U. was a new move in bird culture that societies made a rush to become affiliated, fearing everything, while there is nothing really to fear. What has been on my mind is this: Does the executive council think it right to forget any man who has been expelled from a society prior to the formation of the Union? The Union is supposed to have supreme power over all affiliated societies, therefore, I would suggest that any member expelled from any club before the formation of the Union be reinstated. Then the Union, the society and, the average exhibitor will start a new life under supervision and control of an independent governing body. Consequently the Union will have started its career with a perfectly clean slate, and then the council may expect progress. Let me put before the Union the name of Sandiford—a fancier full of youth and vigour. Sentiment is not in it, but something more important. What is more lamentable than to see a Union formed for the British Isles, with a Britisher deprived of its advantages. Let the C. B. U. start well, for in youth one learns some severe lessons. Let me appeal to fanciers not to forget the "soap trust," which was squashed by the British Public, and it would not be unreasonable to expect to see the Union put to flight, unless every British fancier comes within its bounds. When the Union have considered this matter, and reinstated all fanciers who were expelled prior to its formation, I will think the Union a grand thing, and worthy of its name. I should also like to suggest that any money in hand over and above the expenses connected with the Union be utilised to form an insurance against losses of birds in transit to and from shows. It is well known that many birds die during the show season as a result of travelling: therefore the bird-fancier will have something to look forward to should his bird die from such causes. The premium to be, say, 3d. for each bird shown in any one season, and the maximum claim be a sum not exceeding £2. Should the insurance show a profit (on the whole) in, say, 3 years' time, the policy holders to receive a percentage of same according to the number of birds insured at the Union during that time. However, I only make this as a suggestion, and trust some abler pen than mine will take it up. I wish it to be understood that I am in no way prejudiced against the Union, but it is only reasonable to expect the average working-man fancier to benefit to some extent for his outlay in making the Union a success, and the British workman is the backbone of the fancy, after all. I am entirely in favour of the Union when an understanding be made between the promoters and the average exhibitor. Let us not make it a limited combination, but a universal friendly affair, to the advantage of all its members, so that they have an inclination to uphold it, rather than to break down. Let us cultivate a new code of exhibition life: Jealousy is in our nature; let the Union do all in its power to thrust it from the Fancy.—J. KERSHAW.

THE LONDON DISTRICT SECRETARYSHIP.

SIR,—In your issue of CAGE BIRDS dated December 15th, 1906, appeared a paragraph to the effect that I had been elected Secretary of London District (II.). After taking 48 hours in which to think the matter over, I wrote Mr. Ramsden in the following terms:—"Dear Mr. Ramsden,—I was somewhat surprised to see in CAGE BIRDS that I had been elected Secretary for Division (II.). After giving the matter serious consideration I can arrive at no other decision than to most respectfully decline the office, having already as many irons in the fire as I can safely manage. I would like to return my sincere thanks to those gentlemen who so kindly voted for me, and must also apologise for the trouble I am giving you. I had no idea of being in the running for the office, or would have notified you that I was not a candidate. —Yours, etc." I have not up till now received any notification of my election (only through CAGE BIRDS), nor an acknowledgment of my letter. It appears that my brother delegates have not been notified of my decision, so trust you will allow me space for the above, which I hope will explain my part of the programme. Thanking you in anticipation.—A. W. CURTIS.

THE YORKSHIRE CANARY.

SIR,—I am a Yorkshire fancier, and the Yorkshire in coloured plate pleased me very well, as did also the description by its owner, Mr. Shackleton (Girlington). This gentleman has taught me a few wrinkles. He says this bird is bred from 1st prize winners, also the grand-parents and the great-grand-parents were 1st prize winners. That's good work for in-breeding. Forty years' experience has taught Mr. Shackleton a good deal. To prove his case out as regards in-breeding to a certain extent, the illustration of cultivating flowers and fruit for exhibition is, to my mind, very good indeed. The few notes Mr. S. gives your readers re number of young birds in each nest that are to be reared by their parents are practical and to the point. I trust that I and your 40,000 other readers will have the pleasure of reading in CAGE BIRDS (before many weeks have passed) a further instructive and practical letter on the Yorkshire by Mr. Shackleton.—ARTHUR H. C. LEGG.

SCOTTISH RAILWAY CHARGES.

SIR,—Your Scottish notes re railway charges are, indeed, very amusing. Why all these endeavours on the part of fanciers to hoodwink the railway companies? If fanciers would combine, and interview the railway authorities, and state their grievances in a business-like manner, I am sure they would be considered. It is certainly not a dignified thing to be "held up," and after running the gauntlet, made to stump up. Possibly if the Scottish C.B.U. gets into shape it might do something in this matter. Better late than never.—R. FARMER.

ANOTHER "HOMING" GOLDFINCH.

SIR,—I have in my possession a number of British birds, one of which is a pet Goldfinch, rendered somewhat more valuable from the fact of its having been awarded the third prize, some two years ago, at Manchester Show. The incident I desire to place on record regarding the above-named Finch is as follows:—Each of my birdcages is hung in the open yard in the daytime (winter and summer); one Christmas afternoon, unfortunately, the cage door was left unfastened, and master Goldie made his exit. The district was searched, but the bird could not be seen anywhere. We had given up all hopes of seeing our tame pet again, when, to my surprise, he returned to the outside of his cage, then flew into a pear tree close by. The cage was then, by means of a tall step ladder, handed up to him, and he stepped inside and was secured.—ALFRED ROGERS.

HOW SHOULD SLIDING PARTITIONS BE MADE?

SIR,—Will any of your numerous readers tell me the best plan on which to make the sliding partitions used in double breeders? I have given a standing order for the "Bird World." What a lovely plate this month; how happy could I be with either!—J. COOKE.

ALBINISM AND ITS CAUSE.

SIR,—Last autumn I saw in my garden a prettily-marked semi-Albino Blackbird; and but the other day I saw a House Sparrow with a white feather in its wing. On mentioning these facts to a few of my friends, all agreed that these abnormal-coloured birds were becoming more common around here (Bonnybridge). Can your talented contributor "Macalpine," who I see in a recent issue of CAGE BIRDS takes notice of birds so marked, or any other reader, say if such is the case in the district in which he himself resides? And if, as my friends declare, Albinism is becoming more common, what is the cause of it?—W. T.

AN EXTRAORDINARY EPIDEMIC.

SIR,—A curious epidemic has entered the bird rooms of myself and a friend. The upper mandibles of all my friend's birds (including every variety) have rotted completely away; and now I find one of my own birds going the same way, although it has never been in my friend's room nor in contact with any of his stock. The extraordinary fact is that the lower mandible is quite perfect and free from any signs of the above trouble. Both myself and friend would be much obliged to anyone who could tell us how to cure it, and what is the cause of the epidemic; also will the beaks grow again? It is a serious matter to us, as most are show birds, and we paid heavily for them.—W. F. H.

CLASSIFICATION OF YORKSHIRES.

SIR,—Mr. Ferguson has raised the question of the classification of Yorkshires, and I presume his remarks apply chiefly to the North-Western portion of England. We in the North-East find somewhat the reverse to be the case—the more liberal the classification the better response there is from exhibitors. For the benefit of secretaries and committees, I have classified the entries in seven of the principal shows in the counties of Durham and Northumberland:—

Society	No. of Classes.	No. of Entries.	Av. Entries.
Hartlepools ...	8	103	12.8
Darlington ...	5	62	12.4
Wallsend ...	4	49	12.2
Gateshead ...	4	48	12
Newcastle ...	6	55	9.2
Blaydon ...	3	24	8
Sunderland ...	2	8	4

Hartlepools and Darlington had the patronage of the Y.C.C., which probably accounts for their being at the top. The only exception seems to be Newcastle and probably the reason is that no whip-up cards were sent out. The N.Y.C.C., which was formed for furthering the interests of the Fancy in the North of England, hope to be able to still further extend the classification, but before it can ask societies to add more classes it must have the support of all the fanciers who keep Yorkshires. As its district is only bounded by the Southern limits of the Northern counties, we are anxiously awaiting the co-operation of our North-Western brother fanciers, as well as those in the Southern parts of its district. It would be impossible to foreshadow its policy at this present time, but the feeling seems to be to encourage the novice, whilst looking after the interests of the champions. I am in hopes that we may have a cup for each section, but this may not perhaps be the first year, unless some generous friend comes to our aid. But my intention was not so much to blow the trumpet of the N.Y.C.C. as to show how, by joining it, each fancier would be helping to extend the classification of this variety. If Mr. Ferguson, or any other gentleman, will write me I will send him full particulars to date, and will be glad to submit their names to the Provisional Committee for enrolment as members.—T. C. CRAWHALL, Hon. Sec. N.Y.C.C. pro tem, 121, St. George's Terrace, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

THE CHAFFINCH PROBLEM.

SIR,—Only a few days since many of us were talking with large hope about the possibilities of 1907, taking our failures for 1906 with calm resignation—buoyed up with expectation, and even strong faith in our success in 1907. The new year is with us. What luck does it contain? This year my endeavours are to be concentrated entirely upon the Chaffinch problem. I have put up five pairs—two Chaffinch and Canary pairs, two Goldfinch and Chamnch pairs, and one brown Linnet and Chaffinch pair. The Goldfinches are several times housemoulted and proved breeders by myself. One Goldfinch last year with one hen Canary filled 5 eggs: result, 5 mules, hen reared all; next nest, 6 eggs: 6 mules, hen fed and reared the six; same Finch put two more hen's nest—one had 5 eggs: 5 mules; other hen 4 eggs: 4 mules. Also this Finch was lent to a friend of mine—result, 4 eggs: 4 mules. The mules were not all reared—two hens proved bad feeders—but that does not affect the Goldfinch. This bird is now with Chaffinch hen in single breeding cage—both steady and both free bathers. The second Goldfinch is steady and safe with eggs; it is also with Chaffinch hen, and both steady. I have bought hens and discarded all which did not tame down until I secured steady birds. The cock brown Linnet bred 13 Canary Mules last season, and when in breeding condition will pair with anything. These birds are upstairs in my study, 4 ft. 6 ins. from ground, and are thoroughly accustomed to my presence in the room for several hours per day. Downstairs, in an outer kitchen, I have a cock Chaffinch and hen Canary together in a single breeding cage. The beak of the Chaffinch is tipped with dark blue, and he is in full song; this bird is finger tame, and bathes himself several times through the day. Outside in the back-yard I have a large flight cage: in this are two Norwich hen Canaries (been out since August), and they are right in feather and in pink of condition. With these there is a cock Greenfinch, also cock Chaffinch—been with the hens for two months. The cock Chaffinch's beak is white, and he does not sing. It is my intention to (expressing a friend's view) waste the whole of season 1907 upon trying if the Chaffinch hybrid can be produced without there being a dispute with reference to the parentage. If the hens will lay, I know the Goldfinches and Brown Linnet will breed. Do you think the fact of having cock Chaffinches within sound perhaps, but not within sight, will be detrimental to a chance with the Chaffinch hens or would you keep the cock Chaffinch, so that if the hens should manifest a desire to nest and come within the laying zone, the introduction of a cock Chaffinch in the same room in full song might cause the hew to call? If that came about, I'm sure my Goldfinches (one of them in particular) would pair immediately. This is a long letter, but the subject is intensely interesting, and I hope many others who have had any sort of experience with the Chaffinch in captivity will send you the result of their observation. In the interests of the Fancy, and purely for love of the hobby, I am launching out on what most bird lovers will call "a wild goose chase" this coming season.—FREDERICK RICHARDS.

LINNET SINGING: A CHALLENGE.

SIR,—I notice in last week's CAGE BIRDS that the members of the King's Head Bird Club, Leeds, are willing to back Mr. Whittaker's bird against any Linnet in Leeds, nobody barred, so I thought I would pay them a visit at their weekly contest, with the result that I won 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes, also defeating the bird that they wish to back against any in Leeds. Now, I will match my Linnet against Mr. Whittaker's from £10 to £25 a-side for quality, singing, length, turns and form match time, one minute's spring and nine minutes' sing—ten minutes in all—both birds to sing out of Leeds, where they have never been before, the Editor to be stakeholder, and find two judges and timekeeper—not to be citizens of Leeds. I don't want any paper talk. Business only meant. I deposit £1 to make a match.—HARRY ALLEN, 42, Brown Hill Crescent, Harehills Lane, Leeds.

[The sum of £1 has been received, but we understand that Mr. Whittaker did not intend to include Mr. Allen in his challenge. —EDITOR, "C.B."]

Grateful—Comforting.

EPPS'S

A welcome delicacy for

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Breakfast and Supper.

FOREIGNERS IN BRITISH CLASSES.

SIR,—I beg to assure Mr. Lowne that I never doubted the nationality of his Bearded Tits. They were acknowledged genuine years ago, as he states, by judges who were competent. I am pleased to hear that they are multiplying and extending their habitat. But is there one in Scotland who can claim to show a genuine British specimen or beat a foreigner with it under a Scotch judge? I am assured by a friend who knows a Britisher that undoubted foreigners are winning in Scotland, and will continue to do so till Scotch judges learn the difference. Let them try to pass them as British under an English judge at the "Glass House" or any big show that engages a competent British bird judge, and we shall see if I am right in saying there are not threo genuine British specimens (cocks) in Scotland among the lot that have been winning. I hoped to have seen Mr. Lowne at some small Scotch show where there were, as sometimes happens, four or five others of the over-sea species. I beg it to be understood that it is only for the good of the softbill class that I have written my letters, as I am sure these foreigners are doing it a lot of harm. Tho amateur who, after all his labour in attending to and moulting a delicate specimen, finds it passed for a, perhaps, very wild and rough foreigner, cannot be blamed if he gives up that variety in disgust. I notice that some shows are now classing their softbills, any variety, and many have been cancelled. Surely there are plenty of good and beautiful specimens of British softbills to compete with, without fraudulently showing a foreigner as British.—J. STEEL.

WHY SHOWS ARE FAILURES.

SIR,—There has been a great deal of correspondence on the above of late, and the different causes. I will give you my experience with the Secretaries of Coventry Show, held last Thursday, Dec. 27th. I made my entries there, ten clear days before the closing of entries, which rule I endeavour to adhere to, seeing that it is always the cry with Secretaries to enter early; and I will try and explain to you the treatment I had with the Secretaries of the above Society, after entering early. I did not receive labels up to the morning before the show, Dec. 26th. I wired Secretary at 11.30, asking him what to do, but did not receive a reply to this telegram (which I enclose) until 8 o'clock same evening, telling me to send exhibits on; but it was too late then, as the birds would not arrive at Coventry in time. I wrote same evening, posting the letter at 7.30, before I received the above telegram, asking for the return of entry fees, and 7d. which I paid for catalogue when entering. I have neither had a reply to this letter, nor the catalogue, but I received the labels on the morning of the Show, at 8.30. This treatment does not give much encouragement to enter early, and I am not surprised that shows similarly conducted to above do prove a failure. Wishing you the compliments of the season.—J. H. JONES.

SIR,—I should like the opinion of the fanciers who exhibit, if they can give me any reason why The Barrow and District Cage Bird Associations' Show held on Dec. 7th and 8th, 1906, should be such a great failure, leaving us with a deficiency of about £10 10s.? We advertise in our Schedule that we pay full prize money, and no amalgamation of classes. And we have striven hard against cancelling. We cancelled no classes that had more than four entries in it. We paid full prize money on the following: One class with five entries. Six classes with six. Three classes with seven, and eight classes with eight entries. I think, that after paying on entries such as these, Barrow deserves better patronage. All exhibits sent were looked after and cared more for than our own, and anyone who wrote asking for their exhibits to be sent away on certain trains we did as far as laid in our power. We packed upwards of 300 exhibits by 5 o'clock, although our time of closing is not till 7 o'clock, and this is disappointing to visitors. What more do exhibitors want? We don't cry out "Stuck at Six." The fanciers of Barrow are of the right grit, and will stick at nothing. We shall run a show next year if we have to get our hands down deep to do it.—E. E. MILLER (Hon. Sec.).

P.S.—All prize money was paid out by the tenth day after the show.—E. E. MILLER.

A TAME ROOK.

SIR,—The following, from a friend's letter, may interest you. He says:—"I have a tame Rook, which stops with us all day in the garden, comes down to be fed, and at night when the other rooks fly over to the woods to roost, he flies off and follows them, coming back in the morning, waiting for me at the door." My friend also had one who followed him in his walks about the village, but to his grief it met with a cruel end, the boys "'eaved 'arf a brick" at him. I suppose they could not understand his being so tame.—EMMA S. PARK.

Don't miss Next Week's "C.B."

EXCURSIONS TO CRYSTAL PALACE SHOW.

SIR,—Re excursions to the Show. I am in correspondence with all the railway companies trying to arrange excursions, but, unfortunately, have nothing reliable to work upon. Briefly, provincial correspondents write: "An excursion would fill and pay well." Tho railway company replies: "Very good; take 100 tickets and we will run the excursion; take 200, and you can have a private train." Tho guarantee to take 100 tickets not being given, the matter generally drops. If provincial societies would only combine, and each take a few tickets, a private train could be run on most lines, stopping only at those towns where tickets had been purchased. An example: the railway companies will run a public train from Plymouth (ordinary fare 37s. 4d.) for 12s. return, if 100 tickets are booked, or a private train at the same fare if 200 tickets are booked. I hope to announce excursions in your next issue.—J. W. RAMSDEN.

EXCHANGE OF GOLDFINCHES AT BO'NESS SHOW.

SIR,—I at once admit that I accepted Mr. Nicholson's amended entry without comment, as I believe in being civil and obliging to everyone. I am not spiteful like Mr. Nicholson, as anyone can gather from his correspondence. Further, I never yet admitted that any mistake had happened with us. I certainly stated that if I could trace his Goldfinch, I would do it. As regards his remarks "abolutely certain it was not his bird," he certainly used these words, but it was after he had taken it to the dealer he bought it from, as in his letter of 14th Nov. to me, he says: "To make sure, I took it over to the gentleman I bought it from only 6 or 7 weeks ago, a well-known Edinburgh dealer and judge. We examined it carefully together, and he also is of my opinion." This does not say much for his absolute certainty, does it? Further, he says in his letter of last week, "Neck perfectly bare"; well, in his letter of 14th Nov., he says, "Neck perfectly bare when you blow up the feathers." How, then, can it be perfectly bare if you have to blow up the feathers before you can notice it? I think this is absolute rubbish. He also says his was perfect in feather in every detail. Well, it must be a stormer! Why then does he say he expected it to be out of the tickets? He must be a very curious exhibitor, as in my opinion all exhibitors expect perfect birds to win. Re conduct of Show. We thank Mr. Nicholson and his friend the prominent prize winner, "I don't think," for their kind remarks, but seeing they are birds of a feather, we take their remarks for what they are worth—nothing, as we have been congratulated on the management of our Show by numerous prominent exhibitors besides CAGE BIRDS' comments of 17th Nov. Re Mr. Nicholson's second last remark as regards my not wanting entries that have a chance to win. Surely he dreamt this, or was he holding CAGE BIRDS upside down when he read it? My remarks were the very opposite to what he states. Perhaps it might be a help to Mr. Nicholson if he got his friend, the prominent prize winner, to telephone him the meaning of my letter to avoid further misunderstanding. To conclude; if Mr. Nicholson would mind his own business, he will find he has enough to do, instead of poking his nose into other people's affairs.—FINDLAY MCGILLIVRAY.

SIR,—With reference to the latter statement of Mr. Nicholson's letter in your issue of last week, re missing Twito at the above show, I think I can be able to throw a little light on same. I sent 3 entries to the above show, and when I received my box back on the Monday, there was a cage awaiting, which contained a "Twite" when it left here. I wrote to secretary at once to see what had come over it, and did not get a reply from him till the Wednesday night, saying that it had been sent on to a Mr. Craig of Glasgow, and that he had written him to send it on to me. But on Tuesday a letter came from Mr. Livingston, of Bathgate, saying he claimed my Twite when at Bo'ness, and also sending 1st prize card, saying he had never seen my name before in the prize list; then on Friday night I received a letter from Mr. Craig, of Glasgow, saying he was sending on a Twite which was sent in a mistake from Bo'ness, and that he had never got his back yet, but had a letter saying he is in Bathgate, and will be sent on to Glasgow tomorrow. Now, how comes it, if Mr. Livingston claimed the bird that he was going to send it back? I was not satisfied at that, so I wrote the secretary, asking fuller particulars, which are as follows: "In our Catalogue your bird was No. 10, which you know was No. 11, No. 10 being Mr. Craig's, of Glasgow. Now on their Catalogue it is as follows: No. 9, Craigs; No. 10, Watts; No. 11, McGillivray. Of course the blame goes to the poor printer, but that still does not clear up the matter. I certainly received a Twite, but it is not mine. However, I will have to content myself with what I have got, as it is always something to feed. Also when the show season comes round I know where to show.—J. C. WATT (Innerleithen).

BREEDING CAGES.

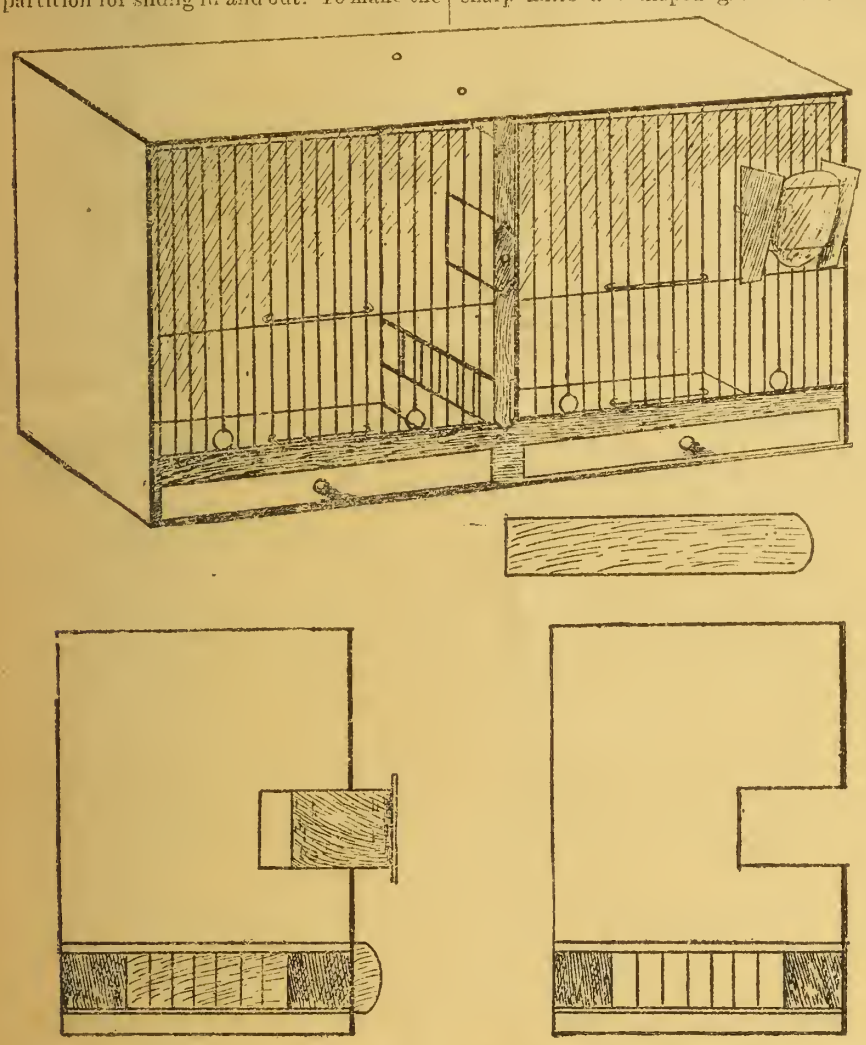
READERS DESCRIBE THE BREEDING CAGES THEY USE, AND EXPLAIN HOW TO MAKE THEM.

Mr. Fowler's Cage.

As the time is drawing near to make preparations for the next season's breeding, I thought a sketch of a very convenient cage would be a very useful thing to bring before your readers, especially to those who may be thinking about taking up the hobby. My sketch shows a very useful nursery, flight, and two-compartment breeding cage combined. I have used this kind of cage for seven years, and find it very convenient indeed, and not at all clumsy. If made right it looks very neat. It is a little trouble to construct, but fanciers who keep birds for a hobby do not usually take much notice of "trouble" in whatever they want in their bird-room.

My cages are made 30 inches long, 16 inches high, and 11 inches from front to back. Fig. 6 shows the cage finished, with partition in position; Fig. 4 the finished partition for sliding in and out. To make the fix in short wires ¾ inch apart. Then, to act as a slide to make the partition a "blank" at any time, get a Venetian blind lath, about 2 inches wide, and cut it as seen in Fig. 2. Get four bits of wire. Bend them up at one end and fix in two at top and two at bottom for this lath to run along on. This bottom wired part forms a feeding place for use when you separate the young (at about 14 or 15 days old) to prevent the old birds from plucking them, which they will often do if they are left together. This method is far better than hanging a nursery cage on the front. The two old birds can be left on the other side to feed their young, and to go to nest again.

Now mark from middle cross-bar of wire front, and cut out a square 4½ inches high and 3½ inches from front edge, inwards, so that the bottom edge will come on a line with the perches. See Fig. 3. Cut with a sharp knife a V-shaped grove on the top



Completed Cage with sliding partition and nesting rack in position. Venetian blind lath cut to make slide.

Centre sliding partition with all slides in position.

Centre sliding partition with all slides withdrawn.

latter cut two strips out of ⅜-inch board, 11 inches long, one strip 1½ inches wide, and the other ¾ inch. The 1½ inch strip is for the bottom, the ¾ inch one for the top. Cut a V-shaped grove on one edge of each strip, and use two screws at the bottom of cage and two at the top. The use of screws enables the owner to take the strips out and clean them at will. See Fig. 7 for sketch of strips. Let the front strip (above sand-tray) run right through from end to end, with a screw in the centre of the bottom V strip.

Fig 1 shows the middle partition, which is made by cutting a board 11 inches wide and 14½ inches high. You will find, when you have planed this down at the top and the bottom to a feather edge, it will fit in the two grooves at top and bottom of cage, and slide easily along. Then take a sharp knife and cut out a strip 7 inches long and 1½ inches deep. Cut at a distance of 1 inch from the bottom and 2 inches from each end, as shown in sketch, and and the bottom. Then cut another piece of wood to fit along these grooves with a screw eye in the centre to pull it out and push it in by, as shown in Fig 4. Fig 4 shows the partition with the two slides in, and Fig. 1 with two slides out. Fig 5 illustrates a nesting rack, cut out of two pieces of thin wood, tapered away to 2 inches at top and 1 inch at bottom. Get a piece of perforated zinc and tack this on the front and under the bottom edge so that nothing will fall out. Fix two pieces of wire on the side which fits up to the wire front, to keep it in position.

These cages can all be made in the same style, so that with the partition and two slides in they form a two-compartment cage. With the top, or small middle, slide in, and the bottom strip out, they are very convenient to mate the birds up in, and you have only to pull out the small middle slide to permit them to run together. With the partition out, they form nice-sized flight-cages.

Now for perches and mite-traps. I have tried all sorts of the latter. Powder does but little good; and if you use turpentine (which is a sure thing, I admit) it smells so strong that the birds fight shy of it. I find by using hollowed out elder twigs for perches in the breeding season, taking them out, and emptying, and scalding or baking them, at least two or three times a week, I can keep the mite down very well; once a week answers through winter. I took out 14 perches the last time I cleaned my cages out (every week) and only found two mites. I cut my elder perches to the length I want them. I then get a piece of stick, trim it round, and force the pith back about ¾ inch. Then I cut four very fine notches on the same end. This end goes to the back of the cage; I do nothing to the end that comes to the wire front. If your cages are made neatly, so that the hollow end of the perch is the only place for them to lurk in, you have a first-class trap for red-mite.—H. Fowler (Bristol.)

(To be continued.)

STRAY NOTES ABOUT BIRDS.

By Claude St. John.

FRESH AIR FOR BIRDS.

Fresh air is the latest suggested remedy for so-called asthma in Canaries. In some recent experiments with Scotch Fancies the trouble was found to disappear when the birds were exposed to fresh air, but returned when they were once more placed in the bird-room. Years ago the writer recorded similar instances of the freedom of birds kept in a pure and unheated atmosphere from this distressing "wheezy" complaint, and pointed out the folly of the enervating artificial conditions under which Canaries are too often kept. Perhaps such information was a little before its time, and naturally roused the opposition of the advocate of the artificial system, but, all the same, it made its mark on many a thinking fancier.

It is asked: Are Scotch Fancies more subject to asthma (?) than other varieties? Probably not; but being more valuable stock are all the more likely to be coddled, under the mistaken idea of taking good care of them. Belgians used to be considered the most delicate and frail variety, yet when kept and bred under normal conditions, they have been proved to compare favourably with most other varieties in health and stamina, without losing any of their show points.

A notable addition to the list of Foreign birds bred in captivity is the Black Lark, which has bred during the last season. This should stimulate the Foreign bird keeper to renewed efforts in this direction. The list of foreigners successfully bred in captivity is now quite a long one, but considering the number of species which are now regularly imported there is still plenty of scope and material to extend it. Almost every year now sees the successful breeding of one or more species which have not been bred in confinement before.

The idea that birds of the Thrush tribe "shed" or moult their shin bones, which we have heard of lately, must be simply an exaggeration of a notion as old as bird fancying itself. In our youthful days, when the "oldest inhabitant," initiating us into the mysteries of bird keeping, informed us how the Thrush "shed its legs" every moulting season, he merely wished to convey that the outer scales on the legs and feet were cast off and renewed. Quite a simple matter this, compared with the latest idea of shedding the "shin bones," the sheer absurdity of which does not seems to strike its votaries.

How many prospective Mule breeders during the coming summer have their breeding stock selected and running together in large flights? When this item is left until the birds are about ready to mate up in early summer, it is annoying to find week after week slipping away whilst the birds are getting through the initial stages of introduction. Much loss of valuable time is saved by selecting the stock in autumn, and keeping them together through the winter, and until the time to mate up is approaching.

If you are attempting to breed hybrids between several varieties of British birds, a point that must not be overlooked when running the pairs together to get them on a friendly footing in readiness for the spring, is to keep cocks and hens of the same species quite apart and out of earshot of each other, or you will find that your plans as a matrimonial agent will somehow persist in going wrong. Say, for example, one is working cock Goldfinches with hen Bullfinches, and cock Linnets with hen Goldfinches. Both sets of birds should be kept entirely apart, so that the cock and hen Goldfinches may not hear the "calls" of each other; neither should the cock Linnets or hen Bullfinches be kept within earshot of their respective natural mates. It may appear a small matter to the inexperienced novice, but it will have a distinct bearing on his success or failure.

Do not omit to utilise a proportion of wild seed for your British birds whether they are kept as song birds, show birds, or for exhibition purposes.

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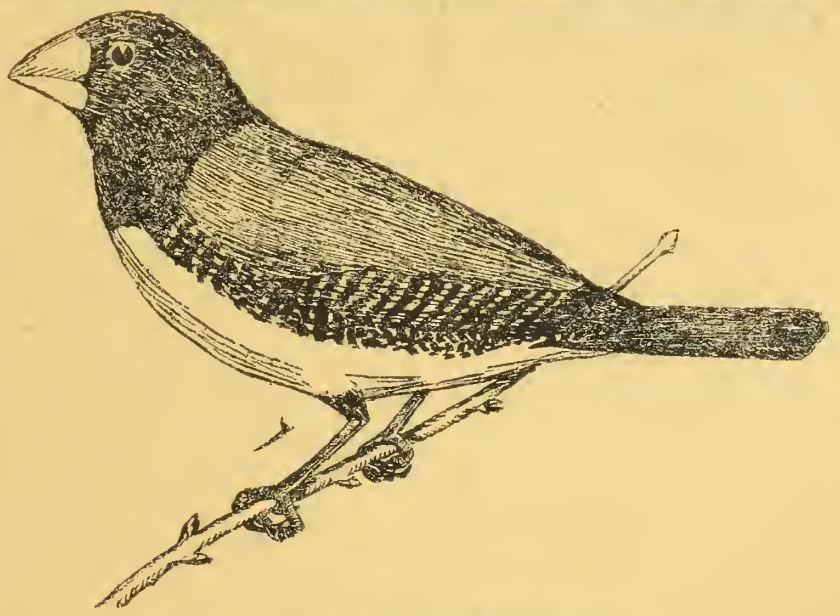

THE RUFUS-BACKED MANNIKEN.
(Spermestes nigriceps.)

A rare South African bird lately imported by Mr. C. A. Luer.

A RECENT RARE IMPORTATION.

THE RUFUS-BACKED MANNIKEN.

(Spermestes nigriceps).

The enterprise of one of our leading dealers has recently resulted in the offer for sale of about a score of pairs of an East African Mannikin, till then unknown in captivity in England, and scantily represented even in the British Museum. This species, a near ally of the Bronze Mannikin, about equals this in size, but in colour at first sight is very like the Indian Three-coloured Mannikin, with its chestnut back, black head, and white breast. It has, however, a black tail, and the wings and flanks prettily variegated with black and white, while it lacks the black band down the centre of the abdomen. The first specimens I ever saw were a few imported into Calcutta some years ago, and I little expected it would turn up again in England. It is very pretty, and should be a favourite with those who like these sober little Finches, besides, from its present rarity, being a suitable bird for show purposes.—F. Finn, B.A., F.Z.S.

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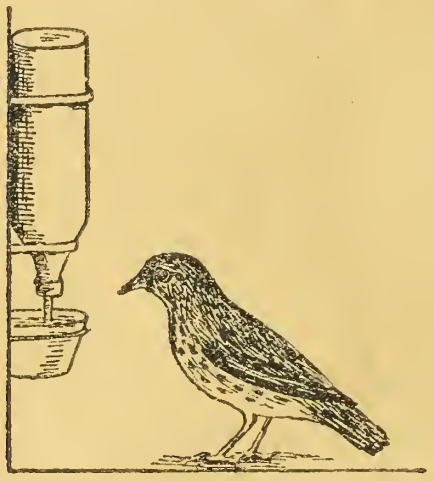
ILLUSTRATED IDEAS

Under this heading we shall illustrate weekly some idea useful to the bird-keeper. Readers are invited to send us particulars of any novel and practical appliance of use in our hobby, either in cage, bird-room or aviary, with a rough sketch of same where possible. Every "Illustrated Idea" used in this column will entitle the sender thereof to a postal order for two shillings and sixpence.

No. 69.
FOUNTAIN FOR AVIARIES AND FLIGHTS.

Sent by J. Parker, 3, Dene Street, Shotton Colliery, Co. Durham.

I am sending you sketch of a fountain which I am now using, and find very useful. It keeps the dirt and sand out when hung about a foot (or less) from the floor. What you want are a small glass bottle (about 3-gill size), a bit of wood with a hole bored through it (this is to fit in the neck of the bottle), and an



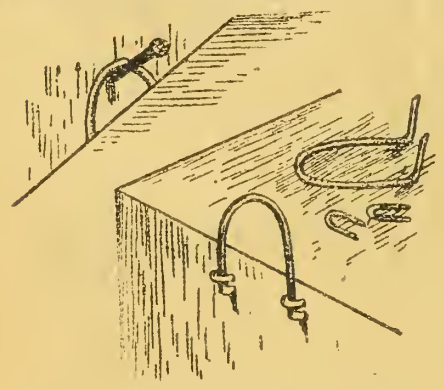
Mr. Parker's Drinking Fountain.

ordinary tin or glass drinker, to stand underneath the bottle, so that when the latter is hung upside down the wood cork comes down just inside it. The bottle can be fixed entire with wire or tape arranged round both ends of it. The drinker can also be fixed with wire. The sketch will explain the idea.—J. PARKER.

No. 70.
TO HANG CAGES ON WALLS.

Sent by W. Hinchcliffe, 2 Ct. 1, Hermitage Street, Sheffield.

This method is the one I use myself to hang cages on walls. I always think it a pity when cages are hung up to see a lot of nails sticking out inside them through the holes usually cut in the backs. I consider it spoils their appearance. I make loops of wire to hang mine on the nails with; then you cannot see the latter, and there is no fear of the birds catching their heads on them, which



Mr. W. Hinchcliffe's Cage Hanger.

I think may sometimes be the cause of the "sore heads" we hear about. The sketch will show the method of bending pieces of wire (cut to the required lengths) into shape, driving them into the back of the cage and fastening them with staples in the top board. I generally arrange to leave a loop about one-inch deep standing over the cage top. The wire should be of stout gauge, according to size and weight of cage.—W. HINCHCLIFFE.

"A Soft, Easy Fellow."

In view of the great reputation for intelligence which Robin Redbreast, the favourite bird of the English winter, enjoys and deserves, it is strange that "cock-robin" was formerly a slang word for "a soft, easy fellow." But so, the "Dictionary of the Canting Crew" tells us, it was in 1699, and Grose shows that so it still was in 1785. "Cock-robin shop," for a small printing establishment, in which cheap and poor work was done and bad wages paid, probably had no connection with "cock-robin" in Grose's sense, but referred to "Cock Robin" ballads, and so forth, which came from such houses. The pleasantest slang reference to the popular little bird, perhaps, is "Robin Redbreast," as a name for the old Bow Street runners, in allusion to their scarlet waistcoats.

THE YOUNG NATURALIST.

Prizes of 1s. and two of 6d. each will be given for respectively the best and two second best cuttings or original bits about birds. Competitors must be children under sixteen years of age. All efforts must be briefly and clearly written, and ON ONE SIDE OF THE PAPER ONLY.

Two stars indicate the Winning Contribution; one Star the runners up.

Uncle Peter is spending a week or two by the sea, and, although he is very busy, he usually finds time to have a look at the birds.

The other day he was walking along the sea-wall from Sandgate to Hythe, and he saw a sight which amused him very much.

Some long-necked Cormorants were diving in the sea for fish, and Herring-gulls were flying round like pirates and seizing all the prey they could from the hard-working Cormorants. Along the white edge of the sea-wall stood a long line of Rooks, like so many anglers along the banks of a French river on Sunday. As soon as the Gulls alighted to devour their ill-gotten spoil, the Rooks mobbed them and snatched all they could from the Gulls. One of Uncle Peter's little nephews, who was walking with him, rescued from them a very beautiful and curious fish—a kind of Gurnard—with large, red-spotted fins, almost as big as wings. Although one of its eyes had been pecked out, the poor thing was quite lively, so Uncle Peter put it back in the sea, hoping it would not be caught again by the birds.

* The Crossbill.

The Crossbill is a bird belonging to the family of Finches. The beak of the Crossbill is very peculiar, and instead of lying in a straight direction, the two parts of the beak cross one another towards the tip like a pair of scissors; that is where it gets its name from. The beak of the Crossbill is of very great use to these little birds in their peculiar habits. These birds live mostly on the seeds of the cones of the fir, and its funny beak enables it to tear in pieces the hard fir-cones, and pick out the seeds. They vary in colour from brown to olive green, variegated with red or orange.—M. PALFREYMAN (age 11), Cooks Cross, South Molton, N. Devon.

*A Tame Greenfinch.

I thought perhaps you would like to hear about my Greenfinch. I found it when it had hardly any feathers on. I fed it with dog biscuit ground up and mixed with water. I gave it to it on a piece of match stalk. It has grown so tame that it will run after my finger round the table, it will also take a bath in a saucer of water on the table, and when I want to catch it, it crouches down for me to get hold of it. My father has about twenty British birds at home, but I like my little Greenie better than any of them.—ERNEST KING (age 13), 58, Nowell Place, Harehills Lane, Leeds.

The Greenfinch.

The Greenfinches seem particularly fond of hips, and can be approached quite closely when at such a meal, so intent are they on reaching and eating the rose fruits. The Greenfinch is a handsome fellow seen at close quarters; his plumage is olive green, variegated with bright yellow; it cannot be appreciated so well in summer amid the thick green leaves.—Sent by HANNAH CROSLING (aged 11 years), 8, Fern Street, Bank Top, Darlington.

The Siskin or Aberdevine.

The Siskin is a pretty, merry, and interesting little fellow, his plumage is yellow breast, black cap and bib, yellow bars across wings, yellowish green back, with yellow feathers in tail, other parts slate colour with dark spots. His length is about 4½ inches; they are very tame when caged and come from Norway, Germany, and a few are found in Scotland. I have one myself; he will feed from my hand. I let him fly about the room, which he enjoys very much. I advise all boys and girls my age to try and buy a Siskin.—Sent by E. J STEVENS (age 10 years), Clarence Street, Egham, Surrey.

** The Raven.

This bird is to be found in nearly every northern part of the world. Once he was not uncommon in England, but we are not likely to meet him now in these islands, for the Ravens have almost all been shot. Yet in some wild places on the rocky sea-shore, or on lonely moors, this great Blackbird, like a big Crow, might still sometimes be seen. It is a pity that men have killed nearly all the Ravens in this country, for they are useful as well as amusing birds. And it is owing to the good work which birds of this sort do, that men and animals are able to dwell in health on this earth at all. The duty of the Raven is to clear from the ground bodies of dead creatures which are left lying about.—ELSIE HUMPHRIES (age 11 years), 74, Cedar Street, Bootle, Liverpool.

Will you kindly correct an error in report of Walthamstow Show, in which you credit Matthes 1st in the Norwich Ticked, etc., class. I secured that honour with my ticked Buff.—A. A. KIRK.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. It kills all insects, harmless to everything else. Sold in tins, 2d., 6d., and 1s each.

All communications for this column should be written on one side of the paper only, duly authenticated with the name and address of the writer, not necessarily for publication, and sent to H. Norman, Editor, "Wild Bird Life," "Eastcote," Alma Road, Carshalton, Surrey, by Monday in each week. Original observations and records invited.

Birds and the Fog.

THE sense of direction in birds must be very acute. How is it they manage to find their way in a thick fog? When one is standing on a hill, it is at times possible to look down upon the thick mantle of mist in the valley below. This is not always the case, and then, if wild birds wish to descend from the hills they are obliged to pass through fog for probably the whole distance. This they manage to do with unerring accuracy. I have known a field which Rooks were in the habit of frequenting daily in their search for food, and although the rookery was quite two miles away, they managed to find their way to the same field in a dense fog. To do this, there must be some sense other than sight at work.

Sometimes, when walking across a field, or over the downs, one suddenly comes upon a flock of Finches. They are disturbed, and, without hesitancy, fly off, not always straight away from the intruder, but, occasionally, circling round him, and making away in some other direction, proving their knowledge of locality even in a thick fog. In the winter, in such weather, Sparrows and Finches will return again and again to a stack-bottom (which, in agricultural parlance, means the open ground where a corn stack recently stood), although driven away quite beyond sight of the spot.

While taking mental notes of the doings of wild birds in such weather, I have sometimes fancied that the twittering notes uttered by a flock when on the wing, are louder and more incessant than under normal conditions. Such a proceeding would be quite natural. Members of the flock on either hand would call incessantly, if unable to see the others plainly. So much does this appear to be a habit that one can daily hear flocks of all sizes twittering continually, even when quite close to each other.

Robins Pairing.

The New Year has only just commenced, and yet already we have signs of the coming breeding season in the actions of some of the birds. The Rooks are daily at their nests, and one may occasionally be seen fussing about the structure. It will not be long before repairs will be commenced, for these birds are early breeders. Both the Great Tits and the Blue Tits have been in pairs for some time, and I am rather inclined to think they pair for life, but one can hardly be certain of this. One would like to have the opportunity of carefully

Robin "Showing off."

noting the doings of the birds over an extended period. We get them in the garden from autumn to spring, but they generally come in family parties, and gradually diminish until only a pair or two are left.

The doings of the Robins just now are worth noting. It appears very much as though the usual order of things is somewhat reversed, and that the lady birds seek the society of the opposite sex. Our own Robin has been with us since the autumn, but lately two lady Robins have appeared. These were constantly chasing each other, but they never came together in a real battle, as two cock birds would have done. Our "Bob" made up to one of the visitors, and the other soon departed.

A Robin will get into some most extraordinary positions when courting: he will puff out his chest, and throw back his head until it nearly touches his back. He is fond of pointing his beak to the sky, and with swelling throat utters a peculiar twittering note, evidently a love song—or is it an endearing phrase, common to bird-land? This pairing of the Robins happened about the same time last year. One wonders if, given a severe winter the courtship would be delayed. Our knowledge of birdie ways is still weak.

Notes and Queries.

Hawks and the Bird Catcher.

Being a catcher of birds, it is my lot to often see curious and interesting studies of bird life, writes Mr. T. Hubbard. The Hawk is a crafty bird, and a keen eye and ears are necessary for all who go catching, as there is no warning when a visit from this fiend of the air will take place, and he will swoop down and carry off a highly-prized and trained bird out of the net before it is possible to grasp the pull-rope and capture it. The usual mode of the catcher who is ready for it is as follows:—As the Hawk is swooping down pull the nets sharply over before it can reach them. It will then skulk off. Occasionally this system terminates in its capture.

Caught in the Toils.

Lately, whilst experiencing a pleasant time, having settled down where Linnets were known to be swarming, with expectations of a good catch, I was surprised to find no birds visible. It was no fault of want of song to draw them, but, looking round, I saw a Hawk flying low over the feed where the birds were expected, and this explained the empty state of my store cage. I was shortly afterwards thinking of packing up, having no doubt that the birds had been scared away, when there was a general flutter in the net, and at the same moment, flying low and direct into the nets, appeared the Hawk. The nets covered it instantly, before it could grasp its victim, so it took its place in the empty store cage.

Hawk Chased by Crows.

The scream of the Hawk is often heard, and many times I have left the nets to watch a probable tragedy. A common spectacle is the tenacity of one, or sometimes two Crows chasing a Hawk, rising high and sweeping down, while the Hawk, screaming, darts low, then high, pursued by one or other of the Crows. But I have never seen a Crow actually strike. During one frantic struggle against two crows, after a long chase, the Hawk led over the top of a wood and suddenly, after a determined chase rising rapidly to evade the fierce onslaught—which seemed remarkable for a Crow—it apparently turned turtle in the air and darted direct below into the trees like a flash; the Crows did not follow it there. On another occasion there was a great commotion among a flock of Lapwings, and, as they came towards me, I heard the familiar scream of a Hawk. I had a good view, as they were chasing it away, and appeared to keep it going direct ahead. I watched the birds drop out of the running as the speed increased, until there were not more than three or four that were anywhere near it as it disappeared in the distance. Possibly one would fare badly if left alone with the Hawk.

Advertisements continued from page 52.

WANTED, offers Canaries; exchange pair Scotch blankets, 25s.—Drummond, Hutcheson Street, Glasgow.

OFFERS, Canaries; exchange silver English lever watch, 30s.—Drummond, Hutcheson Street, Glasgow.

WANTED, for cash, cocks, Norwich and Yorkshire Canaries; state lowest price.—Marsh, 45, Pereira Street, Bethnal Green.

WANTED yellow Norwich cock, give grand Yorkshire cock or 3 large hens, few for sale cheap.—Tyrer, Catherine Street, Warrington.

WANTED Clear Norwich Crests or Plainheads, exchange Winchester repeater or good phonograph records.—F. Dear, Dunsden, near Reading.

WANTED pair men's working boots, size eights, give cock Canary, 6s. 6d.—Warboise, Talbot Road, Wellingboro'.

BEST offers in breeding Budgerigars or aviary for 100 "Musical Home Journals." Palmer, 21, Knowles Hill Crescent, Lewisham.

WANTED, weekly, 100 good Yorkshire and Norwich Canaries.—Particulars, Parkes, 4, Cadogan Terrace, Victoria Park, South Hackney, London.

WANTED, to supply any quantity of Yorkshire Canaries, large or small lots; write for prices.—47, Snakehill Lane, Girlington, Bradford. x266

WANTED, Canaries, or cage appliances, exchange prize Magpie Pigeons, what offers?—Green, Holyoake Terrace, Long Buckby, Rugby. x264

WANTED, 7 Roller cocks in exchange for 3 large Norwich hens, good stock birds, or sell 15s. 6d., a bargain.—Evans, 167, Elgar Road, Reading.

WANTED, Chow, Pekinese Spaniel or Pomeranian; exchange prize-bred Yorkshire or Norwich Canary; mutual approval.—Murrell, Stationer, Spalding.

WANTED, Canaries, cages, show pens, pigeons; in exchange for jewellery, plated goods, clothing, boots, curtains, watches, rings.—Frederick Hayter, 81, Cobden Road, Norwood Junction.

WANTED, offers in good Norwich Plainheads for following: Mail-cart, in good condition, cost 72s. 6d., carving tools, mahogany box of oil colours; particulars.—Sears, 103, Castle Street, Grimsby.

AVIARY (portable, outdoor), about 5 feet high, by 5 feet by 8 feet; give prize Yorkshires, 20s. pair, or cash.—Crundwell, 17, Hollydale Road, Peckham, London.

WANTED, cage birds; exchange Nicholdson's Dictionary of Gardening, nine 8s. 6d. parts, not soiled, or would sell, cheap.—Hayward, George Street, Godalming.

MR. WILLIAM WILSON, 247, Argyle Street, Glasgow, wants everything in the live stock line, from a Wren to an Elephant; price no object, £1 to £1,000, or exchange.

WANTED, bird organ or breeding-room heating apparatus, in exchange for gent's tandem bicycle; any useful offers.—Austin Lyons, 124, Moor Street, Blackburn, Lancashire.

WANTED, Crests, Norwich Plainheads, Cinnamons, cock Mules, Lizards, Lancashires, for export; prompt cash. State particulars to Taylor, 36, Aireville Road, Frizinghall, Bradford.

WANTED, first-class Yorkshire or Crest, exchange small Yorkshire bitch, 4½ bl., 13 months old, or one of the finest coated Poms, slim, or sell £3 each.—John McKeand, Carlinwarth Street, Castle Douglas.

WANTED, few Goldfinch-Canary Mules, cocks; exchange Norwich hens; on approval; no rubbish offered, or wanted; stamp.—Particulars, Thorpe, Tobacconist, Wellington, Salop.

WANTED, cock Canaries, cheap, in song or exchange. Wanted, cock Linnets, brown; also Goldfinches, cheap; per box; all on approval.—Purvis, 74, High Street, Airdrie.

WANTED, Norwich and Yorkshire hen Canaries, any quantity: must be sound birds, no rubbish.—Shelly, 534, High Road, Chiswick, W., nearly opposite Gunnersbury Station.

WANTED, glass show cases or glass cupboard for silver articles; exchange driving aprons (leather and rubber), overcoats, records, clothing; offers.—Brain, Glastonbury.

WANTED, offers in cage fronts for five good cock Chaffinches, caged month; two hen mules; 62 CAGE BIRDS with coloured plates, clean.—Clarke, Hincote, Leicester.

WANTED, cock Goldfinches; exchange one year "Farm and Home" bound; anything, for hen Canary.—Spriggs, Van Place, High Wycombe.

WANTED good Crest or Crest-bred hen; exchange prize-bred Minorca cockerel, or sell.—W. Hiles, Woodbine Cottage, Moorend Street, Cheltenham.

WANTED, two first-class 1906 bred Crest-bred hens, cash or exchange pair Kramm German-ground razors, value 8s.; two German Rock razor hones, cost 4s. each; 22in. shooting plain mitre box, and shooting board.—Drake, 64 Northgate Street, Gloucester.

WANTED, Canaries; exchange four splendid Houdans, laying, 20s., brindle whippet Lurcher, catch anything, 15s., three cock Bullfinches for showing, 10s., small aviary, scales perfect, 7s. 6d., Columbia phonograph, 13 records, loud and clear, 22s. 6d.—Westrope, Baker, Bumpstead, Haverhill.

SALE OR EXCHANGE.

Mainly British
To be Sold or Exchanged

SPLENDID cock Thrush, hen Canary, 2s. each, or exchange.—Hudgell, 67, St. Clements, Oxford.

GOOD 1905 muling Goldfinch, 7s.; exchange Hartz cock, can be heard.—5, Charterhouse Mews, E.C.

HOUSE-MOULTED cock Twite-bred Mules; exchange; also cock Cirl Bunting; sell or exchange; approval.—Davies, Ironmonger, Cardigan.

TWO cock Goldfinch Mules, in full song, grand birds; exchange for two large hens, Crested and Crestbred.—Hanley, Dublin Street, Longford.

HOUSE-MOULTED cock Chaffinch, fine songster; for Siberian hen Goldfinch, or house-moulted hen Siskin.—Rankin, Hairdresser, Renfrew.

TWO house-moulted cock Goldfinches, 10s.; exchange pair yellow Norwich Canaries.—Breeze, March.

COCKS, Thrush, 4s.; Blackbird, 3s. 6d.; Goldfinch, 4s.; Rose Cockatoo, 15s.; cinnamon Greenfinch, 5s., or exchange.—Richardson, Sellwood Street, Brighton.

COCK Linnet Mule, Goldfinch song, 7s. 6d.; Linnet, father of above, 5s.; exchange for (1906) Roller hens.—Jones, Renwick Terrace, Walsall.

GOLDFINCH, selected cock, also special hen Canary, matched pair, with breeding cage, 10s.—Morrison, 94, Pitt Street, Edinburgh.

COCK Bullfinch, house moulted, and hen Norwich, sell or exchange for Norwich or Yorkshire cock.—Kingman, 319, Ferndale Road, Swindon.

THREE cock Bullfinches, 5d.; exchange pair Canaries.—Davidson, Buncefield, Hemel Hempstead, Herts.

LINNET-CANARY Mule cock, exchange for Siberian cock Goldfinch or Bullfinch, or 7s. 6d.—Hill, Brickendon Grange, Hertford.

BIG White-leg cock Siskin, thorough good Muler, 8s. 6d., or exchange set boxing gloves, anything.—Richards, Brookside, Lympstone.

EXCHANGE young cock Linnet Mule for two 1906 Yorkshire hens, or sell 8s. 6d.—Threlfall, Holland Street, Coppull, Chorley.

BRAMBLEFINCHES, 2 tip-top show specimens, 5s., exchange pair Siskins.—E. G. Roberts, Roche, Cornwall.

WILL give six Brambles, two Linnets, one Greenfinch for yellow Norwich hen.—H. Pinnell, Warminster.

SEVEN cock Linnets, two house moulted, three cock Goldfinches, ditto, cock Canary, exchange boots or clothing.—McCreery, Wirksworth.

WILL exchange two grand cock Goldfinch Mules for pair Yorkshires, sell 16s.—Passiful, Papillon Road, Colchester.

EXCHANGE 3 pairs Chaffinches, house moulted, what offers Canaries, Bullfinches, or Goldies?—J. Lister, Beech Holm, Leven, Fife.

EXCHANGE Kestrel for 1906 Yorkshire hen, or offers, no rubbish.—G. Mills, Belle Vue, Mount Pleasant, Redditch.

TWO house moulted exhibition cock Chaffinches, 5s. each; cock Linnet Mule, 5s.; exchange house moulted Goldfinches or 1906 Norwich hens.—Wilson, Solicitor, Workington.

1906 GOLDFINCH Mule and Siskin Mule, singing, exchange good Roller or Schoolmaster, songster, or sell 12s. 6d. pair, cheap.—Bousfield, Frosterley, Durham.

GOLDFINCH-GREENFINCH Hybrid, winner first only time out, 30s., pink of condition, exchange new flight cages; approval.—W. Brotherton, 118, Doncaster Road, Rotherham.

EXCHANGE, large white legged cock Goldfinch, bred Mules last year, for hand-reared cock Skylark, must be good bird; approval.—Outram, Riber Cottage, Heanor.

GRAND cock Greenfinch Mule, cock Greenfinch hen Canary, parents of above, lot 12s. 6d.; exchange rooling felt, anything.—Nobbs, Cromer Road, North Walsham.

EXCHANGE, cage moulted hen and 2 cock Greenfinches, 1 hen Goldfinch, pair Bramblefinches, and Skylark for Budgerigars or Canaries; approval.—Gay, 38, Gleave Road, Selly Oak, Birmingham.

SURE Mulers, one white-legged and three other Goldfinches, in fine plumage and full song, four prize Game Bantams; approval with pleasure; sell lot 30s.; exchange Canaries or talking Parrot.—Rouse, Crier, Rhyl.

EXCHANGE Linnet, Greenfinch, and Yellowhammer (cocks), aviary reared, good condition, for good bred cock Canary (Norwich or Yorkshire), breeding cage, or anything useful, sell 7s. 6d.—83, King's Avenue, Watford.

A DARK cock Goldfinch Mule, 1906-bred, on song, 5s.; cock Goldfinch, twice house moulted, 5s.; Sib hen, 23 years inbred, 4s.; parents of Mule; also grand cock Robin, 2s.; approval; exchange Yorkshire hens.—Hinson, Prestongate, Hessle, Yorkshire.

EXHIBITION birds for sale. Extra large Linnet, Goldfinch, Bullfinch, Chaffinch, Bramblefinch, Redpoll, Siskin, Twite or Yellowhammer, all cocks, guaranteed in good show condition; exchange for Canaries, any variety; on approval.—Matthews, Birdcatcher, 44, George Street, Hyde, Cheshire.

EXCHANGE Siberian cock Goldfinch for clear buff Yorkshire stock cock, two White-legged, one Cheveral cock, Bullfinch, cock, winner, three Bullfinch hens, Goldfinch Mule, cock, Collie Bitch, sire sold £400, sell or exchange breeding cages, offers.—Little, 84, Hawkshead Street, Southport.

BARGAINS.—Sisking first Oldham Temperanced, third Ilkeston, 8s. 6d.; Goldfinch, fourth Glossop, 1905, 7s. 6d.; two Goldfinch Mules, buff Norwich, 6s. 6d. each, all cocks, healthy, and full song, lot 32s. 6d.; exchange lot for matched pair Norwich Greens.—Myers, Old Lane, Hollinwood.

Mainly Canaries
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EXCHANGE pair typical Yorkshires for two large Norwich hens, yellow; approval.—F. Milner, 81, Commercial Road, Grantham.

TICKED yellow Norwich hen required, short, typical; exchange Buff cock or hen. Mutual approval.—Stubbs (See Norwich advertisement).

WOULD exchange two good Norwich hens for two Yorkshire hens; on approval.—Fish, 12, Moss Lane, Swinton, Manchester.

TYPICAL buff Yorkshire cocks, Cinnamon-marked and yellow hens; exchange Crestbred hen, or sell; approval.—Davies, Ironmonger, Cardigan.

EXCHANGE or sell 2 pairs of high-class Yorkshires Canaries; state lowest price.—Marsh, 45, Albion Terrace, Keighley.

EXCHANGE good deep yellow Yorkshire cocks, full song, for cock Goldfinch or Linnet Mules or Goldfinches.—James, Windmill Terrace, Brighton.

LONG slim prize bred Yorkshire cocks from 7s. 6d., exchange anything.—Nobbs, Cromer Road, North Walsham.

SALE or exchange good Muling hens for British birds; no Bullfinches.—Linstead, 32, Brown's Road, Surbiton Hill, Surrey.

EXCHANGE 2 Yorkshire cocks, 1906, for 2 Bullfinches and 2 Goldfinch cocks, or sell 10s.—Dunsford, Calder Grove.

TWO nice 1906 Crested cocks, well bred, healthy, 10s. each; exchange songsters.—Tottle, Portway, Frome.

EXCHANGE 1906 buff Scotch Fancy cock for 1906 green or yellow picbald Scotch Fancy hen; mutual approval.—Walker, Carrier, Cupar.

EXCHANGE two 1905 buff Norwich hens for two 1906 yellow marked Border hens; mutual approval.—Low, Bishopgate, Cupar.

TWO large Linnet Mules, Linnet song, 15s. Exchange stock Norwich.—32, Church Terrace, Tranmere, Birkenhead.

FOR Sale or exchange good Crests, Crestbred, and Norwich Plainheads, all strong, healthy birds; approval, deposit.—Saffen, Burnham, Essex.

SCOTCH Fancy hen or Siberian Goldfinch cock, exchange fountain pen, 52 CAGE BIRDS (plates).—Methven, King Street, Govan.

EXCHANGE pair Yorkshire Canaries for pair Roller Canaries; or sell.—Cartwright, 128, Howard Road, Barking.

TWO Yorkshire cocks, 12s. 6d. and 10s. 6d.; exchange Rollers; pair Spangle Bantams, 4s.; offers.—Wagstaff, Long Acre, Kidderminster.

EXCHANGE three good Yorkshire Canaries, hens, for good pair Cinnamon Yorkshires.—South, 30, Melbourne Road, East Ham.

PAIR good Norwich Canaries; exchange for wire netting or poultry; offers.—Miller, Nurseries, Airmyn, Goole.

EXCHANGE four Norwich cocks, 1 German hen, for Crests, Yorkshires, or Cycle. Offers.—Jones, 23, Mount Street, Coventry.

1906 BUFF Cinnamon cock Norwich for unflighted Yorkshire hen.—Baker, 47, Upper Grove Street, Smethwick.

GOOD pair Norwich, 12s. 6d.; buff, dark, Crested hen, 5s. 6d.; clear buff Yorkshire hen, 6s. Exchange songsters.—Young, High Street, Hemel Hempstead.

HEAVILY marked Cinnamon Yorkshire hen; two Norwich hens, 6s. 6d. lot. Exchange.—Fisher, 1, Pensbury Terrace, Wandsworth Road, London.

GRAND Palace Aviary, 4 good hen Canaries, lot 25s.; bargain. Exchange Norwich songsters. Wilkinson, 971, Bolton Road, Bradford.

EXCHANGE 1906 Yellow copy cock for good British Hardbills.—Entwistle, Lisbon Street, Passmans, Rochdale.

EXCHANGE buff dark Crest hen, for yellow Border cock; mutual approval.—Peel, Deans Rows, Bathgate.

EXCHANGE 2 Yorkshire cocks, 4 Yorkshire hens, prize bred, for good Lounge Suit, or anything useful.—E. Bonney, Cliff Park, Wadebridge.

PRIZE-BRED Plainheads, reducing stock, cheap. Exchange yellow Crestbreds or good Gramaphone. Approval.—Milne, 35, North Street, Montrose.

EXCHANGE good 1905 Buff Cinnamon hen, Norwich type, large, good mother and feeder, for good Green Yorkshire hen; or sell 15s.—E. Webb, Fairmantle Street, Truro.

SALE or exchange, two double breeding cages and pair of breeding Rollers, for Curly Retriever pup or laying Leghorn pullets.—B. Nicholson, 27, Lodge Road, Hindsford, Atherton, Manchester.

EXCHANGE Mitre Machine and Jointer combined for picture-frame making, for pair of Canaries.—Young, 10, Villiers Road, Willesden Green.

EXCHANGE Canaries and cage for Wheeler and Wilson's boot machine; mutual approval.—Good, Proprietor, Canterbury Tavern, Napier Street, Norwich.

HEALTHY Canaries, in exchange for cutlery, cased and electro-plated goods of every description; state wants; offers.—Broadbent, 129, Langsett Road, Sheffield.

EXCHANGE clear yellow Norwich cock, and Goldfinch Mule, cock, good birds, for house-moulted Siberian Goldfinch cock; must be good bird.—Charles Sisson, Barber Street, Hilltop, Eastwood, Notts.

HANDSOME large Siberian Goldfinch and a large Norwich hen, 12s., or exchange for pair of good Yorkshires; approval.—Tagg, 30, Caldew Street, Camberwell, London.

FOR Sale, 8 young Norwich hens, 18s., and 4 young cocks, £1, or exchange watch, boots, anything useful; will sell separate, no cards, approval.—J. Ward, 2, St. Cuthbert's Road, Lazorthorpe, York.

EXCHANGE two Cinnamon cocks, yellow and buff 1905 and 1906 bred, Norwich type, for a good yellow Cinnamon hen, Norwich type, and a yellow Norwich Plainhead hen.—Rosemount, Mid Street, Bathgate.

EXCHANGE Lizard Canaries, Norwich hens, Crested cocks, Crestbred cocks, for nice Pug Dog, black or fawn.—Richards, 16, Watery Lane, Birmingham.

FOUR slim Yorkshire hens, 1 buff Crest hen, 1 variegated Crestbred, large birds, 6s. each, or exchange for Norwich; no rubbish.—John Lingard, 10, Healeywood Road, Burnley.

CHAMPION buff Yorkshire cock, bred from winners, good chance change of blood, 15s. Exchange good buff marked hen, same value. Approval both sides.—Perry, 305, Station Road, Winsford, Cheshire.

PRIZE-BRED Norwich, from my cup winners, Cambridge, Peterboro', Yarmouth, etc., from 7s. 6d. each; exchange anything useful trade, nails, screws, etc.—Handley, Coach Builder, Walsoken, Wisbech; approval.

CRESTED cocks, 1906, 2nd Kent County, 40s., worth double, other 10s. 6d.; Linnet Mule, eleven honours, 15s.; pedigree Fox Terriers, bitches, five months, sire big winner, 25s., 12s. 6d. Wanted, two common Roller cocks.—McCreath, Beaver, Ashford, Kent.

HIGH-CLASS pair Norwich, 20s.; prize bred Cinnamons, Yellow cock, two Buff hens, 30s.; magnificent cock Hawfinch and cage, 15s.; two Norwich show cages, 4s.; two volumes CAGE BIRDS, 7s. 6d.; exchange silver hunter watch, gold chain, or offers jewellery; approval.—Wilson, 111, Gerald Street, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

RAVEN, Rose Cockatoo and Cage, cash offers or exchange; few first-class Yorkshires, cocks from 15s., hens from 10s. upwards; the best of blood; a large quantity of cages and bird-room accessories; all requirements; suitable exchange entertained; no live stock.—For full particulars, apply Mr. F. Greenwood, Albert Chambers, Hebden Bridge, Yorks.

BULLO! Cut this out and pin it up for future references. Birds of every description by easy payments. Birds sent on receiving 1s. postal order, balance, anything you like weekly. Norwich cocks, 5s. 6d., 6s. 6d., 8s. 6d. and 10s. 6d., hens, 2s. 6d., 3s. 6d., pairs, 7s. 6d. to 12s. 6d.; Border Fancies, Yorkshires and Lizards same as above; Cinnamons, cocks from 7s. 6d., hens from 3s. 6d., pairs 10s. 6d. to 15s.; Scotch Fancies, cocks, 10s. 6d., pairs from 20s.; beautiful Rollers, 7s. 6d., 8s. 6d., hens, 2s. 6d.; Budgerigars, 6s. 6d. pair; approval; satisfaction guaranteed; exchange Canaries for British or Foreign, any kind.—Fraser, 16, Franklin Street, Bridgeton, Glasgow.

SALE or exchange 1 Cinnamon hen, 2 Border Fancy hens, lot 7s. 6d. Will exchange 1 grand Buff pied cock Scotch Fancy and 1 Yellow-Green cock, first cross hen, hard up, and good neck Buff pied. Approval.—David Ross Stainely, Butcher, Broughty Ferry.

Mainly Foreign
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OUTDOOR aviary-bred cock Budgerigars, 1906, 4s. each; or exchange for hens; good healthy birds.—Lady Miller, Nash Court, Faversham.

LEADBEATTER'S Cockatoo, 30s.; Moustache Parrakeet, 10s.; hand-reared Tawny Owl, 10s.; all thoroughly acclimatised; exchange; offers.—P. Thomas, 1, George Street, Blackburn.

VERY large Lemon-crested Cockatoo, first prize winner, sell £2, exchange good cycle; also nearly new medical coil and battery, 15s., exchange for pair of Scifert Canaries or Schoolmaster; approval; offers.—Todd, Riversdale, Upper Union Street, Dunstable.

Miscellaneous
Sale or Exchange

SIX brown red Bantams; exchange Crested cock or offer.—Barkley, Gilling East, York.

FOUR-FINGER tame Doves, exchange for anything, or sell 4s.—Smalley, Kibworth.

CAMERAS.—Two good Kaml Cameras, sacrifice, 10s., or exchange.—Pearson, Greenwich.

EXCHANGE pair lovely paintings for good Canaries.—174, Pont Street, Hirst, Ashington.

EXCHANGE pair prize Belgian Hares for breeding-cages, or sell for 20s.—W. Brown, Billposter, Crook.

TWO crossed Wild and East Indian Drakes, good fliers but very tame, 5s.; exchange hen Canaries or anything.—W. J. Cook, Binbrook, Market Rasen.

GRAND Pen Black Rosecombs, soon lay, three Pullets and Cockerel; offers wanted in Canaries.—Peter Culshaw, Maghull, Liverpool.

CANARIES, singing, 6s., 7s. 6d. each, hens, 2s.; also child's folding cot; exchange anything useful.—Muir, 24, Guilford Road, Southend-on-Sea.

EXCHANGE pair carvers (good) for pair Canaries; on approval.—Roper, 3, Back, 89, Broomhall Street, Sheffield.

EXCHANGE Swedish brazing lamp, cost 12s., nearly new, for birds or cages.—Teng, 111, Grey Marc Lane, Manchester.

THREE pairs genuine Homers, 3s. pair; or exchange Canaries.—J. Day, Formham Road, Bury St. Edmunds.

EXCHANGE 130 CAGE BIRDS, with plates, for 1906 Roller cock or hens, or will sell cheap.—J. Lansdale, 28, Marion Street, Great Lever, Bolton.

EXCHANGE four double breeding cages, good as new, all fittings, anything useful, no livestock.—95, King Street, Kettering.

NEW double-sized child's cot, with brass rails, cheap, 21s.; exchange gun, Bull-pup, or birds.—59, Pendennis Road, Bristol.

EIGHTY copies CAGE BIRDS, with plates, what offers in Canaries or anything useful.—Meyrick, Aviaries, Knighton.

GOOD brass cornet, in case, complete, condition as new, will exchange for a good gramophone and records.—Dell, 18, Evelyn Road, Wimbledon, S.W.

WILL exchange new bird net, 12 ft. by 6 ft., with pegs, cost 10s., for Hardbills; to be sent on approval.—Reed, St. Blazey, Cornwall.

THIRTY up-to-date phonograph records, sell cheap; exchange blankets, anything useful.—Leng, 116, Abbey Street, Rugby.

NOTICE.—What offers in Canaries for new Palace-shaped Aviary? Or sell 25s., or show cages.—Hogg, Cage Maker, Carlisle.

YORKSHIRE Terrier dog, value £1 10s. Exchange 2 pair good Canaries, or offers.—Broadbent, 129, Langsett Road, Sheffield.

LOP Rabbits, grey Doe, fawn Buck, 8 months, valued 15s. Exchange Canaries, anything, offers.—Broadbent, 129, Langsett Road, Sheffield.

SPLENDID 5-stringed nickel-plated Banjo in case, 12s. 6d. Exchange.—Poms, 75, Victoria Road, Watford.

HIMALAYAN Rabbits, buck, 2 does, typical specimens, fit to win, 10 months, 15s., worth £3; or exchange.—Pearson, Greenwich.

DOG Pup, very massive, white and black, will make splendid guard, 10s., worth pounds; or exchange.—Pearson, Greenwich.

EXCHANGE pair hollow ground Razors, in silk-lined case, for 2 cock Canaries, or 3 hens; approval.—Herbert Marsden, 175, St. Phillips Road, Sheffield.

EXCHANGE 6 Ivorine-handled Knives, or pair of Carvers, for 1 cock Canary, or 3 hens; approval.—Herbert Marsden, 175, St. Phillips Road, Sheffield.

TWO hundred new penny bird drinkers, 6d. dozen to clear, exchange Goldfinch cocks.—Smith, 79, Astonville Street, Southfields, S.W.

FOR Sale, cheap, Old English spangled game Bantams, or exchange anything.—26, Myrtle Street, Dalston.

GENT.'S 9 carat gold signet ring, sell 7s. 6d., exchange Roller cock Canary; mutual approval.—Chivers, Mendip View, Radstock.

EXCHANGE for Goldfinches, Black red modern Game cockerel, 8½ lbs.; sell 12s.; approval.—Bignell, 53, Winstanley Road, Battersea.

WILL exchange Opera Glasses for pair of Norwich, or sell for 10s.—R. Evans, 2, King Street, Westhoughton.

SELL Scotch Blankets, 25s.; Lace Curtains 12s. 6d.; or exchange Canaries.—Wright, 15, Crossmyloof Buildings, Glasgow.

THREE silver-plated lock Spirit Tops, 1 Dipping Stick. Exchange Canaries or Foreign birds.—L. V. Oakley, Snakes Lane, Woodford Green.

GRAND pair working Homers, double exhibition box, 25s. Exchange Norwich. Offers.—John Esplin, Bonnybridge.

EXCHANGE Sable Collie dog for 2 cock Hawfinches, or sell 15s.—A. Dunbar, Paradise Cottage, Queen Street, Montrose.

WILL exchange pair Clap Nets, all complete, for Siberian Goldfinch; sell 7s., approval both ways.—A. Hemmings, 7, Lewis Street, Trehafod.

BEAUTIFUL new engraved lady's silver watch, value 25s.; exchange Canaries or cock Mules.—Lloyd, 7, Dean Street, Aberdare.

NICELY marked Fox Terrier, seven months, over distemper, clean, healthy, 10s.; exchange birds.—Beattie, 16, Wilton Crescent, Hawick.

BOEHM Flute by Langlois closed G sharp, exchange Canaries, or sell £3 10s.; a bargain.—Nuttall, 13, Travis Street, Widnes.

SALE or exchange, grand lady's free-wheel Cycle, rim brake, etc.; sell, 70s., exchange Canaries, Mules, anything.—Jones, Round House, Dudley.

FRENCH'S show Tumblers, Selfs, in reds, yellows, some winners, from 10s. pair, Hill's direct; offers typical Norwich, Yorkshires, aviary Parrot.—12, Whitstable Road, Faversham.

DOUBLE breech-loader, 12 bore, walnut stock, pistol grip, rebounding locks, bores choked by Midland Gun Company, price £3, or offers in Yorkshires and show cages; no rubbish.—Bambery, New Street, Halesowen.

WHAT offers in yellow Yorkshires or Norwich hens for champion pedigree wirehaired Fox Terrier bitch? Must be good birds.—For particulars pedigree, apply R. Cleaves, Gellygrug, Abertillery, Mon.

GRAND pen Cuckoo Pekins, 10s. 6d. each; tall, stylish Black Reds, 7s. 6d. each; or exchange Canaries.—Barkley, South Lodge, Gilling East, York.

BLACK white English Buck, twelve months, winner exhibition box; sell 10s. 6d.; exchange birds or anything.—Houseman, Cargo Fleet, Middlesbrough.

ORGAN Accordion, three octaves, one stop, good condition, cost £3 10s., exchange Roller Canaries, or sell 30s.—Blakemore, Copenhagen Street, Worcester.

POWERFUL Revolver, six-chambered, good as new, value 40s., exchange for Long Yellow Yorkshire cock, or large Yellow Norwich; offers.—E. Cockhill, Manchester Street, Huddersfield.

HONEY.—80lbs. finest light coloured Lincolnshire Honey, 7lbs 4s., 14lbs. 7s. 6d., 28lbs. 14s.; package free; or exchange good Cycle, Grey Parrot, or gun.—W. J. Cook, Binbrook, Market Rasen.

BLACK Vicuna Jacket and double-breasted Vest, almost new, 21s.; exchange for pair Yorkshires, Lizards or Borders.—Macdonald, 88, Shakespeare Street, Nottingham.

ALMOST new, gent.'s silver keyless Watch, valued 8s. 6d., splendid timekeeper, exchange for good 1906 Buff Yorkshire cock, or two good Yellow Norwich hens, cold room bred.—Slingsby, 18 Wycliffe Place, Shipley.

MISCELLANEOUS—continued

WHAT offers in Norwich Plainheads for a pair Peruvian rough-haired Cavies sow in young?—John Esplin, Larbert Road, Bonnybridge.

EXCHANGE well-bred Whippet dog, 5 months, for two good Norwich Hens.—Robertson, 81, Rutherglen Road, Glasgow.

COCKEREL, 2 hen Bantams, laying, 5s. Exchange 4 hen Bullfinches.—Sykes, Aviaries, Ely, Cambs.

TWO double, six single breeding cages, box, show, etc., exchange Poultry, Dutch Rabbits, anything.—Harold Cole, 10, Blindman's Lane, Cheshunt. x263

"CAGE BIRDS," 1906, 43 plates ("Feathered World"), 12 CAGE BIRDS; exchange Crestbred hens.—Muir, The Ayre, Kirkwall.

SIXTY-EGG incubator, will exchange for Norwich greens (no rubbish), or anything useful, value 30s.—T. Cottenden, 83, Riverdale Road, Erith, Kent.

PAIR 1905 exhibition silver Schrights (Donkins), sell 20s.; or exchange Cinnamon cock or Norwich hen; approval.—Lohr, Carmarthen.

GRAND fawn maiden Pom bitch, 25s. Exchange Norwich Canaries, Gramaphone, or anything useful.—Tompkins, Well Street, Finedon, Northants.

WILL exchange good Violin Bow and case for good variegated yellow Norwich hen or sell 17s. 6d.—Crossley, 2, Rock View, Gillinggate, Kendal.

WILL exchange Whippet dog, good rabbitter, for pair Norwich or cage birds.—McLean, 176, King Street, Pollokshaws, Glasgow.

EXCHANGE pair good golf sticks, almost new; what offers in birds?—J. Myles, 2, Leonard Street, Arbroath.

TWO pairs Dragons, pair Jacobins; exchange Rollers or young Norwich Canaries.—Wilson, Quarry Yard, Stockingford, near Nuneaton.

WILL exchange 12 nest pans, 12 felt linings, 12 egg feeders for pair of Norwich Clears; offers entertained.—Exchange, 15, Medlock Street, Hulme, Manchester.

WHAT offers in songsters for Irish Terrier bitch two years, thoroughly broke, good in every respect? Sell 10s. 6d.—Mitchell, Gamekeeper, 5, Albion Road, Kettering.

WILL exchange 139 numbers "Work," 108 "Fishing Gazette," Parts 1 to 6 "Handyman" and "How to Tie Flies for Trout and Grayling," for birds.—Apply, Howard, 59, Theobald Road, Cardiff.

ZITHER guitar and case, as new, cost £2 15s.; exchange good pair Yorkshires and breeding cage, cock must be in full song; or sell 25s.—Caddy, 54, Upper James Street, Newport, Isle of Wight.

EXCHANGE for one pair of Rollers or Yorks, two pairs of dumbells, 10 lbs. and 18 lbs., and 85 numbers of CAGE BIRDS, for Yorkshire hen; stamp reply.—James Fisher, Heath Hayes, Cannock.

EXCHANGE violin, two bows, in case, complete, value 25s., for pair Norwich for breeding; approval; genuine.—Chapman, 57, South View Terrace, Plymouth.

MAGNIFICENT gent.'s "Lion" safety bicycle, practically brand new, two brakes, free-wheel, only 8os., bargain; part exchange.—J. Meaden, Tisbury, Wilts.

SCOTCH Terrier bitch, 9 months, perfect model, domesticated, 50s. Exchange Norwich Plain or Crestbred silver grey Persian Queen, by "Gay Boy" and "Lady Gray," 40s. Best offers taken. Also kit Watchmaker's tools, in good order value about £5. No reasonable offer refused.—Ogg, Hillhead, Milngavie, Scotland.

THREE yellow Cinnamon cocks, 10s. each, house moulted Linnet, Siskin, Twite, cocks, all bred Mules, 3s. 6d. each; offers for lot.—Todd, Lock Street, Darlington.

BEST offer accepted 18 breeding, three flight, three show cages, etc.; stamp particulars; or exchange black Leghorn pullets.—Wadsworth, Shutts Lane, Greetland.

ENGLISH 28-keyed Concertina, cost 50s., new condition. Exchange Canaries, Goldfinches. Offers; approval.—Flower, 7, Clarens Street, Perry Hill, Catford.

CAVIES.—Self-Red, Black, Dutch-marked; also Abbyssinian, best champion bred, must reduce stock, from 6d. each. Exchange anything.—Pearson, Greenwich.

MUSICAL Nigger, splendidly dressed, and playing banjo, in case, 5 ft. high, sell £3, or exchange South African grey Parrot, must talk.—Herbert, Market, Aldershot.

BULL-TERRIER, grand dog, good guard; exchange for good-bred smaller dog; sell £1, or exchange for Foreign birds; seen any time.—117, Cheyne Walk, Chelsea Embankment.

"CAGE BIRDS," from June to December, and coloured plates. exchange Norwich hen Canareis; what offers?—Rouse, 1a, Hertslet Road, Seven Sisters Road.

LAST fifty-four CAGE BIRDS, with plates, brass hanging lamp, cost 22s. 6d., little used; exchange Yorkshires or anything useful for house.—Patterson, Oak Street, South Bank.

INCUBATOR.—Hearson's 25-egg, splendid hatcher, in first-class working order; exchange Yorkshire Canarics, or sell, cash, 25s.; no rubbish wanted.—C. Butler, 9, High Street, West Norwood.

WILL exchange Mandoline and case, in good condition, for pair 1906 Crests, Crestbred, or Plainheads.—Struthers, 177, Alexandra Park Street, Dennistoun, Glasgow.

EXCHANGE mahogany Crystal Palace Aviary, 47 x 18 ins., centre dome 46 ins., side domes 35 ins., zinc sand trays, for a Crestbred cock or hen, value 30s.—A. Watt, Craigiorth, Crieff.

TWO joiner-made double Breeding Cages, make splendid flights, 10s; 5 single breeders, 8s.; all good condition; loose fronts, etc. Sell or exchange, Roller cocks, cloth. Offers; mutual approval.—Berry, Ing Lane, Newsome, Huddersfield.

HIGH-CLASS winning Pigeons, black and yellow Magpies, white Pouter cocks, blue ditto. Exchange cage birds, British or Foreign, Canaries, Gramaphone, Cycle Wheels, Black Pug. Offers.—Shepherd, Windsor Terrace, Falmouth.

EXCHANGE Cassell's "King's Empire," twenty-seven 7d. parts, complete, with coloured plates, "Pictorial London," sixteen 7d. parts, complete, for Goldfinches, Mules, cages, anything.—Evans, 12, Mansion Street, Camberwell.

FULL size brass-rail bedstead, value 38s. 6d.; no further use for them; exchange Crests, Yorkshires, or Fouls; must be good; or phonograph and records, or offers.—Darbyshire, Golden Valley, Alfreton, Derbyshire.

WANTED, Fowls, Pigeons, Mules, hen Canaries, common, will exchange pair of Crests or £1; green Yorkshire cocks, 10s. each; Goldfinch hen Canary, 5s.; Greenfinch hen Canary, 4s. 6d.; offers.—Long, 18, Front Road, Clapton.

FOUR Whippet puppies, eight weeks, three bitches, one dog, from grand parents, 5s. each to clear; exchange anything useful.—Slawson, 20, James Street, Wrexham.

LARGE two-compartment Aviary nearly new, 15s., exchange Yorkshires; what offers?—29, Inderwick Road, Stroud Green.

THREE splendid cases of Stuffed Birds and 1 Squirrel. No. 1, 6 Foreign Birds; No. 2, Grieve; No. 3, Turtle Doves. Sell or exchange for cock Canaries, in song, any breed.—Herbert, Market, Aldershot.

PIGEONS.—Having let stable, must clear loft of Archangels, Magpies, Tumblers, Dragoons, show Homers, working Homers, etc. Many are winners. Any price, or exchange anything.—Pearson, Greenwich.

EXCHANGE 1 large Crystal Palace Aviary, size 40 ins. by 17 ins., height 38 ins., photo sent, for grey talking Parrot or pair of Persian Kittens.—Mr. L. Hanson, 5, St. James' Square, Manchester Road, Bradford, Yorks.

SHAVING Outfit, nickel-silver china-lined soap bowl, swing mirror, brush, Hunter's patent hollow ground razor, never used, for pair, or 2 hens, Canaries; approval.—Algar, Victor Street, Sunderland

FIVE grand black Minorca Pullets, laying, 5s. each; Cockerels, for stock, 7s. 6d. and 10s. each; grand old bird, she at Palace, 20s., or will exchange for Turkeys. Approval if carriage paid both ways.—John Long, Huntspill, Somerset.

CAGES of every description for sale, also punched bars and English tinned wire, and all sizes in cage fronts; the trade supplied, or exchange Canaries; stamp reply.—Morris, The Aviaries, Cape Hill, Birmingham. x264

POMERANIAN dog, chocolate, eight months, clean, dense coat, medium size, sell £2; or exchange pair good Norwich or Yorkshires or foreign bird for exhibition; mutual approval.—John Steel, Eskdaill Street, Dalkeith, N.B.

BEAUTIFUL exhibition specimen, pedigree Manchester black and tan Terrier dog, nine months 10th, certain winner; sacrifice £3; exchange healthy surplus Canaries, cages, talking Parrot.—Gribbin, Stonehouse, Newcastle, Staffordshire.

BELGIAN Hares, buck and doe eleven months, 7s. pair; eight young, one eight weeks old, 10s. lot; exchange part Canaries; offer: all prize bred. Good black and tan Cur bitch, 20s.—Dawson, 29, Victoria Street, Scarborough.

TWENTY parts complete unbound Cassell's "Illustrated History of England," new, cost 40s., accept 22s. 6d.; exchange cock Canaries, Budgerigars, Roller cocks, household goods, cylinder records, wringer.—Gray, 5, Taunton Road, Lee, Kent.

BEAUTIFUL sable and white Collie bitch, 2 years, splendid pedigree (reg.), good mother, perfectly clean in house, very affectionate with children, cost £5. Exchange pair prize-bred Norwich Canaries, or sell. No rubbish offered or wanted.—Niven, South Bridgend, Crieff, N.B.

2¾ h.p. MOTOR Cycle Engine, frame, wheels, &c., also valuable old Oil Painting, massive frame, 5 ft. 6 in. square, valued by expert at 20 guineas; take half cash, balance Canaries; or offers.—Approval.—Phillips, 220, Westbury Avenue, Wood Green, London.

EXCHANGE 6 Knives and 6 Forks, with real staghorn handles, and splendid pair of mounted Carvers, with real staghorn handles, approval, for 3 guaranteed cock Canaries, or 6 healthy hen Canaries, or 6 cock Goldfinches or Bullfinches.—Parkin, Cutlery Manufacturer, 229, Arundel Street, Sheffield.

TWELVE fronts, made of best punch bar wire, etc., for pair of Norwich Clears.—Exchange, 15, Medlock Street, Hulme, Manchester.

WHAT offers in prize-bred Norwich Plainhead Canaries, 1906 birds, for 8 volumes of "Modern Cyclopædia," perfectly new, 12 months' standing, beautifully bound, gilt lettered, value 48s. Mutual approval; no rubbish.—Thomas Reis Caemawr, Clydach-on-Tawe, near Swansea, Glam.

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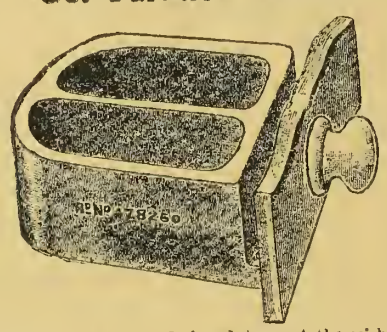

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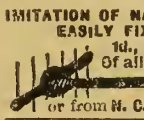

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GOOD Crested Norwich cocks, 12s., 15s. 20s. each; Crested hens, 7s. 6d., 10s., 12s. 15s. each; Crestbred cocks, 10s., 12s. 15s. each; Crestbred hens, 6s., 7s. 6d., 10s., 12s. each; stamp reply; money returned if not approved.—Stewart Brothers, Surrey Street, Norwich. x265

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LARGE variegated dark Crest cock, 9s. 6d.; ditto, 6s. 6d.; even-marked dark Crest cock, 6s. 6d.; variegated dark Crest hen, 5s. 6d.; clear Crestbred hen, 6s.; larger ditto, 7s.; yellow variegated ditto, 5s. 6d.; clear Crestbred cock, 7s.; ticked ditto, 8s. 6d.; all large healthy birds; approval. Hatton, Windmill, Belper.

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PLEASE note, Saturday, February 2nd, South-West London Cage Bird Society's annual show of matched pairs, for Canary and Hybrid breeding, will be held at the Plough Hotel, St. John's Hill, Clapham Junction Show open to visitors, 6s.30—Lilley, hon. sec.

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FEW buff Coppy cocks and hens, buff Plainhead cocks and hens; on approval, deposit.—John Swalwell, 146, Middleton Road, Oldham.

WILL give Zither harp, cost 45s., for three; yellow Coppy Lancashire hens.—Harding, 167, Morris Green Lane, Bolton.

GRAND buff Plainhead hens, yellow coppy cocks, 30s., 35s. pair, also champion coppy hens.—Hughes, Tailor, Tweedale Street, Rochdale. x265

HIGH-CLASS pair, properly matched, 30s.; buff Plainhead cock, 15s.; yellow Plainhead cock, 20s.; approval.—Nadin, 18, Royds Street, Rochdale.

CHAMPION Coppys and Plainheads, yellows and buffs, 10s. 6d. each; ten days' approval.—Wm. Powick, Eastfield House, Dewsbury.

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LANCASHIRES on sale, Coppies and Plainheads, buffs and yellows, cold-room; aproval; stamp reply. —King, Milnrow, near Rochdale.

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NORWICH Canaries, cocks, 7s., 7s. 6d.; hens, 2s. 6d., 3s.—Miss Northcote, Cove, Hants.

PRIZE-BRED Norwich.—Some good yellow hens and cocks from 10s. to 20s.—Orr, 129, Petershill Road, Springburn, Glasgow. x265

SALE, large buff Norwich cocks, unflighted.—J. Boxson, 17, Otter Street, Derby.

SALE.—Three Norwich Canary hens, 1906 birds, 6s. lot.—Potter, Nether Heage, Belper.

FOR sale my stock Norwich Canaries, and all kinds cages; giving up Fancy.—J. Bessell, Ludlow.

COCK Canaries from 5s. 6d., hens 1s. 6d.—Coles (side door), 199, High Street, Borough, London.

TYPICAL Norwich cocks, 7s. 6d., hens, 3s. 6d.; list free.—Varney, Stratford.

1906 NORWICH cock Canaries, 9s. 6d., 10s. 6d., yellow and buff, cold room bred.—Miss A. Fooks, Knowle House, Brentwood.

THIRTY Norwich hens, buff, 2s. 6d., yellow 3s., young, healthy, ready for breeding.—Roper, 134, Derby, Seven King's, Essex.

THIRTY good Canaries, Crest and Crestbred from 10s. 6d.; hens from 5s.—Wick, 80, St. Johns Road, Deptford. x266

PAIRS, same strain as winners Malvern, Cheltenham, etc., 20s.; few odd cocks; cash or deposit.—Hulse, 73, Chatsworth Street, Leicester.

NORWICH Canaries, also show cages, Palace aviary, six compartment breeding cage, cheap.—Evans, 3, Frederick Road, Gillingham, Kent.

NORWICH variegated buff cocks and variegated buff hens, good strain, cheap to clear; approval.—Braidwood, 181, Glasgow Road, Burnbank, Hamilton.

THREE clear buff cocks, one variegated buff hen, two clear yellow hens, variegated yellow hen; approval.—Steven, 215, Montrose Street, Brechin.

FEW buff Norwich cocks, colour fed, good quality, 5s. to 10s. each.—John Bryson, 8, Broomhill Road, Aberdeen.

WANTED, clear yellow Norwich cock, singing, exchange cycling cape, plated lamp, sell 6s.; approval. —G. Smith, 18, Greenfield Road, Scarboro'.

NORWICH Crestbred hens, two greens, two variegated, one buff, one Crested, 3s. each, warranted.—Dunham, Breeder, 31, Queen Street, Luton, Beds.

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LARGE quantity 1906 Norwich, cocks, good songsters, 4s. 6d. each, hens 2s. 6d., 3s. each, healthy, cold room bred; approval.—Akers, Holbrook Road, Belper.

GIVING up Norwich; grand buff hen, 5s., worth double; beautiful marked yellow hen, 3s. 6d.; willing approval.—Barrett, Borneo Street, Walsall.

NORWICH, pair breeding Canaries, 7s.; buff Crestbred hen, 4s. 6d.—Webb, Swan Street, Bawtry, Yorkshire.

LARGE double breeding cage, joiner-made, as new, and matched pair Norwich, the lot 9s., bargain; approval.—Hatton, Windmill, Belper.

SOME really good typical birds, large yellow cocks from Palace winners, 15s.; extra large buff hens, 10s. 6d.; approval.—Barrows, Wardington, Banbury.

STOCK birds, Robin type, yellow cocks, 7s.; buff, 6s.; hens from 3s.; songsters, 5s. 6d.; retailers supplied —Broadbent, 129, Langsett Road, Sheffield.

FEW 1906 yellow hens to spare, at 3s. 6d. each; ditto, cocks, in song, 5s. 6d.; approval.—Wm. Reeder, Swan Street, Fakenham, Norfolk.

GRAND Norwich yellows, buffs, variegated cocks, from 5s. 6d.; hens, 2s. 6d.; cold room bred.—Ashwell, Styvechale, Coventry, Stamp reply.

BUFF cock and two buff hens, 10s. 6d. the three; stamp reply.—Brown, 19, Portland Road, Bucknall Torkard, Notts.

GRAND Norwich cocks, in song, 7s.; hens, 3s. 6d. and 4s. 6d.; cage free.—Colvin, 19, Portland Street, Glasgow x246

NORWICH.—Some grand birds for disposal, cocks, 8s. each; hens, 10s., 2s. 6d. each.—White, Alderman's Green, Foleshill, Coventry.

VEALE'S strain direct; a few good cocks, yellows and buffs, cheap; approval stamp.—Topc, 8, Hoe Street, Plymouth.

YELLOW, green and variegated Norwich cocks, splendid songsters from 6s.; two hens 3s. each.—Miss Parker, Eccleshall, Staffs.

NORWICH 1906 Plainheads for sale; cocks, from 4s. 6d.; hens, from 2s. each.—Apply, 3, Cromer Road, Hott, Nortolk.

A FEW high-class Norwich left, including one or two show birds, 12s 6d. to 25s. per pair.—Rev Bernard Wilton, Bilsdale Vicarage, Middlesbrough.

NORWICH bred from my winners, 10s. pair; approval, deposit.—W. Allen, Witchford Aviaries, Ely, Cambs. x269

FEW nice pairs Norwich from 12s. 6d. to £1; also odd birds cheap.—Thomas, 79, Lareom Street, Walworth, London.

CLEARING Out.—Have seven large cocks from 8s. 6d., or sell in one lot, cheap.—Sheppard, 38, Hichisson Road, Peckham Rye.

I HAVE a few pairs of Norwich Canaries from 10s. 6d. per pair, stout yellow and buff hens from 5s. each; approval.—A. Ward, 10, St. Paul's, Norwich.

NORWICH Canaries. Matched pairs, 10s., 12s., 14s., cold room bred.—W. Taylor, Station Road, Hinckley.

SELECT your breeding stock from my Plainheads, cocks from 6s., hens from 3s.—Denkin, 19, Rosedale Road, Forest Gate. x266

VHC, Dark Crested hen, 10s. 6d, Crestbred hen, 7s. 6d., Norwich Plainhead cocks, buff and marked, 5s. 6d.—Bosworth, Sheldon, Birmingham. x265

MRS. ARTHUR BAYLY has good Norwich for sale, winner many firsts, seconds, and others; state wants; approval.—Queen Street, Margate.

A FEW grand birds for sale, colour fed, cocks 10s. 6d., hens 7s. 6d. Approval 3 days.—Willis, 34, Clapham Road, London.

FEW grand Norwich for disposal, pairs from 12s. 6d.; odd birds from 6s. bred from my winners; approval.—Mallinson, 107, Gibraltar Road, Halifax.

H. WILSON, Twinstead, Sudbury, Suffolk, can spare typical buff Norwich cocks, prize bred, some winners, from 10s.; approval.

ED. SCULLARD has two pairs of Norwich, Martin's strain, 10s. 6d. pair; approval.—13, Pakenham Street, Calthorpe Street, London.

BREEDER and exhibitor of Norwich cocks, 7s. each; buff hens, 5s.; approval.—Thos. Clemmison, 38, Hume Terrace, Darlington. x265

NORWICH yellow cocks, buff cocks, buff hens, good strain; cheap to clear; approval.—Thomson, 15, Gladstone Street, Burnbank, Lanarkshire. x265

SOME good Norwich for sale, also Yorkshires; can be seen any Sunday morning.—E. McCully, 109, Windleshaw Road, St. Helens. x266

OWING to removal, have few splendid Norwich for disposal, best strains, 12s. 6d. upwards.—Hardcastle, Eliza Street, Salo, Manchester. x265

FEW pairs matched chebby Norwich Canaries, 8s. 6d., over-yeared; sure mealing cock Goldfinch, 5s. 6d.; approval.—Head, 7, Webster's, Dereham.

LUTON Show, first prize pair, 25s.; second buff cock, 17s. 6d.; yellows and buff from 7s. 6d.; approval.—H. Gentle, 35, Stanley Street, Bedford.

NORWICH, yellow or buff cocks, from winners, prices from 7s. 6d.—S. Edwards, 156, Vauxhall Bridge Road, S.W.

SIX Norwich hens, yellow, 1906, colour-fed, good quality, 6s. each; approval.—Williams, 170, Wood Street, Walthamstow.

LARGE yellow and buff cocks and hens, housemoulted Linnet, winner; on approval.—Miller, 3, Stephen Terrace, Anniesland, Glasgow.

TYPICAL Norwich Plainheads, from my winners; can spare three or four grand pairs, 20s. per pair; approval.—Clarke, Butcher, Basingstoke.

NORWICH for sale, yellow, buff, and buff variegated cocks; yellow and buff hens; on approval.—A. Pirie, 255, Montrose Street, Brechin.

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BARGAIN, four good Norwich hens, one cock, 1906, colour-fed, 15s. lot.—Brownlee, Grove Street, Dalton, in Furness Lanc.

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NORWICH hens for sale, three yellows, three buffs, two variegated, 18s.; or singly, 2s. 6d. each.—W. Higgins, Swan Street, West Malling, Kent.

J. G. NOAKES, breeder of exhibition Norwich; surplus cheap hens from 5s., cocks from 7s.; deposit with CAGE BIRDS or me.—Shoulder of Mutton, South Normanton. x264

FEW grand Norwich cocks, bred 1906, splendid songsters, 5s. 6d., 6s. 6d., 7s. 6d.; no hens left; seven days' approval, deposit.—J. Evans, 19, Gloucester Road, Croydon

FOR sale, 10 Norwich cock Canaries; also 7 Norwich hens, in healthy condition, from good feeding stock.—Apply, Wm. Haldenby, 44, Winchester Road, Armley, Leeds.

NORWICH Plainheads; colour-fed cocks, from 6s.; hens, 3s. 6d., 4s., 5s.; buff, 3s., 4s. 6d.; pairs matched for breeding, 8s. upwards; on approval.—Hewett, "The Rose," Mariner's Lane, Norwich.

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W. BERKSHIRE has some grand unflighted Norwich, also good stock pairs that will breed winners, for sale from £1; can be seen by appointment; approval.—3, Larch Road, Balham, London.

PAIR of large healthy Norwich Plainheads, clear, yellow, and buff, grand type, bred from winners, £1 2s. 6d.; spare cock, as above, buff, 10s.; approval. —Wm. Leeson, Rushden.

GRAND lot of Plainheads for sale, stock birds, cocks or hens, yellow or buff, single 10s. to 12s., pairs 17s. 6d. to 25s.—Carstairs, Stationer, 277, High Street, Perth. x269

GRAND Norwich for sale, related to our winners; pairs from 10s. 6d., 12s. 6d., 15s. to 21s.; no odd hens (see show reports).—Athersuch and Son, 65, Spon Street, Coventry. x265

NOTICE.—Grand buff-green Norwich cock, 8s., Yellow 7s., Buffs 4s., 5s., hens 2s. 6d., 3s., 4s.; healthy; approval willingly.—J. W. Fox, Wellington Terrace, Belper.

NORWICH Canaries, high-class pairs, 10s. 6d.; satisfaction guaranteed; reduction for quantities; enquiries answered.—A. J. Cooke, Grocer, Kenilworth.

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NORWICH yellow cock, first and special Harrogate, 15s. 6d., selling class, with grand buff hen, 25s.; few others, cheap; approval.—W. Palmer, Newby Street, Ripon.

NORWICH. Two pairs, 15s. pair; four hens, 5s. each; two cocks, 9s. 6d. each; young birds, splendid condition; approval; offers; see Wanted.—Snowball, 13, Croft Avenue, Sunderland.

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TYPICAL Norwich hen, for stock or showing, took 2nd prize Walthamstow, sacrifice 10s.; another, took 1st South London, 10s.; rare type and quality. —Hawkes, Richmond Road, Leytonstone.

FINE healthy Norwich, in song; cocks, 5s., 6s., 7s.; hens, 3s., 4s.; cold room, 1906; approval, deposit.—Wall, Taukersley Lane, Hoyland Common, near Barnsley.

THE widow of Mr. Leadbetter, the late postman, wishes to dispose of all his Norwich Canaries; some grand birds amongst them; can be seen any time; stamp reply.—Highfield Place, Prescot.

NORWICH Plainheads, few good yellow buffs, and variegated cocks and hens, for sale, owing to removal.—Wm. McAulay, 25, Harriet Street, Nuthergien.

WANTED, two large, stout 1906 or 1905 clear yellow or ticked Norwich cocks; must be healthy for stock purposes; give 10s. each; on approval; no rubbish.—Todd, Murray Place, Inverness.

HAVING selected my breeding stock, can spare a few unflighted pairs buff cocks and yellow hens; price 20s. per pair; bred from champions.—Apply Spinner, 23, Leslie Park Road, Croydon.

FOR sale, six yellow cocks, seven buff cocks, six buff hens, some winners and bred from winners; prices reasonable; stamps for reply; on approval. —Thos. Brown, Statt Street, Brechin.

T. NANCEKWELL has three pairs for disposal, 15s. pair, and 16 hens, bred from winners; also clear body dark Crested hen, 10s.; 1906 birds.—24, Cowan Street, S.E.

GRAND Norwich; several good buff hens, 5s. each; two yellow hens, 4s. each; buff cock, 7s.; all 1905 and 1906 bred birds, related to my winners.—G. Osborn, 167, Bower Street, Bedford.

LARGE yellow hens, also buff cocks, for stock (bred 1906), from Bishop's winning strain, condition and health guaranteed; particulars, stamp reply.—J. Anderson, 51, Sutherland Street, Barrow-in-Furness.

NORWICH hens, two yellows, 5s. 6d. each; two buffs, 4s. 6d. each; clearing out a bargain; good wing carriage, short flights, healthy, first P.O. 18s. gets them; one pair Norwich, buff cock, yellow hen, good cage, 10s. 6d. lot; no exchange.—J. R. Goodall, 8, Manchester Street, Huddersfield.

CHAMPION Norwich Plainheads, clears, cold room, four cocks, 7s. 6d.; two hens, 3s. 6d.; lot, 35s.; giving up Norwich for Rollers.—Minnis, Selby Street, Wakefield.

ORANGE yellow cock, highly commended, non-fed class, 10s. 6d.; large buff variegated cock, 6s. 6d.; buff cocks, 5s. 6d., 6s. 6d.; large buff hens, 4s. 6d.—Postmaster, Hopton, Thetford.

T. GILBERT, Arcade, Coventry.—Few grand Norwich for sale, the correct type and quality, cocks, 7s. 6d., 10s., 15s., 20s.; pairs from 10s. 6d.; 20 cocks, £6; approval. x266

BARGAINS, must clear, 1906 singing Norwich cocks, marked 5s., clears 6s., buff marked hens 2s., healthy; approval, deposit.—Fox, Goddard's Stores, Charminster Road, Bournemouth.

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LARGE yellow cock Canaries, 7s. 6d., 8s. 6d. each; hens, buffs or yellows, 3s. 6d., 4s. each; healthy birds.—W. Copeman, Gamekeeper, Toftwood Common, Dereham.

WINNING Norwich cocks, yellows, buffs, from 10s. to £1 each; bargains. Wanted, two good large Bullfinch type Norwich hens.—F. Beard, Llandrindod Wells.

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LAISTERDYKE B.F.A.

Members' Fourth Show at the Royal Oak Hotel. There was a very good entry, and some well-known winners were staged. Mr. J. Greaves judged, and gave every satisfaction. CL. YELL.: 1, Padgett; 2, Moremont; 3, Armstrong. BUFF: 1, 2, Moremont; 3, Walton. TKD. YELL.: 1, Parker; 2, Walton; 3, Moremont. BUFF: 1, Bottomley; 2, Armstrong; 3, Brumfitt. YELL. HEN: 1, 3, Padgett; 2, Bottomley. BUFF: 1, Moremont; 2, Bottomley; 3, Padgett. CINN. COCK: 1, 3, Parker; 2, Coates. HEN: 1, 2, Bottomley; 3, Swaine. NOR. HEN: 1, Armstrong; 2, 3, Duckworth. SELL.: 1, 3, Brumfitt; 2, Armstrong. NOVICE YELL. COCK: 1, 3, Crame; 2, Coates. BUFF: 1, Danby; 2, Crame; 3, Coates. HEN: 1, Crame; 2, Danby; 3, Shoesmith. Winners of the medals:—First (gold), Padgett; second (silver), Moremont; third (silver), Walton. The runners-up for show cages were Parker and Bottomley. Special best cock, Padgett. Special best hen, Bottomley.

PENZANCE.

First show of the Penzance F.A., held in the Central Hall on Friday, January 25th. The birds were well staged on raised platforms, at a comfortable height, which proved a great convenience to visitors. The two classes for Goldies were the best we have seen for some time, the cage-moulted entry being 31 and the fresh caught 27. The special for best Goldie fell to E. White, with a grand cage-moulted Britisher. Some of the classes provided were cancelled for want of support, but nearly 300 birds faced the judge, Mr. J. Robson, whose awards gave entire satisfaction. Mr. J. C. Rogers is the Hon. Sec.; this was his first experience of Show management, and great credit is due to him for the capable manner in which all arrangements were carried out. He was well backed up by an energetic committee.

NOR. TICK. OR VAR. (8): 1, spl, res., Rickard, tick. eye and wing grand, bird lovely quality and colour, res. also a good one, but not so fine in feather; 2, Gaved, tick. eye, good specimen, teeming with colour and quality; 3, Paull, tail mark. a little slimmer than winner's, nice brown; vhc, Tickell and Son, grizzle back, good stamp, little loose in feather; hc, Menadue; c, White. HEN (12): 1, spl, res., White, var. yell., good colour and quality, rather slim, we preferred res., grand stamp, grizzle back buff, good chest and tail; 2, Gaved, buff, very neat, good wings and tail; 3, Tottle, tick. tail, fair bird, a little long, good quality; vhc, c, Menadue, neat yell., shapely, and good quality, bit wild or would have gone up. UNFLI. (7): 1, Bailey, good yell., grand body and quality; 2, Miss Hardwick, very sweet yell., shapely, and good quality and condition; 3, White, very attractive, teeming with colour and quality; res., vhc, c, Miss Hardwick. YORKS. CL. OR TKD. (14): 1, Mrs. Crocker, nice yell., good length and style, grand colour; 2, Roach, even-marked, grand shape, lovely condition; 3, Lobb, tick. head, full of quality, but not so slim; r., vhc, Bonney, yell., very neat, good length and style; hc, Webb; c, Harris. BUFF (10): 1, S. Chirgwin, grand buff, beautiful carriage, good quality and shape; 2, Mrs. Crocker, another good bird, lengthy and slim; 3, Farmer, fine quality, grand carriage; res., Harris; vhc, Thomas; hc, Angwin; c, Dyer. HEN (12): 1, vhc, Thomas, even-marked buff, long, well drawn, good quality; 2, Menadue, clear buff, pressed hard for first place, very typical, full of quality; 3, Roach, tick. eye and wings, good length and style; res., Dyer, neat, good quality and length; hc, Chirgwin; c, Farmer. PAIR A.V. (10): 1, spl, White, Nor., good pair, grand colour and shape; 2, hc, Miss Hardwick, Cinns., nice colour and condition; 3, Wills, Yorks, nice pair, well shown; res., Mewton and Biddick, grand pair Scotch, might have been in the money; vhc, Rickard. DARK MULE (8): 1, spl, Mrs. Skey, Canary-Bullic, a good yell., grand feather and condition; 2, Browning, Linnet-Bullic, good head and breast colour, nice feather; 3, Tickell and Son, Goldie-Bullie, fine colour and condition; res., vhc, Collins, Linnet-Bullic, good head, but hardly the colour of winner; vhc, Goldie-Greeny, good size, grand wing bars, lovely blaze; hc, Farrel; c, Chirgwin. GOLDFINCH, CAGE-MOULTED (31): 1, spl, 3, White, rare polish and finsh, very expansive and rich tanning, good buttons and bars, grand blaze, third not far behind; 2, Staples and Clarke, good face, buttons and bars rich body colour, well placed; res., Browning, big bird, with nice coloured and expansive face, rich body colour; vhc, Tickell and Son, good square cut blaze, fine chestnut, well buttoned; hc, Mewton and Biddick, colour well defined, grandly cut; c, Rowe and Hancock, not the largest, but good colour face, nice chest. This was a splendid class for quality; two sets of winners could easily have been found. NON-MOULTED (27): 1, 2, 3, Mewton and Biddick, winner charming bird, well buttoned, good blaze, beautiful tanning, second another grand one, larger blaze, nice wing and buttons, third not so large in face, good blaze; res., vhc, Rowe and Hancock, very sleek and shapely, rich blaze; hc, Collins, sweet bird, good-coloured blaze, nice moons and buttons, little small in face; c, Webber, not large in face, but a beautiful colour throughout. Grand class of Greypates. A.O.V. BRIT. (10): 1, spl, Tickell and Son, noted Cornish Chough, which came in for a good deal of scrutiny; 2, Mewton and Biddick, lovely Bearded Tit, in grand feather and condition; 3, Hosken, Girl-bunting, fair exhibit; res., Mitchell, Starling, grand sheen, well spangled, good condition; vhc, Staples and Clarke; hc, Rev. Cooper; c, Taylor Bros. SELL. £1 (10): 1, Bailey; 2, White; 3 (we missed), res., Mewton and Biddick, 12s. 6d. (12): 1, White; 2, Mewton and Biddick; 3, Tickell and Son; res., Bailey. LOCAL SECTION, NOR. (15): 1, Cock, nice shape, well-proportioned head and neck; 2, 3, Paull, warm and level in colour, nicely polished, third buff, well mealed, good quality; res., c, Oatey, nice one, good wings and tail; vhc, Polkinghorne; hc, Murley. YORKS (15): 1, spl, Mrs. Crocker, nice yell., beautiful carriage, very shapely, good quality; 2, vhc, Angwin, fine type, well up on legs; 3, res., c, Oatey, excellent shape and carriage, nice quality; res., good buff, gets well up, shapeley. A.V. BRIT. (13): 1, spl, Milton, Goldfinch, rare depth of blaze, well tanned, nice bars and buttons; 2, Rowe and Hancock, Bramble, nicely spangled and laced, good colour, not to steady; 3, Mabbott, Bullic, nice bird, lovely cap and breast; res., c, Coombe, Siskin, of good colour and sheen; vhc, Rogers and Hall; hc, Taylor Bros. NOR. YORK NAT. COL. (9): 1, spl, Oatey, tick. buff Nor., good stamp, very chubby, nice feather; 2, King, buff, fine feather, good bird; 3, Glanville, nice yell., a little too long; res., vhc, Batten, yell. Yorks good colour and style; hc, Cock. HYB.: 1, 3, res., Semmens, even-marked light Mule, nice size and shape, third sweet Siskin Mule; 2, Charlston, Greenfinch Mule, good size and colour; hc, Rowe and Hancock, good Goldie-Can., very nice colour, shade small.

BURY AND DIS. C.B.S. ROLLER CONTEST.

The second Annual Open Roller Exhibition took place in the Textile Hall, January 26th. The contest was well patronised by the public. Mr. J. Lyons judged. All prize money in open classes was sent away on day of Show.

CLASS 1, OPEN: 1, spl, Hesling, Hollow roll 6, hollow bell 4, flute 3, purity 2, delivery 2—17; 2, spl, Whittaker, hollow roll 6, hollow bell 4, schokel 2, purity 2, delivery 2—16; 3, Wilsden, Hollow roll 4, schokel 3, bass 2, bell 1, purity 1, delivery 2—13; vhc, W. Whittaker, hollow roll 5, hollow bell 3, purity 1, delivery 3—12; hc, Foulds, hollow roll 5, hollow bell 4, purity 1, delivery 1—11; c, Netherwood, hollow roll 4, hollow bell 2, bell tour 1, delivery 2—9. CLASS 2, OPEN: 1, spl, Percival, hollow roll 5, hollow bell 4, gluck 3, flute 3, bell 1, bass 2, purity 2, delivery 4—24; 2, Parr, hollow roll 4, hollow bell 3, bell 2, schokel 4, flute 2, purity 4, delivery 3—22; 3, 2, spl, Wilsden, hollow bell 4, bell roll 3, bell tour 2, schokel 2, flute 3, purity 3, delivery 3—20; vhc, Wilsden, hollow bell 4, hollow roll 4, water roll 2, bass roll 2, schokel 3, delivery 2, purity 2—19; hc, Percival, hollow bell 4, bell roll 4, bass roll 3, flute notes 2, purity 2, delivery 1—16; c, Norris, hollow bell 4, bell roll 5, flute 2, purity 2, delivery 2—15. MEMBERS' CLASSES, CLASS 3: 1, Lord; 2, Waring; vhc, Blackburn; hc, Ramsbottom. CLASS 4: 1, Lomax; 2, Lord; 3, Howarth; vbc, Burton; hc, Howarth; c, Blackburn. CLASS 5: 1, Lord; 2, Lomax; 3, Wheatcroft; vbc, Lord; hc, Waring; c, Austin. CLASS 6: 1, c, Waring; 2, Hamer; 3, Austin; vhc, Wheatcroft; hc, Blackburn.

LONDON & COUNTIES A.C.B.

Annual General Meeting, January 24th, "The Bay Malton," Great Portland Street, W. Mr. F. W. Thorpe occupied the chair. After the nomination of new members and the payment of prize money won at Pair Show, question of headquarters was discussed; after hearing sub-committee's report, it was unanimously decided in favour of "The Bay Malton." As it was necessary to alter the meeting night, room being engaged on Tuesdays, it was carried "That the meetings be held on the second and fourth Thursdays in each month." Votes of thanks to the retiring officers were then accorded The President, in reply, warmly thanked the members for the compliment they had paid him and said he was well satisfied with the state of the Association, also with the progress made during the past year, having some sixty members on the roll. He hoped they would continue to progress. Mr. Tringham, in moving a similar vote to the retiring Treasurer, Mr. Simpson, regretted the loss of a valuable officer, one who had worked hard for the Society. Messrs. E. Pretty, Williams, and Kelly replied for the Committee, and Mr. R. J. Pretty and Mr. A. Ransley acknowledged the vote to the Secretaries. The result of the voting for officers was:—President, Mr. F. W. Thorpe, 40 votes; Treasurer, Mr. A. Williams, 28 (being closely run by Mr. J. S. Key with 20 votes); Committee, H. Davis, 46; E. Pretty, 44; T. Kelly, 43; G. R. Elgar, 38; W. Orme, 32; W. Shakespeare, 31; W. Armstrong, 27; G. A. Morrison, 25; H. E. Tringham, 24; F. Sparke, 23; G. T. Pile, 21; and J. A. Simpson, 20; Secretary, R. J. Pretty, 50, and Assistant Secretary, Mr. Ransley 24. Mr. Nelson Paisley very kindly consented to act as Honorary Solicitor for the Association, an announcement received with applause. Mr. Adamthwaite (Auditor), regretted that he and his colleague, Mr. Pearce, had been unable to finish the balance sheet owing to pressure of business, but he assured the members that the balance was on the right side after a turn over of £51. He hoped to report at the next meeting. Messrs. Adamthwaite and H. Pearce were re-appointed Auditors and ex-officio members of the Committee. An animated discussion took place upon the word "frivolous" in one of the rules on the motion standing in Mr. Adamthwaite's name. The mover thought the word was out of place, and thought "substantiate" was better, for frivolous meant "silly," and he thought no man would lodge any objection that was frivolous. Both Mr. E. Pretty and A. Williams said that they knew from experience that fanciers did make frivolous objections; ultimately it was carried by ten votes to two to alter the word. The following fixtures for shows were carried: British Bird Show, Saturday, March 16th; Young Bird Show, November 15th and 16th. Smoking Concert, Thursday, March 7th.

EAST BOWLING & DIS. B.F.A.

First Members' Monthly Show of the year, held on January 26th. Mr. Wm. Richmond judged about 70 birds. CL. YELL. YORKS.: 1, 3, Bleazard; 2, Thompson; 4, Crowther; vhc, c, Bywater; hc, Casey. BUFF: 1, Bleazard; 2, Firth; 3, Cowell; 4, Lambert; vhc, Crowther; hc, Hudson; c, Bywater. TKD. YELL.: 1, vhc, Varley; 2, Thompson; 3, Sharp; 4, Cowell; hc, Birkett; c, Crowther. BUFF: 1, Birkett; 2, Hudson. YELL HENS: 1, Hudson; 2, Thompson; 3, 4, Cowell; vhc, Varley; hc, Bleazard; c, Firth. BUFF: 1, Bleazard; 2, Varley; 3, Thompson; 4, Cowell; vbc, Atkinson; hc, Sharp; c, Hodgson. CINN. MKD.: 1, Birkett; 2, 3, Bywater. STOCK BIRD: 1, Bywater; 2, Crowther; 3, Hudson. SELL., 15s.: 1, Firth; 2, Lambert; 3, Bleazard; 4 Birkett; vhc, Casey. HENS, 12s. 6d.: 1, Casey; 2, Firth; 3, Cowell; 4, vhc, Hudson.

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GREEN CANARY SHOW.

The Green Canary Association held their Annual Exhibition, January 26th, in the Caledonian Schools, Oldham Street, Renshaw Street, Liverpool. The room is very suitable in all respects and the birds were comfortably and well staged. Entries came up well, reaching about 400. Yorkshire Greens were, as might be expected, the main feature of the show, over 140 being staged in the eight classes provided, and the competition was exceptionally keen in this section. Norwich Greens, though not so numerous as the straight ones, were a good lot, Mr. Ryno's yellow cock winning the medal given for the best Green Canary over the Yorkshires. Perhaps a trifle on the long side, but in other respects a very typical Norwich with an exceptionally good head and chest, and wonderfully sound and brilliant in colour. We consider him the best Green Norwich that has been staged up to date. This medal is presented by the Toronto Cage Bird Society, Canada. Yorkshires and Plainhead Norwich of the clear and marked varieties were not very well represented, being neither so numerous nor of so high a quality as we have seen at Liverpool. Borders came up fairly well, Mr. Hadwin, the Secretary of the English and Welsh Border Fancy Canary Club, taking most of the prizes in this section with a capital team. The three British classes contained some excellent specimens, Mr. Coney putting down a team of more than average excellence, notably his winning Linnet, Twite, Greenfinch and Bramblefinch, all of which were worthy of more competition. Mr. Hadwin and his able and willing assistants had everything in grand working order and all seemed to go smoothly and well. H. W. Bayley judged.

YORKS., GREEN, SELF, OR FOUL (15): 1, Clayton; 2, Ryno; 3, Deacon; vhc, c, Thompson; hc, Handley. BUFF (21): 1, hc, Thompson; 2, Doughty; 3, Clayton; vhc, Drinkwater; c, Davie. HENS, SELF OR FOUL YELL. (25): 1, Gill and Pickup; 2, Handley; 3, vhc, Carswell; hc, c, Thompson. BUFF (21): 1, Handley; 2, Thompson; 3, hc, Martin; vhc, Hughes; c, Doughty. NORWICH, GREEN, SELF, OR FOUL YELLOW (10): 1, 2, Toronto Society's medal for best Green Canary in show, Ryno; 3, vhc, hc, Thompson; hc, Davies. BUFF (13): 1, c, Thompson; 2, Walker; 3, vhc, Ryno; hc, Harrison. HENS, SELF OR FOUL YELLOW (11): 1, Thompson; 2, Harrison; 3, vhc, hc, Ryno; c, Walker. BUFF (11): 1, hc, Thompson; 2, vhc, c, Ryno; 3, Naylor. YORKS., GREEN, FOUL, YELLOW, GREEN TO PREDOMINATE (15): 1, Helliwell; 2, Martin; 3, Carswell; vhc, Thompson; hc, Stewart; c, Doughty. BUFF (15): 1, Helliwell; 2, Ryno; 3, Handley; vhc, Bell; hc, Jennings; c, Hughes. YORKSHIRE GREEN, SELF, OR FOUL, BRED IN 1906 (17): 1, Tempest; 2, vhc, Hughes; 3, Handley; hc, Doughty; c, Thompson. BUFF (18): 1, Hughes; 2, Doughty; 3, Handley; vhc, Walker; hc, Thompson; c, Martin. NORWICH, GREEN, FOUL, YELLOW, GREEN TO PREDOMINATE (3): 1, Walker; 2, Davies; 3, Thompson. BUFF (7): 1, Brotherton; 2, c, Hadwin; 3, Thompson; vhc, Drinkwater; hc, Walker. NORWICH, GREEN, SELF, OR FOUL YELL., BRED 1906 (7): 1, 2, Thompson; 3, Jenkins; vhc, Ryno; hc, Abbott; c, Walker. BUFF (8): 1, Walker; 2, Naylor; 3, Jenkins; vhc, Abbott; c, Thompson. YORKSHIRE, CLEAR OR MARKED YELLOW (7): 1, Doughty; 2, Gill and Pickup; 3, Brennan; vhc, Bayley; hc, Thompson; c, Creber. BUFF (7): 1, Doughty; 2, 3, Coffey; vhc, Brennan; hc, Vernon; c, Creber. YELLOW HEN (6): 1, Brennan; 2, Drinkwater; 3, A. Thompson; vhc, Bayley; hc, Critchley; c, Vernon. BUFF (5): 1, A. Thompson; 2, Brennan, 3, Royden; hc, Stewart. CINNAMON MARKED YELLOW (2): 1, Coffey; 2, A. Thompson. BUFF (4): 1, Lunt; 2, Coffey; 3, Parry; vhc, A. Thompson. HEN, YELLOW OR BUFF (3): 1, Coffey; 2, Walker; 3, Parry. YORKSHIRE, YELLOW OR BUFF NON-COLOUR FED (9): 1, Carswell; 2, vhc, Johnson; 3, Coffey; hc, Hadwin; c, Lunt. NORWICH, CLEAR OR MARKED YELLOW (9): 1, c, Critchley; 2, Walker; 3, Harrison; vhc, Kilner; hc, Hawkes. BUFF (5): 1, hc, Abbott; 2, Harrison; 3, Critchley; vhc, Walker. YELLOW HEN (5): 1, Walker; 2, 3, Abbott; vhc, Stewart; hc, Harrison. BUFF (5): 1, Hawkes; 2, vhc, Abbott; 3, Walker; hc, A. Thompson. NORWICH, YELLOW OR BUFF, NON-FED (5): 1, Abbott; 2, Carswell; 3, Parry; vhc, Jenkins; hc, Hadwin. BORDER, SELF OR FOUL GREEN (5): 1, 2, Hadwin; 3, vhc, Johnson; hc, Harrison. A.O.V. YELLOW (6): 1, Hadwin; 2, hc, Waters; 3, Johnson; vhc, Harrison; No. 1 absent. BUFF (9): 1, 2, Johnson; 3, c, Waters; vhc, hc, Hadwin. HEN YELLOW (5): 1, Hadwin; 2, 3, Waters; vhc, Johnson; No. 1 absent. BUFF (5): 1, 2, Hadwin; 3, vhc, Waters; hc, Johnson. A.O.V. CANARY (6): 1, 2, Hyde's spl, Helliwell; 3, Walker; vhc, Hawkes; hc, Hadwin. SELLING, 30s. (11): 1, hc, Lunt; 2, Hadwin; 3, A. Thompson; vhc, Irwin; c, Waters. SELLING, 15s. (10): 1, Irwin; 2, Abbott; 3, Lunt; vhc, hc, Brindle; c, Hawkes. SELLING HEN, 10s. 6d. (7): 1, A. Thompson; 2, Greengrass; 3, Irwin; vhc, c, Hadwin. GOLDFINCH (9): 1, Royden; 2, Critchley; 3, Irwin; vhc, Brotherton; hc, Walker; c, Coffey. LINNET (4): 1, 3, Coffey; 2, Royden; vhc, Doughty. BULLFINCH (6): 1, 3, Coffey; 2, Irwin; vhc, Harrison; hc, Royden; c, Handley. GREENFINCH (4): 1, 2, Coffey; 3, Harrison; vhc, Irwin. BRAMBLEFINCH OR CHAFFINCH (2): 1, Coffey; 2, Doughty. SISKIN TWITE OR REDPOLL (4): 1, 2, Coffey; 3, Harrison; vhc, Kilner.

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CHAMPION SECTION. CRESTS (15): 1, c, Tyson; 2, hc, Horton; 3, vhc, Turner. NOR. (20): 1, 2, Battison; 3, Lethbridge; vhc, Rennic; hc, C. H. Cooper; c, Curtis. YORKS. (19): 1, 2, 3, hc, c, Crisp; vhc, Burton. A.O.V. (9): 1, 3, vhc, hc, Wynn; 2 C. H. Cooper; c, Tysen. AMATEUR CRESTS (10): 1, 3, hc, c, Lazarus; 2, Slade; vhc, Shepherd. NOR. (5): 1, 2, vhc, Baker; 3, hc, Hart. YORKS. (7): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Hawes; hc, c, Baker. NOVICE CRESTS (7): 1, vhc, c, Franz; 2, 3, hc, Pooley. NOR. (6): 1, 3, vhc, hc, Neal; 2, c, Trussler. YORKS. (6): 1, 3, Lewis; 2, vhc, Trussler; hc, Adams. OPEN HYBRID (14): 1, c, Dewhurst; 2. 3, vhc, C. H. Cooper; hc, Curtis. SELL.: 1, Bennett; 2, vhc, Tyson; 3, Lethbridge; hc, c, Hart.

ENFIELD.

The Enfield F.A., which has got for its president the Rev. R. Howel Brown, held the Ninth Annual Open and Members' Show in Chase Side Council School, December 27th and 28th last. The Arctic weather, with which our shores were visited may have militated against the success of the show under notice, but whatever the cause, certain it is that the entry was anything but satisfactory, and very disheartening to the Secretary and Committee. There were 21 scheduled classes, only seven of which were allowed to stand, and in these seven classes, only 13 exhibits were staged. What could the cage bird men have been thinking about? There used to be quite a nice little collection of cage birds at this annual event, and the hon. secretary (Mr. W. J. Clark9), and his assistant (Mr. H. Shelfer) are as energetic and as courteous as ever, and as anxious for the success of the cage bird section. The Challenge Shield was won by Mr. J. Head, with a really fine yellow unflighted Norwich Plainhead, full of colour, grand shape and beautiful quality. Mr. W. Tichner won the Silver Medal with a bonny ticked yellow Norshape and beautiful quality. Mr. W. Titchner won NOR. A.V. (4): 1, spl. 3, Titchner, tick. yell., full of quality warm in colour, in nice feather, third Buff, fine shape and body, rather free in feather; 2, Head, trifle long in barrel, not quite so level in colour, nice silky feather. YORKS A.V. (3): 1, 2, 3, Head, the winner a lengthy yell., plenty of feather and a little wide in tail lovely silky feather, would make a good stock bird, second, Buff, tight as wax, bloomy, level in back, nice whip tail, and neat all through, third, ticked on head, not quite so full of quality and style as second. MULE A.V. (3): 1, Titchner, var buff Goldie-Canary, lacks colour, certainly the lightest in feathering, but very pale; 2, 3, Head, the former a slashing var. Goldie-Canary with nice flush face, and good colour, size and shape, third, very nice dark Linnet-Canary, that must have run winner a close race. UNFLI. A.V. (1): 1, Challenge Shield, Head, yell. Nor. Plainhead, deserved its place and distinction SELL. 10s. (1): 1, Titchner. GOLDFINCH (1): 1, Head, the Barnet winner, well shown.

SANDY LANE AND DIS. F.A.

Last members' show of the season, January 26th; thirty-five entries. Judge, Mr. James Thornton. YELL. COCK: 1, 2, Bailey; 3, Priestley Drake. BUFF: 1, Shaw Bros.; 2, Bailey; 3, Wood UNEVEN OR VARIEG., yell. or buff: 1, Shaw Bros. CINN. COCK: 1, 2, Drake; 3, Watmough. CINN. HEN: 1, Wilson; 2, Drake; 3, Shaw Bros. CL. OR TKD., ETC., YELL. HEN: 1, 3, Wilson; 2, Bailey. BUFF: 1, Wilson; 2, 3, Wood.

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MIDDLESBRO', TEESIDE, C.B.S.

Members' Show, January 12th, Crown Hotel. There was a good attendance of fanciers and friends. The Fancy is growing very much in this district. We had over 80 entries. Mr. Arthur Wake judged. YORKS. YELL.: 1, Wheatley; 2, vhc, Oliver; 3, c, Barnes; 4, hc, Hughes. BUFF: 1, 2, Barnes; 3, hc, Wheatley; 4, Hughes, vhc, Foster; c, Oliver. NOR. YELL.: 1, 3, Carr; 2, Wallace and Gardner. BUFF: 1, 4, Carr; 2, vhc, hc, Grey; 3, c, Wallace and Gardner. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, 2, 4, Wallace and Gardner; 3, vhc, Oliver. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Butterfield; 2, vhc, Wells; 3, 4, Oliver. LINNETS: 1, 4, Kilpatrick; 2, hc, Hughes; 3, Carr; he, c, Butterfield. GOLDFINCH OR BULLFINCH: 1, 3, Carr; 2, Wells; 4, Henderson and Weatherhead; vhc, Butterfield; hc, Kilpatrick; c, Shaw. A.O.V. SEEDEATER: 1, Shaw; 2, 3, Wheatley; 4, Henderson and Weatherhead; vhc, hc. Carr; c, Oliver. SOFTBILLED: 1, Carr. J. W. Oliver wins spl for most points gained by a novice. There was also a washing exhibition, which was given by Messrs. Wake and Marwood. This brought a very enjoyable evening to a close.

SOUTH WEST LONDON C.B.S.

Meeting Jan. 10th. Balance sheet for 1906 was laid before the members and accepted as being the best ever put before them; after deducting about 25 per cent. off assets, there are cash and assets to the value of £16 4s. 2½d.—W. LILLEY, Hon. Sec.

POTTERIES AND DIS. C.B.S.

The Annual Meeting was held at the Red Lion Hotel, Stoke-on-Trent, on January 12th, when the Secretary presented a very satisfactory report, showing that a deficit of over £4 in 1905 had been made into a balance of over £3. The special prizes for most points gained during the past season were presented to the winners: 1st, value one guinea, Mr. Pitchford; 2nd, value 10s. 6d., Mr. Evans; 3rd, value 5s., Mr. Hawley. The following officers were elected: Chairman, Mr. Hawley; Vice-Chairman, Mr. Ibbs; Secretary, Mr. J. Simcock; Treasurer, Mr. Yates.—J. SIMCOCK, Hon. Sec.

SUTTON-IN-ASHFIELD O.S.

The annual dinner was held at the Railway Inn, on Saturday evening, January 12th. A goodly number of fanciers sat down. After the removal of the cloth, Mr. Robert Rhodes (Nottingham), the district member of the Executive Council, was voted to the chair, and no better choice could have been made. Pianoforte solos and songs were rendered by Messrs. J. Smith (Secretary), Mr. Allen and others. Mr. Roslyn (Mansfield) proposed the toasts of "The Chairman," "The Society," and "The Host and Hostess," and Mr. Rhodes, Mr. Smith and Mr. Simms replied. Altogether a most enjoyable evening was spent. This annual fixture is well-known, and fanciers come from Mansfield, Hucknall, and other towns every year to make it a success.

ROCHDALE GOOD INTENT C.B.S.

The above Society held their annual party and social on the 15th inst. A capital high tea was provided by Mr. Lees (a member of the Society), for members' wives and friends. About 60 sat down. Afterwards a pleasing programme was gone through, the vocalists being Messrs. Leach, Royds, Warburton, and Bescoby, while Mr. Nuttall and Mrs. Whitehead were much appreciated as elocutionists. A feature of the evening was a racy speech by Mr. F. Horsman, our worthy Treasurer. During the proceedings we took occasion to present to our late Secretary, Mr. Thos. Holt, a silver mounted umbrella. Mr. Adams made the presentation in a neat little speech.—CLAYTON, Hon. Sec.

GARSTON B.B.A.

The members of the above Society held their Annual General Meeting in the Wellington Rooms, Duke Street, on the 15th inst., Mr. A. E. Crawley, Chairman, presiding. The balance sheet was placed before the members showing a cash balance of £3 12s. 3d. in hand, and proving clearly that the Secretary, Mr. Alf. Thompson, must have worked hard to produce such a financial standing, considering that the balance at the commencement of the year was on the wrong side of the ledger, there being only a membership of 25. The members present were not slow to recognise same, and thanked Mr. Thompson for his splendid achievement. The meeting night was altered from the third Tuesday to the third Wednesday in each month, so as to enable several of our members who are shopkeepers to put in an appearance at the meetings, Wednesday being a local half-holiday. The following were elected officers for 1907: President, A. H. Tate; Chairman, A. E. Crawley; Vice-Chairman, J. Carson; Treasurer, J. W. Lewis; Secretary, A. Wilkinson, 5, Gladstone Road, Garston; Committee, Messrs. Robert Kelly, Herbert Kelly, D. Chivers, J. Ireland, A. Christopher, J. Royden and T. K. Isaacs; Auditors, Messrs. James and Slater.

QUEEN'S PARK AND DIS. C.B.S.

At the last meeting, the following dates were fixed for this season's shows: Matched pairs, February 14th; Young birds, June 27th; Annual, November 14th. Several new members were proposed, making a good start for a successful season.—J. C. BIRCH, Hon. Sec.

CHELTENHAM C.B.S.

The usual fortnightly meeting, held January 23rd, was devoted to a washing competition, and proved very instructive. The President, Mr. T. J. King, washed one bird as an example, and acted as judge. Five competitors entered, and were allowed six minutes each in which to wash their birds. 1st, A. S. Treasure; 2nd, J. Hands; 3rd, W. Hailing.—A. S. TREASURE, Hon. Sec.

ROCHDALE O.C.

Washing Competition, January 19th, for novices. Mr. John Nadin gave an excellent demonstration, but only two novices competed. Mr. S. Entwistle, a young Lancashire breeder, won the first prize, and Mr. Charles Whitehead (another Lancashire fancier) the second prize. During the afternoon we were visited by three prominent Sunderland fanciers: Messrs. W. F. Swan, J. Risaborough, and R. Armstrong. Mr. Risaborough gave an exhibition of the Sunderland style of washing, which was much appreciated. It was decided to have another All England Show on 18th and 19th October next. Leeds fanciers have our hearty thanks for altering their date.—J. BUTTERWORTH, Sec.

DERBY C.B.C.

The Annual Meeting of the above was held on January 26th, at the Derwent Hotel, Mr. W. H. Eley presiding. Balance sheets for open and members' shows were duly passed, the only regrettable thing being that there was a loss of a few shillings on the open show. Votes of thanks to all donors to special prize fund, etc., comprised Messrs. J. C. Barnes and R. Theaker. The officers for the ensuing year were mostly re-elected. It was decided to have the members' show in connection with the open this year.

DERWENT VALLEY C.B.S.

Annual Meeting, January 12th, in Co-operative Hall, Low Westwood. The balance sheet was passed unanimously. Election of officers for current year resulted as follows: Chairman, Wm. Richardson; Vice-Chairman, J. Ripley; Treasurer, Wm. Routledge; Secretary, Rev. Wm. Rickaby; Committee, Messrs. Barkass, Jackson, Brown, Richardson, Garuner, G. Curry, Tomlinson and Wm. Curry. Radius for membership extended to 20 miles. Prospects of increased membership very cheering.—WM. RICKABY, Sec.

LANCASHIRE C.A.

Election of officers: President, Mr. Nadin; Vice-President, Messrs. Barrass, Green, Swallwell, Steeple, Oldham, and Garner; Treasurer, Mr. Hardy; Secretary, Mr. J. Law; Committee: Messrs. Donnelly, Mills (W.), Garner, Steeple, Walker, and Butterworth; Messrs. West, Collinge, Mills (J.), Oldham, Haworth, and Rowbotham have each received equal votes for the last three seats; Auditors, Messrs. Eckersby and Gaskell;; Judges, Messrs. Barrass, Garner, Nadin, and Swalwell; Messrs. Donnelly, Hardy, and Lowe tie for last two seats.; Judges, All England, Messrs. House, Bexson. Robson, Payne, Heath, and Compston.—A. ACKROYD, Scrutineer.

OLDHAM C.B.A.

Annual Social, January 26th, in the Textile Dining Rooms. A capital programme was gone through, which was heartily appreciated. Mrs. Woodward and Messrs. Kershaw and Hampshire rendered vocal selections, and Mr. Steeple gave several contributions on the concertina. Mr. J. K. Greenwood accompanied on the piano, Mr. Sharples presided, and gave also selections on the gramophone. Dancing at intervals was indulged in.

MANSFIELD C.B.C.

The Annual Dinner was held January 25th, at the Victoria Hotel. A goodly muster was present. Mr. W. Roslyn, President, occupied the chair and Alderman D. H. Maltby the Vice-Chair. The hostess, Mrs. Willoughby, ably assisted by Mr. Arthur Doncaster, put on a dinner fit for a king, and when the good things provided had been disposed of the usual loyal toasts were drunk, and the members settled themselves down for a musical evening. Amongst the good things, special mention must be made of Mr. Charles Gascoigne's song, "Live and let live," and "The oldest man at sea," by Mr. Barwise. The Chairman gave "Drinking," and Mr. Morris "Will o' the Wisp," "The Diver" and "The Wolf." Mr. Booth convulsed his hearers by his quaint rendering of "Eh, Daddy, don't you know?" Truly these Mansfield fanciers' are a jovial lot, for they are brimful of fun and frolics. Mr. Allen very ably presided at the piano.

BIDEFORD F.S.

Mr. H. I. Meredith presided at the annual meeting, those present including the Mayor (Mr. J. M. Metherell), Mr. F. A. Searle, and others. The balance sheet showed a balance in hand of £3 7s. 8d., in addition to staging, etc., valued at £35 10s., after allowing for depreciation. Mr. H. Stueley, J.P., was re-elected President, and Mr. S. R. Sing, Secretary, a hearty vote of thanks being passed to Mr. Sing for his valuable services in the past. The Society is also fortunate in retaining the services of its Treasurer, Mr. F. A. Searle, and its Chairman, Mr. Meredith. The Committee were elected as follows: Messrs. J. Moore, B. Davey, C. Dicker, W. Dark, W. W. Sing, A. Bishop, J. Slade, J. Gist, R. Cook, J. Adams, A. Symons, W. Shadwick, C. Davey, A. Harding, J. Priscott, S. Dimmond, F. Burrow, W. Matthews. The Assistant Secretary, Mr. W. B. Short, was also re-elected, and heartily thanked for his services.

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We regret to hear that Mr. G. McAlpine, of Inverness, has undergone a few days' illness just lately. Happily he is fast throwing off its effects.

My Reed Bunting, exhibited at West London Show, in the hen class, and which your report says was thought by some present to be a young cock, is a hen, and was moulted out by me in 1906 having been in my possession about a year.—H. E. FOWELL (Thetford).

Bird-lovers should on no account miss the City and Suburban Society's Show of "Pairs Matched for Breeding" held to-day (Saturday) at the Church Institute, 60, Paddington Street, off High Street, Marylebone, W. Over 150 entries; a large and varied collection. A visit will well repay all fanciers.—ADVT.

Mr. W. A. Gore writes:—Owing to vast increase in amount of business (thanks very largely to CAGE BIRDS, as I now advertise in no other paper), I am compelled to take much larger premises at 131, Gooch Street, Birmingham; but, as this is only 50 yards from my old address, out of town customers who call will not be inconvenienced at all.

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We intend to hold on Feb. 7th a Bohemian concert at the Bush Hotel, Shepherd's Bush. A large number of well-known artistes have promised to appear, and we hope to have a successful evening. Ladies and all fellow-fanciers are welcome, admission free. General meeting Feb. 21st; all members are asked to be present—some very important business to be discussed.—J. DEWHURST (Hon. Sec., West London F.A.).

"Bird Notes" for January reaches us from the publishers, Messrs. Moulton and Co., 4, Church Street, Brighton. It is a most interesting and readable issue. The coloured frontispiece of the Bronze Cuckoo is an excellent example of the work of Mr. J. G. Keulemans, who also writes the accompanying letterpress. A most fascinating article is the one "Concerning Rooks, both Wild and Tame," by Dr. Creswell. Other contributions are from the pens of the late Dr. Greene, Messrs. Suggitt and Castle-Sloane. A full-page photograph of the African black Hornbill accompanies some entertaining notes on the bird.

In enclosing the annual balance-sheet of the Manchester and Northern Counties O.S., the Hon. Sec., Mr. G. W. F. Lythgoe, writes:—I was able to give a good report of the year's working, the balance in hand (not including fixtures and other assets) being £60 4s. 4d.—28s. in excess of last year. The membership keeps up to the average, there being 134 on the books. Forty new members were added during the year. About the usual number were struck off through death or through declining the Fancy, and two resigned on account of the C.B. Union. The balance-sheet, which we have examined, is a thoroughly satisfactory one, a margin of profit being shown on the Annual Exhibition. On the other side of the ledger we notice an item of £2 1s., expenses incurred over the formation of the Cage Bird Union. The 1907 programme of the Society is a most attractive one, there being promise of several highly-interesting papers and lectures, washing and staging demonstrations, etc.; while a country ramble is down for a date in May. The Secretary's address is 25, Stamford Street, Old Trafford, Manchester.

Crystal Palace Show.

Entries for this Show close to-morrow, February 2nd. Intending exhibitors who have not had a schedule should send particulars of the birds they wish to exhibit, state if they are novices or champion exhibitors, and enclose 2s. for each entry. The Secretary will enter them up. All exhibitors should post their entries to-day if possible, but on Saturday at latest, to H. Lambert Brown, 64, Manor Park, Lee, London. No extension. No whip-up cards will be sent out.

Mr. J. H. Payne is now rapidly recovering from his recent indisposition.

The York Cage Bird Society has fixed its annual show for Nov. 5th and 6th, 1907.

Will Mr. A. Wells, whose "Illustrated Idea" we published on Jan. 5th, kindly forward address?

Mr. Llyfnwy Hughes, Penygroes, has been engaged to judge at Llandwrog, N. Wales, first annual show, Feb. 9th.

I have received lots of answers to my small advertisement, but have not been able to answer them all.—F. MELTON (Shadwell, E.).

Wallingford Show Report.—Please correct error: clear yellow 2nd, Lewin, clear buff 2nd, Lewin, not Lewis, as reported.—A. LEWIN.

I must say your paper is at the front. I sell five of it to every one of any of the fanciers' papers.—DAVID CARSTAIRS (Newsagent), Perth.

Please thank all applicants re my advertisement of Yorkshires. They are too numerous to answer individually.—H. SIDDALL (Sheffield).

I am leaving here shortly, I hope, writes Mr. J. Harrison (Greenock), for back to England, although I have made heaps of friends since I have been here.

The Scottish Metropolitan will have a proposal before them at their annual general meeting to introduce Borders, Norwich, and British birds into their classification.

Mr. J. Brown (Huddersfield) writes to say he had over thirty letters re his advertisement, exchange Norwich cock for Yorkshire hen. He is sorry that he cannot answer them all.

"At Netherton Show," writes Mr. T. Brown, "the medal for most points was won by Mr. E. Hinsley (Quarry Bank), who also exhibited three foreign birds which secured 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes."

C. Wayte writes:—Report of Nottingham P.O.S. Show gives Maybe as winner of second and third yell. Crests, first yell. C.B., and first Selling Class 15s., whereas I was the winner of those awards.

OBITUARY.

Mr. S. SPERRY. (Leicester.)

I regret to have to inform you, writes Mr. Geo. Lander (Leicester), of the death of my old friend, Mr. Samuel Sperry, of Curzon Street, who succumbed after but a short illness. Mr. Sperry was a lover of Canaries, and also went in for Mule breeding. As an exhibitor and breeder of Crests he did very well, and won a considerable number of prizes.

Mr. W. H. Bamsey has again been unanimously elected Secretary of the Derby Cage-Bird Club, and will, therefore, be at the helm during the jubilee of that successful Society. Mr. Bamsey has an excellent assistant in Mr. T. Ratcliff.

Geo. Hill (Deptford C.B.S.) writes:—Kindly note that in future the above Society will be known as the Greenwich and Deptford C.B.S. This is not through any amalgamation, but as we meet in Greenwich and hold our ventures there we deem it advisable to make the alteration.

Mr. John Harvey (Measham, Atherstone) writes:—Kindly thank all applicants for the pair of large Crests advertised in CAGE BIRDS. I have sold them with the highest satisfaction, and had replies from all over England and Scotland. I find it impossible to reply to all personally. CAGE BIRDS is the best advertising paper one can get, and a splendid paper also for the novice.

With reference to correspondence regarding Coventry Show, Mr. G. Turrell, Hon. Sec., Coventry O.S., writes:—Kindly draw your readers' attention to the fact that our Society is not connected with the Coventry Fur and Feather Society. Our show was a splendid success; all prize-money was paid two days after the show, and everything passed off without a hitch. I hold dozens of testimonials.

New Society for Swansea.

There has been inaugurated a new society in Swansea, the title of which is "The Welsh National Cage-Bird Society," whose object is to offer inducements to breeders and exhibitors of cage birds by holding a two-days' annual show, on the most up-to-date lines. Very extensive classification will be given, and large prize-money offered. Our first meeting takes place on Monday next, to elect officers, etc., and a full report shall be duly sent you.—WM. A. TRESCOTT (Hon. Sec., pro tem.).

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BREEDER OR EXHIBITOR?

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An animated discussion resulted at the Annual General Meeting of the London Cage Bird Association, last week. It arose out of a statement made by Mr. J. Tyson to the effect that it was likely that the Cage Bird Union would shortly consider the advisability of requiring exhibitors to state when making their entries at open shows, in the case of all bought birds, the breeders' names as well as their own, this important particular being included in the catalogue. Most of the speakers seemed to think that the question required careful consideration. Birds were frequently advertised as from a winning strain, while in reality they had been acquired here, there, and everywhere.

Mr. A. C. Burn thought it a just and requisite resolution. Such a rule prevailed at all cattle and other live stock shows, and the breeder deserved all the credit that could be accorded him.

Mr. Peverall thought upon the contrary the rule would simply open the door to more fraud. Men would then buy birds and exhibit them as of their own breeding. Someone asked how such a rule would affect the Yorkshiremen. They were, he believed, ticklish people to deal with.

Out of the arguments arose some interesting opinions upon closed rings, Mr. J. S. Clarke voicing the experience of a fancier friend of his, who had tried the British Roller Canary Club rings and pronounced them a failure. The rings, he said, had a habit of slipping off in the nest and were invariably pecked at by the hens. Mr. J. Tyson said, however, that the Hon. Secretary of the B.R.C.C. had assured him their scheme had been found to work in a perfectly satisfactory way.

Several of those present thought the rule as to breeders' names was inseparably bound up with the problem of closed rings for Canaries by which it would be possible to identify them.

Mr. Curtis said that so far as he personally was concerned, he was of the opinion that there were too many suggested rules, and the Cage Bird Union was more prone to suggestion than work. Such a question had two sides to it and he declined to commit himself upon it.

Mr. Knight thought the rule would tend to stop birds having so many relations.

Mr. Cooper also approved of it.

Eventually it was decided by a large majority to allow the Association delegate a free hand upon any rule to this effect that might be brought forward at Union meetings.

AMALGAMATED YORKSHIRE O.S.

ANNUAL MEETING: A SUCCESSFUL YEAR.

The Annual General Meeting was held Market Tavern, Bradford, January 25th, 1907. Mr. J. Townend, President, occupied the chair. Several circumstances combined to interfere somewhat with the attendance. Annual meetings of several of the affiliated societies, the Cinderella Club Canary Show, and other matters occupying the time available on Saturdays, the meeting was arranged for Friday. In addition, the business to be transacted was not of that vital importance to call forth the enthusiasm, and consequent attendance of the members being shorn of its "drawing" powers as a result of the revision of rules and the election of officers in forming part of the agenda. Nevertheless, the sixty or seventy persons present were thoroughly representative of the Fancy in this district. The reason for omitting the revision of rules and the election of officers from the business to be transacted is to be found in the negotiations which are proceeding for a re-union of the Amalgamation and the Yorkshire Union.

Report and Balance-Sheet.

The Secretary's report showed that the present membership of the Amalgamation stood at 479, an increase over the previous year of fifty-three. All things considered, the past show season could not be described as other than satisfactory. In the open competition, ninety-eight classes had been provided, bringing an entry of 1,411 birds, an average of 14.4 per class. Twenty-one selling classes accounted for an additional 457 entries, 21.76 per class. The novice exhibitors have given proof of their undiminished enthusiasm in supplying the thirty-four classes provided for them with 773 exhibits, giving the excellent average of 22.73, a pleasing feature being the sustained effort to the end of the season. It is satisfactory to know that there is every prospect of a more liberal classification being provided for them in the future. The foul-marked hen class, provided at each show and guaranteed by the Amalgamation, has not quite realised the expectations of its promoters, and, apart from the action of the Bradford (West) Society in presenting the whole amount of entry fees received for this class at their show, together with donations for the "specials" fund, the result would have been a loss of over £2. However, with 38 entries for the seven shows, it would almost appear as though, with some slight alteration in the classification, this class could be made a success from a financial point of view. From any other aspect, it has proved a success already, interest in and pleasure derived from it being expressed on all sides.

In August, permission was granted to the affiliated societies to alter the date of their winter shows to avoid clashing with neighbouring shows, provided they made the necessary arrangements with the appointed judge, and bore any additional expense incurred. Bradford (West) took advantage of this course and avoided a clash with Windhill, with, it is hoped, the happiest results to both. No doubt the beneficial effects of this re-arrangement were far greater than actually appear on the surface.

The twenty-five guinea challenge trophy has been won by Mr. W. H. Shackleton, the donor, who, although he cannot win the trophy outright, is quite within the terms of the agreement when he competes. His most sincere wish is to have the opportunity to congratulate some other person as winner on a future occasion. Messrs. Murgatroyd and Son proved worthy foemen in being only a few points behind the winner.

The uniform perches and show cage labels adopted by the Amalgamation, have proved a decided success, and many who at first condemned are now loud in their praise, and especially does this apply to the closing label.

As the result of an invitation to the Yorkshire Union, the delegates of both Unions met in the Market Tavern to discuss matters in relation to the newly formed Cage Bird Union, and after deciding to advise the Yorkshire societies not to join, a resolution was adopted unanimously asking for permission of the various societies to allow their delegates to form a joint meeting to discuss the advisability of reuniting the two bodies. This done, a sub-committee of six from each Union was appointed to draw up rules to be submitted to each Society. After many and lengthy sittings, the committee have submitted the result of their labours to the various societies, and a further meeting will shortly be held to receive their decisions. The sound commonsense and distinctly friendly spirit displayed by the two sections of the sub-committee augurs well for the ultimate success of the scheme.

The balance sheet for 1906 was read and adopted, a copy of which is presented herewith:

Dr.

	£	s.	d.
Balance from 1905		7	1½
479 subscriptions at 8d.	15	19	4
Advertisements on handbook and labels	10	14	6
Entry fee		2	6
Specials' Fund for Foul-marked Hen Class	1	3	0
Profits on Foul-marked Hen Class	1	7	6
Cash for judges	9	3	6
Sale of show rules	1	10	6
String and loan of drinkers		16	3
Sale of perches	1	10	5
Donation		2	6
	42	17	1½

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	£	s.	d.
Grant to Secretary for 1905	5	0	0
Wood for perches	1	10	5
Handhooks and cage labels	7	10	6
Show rules	1	16	0
Judges' fees	8	19	6
String for cage labels		2	0
Specials and losses—Foul-marked Hen Class	2	5	6
Medals, etc.	9	10	7
Stamps, tram fares, etc.	2	0	4
Balance	4	2	3½
	42	17	1½

Audited and found correct.
January 16th, 1907.

(Signed) R. Halliday
Jabez Line
Auditors.

Mr. Townend then presented cup, medals, etc., to the respective winners, as reported in a recent issue.

It was resolved that in the event of a re-union with the Yorkshire Union, those members' of the Amalgamation who have won one or two first prizes under the "three firsts" system, and are registered as winners of such, shall, if they so desire, receive a medal value 7s. for one win, or 14s. for two, or, by paying the difference, an Amalgamation medal, value one guinea. In all such cases the recipients will be debarred from competing in the Novice Classes at future Union shows. As an alternative, said winners may cancel their claims and be allowed to compete in the Novice Classes.

On the proposition of Mr. Cowgill, seconded by Mr. W. Crabtree, it was decided to open a "Secretary's Testimonial Fund." The secretaries of the various societies, with Mr. S. Dean as convener, were elected a committee to manage the same.

Though not strictly Amalgamation business, it was a happy thought that prompted Mr. James Hartley to propose that the thanks of the meeting be tendered to the Cinderella Club Canary Show Committee for their efforts in making the show at Chellow Dean such a great success. He found a hearty seconder in Mr. T. Ogden. Mr. Brotherton, president of said committee, suitably responded. There can be no doubt that such efforts will do much to uplift the Fancy in the eyes of the general public, for which the thanks of the Amalgamation and all other Cage Bird Unions and societies are certainly due.

A proposal by Mr. Dean, seconded by Mr. Clegg, that the general meeting be adjourned indefinitely, was carried, and a vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded the evening's business.—Fred Hammond, Hon. Sec.

THE CAGE BIRD UNION.

The Penzance Fanciers' Association and the Metropolitan Association of Canary, etc., Breeders have affiliated to the Union.—Geo. W. F. Lytegoe, Sec.

SINGING CONTESTS.

PENTONVILLE.

At the Bee Hive, Cynthia Street, Pentonville Road, Saturday and Sunday, there were some good contests, Linnets and Chaffinches, C. Meacock again proving a winner.—Bill Morrison, Timekeeper.

CONTEST AT LEEDS.

The usual contest at Old Bird House, Leeds, took place last week-end. The judges were P. Hoban and J. Clark, who were unable to agree as to the awarding of the 3rd and 4th prizes. It was decided to have stricter rules as to the competitions for the future. Result: 1st prize, H. Allen; 2nd and 3rd, H. Allen; 4th, J. Whelan.—J. Melia, Sec.

A CONTEST AT YORK.

A contest was held at the Acorn Hotel, Micklegate, York, on January 26th, when 20 Linnets sung in pairs, and some wonderful singing was heard. The birds were in splendid condition and gave a grand display. Mr. G. Hopwood gave a good prize. Result: 1st, J. Evans; 2nd, J. Smith; 3rd, M. Smith; 4th, J. Limbert; 5th, Hopwood; 6th, Wilson.—G. Hopwood.

REVIEWS OF SCHEDULES.

Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.—Members' show of pairs, Herne Tavern, Peckham Rye, February 7th. Judge, Mr. J. Robson. Ten classes. Prizes on sliding scale. Fee 1s. Entries close February 6th to W. Hodson, 209, Crystal Palace Road, East Dulwich.

Fleckney (Leicester).—Feb. 16th. Judge, Mr. J. N. Harrison. Two classes. Can. or Mule 1, Brit. 1. Prizes 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d. Fee 1s. 6d. Entries close February 8th to W. H. Lord, Fleckney.

CLUB NOTICES.

No charge is made for notices of forthcoming meetings, but they can only be inserted once. Should secretaries desire to secure immediate insertion of their announcements **exactly as written** they can do so by prepayment at the rate of three words a penny.

Barrow and Dis. C.B.A.—Jan. 23rd, at St. George's Hall, Grangate, 7.30 prompt. Members requested to make a special effort to attend.—E. E. Miller, hon. sec.

Battersea and Dis. C.B.A.—Feb. 6th, at Duchess of Devonshire, Lavender Road, Clapham Junction, S.W. Balance-sheet, etc., of last show; members all attend.—F. Easterling, hon. sec.

Bermondsey and Dis. F.A.—Feb. 5th, at Samson's Castle, 8.30 p.m. Club business.—A. Lupton, sec.

Bingley and Dis. O.S.—Tues., Feb. 5th, at Co-op. Rooms, Chapel Lane, at 8 o'clock. Balance-sheet and general business; members attend.—A. Livesey, hon. sec.

Blackburn Linnet F.A.—Feb. 9th, at Old Red Lion, Snigbrook, Blackburn, 1 o'clock. Singing Contest; members only.—R. Hayhurst, sec.

Bolton and Dis. Progressive C.B.S.—Tues., Feb. 5th, at Silver Grid Cafe, Bridge Street, 8 p.m. Paper on the Yorkshire by Mr. J. Hopkins; fanciers cordially invited.—John W. Bancroft, sec.

Bolton Woods C.B.S.—(No date given.) At Victoria Hotel, 8 p.m. Smoking Concert; presentation of cup and medals by Councillor H. W. Rodgerson; members and friends invited.—E. Shepherd, hon. sec.

Bradford (East) O.S.—Feb. 25th, at Park Chapel Schools, 8 p.m. Allotting specials for Members' Shows; Washing Exhibition by Mr. W. Cruise; all fanciers invited.—Mr. H. Hill, hon. sec.

Brighouse and Dis. C.B.S.—Feb. 4th, at Headquarters, 7.30 p.m. prompt. Delegates' report re Yorks Union Meeting; Members' Show, Sat., Feb. 1st, at Headquarters; entries Feb. 1st; judge, J. Overend.—A. Morton, hon. sec.

British Roller C.C.—Tues., Feb. 5th, at King's Arms Tavern, 128, Bishopsgate Street, 8 p.m. Lecture by Mr. F. A. Lester.—J. W. Norris, hon. sec.

City of Birmingham C.B.S.—Feb. 6th, at Crown Hotel, Station Street, 8 p.m. Annual general meeting.—H. C. Wilkins, sec.

City of Hull C.B.S.—Feb. 4th, at Oddfellows Hall, 8 o'clock. Suggestions for cups; all members attend.—Potter and Stamford, secs.

Coventry O.S.—Feb. 6th, at Crystal Palace, 8.30 p.m. Table Show of Pair Norwich; entries till 7 p.m. day of show; Mr. Tansley will judge.—G. Turrell, sec.

Darlington C.B.S.—Wed., Feb. 6th, at Half Moon, Northgate, 8 o'clock. Table Show; matched pairs Norwich, Yorks., Canary muling, and Hybrid pairs; Mr. A. Wake, Middlesbro', judge.—E. Brunskill, sec.

Denholme and Thornton C.B.S.—Feb. 5th, at Club House, Thornton, 8 p.m. Election of officers; all members attend.—J. Jarratt, sec.

Dewsbury and Dis. C.B.S.—Feb. 2nd, at Royal Hotel, 7.30. Delegates' report.—B. Cook, sec.

Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.—Thurs., Feb. 7th, at the Herne Tavern, Peckham Rye, S.E., 7 p.m. Members' Annual Show of Pairs; all birds must be staged by 7 p.m.—W. Hodson, hon. sec.

Dudley F. and F.S.—Feb. 4th,, 8.30 p.m..—J. J. Mullett, sec.

Dundee Lochie and Broughty Ferry C.B.A.—Feb. 6th, at Cutlers' Hall, Marraygate, 8. Full muster requested; intending members invited.—James D. Rae, sec.

East Bowling and Dis. B.F.A.—Feb. 9th, at Barley Mow Hotel, 7.30. Washing Exhibition, etc.—T. E. Higgins, sec.

Eastern Dis. O.S.—Feb. 4th, at Free Gardeners' Hall, Abbeymount, Edinburgh, 8. Important business; full attendance requested.—Alex. Robinson, sec.

Eccleshill C.B.A.—Feb. 2nd, at Fountain Inn, 7.30. Scheme for Members' Show, etc.; Washing Exhibition by Mr. Walter Ormondroyd; all friends invited.—Walter Ashworth, sec.

Edinburgh Norwich and M.B.S.—Feb. 7th, at 142, High Street, 8 o'clock. Full attendance requested.—W. Dunlop, sec.

Greenock, Port Glasgow, and Gourock O.S.—Feb. 6th, at Victoria Hall, Rucend Street, 8 o'clock.—C. Holland, sec.

Guisborough F.S.—Feb. 2nd, at Headquarters, 7 p.m. Annual meeting; election of officers, etc.—W. T. Simpson, sec.

Halifax O.S.—Feb. 2nd, at Griffin Hotel, 8 o'clock, Annual Tea and Social, Feb. 23rd; Pair Show and important business.—J. F. Thackray, sec.

Hartlepools C.B.S.—Feb. 5th, at Y.M.C.A. Rooms, Whitby Street, 8 p.m. Important business.—Ernest Woodhead, sec.

Huddersfield O.S.—Feb. 11th. Second Table Show of the season; good attendance earnestly requested.—F. B. Wilkinson, sec. pro. tem.

Laisterdyke B.F.A.—Feb. 9th, at Royal Oak Hotel. Members' Show.—J. Pownall, sec.

Leeds Roller C.C.—Feb. 2nd, at Lockhart's, 55, Briggate, 7.30 p.m. Balance-sheet; all members and intended members attend.—C. Towes, hon. sec.

Leeds C.B.S.—Feb. 2nd, at Headquarters, Lockhart's, Briggate, 7.30. Questions and answers night; a good muster requested; all fanciers cordially invited.—Stephenson and Hornby, secs.

Leicester and Leicestershire Hand-in-Hand C.B.S.—March 5th, at Headquarters. Table Show; any variety Nor. yell. ben, open; any variety Nor. yell. ben, novice; judge, Jno. Allen.—C. Draper, sec.

Loanhead and Dis. C.B.S.—Feb. 9th, at Volunteer Hall, 7 o'clock. Rules for members' approval; date of show, etc.; all fanciers inside ten miles radius invited.—Walter B. Smart, sec.

Loughborough and Dis. C.B.A.—Feb. 6th, at Charnwood Coffee House. Judging Competition; birds staged at 6.30 p.m.; entrance fee, 2d.; two prizes; judging at 7.15.—G. Thorp, hon. sec.

Manchester and N.C.O.S.—Feb. 4th, at Deansgate Hotel, Liverpool, 7.30 p.m. Paper by Mr. J. W. Metcalfe, "Breeding Yorks. and Nor. Greens for Exhibition."—Geo. W. F. Lythgoe, sec.

Manningham C.B.A.—Feb. 2nd, at Mowbray Arms, 8 o'clock. Important business; also Members' Show; birds staged at 2 p.m.—E. Kemp, sec.

Merthyr Tydfil F.A.—Feb. 8th, at Ship and Bell, 8 o'clock. Judges for show.—J. Thomas, hon. sec.

Metropolitan Association of Canary, Mule, and Hybrid Breeders.—Meetings, second and fourth Thursday in each month, Crown Hotel, Lavender Hill; next meeting, Feb. 14th, when there will be a Judging Competition for two silver medals; Judge Rouson has been elected to officiate.—A. J. Head, sec., 52, Broughton Street, Lavender Hill.

Middlesbrough, Teeside, C.B.S.—Feb. 9th, at Crown Hotel, 7 p.m.—Arthur Wake, sec.

Morley and Dis. C.B.S.—Feb. 2nd, in Band Room, Market Place.—W. R. Stead, sec.

Newcastle and Dis. C.B.S.—Feb. 7th, at Lockhart's, 65, Grainger Street, 7.30. Arrange date for show; lecture on cage making by Mr. Shepherd.—Curry and Hutchinson, secs.

Nottingham and Notts. O.S.—Feb. 4th, at Cobden Hall, 8 p.m. Washing exhibition by Messrs. Barker and Bertie.—G. E. Wilkinson, sec.

Pelton and Dis. C.B.S.—Feb. 2nd, at the Fleece Inn, Old Pelton, 7.30 p.m. Election of officers, and to fix date for supper; all members and intending members attend.—L. Hall, sec.

Preston O.S.—Tues., Feb. 5th, at Tokio Cafe, Fishergate, 8 p.m. prompt.—R. Seed, hon. sec.

Queen's Park and Dis. C.B.A.—Feb. 7th, at Windsor Castle Hotel, Harrow Road, W., 8. Important business.—J. C. Birch, sec.

Reading and Dis. C.B.S.—Feb. 6th, at Palmer Hall, West Street, Reading, 8 o'clock. Washing Competition; will members please bring birds to meeting.—Geo. A. Charles, sec.

Rochdale Good Intent.—Feb. 6th, at Temperance Club, Toad Lane, 8 p.m. Balance-sheet and report.—Sam M. Clayton, sec.

St. Helens O.S.—Feb. 3rd, at George Inn, Water Street, 8 o'clock. Members earnestly requested to attend.—Thomas Vose, sec.

Shipley O.S.—Feb. 5th, at Victoria Hotel, 8 p.m. Important business.—H. Dobson, sec.

South Metropolitan F.A.—Feb. 7th, 8 o'clock. Members please attend.—A. Maddison, hon. sec.

Stockton-on-Tees and Dis. C.B.S.—Feb. 7th, at Leeds Hotel, 8 o'clock. Important business.—J. W. Lowes, sec.

Scottish Met. O.A.—Sat., Feb. 2nd, at Buchanan's Hotel, High Street, 7.30 p.m. Electing of judges and classification of prize list. There is a proposition to introduce Borders, Norwich, and British birds; large attendance of fanciers requested.—E. G. Wright, President.

South London Col. and F.A.—Wed., Feb. 13th, at Headquarters, Royal George, Tanners' Hill, New Cross, S.E. Smoking Concert; organisers—Messrs. Wallace, Davis, and A. Seyer.—G. A. Jefferys, sec. and treas.

Southport and Dis. C.B.S.—Feb. 21st, at Thorpe's Rooms, Neville Street, 7.30 p.m. All members and intending members attend.—E. Riley, hon sec.

Wath and Dis. C.B.A.—Sun., Feb. 3rd, at Cross Keys Hotel, 7.30 p.m. Amalgamation and con.; all attend.—H. H. Bramham, sec.

Widnes and Dis. O.S.—Feb. 7th, at Grosvenor Hotel, 7 o'clock. Election of officers; balance-sheet; pair show.—S. Andrews, sec.

Wigan and Dis. C.B.S.—Feb. 4th, at Adelphi Inn, 8 p.m. Balance-sheet, etc.; all members attend.—J. Bennett, hon. sec.

Wimbledon and Dis. C.B.S.—Mon., Feb. 4th, at 6, The Broadway, 8 p.m. Annual meeting for election of officers and committee; annual report and balance-sheet; presentation of specials won at late show; members please attend.—W. H. Colman, sec.

Windhill, Shipley, and Dis. O.S.—Feb. 2nd, at Blue Bell Hotel, 8 o'clock. Balance-sheets; Tea and Social.—E. Broadley, sec.

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CANARIES.

NORWICH PLAINHEADS.

Answered by J. H. PAYNE.

Into Breeding Condition (Standerton).—To get your birds into good breeding condition, give them, about a month before pairing, three times a week, a little egg food; say a small teaspoonful for each bird. You may also give a pinch of maw seed twice a week. A little boiled carrot will also be beneficial to them at this time. When you see the dandelions coming up, procure some of the young leaves and give them some of these; but be careful there is no frost in them, as this would be almost as fatal as giving them poison. I should advise you to start about the second week in April. It is impossible for me to tell you which birds to pair together out of your stock, as your particulars are not explicit enough. Describe fully each of the birds you wish to pair up, giving sex of each, and I can then advise you.

Somewhat Weak (J. B. B.).—Give your bird 15 drops of tincture of catechu in its drinking water every other day for a fortnight. Then give 10 drops of syrup of iodide of iron for a week. Give also, twice a week, a little hard-boiled grated egg mixed with biscuit powder. You may also give twice a week a pinch of maw seed. Do not give him green food of any kind, or apple, until he gets well.

Pairing Questions (M. G. F.).—You will do quite right in keeping your birds in cages where they cannot see each other, until you wish to pair them up. About a week before you wish to start breeding, let them see each other through the wire partition. They will generally then go on and live a peaceful and harmonious wedded life. (2) I should advise you to ask a painter and decorator to answer this question. It will probably be necessary to strip off the wall paper. (3) Glad to hear the hen is so much better. Continue the syrup of tolu for another fortnight, and then you may give the tincture of quinine as advised. She should be all right and fit for breeding by the second week in April. Give her a little egg food occasionally and a little maw seed.

Slight Cold (New Reader).—Give your bird 15 drops of syrup of tolu in its water for a fortnight, to which add 10 drops of glycerine, and well mix. Discontinue the tincture of quinine, but if the cold is well at the end of the fortnight you may put him on it for a week or ten days.

A Lot of Eggs (Interested One).—You have a most remarkable hen. You say she has laid four and five eggs in a week, and sometimes two in a day, since last breeding season. Really, I have never heard of such a case before in all my experience, and I must say frankly that I cannot tell you the reason of such very wonderful laying powers. One would almost think you had a batch of eggs (addled, etc.) left over from last year, and that someone who is fond of practical joking has had access to them! Re your query:—Will she be all right to pair with a Goldfinch? I should say if she keeps on laying at the rate you mention until such time as the Goldfinch is fit to breed, that she will not, as she will have played herself right out. I should advise you to procure another hen for him.

Lump Forming near Beak (Novice).—I do not think you can do better than bathe the lump with warm water (but be sure you do not get it too hot), using a piece of soft sponge for the purpose. Do this twice a day for three or four days, then prick it with a clean needle. I advised this treatment for a bird affected like yours the other week, and I was told that it brought matter away, and that the bird is now quite well. I hope it will prove as successful in your case. Ten drops of tincture of quinine in his drinking water afterwards for a week or ten days should be beneficial.

A Weak Condition (J. Ball).—Your bird, I should imagine, has a debilitated stomach. Give in the drinking water for a week 20 drops of tincture of catechu and a pinch of powdered chalk, fresh daily. Do not give any more rape seed. When the week is up, give a little egg food three times weekly, to which add 5 drops of Parrish's chemical food. You may cut away the dirty feathers with a pair of scissors. Do not on any account attempt to wash it off.

Getting Quality into a Strain (Novice).—Yes, you would improve the quality of feather in your Norwich by introducing Cinnamon blood. But I think you would also get several faults into them at the same time, such as excess of feather, long tails and flights, and most probably a little browing, so that you will see you would be, paradoxically speaking, a loser by the gain. I should advise you to get a few high quality Norwich and introduce them into your stock. These would probably be a bit on the small side, but I have no doubt your birds, which you say are so deficient in quality, are a trifle on the big side, so that would balance matters. There are many good breeders who would be only too glad to supply you with birds that would be most suitable for your purpose if you told them your requirements.

YORKSHIRES.

Answered by H. W. BATTYE.

Bowel Trouble (G. Robertson).—From what you say in your letter I have come to the conclusion that your bird is suffering from inflammation of the bowels. Treat it as follows:—Get a little turpentine, warm it, then catch your bird, pull out one of its tail feathers, dip it in the turpentine, and lightly daub it on the bird's belly. It will make the bird squirm for about ten minutes, but you need not trouble. It will greatly relieve the pain. Warm a knitting or darning needle, and dip it into a little salad or olive oil. Open the bird's beak and drop 3 drops into its mouth. This will be the means of gently purging its bowels. When it has had a free motion, give it a little milk sop, made as follows:—Take a little home-made bread or good biscuit and boil it in milk, squeeze as much of the milk out as possible, mix a little moist sugar among the sop, and sprinkle a pinch of maw seed over it; give fresh daily for a week, and let it have white canary seed in addition. If your bird is not too far gone, the above treatment will, I think, put it right. Should he pleased to hear how your bird progresses.

What Results (Retlaw).—(1) From a self yellow cinnamon cock and a buff green Yorkshire hen of Cinnamon blood, I should expect you to get a majority of self or heavily variegated Cinnamon youngsters, with an occasional self or variegated green bird, but should not expect you to get any clear or lightly marked birds of either variety where the Cinnamon blood predominates in a pair, and especially when the cock is a full-blooded Cinnamon the tendency will be to throw nearly all Cinnamon youngsters. (2) From green Yorkshire cock of Cinnamon blood and cinnamon Yorkshire hen should expect similar results to the other pair, with perhaps about an equal number of green and cinnamon, self, or variegated youngsters, but this will greatly depend on the percentage of Cinnamon or Green blood in the veins of the parent birds.

Pairing Problem (Welshman).—You need not hesitate to pair your two Yorkshires together when the time comes, say last week in March or first week in April, that is supposing they are not very closely related. Birds hatched in April are quite as good, and in many cases far better to breed with the following season than birds two or three years old. To say you should not breed with a bird the first season sounds all right in theory, but is of little value in practice, as when a Canary is twelve months' old it as vigorous and fit for breeding with as ever it will be, unless it is a hird bred late in the season. (2) From the description you give of your pair of birds, I should expect you to breed clear and ticked or lightly marked birds, and it will depend on how your clear cock is bred whether they are green marked or cinnamon marked.

Exchanging Cocks (J.D.).—You ask if it would be advisable with your two pairs of Yorkshires, both cocks being of one colour and both hens of the opposite colour and unrelated, to change the cocks after the first round. In reply, I may say that if the youngster did not suit me from the first round, and I thought I could improve on them in the second round by changing the cocks, I should not hesitate to do so, but to do this you would require to take the cocks away from the hens when you set them with their first clutch of eggs, letting the hens rear the young ones themselves. This is one of the advantages the breeder has who does not allow the cock to assist in rearing young. (2) Yes. I don't advise the use of hemp seed generally, and especially among Yorkshires, as it has a tendency to cause them to be a bit soft and loose in feather, and get them too fat. I seldom use any, only when the birds are feeding young ones, when I give them as much as they will eat along with their ordinary white canary seed and egg food, just cracking the shell by passing it through a machine before giving it to them.

Disinfectant Paint (Yorkshire Cage).—I do not know where you can get the paint or disinfectant wash you name. Have never seen or used any of it. My cages are done with three coats of Aspinall's enamel, this I prefer to paint; or you might get some local painter to mix you a paint that will dry hard, telling him what you want it for, and give your cage a coat of this, and then two thin coats of enamel. (2) I generally put all the eggs a hen happens to lay up to six, and very few lay more than five; the number I like best is four.

[Will insert enquiry re disinfectant next week in Twitterings.—Ed. "C.B."]

Ringing Young Birds (W. R.).—Young birds should be rung at from six to eight weeks old. I do not know of any rings on the market that would be a guarantee of a certain bird being bred by a certain exhibitor, as the rings could be taken from one bird's leg and put on another bird that this certain exhibitor may have bought from some other breeder, and this is what you are intending to try and prevent. The rings I have used for the purpose of identification in young birds have been made of soft metal, and can be easily opened wide enough to place the bird's leg inside the ring, and then gently press the sides of the ring together again, when the bird will be all right so long as the ring will slide loosely up and down the bird's leg. When you want to remove the ring you will have to be very careful or you will run the risk of laming the bird's leg; the best way to remove is to catch the bird, and get its leg between the fingers of the same hand as you are holding the bird with, and insert the point of a small pen-knife blade into where the sides of the ring meet, and by twisting the knife blade a little you will be able to open the ring far enough to get your finger nail in, and thus open it wide enough for the ring to drop off the bird's leg. This is, I think the only danger there is in connection with ringing young birds.

CRESTS AND CREST-BREDS.

Answered by W. E. GREEVES.

Cock not Singing (H. N.)—You do not say how old your Crest cock is; on this depends in a great measure the treatment required. You say he is kept in a wire cage. Until he gets well and strong keep him in a box cage, with only a wire front, and this cover over at night. I gather that he is not in any way suffering from a cold, but is in a weak state of health. Continue to give canary seed daily, rape twice a week, hemp once, a few groats once, maw seed once, and egg food twice, mixing well with the egg food four drops of Parrish's Chemical Food. Every other day put six to eight drops of whiskey in the drinking water. If watercress is procurable, give twice a week a small sprig; mind that it is not frosted, and the wet well drained from it; occasionally a piece of apple will do good. Mind and supply good grit.

Mating Crested Hen (W. Parker).—With your green Crestbred cock mate a Crested hen with a clear or grey crest; it would not matter if the Crest were dark, provided the body was clear.

BORDERS.

Answered by J. PATTERSON.

Various (Novice).—Personally, I do not like large flight cages, as I find it very difficult to keep a large number of birds therein in perfect health. Some will gorge themselves with any tit-bit, and will not allow another bird near until they are satisfied. The size I find best adapted to the Border Fancies is: length 22 in., height 14 in., width 10 in. They are a handy size as breeders, and you can comfortably moult out four birds in each, providing they do not pluck one another. During the winter months the same number of birds may be kept, and by spreading any tit-bit well over their seed, in separate vessels, they all get their share. (2) Separate all cocks and hens into single cages; keep them at opposite sides of room until the breeding season. Let the hens run three or four together, according to the size of cages; you will have a good idea from the above measurements. Give a good hop between spars. Feed the cocks on canary seed, giving every other day a pinch of rape; give a little egg food twice a week with a pinch of maw over it. Feed hens in the same manner, but add a little inga to the seed diet. Give plenty of good grit, cuttlefish bone, and eggshells, and they should be in grand form. (3) I do not like apple for my birds, and would not advise you to use it during the cold months; it is very relaxing to the bowels. A small piece of boiled carrot once a week is quite sufficient, along with the seed diet, and keeps them in perfect condition.

Cock not in Song (J. Ramsay).—You do not state age of birds; if young, they should be in full song now, but perhaps they may be old ones, and are therefore not so vigorous and more inclined to take things a little easily. If they are young I am afraid something must be wrong with your diet, room, or management; follow advice to "Novice." You might safely add 3 drops of chemical food to half-a-teaspoonful of egg food. Give in water 10 drops of sherry, and 5 of syrup of buckthorn; use this fresh every other day for the next two weeks, and by that time you ought to see some improvement, unless they are old. Some old cock birds breed until they are seven or eight years old, others will not fertilise an egg after their third year. If your birds are unhealthy and old, I advise you to get others in their place.

SCOTCH FANCIES.

Answered by R. WRIGHT.

Hen Ailing; Double Buffing; Belgian Breeding.

Did your yellow hen get a good clean moult last season, or did you show her when in the moult? If so, you have given her asthma, that's why the voice is so weak. Give her boiled bread and milk every morning, boiled rape seed three times a week, every morning a bit of apple dipped in glycerine in the wires. (2) You are safe to double buff. You will get strong, healthy, tight feathered birds, and next season put to a yellow again and you will get more yellow than buffs. Double yellowing will produce yellows and buffs, thin in feather, and not so strong as double buff. (3) Don't Sih breed. I think that has been the ruin of the Belgian Fancy I think that has been the ruin of the Belgian Fancy size in Scotch Fancy. To-day it would be a great treat to see a large Belgian.

LIZARDS.

Answered by BARKER CLEGG.

Breeding Lizards, etc. (Westgate).—You need not be puzzled long on birdy matters. Write to CAGE BIRDS. In reply to you inquiry, (a) Yes. The Lizard is only a one season show bird. That is as long as they carry the nest wing and tail. After this thorough moult, the fringing of the feathers is tipped with white. (b) The cocks are good songsters, and would make nice drawing room pets. (c) Pair Gold cocks to Silver hens and vice versa. You would get both colours from the same nest, just the same as other varieties through yellows and buffs.

ROLLERS.

Answered by F. A. LESTER.

Imported Germans (Dock).—Will newly imported German Canaries breed as readily as English-bred Germans?—Yes, they will if in good health and condition. The principal condition in successful breeding is to get your birds into robust health; the other part is easy afterwards. There is no doubt that English-bred Germans would be the best to use, as they are thoroughly used to the climate, and would yield best results.

Breeding Rollers (Ignoramus).—A beginner wants advice re breeding rollers.—You would get mostly clear birds from your clear cock and clear hen. The B.R.C.C. rings are rings put on the birds at seven to eight days old, and are issued by the Secretary of the British Roller Canary Club. Birds bearing this ring are bred in England, and, having a number and the year on them, you can tell the age of the bird and by whom it was bred, by writing to the secretary. There is a book on Rollers, written by Albert Rettich, and it could be procured through this paper for about 1s. 2d.

Canary Cock Moping (Novice, B.).—Yes, your bird has doubtless felt the effect of the severe weather, has developed lung trouble, and will be very difficult to cure. However, try arsenicum and aconite, giving alternately ten drops each day in drinker. Keep, if possible, in a room that is not used to such sudden changes in temperature. The Sciferts are the best hollow roll songsters. The St. Andreasbergs are the higher scale songsters, and have been trained to some extent. The Hartz are the ordinary common German Canaries, free loud songsters. But these names do not imply much, each dealer using the name that suits him best. Try a British bred hen, rung with a B.R.C.C. ring, as explained to "Ignoramus," in this issue. Your cock bird would not be much use this season, if he recovers.

MISCELLANEOUS CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by J. NORTH.

Niger or Inga Seed.—Please state if the enclosed sample of Niga seed is also known as Inga and Niger?—W. OLSEN.

These are variations of the same word. I take it that the original designation was "Niger" (which means black), which got corrupted into 'Niga," and then some fanciful merchant transposed the first two letters when asking a higher price for it. Your sample has a brown tinge, but the best is quite black. It is the seed of one of the composite order of plants, shaped and coloured like a sunflower, and about the size of a halfpenny. It is a great favourite with all the Finch tribe, and when fresh is a very valuable food.

Seed Samples.—Please tell me the qualities of the enclosed seeds. No. 1 I get as best Spanish canary seed at 2d. per pint; No. 2, Spanish at 3d. per pint; and No. 3 is rape at 2d. per pint.—A YOUNG BEGINNER.

The No. 1 canary seed is an excellent sample, bright and plump, economical, and quite good enough for any bird, but I do not think it was grown in Spain. No. 2 distinctly Spanish, bold, clean seed, but it is expensive. The rape seed is genuine German summer rape, sweet and clean, and worth the money.

Loudest Songster.—Which is the better songster (meaning loudest and longest), the Yorkshire or Norwich?—BOBBIN.

Norwich Canaries differ from the Yorkshires in size, shape and colour, but their voices and capacities for whistling are about the same as a class. There are birds that sing loudly, and some draw out their score to a much greater length than others in both varieties. It is a matter of selection and individual taste, for what one person might accept as music another would say was mere noise.

Off Song.—Cock Canary, two years old, off song four months. Eats well, but I think has a cold, as he is very hoarse. Usual seed diet, with egg food three times a week, and three drops of Parrish's chemical food twice a week. Kept in box cage, 22 in. by 14 in. by 9 in.—BEGINNER.

Your bird is well dieted, but a cage the size of an ordinary "breeder" is not the most conducive to profuse whistling. It is suggested that you run him into a smaller cage, or that, for a time at least, he should only be allowed the run of half the cage he at present occupies. Probably he has got catarrh, or, as you say, "a cold," and for this there is nothing better than the bronchial syrup, made of equal proportions of glycerine, ipecacuanha wine, and oxymel of squills; half a teaspoonful should be blended with two tablespoonfuls of drinking water. One chlorate of potash lozenge dissolved in this mixture would have a good effect.

Constantly Moulting.—Cock Canary, 18 months, has been moulting heavily since September. Kept in large box cage in kitchen, but thinking that too warm I moved him into another room, where there was no fire. He appeared to have finished moulting, but is now dropping his feathers again. —L.L.S.

Your bird seems too readily inclined to go into moult. There must be some special reason for this; but, apart from seeing the bird, I can only assume that it is one of the very common cases of liver trouble. They do not seem able to resist the vice of overfeeding, and they neglect exercising themselves sufficiently. This leads to irregularities in the action of the liver and to feverishness at one time and shiverings soon after. It was an unwise move to put this bird from a warm into a cold room, for, as a rule, a bird that is in moult cannot be kept too warm, or fed too well. Return him to kitchen, feed on bread and milk sop sprinkled with seed, also sweet apple and boiled carrot, until you can get fresh young salad; then give it every day. You might sow some rape and lettuce seed in flower pots or saucers indoors.

Hen Canary Not Moulting.—Hen canary did not moult at the proper time; in fact, it has not moulted yet. It is quite bare at back of neck and down its back. At times during the day it sits with head under its wing, and when it wakes up it eats ravenously. Usual seed diet with sweet apple and boiled carrot. Is it soft moult, and how can I treat it?—S.P.

Such a bird is a great deal more likely to be a source of trouble and worry than of pleasure or profit, and the opinion of most breeders would be that it would be better to discard it. It is quite likely that it may have gone through an abnormal moult before you had it, and as it is not now moulting at all it is quite certain it is not in the so-called "soft moult," which consists in excessive shedding of feathers. You would do well to keep it in a warm room, and in a snug box cage. Examine it by candlelight for redmite, and if discovered proceed to their extermination in the manner so often advised in these columns. In addition to seed and sweet apple give soaked rape and mustard seed, also salads, and into the bare places on back and neck rub in with the finger a little dry precipitated sulphur.

One or Two Hens?—Which is the better plan, to run one cock with two hens or to keep one pair always together? Would the young from two hens and one cock be as robust and large as from a pair always kept together; does the cock take his share in feeding the young?—H. S.

In my opinion nothing is gained by running one cock with more than one hen, that is, if one's stock has any pretentions to exhibition form. Ordinary Canaries breed with so much readiness, and are so free from the faults and weaknesses of show birds, that the rules which govern one set do not necessarily govern the other. When a cock Canary has got a hen to nest he should be left in the cage to feed her and amuse her, and, for the rest, to behave himself quietly. Sometimes his nature does not admit of this, and then he should be shut off, but, as a rule, he is quite as willing to assist in rearing duties as the hen. When run with a second hen it often happens that he is wanted in both cages at once, and then accidents happen.

Canary Cake, etc.—(1) Should be glad to have a good recipe for a baked cake for Canaries. (2) Regarding tasteless pepper, I find that by keeping it is permeated by spider-web-like fungi which binds it in a solid mass, although kept in perfectly airtight jars. A method to keep it pure and sweet would be very welcome. (3) Will you give a list of symptoms that Canaries show, which indicate sickness; also the remedies to be tried? —GEO STOCKS.

The following makes a suitable cake or biscuit; a daily portion may be crumbled up and moistened with a few drops of milk: Take 6 oz. of flour, and rub in 2 oz of dripping, or finely chopped suet, also 4 oz. sugar, and 6 oz. bread crumbs, four eggs well beaten, and a little milk if necessary. Roll out thin, cut out in form of biscuits, or bake as a cake in slow oven. Keep it in airtight tins. (2) It is only natural that tasteless pepper, which is a dried fruit containing moisture and fermentable properties, should spoil in the way you mention. It

is a mistake to try to keep it from one season to another; much better buy each year a supply of freshly imported "pepper." Tons of it have been spoiled within a few months of its being gathered. (3) It would be almost impossible to give the list you ask for. Whenever a reader has a Canary that is out of health these columns are at his disposal for a statement of the symptoms and suggestions for remedial treatment. The recapitulation of hypothetical sets of symptoms in these columns would be distasteful to the bulk of our readers, and unnecessary, because all the ordinary complaints are treated of in the elementary text books, and in CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

Management of Jackdaw.—Kindly tell me how to feed a freshly-caught Jackdaw. Must I clip his wings? Would he hurt in my bird room (Canaries flying about)? I shall cage him till tame.—G. M. S. PARKER.

Jackdaws, Jays, Magpies, and birds of this class need to be fed on very similar lines. The best and cheapest way to feed is to utilise table scraps largely. As a stock food you could use broken-up dog biscuits (or puppy cakes or game meal) with coarse crissel—say two parts of either of the former to one part of the latter (by measure). Moisten with hot water, giving it crumbly moist, and mixing with it table scraps, cooked meat, and potatoes, greens, gravy, etc. Give a few trapped mice, young Sparrows, and the like, but not over much raw meat, for mueb raw meat and offal makes their excreta more than ordinarily offensive; always keep them scrupulously clean. Eggs (raw or cooked), acorns, peas, berries, fruit, worms, beetles, gruhs, and butter are other things they will eat ,not forgetting little frogs and the little mice. Spratt's "Game Meal' (without grit), or Clarke's "Melox," or any foods such as these make excellent stock foods for tbese birds—with a little crissel and the other things mentioned. Jackdaws and their relations have very varied tastes. It is quite correct that "Jack" will talk—I have heard two or three speak quite plainly. One requires patience to teach them. You will he very ill-advised if you keep your Jackdaw loose in your bird-room, amongst Canaries. He would "play old Harry," as the saying goes. If you let him run loose around the house, I think you will find it necessary, seeing be is not a hand-reared bird, to cut off three or four of the outer flights of each wing, severing them about two-thirds of the way up.

Shrubs in Pots (L. G. S.).—To keep in tubs in your aviary you will find privet and box shrubs hard to beat; they are in every way suitable. You could add a furze or a holly bush, or a good-sized "Christmas tree," or train bramble-hushes to grow over a V-shaped piece of fencing. A thick growth of ivy on the back wall also looks and answers very well indeed.

Linnet for Muling (Midlothian).—There can be no question about a house moulted Linnet being best of all for tbe beginner to try muling with. Still, as I have frequently said, there is no reason why a steady, well-caged black-legged Linnet should not he equally successful at filling eggs. Everything depends on the disposition of the bird tried. Red-breasted Linnets are usually the worst one could select for muling purposes. Tbey are old males, and as a rule are not readily reconciled to existeuce behind wire bars.

Linnets Not Quite Well (New Beginner).—Give your Linnet, which is at times a "little hit puffed," a dose of sulphate of soda—as much as will lie on a shilling—dissolved in two tablespoonfuls of drinking water. Take his water away over night, and hang on the saline first thing next morning, taking it off again just after midday, and replacing with plain water. Let him have plenty of maw and teazle to eat. The one with watery excreta sbould also have plenty of the two latter seeds. Mix in its drinking water—quantity as above—a tiny pinch of eitrate of iron daily—say as much as will just lie on a threepenny-piece. Watch the effect of this on the bowels, and discontinue it as soon as the excreta is of normal consistency.

What Birds are They? (Bird-lover).—The "lively little birds wbich come and hang on pieces of fat hung in one's garden," with a lot of blue and yellow in their plumage and a "dark collar round their necks," are Blue Tits (*Parus cæruleus*). The other birds, which come and walk about during hard weather, with reddish breasts and yellow and white wings, are Chaffinches (*Fringilla cœlebs*).

Food of Goldfinches in Winter (F. M.).—When snow is on the ground, and the countryside is in the icy grip of King Frost, Goldfinches have to feed on whatever they can manage to discover in the way of weeds and seeds. They may then be seen in quite small parties, hunting along hedge-rows, over old patches of thistles, etc. In the beads of the latter, and especially the "mouldy" ones, some few seeds are usually to be found, and a few grubs as well. The teazle heads, too, are generally attacked freely only in severe weather, the difficulty of opening them no doubt accounting for tbese being left to the last. A friend and I bad a few days out in the country last week-end, when the conditions were simply terrible, as you can imagine, for bird life. Yet we found not a little food here and there available for Finches, in the shape of plantain, teazle, and other weed seeds, groundsel, etc. No douht where firs abound the Goldies, as you say, frequent these trees. They undoubtedly hunt in smaller parties, however, when very hard pressed for food. It is difficult to say what many birds do find to eat during periods of hard frost. We saw and watched, for instance, quite a number of beautiful Tree Creepers, apparently so fragile and delicate, diligently hunting the hark of the trees, and finding food there. It puzzles the unaided human eye to see that food, however,

Bullfinch Bald (No name).—I can only suggest that your Bullfinch is troubled with red-mite. If he is restless (especially at night), and frequently pecking and scratching amongst his feathers, you may rest assured that this is the case. You should then treat the bird and its cage on the lines recommended in CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL. Most birds rest on one leg; it is quite natural. Hints on feeding are given in another reply this week.

Concerning Goldfinch Mules (H. Deacon).—Your cock Goldfinch, which is so very tame, ought to make you a good Mule breeder this coming spring. As he is not house moulted, I do not advise you to pair him up (that is, run him with the hen expecting him to fertilise the eggs) before the beginning of April. Goldfinches are not naturally early breeders. He will he much more likely to produce you some youngsters when paired to a hen Canary than if paired to a hen Goldie. If you want a free-breeding hen, and aim at nothing higher than some pretty singing Mules, you cannot better a yellow Norwich hen, either clear or marked, as a partner for him. Get one as stoutly built as you can. If you want a hen which may possibly throw a light Mule, try a clear or ticked pink-eyed yellow Yorkshire, or a yellow Lancashire Plainhead. The latter would be the more expensive, but would be likely to throw the largest Mules. For the feeding see other replies this week. A living room (with, I suppose, people frequently moving about in it) is not so suitable for breeding purposes as a room where the birds can have thorough quiet. A cage 16 by 11 by 8, wired at front only, would be a very good one to keep a Chaffinch in. Many of these birds are in full song now (as the reports of the Chaffinch singing contests in our columns prove), but these are cage moulted examples. A newly-caught bird may not sing until the spring is well advanced, and not even then if he takes unkindly to cage life.

A Mixture (J. G.).—You could certainly keep a Siberian cock Goldfinch and Bullfinch, and a British cock Bullfinch and Linnet together in a good-sized flight cage. But half of a 46in. by 9½in. cage is not nearly sufficient room. Give them the entire use of the cage, and put your breeding pair of Budgerigars into another cage of equal size. Hints on feeding will be found in other answers this week.

Feeding a Chaffinch.—I have a young cock Chaffinch, and should like to know how to feed same. Does it possess a song? If so, when will it commence to sing?—REGULAR READER.

As a staple seed mixture give the following: Canary and teazle four parts, summer rape two parts, linseed one part, maw a quarter part. In addition, give plenty of white sunflower seed daily. Smashed walnuts (and other nuts) are greatly relished also, and should be given occasionally in the light of a special treat. Keep the proportion of linseed down during the hot weather, but give it more freely during and towards the end of the moult. Give a mealworm or two every day or so, varying same with flies, smooth caterpillars, grubs, earwigs, spiders, aphides, gentles, wasp grubs, etc., as obtainable. These birds are not particularly keen on green-food, but will nibble with appreciation a sprig of shepherd's purse, chickweed, groundsel, dandelion, etc.; radish, turnip, and summer rape seedlings are eagerly devoured, however, given when just sprouting. The constant use of the bath—pure cold water—is a great factor in producing that gloss or bloom so much admired. Let your bird, then, bathe freely. The peculiar "pink-pink" is the call note of this bird. Chaffinches in captivity sing all through the winter practically, and sing freely in a wild state as the breeding season approaches. I have heard them frequently in February. The beak goes blue at the approach of the breeding season, as the bird comes into breeding condition, and a bird with a blue beak can generally be depended upon as "in song," unless, of course, but newly caught. They have a nice song, though not very varied in character.

Breeding Mealworms.—(1) On what food must a Lark be fed? (2) How can I breed mealworms, and how many do they require per week? (3) When do they begin singing?—M. A. K.

Most of your incidental questions concerning the Lark and its feeding are answered in another reply this week. The Skylark sings practically all the year round. I was in the country last Monday when a thaw put in an appearance, and I heard and saw one singing, perched on top of a still frost-bound cabbage on an allotment garden. Yet only the previous day all the Larks thereabouts looked like to die through cold and privation. Your bird should sing, if a male, once he settles down to cage life. The method of starting a mealworm box I have often given in this column:—Get a Huntley and Palmer (or other) biscuit tin from a confectioner (about 2lb. size). Bore with a bradawl two rows of holes right round the sides at the top, within an inch of the lid. Cut four pieces of coarse sacking so that they will, when folded once over, drop flat into the tin, leaving about three-quarters of an inch space between each edge and the sides of the tin. Dry these thoroughly before the fire. Get a supply (pennyworth or so) of bran. Put a layer on the bottom of the tin, about an inch and a half thick. Put a folded piece of sacking on this. Then put another layer of bran; then another piece of sacking—and so on, arranging to fill the tin not more than three-parts full, and to have a piece of sacking at the top. Then turn a pint of mealworms (or as many as you feel disposed to invest in) into the tin. Put in a handful of fresh bran, occasionally, under the top layer of sacking. It takes about 12 months to get into full breeding swing—i.e., for the mealworms to turn into beetles, beetles to lay eggs in the folds of the sacking, eggs to batch, and young mealworms to mature. In the summer time it is often possible to buy a quantity of beetles from advertisers along with the worms, and one would save time by so doing. Many put beer-soaked rags (hung rags), dead birds, dog biscuits, bones, etc., in their mealworm boxes; but I never do so myself. Disturb the breeding box as little as possible, and always keep it in a fairly warm, dry place, such as a cupboard at the side of the fireplace. A Lark should have three or four mealworms daily (more if you feel inclined to give them), in addition to other live-foods as may he obtainable.

Concerning a Skylark.—What food shall I buy a Skylark? It has been fed on hemp seed and bread crumbs. What is a suitable cage? How long ought the bird to be before he sings? It has been caught four weeks.—J. SAUNDERS.

What is known as a "how-fronted Lark cage" is the most suitable for housing a Skylark. It is difficult to describe in words, but any cage-maker will know what you want by asking for the above. Buy the largest size he makes. If a male bird, your Lark should sing once he becomes well settled down to cage life; maybe he will open out at the first sign of spring-like weather. A simple stock food for Larks, which will keep for ever and a day (almost) when sealed in tins, and which any good corn-dealer or seller of birds' foods will mix for you, is:—Game (or pheasant) meal, four parts; meat meal, good ants' eggs and dried flies, one part each, by measure. Get the game meal without grit. If you have any difficulty in doing so, finely crushed puppy cakes make an excellent substitute. Damp quantity required for daily use with a little grated raw carrot or cold boiled potato, or finely chopped lettuce, chickweed, watercress, or other green-food in season, and add a teaspoonful of preserved egg-flake or half a hard-boiled egg twice or so a week. Give three or four mealworms daily, and any other insects you can lay hands on, especially spiders. Give seed in a separate vessel (not along with the soft food), about a teaspoonful of canary seed daily, with, for a change, crushed hemp, groats, maw, or rape. Let the bird have a fresh clover turf as often as possible. Cover the floor of cage with (or give in a deep pan) a mixture of fine road dust and sand, in which a teaspoonful of insect powder, or powdered sulphur, has been mixed. The bird will dust itself in this, which is a natural action, and necessary. It is a very excellent plan, too, to have a second drawer bottom to the cage, made of tin or zinc, which is run in occasionally filled with water, in which the bird will paddle, and so keep its feet in order. Or, and even better, it may be filled with very wet chickweed, over which the Lark will run. Hemp seed and bread crumbs form a wretchedly poor fare, which cannot be expected to keep any bird in health and song.

Hybrid or Mule (I. M.).—You appear to be unaware that Hybrid is the correct term to apply to any specimen bred as a result of the mating of two distinct species of birds. It does not matter in the least whether a Canary was or was not one of the said two distinct species; the progeny are Hybrids just the same. The word "Mule" is purely a fanciers' term—rightly only applicable to the animal resulting from the mating of a horse to a donkey. Still, it is certainly useful in the sense that it enables one to distinguish between young having a Canary for one parent and young bred between two British birds. Unfortunately, however, fanciers just as often term the latter "Mules" as the former. I think this will explain the matter.

What Bird (L.O.W.B.)—The bird you have observed frequenting the buru-side, which flies low when disturbed, and bears some resemblance to the Blackbird, is the Dipper. Goldsmith's Ring Ousel, a bird with a white ring round the neck, is really a Ring Ousel—that is to say, there is a British bird that rejoices in that name, and which is quite distinct from the Dipper. I understand a reasonably-priced work dealing with British birds in a state of nature is in course of preparation, which is likely to fill your needs. Keep your eye on our advertisement columns.

Linnet's Broken Claw (Novice).—If any of the broken claw is hanging on the toe it should be at once cut off with a pair of sharp scissors. Bathe the foot in fairly warm water, then, if there appears to be any gathering (collection of matter), prick the place with a needle and gently squeeze the matter out. Afterwards, again bathe the foot in warm water, then paint the place over with a little Friar's Balsam, using a small camel-hair pencil brush to do it with. It will quickly heal. I have no doubt the hurt claw is the cause of the bird keeping so much on the cage floor; that is only what one might expect. Still, the bird cannot be really seriously hurt, or he would not keep singing nearly all day long, as you say he does.

Enamelling Cages (Inquirer).—Any good brand of enamel, such as is sold by oil and colourmen, is suitable for use in cages. You cannot heat a very light (sky) blue shade of colour for both breeding and stock cages. Some fanciers size the insides of their cages before putting on the enamel. This may save one coat, but personally I prefer to let the enamel sink well into the wood, even if an extra coat (or even two) of enamel is necessitated. It makes a much better and more enduring job of it in the end. If the enamel is too thick, thin it out with a little turps, or whatever is recommended on the tin to be used for the purpose. It is advisable to use the enamel just a little thin for the first two coats. See that you lay it on evenly (not in "waves"), and let one coat dry before applying another. I always use a fair-sized flat camel-hair brush to apply it with.

Linnet now Moulting (Oblige).—There must have been something radically wrong with your housing or feeding of the Linnets to send them into moult at this unseasonable period of the year. You do not give me a single particular on the above points, however, so I have nothing to work on in trying to advise you. I can only tell you to keep them out of draughts, in an equable temperature, and wait patiently until the cross moult has run its course; it has been going on too long for you to hope to check it. Feed them as advised another querist this week. Add a half-teaspoonful of Parrish's Chemical Food to their drinking water daily for a fortnight. For food of Lark refer to another reply in this issue. You should try to gain the bird's confidence by talking to it whenever you go near its cage, and by offering it mealworms and similar dainties from your fingers, doing it very quietly.

Sex of Reed Buntings (Good Luck).—Reed Buntings are very easy to sex. The adult male has a most conspicuous black gorget, or large black patch on the throat; in the female this is absent. I have never seen a Bunting Hybrid personally, and cannot call to mind any well-authenticated case of such having been bred, though Yellowhammer-Canary and Yellowhammer-Linnet crosses have been claimed as bred. I should advise you to try the Reed Bunting and Yellowhammer mating; any progeny would be valuable, and pretty, too, I should imagine. Reed Buntings make acceptable aviary birds. An aviary 7ft. 6in. long by 4ft. wide will not hold many pairs of birds if you want them to breed—five or six couples, at the outside. A hen Bramble is all right to mate to a cock Chaffinch, though personally I prefer the sexes the other way about.

Red-breasted Linnet for Breeding (G. Clayton).—You will find the matter of breeding with non-house moulted birds fully dealt with in other replies this week. It is very easy to tell when a Linnet is in ripe breeding condition, for he then sings stoutly, and his beak turns a deep slatey-blue shade of colour.

Strange Notion Concerning a Song Thrush. (Huggy No. 2).—The tale your friend told you is, to put it bluntly, a ridiculous one. To say that you will lose at the next breeding season the Song Thrush you have bought, simply because he is not a hand-reared bird, is to talk nonsense. If the tale be true, a good many of us will need mourning clothes. If you feed him well on the lines advised by me, and give him a fair daily allowance of mealworms and other suitable live food, he should come into song as soon as we get some spring-like weather.

Lump at Side of Beak (Madge).—You do not describe the nature of the lump. If soft and filled with matter, prick it with a needle, gently squeeze out the matter, bathe it with warm water, then anoint with a little healing ointment—say, bazeline. If the lump is hard (solid) to the touch, apply a tiny smear of tincture of iodine daily with a small camel-hair pencil brush. Remember, just a touch only, and be careful it does not get in the bird's eyes, mouth, etc.

Squeaky Notes (C. P.).—"Squeaky and discordant" notes are part of the natural "music" of the Bullfinch, and, of course, you cannot do anything to "correct" them, as you put it. Complete separation alone will prevent your Canaries from acquiring the said notes, should they, that is, exhibit any tendency to do so. If they have already begun to copy them, they may quite likely forget the obnoxious notes once the Bullie is removed out of hearing. If not, I can only suggest that you introduce a Roller, when, in the endeavour to acquire his tours they may quite likely drop the other "accomplishment."

Zinc Bottoms for Sand Trays (Sanitary).—I can heartily recommend zinc bottoms for sand trays in the cages of insectivorous birds. But not without a covering of some kind or other. I use such myself, and have never had any fault to find with them, unless it be on the score of increase of weight, which, however, is really very trifling. I always give mine a coat of enamel. As a covering I do not object to either cocoanut-fibre, finely-teased-out peat moss litter, or very coarse-cut pine sawdust, having used all three with excellent results. Lay them down thickly. Zinc strikes one as likely to be cold without some sort of covering; besides, it would become very slimy owing to the excreta. Put sand and grit on for seed-eating birds. It is quite easy to tack the wood sides on to the zinc, holes being bored with a sharpened bradawl through the latter.

Bramblefinches, Chaffinches, and Greenfinches (Pink).—The correct stock seed mixture for Bramblefinches may be found in the reply to an enquirer re Chaffinches this week. The same diet suits both birds admirably. Mealworms are relished by them, and they may have two or three daily, or on alternate days, just as you like. Other live-foods, of course, in addition, according to season. With the addition of one part of hemp seed the mixture above-mentioned will be correct for a Greenfinch. But the latter bird must have about a dessertspoonful of sunflower seed daily, in a separate vessel, if possible.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S.

Show Cage for Cordon Bleus.—The wire front of my cage has a water hole, and I am afraid the birds will get out, though they have not done so yet. Can you say from particulars here with if it is safe to use?—W.L.

Unless I saw the cage it is impossible to give a definite reply but taking into consideration the maker of the cage (if he knew you required it for Cordon Bleus), I should say it was safe to use. However, on more than one occasion I have known small birds to escape through the water holes at shows. But you have a very simple remedy. Get a tin drinking-vessel with a sloping top which will cover up the water hole; these are made in the ordinary half-round type and in all sizes. The size of cage is very suitable.

Blue-Crowned Conures.—Thanks for reply. The birds are, approximately, 5in. over all, tail about 2in.; this is worn a little, it appears to have been pointed. Is it any use to advertise them at the figure named?—"SHEFFIELD."

I think you must have altogether under-estimated the size of your birds; there are three species to which your description as to colour might apply, as under:—The Sharp-tailed Conure (*Conuropsis acuticaudatus*). Its prevailing colour is green, slightly bluish on the breast; crown, lores, cheeks, and ear coverts blue; upper mandible whitish, lower dark horn; total length about 14in. The Blue-crowned Conure (*C. hæmorrhous*), prevailing body colour brightish green; forehead and crown blue; upper and lower mandibles whitish; total length about 13in. The Blue-crowned Parrakeet (*Tanygnathus luzonensis*). Body mostly green, washed yellowish on the under parts; crown, nape, and sides of face (this last variable), blue; some of the larger wing feathers and lower back, bluish; upper mandible red, lower orange; total length about 13in. I still believe your bird to be *C. hæmorrhous*, but I am wrong if your size is given correctly; if so, I am at a loss to name it. The size you give is only that of the Passerine Parrakeet, commonly known as the Blue-winged Lovebird. If you cannot fit your bird to one of the descriptions above, repeat query in full with as minute a description as possible. If it is the Blue-crowned it is worth the price I named in my previous reply. Is it smaller than the Cockatiel? I have not your previous query by me.

Pintail Nonpareils.—(1) Do these birds moult twice a year? I got mine August, 1905; it moulted completely April, and again in August, 1906. It is, however, in grand condition. Is this their breeding time? (2) What time do Zebra Finches moult? One of mine got plucked by a Weaver in October, and so far feathers are not renewed.—"RADIUM."

(1) The moult with these birds is a double one, but usually with a little longer period between than in your case. But little is known of the wild life of these birds, and their attitude when in this country (to them foreign climes) is very erratic as regards breeding arrangements; but so far (that is, as regards Europe, where they have successfully reared young on several occasions) they have chosen our summer. The fine and robust condition is responsible for the demeanour of your birds. (2) Autumn is the usual time, though with newly imported birds it is variable. I should say your bird has had his scalp damaged, and that, at any rate, on a portion of his head, the feathers will not grow again. I have had many similar cases in my aviary, but I have mostly found Weavers attack their own kind rather than other species. I have a Weaver in my aviary now that is always in perfect feather save for a bald patch on the back of the crown, where he was plucked by his fellows during importation.

Dealers and Popular Names.—(1) Are Pekin Nightingales and Robins the same bird under two names? (2) What is the size and colour of the Virginian Nightingale, and are they good songsters?—W.P.H.

(1) Pekin Robin, Pekin Nightingale, and Red-billed and Yellow-bellied Liotbrix, also Chinese and Japanese Nightingale and Robin, are all names referring to the same bird. (2) The Virginian Nightingale is a beautiful bird, fully as large as the English Starling. The general plumage of the adult male is a rich crimson; there is a narrow band of black above the upper mandible, and the throat is also of that colour. The female is much duller than her mate, and is mostly red-brown. Both sexes have crests, which they have power to raise and depress at will. As regards song, opinions vary, and while not classing it as a good songster, it is not to be despised in this respect; it has about six flute-like notes of good compass, which are rapidly uttered and repeated again and again; so that, take him altogether, he is a fine and handsome fellow, and altogether a desirable cage bird when he has once become tame. In a roomy outdoor aviary he is an object of great beauty, and being quite hardy can be left out of doors all the year round.

Rosella Parrakeets.—(1) What is their value? (2) What diet? (3) I keep it in a large Parrot cage, is that suitable?—"ROSELLA."

(1) 32s. to 35s. a pair. (2) Canary, millet, oats, hemp and sunflower, two parts each of the first three items and one part each of the two latter; well mix and let this be your staple food; ripe fruit, banana, apple grapes, etc.; greenfood, grit, cuttlefish, and water for drinking and bathing. (3) Yes, it should do well in your cage, especially if you can occasionally let it have a fly round your room. It is a hardy species, and lives out of doors all the year round in my aviary. The temperature of any ordinary living-room will he ample, but the bird must be protected from draught.

Breeding Budgerigars Outdoors.—I have put up an aviary 10 by 3 by 7 high. I intend keeping Budgerigars. What others can I keep with them, and how many? What is the right time to procure stock.—"BEGINNER."

Your aviary is rather narrow, but you will have no difficulty in breeding Budgerigars therein. You could put in the following: One pair each Green and Yel-

low Budgerigars, Cockatcels and Rosella Parrakeets, Grey Java Sparrows and Red Crested Cardinals. They would all settle down and breed ultimately, except tho Cardinals, which are very uncertain in this respect. As regards diet, supply them with a hopper of Canary and white millet in equal parts, and another of oats, hemp and sunflower seed; two parts each of oats, and one part each of the other kinds. Keep several pieces of cuttlefish hanging in the aviary, and regular supplies of greenfood, grit, and water for drinking and bathing. A little ripe fruit, apple, orange, etc., is also wholesome and appreciated. The above would suffice for all but the Cardinals; these must have, say, three mealworms per bird daily, also such spiders, beetles, etc., as you can capture. Birds from outdoor aviaries are regularly advertised in our columns, and such could be purchased and put in at once; but if you get newly-imported birds these must not be put out till May. Dry and crush what eggshells you have left from table and scatter same on aviary floor.

Another Feather Plucker.—Please adviso me how to treat this bird. I encloso full particulars of diet and treatment, but have not tried a collar yet.—A.L.

This matter is fully dealt with in another reply, to which I will refer you. I do not seo how you can improve your diet. See that it gets plenty of cuttlefish, also rotten wood, cotton reels, etc., to chew up; by all means try a collar and chain as already described; rub a little spermaceti ointment on all sore parts, and keep the bird warm and out nf draught. One or two of our large advertisers have recently put remedies for this trnuble on the market, and although I have not tried them myself, and so cannot speak from experience, it would be probably worth your while to give them a trial. This annoying habit is almost incurable once a bird becomes confirmed in it; however, with patienco and perseveranee it may be mitigated at any ratc

Budgerigars.—Is bread, soaked in boiling milk and then squeezed partially dry, harmful? So far, it appears to have acted beneficially, both with old and young, and tbey appear to cnjoy it more than seed —" STAR."

I shou'd not think of giving this to my birds, for one reason, that in hot weatber it is liable to go sour, and for another, these birds are better without slops at all. Budgerigara, in a state of nature, undoubtedly eat a good many insects, as well as the seeds of indigenous grain, etc., and milk would not be as harmful to them as to some species of Parrots. But this I do know, one of the finest strains of Budgerigars I have ever seen, better coloured, and fully as large as imported birds, were reared on Canary millet, oats, flowering grains, and other greenfood. It is quite orthodox treatment to give them bread soaked in water and then squeezed almost dry, but I believe them to be better without it.

King Parrakeets, etc.—(1) From your description my bird is a female. If I procure a male would they breed in a roomy garden aviary? Is it a fact that the young have the markings of a butterfly on the wing till two years old? What is the diet for a Solomon's Island Cockatoo?—D.B.V.

Therc is a very good prospect of these birds breeding in a roomy garden aviary, especially if you can let them have the enclosure to themselves; a brood of Kings would be worth rearing. They have been bred in captivity on one or two occasions in this country. They may make no attempt to do so the first year, but will most probably the following season, if they are left pretty well to their own devices. It is several years since I saw an immature bird of this species, and unfortunately I made no notes, and my memory only serves me that it resembled the female, and this is practically all the various ornithological works tell us on the subject. Diet your Cockatoo on a seed mixture of two parts oats and canary seed, and one part each of hemp, wheat, dari, and small Indian corn. Also plain biscuit, green food, ripe fruit, nuts, boiled potato and raw carrot. Keep up a regular supply of clear water, cuttlefish, and grit. A little boiled maize twice a week (it only keeps fresh one day); if your bird has been accustomed to this regularly the change to a drier diet must be made gradually, but a continuous supply of the seed mixture should be kept in the cage as its staple food. Do not give slops, messes, or table scraps.

Tiger Finches.—What is the correct diet and treatment? Will they breed in confinement? What nest do they reqnire? What extras are needed when they have young to feed?—J.H.

These beautiful little birds (really common Avadavats) are shy breeders in captivity; but they have bred in this country, and more frequently on the Continent. Put up a cocoa-nut shell nest at one end of the cage, and a flask-shaped rush nest at the other; supply a little moss, loose hay, and half-dried grass as nesting material. Diet:—Canary, white and spray millet, cuttlefish, green food, grit, and water. Grass in flower is greedily eaten and is very wholesome, also rose sprays, etc., that are covered with green fly or blight of any kind. When they have young in the nest they should also have a little crumbled and slightly damped sponge cake, also a few moistened ants' eggs. If your cage is a roomy one (say two feet long, and of the box type), there should be a reasonable chance of success if the nests are screened with heather sprays, etc., and not too much curiosity is evinced when you notice them nesting. The male in nuptial plumage is almost entirely fiery or coppery red, with a number of pure white spots.

Saffron Finches.—What is their food and treatment? Will they breed in captivity, and what do they require at this period?—J.H.

Saffron Finches are fairly ready breeders in captivity, and the present time is their natural breeding season; but in this country they mostly conform to our seasons. Being quite hardy, they may be kept out of doors all the year round. Diet:—Canary, white and spray millet, with a little rape, rice in the husk, and a pinch of maw seed occasionally. They are the better for getting two or three mealworms per bird daily, or such other insects as you can capture for them, or blighty foliage. When rearing young they reqnire a little of some good soft food mixture (several good ones are advertised in nur columns), and a little of this may be given once or twice a week all the year round. A pair in a roomy cage, kept in a room from which frost is excluded at night, will probably breed during the winter months.

Garden Aviary.—I am putting up a small aviary, 5 ft. by 2½ ft. by 5½ ft. high. Two-thirds of the front would be wire netting, the other portion, ends and roof, boarded. Would it be better to get the bird now and keep indoors till May? I want a pair of grey singing Finches. Would British Bullfinches agree with the foreigners?—NORMAN.

Your aviary is very narrow, and I can only advise some of the hardier species. Put up as many nest boxes and husks as the roof and walls will permit, seeing that they are a foot apart; also put up plenty of branches, but leave the portion opposite wire netting free from same, save against back wall. I should also recommend you to have a blind that could be put up in rainy weather (similar to a shopkeeper's sun blind); otherwise narrow aviaries like yours keep wet and damp for long periods at a time. If you keep it strictly clean you could put in half a dozen pairs. All the following would live out of doors all the year round:—Zebra and Ribbon Finches, Silverbills, and Grey Java Sparrows, with a pair of Bullfinches. This would about fill your space. If the Bullfinches build and hatch they must have a supply of chickweed, groundsel, lettuce, etc., fresh at least twice daily, or young will not be reared. Get the birds now, keep indoors in box-type cages, and put out in May; the forwardness or lateness of the season must be your guido in this respect.

Avadavats.—Have got a freshly imported pair of birds. Am keeping them warm in a large flight cage. Will they breed in such a cage? Is red millet good for them?—W. C. FREEMAN.

Note reply on Tiger Finches; it mostly covers the ground of your query. You are treating them rightly; a leaf of tender lettuce is very good for them at this season. Red millet I do not favour much, mostly pinning my faith to canary, white and spray millet. At times I give some of the small Indian millet, which is a brownish straw colour, and very similar to that in the sprays. On the treatment regularly advised in this column I have had these lovely little birds live eight years and longer.

Budgerigar Without Tail.—I bought a pair of these birds, and when I got home I found the hen had no tail. Do you think they are a true pair? I am thinking of getting two more pairs; please give me your advice.—CONSTANT READER.

I think the bird's tail was pulled out in catching, an easy mishap; if so it will soon grow again. It is always best, when starting, to get pairs from different sources; then their progeny are unrelated, and stock is not weakened by in-breeding. I should advise you to have one pair each, greens and yellows; it will give variety, and the young of the yellow variety would command a higher figure than the greens. I cannot gather how you are going to keep these birds—if in cages they must be roomy. In the aviary and also in the cage you must hang up at least double the number of cocoa-nut husks you have pairs of birds. Keep up a supply of grit, cuttlefish, and crushed egg shells. They will require little else than canary, white and spray millet, and green food. When they have young to feed, oats must be reguarly supplied, and a few of these once a week as a change at other times are very wholesome, but unless the birds have space to disport themselves only a few must be given or they will become too fat. The cere of the female is reddish buff; that of the male bright blue.

Amazon Parrot.—(1) My bird is very healthy, but has an overgrown beak. Shall I cut or file it? (2) Are Pekin Nightingales safe with small Finches, and what is their diet? (3) I have some young Diamond Sparrows. How can I tell the sex?—M. GIBBONS.

(1) The bird's beak will have to be either cut or filed to the normal size, but you must exercise care and not cut back too far. The remedy is plenty of wood, cotton reels, etc., for it to chew up, and a piece of cuttlefish continuously in the cage; sooner or later it will make use of same. (2) It all depends on the space; at the same time, I have never had one of these birds harm even the smallest Waxbill in their enclosure; their only drawback being that if nests are left unguarded at all they are fond of appropriating the eggs for their own sustenance. Diet:—Some good soft food mixture, ripe fruit, green food, and, say, three mealworms or other insects per bird, twice daily. (3) I am not aware of any outward sexual distinctions in immature birds. The adult female has a slightly narrower head than the male, and the base of her upper maudible is rose pink, remaindcr of same crimson; beak of the male is wholly crimsou.

Cockatoo.—Is salt in cooked vegetables (potatoes and carrots) likely to be harmful.—LOO.

I have never found the normal quantity of salt that is boiled with these vegetables harmful; in fact, I should say it was decidedly helpful, always supposing the quantity used was the normal one. Neither potatn nor carrot should be given in quantity; a couple of pieces, say an inch cube each, daily, should be ample, the idea being to give a varied and wholesome diet. The seed mixture advised in this column is the staple diet, the other items being supplementary.

Grey Parrot.—My bird is much better, and beginning to talk again. It still throws out much of the seed, and will not take the trouble to eat so much small seed; however, I am still giving it. —L. FOOT.

Glad to note your Parrot is recovering, and it should now do well if you carry out the treatment advised. As your bird objects to the small seed, try the following:—Oats and sunflower seeds one part each, and half a part each of hemp, dari, small Indian corn, and canary seed. My objection to packet foods is that there cannot be a general mixture for all species, and that some contain seeds which the birds are better without. At the same time you must not let your birds want for food.

What Parrot?—Herewith description of my bird; please name it for me. It is very tame, in good health, and speaks a few words. Are they good talkers? How must I feed? Should it have a bath?—J. T. JONES.

Your bird is the Rose-breasted Cockatoo (*cacatua roseicapilla*), a freely imported bird, and a very robust species, which in its own country (Australia) bears a good reputation for talking. An account was recently given in this paper of a bird with quite a large vocabulary, and you appear to have one which promises well in this direction. In this country, however, the majority of them do more screaming than talking; at the same time, they are droll and companionable birds. I cannot give you the plumage of the young from memory, and the books I have in my library do not state the same; will try and supply it in a later issue. These birds will do well on the diet regularly recommended for the Grey Parrot (see other replies in this and recent issues). Do not give sops, slops, or table scraps of any kind. A bath should be offered on genial days, at this season of the year, once a week; if it will not bathe it should be sprayed (use a fine sprayer) with chilled water. It must be kept in a warmish corner, and out of draught till dry.

Blue-fronted Amazon.—I got my bird three weeks ago; it is a big fine bird. How can I tell its sex, and whether it is old or young?—NO NAME.

I shnuld say you have a male. The sexual characteristic and distinctions of this freely imported species are none too well known, though most naturalists and anthorities are agreed that the male has a longer beak, which is broader at its base than that of the female; but this is a distinction which can only be told by comparison, and will not, I fear, help you much. The cere of the adult male is black, and the iris of the eye varies from orange-red to yellow; the undoubted immature birds that I have had the opportunity of examining have all had the cere yellowish, slightly tinted with black, and the iris quite palish yellow. Being a hardy and robust species, once they are acclimatised they will thrive in the temperature of any living room, and only need protecting from draught. Diet the bird as regularly advised in this column.

Grey Parrot Dying.—The bird seemed all right at first, save for gaping, grinding its mandibles together, and appearing to have something wrong with its throat; just after the fourth week it lost the use of legs, and though I treated it according to dealer's directions it died. I returned to dealer and decided to have a post-mortem, but dealer had burnt the body.—G. PEACOCK.

Your bird died from Septicœmia, a prevalent and contagious disease among newly imported greys. They become contaminated during the insanitary conditions of the voyage to this country. Almost the only treatment is warmth and quiet, and a soothing aperient to clear the bowels, with as simple a diet as possible. You must well clean your cage before using it for another bird. Paint it over with neat paraffin, see that all crevices are searched by same; let it stand for a couple of days, then thoroughly swill out with boiling water and finally with cold; dry in the open air, and it should then be safe for use.

Parrot with Diarrhœa.—My bird seems to suffer from chronic diarrhœa, though fed as advised in CAGE BIRDS. It has never moulted, though I have had it two years. It is now very mopy, dull, and seems always thirsty.—F.M.W.

Give it three drops of tasteless castor oil on a piece of sponge cake or sweet biscuit, and every other day (for a month at least) colour its drinking water with Parrish's chemical food. Keep warm and quiet, and its cage strictly clean. Do not leave the drinking water in cage, but let it satisfy its thirst three times a day. Any time the bird appears weak two or three drops of either brandy or whisky will be helpful, but should not be given regularly. Keep it in your warmest room and in the snuggest corner, at the same time not where the air is stagnant. Take the opportunity of the first genial and warmish day to lightly spray it with chilled water, say about midday, and then place it near (but not too near) the fire to dry. Chronic cases such as yours do not always yield quickly, but there should soon be a change for the better, unless it is a case of the bird's liver being hopelessly diseased.

GENERAL.

Answered by the EDITOR.

Photo of Bird Room (E. R.).—Will endeavour to hunt this out.

Wild Bird Note (W. C. Freeman).—Thanks. Always pleased to hear from you.

Plate of Chat, Redstart, etc. (Bobbin).—This can he sent you on receipt of a sixpenny postal order.

Photo of Aviary (W. F. Buzza).—We fear you cannot scan your "C.B." carefully This was acknowledged before,

Egremont Show (R. Moffat, Jun.).—Sorry letter was overlooked last week.

What to do (John Hendry).—Read our rules and follow our advice for the future, to only buy birds through the deposit system.

Name of Town Misspelt (J. E. Watts).—The Post Office people deserve credit. Glad the paper reached you safely, and that you liked it so well.

Chester Experience (S. Wootton).—Write out a plain unvarnished statement of your grievances and send it to tho secretary of the Cage Bird Union.

Suggestions and Approval (John Kay).—Your several remarks have been noted with pleasure and your suggestions will be adopted as far as possible.

Soldiers' Clothes (Salmon).—If you apply to the Stores Department, War Office, Pall Mall, London, S.W., you will be supplied with the desired information.

Societies Affiliated (A. S. Treasure).—Your idea is a very good one. It had not occurred to us, but we will get into touch with the hon. secretary on the point.

Pedigree Book (Wearsider).—A breeding register is issued every year with our Annual. We believe Mr. W. Rudd, of Norwich, can supply a pedigree book such as you seem to require.

"Prose" Competition (Constant Reader).—We presume you mean "verse" competition. We do not mind the post-card being enclosed in an envelope, but there must not be more than one post-card.

Photo and Letter (Mrs. Alice Bleach).—Your extremely kind letter greatly interested us. We hope to continue to deserve your approbation, and wish you and your husband every success during the coming season.

Answer to Querist (John F. Morrison).—It is against our rules to allow our experts to receive "private" letters through our columns. The bird you offer our querist should be advertised. Sorry we cannot oblige you.

Complete List of Shows (J. G. Kennedy-Megaw).—There is no complete list published, nor would it be possible to give an absolutely complete list, but our show dates fixed column comprises all the most important open fixtures.

Pair Show (Londoner).—We do not send special representatives to provincial pair shows, and we quite fail to see that London deserves preferential treatment in this matter. Any report sent to us by headquarters will be published with pleasure.

Surplus Birds (R. Middleton).—This man has been stopped from advertising in CAGE BIRDS, but we cannot prevent him from writing to advertisers on the lines you indicate, and unless amounts are deposited with us, there is no safeguard against such a proceeding.

Dead Bird (J. Mack).—If you will kindly read our Post Mortem rules, at the end of the Query columns, you will see it plainly stated that dead birds must not be sent to this office, but direct to Mr. J. North, accompanied by the necessary fee. Your bird had to be relegated to Thomas, the cat.

Claimed, though Absent (A. W.).—It is a most extraordinary—probably unique—case. We think, however, that if you entered a bird at a certain price at a show, this bird could be claimed at catalogue price, even though, owing to certain circumstances, it were absent from the said show. In that case, of course, the buyer would be entitled to his bird.

Plain Seed (J. T.).—Your interpretation of the rule is quite correct. Where the Palace Show Schedule states "Exhibitors in the Canary and Mule classes must only put plain seed in the bottom of their cages," it refers to plain Canary seed. This certainly does not mean, however, that after judging is over only plain Canary seed will then be given the birds to eat. All birds will have the attentions of expert fanciers.

REIGATE.

Held in the Public Hall, Reigate (Surrey), on January 23rd and 24th. Not at all a bad room for a show, being nicely lighted and comfortable. Our section mustered very well, considering competition was confined to four counties, being about the best seen in Reigate, and it attracted and pleased the visitors, who attended in good numbers. The Norwich were a nice lot, and well worth looking over, Messrs. Allen, Morris, Spinner, Ellis and Cozier putting down a few beauties. The Yorkies were a good lot, too, and the winning buff secured the Members' Challenge Cup for its owner, Mr. Green. Other fanciers who had down some grand, typical specimens were Messrs. Parrott, Southgate, Greenfield, Hall and Jupe. Mr. Green made the show more than usually attractive with a fine team of Lancashires and Lizards. The British were an eye-opener—36 Goldfinches and 24 Bullfinches, besides a lot more beautiful specimens. We never before saw so many birds of high merit here. The exhibits had suitable attention paid them by a band of good fanciers, at their head being Mr. W. R. Eames, a very able and courteous gentleman, who makes them a good Secretary. Mr. Kingswell, the assistant Secretary, is likewise a hard-working and capable official. Mr. J. Robson judged.

NOR. P'HEAD, YELL. (10): 1, spl, Allen; 2, vhc, Morris; 3, Spinner; 4, Burton; hc, Collins; c, Kilby. BUFF (12): 1, Ellis; 2, Morris; 3, Cozier; 4, Allen; vhc, Kilby; hc, Jupe; c, Spinner. YORKS. YELL. (7): 1, vhc, Parrott; 2, Southgate; 3, Arnold; 4, Greenfield; hc, Green; c, Stanford. BUFF (9): 1, challenge cup, 2 spls, Green; 2, Greenfield; 3, 4, vhc, Parrott; hc, Arnold; c Southgate. BRED 1906 (10): 1, 3, Hall; 2, Jupe; 4, hc, Parrott; vhc, c, Green. CREST (6): 1, spl, Miss Gordon; 2, 3, Johnson; 4, Mrs. Haysom; vhc, Gale; hc, Jenner. C.B. (4): 1, 2, Johnson; 3, Gale; 4, Mrs. Haysom. LANCS. COPPY (5): 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, Green. PLAIN. (5): 1, spl, 2, 3, 4, vhc, Green. A.O.V. (12): 1, 2 spls, 2, 4, Green; 3, hc, Baker; vhc, c, Ellwood. SELL. 20s. (17): 1, spl, 3, vhc, hc, Green; 2, Jupe; 4, vhc, Philpot; vhc, Collins; hc, Kilby; c, Parrott, Jenner. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (36): 1, spl, Vincent; 2, vhc, Carrier; 3, Herbert; ex. 3, Hicks; 4, Spinner; ex. 4, Wickham; vhc, Sandy; hc, Arnold, Jupe; c, spl, Mrs. Wilcox. BULLFINCH (24): 1, spl, Hicks; 2, 3, vhc, Jupe; 4, Higgins; vhc, Penncils; hc, Johnson, Powell; c, Mitchell. LINNET OR REDPOLL (14): 1, spl, Skinner and Pankhurst; 2, 3, Franeis; 4, Wickham; vhc, Gallard; hc, Johnson; c, Arnold. A.O.V. HARD (21): 1, 3, Francis; 2, Sandy; 4, Ellis; vhc, Penncils; hc, Cocq, Lean and Son; c, Durrant. SOFT (7): 1, spl, 3, Lean and Son; 2, vhc, Francis; 4, Carter; hc, Ledbitter; c, Moores. FOR. SMALL (7): 1, Grimshaw; 2, 4, Botting; 3, Miss Hyett. LARGE (3): 1, spl, Miss Gordon; 4, Mrs. Whitmore; vhc Coussens.

At a meeting of the Bradford East O.S., on January 22nd, the President of the Society, Mr. E. Suddards, kindly promised to give two gold medals to be competed for by the members. These and another gold medal promised by a friend, along with about £4 in money specials, will be competed for at the five members' shows to be held during the year 1907, for most points in the champion and novice sections. This society is making splendid headway, for it has already reached the respectable total of 30 members. All fanciers heartily invited to join us. Subscriptions 3s. per annum, entitling them to compete for all the society's specials.—H. HILL (Hon. Sec.)

Treat for Manchester Fanciers.

I would like to call the attention of Manchester and neighbouring fanciers, writes Mr. Lythgoe, to the visit of the M. and N. C.O.S. to the Owen's College Museum, when part of the Dresser collection of birds will be shown. This collection, I understand, is one of the finest in existence, having something like 10,000 examples, and containing a specimen of the male and female, young, nest and eggs of almost every European bird. The museum and demonstration is open to the public, and we have induced the director to undertake a demonstration on the smaller British birds. We hope as many fanciers as possible will attend, with their wives and friends. The museum is open at 7 p.m., the lecture commencing at 8 p.m.; date, Feb. 6th.

Interesting Softbills Britishers.

At Reading Show, on January 30th, writes P. F. M. Galloway (Caversham), I am showing some very uncommon Softbills, which I think will be very interesting to the general public. One of these Softbills is a species that has never been shown—viz., a grand Nightjar, reared from the nest at four days old. It is in perfect condition, and is probably the only one of its species in captivity. I am also showing the rare Great Grey Shrike, which was caught in Scotland; also a grand bearded Tit, a Swallow, Treecreeper, two golden-crested Wrens, Black-cap Warbler, Jenny Wren, Long-tailed Tit, Meadow Pipits, Reed Bunting, and others, all picked specimens, kept expressly for Reading Show; and I am showing also a handsome pied Linnet. The Nightjar will be fed several times during the show, so as to afford the public a chance of seeing the enormous mouth of this bird, the bill being ridiculously small for the large size of the bird, and the mouth enormous. When being fed the mouth opens right beyond the huge eyes—in fact, the head would appear to open in half.

EXHIBITOR'S DISASTER.

MR. MAXWELL SUFFERS A SAD MISFORTUNE.

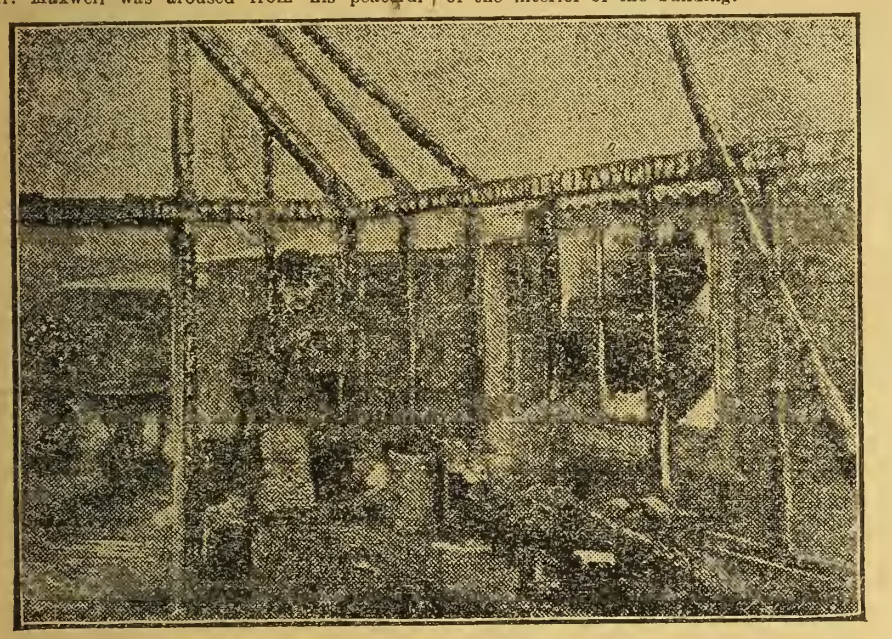
Midnight Blaze at Brixton causes the Loss of Bird-room and close on a Hundred Birds Valued at over £250.

A shocking misfortune has befallen that well-known British bird fancier and champion exhibitor, Mr. C. T. Maxwell, of Brixton. The whole of his valuable avicultural collection, and most of his extensive and elaborate aviaries were destroyed by fire just after midnight on the evening of Wednesday, January 23rd. Mr. Maxwell underwent the harrowing experience of witnessing his pets suffer a terrible death without being able to do anything to save them.

WHOLESALE DESTRUCTION.

Mr. Maxwell's extensive aviaries, photographs of which are shown in No. 2 of "The Bird World," were heated to a congenial temperature by hot-water pipes of the pattern used for heating an ordinary conservatory, there being a small stove and flue pipe outside the building. Owing to the severity of the weather the fire had been stoked up at 11 p.m., prior to Mr. Maxwell retiring for the night, and everything was then in perfect working order, as it had been for the past ten years, our friend feeling that he had done all in his power to protect his pets from the cold and for their comfort. A few minutes after midnight Mr. Maxwell was aroused from his peaceful slumbers by a neighbour, who gave him the unwelcome news that his birdhouse was ablaze. Hurriedly putting on a few clothes he hastened to the building where he had spent many happy hours, only to find it well alight. The alarm was given, and pending the arrival of the fire-engines—five of which were soon on the scene—he attempted to enter the aviary and rescue some of his treasures, but the high wind, however, had fanned the flames to such an extent that in a few moments after the fire was first discovered, 12.15, it became evident that any attempt to enter the building would be attended by great personal risk, as everything seemed to be blazing furiously, the glass cracking and falling in all directions. That everything was doomed quickly became apparent, and what was most painful to Mr. Maxwell was the knowledge that the birds he had cared for so well were being roasted alive. On their arrival the firemen soon got to work with the hose, and directed their efforts to the back of the aviary, in the hope of saving some part of it, but this was found impossible, the flames having too great a hold; even, aided by the strong wind, were threatening the adjoining premises. The tall trees, which had for so many summers protected the ill-fated birdhouse from the rays of the sun, were well alight, and to give an idea of the ferocity of the blaze the upper branches of a large poplar tree two gardens off caught fire, and the hose had to be directed upon it. The charred branches can now be plainly seen. In about an hour from the discovery all that remained of the birdhouse containing close upon a hundred birds, many expensive cages, indoor aviary, etc., was a heap of blackened timbers, twisted cage wires, and broken glass. A glance at the accompanying photograph, taken from the inside, will convey to the reader some idea of the extent of the calamity. Here and there are the remains of breeding-cages, burned and charred almost beyond recognition, although in some cases the porcelain feeders remain intact. In one cage (or perhaps it would be more correct to say the "remains," for there is just a part of the back of a cage, with a couple of well-burned perches and part of the bottom remaining) I noticed a blackened heap—on closer inspection I saw by the yellow beak that it was the poor charred body of what was once a very fine Blackbird, and the proud winner of more than one prize. In another spot I saw the head and part of the body of a cock Cirlbunting, the yellow head feathers and a few brown back feathers being still distinguishable. What struck me as a curious incident was that a cage label, which had done duty on the front of a Fineb show cage at the late South Metropolitan Show, held at Camberwell, should have escaped and the class number be still readable, while the back of the cage was badly burnt. At the back of the main building, where there was a fairly large flight aviary which had housed many notable winners, I noticed on the floor what I fancied was a bird, and, on picking it out from the twisted wire of the front of the flight, I found it to be the body of a Linnet-Bullie, which was intended to do battle at the forthcoming Crystal Palace Show.

Owing to the direction of the wind the two outdoor aviaries escaped, the Chough aviary on the left without a burn, and the one on the right with a slight scorching. The latter only contained a few birds of little value, and the occupants of the former were the Chough and the Magpie, which will be seen perched on its owner's hand to the left of the photograph of the interior of the building.



[*Photo by Davies and Thornton, Balham.*

The ruins of Mr. Maxwell's splendid aviaries at Brixton, destroyed by fire last week. The disconsolate owner with one of the solitary survivors, a Magpie, in the background.

So far as he can gather the fire seems to have been caused by the stove pipe that enters the house becoming very heated, and so firing the woodwork, the overheating being caused chiefly by the force of the wind.

A LOSS KEENLY FELT.

Asked how he felt his loss, Mr. Maxwell said he had been in the habit of spending many hours daily with his birds, and their loss to him was indescribable, and he felt the loss of his daily duties in his aviary very keenly; to use his own expression—he felt like a fish out of water, as it were. The pecuniary loss amounted to close upon £250, which, in itself, would be enough to damp the ardour of many fanciers, but the loss of the birds was what he felt most, as it had taken him many years to get his grand collection together, apart from the great expense he had gone to in purchasing them; for before he made up his mind to buy a bird it had to be very much above the average specimen of its species or it was politely, but firmly, declined, and once it was declined the would-be seller would find it very difficult to persuade Mr. Maxwell into purchasing. Asked as to his future career as an exhibitor, Mr. Maxwell said he certainly did not intend to give up the Fancy, but it would necessarily take him a long time to get together a collection equal in quality to the one he had just lost. Almost every bird he had was in the pink of condition, and fit to win in the keenest competition. The two Blue-headed Wagtails were simply perfection, and were as tame as one could possibly wish—one of them was shown on the front page of CAGE BIRDS a few months ago, after having taken 1st at Dulwich Show. Another bird he much regretted losing was the charming little Golden-crested Wren, which was in all probability the only cage-moulted specimen living. In spite of the severe weather of late it was in perfect health, and quite content with its quarters, which were a large flight cage. It would feed from hand, and owing to its confiding ways was not only a great favourite with Mr. Maxwell, but also with his mother, who also felt the loss very keenly. Another bird he could not replace was the Yellow-bunting, which had secured a first prize every time shown by its former owner; had secured 1st at the Horticultural Hall, and several 2nds for himself. It was about the tamest specimen of the Yellow Bunting he had ever had, and was a splendid exhibition bird, being well marked, and having plenty of size and colour. His Bullfinch was also a big winner, and for a cage-moulted bird possessed a lot of colour. Among the first to perish were a sweet pair of the beautiful yellow-winged blue Sugar Birds. These were out of colour when purchased some months ago, but were at the date of the fire almost in full colour and looked very charming, and their owner held a very favourable opinion of their chance at the "Big Glass-house." Then, again, there were the pair of rare Violet-eared Waxbills, winners of 1st at Dulwich, 3rd L.C.B.A., etc. The Quail Finches were also looking very fine, the cock taking 1st at Camberwell only a short time ago. Another rare specimen was the Racquet-tailed Whydah. Great difficulty was experienced in obtaining a specimen of this rarely-imported bird. Amongst the Hybrids a sweet little Siskin-Goldfinch perished.

MR. MAXWELL'S FUTURE PLANS.

As to how he proposes to replenish his stock Mr. Maxwell said it was a little premature to say exactly what he intended doing, but he should exercise just as much care in selecting the best specimens in the future as he had done hitherto, and simply have to wait until the opportunity arises for buying a prospective winner. The insectivorous birds he would have to wait for until the spring was more advanced and the migrants reappeared. He would then possibly be able to secure a few choice specimens.

Asked as to his intentions on the question of rebuilding, he said the aviary that had just been destroyed had cost him something like £60 to build, and for various reasons he did not propose putting up such a substantial structure again, but would, as soon as possible, have another aviary erected, probably on the old site. Still, whatever he did, he would take ample precautions against a repetition of what had just occurred.

In answer to my query concerning the forthcoming Crystal Palace Show, he said he hoped to make a few entries, but, of course, the time was so short that they would be very limited, but doubtless would include the two survivors, who do not at present appear in the least depressed by the fate of their companions.

The number of victims is close upon 100, and their value at a very low estimate would be at least £150. The following is, we believe, a complete list of the birds destroyed.

Eleven Goldfinches, some of which had been in Mr. Maxwell's possession several years, and were mule breeders as well as winners. Amongst them is the 4th prize bird at the last February Palace Show, and 2nd West London, and 2nd at South Metropolitan Shows this season. Many of them were winners either in their present or former owner's hands.

Bullfinch, 1st L.C.B.A., 2nd Dulwich, 2nd L. and P.O.S., 1st South Metropolitan this season.

Two Hen Bullies, one the Watford winner—a splendid bird—the other laid in a cage last breeding season.

Five Linnets, including 2nd L.C.B.A. in October last.

Three Twites, including the winner 1st South Metropolitan, 1st West London, 2nd Dulwich, 2nd L.C.B.A.

Four Chaffinches, including the L. and P.O.S. winner, 1st Crystal Palace, etc.

One Grand Siskin, 1st Camberwell.

Three Redpolls; all good specimens and in finest possible condition.

Two Yellowbuntings, winners 1st L.C.B.A., Earl's Court, 1905, 1st L.C.B.A. 1906, both in open and members' classes, 3rd West London, etc.

One very fine Reedbunting, 2nd L.C.B.A.

Two Greenfinches, both big winners, and one bred a very promising light mule last season.

One Snowbunting, two Brambles, two Hawfinches, one of which was a big winner in other hands, and had been purchased at a large figure.

Two Cirlbuntings, one 1st at Palace, 1904; the other a very fine bird.

One Linnet-Bullie; winner, but unshown this season.

One Siskin-Goldie. Light Greenfinch-Canary, bred by its owner and very light. Mr. M. had great hopes of this bird.

One Goldcrested Wren, 1st L.C.B.A.

Two of the finest Blue-headed Wagtails in the possession of any exhibitor. In saying this I know I am making a bold statement, but when one considers that these birds are scarce, and these were the finest specimens for colour and size, I don't think I am far wrong. One was 1st Dulwich and 1st Camberwell, only times shown.

One Yellow Wagtail, one Grey, an old champion.

One sweet little handreared Treecreeper—the pick of a large number.

One Lesser Whitethroat.

One Treepipit, 1st L.C.B.A., besides other awards. Those who saw it will, I think, agree with me it will be a difficult matter to replace it with one as good.

One Redbacked Shrike, perfect feather and very tame; one pair of Bearded Tits, the pick of a large number; one Long-tailed Tit; one Reed Warbler, the bird that was shown on the front page of CAGE BIRDS in 1906; one Redstart, of exceptional size and colour; two Blackbirds, one the old champion; one Thrush; one Skylark.

The Foreign birds I have already mentioned, and these, with close upon a dozen Canary hens, all well-bred birds, about completes the list of deaths. Another big item in the loss account is a very large and valuable stock of cages, estimated in the aggregate to be worth, at least, £50.

Mr. Maxwell is not at all superstitious, but in view of what has occurred a remark made by his brother a few days before the fire has set him wondering whether there is any truth in the superstition that 13 is an unlucky number. He had 13 birds in the flight aviary in his birdhouse, and this number remained and were burned to death.

I am sure all his many fancier friends will join me in expressing sincere sympathy with Mr. Maxwell in the calamity that has befallen him so unexpectedly, and hope that he may not find the task too difficult to get together another collection as good, if not better, than that which has met such an untimely end—for we must remember the old, but true, saying—"there are as good fish in the sea as have ever been caught."—S. A. SANDY.

BATH.

Second Annual Members' Show of the Bath and Dis. F.A., January 24th. Cage birds were staged in a room by themselves, but the weather being so cold the birds looked scarcely at their best, which made it very difficult to judge them. The President, Mr. Tom Stone, is an enthusiastic fancier, and looked well after the wants of the judges. Mr. H. Turtle, the hon. sec., is also most capable and obliging, and great credit is due to him for the manner in which the arrangements were carried out. Entries numbered 100. Cup for the best British Hardbill (to be won twice) was won for the first time by Mr. S. Jones, sen., with his Hawfinch. Mr. S. E. Jones, jun.'s Bullfinch pressed hard and took special for second best British. Special for best Canary was carried off by a lady novice member, with a nice Yorkshire. Mr. W. G. Bull (Bristol) judged, and his awards met with general approval.

NOR. PLAIN. YELL.: 1, 2, 3. Taylor, first nice quality, good sound colour, short wings and tail, second larger bird, fails quality and shortness of tail and wings, third could have been higher, only had broken tail feathers; vhc, Follwell. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Taylor, first nice type and colour, well frosted, second not so cobby, flatter head, third good size, not the quality of former. YORKS. YELL.: 1, 2, vhc, Andrews and Biss, first typical Yorkie, good wings and tail, second longer, crosses wings a bit and pinched on neck; 3, hc, c, Mardling, nat. col., nicely drawn, wide in tail. BUFF: 1, spl, 2, 3, vhc, Andrews and Biss, first long wing-marked buff, grand quality, neat waist, second not so stout as first, third gone in neck, soap not got out; hc, c, Mardling. A.V. HEN: 1, Follwell, buff Nor., good feather and colour, nice head; 2, vhc, c, Andrews and Biss, yell. Yorks., long and racy; 3, hc, Taylor, third fair quality buff Nor. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Fenwick, Bor., first good quality and colour, second better bird, only wanted to be introduced to "Sunlight." A.V. CAN., NOVICE: 1, 2, Follwell, first and spl, and spl best Can., yell. Yorks., marked wings and head, grand quality, nice waist and back, stands well, third yell. Nor., good even colour, short wings and tail; 2, vhc, Brain, second yell. Nor., grand quality, good wings and tail, nice type, deserves his place. BRIT. GOLDFINCH: 1, vhc, S. E. Jones, first square-cut blaze, good bright colour, nice wing bars and buttons, grand polish; 2, hc, S. Jones, nice shape, beautiful tanning; 3, Follwell, not equal in size of blaze or tanning, not house moulted; c, Mead. BULLFINCH: 1, 2, spl, 2nd spl best Brit., S. E. Jones, first grand size, Bristol and Cheltenham winner, enough said, second hardly so bright in colour or such good wing bars; 3, Andrews and Biss, not so much size or so steady, field moulted; vhc, Gibbous; hc, Mead; c, Russell. Bath people seem to know where to find Bullfinches. There were grand birds in this class. LINNET: 1, S. E. Jones, well staged and polished, nicely pencilled, stands well away; 2, Sumsion, good type, not quite the finish nor so well pencilled as winner; 3, S. Jones, fails somewhat in colour and marking; vhc, c, Russell; hc, S. Jones. SISKIN: 1, 2, S. E. Jones, first colour-fed, good laced cap, colour and wing bars, second good colour, close up; 3, S. Jones, grandly laced cap, good wing markings, has flights out or could have been higher; vhc, hc, Langley and Son. REDPOLL, ETC.: 1, S. Jones, grandly marked and coloured Redpoll, well staged; 2, vhc, Russell, second large Twite, rather dark, nicely pencilled, not so close in feather; 3, Mead, beaten in colour by winner, nicely staged; hc, c, Mardling. MULE: 1, Gibbons, fair size buff Linnet Mule, nice condition; 2, 3, Francis, second buff Goldie Mule, third yell. Linnet Mule, good colour, rather wild; vhc Sheppard. BRIT. A.O.V.: 1, spl, cup, S. Jones, grand Hawfinch, feathered like wax and shines like glass, wins hands down, well staged, deserves all he gets; 2, Owen, good size Greenfinch, nice shape and colour; 3, S. E. Jones, Bramble, rather dark on head, fair spangling on back; vhc, c, S. Jones; hc, Gibbons. SELL., 10s. 6d.: 1, 2,, vhc, Taylor; 3, hc, c, Andrews and Biss. FOR., A.V.: 1, Gillen, Blue-fronted Amazon, grand colour, perfect plumage, wins; 2, Mrs. Fishlock, Alexandrian Parrakeet, good colour, sound tail and wings, caused much amusement by his vocabulary; 3, Mrs. Mason, Grey Parrot, nice silver shade of colour; vhc, Mrs. Mason; c, Andrews.

HOYLAND AND DIS. O.S.

The above Society held its 7th annual Members' Show at the Queen's Head Hotel, on January 5th, when some birds of great merit were staged. Mr. A. H. Waters won the Kelly Cup for the best unflighted bird with his clear yellow. Mr. W. Evans' ticked yellow Yorkshire being the runner-up. Mr. F. Taylor (Skelmanthorpe) judged, and gave every satisfaction. J. Warrender secretary. YELL. YORKS.: 1, 2, Oakley; 3, Robinson; vhc, A. Taylor; hc, Dewhurst and Thompson. BUFF: 1, Whitingham; 2, vhc, Oakley; 3, T. Taylor; hc, Dewhurst and Thompson. YELL. HEN: 1, Oakley; 2, Evans; 3, c, Dewhurst and Thompson; vhc, hc, T. Taylor. BUFF: 1, 3, Whitingham; 2, hc, Dewhurst and Thompson; vhc, A. Taylor; c, F. Ottley. UNFLI. YELL.: 1, W. Evans; 2, F. Ottley. BUFF: 1, 3, Oakley; 2, Dewhurst and Thompson; vhc, hc, Ottley. CINN.: 1, 2, Dewhurst and Thompson. NOR. YELL.: 1, Robinson; 2, 3, Waters; vhc, Evans. BUFF: 1, 2, Waters; 3, vhc, Robinson. YELL. HEN: 1, 3, Waters; 2, Robinson. BUFF: 1, 2, Waters; 3, Robinson. UNFLI. YELL.: 1, cup, 2, Waters. BUFF: 1, Waters; 2, 3, Robinson. MULES OR HYB.: 1, J. Watkin. LINNET: 1, 2, Robinson; 3, vhc, c, Watkin and Vaines; hc, J. Watkin. GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, W. Evans; 2, Robinson; 3, B. Key. A.O.V. BRIT.: 1, Watkin and Vaines; 2, W. Evans. NOVICE YORKS.: 1, 2, 3, A. Taylor; vhc, hc, Finchim. NOR.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, Guest. NON-FED YORKS.: 1, 2, 3, Dewhurst and Thompson. NOR.: 1, Johnson; 2, Robinson.

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LUTON.

The Third Exhibition of the Luton and District Fur and Feather Society, January 24th. The Plait Hall is very suitable for a large show, being spacious, with a capital top light. It was excellently warmed, and in every way the comforts of exhibits were well catered for. The show was well patronised, large numbers being present during the afternoon and evening. Cage birds were under the capable management of such well-known fanciers as E. Bloomfield, W. Sapwell, F. Webb, J. Ward, and others. Messrs. Sell and Bent acted as Hon. Secretaries, and came through their task with every credit. Mr. J. Robson judged. Many well-known champions were on view, the quality throughout being A1. Especial mention must be made of the Goldfinch, Bullfinch and Mule classes.

NOR. CL. OR TICK. YELL. (10): 1, Brooks, clear, very warm in colour, rare size, lovely quality; 2, Battison, has very nice head, short flights and tail; 3, Miss Thomas, smart appearance, not quite equal in colour to first and second; 4, Markham, one of the biggest and best only needed a wash to have been higher; vhc, Thomas; hc, Wilmot; c, Thomas. BUFF (12): 1, Battison, rare bloom, full of quality, excels in head, wings and tail; 2, Ward, beaten only in head, nicely rounded chest, short flights and tail, grand type; 3, Ling, paler, grand head and body; 4, 5, Brooks, fourth marked on head, nice quality, well worth its position, with tight as wax, a real Nor. throughout, nicely marked on wings, good colour; vhc, Horwood; hc, Miss Thomas; c, Markham. BRED 1906 (9): 1, Midgley, wing mark. yell., excellent type, lovely quality; 2, Battison, orange buff, excellent colour, short flights and tail; 3, vhc, Cooper, stouter than second, nice type and quality; 4, Gentle, fine buff, well made throughout; 5, Battison, good quality of feather, excellent type, we liked; hc, Bassett; c, Thomas. YELL YORKS. (13): 1, 3, Wilcock, couple of very fine birds, not much between them, nice length, straight, stands well on legs, and excellent colour; 2, Hudspeth, put up in rare bloom, barely the length of winner; 4, Linsey, nice slim bird, of beautiful quality, close up; 5, Broome, nice bird, bit stouter than winners; vhc, Collyer; hc, Wells; c, Macpherson. BUFF (19): 1, 2, Wilcock, lovely pair, straight as a rule, stands well on perch, and shown in rare bloom; 3, Linsey, in prime condition, well drawn throughout; 4, Hudspeth, well made bird, has a bit more chest than winners, otherwise good; 5, Macpherson, nice position; vhc, Watson; hc, Wells; c, Linsey. CREST (11): 1, Mills, clear body, dark crest, rare quality, lovely soft, silky feather, well formed crest, good centre, nicely radiated; 2, Hayson, heavily feathered green, nicely formed crest; 3, Bloomfield, larger crest than second, fine quality of feather, hardly so good in centre as winners; vhc, Bloomfield; hc, Gibson and Winstone. C.B. (10): 1, 3, Brooks, first massive bird, rare skull, feathered well over eyes, third rare brow, hardly so wide in front as winners; 2, Mills, green, rare wide skull and well browed; 4, Mills, excellent type, plenty of feather, choice quality; 5, Gibson and Winstone, nice dark cap; vhc, Dr. Rose; hc, c, Smith. A.O.V. CAN. (10): 1, 3, Ingram, couple of very fine cinns., rare colour and size, rich quality, shown in fine condition; 2, Webb, nice evenly marked bird; 4, Ingram, lovely yell. cinn., hardly so large as winners; 5, Cooper, excellent cinn.; vhc, Gentle; hc, c, Wilmot. GOLDFINCH (33): Biggest class in the show, a grand lot, many first prize winners here, several running the winner very close; 1, vhc, Howe, winner sweetly pretty Finch, rare blaze, rich body colour, perfect condition; 2, Hunt, has deep coloured blaze, but does not go back far enough, rather small; 3, Welch, grandly finished, square blaze of rich colour, shown in rare bloom; 4, Cross, nice quality, good condition, well tanned, a wee bit weak in head; 5, Wilmot, smart looking Finch, with good blaze; vhc, Andrews; vhc, Temple and Dennis; hc, Tonks. BULLFINCH: Another wonderful class of twenty-five, several birds honestly deserving of a first prize; 1, Howe, about as good as they make 'em, rare size for a Britisher, brilliant colour, perfect cap and wings, in prime fettle; 2, Lovell, similar to first, must have run winner close; 3, Underwood, good one in splendid condition; 4, Carter, a shade smaller than winners, beaten but not disgraced; 5, Andrews, good enough for first at many shows; vhc, R. J. Howe; hc, Howe; c, Spinch. LINNET, ETC. (20): 1, Howe, rare colour, beautifully pencilled, in prime condition; 2, Lovell, lovely bird in rich plumage and very steady; 3, Marley, hardly the polish of winner, but a good one; 4, Bye, well made bird, of rich plumage, not quite so steady; vhc, Reeves, bonnie little Redpoll; hc, Pool; c, Hunt. HARDBILL (13): 1, 2, Howe, first the well-known Hawfinch, with rare bib and prime condition, steady as a horse guard, second lovely Meadow Bunting in excellent trim; 3, Hunt, charming Yellowhammer, with plenty of yellow on head and neck, nicely marked; 4, Smith, brilliant coloured Bramblefinch, in good condition; vhc, Reeves, Hakes; hc, Pool; c, Hunt; the fifth prize was a very nice coloured Chaffinch, but we missed the name of owner. MULES (17): Rare class, many of them having previously taken premier honours; 1, 2, Lamb, with a couple of his champions, first Redpoll-Goldfinch, perfect picture, brilliant colours, polished like ivory, second excellent Linnet-Bullie; 3, Lees, lovely yellow Goldfinch Mule; 4, Jupe, a choice Goldfinch-Bullie, in rare form; 5, Mills, similar to fourth; vhc (no name); hc, Andrews, Wyse. SMALL FOR. (17): 1, Mrs. Vernon, Troupial, very rare, shown in excellent condition; 2, 4, Timæus, two pair of charming Pekin Nightingales, in perfect plumage, four pair of excellent Diamond Sparrows, staged in Mr. T's usual condition; 3, Cooper, pair of superb Grassfinches, in perfect condition; 5, vhc, Mrs. Vernon; hc, Parsons. LARGE (10): 1, Cooper, excellent Blue-bonnet Parrakeet, very choice, shown in tip-top condition, takes special for best Foreigner; 2, Howe, King Parrot, an old champion, winner of many first prizes, looking his best; 3, Bailey, very good Grey Parrot; 4, Cooper, pair of Red Rumps; 5, vhc, Mrs. Vernon. SELL. (15): 1, 2, H. Gentle, first a pair of well-known Nor., second a single ditto, both cheap at catalogue price; 3, Midgley, another good and cheap pair of Nor.; 4, Cooper, pair of small Foreigners; 5, Linsey; vhc, Mills, Fern; hc, Mrs. Vernon. LOCAL CLASSES: YELL. NOR.: 1, spl, (no name), nice stamp, full of quality; 2, 3, F. Webb, second good body properties and nice head, third good, but hardly so cobby as winners; 4, Eling, biggest in class, but a trifle long. BUFF: 1, spl, Pedder, well made, nice quality; 2, hc, F. Webb, good quality, just a shade too long; 3, Litchfield, well made bird, cobby and short in flights; vhc, Ward. VARIEG.: 1, (cup winner), 3, Webb, first real Nor., mar. eye, cheek and tail, full of quality; 2, Ward, another well made bird, with dark cap, third good ticked buff. HEN: 1, spl, Ward, bird teeming with quality, lightly marked on head; 2, Sapwell, nice cobby, useful hen; 3, Webb, good yell.; vhc, Horwood. YELL. YORKS.: 1, 2, 3, spl, Webb, fine team of clear and cinn. birds; hc, Bloomfield. BUFF: 1, 2, spl, Sapwell, couple of well made birds of the right type; 3, vhc, hc, Webb. CREST (2): One absent; 1, Smith, very fair crest. MULE: 1, spl, Ward, excellent coloured Linnet-Bullie, good enough for open class; 2, Webb, dark Goldfinch Mule; 3, Bloomfield, lightly-marked Goldfinch Mule; vhc, hc, Cullam. CHILDREN'S PETS: 1, c, Shepherd, nice Goldfinch; 2, c, Foster, pretty Siskin; 3, C. Smith, Goldfinch; vhc, M. Fensome; hc, K. Cookson; c, H. Smith.

CHELTENHAM.

The Cheltenham C. B. S. held a pair show on Jan. 26th in the Victoria Rooms. We cannot congratulate them upon a good entry; quite a contrast to previous years. Such lethargy on the part of the members is calculated to somewhat cool the Hon. Sec's. ardour. We trust another year to have the pleasure of chronicling a huge success. The quality of the exhibits was first-class, several birds putting in an appearance that have done well at good open shows. Mr. W. H. Kilmister made the awards, and we were pleased to see this well-known old-time successful fancier once more amongst the birds.

CREST CK. and C.-B. HEN (8): 1, hc, c, Treasure, heavily varieg. crest, nice fro tal, good length and droop, grand back, well radiated, good body, hen has good length of head feather, nice body; 2, Hands, wing mkd. dark crest, nice droop and back, hen has a rare cushion-shaped skull, plenty of feather and nice entrance, a hen we liked much; 3, Roylance, cl. body, dk. crest, not so full in frontal, and varieg. hen, well feathered-skull, good body and nice quality of feather; 4, vhc, Hands, wing mkd., dk crest, fair frontal, hen has nice rise of skull, and good width at back, nicely feathered. C. B. CK. and CREST HEN (7): 1, Hands, heavily mkd ck., grand body, nice quality of feather, hen even wing, dk. crest, dense and wide frontal, well filled in at sides; 2, 3, Hands, cock mkd. wings, left eye and cheek, good back skull, nice feather, true narrow in entrance, but has a good back skull, hen pied tail green, nice droop and density, good body, third, pied tail green ck., good skull, nice rise over beak, good length of head feather, hen, even wing mkd., rare frontal, long and dense, comes well to beak end bit on the small side in body, yet we thought this pair could have been higher; 4, vhc, Treasure, eye tkd. ck., good length of head feather, fair skull, hen, fair frontal; hc, c, Roylance. NOR. YELL. CK. and BUFF HEN (4): 1, Merchant, cl ck., good shape, colour, and quality, shade heavy in head, grizzle capped buff hen, nice shape, size, and feather; 2, 3, Stephenson, cl ck., good shape, full of quality, nice head good back and flights, hen mkd. right wing and back of skull, nice shaped body, short flights and tail, the Llanelly winner, third, varieg. cock, rare colour, size, and shape, unflig cl hen, nice shaped body, short flights and tail, well mealed, Malvern winner, well matched pair; 4, Merchant, cl ck., good shape and size, nice back, not so deep in colour, cl hen, good shape, neat round head, well mealed BUFF CK. and YELL. HEN (4): 1, 2, Stephenson, cl cock, rare size and shape, deep chest, good head, wide across shoulders, good colour and mealing, hen tkd. head and left wing, short feather, good quality, second, well-known unflig. ck., grand shape and feather, nice flights and tail, well mealed, shade down in colour, hen tkd. head, good shape and feather, nice chest, neck, and back, pressed hard for top honours; 3, 4, Merchant, ck grizzled head, good shape and feather, nice head, well up in quality, hen cl, nice head, fair colour, trifle harsh in feather, fourth, cl cock, grand colour, nice back, full neck, neat head, heavily varieg. hen, rare head, good shape and feather. A. O. V. (2): 1, 2, Lewis, Bordera, yell. mkd. cock, nice feather and carriage, hen, nice shape and feather, second, contains nice even mkd. buff ck., good shape and feather. FINCH and CAN. (8): 1, 2, 3, Pouncett, Goldfinch cock, nice blaze, size, and colour, yell. Nor. hen, fair shape and size, second, Siskin cock, good size and feather, fair colour and markings, hen, yell. Nor., good shape and fine feather, third, Greenfinch ck., good size and shape, buff Nor. hen nice shape, colour, and feather; 4, vhc, hc, c, Stevens nice Goldfinch ck. and varieg. C. B. hen. TWO BRIT. (only one entry): 1, Stevens, Goldfinch cock and Siskin hen, latter nice size and well marked.

MALVERN.

Held Jan. 23rd and 24th in the Assembly Rooms. The cage birds this year were located in a room to themselves, and a better one for the purpose could not be wished, for as it was quite free from draughts, had both top and side lights, and plenty of room. We feel sure had it been known that the cage birds would have been so well provided for in this respect, the entries would have been considerably augmented. The exhibits were nicely staged, and were thoroughly well looked after by a few good fanciers. The quality throughout was very good. Mr. Griffiths makes a most efficient Secretary, handling the reins of office with tact and courtesy. Mr. J. H. Payne made the awards.

YORKS. CL., TKD., ETC., (Amalg.) (17): 1, Graham, clear yell., lovely colour and quality, stands well on a pair of good legs, nice back, neat head, tail, and wings; 2, vhc, Pugh, buff, ticked wing and neck, lovely feather and quality, good position, nice tail and back; 3, r, Riley, wing and neck ticked, yellow, grand colour, nice length and style, well on leg, not quite so close in feather at sides; hc, Underhill; c, Portman. HENS (Amalg.) (11): 1, hc, Graham, clear buff, slim built, stands well on a good pair of legs, neat head and tail, nice feather and quality; 2, vhc, Riley, wing ticked yellow, beautiful quality of feather, nice stand and style, well on leg, nice back; 3, Pugh, marked eyes and wings, buff, plenty of length, good back and neat tail, not quite so slim built; r, Johnson; c, Edmondson. NOR. CL. or TKD. (14): 1, Wasley, cl. yell., beautiful quality, rich level colour, good shape, well-packed flights and tail, nice carriage; 2, Houghton, buff, marked wings, neck, and eyes, splendid colour, well mealed, good-shaped body, good neck and back; 3, Merchant, yell., nice colour and quality, good shape, shade strong in head; r, vhc, Hodder; hc, Underhill; c, Waller. HEN (11): 1, sp, Hulse, tkd. head yell., grand quality of feather, nice shape and rich, level colour, neat head and full neck, in grand fettle; 2, Houghton, buff, good shape, rich colour and well mealed, good back and chest, nice flights and tail, not in such bloom as the leader; 3, Stephenson, wing and neck ticked buff, short cobby body, nice colour, not so full in head and neck; r, Pegg; vhc, hc Johnson; c, Blagg. UNFLIG. CK. (6): 1, Hulse, yellow, magnificent colour, nice-shaped body, good quality, nice head, short flights and tail; 3, Hodder, buff, splendid under colour, well frosted, good shape, short, well-packed flights and neat tail, gets well across perch; r, Stephenson; vhc, Lees; hc, Pegg; c, Houghton. HEN (7): 1, Stephenson, buff, short, thick-set body, good feather, nice wings and tail; 3, Pegg, good-coloured yell., nice shape, bit slack in feather; r, Hodder; vhc, Merchant; hc, c, Johnson. MULE (6): 1, sp, Shellam, Greenfinch-Bullfinch, rare size, shape, and colour, one of the best out, takes sp for best in show; 3, r, Wasley, six-pointed buff Goldfinch-Canary, good colour and shape, well marked; vhc Portman; hc, Styles; c, Hickling. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (13): 1, Edmondson, Bullfinch, beauty for breast colour, shape, cap, and bars, very steady and well shown, wins well; 2, Bailey, Goldfinch, nice blaze, bars, and buttons, well tanned chest; 3, Portman, Goldfinch, nice back and buttons, bright blaze, not so expansive as the second; r, Poulton; vhc, Dakeyne; hc, Hickling; c, Hingley. A. O. V. BRIT. (7): 1, sp, Bailey, Waxwing, splendid colour, beautiful feather, clean cut bib, very steady, and well shown; 3, Portman, yellow Bunting, good size and feather, well marked, nice colour; r, Pearson; all Mr. Birchley's entries absent. FOR. (8): 1, 2, 3, Moerschell, Indian Shama, Green Cardinal, and Aurora Finch in the order named, all in good feather and colour; r, Melvin; vhc, Poole; hc, Hingley. SELL., 20s. (6): 2, vhc, Johnson, smart yellow Yorkshire; 3, Pegg, buff Norwich; r, Poole; hc, Lewis; c, Underhill. SELL., 10s. (5): 2, hc, Johnson, good coloured wing mrk. yell. York.; 3, vhc, Merchant; r, Shellam. LOCAL CANARY (9): 1, Johnson, yell. Yorks., mrk. wings and eye, nice length and style, bit patchy in colour, yet wins easy; 2, McCann, good shaped vgtd. buff Norwich; 3, r, Graham, neat yell. Border; hc, Hickling; c, Potter-Carter. FOR. (2): 3, Probert, Sulphur-Crested Cockatoo; r, Melvin.

BAILDON C.B.F.A.

Members' Show, Mechanics' Institute, January 26th. Mr. Hy. Dobson judged. This was the first of three shows competing for the President's Cup and Gold Medal, also for point specials. The membership is steadily increasing, Yorkshires being the leading variety here. CL. YELL. YORKS: 1, Horsfield; 2, Walsh; 3, W. Hodgson; vhc, Mountain; hc, Ellis. BUFFS: 1, J. Hodgson; 2, Dobson; 3, Walsh; vhc, J. Hodgson; hc, Horsfield; c, Ickeringhill. TICK YELL.: 1, W. Hodgson; 2, J. Hodgson; 3, Walsh; vhc, Horsfield; hc, Ickeringhill; c, Dobson. BUFFS: 1, Horsfield; 2, Walsh; 3, Mountain; vhc, Mann; hc, c, Ellis. YELL. HENS: 1, Walsh; 2, Mann; 3, vhc, W. Hodgson; hc, Halliday; c, Horsfield. BUFF: 1, W. Hodgson; 2, Mountain; 3, Halliday; vhc, Ellis, hc, Walsh; c, Mann. SELL., 12s. 6d.: 1, Mountain; 2, Horsfield; 3, Ickeringhill; vhc, W. Hodgson; hc, Walsh; c, Halliday. HEN, 10s.: 1, Walsh; 2, J. Hodgson; 3, Horsfield; vhc Mountain; hc, Ickeringhill; c, Halliday.

WESTERN COUNTIES O.S.

Annual Fair Show, at the Borough Arms, January 21st. Nearly thirty exhibits were entered. The quality in the Norwich class was above the average, whilst Crests and Yorkshires contained specimens that had won in many large shows. W. R. B. Tope judged, and his awards were very well received. YORKS.: 1, 3, 4, spl, Dyer; 2, Tremlett. NOR.: 1, 2, spls, Garland, 3, Snell; 4, Parish. CREST: 1, 3, 4, spl, Ryder; 2, French. HYB.: 1, Tremlett.

BUCKINGHAM.

Buckingham F.S. Sixth Annual Exhibition was held in the Town Hall, January 17th. This being the first time of open classes, we must congratulate the Committee, not only upon the number of exhibits, but upon their quality. Many of the exhibits in the Hybrid class were worthy of a first prize. Mr. C. H. Richards makes an ideal Secretary, and Mr. G. Simonds, the cage bird steward, was very attentive to his department. Everything passed off satisfactorily. The awards were made by Mr. Billett (Reading). NOR. PLAINHEAD (9): 1, Lewin, very nice rich coloured yell.; 2, Lees, another good coloured yellow, on the large size; 3, 4, Wilmot, cobby clear buff, short flights and tail, fourth good coloured yell.; ex. 4, vhc, Butler, ticked yellow, scarcely so hot in colour; vhc, Ward; vhc, hc, Mullis. A.O.V. CAN. (10): 1, Andrews, charming little Border Fancy, tight as wax, in lovely condition; 2, vhc, Kilpin, very nice Crested Norwich, well-formed Crest, nicely radiated, just a wee bit narrow in front or would be a champion; 3, vhc, Griffin, another fair Crest; 4, Wilmot, broken capped Golden Lizard, well spangled, and good colour; vhc, Grant; hc, Rickard, moderate Crest. MULE OR HYBRID (11): 1, spl, Lewin, four-pointed buff Goldfinch Mule, put up in rare fettle, sweet exhibit; 2, Swingler and Blackwell, very fine Goldfinch-Bullfinch, in excellent condition, rare colour; 4, ex. 4, vhc, Andrews, trio of charming Hybrids, viz., Goldie-Bullie, noted winner, not looking his best today, Greenfinch-Bullie, in rare trim, and nice Linnet Hybrid; 3, Lees, Greenfinch Mule, appears to have been bred from a Cinnamon hen; vhc, Rickard, Harris; hc, Grant. LOCAL: NOR. P'H. (8): 1, spl, Simonds, natural coloured buff, nice quality; 2, 3, Mullis, rare big marked buff, good head and neck, nice cobby body, real Norwich, third nice orange colour, good head; 4, vhc, North, very fair ticked yellow, and good headed buff; vhc, Eales, Simonds. A.O.V. CAN. OR MULE (10): 1, spl, 3, 4, vhc, Simonds, first really very fine yellow Yorkshire, rich in colour, excellent head, wings, and tail, and shown in the pink, third buff Yorkshire, fourth small Goldie-Bullie, looks like a hen; 2 Griffin, large, well-formed Crested Norwich; vhc, Griffin, Eales; hc, French (2), Basford. SMALL BRIT. (11): 1, spl, 3, 4, vhc, Simonds, first Bullfinch, rich colour, well formed cap, rather small, genuine Britisher; 2, Mullis, excellent Goldfinch, rare blaze and rich body colour; 3, Simonds, nice coloured Greenfinch, fourth fair Linnet; vhc, Simonds, Osborn, Maris; hc, Jeffery, Osborn.

WINDHILL, SHIPLEY & DIS. O.S.

Members' Show, January 12th, at the Blue Bell Hotel. Mr. J. Wilman placed the cards. CL. YELL. YORKS.: 1, spl for best bird in show, J. Lunn; 2, Denton; 3, Broadley and Son; vhc, Hardaker; hc, Drake; c, Ferguson and Son. BUFF: 1, Ferguson and Son; 2, Denton; 3, hc, Drake; vhc, Hartley; c, Hawkes. TKD., ETC., YELL.: 1, Broadley and Son; 2, Drake; 3, Slater; vhc, Lunn; hc, Smith; c, Cook. BUFF: 1, Broadley and Son; 2, Denton; 3, vhc, Drake; hc, Verity; c, Lunn. FOUL MKD.: 1, Slater; 2, Walton. YELL. HENS: 1, c, Drake; 2, Ferguson and Son; 3, hc, Exley; vhc, Hillas. BUFF: 1, Ferguson and Son; 2, Verity; 3, Smith; vhc, hc, Drake; c, Exley. CINN. MKD. YELL.: 1, Alderson; 2, Hardaker. BUFF: 1, Hillas; 2, Hawkes. HENS: 1, Denton; 2, Ferguson and Son; 3, Exley; vhc, Armstead. SELL., YELL., 12s. 6d.: 1, Broadley and Son; 2, Slater; 3, Denton; vhc, Hardaker; hc, Ferguson and Son; c, Slater. BUFF, 12s. 6d.: 1, Denton; 2, Cook; 3, Lunn; vhc, Hardaker; hc, Slater; c, Hartley. HENS, 10s. 6d.: 1, Denton; 2, Cook; 3, Alderson; vhc, Smith; hc, Drake; c, Walton.

HARROGATE C.B.S.

The above Society held their First Annual Members' Show on January 19th, 1907, when over 100 birds appeared in eight classes, which was considered very satisfactory. Special for best bird in show was won by Mr. Veitch; the same exhibitor also won special for best Yorkshire shown by a novice, Mr. T. Head coming second. Special for best hen shown by a novice, also special for best young hen, bred 1906, was won by Rev. B. Wilton; special for best bird bred by a novice, 1906, Mr. J. Robinson; special for most points in show gained by a novice, Mr. H. Gregg. Mr. H. W. Battye judged, and gave every satisfaction. CL. TK., etc., YELL. YORKS.: 1, spl, Head; 2, Barnwell; 3, 4, Brown; vhc, Walker; hc, Veitch; c, Hewson. BUFF: 1, 3 spl, Veitch; 2, 3, 4, Barnwell; vhc, Walker; hc, Barfe; c, Hewson. HENS, A.V.: 1, spl, 2, 3, Barnwell; 4, hc, Brown; vhc, Wilton; c, Barfe. UNFLI. YORKS.: 1, 2 spls, Robinson; 2, Barnwell; 3, Barfe; 4, vhc, Brown; hc, Hewson; c, Head. CINN. MK.: 1, spl, vhc, hc, Barnwell; 2, Barrett; 3, Robinson; 4, Head; c, Brown. SELL., 12. 6d.: 1, spl, Head; 2, Brown; 3, Hollins and Son; 4, Barfe; vhc, Robinson; hc and c, Dennison. A.V. NOR.: 1, spl, Gregg; 2, vhc, hc, c, Barnwell; 3, Wilton; 4, Gregg. BRIT., A.V.: 1, spl, hc, Gregg; 2, vhc, Bousfield; 3, c, Wilton; 4, Hollins and Son.

STOCKPORT O.S.

Members' Show, January 12th, in the Albert Hall. Entries were fewer than was expected, owing to lateness of the season, but many good birds were staged. Mr. W. Booth (Hyde) judged. Special for best bird was won by Mr. Nelson, with a clinking yellow Yorks. Point specials: 1, Nelson; 2, Hill; 3, Stafford; 4, Morley; 5, Potts; 6, Brooks.

LANCS. COPPY (3): 1, Ormisher; 2, 3, Nelson. DO. PLAIN. (4): 1, Brooks; 2, 3, Nelson; 4, Ormisher. LIZ., GOLD: 1, Hill. SILVER (2): 1, Brooks; 2, Hill. YORKS. YELL. (6): 1, 2, Nelson; 3, Hill; 4, vhc, Potts; hc, Goldthorpe. BUFF (6): 1, vhc, Nelson; 2, 3, Potts; 4, Goldthorpe; hc, Hill. HENS (6): 1, 2, Nelson; 3, Goldthorpe; 4, Potts; vhc, Hill. UNFLI. (6): 1, 2, Nelson; 3, 4, Potts; vhc, Goldthorpe; hc, Hill. NOR. YELL. (5): 1, 4, Stafford; 2, Brooks; 3, Hill; vhc, Ormisher. BUFF (6): 1, Hill; 2, Nelson; 3, 4, Stafford; vhc, Brooks; hc, Ormisher. HENS (7): 1, vhc, Nelson; 2, 3, Stafford; 4, Goldthorpe; hc, Brooks; c, Ormisher. UNFLI. (5): 1, Hill; 2, Brooks; 3, 4, Stafford; vhc, Ormisher. CRESTS: 1, Stafford. C.B.: 1, Stafford. CINN. YELL. (2): 1, 2, Nelson. BUFF (2): 1, 2, Nelson. A.O.V.: 1, Nelson. MULE: 1, Brooks. GOLD OR BULLIE (2): 1, Hill; 2, Potts. LINNET, ETC. (3): 1, 2, Hill; 3, Potts. A.O.V. HARD (2): 1, 2, Hill. SOFT A.V.: 1, Hill. FOR. LARGE (4): 1, 2, 3, 4, Morley. SMALL (5): 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, Morley.

—W. Stafford, Hon. Sec.

Hybrid Breeding: Preparations for the Coming Season.

By T. H. KINCH.

As the season is now coming on, it will be as well for those who propose to go into this hobby to be on the look out for suitable birds. It is not wise to drive it off until the time comes for them to pair up. This paper, I should say, is only intended for young fanciers; the old hands can take care of themselves. Now most British birds can be had cheap, that is, if they have been recently caught. I will own, of course, that you will have to pay more for a cage-moulted Goldfinch, or even Bullfinch, but it is quite possible for anyone to get as good results from fresh caught ones as from cage moulted ones. I should advise anyone to get, say, a hen Bullie and cock Greenfinch, or cock Goldfinch and hen Bullie, or, if the pocket will allow, a similar cross to the latter with Siberians, as these are much finer birds. I don't advise anyone to use the cock Bullie and hen Goldie, for the cock Bullie has yet to make his name as a breeder, although an instance was related to me a few nights ago where he and a hen Bullie bred and had a nest of young in a small cage. But, still, it is very rarely that he will even pair with a hen Bullie in a cage.

SOME GOOD CROSSES.

Another good cross which is likely to be got is the Linnet cock and hen Bullie. Then you can have the Linnet-Greenfinch pair, as both of these will build in a cage and go on well, even if they are only fresh caught ones. Another cross which might be tried is the Goldfinch, Greenfinch, or Goldfinch Linnet. These crosses I have mentioned are more likely to be successful than others. I should recommend any of these for a novice to start with, and if he does get any of these birds, I advise him to put them together at once, and if they are very wild to put them in a small cage until they settle down. If they are put into a large cage or flight with several others, it will be better for their health and stamina, but it keeps them wild for so long, and the sooner they get used to the cage and to one another the better chance they will have.

If you should have any Bullies, try and let them have some natural food in the shape of buds of gooseberries, currants, plums, or some taken from the hedgerow. I know it is a difficult matter to get buds in town if you have no gardens; but it is quite advisable to give them some, as Bullies are liable to get overfat inside, as they generally feed greedily in cages. For the Goldfinches, of course, you can always get them some of the wild seeds now advertised.

MATERIALS FOR NESTS.

For nesting materials give them pieces of cocoa matting cut in small lengths and pulled to pieces, also bits of rope, and some moss, etc., but never use horse-hair (unless it is cut in small pieces) or wool, as both are likely to get entangled round the hen's feet, and out come the eggs. I much prefer the old wooden box for nests, about 4 inches square and 2 inches deep, with holes at bottom and sides for ventilation. They will, as a rule, build a good nest, and I have always found that they prefer the box to a pan. It is always as well, when you have placed them together in the breeding cage, to have a good, thick covering over the bottom of sawdust, in case the eggs are thrown out or laid at the bottom. The nest boxes should not be up too high in the cages, and should be close to the wires, so that you can see into them without taking them down. They should also have something over the wires to hide the nest and keep them quiet. I used to put a piece of yew tree in the wires. Grit must always be well supplied in some box or pan.

THE BRAMBLEFINCH CROSS.

There are a great many other crosses which might be tried with success; one of these is the Bramble-Chaffinch cross—the hen Chaffinch is the one which is more likely to do the trick than the cock Chaffinch, although I had fertile eggs from a cock Chaffinch last year. Another cross which would be worth trying is the Hawfinch-Bramblefinch, which has yet to make its appearance. The Bramble and Bullie cross might also be got, as a pair last year, in this district, had fertile eggs, but did not hatch out. The hen Bullie, which was up with it, has laid over 40 eggs in two years, and is so tame that she jumps upon her master's finger when he puts his hand in the cage.

Those who have not got these birds should procure them at once, even if they intend to try with only one or two pairs. Have patience with them, and don't disturb them unnecessarily. Let them go on in their own sweet way, but always supply them with as much natural food as you can get when they are nesting. The eggs, if possible, should always be put under Canaries, to make sure, and dummy eggs given in their place.

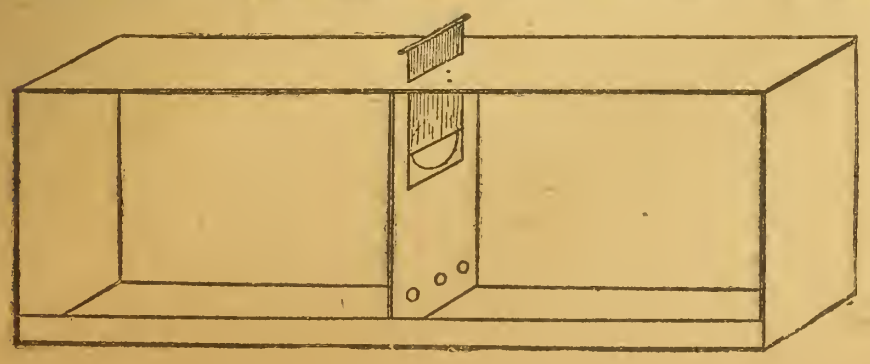
BREEDING CAGES.

READERS DESCRIBE THE BREEDING CAGES THEY USE, AND EXPLAIN HOW TO MAKE THEM.

Mr. Perrott's Cage.

To make the Canary Breeding Cage shown in the accompanying sketches, saw three pieces of wood, 20 inches in length, 10 inches in breadth, and 1-6 of an inch in thickness; also two pieces of wood 10 inches in length, 10 ins. in breadth, and of the same thickness. Put these together in the form of a box, the longer pieco forming the bottom, back, and top, while the smaller pieces form the ends. Having done this, saw another piece of wood, 9 5-6 inches in breadth, 9 1-8 inches in height (still 1-6 of an inch in thickness). In tho centre of this cut, with a key-hole saw, a round hole 3 inches in diameter; one inch from the bottom bore four holes, each about ¾ of an inch in diameter. Fix this piece of wood as a partition in the centre of the cage, letting it touch the top, as the space at the bottom will be utilised for the sand-tray. Just below the centre hole fix a small shelf about ½ an inch wide, and at the top out a slit through which a piece of wood will be able to slide up and down as a door.

The next thing is to make a sand-tray. Saw a piece of wood 19 2-3 inches long and 9 5-6 inches wido, of 1-6 inch thickness. Now cut one piece of wood 19 2-3 inches long, and ½ inch wide, and two pieces of wood 9 5-6 inches long, and of the same width, and one piece of wood 19 2-3 inches long, and ¾ inch high. Fasten these first three pieces on the top of the tray at the edges, and the last pieco on the front; on the latter put two rings as handles. Now the rough work is done.



In the left hand partition, at 9½ inches from the top, and at the front edge, fasten a piece of wood firmly. In this also, at the top of the partition and sides, make holes for wires; if you prefer wire netting it will do almost as well. For the front of the right hand partition cut two pieces of wood 9½ inches long, 1-6 in. breadth, 1-6 in. height, and two pieces of wood 9 2-3 inches in length and of the same breadth and thickness as the previous ones. Arrange theso in the form of a rectangle, and fasten wires (or wire netting) on this, in the same manner as described above. Bore two small holes in the top and bottom of this. Put two nails in the bottom of the box, and two screws at the top. Wheu the front is put in fix the nails in the holes provided for them, and fix the screws also into their holes.

To make the seed pan, saw three pieces of wood, 6 inches by 2 inches, and 1-6 of an inch in thickness. For the ends saw two pieces of wood 5 inches long by 2 inches wide, with a 2-inch sloping piece cut off. Fasten these together, the first three pieces forming the bottom, top, and back, and the other two the ends. For the front, saw a piece of wood 6 inches long, ¾ of an inch in breadth, and 1-6 of an inch in thickness, and fasten this in front at the lower part. Bend two pieces of wire in the form of a right angle, one arm of each being 1¼ inches long, the other 1 inch. Drive the longer end of each ½ iuch into the wood at a point 1 inch from the bottom. These will serve to hold the seed pan on the side of the cage, one half being each side of the partition. The birds feed through two holes, one each side of the partition. There are also two holes for the waterpots. Buy the latter at a shop, as they cannot well be made.

Inside the right-haud part of the cage fasten a shelf (in the back right-hand coruer) for the nest, 3½ inches by 3½ inches, of 1-6 of an inch thick wood. Have this 4 inches from tho floor, and 1½ inches above it fix up a piece of wire to keep the nest from falling off the shelf.

Now the cage will be made, excepting the holder for the nesting material. To make this cut two triangular pieces of wood, 3 ins. by ½ inch along the edges. Unite these by wires 2 inches long, and fasten the rack on to the cage by the same means as the seed pan. Put three perches in the left-hand part, two from back to front, and oue in front of the food pans. In the right part place only one from back to front. Let the birds while breeding be kept as quiet as possible, and do not allow admiring crowds of relations to be continually watching the birds, for it will only cause trouble. Take the cock away directly all the eggs are laid if he shows any wish to intercfere with the nest and eggs, by removing him into the left-hand part, and shutting the door. The small holes in the partition are for the cock to feed the hen through, if removed. Put the nesting material in the holder intended for it, and keep it full until the nest is made.—A. F. Perrott (Bromley).

We regret to learn that Mr. A. Wellings, of Prescott, has been laid up for several days past, and unable to give his attention to business. He hopes, however, to leave his room in a few days, when correspondence will receive his attention.

The Dulwich and Peckham C. B. S. have fixed their first Feather Show for July 4th, Mr. J. Robson judging. The annual open show is fixed for October 17th and 18th. Judges engaged are Messrs. J. Robson, G. E. Weston and W. Vardy. Will secretaries please note and avoid clashing?—W. Hodson. Hon. Sec.

I noticed under the General Answers an enquiry for lantern slides of British and Foreign birds. I may say I have some excellent slides of several British birds, nests, and young, and shall be glad to send a list to "British and Foreign" if he will let me know his address.—S. Crook, 51, Garfield Road, Scarboro'.

A sample of "Noeggusei," the neatly-named mixture put on the market as a perfect food for Softbills, reaches us from E. Warren Vernon, Toddington, Beds., the sole agent. The ingredients of which this insectile food is composed are of a high quality, and it is well calculated to fulfil all that is claimed for it, and make an admirable diet for the insectivorous birds of all bird-lovers who prefer not to include egg in their dietary. It is sold in 1s. and 6d. packets, and only requires moistening for use.

RANDOM NOTES.

Already we have been favoured with one of those elusive spells of fine mild weather which are so apt to tempt a fancier to act against his better judgment. A few days ago even the wild birds seemed to think that Spring had come. The singing of the Thrushes especially was continuous. But now things are changed; the birds have fallen back into the silent mood, and the outlook appears very un-springlike. Our birds, caged and sheltered indoor, will go on singing; but the effect of the atmospheric changes will, slowly but surely, penetrate to them. Such lessons are useful, if acted upon.

Let a diet of good, sound canary seed form the staple for the breeding stock of Canaries. A scrap of bread-and-milk or a spoonful of egg-food, once or twice a week, with a pinch of hemp for the cocks and ditto of inga for the hens about as often, and a scrap of green food when available and safe to use, and apple or banaua at other times, is all that is required to keep the birds in good hard condition from now until the breeding season is about to commence. On such a regimen as this, it is rarely that one finds the birds drop into soft moult in early spring, or are troubled with that troublesome "swollen abdomen" one so often hears about.

Baths are a great aid to keeping the birds in a good healthy condition, but there is one point that must not be overlooked—they must be given regularly. A cold water douche at irregular intervals is anything but an exhilarating pastime, and during these changeable spring months the effect under these circumstances is frequently seen in colds, sneezing, and wheeziness on the part of the birds. Better withhold the bath altogether than give it irregularly.

The foregoing remarks about bathing will be found to apply with much greater force to newly-acquired Foreign birds, particularly if they appear in a low condition. In such cases a cold bath on a raw, chilly day will very often act as the last straw to despatch them whither no man or bird returneth; but a daily bath, to which just enough warm water is added to remove the icy chill, will help to bring them into good condition.

As a final tip, when you have a bird that bathes freely and then goes and sits still on its perch, apparently waiting for time to dry its feathers, withhold the bath if you value the bird. It is simply courting the dim hereafter. The bath should always be followed on the bird's part by a kind of restless activity and preening of feathers until they are sleek and dry, then there is little fear of any ill-effect.

How many fail to keep the family of Tits in cages or aviaries! The Great Tit and Blue Tit are among the most charming of pets, and become delightfully tame; so that with their beautiful plumage one would expect to find them quite a common cage bird. Doubtless the cause lies in not fully estimating their pugnacity. They must be caged alone, or in a very large or thinly-populated aviary. Wherever they have to rub elbows with companions their one idea is to "brain" the intruder. Another point that is apt to be overlooked is their roosting habit. Covered boxes, or nesting husks, such as are supplied to Budgerigars and other Foreign birds, must be provided for them to sleep in. To prevent squabbles see that there is an excess of sleeping boxes over birds, as Tits positively refuse to sleep "two in a bed."

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KING'S HEATH (Birmingham).

Third Annual Open Show held at Birmingham, Jan. 25th and 26th, as there was not a place in King's Heath large enough for this enterprising society's venture. Entries came up well; quality was good, and competition in the various classes very keen. Norwich and Yorkshires made a nice display, and British birds were excellent. In Mr. Forsyth the society has a most hard-working Secretary, who was backed up by a capable lot of stewards, and right well did they look after the welfare of the exhibits. As the day was bitterly cold, they went to the trouble of covering up all the cage birds at night, which was a great kindness on their part, and they well deserve the thanks of exhibitors. Mr. and Mrs. Austen Chamberlain graced the opening ceremony with their presence, which brought together a large assembly. Mr. A. Chamberlain, in declaring the show open, said he was very glad to know that in a short career the society had held already some of the most successful shows in the Midlands, and he felt he was right in saying that on this occasion the society had beaten all previous records. He hoped it would excel its past achievements, and maintain its high standard of excellence. Councillor Davison moved a vote of thanks to the distinguished visitors. A pretty ceremony followed, when Miss Forsyth, the four-year-old niece of the Secretary, presented Mrs. Chamberlain with a lovely yellow Yorkshire Canary in a handsome artistic brass cage. Mr. G. E. Russell judged.

NOR. (8): 1, 2, sp, Shaw, yell. and buff in order named, hot, level colour, rare size and shape, wins well, second, nice head and chest, good back and wing carriage, two grand exhibits; 3, Lees, very nice yell., good colour and carriage, rather on small side; r, Miss Hopton, yell., nice head and neck, longer in wings and tail; vhc, hc, Athersuch and Son, two good birds. YORKS. TKD. or UNEVEN (12): 1, Richardson, clear yell., grand length and position, well up on leg, straight as a gun-barrel; 2, Burke, very fine Cinn. tkd., good length, nice back and wing carriage, little open in tail; 3, Churchill, buff, of good stylo and position, nice feather, deserves its place; r, Allen; vhc, Paddock; hc, Mole; c, Collier. BUFF (9): 1, 3, challenge cup best Canary in show, Paddock, grand clear buff leading, good stand and style, feathered like boxwood, third, grand Cinn. tick, of good length, style, and position, nice colour, grand feather, both shown to perfection; 3, Churchill, clear buff, of good shape, nice wings and tail, well up on leg; r, Burke; vhc, Mole; hc, Wells; c, Richardson. HENS (7): 1, sp, Churchill, grand hen, good colour, neat head, fair length, nice stylo, well shown; 2, 3, Paddock, leader clear buff, rare length and stand, well up on leg, good colour and condition, third, grizzle cap buff, nice size and feather, carries tail badly; vhc, Burke; hc, Wells; c, Edmundson. A. V. CAN. or MULE (8): 1, sp, Smith, var., dark, very large crest, neat centre and droop, plenty of feather, wins; 2, r, Hall, two very nice var. Goldie-Mules; 3, Wells, grand Linnet-Mule, good colour, nice sizo, well put down; vhc, Lees, the well-known lightly-marked Linnet-Mule, could have been third easily without a doubt; c, Miss Hopton. NOVICE A. V. (12). Very nice class: 1, Smith, var., dark, very large crest, good droop, nice feather; 2, Miss Hopton, very deccut Nor. Plainhead; 3, Garfield, yell. Nor.; r, Miss Blagg; hc, Garfield; vhc, Donkin; c, Wells. BRIT. HARD (13): 1, Hingley, grand Hawfinch, nice bib. good condition, wins well; 2, Edmundson, Bullfinch, good cap and wing bars, grand breast colour, good size, shown to perfection; 3, Wells. Goldfinch, grand square cut blaze, good buttons and bars, nicely shown; r, Lissiman; vhc, hc, Raven; c, Burrows. SOFT (8): 1, sp, Burrows, very good Ring Ousel, in good feather and condition, well shown, plenty of polish; 2, Hingley, grand Tree Creeper, nice tail, which is a rarity with these birds; 3, r, Raven, noted Blackbird and Waxwing in order named; vhc, hc, Jones and Bradley; c, Machin. SELL., 10s. (10): 1, 2, Paddock; 3, Wells; r, Jones and Bradley; vhc, Smith; hc, Shaw; c, Athersuch and Son.

SHIPLEY O.S.

A Members' Show and Cinnamon Mark Club Show was held January 12th, at Victoria Hotel. Judge, Mr. J. Greaves. YELL. CINN. MARK COCKS (13): 1, c, Wilcock; 2, Sutcliffe and Son; 3, hc, Ogden Bros.; 4, special for best, Wharton; vhc, Alderson. BUFF (11): 1, 2, Denton; 3, Wilcock; 4, c, Dobson; vhc, Hirst; hc, J. and A. Halmshaw. YELLOW HENS (11): 1 Sutcliffe and Son; 2, Hartley; 3, Ogden Bros.; 4, vhc, Cook and Son; hc, Dobson; c, Wharton. BUFF HENS (8): 1, 3, Sutcliffe and Son; 2, Hartley; 4, spl, Ogden Bros.; vhc, Hirst; hc, Cook and Son; c, Battershy. SPECIAL WINNERS: Sutcliffe and Son, Ogden Bros., Denton, Wharton, Wilcock. MEMBERS, CL. YELL. YORKS: 1, Sowden; 2, Marsden; 3, Long. BUFF: 1, Marsden; 2, Bradshaw; 3, Sowden; vhc, Stubbs. TICK, ETC., YELL.: 1, Marsden; 2, Towers; 3, Sowden; vhc, Bradshaw. BUFF: 1, Dobson; 2, Marsden; 3, Mason; vhc, Batty. YELL.: 1, Bradshaw; 2, Sowden; 3, Long; vhc, Mason; hc, Batty; c, Towers. BUFF: 1, spl, Marsden; 2, Mason; 3, Stubbs; vhc, Whitaker; hc, Crossland; c, Marsden. CINN. MARK COCKS: 1, 2, vhc, Dobson; 3, hc, c, Sowden. HENS: 1, Marsden, 2, 3, Dobson. YORKS., STOCK BIRDS: 1, Marsden; 2, Long; 3, Sowden; vhc, Dobson. YELL. UNFLI. YORKS.: 1, spl, Towers; 2, Hudson; 3, Mason; vhc, Dobson; hc, Long; c, Crossland. BUFF: 1, Dobson; 2, 3, Mason; vhc, Bradshaw; hc, Marsden; c, Long. SELL., COCKS: 1, Mason; 2, Sowden; 3, Bradshaw; vhc, Batty; hc, Dobson; c, Marsden. HENS: 1, Long; 2, Batty; 3, Sowden. Special winners for members:—Cup, Dobson; 2, Marsden; 3, Towers; 4, Hudson; 5, Mason; 6, first for Novico special, Bradshaw; 7, Sowden; 8, second for Novice special, Stubbs.

YORKSHIRE GREEN.

Round or Square, Which?

SIR,—In the report of the Liverpool B.B.A., published in your magnificent Birthday number, it is stated that the Association decided to "exonerate all members who were disqualified at the old show by Mr. Mundell, for having trimmed or cut the feathers on Green Birds, such feathers known as square feathers. The members are satisfied the birds were honestly shown, and that the square feathers are a natural growth on Green Birds."

In your issue of December 1st, there appeared the report of the show at which these birds were disqualified. The same issue also contained letters from Messrs. V. H. Deacon and C. Houlton. The former gentleman was one of those who suffered disqualification. He denies his bird was trimmed, and, further, says he does not know what square feather means. He also speaks of Mr. Houlton as a specialist in Greens. I know nothing about Mr. Deacon's own experience, but this is the first occasion I have known Mr. Houlton, whose abilities in other directions are indisputable, and generally acknowledged, put forward as an authority on Greens.

Mr. Houlton, in his letter, speaks of Mr. Mundell being persuaded that these birds were clipped. Mr. Houlton, although insinuating by his letter that Mr. Mundell was wrong, does not actually say so. He, however, does speak of "supposed clipped feathers" being put under "a very powerful magnifying glass." Yet, strange to say, he does not give us the result of his examination. As an old lover of Greens, I would like to put a few facts before your readers in connection with the breed, and you, Sir, from my card, will see that my acquaintance with Greens is not that of a day, or a year, but goes back into the old Rooney days, when Greens were as big and clumsy as Lancashires, and were bred and judged for colour only.

Before doing so, I should like, first of all, to say a word about Mr. Mundell. He is no stranger to me. I have known him many years as an exhibitor and judge; and others who know him well will, I am sure, agree with me that Mr. Mundell was absolutely certain in his own mind that these birds were clipped. Mr. Mundell is by no means a sensationalist. He is too fond of peace and quietness to disqualify birds, except upon the most clear and palpable evidence. The very fact that Mr. Mundell disqualified these birds is full proof to me that the disqualification was, in his opinion, honest and just, and it is hard to believe such a great expert does not know the difference between a cut feather and a natural one. Further, as an expert upon Greens, I think ninety-nine men out of a hundred would prefer his views to those of Mr. Houlton, who, however, is an undoubted authority on British Birds and Mules.

In the old days of what were known as Liverpool Greens, we never heard of any disqualifications for clipped backs. The first occasion upon which Greens were disqualified on account of these square feathers on the back was, I believe, at a show held in the Wellington Hotel, Liverpool, and which was organised by the old Liverpool society, of which Mr. Galloway, the late secretary of the Crest Club, was secretary. It was the year after the Green Club was formed, and speaking from memory, about fourteen or fifteen years ago. Mr. C. A. House was the judge, and something like a sensation was caused when it was found he had disqualified a number of young birds for having clipped backs. Mr. J. Bexson was the other judge at the show, and he agreed with Mr. House as to the cutting. Mr. House subsequently disqualified Greens at several shows, one very notable occasion being the Club Show of the Green Canary Club, held at the Prince of Wales' Hotel. Mr. Bexson also, afterwards, disqualified some of these square-feathered birds; then, at Pendleton, on one occasion Mr. A. Wellings disqualified some more. Now is it likely that such men would disqualify birds for having feathers cut unless those feathers were cut? These square-feathered Greens are no new thing.

In connection with this particular incident, I would draw your readers' attention to the fact that the birds disqualified by Mr. Mundell were young birds. It is well-known to all who have ever bred Greens that in the first moult many of the birds come with the tip of the feather bronzed; especially is this so when the blood of the Cinnamon is strong in their veins. This bronze disappears with the first adult moult, and such birds are then the most vivid green. This bronze is a detriment to many a good bird, and when these bronze edges are taken off, the feathers look a totally different colour. I have bred Greens, but I never bred a square-feathered one yet. I have bred nearly every variety of Canary known to the show bench, and never yet have I bred a square-feathered bird. I have kept many kinds of British and Foreign Birds, and have handled thousands of others, but never once have I seen a natural square feather.

In connection with this matter, there are two or three questions which present themselves to my mind:—

1. Is it not strange that these square-feathered Greens are usually young birds?
2. Is it not strange that Green (Yorkshire Greens only) Canaries should be the only members of the feathered tribe to have square feathers?
3. Is it not strange that these square feathers come on just that part of the Green Canary where it is most desirable the depth of colour should be intense?
4. Is it not strange that they come where others are often found with the bronze edge?
5. Is it not strange that these disqualified Greens all come from the Liverpool district?—LANCASHIRE LAD.

DISQUALIFIED GREENS AT LIVERPOOL B.B.A. LATE SHOW.

SIR,—I notice a resolution passed by the Liverpool B.B.A. at a meeting held on January 10th, exonerating all members who were disqualified at the old show for having "trimmed" or "cut" the feathers on Green birds, such feathers known as square feathers. It appears to be a well-established fact that these greens have running through most, if not all, of the breeders' stocks of green Canaries these so-called green feathers. In answer to a sufferer smarting under the disqualification, I apologise for not having had time to answer him sooner. I found the feathers taken home out of some of the disqualified birds by me, by request of the exhibitors and others, that these feathers—most of them, but not all—have a square tendency, but the fibre at the extreme tips appears to terminate gradually, and not abruptly, or thick and bluntly. I should think most of the Yorks greens on view at this Show possessed these characteristic feathers, and I am of opinion that they are quite natural to them. I thought this theory on Yorks greens was exploded and threshed out long ago. What does our Green expert say?—CHAS. HOULTON.

INTERNATIONAL BORDER FANCY CONTEST.

SIR,—Mr. Brownlie's letter opens up a subject well worthy of discussion and arrangement between the E. and W.B.C. and the B.F.C., with a view to coming to some modus operandi in the future as to meeting the general convenience for these, I hope, annual contests. Several things have, however, to be considered, the first and most important being the incidence of the Christmas holiday, which practically extends in England from Dec. 25th to Jan. 1st. For nearly all that period railway traffic is dislocated. Add to this, terrifically arctic conditions of weather, such as obtained this year, and I think a very good explanation is to be found for the paucity of entries made by E. and W.B.C. members at Edinburgh. The conditions in Scotland are almost the reverse, as a rule, for only in recent years has the Christmas festival been observed at all, and railway traffic is seldom interfered with, except in its relation to English connections; so that what answers very well in Scotland (in fact, fits in admirably with local conditions) makes for the very reverse when applied to England. The moral of all this is that the risks are too great, all things considered, for Southern fanciers to send their specimens on a journey of hundreds of miles, necessitating an absence from home for quite a week, at the most inclement season of the year. Even in Scotland, this year, numerous non-deliveries of birds sent away in good time are reported, Fife, Forfar, and Aberdeen, and places further north being cut off from Edinburgh for days together in some instances. This brings me to the reason of my letter. Cannot a more suitable date be fixed? I mean one more convenient to Southern exhibitors; and in return, the convenience of Scottish fanciers should be met when fixing the venue and date of the contest when it takes place in England. Personally I intended making four entries, but knowing something of the conditions of weather, of which premonitory symptoms were apparent in Lancashire, I came to the conclusion that wisdom lay in missing the show altogether, as I should on no account risk my best birds, and anything short of the very best would have little chance of getting even a ticket when competing on their own ground with the Scottish Border Fancies. Probably my view may have been that of many others; at any rate, I give it for what it is worth, and if my screed helps to a better arrangement in the future, I am of opinion that our Scottish friends will not have the virtual "walk-over" they enjoyed at the great National this year.—J. S. CLINOH.

MOVEABLE PERCHES.

SIR,—If J.E.D. will send me his address I will make and send him one that he can take out with ease—also from same he could make more for himself.—JOHN KAY, 18, Elliscombe Road, Charlton, Kent.

CLAIMED, THOUGH ABSENT!

An Extraordinary Case.

SIR,—I entered a bird at a certain show away, but owing to the rough weather setting in, I did not send it. The next day after the show, I received a post-card to say that my bird had been claimed at catalogue price. Can you, or any reader, tell me whether it is compulsory for me to send the bird?—A.W. (Norwich).

PROPOSED TESTIMONIAL TO Mr. LECLAIR, HON. SEC. S.N.C.C.

SIR,—Having received several letters from members, asking if I would undertake to collect subscriptions, I shall be most pleased to do so. Mr. Baker, of Cowes, has started the list (which is now open) with 10s. 6d., and I shall be pleased to follow with the same amount. Donations, however small, will be gratefully received, and, with your kind permission, Mr. Editor, acknowledged weekly. The list will be closed on Feb. 12th.—W. R. MILES, Aviaries, Chichester.

COVENTRY F. & F. S. SHOW.

SIR,—I was surprised on opening CAGE BIRDS this week to find that you had published my letter re Coventry Show. I wired you on January 1st, 1907, not to publish same, as I had received the catalogue and fees back. Kindly publish this in your next issue, as undoubtedly the letter will be detrimental to the above show next season.—J. H. JONES.

[The wire referred to by Mr. J. H. Jones cannot now be traced, but we would remind him and other correspondents that letters once set up in type by us can only be destroyed at the correspondent's expense. A fee of sixpence for each inch of matter so distributed is chargeable.—ED. "C. B"]

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EXCURSIONS TO PALACE SHOW.

SIR,—Up to date I have particulars of the following. I hope to be able to announce others next week:—South-Eastern and Chatham: Usual week-end trips. South Coast Railway: Usual week-end trips and a special cheap excursion from Portsmouth district on Monday, Feb. 18th. Great Central: Day trip, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6-day trips from Liverpool, Southport, Wigan, Chester and Stockport districts on Saturday, Feb. 16th; half-day, day, and 2 or 3-day trips from Rugby on Saturday, Feb. 16th; half-day, day, or 2, 3, 5, 6 or 8-day trips from Nottingham and Leicester districts on Saturday, Feb. 16th. London and South-Western Railway: Half-day trip from Reading, Saturday, 16th; week-end trip from Weymouth, Dorchester and Salisbury on Friday, 15th, and Saturday, 16th; day trip from Aldershot, Monday, 18th; day trips from Bagshot, Camberley and Frimley, Monday, 18th; trips from Southampton, Eastleigh and Winchester on Friday and Saturday, 15th and 16th. Great Northern Railway: One to eight-day trip from Sheffield, Worksop, Melton Mowbray and Leicester districts on Saturday, 16th; One to eight-day trips, Grantham to Peterboro' Stations, on Saturday, 16th; half and one-day trips, Huntingdon, St. Neots and Biggleswade districts, Saturday, 16th; half and one-day trips, Hitchin to Harpenden districts, Saturday, 16th; half, 1, 2, or 3-day trips, Royston, Hertford, Dunstable, St. Albans and Hatfield districts, Saturday, 16th; half, 1, 2, 3, 5, or 8-day trips from Derby, Ilkeston and Nottingham districts on Saturday, 16th. For times, see small bills at stations.—J. W. RAMSDEN.

SIR,—A movement is on foot in Liverpool and District to get up a saloon party for the great National Show at the Crystal Palace in February, 1907. Will all fanciers who intend going please communicate with the Secretary of the Green Canary Association at once, so that complete arrangements can be made? The party will leave Liverpool Central on Friday night, Feb. 15th, and leave London (St. Pancras) on Saturday night, the 16th. It is hoped a good number will send in their names, so that a comfortable saloon can be engaged. Fare, 11s. or 12s. from Liverpool.—S. HADWIN, 23, Pembroke Place, Liverpool.

LANCASHIRES AT THE CRYSTAL PALACE SHOW.

SIR,—I was indeed very pleased to see the earnest appeal from the Secretaries of both the L. and L.F.A., also Lancashire Canary Association, asking their members to support the Palace Show with their entries. As Mr. Oliver says, we have a splendid judge in Mr. S. R. Compston. Find him plenty to do, and let the Palace Show of 1907 be a record one for both Lancashires and Lizards, and give fanciers down South a treat. I hope to be at the Palace Show all four days, and will pay special and personal attention to the Lancashire classes.—F. J. GREEN.

P.S.—I find the novice members of the Lancashire Canary Association are without a special. I will, therefore, give an L. and P.O.S. silver medal to the novice member of the L.C.A. gaining most points in Lancashire classes at the Palace.—F.J.G.

AN EXTRAORDINARY EPIDEMIC.

Border with Broken Mandible.

SIR,—I have had a young Border cock in my possession, as W. F. H.'s friend had, with half of upper mandible broken off, leaving yellow mark where breakage took place. This happened a month ago, and the beak is now almost grown full length again. Bird has been in full song during the time, and has been dieted same as other birds, and no remedies applied.—G. MEEKLEY.

FORRES SHOW.

SIR,—Mr. McAlpine admits he made a silly arrangement of his views, and I quite agree with him. His explanation was equally silly. The bait he alludes to must have been a complicated affair, as I utterly failed to understand it, which no doubt I must attribute to my utter lack of wisdom, seeing that it has all departed from the East, no doubt to settle firmly in the West, though, somehow, your correspondent seems to have missed his share. I will not try to explain further. I find I am totally inadequate to respond to Mr. McAlpine's learned remarks. I will conclude by wishing him luck with his Norwich-cum-Yorks.—DAVID ROSS.

GREENFINCHES AT BATHGATE.

SIR,—In your report of Bathgate, re Greenfinch class, No. 28, 1st and 2nd Bald, your report says:—3rd, Howe, the Old Bathgate champion, winner of more honours than any Greenie living. I am willing to challenge this statement. My old Greenie, which has been on the carpet since 1901—the time of the great Roberts and Laing's (Whitburn) two champions—has won more honours than the bird referred to up till that date, and is still alive and kicking, and is likely to win more if he lasts to next show season. He is always improving every year (for example, 2nd Glasgow in 1905 and 1st at Glasgow in 1906). Thanking you for the grand report of the remainder of our Show.—R. BALD, Secretary, Bathgate C.B.S.

CANARY WITH AN EYE FOR GOLD.

SIR,—A certain working man, who resides at Woodland, in the County of Durham, is the owner of a cock Canary which seems to have a good eye for gold. The other week its owner had three sovereigns, which he desired to hide, in case anyone else in the household should happen to run short during the past holidays and should take a fancy to them. He scarcely knew where to put them for safety while he was at his work, until he thought he could trust the Canary; so he forthwith took down the hanging cage and, unknown to anyone, he put the three sovereigns on the cage bottom and covered them well over with sand and seed. This done, he went to work with an easy mind. He little knew what an inquisitive Canary he had, as, during his absence, when several members of his family were in the kitchen, they heard several jinks coming from the direction of "Dicky's" cage, and they commenced to watch its antics. Dicky rose from the cage bottom on to a perch with a sovereign in its beak, and then dropped it on to another on the cage bottom. Then down it hopped again, and repeated the performance several times. The cage was then taken down and the three sovereigns exposed to view. Needless to say, when the master returned from work he was very much surprised, and said it was a strange thing that he couldn't even trust the Canary with a secret. (P.S.—I expect to hear of it playing pitch and toss next.).—LUCKY DURHAM.

A BIRDY ART GALLERY.
Mrs. Alice Beach (Chorlton-cum-Hardy) had our Coloured Plate, "Stars of the Season," framed the same day as received and hung up in her husband's bird room.

LINNET SINGING CHALLENGE.

SIR,—The Linnet fanciers will leave it to you, Mr. Allen, whether it is fair or unfair, for you to refer to the paper for your judges, as on quality singing there are as good judges in Leeds as in any other town in England. Why should any man enter his bird in a contest if he thinks there are no fair judges in Leeds? I am willing to match myself to judge 10 to 15 proud birds and to name the notes that each bird does after the contest, either in Leeds or out of Leeds, and nobody barred. Mr. Whittaker is willing to sing any bird in Yorkshire from £1 up to £50, for to pick a judge each in Leeds, and is willing to sing in any house in Leeds, 10 minutes' sing, and nobody barred. I hope that Mr. Whittaker and Mr. Allen will come to terms and have a sing, and then it will stop all the paper talk.—J. CLARK ("The original Linnet king").

A challenge has been sent up to CAGE BIRDS for my bird to sing any Linnet in Leeds, but a little mistake has crept into the challenge. It should be any Linnet in Leeds bar Harry Allen's.—C. WHITTAKER, 33, Bank Farm Street, Cross Lane, Leeds.

SIR,—I am asked by our members to reply to Mr. Allen's challenge in your last week's CAGE BIRDS. We should like to know why Mr. Allen asks the Editor of CAGE BIRDS to select judges for the match, when he knows as well as I do that the best place to find judges is his native city, Leeds, which I think is the depot of England for quality, Linnet-singing judges? I may point out to all whom it may concern that when Mr. Allen was awarded three prizes at the King's Head, with qualified judges, anyone would think it would be a likely place for the match to take place. I am asked to state that Mr. Allen has not frightened Mr. Whittaker, nor yet his friends, who are willing to match Whittaker's bird, on any reasonable terms, for as much money as Mr. Allen can find—each man pick his own judge; match to take place in Leeds at the likeliest house, which is the old King's Head, Shannon Street, the best window in Leeds for the purpose.—J. MELIA.

ABOUT A SPECIAL PRIZE AT CHELTENHAM SHOW.

SIR,—My attention has been called to a letter to your paper signed Summerhill and Dawes, which doubtless has been read by your subscribers. There are a large number of tradespeople who offer special prizes at our Cage Bird Show. The special in question—"a knife"—was offered by a tradesman who has since gone abroad, and his wife declines to give the special, pleading "that she cannot afford it." That Messrs. Summerhill and Dawes should lose the special we all deplore, but that there is a cause of complaint against the society, who have fulfilled all their obligations, we deny. We have done all we can, although outside our province, to obtain the special, and contend that the remedy is against the donor, and that the complaint against the society is not justified. If Messrs. Summerhill and Dawes shirk the trouble of taking the necessary steps to recover the special from the donor, the fault is theirs, and no blame can attach to the society. Although we had a loss of £7 on our last show, every prize was paid, every bird reached its owner without a single mistake that we have heard of, and scores of congratulatory letters have been received by the Hon. Secretary, Mr. Treasure, on the good management—a fact that can be endorsed by the large number of influential fanciers who attended the show. I may add that our society possesses one of the best bodies of working fanciers in England, and that at the show every care and attention ar bestowed on the exhibits.—T. J. KING, President of the Cheltenham Cage Bird Society.

[The Courts have ruled that committees are responsible for all special prizes offered in their schedules, whether purporting to come from private donors or the society. We fear, therefore, that the onus of recovering the prize in question from the donor does not fall upon the successful exhibitors, but upon the executive. This should be of interest to other committees.—ED. "C. B."]

SIR,—With respect to Messrs. Summerhill and Dawes' letter, to suggest that they (Messrs. S. and D.) were "decoyed by such specious advertisements" is mere childish prattle, as their entries would have been made in any case, irrespective of the matter of the knife, and I hope that Mr. Treasure and the Cheltenham Cage Bird Society will not look upon these people as being a fair sample of the members constituting the City of Birmingham Cage Bird Society. I suggest to Messrs. Summerhill and Dawes, and particularly Mr. Dawes, that the loss of the Scotch Fancy cup at the late Birmingham Show has somewhat upset their mental equilibrium, which has not been restored even by winning the cuff links. Come, come, Mr. Dawes.—HONI SOIT, etc., etc.

[A certain sentence in the above letter, reflecting upon our Editorial judgment for inserting Messrs. Summerhill and Dawes' letter, has been blue pencilled. The columns of CAGE BIRDS, we may remind "HONI SOIT, etc.," are open to anyone with a legitimate grievance, and even the very high esteem in which we hold the Cheltenham C.B.S. and its officials will not lead us into stifling criticism on their behalf, nor would they, we feel sure, desire us to do so.—ED. "C. B."]

WHY SHOWS ARE FAILURES.

SIR,—At the late Coventry Show, held December 27th, I made an entry in class 66 with four entries in class; but I presume, owing to the rough weather, only my exhibit turned up, and the judge awarded it second prize, which well satisfied me until I got my prize-money, and found they had actually sent half prize-money, 2s. 6d. Now this is where the shoe pinches. They receive 6s. in entry fees; I pay 1s. 6d. entry and pay 1s. 2d. carriage. Result: I am 3d. out of pocket, and Coventry Society 3s. 6d. in pocket on the class. Now for another experience of mine this show season. I sent two entries to St. Albans, in Norwich—one entry in buff cocks, one entry yellow hens. Judge of my surprise on reading report in CAGE BIRDS when I saw they had the conscience to jumble them all 27 in one class, and, further, my birds arrived home two days after close of show, after me having three journeys to station, of a mile and a half each way, and waiting till midnight on the first day after show. Both of these shows were held under C. B. Union rules, which promise us poor exhibitors so much in the shape of prompt dispatch of exhibits from shows, etc.; and I would like to know from some one on the Committee, or the Secretary, if they can do anything for me to get the balance of my prize-money from Coventry. In conclusion, I may say I have been an exhibitor for the last 10 years, but have never had such treatment from show committees as this season, and could write you a few more approaching above; but enough at present.—S. WOOTTON.

"OWD BRIDY."

SIR,—With the advent of a Cage Bird Press, and the enormous strides that have been made for the exhibition of our feathered pets, the old time type of bird fancier is fast disappearing. Conservative he was to a degree, and any feeding or moulting secret that he knew, wild horses would not have dragged it from him. How different is the state of things in the Fancy now, and I wonder what some of the bygone fanciers would think if they could see their cherished methods discovered by experience, improved upon, and imparted, through the columns of CAGE BIRDS, for the benefit of all and sundry. However, we have means to hand which they never enjoyed, and we must not forget that, placed in their position, and with their lack of facilities, we should have been exactly the same, neither better nor worse. One of the old stamp that I knew was just a little bit freer than the general run of the old bird men, although I had very often to try his advice before I knew if he was joking or not. "Owd Bridy" (Old Birdy) was the name he went by, for even now the North Staffordshire dialect name for bird is "brid." No man now ever deserved a birdy name more than he did, for no man liked to have them about him better than Bridy. Although all and any sort he would keep, Linnets and Goldfinches were his special favourites. Not that the old chap ever knew that he kept Goldfinches; it was an unheard-of name in those days, and there are still many fanciers who do not recognise their favourite "Red Linnet" under the name of Goldfinch. Consequently, Bridy's birds were described as Brown-'uns and Red-'uns, and he always kept the best. He did his own recruiting, and you might have met him on a Sunday morning with a favourite call bird, in a small cage, under his arm. He never took a net, to my knowledge, but always relied upon bird-lime. He must have had rare luck, for you could always depend upon having something worth listening to, whenever your steps led you in the direction of Bridy's cottage. The old man believed in keeping Linnets with Goldfinches, not in the same cages, but to sing in opposition to each other, maintaining that the different pitch of their voices caused them to sing with more gusto than when opposed Linnet to Linnet, or Goldie to Goldie. I have never thoroughly tested the old man's theory, but the combination is one which I am very fond of. I remember in particular an old Throstle which he kept at one time. What the Throstle's singing qualities were I never had a chance to judge, but he was noticeable from the fact that he was as devoid of feathers as the proverbial toad. He looked as though the whole curse of Rheims had been directed at and settled upon him. On my making enquiries as to the reason of his dilapidated condition, the old man informed me, without the semblance of a smile, that a few nights previous he had intended making his supper of pea soup, and for that purpose had placed a large saucepanful to boil upon the kitchen fire. Having cause to leave the kitchen for a while, he informed me, upon his return he found that the Throstle had escaped from his cage, and was perched upon the rim of the saucepan, engaged in pecking out the peas as fast as they rose to the top of the boiling soup, a feat to which Bridy accounted the loss of his (the Throstle's) feathers and claws. Owd Bridy did not always have things his own way, and some of the fellows played a joke upon him when they heard that he had come into possession of a gun. They informed the old man that a rare bird had been seen in the village, and promised to send for him should it make its reappearance. Next day saw the old man, surrounded by a group of villagers, in deadly pursuit of a bird about the size of a Sparrow, but with the comb and wattles of a fair-sized barnyard rooster. "It was a 'furriner,'" the old man said, "which had escaped from some gentleman's aviaries." After a long and stern chase, and the running up of a bill for damaged windows, the old man laid it low. Amid breatheless silence the bird was retrieved, and upon examination proved to be an ordinary sparrow, with a comb and wattles of red flannel, waxed on with shoemaker's wax.—B.J.

THE NIGHTJAR'S SCREAMING.

SIR,—I thought it would interest some of your readers to let them know the impression left on my mind the first time I heard the Nightjar. I had been staying in a small village in Northumberland for a holiday of three months. Our house stood away from the village, and one night in August, after going to bed, I was awakened by an awful sound. It seemed to me like the cry of someone in great distress. It was so curdling that I felt quite afraid, and aroused my cousin and told her I thought there was someone needing help. She listened; the sound came again. Then she told me I need not be afraid, as it was only the Goatsucker bleating! "We shall hear him for a week or two," she added, "and you will get used to his sorrowing.—Miss A. BROWN (Sunderland).

(Correspondence continued on next page.)

THE CHAFFINCH PROBLEM.
Suggested Aerial Coition.

SIR,—With reference to Chaffinch breeding in captivity, I tried to pair cock Chaffinch to hen Canary for two seasons without success. The following season, cock Canary and hen Chaffinch; same result—clear eggs. But, having studied Chaffinches in their wild state since, I have come to the conclusion that the eggs are fertilised while the pair are in flight together. Thanking you for the treat I had in Birthday Number.—MARTIN COOK.

BEAUTY, CONDITION, RARITY, WHICH?

SIR,—I have often wondered what is the guiding principle in the judging of British birds, for the awards at the different shows are very contradictory. At one show we see the preference given to birds of the most brilliant plumage, at another to those which show that their owners have exercised much care and skill in putting them on the bench in the finest condition possible; whilst at some we see the rarest birds selected, irrespective of beauty or condition. I do think that the judging of British birds is a subject which might be profitably discussed now that the show season is waning.—TOM TIT.

C.B. SOCIETY WANTED IN DONCASTER.

SIR,—May I ask through CAGE BIRDS if there is any prospect of starting a Cage Bird Society in Doncaster and district? I should be glad to hear from anyone desirous of making a start. It does seem a pity that there should not be one at a town like this.—GEO. STOCKS, 44, Bentley Road, Doncaster.

BRITISH BIRDS IN AMERICA.

SIR,—Having read in CAGE BIRDS (Jan. 5th) of two brother fanciers who wished to know about keeping British birds in America, will you allow me to say through your columns that I should be pleased to communicate with any brother fanciers living in or near New York, at the address below? I have several British birds which are in full song.—GEORGE HOOPER, 63, Park Hill Avenue, Yonkers, New York, U.S.A.

A CAGE BIRD SOCIETY FOR EXETER AND DISTRICT.

SIR,—Allow me to introduce to you another first feather Society, with the above designation. Having been amalgamated for some years with the Devon and Exeter Society of Poultry, Pigeons, etc., some 30 cage bird fanciers met, and considered the desirability of paddling their own canoe. The result has been most gratifying to the one or two promoters: our first meeting taking place on the 15th of January, and to-day we have some 43 members. This, I think, Sir, will be significant evidence of the need of a separate organisation to promote and encourage the Cage Bird Fancy in this district. Our radius is 20 miles, and we look forward to be able to embrace all, young and old, in that area, by the means of holding lectures (open to discussion) on the many varieties; first feather shows; mutual advice one to another; and by this means endeavour to build up a society second only to our "mother" at Plymouth, which has made such rapid strides. The under-named would be glad to hear from any fancier in the district mentioned who would like to join us.—R. H. FOLLEY, 2,8 Rosebury Road, Exeter.

THE SECRETARYSHIP OF THE GREEN CANARY ASSOCIATION.

SIR,—The majority of fanciers are aware that the stronghold of the green Canary is Liverpool, and that the pioneer of that Fancy is Mr. Hadwin, the worthy Secretary of the Green Canary Association, who has for years, with untiring energy, done everything in his power to promote this particular bird. The supporters of the same know that the green Canary would not hold the place it does in the Canary world if it had not been for the perseverance of Mr. Hadwin. What are his thanks? There are one or two (and I'm proud to say only one or two) who are trying their level best to unseat Mr. Hadwin from the position of Secretary and give it to another. Now I am writing this for the benefit of all who are members of the Green Canary Association. If they lose their present Secretary, they will find before long that their beloved Green will soon lose the favour and patronage that it has at the present time. Perhaps there are other fanciers who can give more information as to Sam Hadwin's connection with the "Green Canary" than.—I. C.

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THE CANARY-BULLIE HYBRID AT LLANDILO SHOW.

SIR,—I should esteem it a favour if you would grant me space in your valuable paper to say that I bred the Canary-Bullie that Mr. Wasley showed at Llandilo Show on Jan. 17th. It was bred with a large green Crestbred cock Canary and hen Bullfinch. I had no Greenfinch-Bullfinch eggs, neither had the Bullfinch been flying with a Greenfinch, so it is impossible for it to be a Greenfinch-Bullfinch, or anything else but the Canary-Bullie.—(Mrs.) K. HUNT.

BO'NESS SHOW.

SIR,—In reply to Mr. J. C. Watt's letter, re missing Twite at Bo'ness, I think I can throw still more light on this matter. I defy him to say he has not got his right Twite. His Twite was sent to Mr. Craig, of Glasgow, in error; but immediately the error was discovered I wrote Mr. Craig to send it on to its rightful owner, Mr. Watt, who wrote to Mr. Craig saying he got his Twite all right; so how can he say truthfully he has not got it? Re printer's error in our catalogue, this is so, as in our catalogue Mr. Craig was No. 9, when it should have been No. 10, which he himself can testify, and Mr. Watt well knows his was No. 11. I can let anyone see from my book that there is an error with the printer. No. 10 was first, which was Mr. Craig's, of Glasgow, although, through this printer's error, No. 10 on our catalogue was Mr. Watt at £2, when it should have read "No. 10, Mr. Craig at £3." Mr. Livingstone, of Bathgate, claimed "No. 10, Watt at £2," according to catalogue; but on discovering the error I immediately acquainted Mr. Livingstone of it, telling him he would have to pay another 20s. if he wanted the Twite, and he, gentleman-like, said he would return Mr. Craig's Twite. This explains that part of Mr. Watt's letter about returning the Twite to Glasgow the next day. Then, after Mr. Livingstone had reconsidered it, he again wrote me saying he was keeping the Twite and had sent on the extra 20s. to Mr. Craig. I will leave Mr. Livingstone and Mr. Craig to testify whether the above is the truth or not. In my opinion, this matter is quite cleared up. Mr. Watt, besides getting his Twite, seems to want the £2, also the prize-money it never won. Re Mr. Watt's remarks, "It is always something to feed"—well, he surely means someone to pay dear enough for this "something to feed," as I see in last week's issue of CAGE BIRDS he has the Twite he has been showing advertised at 20s. This itself testifies he has got his Twite. I explained all this fully to Mr. Watt already, but he seems slow to understand, or perhaps he did not want to.—FINDLAY MCGILLIVRAY, Secretary.

[This matter may now well close.—ED. "C. B."]

THE CLASSIFICATION OF YORKSHIRES.

SIR,—I am indebted to Mr. Crawhall for his reply to my letter. I note he presumes my remarks apply chiefly to the North-Western portion of England. My remarks regarding poor support do apply to this portion of England, but not my remarks upon classification. I think few Yorkshire fanciers can find much to complain of in the classification given by societies in this county (Cumberland). There are at present five open shows held annually in the county (with a prospect of more next show season), giving the undermentioned number of classes:—Whitehaven, eight classes; Cleator Moor, six; Carlisle, six; Egremont, six; Cockermouth, 4, and one Nat. Colour. Total number of classes for five shows, 30 and one Nat. Colour. It will be seen that this compares favourably with the average number of classes given by the seven societies mentioned in Mr. Crawhall's letter as being the principal societies in the counties of Durham and Northumberland, whose number of classes totalled are 32. Separate classes are given for clears (in Cumberland), also in nearly all cases for hens, and I consider rightly so. Do we not produce as many hens as cocks? And that being so, why, may I ask, should they be confined to one class? I sincerely hope Yorkshire exhibitors will come forward and give us the benefit of their opinion as to why classification such as is given in this district is not better supported. And why societies giving from three to five classes, with a classification such as Clear or Tck. Yell., ditto Buff, Uneven. Mark. or Varieg. Yell. or Buff (Cinn. Mks. included), Clear, Tck., Uneven. Mark., or Varieg. Yell. or Buff Hen (Cinn. Mks. included), and in some cases Any Variety Hen, can get supported to the tune of from 15 to 27 entries in a class, or, may I put it, in a combination of classes? I think it rests with exhibitors themselves, and this, I believe, is one of the reasons why some shows are failures. For this reason I invite a general friendly discussion upon the matter, with a view to benefiting societies and exhibitors in general.—JOHN FERGUSON.

P.S.—I should like once again to respectfully ask the Hon Sec. of the Y.C.C. for the favour of a reply to my previous questions.

THE CAGE BIRD UNION.

SIR,—Will you allow me to draw the attention of fanciers and members of the Cage Bird Union to your paragraph in "Twitterings" in your issue of January 26th, stating that 36 members of the London Cage Bird Association have resigned their membership for the very good reason that they object to being forced to join the C.B.U.? That such a large percentage of members of one society should object to being affiliated does not say much for the much-boomed popularity of the Cage Bird Union, and I think that it supports my contention that a very large number of members are affiliated to it through fear of their societies being boycotted. While sympathising with the late members of the L.C.B.A., I would much rather have had them stick to their society and have done their best to persuado the L.C.B.A. to withdraw from the Union. A move made in this direction by any of the large societies is just what is needed by the smaller societies, who recognise the fact that they may be "marked" if they take the lead themselves. Let any of the large societies withdraw, and the Union will not last long.—W. REID.

A LONDON SPARROW AND ITS STORY.

SIR,—Perhaps it may interest some readers of CAGE BIRDS to hear this true story of a Sparrow. One cold and rainy day at the beginning of last year I found in my area a poor wee Sparrow, too ill to fly, and so cold and dirty. I picked up the little bedraggled thing, carried it up to a warm room and dried it before the fire, then put some moss in a Canary cage and some warm soft food within its reach. I covered up the cage carefully at night. In the morning my invalid guest was still very ill, and for three days he wheezed piteously, but allowed me to feed him. However, the Sparrow did not die, nor did I wish to lose him; and after a few days he was able to get on to a perch and to eat seed that I crushed for him. Then I carried the cage into a certain sunny corner of the house, known as the "birds' corner," and when he looked around and saw his beautiful Foreign companions, he took heart of grace and began to bathe and preen himself. It is so seldom London folk see a really smart and clean Sparrow, that I was very proud of my patient. I had promised him he should have his liberty on the first really warm day, so I used to carry his cage out on to the balcony to get him accustomed to live in the open once more. A lovely spring day came at last, and the Sparrow's cage was taken to the balcony as usual, and the door left open. I went indoors and watched. The bird hopped down and perched in the doorway of the cage. Presently, with a glad chirp, he was off, making for the trees in the garden of the square almost opposite the house. I thought I had lost my little friend for ever. I have also a Nonpareil Bunting, who lives on the balcony in the summer, and his cage was hung up just where the Sparrow's used to be. One day, when going out to feed "Bobby Blossom" (the Bunting), I found a nice clean Sparrow sitting on top of the cage, and several others on the floor, picking up the seed which was lying about. Now it was not surprising to see Sparrows feeding on the floor, but I had never seen one sitting calmly on top of the other bird's cage, especially as "Bobby" is rather aggressive, and resents liberties keenly. Many times now have I seen that Sparrow trying to feed from the pots of the Bunting's cage, and, although I cannot be certain about it, I like to think that it is my Sparrow, and that, although liberty is so sweet to him, he does not forget his old home and the human friends who tended him in his hour of suffering and of need.—K. LESLIE MILLER.

JUDGE AND EXHIBITOR.
A Protest.

SIR,—I understand that a report was in circulation at Bathgate Show on Saturday, Jan. 12th, to the effect that Mr. Peter Pettigrew (judge) carried my birds to and from Whitburn Show, where I was fortunate enough to win two firsts. What I want to do is to deny this report, and also any connection with Mr. Pettigrew, and advise the person who started this report, and those who believe it, to make enquiries from the Secretary of Whitburn Show, who both received and returned my birds by rail. I mentioned this matter to an old fancier. "Man, man," he said, "that's jist the sort o' thing you have ta pit up wie when you come into the Fancy, and if a' wis you a' wid jist say nothing aboot it. You'll find plenty ta say bad aboot you, but few ta say guid." This seems to be the motto of a great many fanciers. They let untrue reports pass, and don't trouble themselves to deny them. "Silence is consent," and if they all do as I intend to do—put in a stitch in time to save nine—I think it would be better for the Fancy.—A. WILSON.

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GRAVE CHARGES AGAINST EGREMONT SHOW.

SIR,—From Mr. Withington's last letter, re above, his praiseworthy intention "not to twist his opponent's letters in order to obtain justice," was evidently forgotten immediately he had made it. He is sorry for my committee, and hopes I will wear my statements on my sleeve lest I forget again. I may inform him that I have not forgotten anything in connection with this incident, nor have I contradicted a single one of the statements made by me in this discussion. The first "twist" in his recent contribution is in reference to the "exhausted condition" and the "fit." I plainly repeat, that his birds arrived in an exhausted condition, and that the bird which died never recovered. Surely that is plain enough for anyone; but as he failed to comprehend how my letter could be expected to do myself or my society any good, would it be putting his comprehension to too severe a test to state that the "fit" from which his bird died had been induced by the exposure to the cold, which exposure, I say, was responsible for his birds arriving at the Show in "an exhausted condition? That such has been my opinion since the Show, I may say, in passing, I informed the Egremont stationmaster there would in all probability be a claim from Mr. Withington against the railway company for neglect of his birds in transit, as evidently the bird in question had died from the effects of being left on Sellafield platform between the trains. This statement I made to the official on the Sunday night after the Show, when we were booking the birds back home. When Mr. Withington defies me to find the statement that his charge was one to which he did not attach any importance, we come to "twist" No. 2. I did not state what he attributes to me, and can safely leave my previous remark to the judgment of your readers. Perhaps he failed to comprehend the force of the remark? "Twist" No. 3 has reference to Mr. Douglas's letter. The only difference between that gentleman's letter and mine was that he included Mr. Moffat, Senior (my uncle), whose name I left out for obvious reasons. However, I will include him now, and also add the name of R. Jefferson, Esq., J.P., who was standing in the aisle when the bird had the fit. As for Judge Dixon's letter not bearing out the "exhausted condition" fact (not "theory," Mr. Editor), his statement could only be made so far as his knowledge of the case went, and therefore has no material bearing on the matter. I am glad Mr. Withington has at last disclosed the identity of the exhibitor who made the statement that his birds were without a drop of water on the second day of the Show—a statement which Mr. Withington was compelled to alter as being on the Sunday and not on the second day of the show. (Is my memory short or too long?) Now that he has at last been dragged from his obscurity into the light of day, I ask the said Mr. W. J. Park, of Millom, to furnish proof of the statement Mr. Withington makes him the author of, which I am authorised by my committee to state as being absolutely incorrect. I wish, also, to state that Mr. Parker Robinson, of Barrow-in-Furness, was the duly accredited C.B. Union representative, and that Mr. W. J. Park, of Millom, was not the C.B.U. representative, as stated by Mr. Withington. I wonder if that is another of his "twists"? I distinctly and plainly ask Mr. Withington to make his charges against our Society in a recognised manner, so that he won't be able to "twist" them further. I am wishful that the charges be judged upon their merits by the Cage Bird Union, and accept his offer of apology to myself if the C.B. Union decide against him, and the same holds good if their decision is otherwise, meaning I will apologise to him. The Egremont Show Committee and myself court the fullest inquiry into this matter, the charges, as we understand them, being of a nature calculated to do us harm if we do not show them to be without foundation, in fact and theory. We therefore invite Mr. Withington to send his charges against us to the Cage Bird Union, in writing, and also, at the same time, send me an exact copy of the said charges. If he does not do this, Mr. Editor, perhaps you will be kind enough to appraise his action at its true value, as something requires to be said to act as a deterrent on any exhibitor who makes charges against a society while in possession of no proof to substantiate his charges.—JAS. MOFFAT, Jun. (Hon.-Sec. Egremont Show.)

[This matter must now close.—ED. CAGE BIRDS.]

A PRIVATE APPEAL.

SIR,—Enclosed please find cheque, value 10s. 6d., towards the Verrall Fund. Sincerely hope I may have the pleasure of meeting the old gentleman at the Palace. I must add my sincere congratulations for the Birthday Number of CAGE BIRDS; it was simply superb.—E. BAKER (Cowes).

How I Keep and Treat my Linnets.

By J. G. SHEPPARD.

There have been so many useful hints given to fanciers in the pages of CAGE BIRDS on the subject of Linnet Keeping that it would be difficult to introduce any new points. Still, as a one time novice, I am going to try and help those who have had less experience than myself. I always like to rear my own Linnets from the nest, and I go about it in this fashion:—Towards the end of April or the beginning of May, I set out for a stroll over the mountains, walking on until I reach the fields of potatoes, mangels, oats, clover, etc., on the lower hillside. Here one can generally find a few cocks and hens feeding on top of the hedges, but it is away among the dense gorse bushes at a little distance that the Linnet finds its favourite nesting ground.

METHOD OF CAPTURE.

I sit down and take a few whiffs at my pipe before I begin my search, watching the birds pass and repass from feeding ground to nest which lies hidden in the gorse some three fields away. When I have finished my pipe I get a small stick, about a foot long, and make off to the gorse, which I begin to search thoroughly, giving each bush a light tap with my stick, and looking keenly in every direction. All of a sudden a cock bird will appear and begin to sing lustily near by. The closer you get to his nest the closer will he hover about you, alighting here and there on some bush and giving the warning cry to his mate, who will stick to her post, like a British artilleryman to his guns, until you are almost on top of her when off she will fly to her mate. But they will not go far. Before you have actually found the nest they are back on top of you again, darting and buzzing about you all the while. Perhaps all you will find in the nest are some white eggs with chocolate spots, distinct on the larger end, but fading out towards the smaller. The nest itself is made of dried hay and wool, lined with horse or cow hair. It is generally placed in the centre fork of the gorse bush, and most cunningly hidden. When I find a nest which contains eggs only I let them stop until the young are hatched, and when they are about eight days old I take them home and rear them by hand. I have, however, known the Linnet forsake her eggs when they have been handled.

FEEDING THE YOUNGSTERS.

I make up the food of the young birds as follows:—One egg (boiled for about half an hour), three parts of Osborne biscuit, one teaspoonful of pure white chalk (the latter to prevent scouring); mix altogether with water until moist, and feed with a pointed stick of soft wood. Be careful not to give the food too fast, or in too large pieces—they should be about the size of a large pin's head. You will find them very greedy birds, and the process of feeding is tiring; but if given a square meal each time it will not be necessary to feed oftener than every two hours, as their crops hold a tremendous quantity of food. After every meal give each one three drops of linseed tea on the end of a stick. To make this, put two ounces of linseed in half a pint of water; boil for half an hour; strain through a piece of white muslin, let it cool, and it is ready for use. Keep it well corked and make fresh every week. Keep them on this diet for four weeks, then begin to add crushed hemp, boiled German rape and crushed canary seed, using separate vessels for each. Do not forget a bath every day; they will take readily to it. I find it a good plan to turn them into a flight cage with young Canaries of their own age; by doing so you will get them on to seed much quicker. Until they are ten to twelve weeks old give them as much hemp seed as they will eat, with a little linseed added. Give also plenty of wild seeds as they come into season—hard-heads, teasel, plantain, groundsel, etc. I never give greenfood until they are three months old, when I provide dandelion, watercress and groundsel.

Now to select cock from hens. Some go by the red breast feathers; well, that is right as regards a wild-caught bird, but when he is hand reared, or house moulted, he loses this red breast, which is replaced by a dark pencilling. The way to pick these birds is to select those with the large, bold heads, with the web of the tail feathers nearly all white; the same with the outside of the flights. Choose nutty brown shoulders. The hens have a much smaller and snakey head, with hardly any whites at all on outside flights; she is a smaller bird altogether. Select one for the show bench in this way: Short thick bird; beak short and moderate size; good broad skull; eyes set in centre of head, large and bold; neck short and thick, well set into a pair of broad shoulders; back broad and nicely filled in with neat clear markings extending from head to rump; well finished off with depth of nut brown and rich gloss; nice deep chest full and well rounded, with a nice neat waist, of a rich nutty brown, full of nice dark pencilling racing round to vent, with not too much white on belly; good whites on outside flights and tail feathers. Wings to lie close to side with tips to meet on top of rump, not crossed, as this is a great fault in the bird. Legs short and well bent; thighs covered to the hock with short silky feather; the feet taking a firm hold of perch; a bold, defiant appearance; tail close and tight, making a well compact all-round bird with markings broken up as much as possible, shaded with a rich nutty brown. Those that are not in a way to rear their own Linnets and have to put up with fresh caught ones, I recommend to try and find a brother fancier who has a few to dispose of, when I don't think you will have much to fear; but as a rule when a fancier gets a couple of good Linnets he generally sticks to them.

TREATMENT OF FRESH-CAUGHT BIRDS.

If you fail in this way I prefer the catcher to buy from, as when you purchase a couple of Linnets straight from the field you know they have not been tampered with or knocked about; you have a better chance of taming your bird down, also moulting him out a winner if he has got the qualities in him before mentioned. The only difficulty I foresee you to have is getting him on seed. The way to set about this is to put them in a large flight cage, about 12 inches deep, and hang him in a position to see all that is going on, and every one that is passing. By having a deep cage the birds, when approached, instead of dashing into the wires of cage will edge off to the back out of the way, and thus become more accustomed to cage-life every day. Keep them supplied with plenty of water for bath, and feed on crushed hemp and Canary seed, boiled rape, German and English mixed. For the first ten days give only half crushed seeds and the other half solid, in separate vessels. After feeding on this for a fortnight begin to take notice which are the most forward on the hard seed, then separate these in a smaller cage (say, a two foot breeding cage) and put two young Linnets with one hen Canary; the Canary will help to steady them down, and draw them more to the seed and water-bottles. Supply them with as many hardheads as you can get.

MULING.

If it is your intention to mule with them pick out the largest and steadiest; run them with the hens all the winter up to March, then separate them with a wire partition up to the end of April, when draw the slide and let them together for about a week. Before you run them together you should have a cock Canary in the same room in full song, and if your hens are in condition (and the Linnets) they will crouch on the perch for the cock to tread them. As soon as the hen has made her nest and started to lay, you must take the egg out every morning, and replace it with a dummy one, or the Linnet will have eggs for breakfast. When she has laid her third egg shut the Linnet off from her altogether, take the dummy eggs out and replace her own. At the same time you must not forget to take the cock Canary out of the room altogether, then she will go to sit comfortably; otherwise to the cock Canary's singing she would very likely keep coming off the eggs and answering him. Put him where she cannot hear him. In fourteen days she will hatch the youngsters, and will feed and rear them herself if you supply the necessary food for her—hard boiled eggs and three parts of Osborne biscuits fresh twice daily (first thing in the morning and about three o'clock in the evening). When the young are about a month old introduce the Linnet as before, putting the young in a nursery cage and hanging them in front of the breeding cage where the hen can easily feed them through the wires, at the same time supplying the young with egg food, crushed canary and hemp, and a little boiled rape, gradually reducing the egg every day, and adding more crushed seed. After you have weaned them off the egg begin with solid seeds, docking the crushed seed day by day, and adding in separate vessels canary seed, boiled rape, and a little hemp. By the time they are six weeks old they should be on hard seed.

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LINNET RACE AT PECKHAM.

Impressions of a Novice in the Art.

This competition was sung off at the "Horseshoe," Hill Street, Peckham, on four Sundays, viz., Dec. 16th, competitors Messrs. Preston, Payne, Atkins, Mack; Dec. 23rd, Messrs. Peter, Gunnel, Baghurst ("Little Jack"); Dec. 30th, Messrs. Payne, Baghurst, Gunnel, Atkins. The winners of the three previous heats had to sing off on Sunday, Jan. 6th, the winner being "Jim" Gunnel. The runner-up was Atkins. The trophy consisted of a silver-plated tea and coffee service, under a glass shade, with a copper kettle, valued 10s., for the runner-up. This proved a very exciting night. The room was packed, there being hardly room to stand about.

I was invited to go and see what turned out to be a very interesting event to me, it being the first time I have had the pleasure of seeing such a thing. I think anyone interested in cage birds ought to endeavour to see a good singing handicap; it seems hardly credible that birds can be trained to sing so well in a stated time, namely, 15 minutes. I must say on entering the house I felt a little out of my latitude at first, but in a few minutes one soon got used to the situation. One hears nothing else talked of but the singing properties of So-and-so's bird.

All at once someone calls out that the other bird is here to sing off the semi-final, when everybody makes a rush to the room where the singing is to take place. There is a call "all pipes out," the door is closed, and kept strictly guarded by a doorkeeper, and silence reigns supreme. It hardly seems possible that so many burly men can keep so quiet. Two men who are to sing their birds, having tossed for the choice of the nail on which to hang their cages, the contest is ready to begin. Each one has a way of starting his bird, and when the timekeeper calls "time" up on the nails the cages go.

Some of the birds appear to know what is expected of them, and start singing at once, but some appear to find it necessary to adjust their toilet first. The men who are taking chalks for each bird sit at the table, watching and listening, and I really must admit that the song of some of the birds was a treat to hear. All at once there is another call of time, and that heat is over, and everybody makes a rush for the open door, for the room by this time is very warm. After a short spell the second round is sung, and the result is known. Then congratulations by some to the winner, and a general conversation regarding the different styles in which the birds have sung. It seemed curious that the winning Linnet should turn up in a bird with a white head, known by the name of "White Nob." All is now over, and an adjournment is made to the bars. Most of those present that have birds with them unwrap their songsters, hang their cages up round the wall on nails provided, and you can hear the voices of birds rise exultantly above the babble of conversation. Presently the landlord brings out his team of about forty birds, and puts them up in the bar. No one can guess what it is like, what with the birds and the talk. I thought I should sleep that night with birds singing in my ears.

If anyone interested should give a call on the landlord, Mr. Barnes, I am sure he would be pleased to show his birds. He told me he had about a score of Goldfinches and other British birds, some champion exhibition ones amongst them. I was shown two or three really fine Linnets which I should like to have in show cages. These Linnet singers' birds seem to be their first thoughts, judging by the way they get their cages up, with elaborate water tins and side pans, etc. A man showed me a Linnet which he says is 10 years old (it hardly seems possible one could keep them so long in good health in back cages), it hardly looked three or four years of age. I was told by one fancier that his birds had just done a clean moult, and finished up in three or four weeks. Of course they are kept covered up all the time. I asked how long they kept them covered up when training them for singing matches and for night singing, and was told that they are uncovered about 9 a.m. till 2 o'clock, and again from 7.30 till 10.30.

They all appear to feed mainly on English rape, flax, and canary seed (called black, white, and brown), and side pans are a speciality. They should be given also thistle, dandelion, and niger now and again. Of course nearly everyone has a special way of preparing their birds for singing. They are allowed to sing any one class bird. You hear fanciers saying to each other, "I will lend you so and so bird to sing at different contests," so borrowed birds are allowed, which is quite unlike the rules of exhibiting.—F. TURNER.

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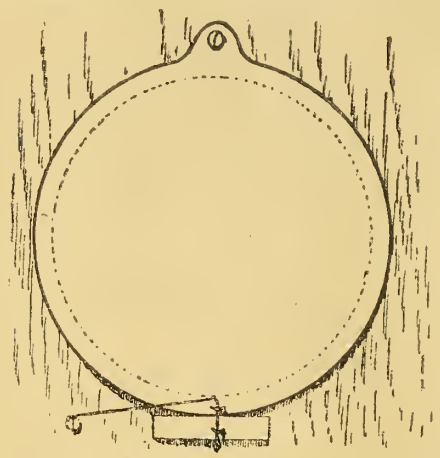
No. 71
A SAFE CAGE DOOR.

Sent by W. Poate, Warblington, Havant, Hants.

I enclose a sketch of a door for cages, the chief point of which is that you can run birds from one cage to another without fear of them getting away. The door, which is made of



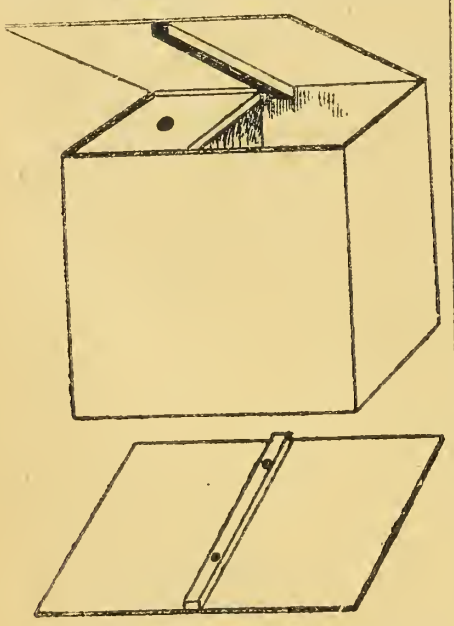
A Safe Cage Door.

tin (or other thin stuff) swings up flush with the side of the cage. Thus you can put two cages very close to one another. The hook passes through a small hole in the edge that is turned up.—W. POATE.

No. 72.
FITTING UP A TRAVELLING HAMPER.

Sent by A. W. Statham, Charlton Park, Cheltenham.

I noticed one of your readers complaining of a Hawfinch pecking off the foot of his Bramblefinch during the return journey from a show. The hamper fitting I illustrate here would prevent such an occurrence; at least,



Fitting a Travelling Hamper.

I have found it do so, and think other readers may also find it useful. The upper figure illustrates a show case to take two cages, with strips of wood one-inch wide screwed on the lid, and on the bottom of the case, the latter preventing the birds from touching one another during transit. The strips hold the cages firmly in position, and at a little distance apart. The lower figure shows how easily the strips are screwed on the bottom of the case, and on the lid.—A. W. STATHAM.

A Note on the Woodcock.

To flush a solitary Woodcock is occasionally done, by anyone wandering through a spinney where these birds are known to spend the day. It may sometimes happen that two are flushed together, but not often. And yet as soon as the sun sets and the light gets bad, several of them, by some mysterious signalling, manage to band together and fly off to the feeding grounds. Unlike most birds the Woodcock feeds at night, resting securely under some bush in a wood during the daytime. That the bird is able to see by daylight is proved by the skilful and rapid manner in which it threads its way between the tree trunks and saplings in the plantation while the sun shines brightly.

THE YOUNG NATURALIST.

Prizes of 1s. and two of 6d. each will be given for respectively the best and two second best cuttings or original bits about birds. Competitors must be children under sixteen years of age. All efforts must be briefly and clearly written, and ON ONE SIDE OF THE PAPER ONLY.

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Uncle Peter thinks that his nephews and nieces will not have forgotten the needs of the poor wild birds in this spell of bitter weather. He himself has been greatly distressed at finding several Redwings and other birds, among them a hardy Starling, starved to death with cold and hunger. Even the Gulls have been so famished as to fly to the windows of Uncle Peter's lodgings and take bread and other scraps placed for them on the flower-boxes outside.

Some men are so cruel that they catch the graceful Gulls with fish-hooks baited with sprats, and several young Gulls were hanging in the poulterers' shops here at Sandgate this morning. One, which Uncle Peter examined carefully, had his head and neck still mottled with brown; his back a beautiful pale-bluish grey, some black on his wings, and all his under parts pure white. His legs and feet were a pretty pink, and his bill bright yellow, with a patch of vivid red on the lower mandible.

It seemed a wicked thing to kill so beautiful a creature, for Gulls are not good to eat, and they do very little, if any, harm to anybody.

* The Wren and the Cat.

The Wren is a very lively bird, and is very common on the island. It braves our severest winter, and enlivens us by its sprightly and rattling note, and continues its song until late in the evening. During the breeding season a pair of Wrens built their nest under the top edge of a deep sand hole, within a few yards of where we lived. A very cosy nest, built of moss, dried grass and leaves. It contained about fourteen eggs, which were white, thinly dotted with small reddish spots, mostly at the thick end. We were eagerly watching to see the little ones, when we noticed the mother bird, going to and from the nest with something in her mouth. But a naughty cat was watching her too, and attacked the poor Wren and made a meal o' the young.—Sent by ISALIN GILL (age 13), 20, Drumgold Street, Douglas, Isle of Man.

* Cold Winter.

On the 10th ult. we had the first really cold winter day, there being a very sharp frost, and Starlings, Thrushes and Robins, which previously had been singing merrily, were suddenly silenced. The countryside seemed bare and cheerless with leafless trees and the absence of bird music. The following verses by Nicholas Breton I thought were very appropriate:—

The bushes and the trees,
That were so fresh and green,
Do all their dainty colour leese
And not a leaf is seen.

The Blackbird and the Thrush
That made the woods to ring
With all the rest are now at hush
And not a note they sing.

—LUCIE BEATRICE FEW (age 12), Claraville, Buckley Street, Wigan.

The Greenfinches.

Last December I caught a pair of Greenfinches. I put them in a cage together, with some food and water. But they were fighting so much that I had to separate them. I put the cock in another cage, but he was so wild there again that I had to let him loose. He was a very pretty bird with yellow bars on his wings. The hen was very happy in the cage for about a day. One afternoon I went to the country for a walk, and when I came back I saw the hen lying motionless on the bottom of the cage, and I don't know what has happened to her.—Sent by TOM LEWIS (age 11), Bwlchyffin, Cwmanne, near Lampeter, Cardiganshire.

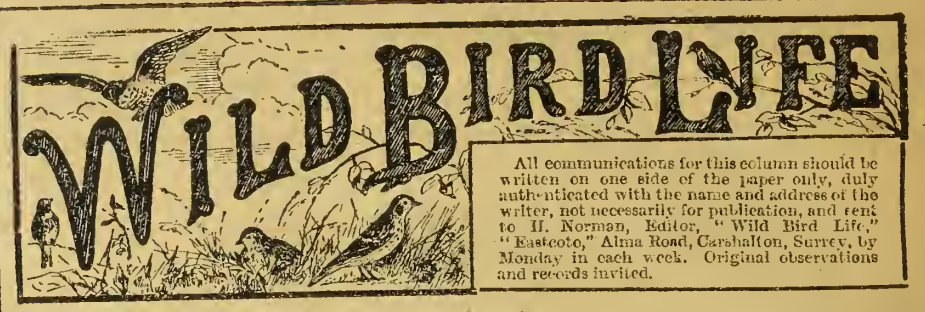
* My Jackdaw.

A Jackdaw makes a very nice pet. I had one given me which soon became tame, and I taught it several tricks. When I first had him he was very thin and was not very well. But he soon got well, and he used to try and follow me when I went down the street by trying to get over the gate. When he wanted his food he used to sit in his cage till he got it. One day I found him gone, and I haven't seen him since.—WILLIAM MILLARD (aged 12), 8, Church Street, Bishops Stortford.

The Mynah Mimic.

My mother brought home with her last year five Mynahs, four hill Mynahs, and one common Mynah. They come from India, and are very clever and intelligent birds. Our's mostly speak Hindustani, but they are beginning to pick up English. They have learnt the name of our cat, and continually call it out, whereupon our puss rushes in thinking it is dinner time, but, much to its disgust, finds no one about. Our common Mynah is very modest, and is always saying "O what a dirty bird I am." But if you speak to it, it says "Shut up" in a bass voice. They have learnt to cough just like a person, and if at dinner anyone makes a joke and we laugh, they mimic us so loudly that we cannot hear ourselves speak.—Sent by HARRY RYVES (age 13), "Whitewyches," Sylvan Way, Bognor.

Kingfishers have re-appeared at the Roman Baths (Bath), and, it is said, become quite bold. Even in the presence of visitors they have been observed diving for the fish.



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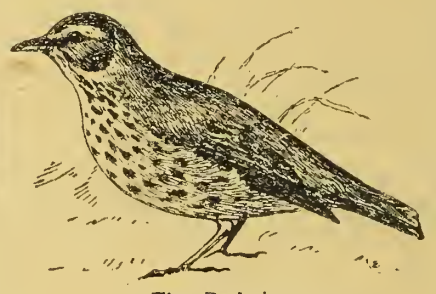
Wintry Weather.

We have had another spell of real winter weather, and I fear our wild birds have fared badly. Although there has not been quite so much snow, the frost has been severe, and the wind exceedingly keen. After the heavy snow we had at Christmas time, I noticed that all the wild berries had been eaten by the birds. In this district privet hedges are plentiful, both round gardens and along the country roads, and on the borders of woods. There was a fine crop of the purple fruit, and one naturally thought they would last well through the winter; but in those first few days of snow and frost they all vanished, and we hunted everywhere to try and get a handful for our captive birds. Thrushes are fairly plentiful in the district, but it is doubtful if they could clear the hedges so effectually in a few days without help. Possibly we had a few wandering parties of Fieldfares or Thrushes from farther north.



The Redwing.

During this last spell of bad weather, the birds that came into the village looked very much worse than formerly; they were thick and lumpy looking. When they flew from fence to fence across the gardens, their feathers were so puffed out that their wings appeared too small for the body, and they hardly had strength to get along the hedge-rows, flying short distances, just a few inches above the ground, and then scrambling into the bottom of the hedge, instead of taking wing and getting right away as they generally do. A heap of steaming manure in a field or garden was a favourite hunting ground. Here would be gathered nearly all the Finches, Thrushes, Blackbirds, Hedge Sparrows, and Robins; and at one was noticed a Grey Wagtail, while a little cock-tailed Wren helped to swell the party.

At Christmas the Starlings were very much in evidence, coming into the village gardens. But now they seem to have suddenly disappeared. So have the majority of the Sparrows, and we should not be sorry if some of them forgot to return; we can well spare a few dozens. How Rooks manage to find anything to eat in a field partly covered with snow is a mystery, and yet they do so, for one can see them there all day long. If the ground is carefully examined, it will be seen that they have dug deep holes into the hard, frost-bound earth with their powerful beaks. How do they know where to dig, and do they succeed in finding anything every time they try?

One day a couple of Rooks were seen chasing a Starling for some time, trying their best to make him drop a tasty morsel he had found. He was shouting with fright, and although they several times nearly caught him, he managed to get away without losing his treasure.

We have lately had a few Redwings in the district. A flock of them were probing about in the snow, and could evidently manage to find something. Although the handsome Redwing is a bird of more northern climes, he is hardly so hardy as one would expect, and is even more likely to succumb during a spell of bad weather than our own resident Thrushes.

Notes and Queries.

Habit of the Raven.

It has been recorded that if one of a pair of Ravens be destroyed, the other will eat the eggs (if any are laid) before trying to get a fresh mate.

Absence of the Waxwing.

Has any of our readers seen the beautiful Waxwing this winter? We generally get a fair number over here each season, but up to the present time I have seen no mention of any in the papers devoted to wild life.

Herons Swimming.

It is not generally known that Herons are able to swim if necessary, but do not often do so. One was shot at and wounded in the wing, and fell at the edge of a ditch. He quickly swam to the opposite side when pursued.

Early Nesting.

We have noted the mating of the Robins, but a reader (E. Langford) kindly sends us some cuttings from a contemporary recording the nesting of these birds, both in Truro (Cornwall) and at Edmonton; also a photo of the latter nest.

Bramblefinches in Herts.

A number of Bramblefinches have made their appearance in this district, which is, I believe a rare occurrence. I have enquired of some of the oldest inhabitants, bred and born here, but no one seems to have seen these birds here before. Probably they have been driven further south than they usually come, owing to the severe weather.—W. C. FREEMAN, Hatfield, Herts.

Notes on the Goldfinch.

Although this sprightly bird is now somewhat more numerous than a few years ago, there was evidently a time when it must have been exceedingly common. In 1860 Mr. Hussey reported in the avicultural press that the average annual capture near Worthing exceeded 11,000 dozen, nearly all being cock birds. At that time they must have been very plentiful all along the Downs, for it was stated that 40 dozen had been captured near Brighton in one morning. The desire to possess these beautiful creatures as cage pets has no doubt helped to reduce them, but we must not forget that land has increased considerably in value, so that many fields now under cultivation were at that time waste places, and would naturally afford plenty of good food for the Thistle-Finch and others. So one is inclined to think they are still plentiful in some parts of Europe, where land is still running to waste.

What was the Bird?

Could you tell me what the bird was, about the size of a Thrush perching, black head, white band round throat, speckled like Thrush, only seen once here? General colouring brown, but only seen from distance.—"OBSERVER."

[It is probable that the bird you saw was a Ring Ouzel. He is very much like a Blackbird, with a white crescent or band round the lower part of the throat. Some birds are more dense in colour than others, and it is possible that the one you saw appeared to be spotted on the breast. Many have a distinct mottling, which under certain conditions shows very plainly.—H. N.]

Early Songsters.

To sing is apparently the first action of a bird when waking. Many sing before daylight, and, therefore, cannot have taken their morning feed. Judging by the behaviour of captive birds, we should expect wild ones to start feeding as soon as they awake. From an old diary I take the following interesting notes respecting the early songsters:—From February until April the Lark was the first bird to be heard upon six occasions out of eighteen, and these were the last six, showing that in the early months of the year he is hardly so fond of early rising as some people imagine. The Robin was first upon three separate occasions, and the Blackbird twice. Locality would evidently have some influence upon different birds. Here, for instance, the Song Thrush is the first bird to "hail the opening morn" at least four days in the week, and yet in the old record I am quoting from he does not manage to do so upon any single occasion. During the spring and early summer he is generally the last to say "good-night"; but during January and February the familiar Robin pipes a cheery note after his evening bath, when other songsters have retired to rest.

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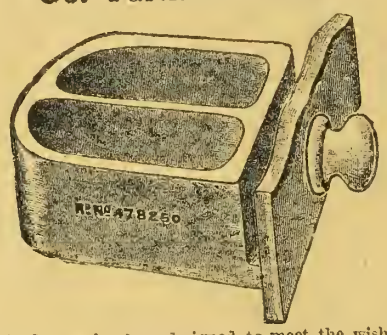

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35, Ham Pard Road, Stratford. February 1st, 1907. Birds arrived quite safe. Am pleased with same.—H. Sedger to W. Rudd.

Coastguard Station, Baltimore, Co. Cork. January 25th, 1907.—Birds arrived safe. I am very well pleased with them. I must say I am entirely satisfied with them.—E. G. Southwood to W. Rudd.

4, Highland View, Skewen, near Neath. February 2nd, 1907.—Birds arrived safe and well, tip-top condition, after long journey through the hardest of cold weather. Well pleased with them. Thanks for such good birds.—J. Dawes to W. Rudd.

The Hague, Holland. January, 1907.—Received bird in good condition. Am very pleased with him. —C. Junod to W. Rudd.

Could Not be Beaten at the Price.

2, Victoria Square, North Place, Guildford. January 29th, 1907.—Yorkshire cock arrived quite safe. I am quite satisfied with him. He started singing soon after being unpacked. I don't think he could be beaten at the price.—T. Holden to W. Rudd.

Still Giving Satisfaction after Three Years.

16, Church Grove, Ladywell, Lewisham. January 29th, 1907.—Please send two bottles of Asthmarine. I am pleased to say the Canary is still all right, and giving complete satisfaction, since we had him three years ago.—J. C. Keiland to W. Rudd.

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COCK Canaries, full song, 6s. 6d. each; healthy hens, 1s. 6d. each.—W. Clegg, 7, Mariners Grove, Dewsbury Road, Leeds.

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Hundreds of bird-keepers—nay, many thousands—have known the troubles and disasters which follow the visitation of mice and rats to their bird-rooms and aviaries, and have experienced the worries of trying to banish the persistent little pests. The damage mice and rats can do the fancier and his stock can hardly be painted in too strong terms. They will taint his seed and foods so that they become highly injurious and obnoxious to his birds, frrghten the latter by scampering about the cages and aviaries so that serious bodily injury results, and even kill and devour them in most wanton and grievous manner. In short, the fancier who knowingly harbours rats and mice about his premises runs risks of the gravest nature. Until quite recently, however, the difficulties attending their extermination were of a heart-breaking character, traps being next to worthless and the use of poison open to many objections, so that many fanciers have been reduced to the necessity of getting rid of their pets. To-day bird-keepers have every cause for self-congratulation. Science has come to their aid, and the difficulty of totally exterminating either rats or mice, or both, no longer exists. The "Liverpool" Virus, prepared by the Incorporated Liverpool Institute of Comparative Pathology (Serum Department), compasses the entire destruction of rats, mice, field-mice, etc. The "Liverpool" Virus is a living culture grown on the surface of nutrient jelly, and is quite harmless to man or to domestic animals, such as horses, cattle, sheep, goats, dogs, cats, game, birds, etc., but when given mixed with food to mice and rats it produces in them a disease which is fatal in from 7 to 14 or more days, and which spreads from animal to animal. The virus may be used for the destruction of rats and mice in fields and cultivated areas, also about farm buildings and warehouses and in private houses and other buildings. The virus is supplied as it is grown on the surface of jelly in tubes plugged with paraffin wax and cotton wool. The tubes are of three sizes, viz., for rats 2s. 6d. and 8s. (the latter contains six times the amount of virus); for mice 1s. 6d. The jelly itself is valueless, and when the virus has been removed may be destroyed or mixed with the bait. The directions for use are very clearly stated, and are quite simple in character. Briefly put, the virus is disseminated amongst a solution of salt water, when cubes of dry bread are steeped in it, and laid down in suitable places for the rats and mice to eat, which they do very readily. Experiments have shown that, as these vermin live in colonies, it is best to apply two or three dressings, as it is possible some of the colonies may not be reached by the first dressing, though they will most probably receive the contagion. It behoves all fanciers to use "Liverpool" virus where necessary; they will be money in pocket by doing so, to say nothing of the satisfaction arising from the fact that they are well rid of a dangerous nuisance. All chemists will supply the "Liverpool" virus.

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General meeting February 4th, at headquarters, 6, The Broadway, Wimbledon. The following officers were elected:—Mr. Piper (president), Messrs. Broome and Warley (vice-presideuts), Mr. Stoakley was again elected chairman, and Mr. Colman, hon. sec. and treasurer. The old committee again were elected with one alteration, Mr. Carsons taking the vacant place of Mr. Broome. After the general business and election of officers, Mr. Stoakley, on behalf of members, presented Mr. Colman with a very pretty plated tea service as a token of their esteem and appreciation of his work during the past year. Mr. Colman very cordially thanked the members for their kindness. A judging competition took place later amongst members.

A pair show was held at headquarters on February 4th, when twenty-eight fine pairs of Norwich and Yorkshires were staged. Mr. Peverall judged.

NOR. (9): 1, 2, 3, vhc, J. Wheeler, all good matched pairs of first-rate quality, we look forward to some good results from these; hc, Barkshin; c, Day. YORKS. (19): 1, 2, hc, J. Wheeler, all grand stock birds of perfect quality, well drawn up; 3, vhc, R. P. Broome, first-class Yorkies, good carriage, well matched; c, Warley.

BURY AND DIS. C.B.S.

The members of the Bury and District Cage Bird Society held their first social gathering at the Textile Hall, on Jan. 15th, and it proved a very successful affair. About sixty persons, including ladies, sat down to tea, and afterwards a pleasant evening was spent in music, etc. Mr. J. R. Greenwood, Chairman, expressed his pleasure at seeing so many ladies present, and said he hoped they would come forward prior to the November show and assist the society, as in addition to a drawing competition they intended to have something in which girls could take part. The programme included songs by Mr. A. Howarth, Mr. J. Pollitt, Miss Whittaker, and Miss Derby; a quartette by Misses Derby and B. Holden and Messrs. Pollitt and Howarth; humorous songs by Mr. T. Greenwood; selections on musical glasses by Mr. R. Nuttall; and selections on a gramophone lent by Mr. G. Lord. Mr. J. W. Clemishaw was the accompanist. The efforts of the various artistes were much appreciated. The society is in a flourishing condition. The President is the Rev. R. P. Hudson; Mr. J. R. Greenwood is the Chairman; Mr. T. E. Wolstenholme the Vice-chairman; Mr. W. P. Turton, Secretary and Treasurer; and Mr. F. E. Holden Assistant Secretary. It is intended to hold the first feather show on July 13th, and the annual autumn show on November 9th.—W. P. Turton, Sec.

Y.C.C. OF IRELAND.

Committee meeting held Dublin, Feb. 1st. It was agreed to hold the general annual meeting on March 11th and 18th, election of officers to take place on March 11th and other business on 18th. It was also agreed to hold fourth annual show on November 28th and 29th next. Messrs. Eno and Lambert were elected to audit the treasurer's account, and, as there was no other business of importance, the meeting adjourned to 7th inst.—W. C. Sholedice, Hon. Sec.

KILSYTH F.A.

President Hardie occupied the chair at the monthly meeting on February 2nd. The final report on the show was that, after meeting all claims, a small balance remained to the credit of the Association. On behalf of the members the chairman handed over several sovereigns to the hon. secretary, Mr. Duncan, in recognition of his services to the Association. The question of the 1907 Show was deferred for a month.—A. D. Duncan, Hon. Sec.

YORK C.B.S.

Annual meeting, All Saints' School Room, North Street, York, Jan. 14th and 17th, one of the best attended we have had. Chairman, Wm. Richardson, presented the balance sheet, which was passed, showing a satisfactory balance of £14 18s. 5d., a most successful years' work. Election of officers resulted as follows: President, Rev. P. J. Shaw; Chairman, Wm. A. Richardson; Treasurer, Wm. Cardwell; Asst. Sec., Mr. A. Waud. Committee: Messrs. Shorney, Hunter, Wright, Humphries, Camp bing, White, Chittenden, Sen., Sissons, Chittenden, Jun.; these were elected after a spirited competition. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the retiring officers.—T. Boyle, Hon. Sec.

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A well-attended and instructive evening was passed last Saturday at club headquarters, about 50 members and visitors being present to witness a washing exhibition by Mr. James Hartley. Visitors from Yeadon, Queensbury, Wibsey, and Halifax attended to see his method. He put four birds through, and then two novices tried their hands, Mr. Hartley showing them how to handle the birds; both said they would in future have more confidence. The articles used were: pure curd soap, badger lather brush, three basins of water, and drying cloths, white bleached cotton, which he informed us were washed and ironed every time they had been used. At the finish a unanimous vote of thanks was tendered to Mr. Hartley for his very practical demonstration, and to Mr. Pollitt for providing the patients.—E. Stansfield, Sec.

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BY WALTER WHITTAKER.

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I thank you all for listening so attentively to me, and if there are any particular items I have not mentioned on which you would like my opinion, or any questions you like to ask, I shall be pleased to answer, if I can do so, and I hope you will discuss my ideas, and let us know your version on them.

Questions.—(1) What method of training do you consider the best? Answer: I consider cages fitted with doors so arranged that the bird can get food and water when the doors are closed are best, and use good birds as teachers. (2) What do you think the best remedy for indigestion, and do you consider a bird so affected useless? Answer: I don't know of any real cure for indigestion, and I consider a bird so affected unfit to breed from, because most of the young will die during the moult, and others in the second moult, so if you wish to work up a sound and healthy strain, do not use them. (3) Do you consider it wise to give Rollers canary seed daily? Answer: If you find you have some vigorous young cocks that like to hear themselves make a noise, give them very little three times a week, but if you find they are not so free give a little every day. (4) How many nests do you take from each hen? Answer: If I think I have a hen extra strong I take three, if not, only two. (5) What do you consider the extreme of inbreeding, or how far do you think we can go? Answer: I should not fix any limit if I knew what I was doing it for, and I was quite sure that the birds I was using were strong and healthy; but there are many ways of doing it. I have paired three cocks to one hen in one season, so that I could mix the young together. (6) Do you think it best to use heat in a room where Rollers are kept? Answer: Yes I do, but not too much, about 40 or 50 degs. is quite enough. I know some of the leading Roller fanciers do not believe in heat; but I am quite content to go on as I have done. After many other questions of minor interest, and a very strong vote of thanks, moved by Mr. Fallows and seconded by Mr. Greenwood, a very pleasant evening was brought to a close.

Mr. A. M. Whitby is taking over a bird shop in a good position, doing a decent trade, in Luton.

A correspondent wishes to know where to obtain "Duriseo" disinfectant wash. Can any reader oblige?

I beg to correct Luton report; 3, Lees (Goldie-Canary) and vhe (Twite-Canary) were both my exhibits. First and second correct. —E. J. Lamb (Kingston-on-Thames).

Please thank all those that answered my advert. in CAGE BIRDS of Scarlet Tanager, as I cannot answer them all.—Mr. COOPER (West Ham).

The approach of the breeding season is heralded by the receipt of a sample of Canary Marking Rings, as made and advertised in our columns by Mr. W. Mortimer, 77, Arlington Road, Camden Town, London, N.W. They are very simple, and at the same time thoroughly practical, well designed to meet the needs of fanciers, while the price is extremely moderate, viz., 6d. per dozen, 2s. 6d. half-gross.

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and shelter for husks, etc. In a cage 16 inches deep, the back 8 inches would be board and the other 8 inches open wirework. Treatment fully given in other replies in this issue; please refer.

What Bird?—(1) Colours identical with Purple Finch, but is a little larger, with beak more like a Weaver or Goldfinch; it has a crimson top-knot, which is mostly kept flat. (2) Please describe the best talking Mynah.—J. WOOD.

(1) It is a Pileated Finch, a beautiful South American bird. When in full plumage you will find it very beautiful, and when tame, by its confiding nature, it will soon endear itself to you. (2) The Hill Mynah, a bird having fine glossy black plumage, with a bluish sheen, with fine eye wattles of orange yellow, and beak of same colour. There is a fine specimen in the Insect House at the Zoo at the present time, which calls out "What are you talking about," "I'm surprised at you," "Who are you," "Come a bit closer," and other phrases, as distinctly and clearly as if uttered by a human being. Its talent is the result of careful and persevering tuition, and there is no reason why the majority of this species should not become talented birds, if like time and patience be expended upon their training.

American Grey Bird.—I am feeding on insectivorous food, crushed hemp, and canary seed. Is this correct? Is it worth keeping as a songster?—"GREY BIRD."

You might add such ripe fruit as it will eat to your diet, also a few live insects, mealworms, cockroaches, spiders, beetles, smooth caterpillars, etc., as obtainable. Do not over-do the hemp. For green food, chopped (or rather minced) lettuce, sprinkled among its soft food is about the best for the next two months. Let it bathe daily if it will do so, but keep out of draught till dry. Mid-day is a good time to give the bath; on many days we get gleams of sunshine at that time. I cannot speak of this species from actual experience; but it is said to be quite a passable songster, and this is what one would expect.

Birds with Pigeons.—My flight and cote is 26 ft. by 25 ft. by 8 ft. high—due S.—covered with ½ in. netting. What birds and how many could I keep with Dragon Pigeons (only four at present), and what extra arrangements must I make for them? —J. CHEETHAM.

You can put a few British in at once, but you will have to wait a bit for the Foreigners, unless you can procure such as I name later from some outdoor aviary where they have been outdoors all the summer. Do not put too many in at once, introduce them gradually, so that pigeons will not notice them much; but I expect the latter will levy heavy toll on the small seed. British: Goldfinch, Bullfinch, Linnet, Greenfinch, Siskin. Foreign: Either Californian or Chinese Quails as ground birds; Grey and Green Cardinals, Cowbirds, Grey Java Sparrows, Cutthroats, Zebra Finches, Silverbills, and Spice Finches. You could add others as these settle down, of which I should be pleased to advise you further. You must hang up a number of small nest boxes and cocoa-nut husks, and travelling cases as retreats, etc., for the small birds. Diet: Mixture No. 1, canary and white millet in equal parts. No. 2, oats, rice in the husk, summer rape, teazle, hemp, dari, and white sunflower seed. Greenfood, grit, cuttlefish, a saucer of soft food (see advertisements), and a few insects, beetles, spiders, greenfly, etc., and mealworms when these fail; see that the birds which will eat them get two or three daily.

Feather Plucking.—My Grey, otherwise healthy, has for the last six months plucked itself. Have tried spraying with tobacco juice and quassia chips.—W. W. BALL.

I can only give you a sort of provisional reply, as you give me no particulars as to how you are dieting and treating, and in the majority of cases feather plucking is the outcome of improper treatment. Do not give Parrot foods, slops, fats, or any kind of animal food. Diet: Canary, millet, oats, wheat, dari, hemp, and sunflower in equal parts; well mix, and always keep a supply in the cage. Grit, cuttlefish, green food, and water—continuous supplies. Also ripe fruit, plain biscuit, nuts, boiled potato and raw carrot as extras; not all at once, but so as to vary the diet. Give 3 drops of tasteless castor oil on a piece of sponge cake or biscuit, and repeat same after an interval of three days. Colour the bird's drinking water with Parrish's chemical food every other day. Also try a metal collar, from which a piece of steel chain hangs, over the bird's breast; it has been fully described in this column several times recently. Note: If you have been giving boiled maize, you must continue a little of this till you find it eating freely of the seed mixture.

Outdoor Aviary.—To list of birds I have, what others can I add, and how many? Please give details as to diet and treatment, also aviary fittings.—L.W.Q.

Your proposed arrangements will answer well enough, providing the loft is not less than 4 ft. square, and is furnished all round with plenty of twiggy branches and nest boxes and husks. But I advise you to put it up independent of the summer house, and make it 12 ft. long, 6 ft. wide, and height as proposed; four feet of this length would form the shed, this must be made weather proof with boards and felt, the remaining eight feet would form the flight, three feet of the roof of this should also be boarded and felted. Construct of 2 in. quartering and ½ in. mesh wire netting. If you can possibly spare the space make it 6 ft. wide, 4 ft. being really too narrow for comfort. The ground under open wire netting might have a couple of common fruit trees put in it, and be also sown with canary seed, grass, oats, etc. You will require a shallow dish for bathing, one or two of Jones' hygienic drinking fountains, and about half-a-dozen seed hoppers. Natural branches are best as perches. The birds you name will all agree together with the exception of Budgerigars, and I cannot advise you to keep these with Finches, etc.; sooner or later they would maim them. To prevent trouble have the seed hoppers well distributed about the enclosure. Diet: Mixture 1, canary and white millet in equal parts; 2, summer rape, hemp, teazel, sunflower, rice in the husk, dari, and oats in equal parts. Also give millet sprays, ripe fruit, a saucer of soft food, green food, grit, and cuttlefish. Give me full particulars of size, etc., of aviary when completed, and I will advise you as to extra birds.

Birds for Garden Cage.—(1) Cage 6 ft. long, with partitions dividing it into divisions, 2 and 4 ft. respectively. Pekin Robins in one division and Pectorals in the other. Can I put Zebras with the Pectorals, or could I take out partition and leave them altogether? (2) What Foreign birds would breed in a similar garden cage?—AVIS.

(1) Yes, you could put in a pair of Zebras with the Pectorals, and if you hang up a couple of husks and the same number of nest boxes they will most probably breed; the Zebra Finches certainly will. You can take out the partition and keep them altogether with perfect safety as to their bodies, but the Pekins are nest robbers, and have a liking for the eggs of other birds. The Pekins seldom make any attempt to breed in captivity. You could put a pair of Long-tailed Grassfinches in with the Zebras and Pectorals; I do not think they would interfere with the Zebras breeding in any way. The Long-tails need a little care when they first arrive, but otherwise are hardy enough. (2) A pair of Ruficaudas or Kulus-tailed Grassfinches would do well in your cage, and most probably breed; put up two or three nest boxes and screen same with twiggy branches. A pair of Yellow-rumped Finches would also do equally well; or you might keep the two pairs together, with fair prospects of success. Note: You must not put your birds out of doors till early May at earliest; a little later if the season is backward.

Parrot Not Talking.—Bird was a very fluent talker, but for six months has said very little. Seems healthy, and feeds well; is in splendid feather, and about twelve months old.—S. WINTER.

It is impossible for me to help you from the meagre details you give. Is your diet correct? Compare it with that advised to other queriers in this issue, and treat yours similarly. For one day only make its drinking water just saline with Epsom salts; follow this by putting 6 drops of glycerine in the bird's water daily for a week or ten days. Talk to the bird as much as possible, and fondle and play with it, as much as its disposition permits. Some old birds do go on their speech and become somewhat mopy in their old age; however, your bird should be good for many years of activity and loquacity yet. If there are any symptoms you can describe, or other details, shall be pleased to help you further on receipt of same.

What Bird? (S. Greenwood).—We get very few Japanese birds imported to this country, and your particulars are so meagre that I could not do more than make a possible guess at its species. As you kept them for some little time in confinement before the rats made a meal of them, you can surely give me the colours say of head, sides of face, wings, tail, and under parts of throat, breast, abdomen, also as to whether the beak was stout, that is, more like that of a Grosbeak or Finch. If you can give me a few hints in this direction, possibly I shall be able to name them for you. Possibly they are Javan Mannikins, but these birds are not usually so lively as you say yours were.

Treating Young Grey Parrot.—What quantity of water can I give daily to a young Grey? What can I give him for wheezing?—NO NAME.

Do not at present leave the water continuously in the cage, but let it satisfy its thirst three times a day; when you are satisfied it will only take a normal supply it can then be left in the cage all day. Get from your chemist the following mixture:—Ipecacuanha wine, oxymel of squills and glycerine in equal parts. Put half-a-teaspoonful of the mixture in two tablespoonsful of water, and let the bird have only this to drink till the wheezing ceases. I have used the above with all species of birds for more than twelve years, and found it very effective. You make no mention of your diet, but this is fully given in this issue. If yours have been having boiled maize, you must continue this till you are satisfied it is eating sufficient of the dry seed mixture. Boiled maize only keeps fresh one day.

Budgerigars.—Pair of birds in my possession fully sixteen months have always appeared in good health, but they are no sooner in full feather than they begin moulting again. Is this excessive, and if so, what is the remedy?—PERSEVERE.

Your dietary is all that could be desired, the one item lacking being cuttlefish; keep a piece of this hanging in their cage; also crush the egg shells left from your table, and mingle this with the grit on cage bottom. Just colour their drinking water with Parrish's chemical food for about a month, and let them have a leaf of fresh tender lettuce daily. You give me no particulars as to where you are keeping them; possibly in too warm a situation. They are a very hardy and robust species, and only need to be kept out of draught; but in making any change with them do not let it be a sudden one. They are active and lively birds, and their cage cannot be too large for them to disport in.

GENERAL.

Answered by the EDITOR.

Picture Postcard (R.D.).—Regret that we cannot find space for this.

Green Canary Association (S.H.).—Thanks for Notes; the show was reported in our last issue.

Plate Wanted (Dickinson).—Everything comes to him who waits.

Article (H. W. Sheldon).—This will appear in due course.

Sine Agna System (James Wood).—Pleased to know your mealworm breeding experiments are proving successful.

Canary Book (A. Wallace).—Try "The British Canary," by C. A. House, 1s. 2d. post free, from this office, paper, or 2s. cloth.

Excellent Report (F. Howes).—Glad to hear your members liked the report, and that your society is progressing well. May it continue to do so.

His Daughter's Photo (S. G. Waldram).—It will give us great pleasure to reproduce this picture in some future special issue.

Opening and Closing of the Palace Show (Thelma, and others).—This information is given in another column this week.

Does Royalty Take in "C.B."? (G.F.B.).—We have the honour of sending CAGE BIRDS each week by command to two members of the Royal Family.

Would He? (Edgar Cross).—The Editor is always ready to welcome suggestions for the benefit of readers and the paper. Address a letter to him, care of CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet Street, London.

Leeds C.B.S. (G. Iredale).—The secretary's address is Mr. C. R. Stephenson, 19, Hartley Grove, Woodhouse, Leeds. A full list of cage-bird societies is printed in our ANNUAL.

Doing the Fancy no Good (Taken Up).—It behoves readers of "C.B." to study advertisements carefully before replying to them. They should then avoid any that do not seem straightforward, and deposit money with us before deciding.

Photo Block (W. Ruddiman).—This is at present lying in the editorial drawer waiting an opportunity to be used. Such a block is useless for the purpose of an ordinary weekly issue, which requires a special patent rotary-block process.

Annual for 1906 (N.S.).—We have an odd copy or two of the cloth-bound edition about the office, and will send you one to replace the "lost friend" on receipt of 1s. postal order. Your other query will be found answered in our Mr. Weston's columns.

The Charnwood Forest (Pennyworth).—We would have printed your communication, but as you desire to have left out the name of the spot where the Nightingale may be heard, we see no object in doing so. Our Mr. Weston says he has frequently listened to the Nightingale within easy distance of the spot he describes, but never within its bounds. Only last summer he heard one quite close by.

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*Nov. 2 and 4.—**Leicester Hand in Hand.**
*Nov. 6 and 7.—**Welsh National C.B.S.**
*Nov. 7 and 8.—**Greenwich and Deptford.**
Nov. 8 and 9.—**Hinckley.**
*Nov. 9, 1907—**Bo'ness.**
*Nov. 13.—**Luton** (J.R.)
*Nov. 13.—**Cambridge and Cambridgeshire C.B.S.**
Nov. 14.—**Merthyr Tydfil.**
*Nov. 15 and 16, 1907.—**Leeds**
*Nov. 16 and 18.—**Nottingham.**
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*Nov. 26 and 27.—**Bournemouth and District C.B.S.**
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The Crested Canary Club.

The annual general meeting will be held in a private dining room adjoining the Restaurant, at the Crystal Palace, on Saturday, February 16th, at three o'clock, writes Mr. John Tyson, the hon. sec. Any member unable to attend the annual meeting must send any observations on the agenda in writing not later than Friday, February 15th, when they will be read to the meeting. Agenda.—(a) To receive the balance sheet and annual report, (b) The affiliation to the Cage Bird Union, (c) The registration of purchased stock and the publication of breeder's name in show catalogues, (d) The universal definition of a novice.

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Mr. James Ovenstone (Grangemouth) writes that he was the winner of first and special in the Dark Mule class at Auchterarder, and not Mr. Ross, as reported.

Mr. F. B. Wilkinson has resigned the Secretaryship of the Huddersfield O.S. All communications should now be addressed to Mr. Sam Lodge, 34, Jacob's Row, Lockwood.

At the last meeting of the Dysart P.F. and C.B.S. it was decided, through want of support from Pigeon fanciers, to have Cage Birds only at the next show. Cage Bird fanciers, please note.—J. LOGAN, Hon. Sec.

Thank all those who replied to my advertisement, as they were so numerous, far exceeding all my expectations, extending from Aberdeen, in Scotland, to Helston, in Cornwall.—G. M. EARLE, Christchurch.

In report of Attercliffe and District C.B.S. Members' Show you credit Perry with 2, 3, 4 prizes. It should read, Greenfield, first second, third and fourth Unfli. Yorks. The Birthday Number was a marvel.—GEO. H. GREENFIELD.

Mr. H. W. Sheldon is offering two silver medals, and Mr. J. L. Ford a cup, as extra special prizes to be competed for by members of the North Wales Cage Bird Society. These are in addition to the specials already advertised.—W. H. HAYHURST, Hon. Sec.

Mr. W. Sampson, Secretary of the Cardiff and District C.B.S., writes:—After the 8th inst. my address will be "Langland House," Llanishen Street, The Heath, Cardiff. The date of our Matched Pair Show has been fixed for Feb. 27th, and our Annual Open Show for Nov. 27th and 28th. Messrs. Payne and Robson will judge.

In our correspondence columns this week Mr. J. W. Norris, the Hon. Sec. of the British Roller Canary Club, raises an interesting point. He says:—"I know several cases where a man has taken first prize, where instead of taking the cash, he buys a gold medal from the society which runs the show, and then advertises himself as winning a gold medal. How can he win it if he has bought it?"

Your last number, writes Mr. H. Payne, of Putney, is splendid, also the almanac. Your readers might like to know of an effective way in which to preserve these plates. I paste them on to a thick card; bind the edges with a thin green paper, and then give a coat of white varnish. They can then be washed when dirty. I have about twelve done in this way in my bird-room, and everyone admires them.

The British Roller C.C. had a very successful season during 1906, the membership increasing, and a cash balance remaining in hand of £1 5s. 10d. In addition to the latter the Club possess a silver cup and medals totalling £7 14s. 6d. in value. During the year the B.R.C.C. encouraged its members by offering medals for competition to the value of over £9, and all Roller Canary fanciers should communicate with the hon. sec., Mr. J. W. Norris, 31, Scylla Road, Peckham Rye, London, S.E., who will supply them with particulars of this progressive society, and explain the advantages accruing from membership.

Widespread Sympathy for Mr. Maxwell.

Last week we gave a most extensive and illustrated account of the entire destruction by fire of Mr. C. T. Maxwell's magnificent collection of prize birds and aviaries at Brixton. Mr. Maxwell now writes:—Will you allow me to most heartily thank, through your columns, all those friends and fellow-fanciers who have so kindly written me letters of sympathy for my great loss, which you were good enough to make known in your last issue of CAGE BIRDS? As they are so numerous, it is impossible for me to answer them individually.

District Stewards.

The Sunderland C.B.A. annual general meeting was a great success. The hon. sec. reports a balance in hand of £6 3s. 6d. on the year's working. A new member, Mr. W. Sheppard, was elected. The system of having district stewards to look up the fanciers in their locality, and give them advice about their birds, if required, has proved an excellent feature, and even better results are expected from it in the future. We commend the idea to other societies. Fanciers in the vicinity of Sunderland should communicate with the hon. sec., Mr. F. Gordon, 23, Lisburn Terrace, Sunderland, for particulars of membership.

Mr. Wheatley has removed to 20, Milton Street, Leicester.

I think the "Bird World" grand, writes Mr. Geo. Hooper, Yonkers, New York.

Merthyr Tydfil Annual Show has been fixed to be held on Thursday, November 14th next.

A little society was started at Llwyn Own, Groeslon R.S.O., about three months ago, and a show is being held there to-day (Saturday).

Miss G. Brown (Harrogate) writes:—Please thank the many gentlemen who replied to my advertisement about Irish Terrier; he is now disposed of.

The North London Cage Bird Association have fixed show dates as under: Pair Show (free), February 13th, 8 p.m.; Young Stock Show, June 29th; Annual Show, November 29th and 30th. Mr. J. Robson will judge.

Kindly find space to thank the numerous correspondents who answered my advertisement. I find it impossible to answer all by post myself. I had letters from England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales.—W. BINNS (Alne).

G. H. Ellison (Ramsey, I. of M.) writes:—We have just had a very nice Cage Bird Show, and Mr. Tams, Longton, Staffs., was the judge. He said we had some very good exhibits, well worthy of some of the English shows.

Complimentary letters anent our recent Birthday number continue to come into this office with gratifying frequency. We cannot spare space to print more than just a few odd ones, selected at hazard, but we are deeply grateful to all friends who have shown appreciation of our efforts.

The balance-sheet of the Bournemouth C.B.S., just to hand, is a document likely to give satisfaction to every member of the society. No less than £27 1s. 9d. was paid out in prizes and specials last year, and apart from other substantial assets, a cash balance of £7 7s. 9d. remains in hand.

I thank you for putting in CAGE BIRDS such a splendidly life-like sketch of my Crestbred cock winner of first and special, Walthamstow. This bird is a winner of many firsts, but he was not shown at Nottingham. The bird I sent there is a grand Green C.B., which won first.—H. HORTON (Blackheath).

At the recent show held under the auspices of the King's Heath, Moseley, and District F. and F.S., a dainty little girl came forward bearing a handsome cage containing a Norwich Canary, and offered it to Mrs. Austen Chamberlain as a memento of the opening of the exhibition. The gift was gracefully accepted.

I have sold the whole of my birds (Yorkshires), both show and stock, to Mr. J. Sandiford, Preston, having decided to relinquish the Fancy after 25 years. I may say that they include 50 of the best hens in the Fancy. Of course, I shall continue to take my CAGE BIRDS as usual.—F. BATE (Stoke-on-Trent).

Mr. W. Bamsey, sec. Derby C.B.C., writes:—"It was decided at a special committee meeting on 2nd inst. to hold Derby 'Jubilee' C.B.C. Show on November 26th and 27th next. Members' Show will be held at the same time, so as to make it the best show held under the auspices of the club. Four judges will be engaged."

Mr. Harry E. Wilkinson writes:—After holding the office of Hon. Sec. and Treasurer to the Bramley and District O.S. for the past three years, I have been compelled, reluctantly (owing to business), to resign. The secretarial duties will in future be conducted by our late Chairman, Mr. Jas. Metcalfe, 9, Elder View, Elder Road, Bramley, Leeds, to whom all future communications must be addressed.

A neat book of rules reaches us from the Hon. Sec. of the City and Suburban A.C.B., Mr. V. Wynn, 22, Park Lane, London, W. The membership role is a very fine one, and bears evidence of the high standing of the Association in the esteem of Metropolitan fanciers. A splendid list of lectures, shows, cage-making and washing demonstrations, judging, and essay competitions, etc., has been arranged for the ensuing season.

We regret to learn that Mr. J. Patterson, our Border Fancy Canary expert, is confined to his room with a severe chill, caught after a recent attack of influenza. His many friends will join us in wishing him a speedy restoration to health. In the meantime, will correspondents kindly overlook any delay for the time being in answering their communications. Just as we go to press we hear that Mr. Patterson is making satisfactory progress towards recovery.

Your new book, "The Bird World," is a grand thing for the fancier. It's a marvel of cheapness.—F. KING (Cambridge).

J. Walton, bird dealer, Salford, says:—"I find CAGE BIRDS as good a paper to trade through as can be found on the market."

Mr. James Thomas, St. Austell, writes:—Penzance Show report: I won first prize in £1 Selling class with a clear yellow Yorks. Report credits Bailey.

Mr. T. Davies, Narberth, writes:—"There is a printer's error in the report of Narberth Show in A.O.V. small B. bird. You credit D. Davies 1st and c; it should have been T. Davies.

Llanelly Show.—3rd, F. Rees; vhc, R. Griffiths—as stated in your report, is not correct. I won both honours with my birds, and the cards returned with the birds for the same, Class 13, Bird No. 4, 3rd; Bird No. 5, vhc. Enclosed leaf of catalogue sent to me by the Secretary. Please correct.—W. JONES (Penarth).

The Eccles and Dis. C.B.S., though only formed about four months, have a most successful balance sheet and report. They have made 40 members, and can show a balance of £3 13 1d. Their first Members' Show, held last November, surpassed all expectations, and they have every prospect of becoming a very strong society.

Luton and Dis. C.B.S.

Annual dinner of the Luton C.B.S. was held Jan. 30th, when a goodly number sat down to an excellent spread provided by Mr. Clark at Walker's Restaurant, Manchester Street. A capital entertainment was provided by the Secretary, Mr. E. Cherry. Mr. F. Chart accompanied.—E. CHERRY.

New Society for Jarrow.

A number of Jarrow cage bird fanciers will hold a meeting on Feb. 13th, at Lockhart's Cafe, Ormonde Street, with a view to forming a cage bird society for Jarrow and District. All fanciers are cordially invited to attend, or give their names to—MAURICE HAYES, 79, Grange Road, Jarrow.

(For other new Societies see Correspondence columns.)

Death of a Champion Swallow.

I regret to say that my frequently shown champion Swallow died on New Year's Day from old age, after living in perfect health and condition for seven years and seven months; so tame was he that he would sit on my hand in the open room and sing at command.—P. F. M. GALLOWAY (Reading).

Why it was absent.

I entered one of the best Goldfinches I ever had for West London Show, but it was absent for this reason: My two-year-old boy took half its tail out. I had put it in a show cage, after a wash, and left for a few minutes to see how a Fox Terrier pup was getting on in the yard (which I had given a dose for worms). When I returned I found the bird flying about the room, with only half a tail. I was a bit annoyed over it, but said, "It can't be helped." So that's how the bird was absent.—J. KERSHAW (Llanrwst).

Disastrous Entry at Wandsworth.

The first annual show of the Wandsworth and District F.A. was fixed to take place January 23rd. The association has only been in existence about twelve months, and has made good progress as regards membership. Of cage birds—alas! there were only two solitary specimens staged—a very nice Yorkshire and an African grey Parrot. These were the property of Mr. P. Reynolds, and each was awarded first prize in its class. The association, notwithstanding its apparent failure at the first attempt, so far as cage birds are concerned, should yet do well in this direction.

The Bird Had Flown.

A young man named Norman M'Niven (24) appeared at Glasgow Northern Court on a charge of having, on January 3rd, stolen a Canary bird, the value of which was less than £10 sterling, from a house in William Street, Cowcaddens. Accused pleaded guilty. It appeared that he had inserted his hand into the Canary's cage, and, having caught the little warbler, he placed it in his pocket. When he was taken into custody he stated that the Canary had made its escape from his pocket. There was a previous conviction registered against accused, who was sentenced to 21 days' imprisonment.—*Glasgow Record.*

A Mephistophelian Squidger.

There is said to be a mysterious bird which strikes terror into the hearts of those frequenting the Crookston district after nightfall. It was first observed by a pedestrian who had been visiting a Good Templar meeting at Paisley, and other individuals now make bold to assert that they possess feathers from this winged freak, which illumines its flight by a light, while the atmosphere through which it passes is said to contain a sulphuric smell. Attempts have been made to capture the bird, but so far unsuccessfully. Whether there is any truth in the story or not, one thing is certain—that this part of the highway is now practically deserted by pedestrians since the story of this wonder of the winged world has gained currency.—*Glasgow Evening Times*, Jan. 19th.

C.B.U. ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of delegates of the Union will be held at the Palace Show on Saturday, February 16th, at four o'clock, when the election of president and secretary will take place. Particulars will be published next week.—GEO. W. F. LYTHGOE.

[The above promises to be one of the most momentous meetings in the history of the cage bird fancy. It is to be earnestly hoped that every delegate will make a special effort to attend. The voice of each society should be heard on this occasion.—EDITOR, "C. B."]

A Live Magazine.

"Health and Strength," for February, is once again an issue of exceptional attractiveness. For topical interest the contents of this very "live" magazine are unequalled by any publication of a similar scope. Readers who have not yet had the pleasure of perusing a copy of this "national organ of physical fitness" should order the Februafy number at once from their newsagent. It is great value for 2d. Or send a postcard to the Manager, "Health and Strength," 27, Fetter Lane, London, E.C., for a specimen copy.

Defying Dirt and Death.

Our friend, Mr. Spillman, of Plymouth, is now able to appreciate the fact that the lot of a London editor (or sub-editor for that matter) is, like the lot of Mr. Gilbert's policeman, a most unhappy one. For a fellow-townsman of his has been spending a few days in the great metropolis, and records his own and other people's impressions of London in most unflattering terms. Listen to this:—"In London, if you don't wash yourself all over once every half-hour, you can't keep clean. As you can't earn your living by spending your life in a bathroom, you have to go dirty. What must our lungs be like?" Or to this:—"The Londoner deteriorates rapidly. He is a horrible example of physical deterioration. An illness snaps him up—and—puff!—he's gone. I hesitate. I am appalled, to imagine what the death-rate of London would be if it were not for the constant influx of new blood from the country." Reading this our gaze unconsciously wandered to the rosy cheeks of our sub-editor. Still alive! and still clean.

Astonishing Migration of Finches

In Melville Woods, near Ladybank, writes "Finch," to the "Dundee Courier," on January 25th, I came yesterday upon an enormous flock of Finches migrating towards the south. There could not have been fewer than 3,000 of them. I see that White, of Selbourne, in his day marvelled where all these birds came from, whether from Norway, or assembled from a wide area within our own shores. They were female birds [apparently Chaffinches are being referred to] as the males don't flock, and therefore I came to the conclusion that they had left Norway in the middle of November, and had been on the march ever since. They were seen about Cupar the day before (the 23rd), so that gave a progress of six miles per day, or 200 miles per month. Our own Finches must be about London now. The noise they made arrested my attention quite as much as their numbers, and with earthquakes about I confess I felt somewhat queer."

[A later correspondent denies the accuracy of the statement that only hen Chaffinches flock and migrate.—ED.]

Our Xmas Competition.

We never remember any competition of ours which apparently excited so much interest as has our recent "front page colouring" idea, promoted in connection with the Xmas Number. Many of the competitors, it is true, took very little pains over their entries, some of them seeming to think that to daub a bit of coloured crayon on the backs of two or three of the birds was quite sufficient, but others, on the contrary, took the utmost trouble, and must have expended a great deal of time upon their work. The keenness of the contest may be gathered from the fact that there were in all 1,756 front pages competing, many of them reaching a high degree of excellence. Every conceivable vehicle of colour appears to have been utilised. Some of the artists actually endeavoured to blend on the same page oil colour with water colour or crayon, and the effect was more often than not far from satisfactory. Oil-painted fronts had been sent in in some cases without any protecting sheet, and in consequence were so spoilt as to be immediately disqualified. Most of the entries were unmounted. A few had the foresight to stretch the cover upon thick card, and gained considerably in effect by so doing.

Amongst many others deserving of special mention we may single out the front pages sent in by the following:—Mrs. E. Meeson (Grimsby), J. A. Stewart (Glasgow), Miss Mabel Palmer (Herne Bay), Percy Davies (Millom), C. Frank Hayman (Parkstone), Ernest G Cox (Southampton), Colin McD. Pattison (Rutherglen), Robert Stewart (Glasgow), W. Collins (Southampton), W. J. Burgess (Wandsworth Road), Geo. Barton (Farnworth).

The competition has evidently provided quite a number of readers with a harmless and agreeable evening's recreation, and even the unsuccessful ones have the compensating thought that their labours have given pleasure to themselves, and probably improved their facility with brush and colour.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO SHOW MANAGERS.

As the time for fixing show dates for the next season has now arrived, I am venturing to draw the attention of show managers and committees to our "Show Dates Fixed" column as practically the only safeguard against clashing, that frequent cause of so many disastrous shows.

A reference to the file of CAGE BIRDS for the past show season proves that practically every show of any consequence thought it worth while to be represented in this list, and the advantages we offer to a show which guarantees to spend not less than 25s. with us in advertisements are so many that the popularity of the feature is not to be wondered at. A guaranteed show is entitled to be included on our Fanciers' Map, issued at the start of the show season; it is entitled to the free insertion of the date, name of show, and initials of judges from the time of guarantee up to the date of the show; we indicate in the column whether the show is held under Union Rule or License; we give either a handsome bound volume of CAGE BIRDS or two framed coloured plates, at the committee's option, as special prizes; and we do our best to see that every guaranteed show is given a proper report in our columns.

We are, however, pleased to review show schedules free of cost, whether the show is guaranteed or not, and we especially draw attention to the very great convenience afforded to show committees by our features "Entries Extended," "Entries Close," and "Prize Money Paid."

To the executives of Scotch shows we make a special appeal in view of our Scotch edition, which enables us to report with great thoroughness the many interesting Scotch exhibitions.

In conclusion, we would remind committees that by guaranteeing their shows with us they effect a considerable saving, as our tariff for guaranteed shows is one shilling per inch less than it is for non-guaranteed events. Moreover, the wins of shows guaranteed for our "Dates Fixed" column are inserted in our annual register of wins free of cost, thus completing a series of advantages of which we feel sure committees will see the full force.—The Manager, CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet Street, London.

AN INTERESTING FACT.

Mr. LAMBERT BROWN, Joint Manager of the CRYSTAL PALACE SHOW, informed his Committee at their last meeting that about

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SINGING CONTESTS.

LINNET CONTEST AT YORK.

The usual week-end contest was held at the Acorn Hotel, Micklegate, York, on the 2nd inst. Mr. Hopwood gave the usual prizes. Mr. J. Jirth acted as judge in conjunction with Mr. C. Benson as timekeeper. Result: 1st, J. Evans; 2nd, J. Smith; 3rd, M. Smith; 4th, Jefferson; 5th, A. Chaplin.—G. HOPWOOD, Sec.

COMPETITION AT HULL.

A Linnet singing contest was held at the Prince of Wales Inn, St. James' Street, on February 2nd, when 20 birds competed for four prizes. 1st, R. Dearlove; 2nd, R. Dearlove; 3rd, S. Saul; 4th, J. Booker. Judges, Messrs. E. Mawer, R. Booker, S. Saul. Thirtieth annual Linnet singing contest will take place on Whit Monday. Anyone wishing to join our Society can do so by applying to the secretary, E. Mawer, 14, Easteheap.

NEW RULES AT BRADFORD.

A Linnet singing contest of unusual interest to Bradford Linnet fanciers took place at the Exchange Tavern, Wakefield Road, on February 2nd, when 25 birds competed for three prizes, under a style of judging hitherto unknown here, viz., the "all in" London or Leicester style, whereas the late Bradford Linnet Singing Association sang under the Leeds quality singing rules. 1st prize, Frank Burton; 2nd, Fred Morrell; 3rd, Albert Smith. This being an innovation for Bradford, old and new friends of the Linnet clique are cordially invited to join us. All sings held reported in CAGE BIRDS only.—FRANK STOTHARD, Sec.

NEWTOWN, LEEDS.

The members and friends of the Prince Albert Inn Linnet Association, Newtown, Leeds, assembled in large numbers to hear a singing contest between eleven picked birds owned in Leeds, "all previous contest winners," for three good prizes offered by the landlord, Mr. J. R. Saynor. The judges were B. Jackson and T. Crane. Timekeeper, S. Green.

1st prize, H. Allen; 2nd prize, H. Allen; 3rd prize, F. Allen. It is many years since the performance of the winning bird was equalled in Leeds. Special meeting on February 3rd, at 8 p.m.—E. WOOD, Hon. Sec.

Week-end contest, February 3rd, when 18 previous contest Linnets sang for three good prizes, given by J. R. Saynor. There were a good number of visitors present, although it was a very unfavourable day. Judges, E. Wood and S. Green. 1, 2, H. Allen, 3, F. Allen.—E. WOOD, Hon. Sec.

WHOLESALE POISONING OF BIRDS.

Blyth Farmer Prosecuted.

The somewhat unusual charge of sowing poisoned wheat in a field so as to destroy life was preferred against Benjamin Bentley Birkett, a Blyth farmer, at the Retford County Police-court, on Dec. 29th. Mr. A. P. Williamson prosecuted.

P.C. Harpham stated that on the 10th inst. he saw defendant, and asked him to account for the many dead birds lying about in his field. Defendant replied that he had purchased two shillings'worth of crow poison at Doncaster, and in this he steeped a quantity of wheat, which he afterwards deposited on the field on the 8th inst. He added that he had done it to kill the Larks which had proved a serious nuisance, and in consequence he had to resow. Witness told him it was a very serious matter, and he would have to report it. He then went into the field, and received from the keeper 74 Larks, 6 Sparrows, 2 Chaffinches, 2 Starlings, 1 Pigeon, and other dead birds, numbering altogether 159. When he served the summons on defendant for a previous alleged offence, he said there were other ways of killing game without shooting them.—Cross-examined by Mr. S. H. Clay, who defended, witness said he gave evidence in a case against defendant a fortnight ago when the case was dismissed.

Mr. S. R. Trotman, city analyst of Nottingham, deposed to receiving a sample of grain and several dead birds from the police, and upon analysis found them to contain a large quantity of strychnine. The crops found in the dead birds contained grain which had also been treated with strychnine, which was sufficient to render the grain poisonous and calculated to destroy life.

For the defence Mr. Clay said the case was admitted. Defendant had been perfectly open. The damage he had suffered by the birds picking up the seed had been so serious that he felt justified in doing something to stop it. He bought the poison for the express purpose of keeping the Larks off his land. Major Willey and others had been warned for what had been done. Instructions were also given to keep the game off.

The Bench regarded it as a very serious offence. There was no guarantee that the game could be kept off, and if any had got into the hands of the public it would have been awkward. Defendant would be fined £2 and costs amounting to £3.

Work Wanted.

Mr. Verrall writes:—Do you know anyone amongst your subscribers who could give me some sort of employment? I think I could live on 18s. a week. Outdoor gardening I prefer. I have had many years' experience amongst land and fancy water fowl, poultry, also seed-eating birds, British and foreign. I do not understand the care of anything that has more than two legs. Letters for Mr. Verrall may be sent care of this office.

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Attercliffe and Dis. C.B.S.—Feb 14th, at Board Room, Vestry Hall, 8 p.m. Balance sheet and election of officers. All please attend.—J. Perry, sec.

Barrow and Dis. C.B.A.—Feb. 13th, at St. George's Hall, Greengate, 7.30 prompt. Important business; table show of matched pairs for Yorkshire breeding. Members make a special effort to attend.—E. E. Miller, sec.

Bolton Woods C.B.S.—Feb. 9th., at Victoria Hotel, 8 p.m.—E. Shepherd, hon. sec.

Bradford (West) C.B.A.—Feb. 9th, at Red Lion Hotel, 8 p.m. Arrangements for members' show.—T. Clegg, sec.

Bury and Dis. C.B.S.—Feb. 12th, at Textile Hall, Bury, 7.30. Lecture on "The Goldfinch," by Mr. Bancroft (Bolton).—W. P. Turton, sec.

Carlisle and Dis. C.B.S.—Feb. 12th, 8 p.m. Election of committee and other important business; all attend.—G. Davidson, sec.

City and Suburban A.C.B.—Feb. 11th, 8.15 p.m. Lecture by C. A. House, "The Breeding Season"; distribution of prize money and presentation of special prizes; all bird lovers welcomed.—Victor Wynn, sec.

City of Bradford.—Feb. 16th, at Travellers' Rest, at 8 p.m. To present to Mr. Hellewell prize for members' competition, previously to his departure for Canada.—P. Stansfield, sec.

Crewe O.S.—Special meeting, Feb. 12th, at Masonic Arms, at 7.30 prompt. All members requested to attend; business very important.—A. Wilkinson, sec.

Crook C.B.S.—Feb. 9th, at Crown Hotel Rooms, 7.30 p.m. Election of officers; members all attend.—Wm. Rutherford, sec.

Eccles and Dis. C.B.S.—Feb. 13th, at the Grapes Hotel, Peel Green, 8 o'clock prompt. Meeting and supper.—A. Wheatley, hon. sec.

Darlington C. and B.B.F.A.—Feb. 13th, at George Hotel, 8 p.m. Table show of matched pairs Yorks., Norwich, and pairs for Mule or Hybrid breeding; judge, T. Wright (York).—R. S. Black, sec.

Edinburgh Southern O.S.—Buchanan's Hotel, Feb. 13th, at 8 p.m. Enrolment of new members.—James Drysdale, sec.

Gateshead and Dis. C.B.S.—Feb. 13th, at Newton and Skeen's Cafe, 6.30 p.m. Balance sheet, etc. Annual general meeting at 8.30 p.m.; reading of balance sheet; paying members prize-money, and election of officers, etc.—T. Taylor, sec.

Gt. Harwood and Dis. C.B.S.—Feb. 21st, at late Queen's Hotel, 7.30. Discussion on Young Birds Cup, and other business; all fanciers welcome.—F. Sharples, sec.

Great Horton O.S.—Saturday, Feb. 9th, at Butchers' Arms, 8 p.m. Members' monthly show or meeting.—Samuel Dean, sec.

Grimsby and Dis. C.B.S.—Meetings second Wednesday in each month, at 8 o'clock. Next meeting Slatter's Rooms, 120, Freeman Street. Judging competition; two classes, Norwich cock and hen.—Hy. Emerson, hon sec.

Hazel Grove C.B.S.—Feb. 10th, at White Hart Inn, at 6.30. Table show of matched pairs of Yorkshires for breeding; on table 7 o'clock.—James Hall, sec.

Hyde and Dis. C.B.S.—Feb. 11th, at St. George's School, at 8 p.m. Business: Arrangement of date for Open Show, etc. Members and intending members please attend.—T. Allsop, sec.

Leicester C.B.S.—Feb. 13th, at Headquarters, 8 p.m. Table Show, any variety Norwich, pairs matched for breeding (open); ditto novice; judge, Mr. G. Lander.—J Heighton, sec.

Leith O.S.—Feb. 9th, in Labour Hall, Smith's Place, at 7.30 p.m. Business: Enrolment of members; revision of rules; election of committee.—Geo. Brown, sec.

Liverpool B.B.A.—Feb. 14th, at Oldham Hall, Oldham Street, 8 p.m. prompt. Pair show and judging competition.—H. Barratt, sec.

Llanelly C.B.S.—Meeting Feb. 9th, Bird in Hand, 7.30 p.m.—W. Lewis, sec.

L.C.B.A.—Feb. 13th, at Parish House, St. Clement's, Danes, Clare Market, W.C., at 8.30. Paper on "The Yorkshire Canary," by R. L. Crisp. All fanciers welcome.—T. A. Wade, sec.

Metropolitan Association of C.M.H.B.—Feb. 14th, at "Crown Hotel," Lavender Hill, S.W., 8 p.m. Competition in matched pairs; J. Robson, judge.—A. J. Head, sec.

N.B.B. and M.C.—Feb. 16th, at Crystal Palace, 6 o'clock. Annual general meeting; place of meeting will be posted on Sale Office.—Plumbridge and Carr, secs.

North London C.B.A.—Feb. 15th, at Public Library, Church Street, Stoke Newington, N., 8 p.m. Members' Pair Show; judge, J. Robson; all fanciers welcome.—R. P. Harper, sec.

Partick and Dis. C.B.C.—Feb. 14th, at Joiner's Hall, at 8 p.m. Show of breeding pairs. All fanciers and intending members invited.—A. Miller, sec.

Pendleton and Salford O.S.—Feb 14th, at Derby Arms, at 8 p.m. Washing competition. Members are requested to bring their own birds. All fanciers invited.—S. Skelton, sec.

Shields and Dis. C.B.S.—Feb. 13th, at Greggs' Cafe, Laygate Lane, 8 p.m. Payment of prize money, and enrolment of new members.—William Duke, sec.

South-West London Cage Bird Society's next meeting is Thursday, February 14th, 8.30, Plough Hotel, Clapham Junction. Business: To arrange Young Bird and Annual Autumn Show; also to receive proposal for anyone wishing to become a member.—Lilley, hon. sec.

Stoke Newington F.A.—Next meeting, Feb. 12th, 8 p.m. at Headquarters. Agenda: Elect judges for Y.S. Show and Annual Show.—G. Dowden, hon. sec.

Stratford and East London F.S.—Feb. 14th, at Workman's Hall, Stratford, E., 8 p.m. Election of officers; alteration of rules; all members attend. Intending members please send in name at once to A. E. Blakebrough, 65, Adelaide Road, Leyton, N.E.

Swansea and Dis. C.B.A.—Feb. 14th, at Oxford Coffee Tavern, 7.45. Programme for coming season; all members should attend.—J. Evans, sec.

Tamworth and Dis. C.B.S will hold their next general meeting at College Lane Schoolroom, on Saturday, Feb. 16th, 1907, at 7.30 p.m. Important business; all members are requested to attend.—J. E. Brown, sec.

Wibsey and Dis. C.B.S.—Feb. 9th. Members' Show; birds staged 6 o'clock prompt; judge, J. Wilman.—E. W. Johnson, sec.

Wolverhampton and Dis. C.B.S.—Feb. 12th, at Vine Hotel, Princes Square, 8 p.m. Paper by F. J. Weaver, "Preparation and Management of Breeding Stock"; all fanciers invited.—F. Howes, hon. sec.

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CANARIES.

NORWICH PLAINHEADS.

Answered by J. H. PAYNE.

Skin Trouble (G.H.G.).—Give your bird, on alternate days, in two tablespoonfuls of water, fifteen drops of the juice of a good fresh lemon. Continue this for three weeks, and on the days he is not having this give ten drops of tincture of quinine in the same quantity of water. Twice a week give a little egg food, to which add a small pinch of flowers of sulphur. To the parts which you say are of a scaly nature and are bare of feathers, you may apply, with your finger tip, a little hazeline cream, which you can procure from any good chemist.

Hens at Fault (T. L., Leeds).—I should recommend you to give your two hens another trial, and the probability is that they will do well next time. The hen that laid the ten clear eggs may not be the one to blame; maybe the cock was at fault. The other hen that made her nest but did not lay eggs should be all the better for breeding with next season; that is, of course, should she lay, and I have no doubt she will.

Not Moulted; Seed Mixture (W.W.).—Your Norwich, which you say has not yet moulted, will in all probability not do so now. Of course, it is quite unnatural and unusual for a bird not to moult when the season comes round. Still, I have known of several that have bred all right the following season, and, as you say your bird is in full song (which proves he is in good health), he will no doubt breed this coming spring. (2) I should recommend you not to use mixed seed for your Canaries as a staple diet, but let this be plain Spanish canary. You can give, as a treat and a change, two or three times a week, a half teaspoonful of the following mixture:—Hemp, German rape, and niga, in equal quantities. A pinch of maw seed occasionally will be beneficial.

A Mixed Bag (Charlie).—(1) I am not aware of an insurance company that would insure your birds and cages, but perhaps some of our readers may know of one, and will let you know through the columns of this paper. (2) Linseed is a good thing to put polish on birds; but at the same time you must have high condition and well-bred stock before you can get this in any pronounced degree. Use the best English linseed; or you may use a little of the meal with the egg and biscuit. I prefer the former. (3) Give your birds, that you say make a wheezing noise at night-time, fifteen drops of glycerine and ten drops of paregoric in their drinking water, every day for a fortnight. (4) Unlighted birds are those that are bred in the current years, and left as Nature made them; that is, not had their flight feathers drawn. (5) I should not recommend sunflower seed for Canaries. It would lay on too much fat. Mr. Westen will answer you re the other birds you mention.

Rough on Legs (Constant Reader).—I do not think there is anything radically wrong with your bird. Some birds are very prone to get scaly on the legs. Put, with the tip of your finger, a little vaseline on the legs for two or three days, and then I think the scales will come off quite easily. Put a few drops of the juice of a lemon in his drinking water every day for a week.

Mesh of Wire Partition (Slide).—Yes; the width of mesh you mention, half inch, will be quite suitable for your partition slide, and the old birds will feed the young quite well through it.

Hens Which Sing (J. Hawkes).—It is, as I have previously stated, a very difficult matter to put on paper the way for a novice to tell the sex of Canaries; particularly so at this time of the year with young birds, that is, late-hatched, last year's birds. Briefly, the vents of the cocks protrude more than the hens, the latter being much flatter, and the more so the fresher they get in condition. The cocks are deeper in colour; and in the buffs there is much more colour round the eyes and on the front of the head. Buff hens invariably carry more meal (or fresting) than the cocks, and are not so active in their movements. Yellow hens mostly show a little mealing at the extreme edges of the feathers on the back and neck. I expect the birds you say you bought for hens are really such, as you say they "seem" to sing. If they were cocks and healthy birds, I fancy they would actually be doing so, and in such a way that you could have no doubt on the matter. Many hens will try to emulate the sterner sex in the way of song, but only in very exceptional cases is there much real resemblance.

Concerning Perches, etc. (Advice).—There is no "correct distance" between the perches, everything, of course, depending upon the size of the cages. As you wish to get your birds into good condition, I should advise you to put the perches as far apart as you can, so that they may get all the exercise it is possible for them to have. The "long jump," as you call it, will not spoil your birds for exhibition purposes. When the perches are put a good distance apart, they have to fly, which, of course, is good exercise for birds, and helps to keep them in good condition. I should not advise you to give crushed oats with the egg, but give either biscuit or home-made bread, the latter for choice. You may use the chaff you get for the bottoms of show cages on the bottoms of the cages you have now in use. You are doing quite right to provide them with some sand in a dish. I rather suspect your bird has red-mite. Go on with the quassia spraying, and in addition give him a dusting of Keating's insect powder, putting it well under his wings.

Lacking Life (J.A.P.).—Give your birds nothing but plain Spanish canary seed; only give a little of the mixed seed, a half teaspoonful to each bird, twice a week. Put as much Epsom salts in the drinking water twice a week as will make it taste slightly. Then give, in two tablespoonfuls of water, on alternate days for a fortnight, ten drops of tincture of quinine. Let them have a spray of watercress two or three times a week, and put a piece of sweet apple between the bars of the cage for them to peck at.

Pairing Questions (Standerton).—From your description I do not think you will do any good with either the variegated hen or the colour-fed Norwich cock, and should advise you to get rid of them in some way. Kill them, and save yourself a lot of bother and trouble. Pair the pink-eyed yellow hen to the colour-fed cock you mention first, and the green to the cock which you say is singing. I do not think you can make any mistake if you pair up the other two pairs as you think best. I cannot advise you, as you do not tell me whether they are buffs or yellows. I did not get your sample of seed which you say you enclosed, consequently cannot say if suitable. The single cages you are thinking of using for breeding purposes should be quite suitable, and are of a nice size, 24 in. by 15 in.

Sitting Humped Up (H. Dives).—Do not give your bird any more of the Epsom salts, but give instead, in two tablespoonfuls of water, ten drops of tincture of quinine. Continue this on alternate days for a fortnight, when I think you will see an improvement. Let him have a piece of sweet apple placed between the bars of the cage to peck at. Cut away the feathers which are clogged with the bird's excreta with a pair of scissors. Keep him in a cosy corner, with plenty of light, and cover over at night with a warm cloth.

Persistent Cold (G.O.W.).—Give your Norwich hen, in its drinking water, ten drops of paregoric and fifteen drops of syrup of tolu every day for a week; then on alternate days for a fortnight. You are doing the right thing with your other bird; I cannot advise anything better than your present mode of treatment.

YORKSHIRES.

Answered by H. W. BATTYE.

Not Sung (J.T.T.).—Evidently your bird is in the "loose moult" and thoroughly out of condition. I presume from what you write that you keep it in the living room; if so, remove it into a room where there is no fire. Get a packet of egg-bread, or canary-cake, from a bird shop, and use as directed on the cover; and, in addition, give half a teaspoonful of maw seed daily until the bird has got rid of most of its feathers. Then give eight or ten drops of Parrish's chemical food in the bird's drinking water, when your bird will probably get all right and commence singing. During the coming spring let his staple food be clean, sound, white canary seed, in addition to above.

Sneezing and Wheezing (J.H.B.).—The house is a very unsuitable place to keep birds in, especially birds you intend to breed with. See replies to "J.T.T." and "Willing to Learn." Your birds seem to have got cold, either from draughts or changes of temperature. You might try the following:—Take the birds' drinking water away at night, and give fresh each morning, well mixing with it five drops of the following mixture—½ oz. oil of eucalyptus, ½ oz. oil of cajeput. For the hare place, dip your finger end in paraffin, and rub gently on the hare spot, on alternate days, for a fortnight or three weeks.

Only Sung Slightly (One of Your New Readers).—I do not know under what conditions you keep your birds. I have had birds that would not sing a note when I was in the room, but would sing as hard as any of the others immediately I left the bird room. Of course, I have a "peep-hole" where I can see them without them seeing me. Perhaps your birds may be the same. Again, some birds will not sing for a long time after a removal to fresh quarters; but you have had the birds long enough for them to have got over this. I am inclined to think your birds will sing when you are not in the room, seeing that you say they were in full song when you bought them, and that they are sound, healthy birds. At present give them a little egg food, with a pinch of maw seed every other day, when I think they will be again in full song when the milder weather comes.

Casting Feathers (Willing to Learn).—I should imagine your bird had moulted last year before December, and then went into the loose moult, and has been in it ever since. You do not say anything as to the bird's age, or I might have been better able to advise you. But I have no doubt in my own mind that keeping him in the kitchen was the first and principal cause of him going amiss. The great and frequent changes of temperature in the average kitchen or living room are calculated to cause most Canaries to go into soft moult. Perhaps the baking or washing may be on foot during the day, and the place gets very hot; then during the night the fire goes out, and during such weather as we have been having of late the change is both sudden and severe. Follow advice given to "J.T.T." this week, when I think you may very probably have your bird ready for breeding by April or May.

CRESTS AND CREST-BREDS.

Answered by W. E. GREEVES.

Breeding Crests (H.S.M.).—(1) Crested cock and Crestbred hen will breed both Crests and Plainheads, and is the proper method of breeding to produce Crests of good formation. Two Crests may be mated together, but this is the exception, and not the rule. When so mating, two of the largest crests obtainable should be put together, it is only waste of time to mate two small Crests together. (2) The cock and the hen should be kept in separate cages until they are in breeding condition, which will not be before the end of March or beginning of April. (3) The sample of egg-bread sent is not good enough to rear young birds on; it will do very well to use when weaning the young ones from egg food. Hard boiled egg, with either bread crumbs or crushed biscuits, should be given now to the old birds twice a week and used for rearing the young ones.

Swelling Near Beak (T.G.).—As the witch hazel extract has not reduced the lump over your bird's beak, I should advise you to take a sharp knife and just cut through the skin of the lump on the top. You will find matter underneath which can be easily removed. Afterwards well wash the place with warm water, using a small piece of sponge for the purpose. Be careful to dry well, and keep the bird in a warm place. There is no need for any alteration in your feeding.

CINNAMONS.

Answered by J. NORTH.

Pink-eyed Chicks from Dark-eyed Parents (Cinnamon).—It is quite possible to get a pink-eyed chick from parents that have dark eyes. As a rule such youngsters are hens, but I have known a few exceptions, where pink-eyed or cinnamon variegated cocks have been bred unexpectedly, although such cases are very rare. Such occurrences are also remarkable because, when dealing with cross-bred stock, it is very difficult to get the cinnamon coloured plumage on the males, clears and greens being much the commoner colours. With young hens it is quite different, for the cinnamon colour is reproduced on them in the fifth and sixth generations after the known admission of the brown feather. By the expression, "pink-eye is the hall mark of the variety," it is meant that any bird that is hatched with transparent pink eyes is a true Cinnamon, whether its garb is brown or clear of colour, or the two mixed together, forming what is called "cinnamon-ticked," "pied," or "variegated." Every cinnamon feathered bird has pink eyes, and every green or green marked bird has dark eyes. Some Cinnamon bred birds have quite clear yellow or buff plumage, and some of these may have dark eyes and others pink eyes. Any and all of these pink-eyed birds are Cinnamons, no matter how they have been produced. It is extremely rare for two pink-eyed birds to breed any but pink-eyed youngsters.

GREENS.

Answered by S. HADWIN.

Brother and Sister (G.N.).—I do not advocate the pairing of brother and sister, but if the birds are very large and very well pencilled you might take a nest of them for the purpose of striking or fixing the markings. But you will have better general results by keeping away from such close in-breeding.

ROLLERS.

Answered by F. A. LESTER.

German Roller Fanting (J. Smith).—Your bird has evidently come through his moult very weak, and needs a tonic. Try Parrish's chemical food, 10 drops to each drinker. You do not say anything about your feeding; is it correct? Feed very plainly on 2 parts rape, 1 part canary, with egg food once a week. Is your bird cage infested with red mite? Cover with a white cloth at night, and take it off after daylight next morning. Should you find some, scald the cage in boiling soda and water, and be sure it is thoroughly dry before returning the bird.

Feathers Missing (Puzzled).—Roller cock nearly bare of feathers, and been like it two years! Well, your bird must look a very curious object, and appears to have a very strong constitution. The best thing I can recommend you to do is to lightly anoint him with vaseline. I found this treatment very successful with a bald-headed bird. If, as you say, the egg food caused his feathers to grew again, I should give him it occasionally.

Advice Regarding Breeding (Amateur).—No doubt your hen is a buff; there are not many yellows among Germans. Your cock is also buff, although a little brighter than the hen, which is quite natural owing to the sex. Your procedure up to the present is correct. But is your hen ready? Take her in your hand and blow up her feathers underneath. If she appears fat and bare of feathers up to the breast bone, you may take it she is ready. Give her a little egg food twice a week, and the cock once. As soon as she commences to carry bits of nesting material in her mouth she is ready for the cock to be run in with her. Of course, it is rather early yet, and the present weather is not very helpful. Your birds will breed mostly buffs if you get any young. With the cock an ordinary Hartz Roller, and the hen doubtless of better quality, in any case the youngsters should be as good, if not better, than their father.

General Advice (Canariensis).—Pleased to hear that our advice has been of use. An oval perch about ¾ in. wide is most suitable for Rollers. A good staple diet is 1 part Canary and 2 parts German rape, with egg food once or twice a week. Do not give any other seeds if the bird continues healthy. The enclosed seed is red millet, useless for any Canaries. There is a hook on Rollers, by Albert Rettich, which could be procured through CAGE BIRDS' office for 10d., or 1s. 4d. post free, paper and cloth bound, respectively. Always pleased to help you.

MISCELLANEOUS CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by J. NORTH.

Canary Off Song.—Canary moulted rather earlier than usual last year, and is still losing his feathers. He has gone off song altogether, and is rather loose in his bowels. I gave him sulphate of iron in his drinking water, but he would not drink it. Usual seed and salad diet. I have recently given him a few drops of Parrish's chemical food in his water.—HOLME LEA.

A great many singing birds go off song and occasionally drop feathers. I have generally found this to arise through liver trouble, indicated in the case of your bird by the condition of the bowels. Remedies must be administered with a firm hand, and it will never do to take too much notice of what a bird likes and dislikes. Discontinue the Parrish's chemical food, and get a chemist to mix the following (which should be given in a glass vessel) and give in place of ordinary drinking water:—Sulphate of iron, one scruple; dilute sulphuric acid, 20 drops; sulphate of soda, 2 drachms; distilled water, 1 pint. Diet same as before.

One Cock with Two Hens.—(1) I want to run cock with two hens. If I take him out as soon as the first hen has laid, will she hatch and feed the young by herself? (2) Will dandelion do as green food, and should I supply it while the hen is feeding the young? At what age do I take the young away? The cock that I have is six years old, shall I have to get another one?—T.J.

(1) It would be prudent to give up the idea of running a cock six years old with two hens. This plan has its disadvantages at all times, for it very often happens that the father bird is wanted in two places at once, and such misfortunes happen as the hen forsaking her eggs or chicks, or she plucks their young feathers for the purpose of making another nest. Only such birds should be coupled for breeding as are in prime condition of health; one cock should be run with one hen, in one cage, for one season. Sometimes a hen will do well without the attendance of the cock, will incubate and hatch her eggs and rear her young single-handed, but no one can foretell what a female bird will do under varying circumstances. (2) Dandelion is a splendid salad when the young leaves can be got in the spring, but avoid the large old leaves. Watercress, groundsell, chickweed, and lettuce may also be given while the hen is feeding, but the chicks should not have any salad after they have been taken away, which may be when they are four weeks old. If the six year old cock bird is not in full song he is not suitable for the breeding cage.

Rearing-food.—Is the enclosed sample of patent food suitable for rearing young Canaries from the nest? I have used it since the moult and find the birds do well on it, instead of egg food. Will you tell me its constituents?—J.T.D.

This is a proprietary preparation, and on reference to the makers' advertisement it is noted that it is particularly recommended for rearing young Canaries while they are in the nest, and for their continual sustenance when they get into the flight cages "on their own." It appears to me to be exceedingly well adapted for its purpose, and in conjunction with your endorsement of its value as a food for young birds on the wing, I think you might with confidence extend your use of it to the earlier stages of the nestling Canaries' careers. I cannot, unless you commission me to analyse the sample, tell you exactly what it is made of, but a cursory examination suggests the admixture of some well-made and well-baked biscuit containing farina, sugar, and fat, subsequently crushed, sifted, and blended with a due proportion of dried egg.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

"Mule-Canary" (G. W. Andrews).—There is no such thing as a "Mule-Canary." A bird may be a Mule, or it may be a Canary; but it cannot be a Mule-Canary (which signifies half of each), because Mules themselves will not breed—at any rate, have not been bred from up to the present. I think your bird, "with almost black marks on the head, near the eyes, and also on the wings," is unquestionably a Canary pure and simple. To be a genuine Canary, a bird has not necessarily to possess an unstained yellow coat. There are all-green Canaries, just as there are Canaries splashed with dark markings on various parts of their bodies. As a matter of fact, breeders of high-class Canaries seldom pair two perfectly clear birds together, because the use of a marked bird generally improves, or keeps up, the colour in the youngsters they breed. Still, it is a common error to term marked Canaries "Mule-Canaries"; and I suppose, like many other errors, it will live many a long year yet. If your bird is a yellow, mate it with a clear buff hen; if a buff, with a clear yellow hen. Your other question has been answered by the Editor.

Byno-Phosphates (Avis Ornis).—Allen and Hanbury's Byno-Phosphates is not intended to be used so much as a tonic for getting birds into show condition, as a tonic for pulling them together when "off their feed," or run down through a bad moult, or illness, etc. In a sense, like chemical food and similar preparations, it is a food and tonic-medicine combined. You could give it to your birds during the moult, say three times a week, and continue it until they come into hard show condition. Five or six drops may be mixed amongst a teaspoonful of egg-food, or biscuit and milk sop; or a small teaspoonful may be well stirred into two tablespoonfuls of drinking water, using a glass vessel only. The former is the more economical method, though, of course, if the water is placed inside the cages, a very small vessel may be used, and two tablespoonfuls then suffices for several birds.

"Clara."—Your question was answered last week, under initials "C.P." There is nothing for it but to keep the Canaries out of earshot of the Bullfinch.

A "Good Mixture" (D.J.H.).—I have frequently pointed out that there can be no "good mixture" suitable for birds all the year round, without a change or variety. To keep birds in health, one must keep them provided with variety in their diet, and much of this variety is not unconnected with the seasons of the year. Thus one can gather seeding thistles, hard-heads, teazle, chickweed, dandelion, shepherd's purse, groundsel, plantain, etc., only at certain times of the year, and when these times come round, our birds should get a supply of Nature's good things, to keep them up to "concert pitch," and to afford them some change from (and solatium for!) the deadly dull routine of dry, hard seed which they have necessarily to go content with during great part of the year. The feeding of Linnets is fully dealt with in another answer this week, which see. A good stock mixture for Goldfinches now is:—Hemp and teazle, two pints each; canary, one pint; linseed, half-pint; and maw, quarter-pint. If freshly caught, give plenty of niger in addition. Cracked sunflower seed, too, is usually relished, and forms a valuable change. Other "tit-bits"—such as thistle, dandelion, etc.—you can give now and again, as procurable. Canaries only require plain canary seed as their staple diet, with a third part of summer rape added every second day, and a feed of hemp, maw, cracked sunflower, niga, etc. (mixed), once a week—say by way of a Sunday dinner. This treatment will keep them in excellent condition.

Bad and Harsh Feathered Linnet (Gilly).—If you have any red-mite about the bird, it may account for the trouble, and until you shift the pest you cannot well hope for relief. Study CAGE BIRDS' ANNUAL on the point; extended directions are therein given. Assuming red-mite are not present, then see the bird is not hung too near the ceiling, in the hot fumes of gas, etc., or kept too hot near a fire. Lightly spray him every morning with water which has just had the chill taken off, and has been turned just cloudy by the addition of a few spots of Scrubb's Cloudy Ammonia. Don't drown him, or let him hang in a draught afterwards. Feed him well, as advised another querist this week. The best medicine you can offer is a fortnight's course on Parrish's chemical food, adding sufficient to the drinking water (weak

daily) to turn it a medium red in colour, and using a glass vessel for preference. This treatment should pull him together in condition, and stimulate new feathers to put in an appearance and cover up his nakedness. But make certain on the score of red-mite. Many fanciers harbour them on their birds quite unsuspectingly.

Treatment of the Bramblefinch (S. McK.).—In reply to "Pink" and "Regular Reader" last week appeared very full instructions on feeding the Bramblefinch, to which advice I must ask you to kindly refer. I have so many queries to answer I cannot possibly cover the same ground week after week. Readers might save both themselves and me a deal of trouble by thoughtfully referring to recent issues before firing off their problems. Be a good boy in future, Mac; it isna canny on your part to blue two whole bawbies in postage.

Chaffinches Breeding (B.G.).—A pair of Chaffinches has been induced to breed in a large cage. I can assure you that it is a most uncertain business, however, and far more likely to be unsuccessful than it is to be successful. Still, as you say you are "anxious to get a pair to breed," by all means try. It will be most interesting, without a doubt. But don't get disgusted if you breed nothing, and then sell out and go in for mice. Look upon it purely as an experiment, and you ought to get a deal of pleasure out of the attempt, to say nothing of the eclat attaching to a seldom accomplished feat should you succeed. If you count your chickens before they are hatched, however, the result may be a blank, and typify your state of mind. Feed on the lines recommended "Regular Reader" in our last issue.

Breeding in an Aviary (D. Morgan).—You make a great mistake in having your aviary papered inside. If you will take my advice you will strip off all the paper before you turn in any birds, and put a coat or two of very pale blue or green sanitary water paint (or distemper) on the walls. Should you turn in a Norwich cock, he will not rest content with one wife, but will assume the ownership of several of the hens, and mate with them. Keep the pair of Norwich in a breeding cage to themselves. But not hanging on the wall of the outdoor bird room, or the birds flying loose therein will be continually interfering with and disturbing them. Keep them right apart. I don't care to have cock Canaries within earshot even of my muling hens, except under special circumstances, for they only distract their attention from their rightful partners. Your place, 6 ft. 4 in. by 4 ft. 8 in. would hold a dozen hen Canaries, and seven or eight cock Finches comfortably. I do not advise you to turn any hen British birds in. You could put in cock Goldfinches and Linnets with a Greenfinch, Redpoll, Siskin, or Twite, or any of the cock Finches usually employed for muling purposes, just as your own fancy dictates. You will have to be careful when entering the room to see that none of the birds fly out over your head. A double door is the best to have; you could build a sort of lobby, of wood uprights and wire netting, very easily outside your place, and this would effectually prevent any escapes. No artificial heat will be necessary. Turn out the birds at the beginning of March, if the weather is mild and springlike.

Bullfinch-Greenfinch Hybrids (North Country).—The writer of the article you mention was quite correct in saying that the usual mating to produce the Hybrid between the Bullfinch and the Greenfinch was hen Bullie to cock Greenie. The cock Bullfinch is a very uncertain breeder for some reason or other in a cage, so that the last-mentioned way of pairing has come to be generally recognised as the most likely to bring results in its train. It is very interesting to know that you have succeeded by the reverse process of mating; it is quite a rare feat, and deserves putting on record. Having accomplished this, you will indeed be foolish not to try again in the same way, when you may, I hope, be more fortunate with the young, and not get them drowned in a thunderstorm. I quite agree with you that the hen Greenfinch is far more likely to rear her young by her own unaided efforts than is the hen Bullfinch. Some of the latter are all right; but hen Greenies which go to nest invariably turn out good mothers. Your plan of keeping only one pair of would-be Hybrid-breeders in each enclosure is absolutely the best you could pursue, and is far, far more likely to lead to success than having a lot of birds of differing species flying together, as so many fanciers persist in doing. I would point out that you yourself had other birds flying with this particular couple, including a cock Greenfinch. Can you be sure it was the cock Bullfinch who actually fertilised the eggs on this occasion?

Wife for a cock Greenfinch (O. Cogman).—Any good-sized, stout-bodied yellow Norwich hen would make an ideal mate for a large, good-coloured cock Greenfinch. She could be either clear or marked; a self green would not matter a jot. You should breed some good sized, shapely, rich-coloured Mules from this mating, which will make you excellent songsters. Buff hens, of course, can be used, but the resulting progeny never come so deep and bright in colour. A stout Cinnamon hen, or a big-framed but scanty-feathered Crestbred hen, will also make very acceptable mates, getting yellows if possible.

Brass Wire Fronts (N.S.).—I have never seen any brass wire fronts—by which I mean the removable wire-fronts. In any case, it is quite impossible to beat the tinned wire, as ordinarily used; it is in every way suitable. Brass cages, and especially the merely lacquered kind, are likely to be dangerous to birds, owing to verdigris forming on them should they get wet—a thing practically impossible to avoid. If the birds peck off the verdigris (a dangerous irritant poison), the results are likely to be fatal. Many birds, of course, are kept in brass cages without this ever happening; still, the danger is always there, and some birds are more prone than others to go pecking about the wires—Roller Canaries, in particular, are fond of doing so.

Shrub to Nest In (T.L.H.).—Strictly speaking, it is not at all necessary to put a shrub (a living plant) into an aviary for hen British birds to nest in. As likely as not they would ignore it, though quite possibly they might use it. They do some strange things. I myself have fixed up the most secret and snug corners for them to build their homes in, but they only turned up their noses at my contriving, and planted their nests right out in the open, within a very few inches of the wire-netting front. The feminine mind is always a puzzle, all the world over. Therefore you should fix up as many likely spots as possible (one cannot do more), and then leave the birds to go their own sweet way, keeping an eye open, however, for fear two couples should fancy the same site, for a pitched battle is almost certain to result should this happen, and unless one or the other gives way it may become necessary to interfere. I have seen some comical sights in my time, though, the best of all, I think, being two hen Canaries using the same nest at the same time, one sitting on eggs, and the other feeding quite a big baby—an only child. It sounds extraordinary, and I can assure you it looked even more so. There were three (I think) hens and one cock in an indoor aviary. If you want to include a shrub, you cannot do better than follow the advice given—"L.G.S." last week. In addition, hang up nest-boxes in likely corners (or place them on shelves, etc.), and arrange bundles of pea-sticks, or suitable dead branches, here and there about the place. It is a very good plan to get a few old, yet not dilapidated, Blackbird and Thrush nests out of the hedgerows, and stick these about. Many Bullfinch and other hens will gladly re-line and use them. It is possible to get disused "first-round" nests of the above species in the season in plenty of time for use in one's aviaries and cages.

Concerning the Hawfinch.—(1) What is the food for Hawfinch? (2) Are they difficult to keep? (3) What is proper stock cage, also show cage? (4) Are they sometimes colour fed? (5) How can I sex them?—"ATHOS."

(1) The principal food for a caged Hawfinch is sound, plump, white sunflower seed. Sunflower seed which is black, or striped, however, is not bad by any means; still, I prefer white, myself, whenever obtainable. Given this, and a mealworm or two every day or so, the bird asks for little more. The mealworms, however, should be given direct from the fingers; a little patience, and, so great is the bird's love for these squirming creatures, he will take them fearlessly. They are an invaluable agent in steadying a Hawfinch. The bird also appreciates hemp, linseed, canary, oats, and sometimes a little buckwheat, summer rape, small Indian corn, etc. His powerful beak makes short work of beechmast, walnuts, plum and cherry stones, hawthorn, privet, etc., berries and the like. One never need be fast for dainties acceptable to the Hawfinch. Green food they are not particularly keen on, but appreciate a little young lettuce, watercress, chickweed, shepherd's purse, also ripe apple, pear, etc., occasionally. They make an exception in favour of tender green garden peas, of which they are passionately fond, and these are especially good for young birds, given in the pod. They are fond of a bath, so let him have one whenever the weather is suitable. (2) They are not difficult to keep; but they are most difficult to moult, which no doubt accounts for the limited number seen annually on the show bench. (3) Any extra-large box-pattern cage, of the usual type for Finches, is suitable for a stock cage. The show cage should be an enlarged edition of the usual Finch show cage, with inside seed vessel (and water, too, if you like), enamelled inside and wires very dark green. (4) They are sometimes colour fed; and generally spoilt in the process, too. (5) It is quite easy to sex Hawfinches, as a rule. The hen is quite a dingy, ashy-brown compared with her mate, whose plumage is a mixture of rich chestnut and chocolate and cinnamon brown. Young males, however, will deceive the inexperienced. You ask too many questions; three is the editorial limit. You should remember "there are others," as the poet says. Remainder of questions must stand over.

Singing Linnet and its Food.—I want to get a Linnet likely to sing soon. Could you give me any hints? Also explain how best to feed?—"CONTRARY."

For singing purposes you want to go and look out a medium-sized bird, bold in demeanour (not dashing madly about the cage), with big, wide-open, fearless eyes, and tight in plumage—a bird that has "got the jump quickly," as old Linnet men say; that is, hops steadily backwards and forwards without getting on the wires. Such a bird is certain to turn out a singer (if a cock, of course). If he "does a turn" while you are weighing up his merits, then he is doubly certain to. The best kind of cage to keep a Linnet in is that known as the Finch stock cage—box pattern (wired in front only) about 16 by 9 by 10. You will find it pictured and fully described in the ANNUAL for 1906. The treatment to make it sing (assuming it, of course, to be a cock bird) lies in the correct feeding. Go to a good seed shop and get the following mixture, by measure: Canary and teazle, four parts each; summer rape, charlock and linseed, one part each. Give this as a stock food, and vary it with a good pinch of maw or hemp now and again given in a finger-drawer or separate dish; also a little packet Finch mixture, and wild seed mixture, and a few cracked or shelled sunflower seeds. Give plenty of seeding shepherd's purse, chickweed, and groundsel tops, but strip off old, stringy leaves (these do internal damage, there can be no question) giving the young and juicy ones only. While moulting, it is not a bad plan to increase the richness of the stock mixture by including a portion of hemp and maw therein—say one part of the former, and a half-part of the latter. Of the wild seeds, shepherd's purse, our old friend, is the most generally liked by Linnets and many other birds. Then we have plantain, wild mustard, chickweed, groundsel tops, hard-heads, the various thistles, dock, various grass seeds, and gold of pleasure. Here you have a fairly complete list of easily obtainable and easily recognisable wild seeds, and not for Linnets alone, but for all British seed-eaters. "Wild seed mixture," for a feed now and again, you can get sent to your door—and very cheaply, too—by many advertisers who use the columns of CAGE BIRDS.

Siberian Goldfinch and its Treatment.—Am anxious to keep my bird healthy and get him fit for breeding, but have had bad luck with Siberian Goldies. How do you treat them yourself?—"YOUNG FANCIER."

One of your remarks I might well take unkindly, though I don't suppose you mean it that way. Am always glad to help any fancier, young or old, as far as I possibly can. "Keeping things back" is not in my line, however it may be (as you allege) with other "old fanciers." By-the-bye, please don't call me "old"; it can't be justified, even though I *have* acquired a few wrinkles since I started answering these queries. Siberian Goldfinches appreciate the same seeds and delicacies as our British Finch, but need indulging much less freely with fattening, stimulating foods—especially so during hot weather. Most fanciers have experienced those sudden and mysterious departures from this earth which Siberian Finches are so prone to take—well and apparently in fine form one day; stiff and cold on the cage-bottom the next. I believe this is largely due to neglect of the above rule. These Goldies acquire a taste for summer rape during transportation to this country. A good stock mixture now would be hemp, canary and teazle three parts each, summer rape and linseed one part each. Give a little maw and niger frequently, also a good feed of white sunflower seeds (cracked if necessary)—not all at one time, of course, but one or other daily. Thistles, hard-heads, dandelion, flowering groundsel and chickweed, wild seeds, etc., are all good for them, and appreciated. Many Siberians are lost through wrong treatment when first bought, owing to the unfortunate inexperience of the buyer. They are immediately put in a cage with food and water hung outside, consequently they starve or die of thirst, never before having seen a water-hole, much more put their head through one. Food and water should always be put inside to them, and it should be seen they get at the same. Inga (niger) seed is their staple food during importation, and they must have an unlimited supply of this at first. When they have got the taste for sunflower seed (it comes quickly, for they are very fond of it, and it is a grand food for them) gradually wean them off the niger. Should a bird seem to droop at any time, give at once a dose (two, if necessary) of sulphate of soda for one day; as much as will lie on a sixpence dissolved in two tablespoonfuls of water. Follow this with a course of citrate of iron as a tonic, a tiny pinch (just a few granules) dissolved in the same quantity of water. Watch its effects on the bowels; it is constipating when given too strongly. Also, don't give grit freely at first. They will simply "gorge" it; and then comes trouble.

Nests for Hybrid Pairs.—Have not noticed you say anything about nests and nesting materials for Hybrid pairs in cages, etc. Should welcome a hint or two.—G. TRAVERS.

I have from time to time had quite a deal to say on this subject; not recently, though. A small flight, with the nest-box up in a well-shaded corner is the best of all places for breeding Hybrids. A big cage, however (say not less than 3 feet by 18 by 12 inches), is also very good; likewise a double Canary-breeding cage with the centre slide withdrawn. The nest (or nest-box) should be screened in any ease, either with dead broom, gorse, fir, etc., or brown paper fixed over one corner of the cage front. The easiest and best way to provide acceptable nesting material is to go out and collect and store old (but good) Greenfinch, Linnet, etc., nests—in fact, practically any Finch nests—and pull them to pieces when wanted. Thrushes and Blackbirds' nests are all right at a pinch; with the help of a nest-bag, in addition, at all times. Many hen Bullies (and other British hens too) will build in (sort or re-line) an old Blackbird or Thrush nest when nothing else will tempt them, and lay their eggs therein too, seldom dropping them on the floor. A suitably sized sod of clover grass (or turf), something like that given to Larks, with a shallow, cup-shaped depression beaten into it, will also invariably induce them to build thereon. To avoid mould (through damp) a piece of half-inch mesh wire netting should be tacked on to two strips of wood and he fastened in the breeding cage, on a level with the first cross-bar (and consequently the perches) from back to front. The piece of netting will, of course, be cut to size according to the depth of the cage. The sod should be placed on this wire netting platform. Some twigs, etc., can be twisted into the meshes so as to form at the front an effective and natural-looking screen. The old Thrush's or Blackbird's nest could be slung up in the same way; in fact, there are many little dodges one can think out. In a flight (small aviary) hen Bullies will sometimes favour a wood nest-box, and sometimes an old nest; while I have known many decline both, and build on shelves, etc.—several actually on the floor. Wicker (Roller Canary) travelling cages, with the front and inside fitments knocked out, are also often favoured.

Thrush Out of Condition.—I have a Thrush which has not got any feathers on head or neck. It started to moult in August. It is lively, but sings only very quietly. Fed on hemp seed and bread. Third season bird. What can I do?—C.A.L.

If your Thrush has stood a diet of hemp seed and bread for three seasons, he must have possessed a healthy constitution in the first place. I expect, however, he has not had sufficient vitality left to shake off the effects of the last moult. If you feed him properly, as outlined below, he should come into condition and full song. Mix some hemp seed and bread with the food at first, gradually leaving it off, as many birds detest a sudden and complete change of diet, even when for the better. He must have some "greenmeat" mixed amongst his food; also be given live insects frequently. Get the game meal without grit; if you have any difficulty in doing so, substitute crushed puppy cakes. Let the bird bathe on suitable dry days. Here is the correct method of feeding: Go to a good bird-food vendor, and get mixed, by measure, game or pheasant meal, six parts; ants' eggs, dried flies, and meat meal, two parts each. Damp the quantity required for use with grated raw carrot, or finely chopped tender dandelion, chickweed, lettuce, watercress, etc., according to season, or cold boiled potato, or even a little ripe fruit, varying it as much as possible. Give a few mealworms daily, and any live foods you can get in season—for instance, smooth caterpillars, flies, spiders, wasp-grub, gentles, earwigs, beetles, cockroaches, and the like. A little ripe fruit and various berries, sweet apple, pear, split grapes, orange, red and white currants, banana, etc., straw, rasp, black, privet, elder, haw, etc., berries are also relished. You need never want for variety. Into the above stock food a proportion of preserved yolk of egg (flake) should be well mixed now and again, or a hard-boiled egg; or a little finely-scraped raw lean meat makes a nice change at times, but should not be overdone. A few snails boiled and chopped up are also greatly relished, and are fine things to induce the birds to sing. Immerse them in boiling hot water for a time. A small half-teaspoonful of tasteless cod-liver oil mixed into the daily food supply will no doubt greatly assist the bird to pull round.

Sunflower Seed (Charlie).—In my opinion sunflower seed is a very excellent and wholesome food for all seed-eating birds, either whole, for those who can shell it, or lightly-cracked, for those which find it too large to be negotiated otherwise. All seed-eaters are fond of it, once they have tasted it. Larks, Pipits, and similar semi-graineating birds, relish it very much when shelled and just "kibbled" (broken up), either given alone or placed on top of their soft food. I get through a large quantity of sunflower seed practically weekly, and never have any but good results accrue from its use. Of course, it must not be given so freely to some birds as to others. Greenfinches, Crossbills, and Hawfinches, for instance, will hardly do really well unless they have it in plenty; Chaffinches and Bramblefinches should have it fairly freely; Goldfinches, Bullfinches, and other small Finches should be given a frequent feed. For growing young birds (especially Hybrids) it is excellent, not only being a nutritious food, but providing them with something to exercise their beaks on, and pass away spare moments which otherwise would very likely be devoted to pecking at their companions' plumage—everyone knows how mischievous young Mules can be in this latter respect. For adult Hybrids, of whatever variety, a feed of sunflower seed daily is very good; the larger varieties (Bullfinch or Greenfinch cross, for instance) may have a more liberal supply.

Sex of the Nightingale (J. Bathgate).—There is not sufficient difference between the plumage of the male and female Nightingale to enable any inexperienced fancier to tell t'other from which. Even a very old Nightingale fancier, I believe, would hesitate to wager that he would accurately sex any dozen Nightingales put down in front of him. Still, he would no doubt hit the bull's-eye in the great majority of instances. He is not guided so much by colour of plumage, however, as by the size, shape, and actions of the bird; and a knowledge of these distinctions, of course, cannot be learned from paper—they are only picked up through a long course of keeping many specimens of the species. Briefly, the cock is generally somewhat the larger bird (though I have seen many small males and many large females), has a bolder look and action (on the same lines as the difference seen between cock and hen Canaries), and is larger and flatter in head and bill when viewed in profile. Thus a good-coloured, sprightly, bold bird, with a long flat head, is likely to be a cock.

Feeding a Bullfinch (C. Williams).—Yes; the seed diet recommended "Regular Reader" last week for a Chaffinch will suit a Bullfinch admirably. Don't overdo the sunflower, however. A pinch of the other usual seeds (hemp, etc.) should be given for a treat now and again. The green foods mentioned will do admirably; the fairly free supply of insect food is not needed, however, though a mealworm, etc., occasionally is usually relished. Bullies are also fond of berries, such as privet, haw, and blackberries.

Wild Seeds (J. Wyke).—There is not much variety in the sample of screenings from the thresher which you enclose; still, it is quite good and fit for use with British seed-eaters, to pick over as a special treat. It is mainly "bird-rape," a term which covers many practically undifferentiable members of the Brassica family (turnip, or "winter rape," charlock, etc.), with dock and one or two grass seeds.

Thrush in Show Condition (Briggins).—Your question is a peculiar one. How on earth I am to describe a Song Thrush "when in show condition" I can't imagine; my most fluent pen turned pale at the bare idea of trying. Why not visit a good show and look over the Thrushes staged thereat? At almost all really large exhibitions a good specimen may be seen. Briefly, its feathers must sit very closely—making the bird look as though modelled out of wax—and the surface of the plumage should shine like your own hair does (or ought to) when you visit your best girl, after it has had a good dressing of the most corruscating brilliantine money can buy. You should feed as advised another querist this week. The only sure way to sex song Thrushes is to hear them sing. By the way, many exhibition Thrushes have a little colour-feed given them when going through the moult.

Wild Seeds (L.H.C.).—It looks a very nice "wild-seed" mixture indeed, and Linnets and Chaffinches will both pick it over with relish. But you certainly should not mix it among their other seeds; give always in a separate dish. I agree with you that most wild-seed mixtures bear a strong family likeness one to the other; that is inevitable, however.

"Thistle" Seed (H.B.).—The "thistle" seed you enclose is not thistle seed at all—that is to say, it is not the seed of the field thistle, which is what you want to feed birds on. The latter is a small, ashy-white seed; about one-third the size of that you send. Take my advice, and throw the "thistle" seed you now have into the dust-bin.

Concerning Skylarks (Skylarks).—All the information you now ask of me was given last week in reply to "J. Saunders," and to that answer I must ask you to kindly refer. Skylarks are both long-lived and free singers. The small room you mention would do admirably for keeping Larks in. The sample of food you enclose is very good, and should answer splendidly if prepared in the manner advised by me. To tame the birds, hang them breast high in a room (not at the window), where people are constantly moving about. But avoid hasty movements close to the cage, and talk to the birds gently and kindly whenever near, also offering them mealworms out of your fingers. It takes much time and patience to steady some birds down.

What Sort of Young? (Redpoll).—This is a curious kind of question. I don't pretend to be able to forecast the result of pairing two given birds together—it would puzzle Old Moore and Zadkiel combined to do so. I can go thus far, however: tell you that if you mate a cock Redpoll to a clear Yorkshire hen you will, if you have luck, breed some sprightly little Mules, free and sweet songsters. If the hen is a yellow, some of the young are sure to be rich (deep) in colour, though with no particular colour contrasts.

Mate for cock Chaffinch (J.A.H.).—Taking a line through the Hybrids known to have been produced, it would seem as though a hen Bramblefinch would be the most likely mate for your cock Chaffinch. The cock Chaffinch has but very seldom been successfully bred with so far as Hybrids are concerned. Possibly it may be that he has not had a wide enough trial; any way, young have been bred and reared between a pair of Chaffinches kept in a large cage. You will gather from this that any attempt to breed Hybrids from your Chaffinch will be merely in the nature of an experiment—that is to say, any result will be far from a certainty. Try any hen Finch you please; say a Bullfinch. The Chaffinch's method of courtship is peculiar, and if indulged in it may not commend itself to hens outside his own species.

Bullfinch Ailing (W.M.).—This bird needs a complete change of diet. See reply to another querist this week as regards general feeding. Let the bird have as much hemp, sunflower, maw, and teazle seeds as it will eat; also try it with a little Osborne biscuit steeped in new milk, squeezed as dry as possible, and well sprinkled with maw seed, offering it fresh frequently. Put in every two tablespoonfuls of drinking water, fresh daily, half a teaspoonful of Parrish's chemical food, obtainable from any chemist. Offer Bullie a mealworm, and try and induce him to eat it (pin it down to a perch, if necessary, just inside the wires). Let him have as many daily as he cares to eat. It is to the change of diet you must pin your hopes of recovery.

What Bird? (Y.O.).—Your description is but a meagre one; still, I have little hesitation in saying that the bird you have is a Yellowhammer, in all probability a hen. If there is any trace of yellow on the bird's head, you can take it for certain this is the correct species. The fact that it is partial only to canary seed goes to confirm me in my opinion, for canary forms the staple diet of practically the whole of the Bunting family when kept in captivity. The bird must have a few mealworms occasionally; also flies, and other suitable insect life, and spiders, as obtainable.

How Birds Feed (Absolutely).—I am certainly not prepared to say what British birds feed from the crop and what direct from the bill. I have a wife and family to keep, and this unfortunately precludes me from indulging in the compilation of such a list. I should need no other work for a month. Broadly speaking, the exclusively insectivorous birds feed direct from the bill, while the Finch-like birds known to fanciers regurgitate food from the crop; some of the latter—the Chaffinch, for instance—also feed direct from the bill when giving their young live (insect) food, of which they use no inconsiderable quantity. Your reference to "feeding like a pigeon" I hardly understand. Are you referring to the well-known habit of the young of having the food "pumped" into them, as it were? I believe this taking of the beak within

the beak, so to speak, is a peculiarity found solely in the Pigeon-like birds. If I can add anything to the above information, I will do so next week. Most male birds feed the hen—it is a sort of love pledge, I presume—just about the time serious courtship commences.

Linnet Constipated (R.A.J.E.).—Get a penny-worth of sulphate of soda from a chemist, dissolve as much as will lie on a shilling in two tablespoons-of water, and give the bird the mixture to drink. Leave it in the cage for about six hours only; then replace it with plain water. Give another dose, but only half the above strength, next morning if it seems needed. Let the bird have some green food; see other replies this week. If the feathers round the vent are clogged with excreta, gently wash them clean with warm water, taking care not to unduly wet the bird.

Getting Goldfinch in Breeding Condition (B.L.).—If you feed your Goldfinch as advised "Young Fancier" this week, he will come into breeding condition all right. You must look out for early tender dandelion leaves and the flowering and seeding heads, and give the bird a free supply, seeing they are never in a frosted condition when offered; also give a flowering groundsel top or two daily. The dandelion is invaluable as a "conditioner" for breeding birds. For early supplies, look on sheltered banks (railway embankments for instance) which face south. Pair your birds when they give evidence of being in breeding condition; it is useless doing so before. The Goldie should be in full vigorous song; if his beak is clear (free from dark streak at the tip of the upper mandible) so much the better.

Goldfinch with Two Hens (Dock).—Goldfinches are frequently run with two hens, and there is no reason, so far as I know, why yours should not attend to a couple of wives. When he has sent one of them to nest, part him off from her, and put him in with the other (providing she is ready). Take him away when the latter gocs to nest, and keep him in readiness to be popped along with No. 1 again in due course. If both hens want to nest at the same time, let him spend half the day with one and half with the other.

Hybrids from Foreign Finches in British Classes (Hybrid).—On the face of it it does seem, of course, that Hybrids bred from a Siberian cock Goldfinch and a Siberian hen Bullfinch, ought to compete in the class for Foreign-bird Hybrids at the forthcoming Crystal Palace Show. It is pretty certain, however, we shall not see any therein. They will go in the class headed "A.V. Hybrid between two British Birds." It certainly is a curious, not to say knotty, point. But controversial matters of this kind do not concern me in this column, so I pass no opinion. What about the dark Mules bred from Siberian Goldfinch and hen Canary? Of course, the judge is certain to award such specimens prizes, and I don't see how he could do otherwise. How is he to discriminate?

Bullfinch Wheezing (E.M.L.B.)—If your bird has a touch of cold, you cannot do better than try our Mr. North's bronchial syrup, 1 ounce each of glycerine, ipecacuanha wine, and oxymel of squills, mixed. Put half-a-teaspoonful in every two tablespoonfuls of drinking water. Keep the bird out of draughts, and see if you can get him to eat a little biscuit and milk-sop daily, as advised another querist this week.

Thrush Wheezing (Constant Reader).—Your Thrush has evidently a severe cold. Keep it out of draughts, and try a lengthy course of the bronchial syrup advised "E.M.L.B." this week. Well mix a a small half-teaspoonful of tasteless cod-liver oil with its daily soft food.

Sexing House Moulted Redpolls (S.P.).—It is next to impossible to accurately sex house moulted Redpolls, except, of course, by hearing a bird in full song, this, naturally, being a male. You can simply go for the boldest, best-coloured bird, with the deepest-coloured black pencilling and markings.

Siskin's Show Cage (East Ham).—A show cage five inches from front to back should be of ample depth for any Siskin. If you do not like dark green enamel for the wires and inside woodwork, you cannot beat a very pale blue. Some exhibitors use very small show cages (about 10 by 9 by 4) for Siskins and Redpolls.

Breeding Hybrids (G.W.D.).—(1) I should say it is most certainly possible to breed an exhibition Hybrid from a Siberian Goldfinch mated to a British hen Bullie. Why not? (2) It is a generally accepted fact that Siberian Goldies are not such ready breeders, taken on the whole, as their British brethren. This failing, however, is well compensated for by the superiority of whatever Hybrids one does succeed in getting from them. Besides, many Siberians are just as free at egg-filling as any British Goldies. I myself once bought from a friend a bird which had bred for four seasons (his owner, I fancy, thought him about played out) used him very successfully for two more, then turned him over to a lady friend, who also got Mules from him. This bird, at any rate, showed that some Siberians will live a long enough time in captivity. All Hybrids are not at their best, from an exhibition point of view, until their second season; most make a still further improvement at their third moult. There is no "age limit," however; you can show a Hybrid at any age you like, however young. It is a great mistake, though, to tax baby birds by sending them to shows; give them a chance to mature.

Blackbird Out of Condition (J.B.).—A room in which clothes are dried cannot be a good one in which to keep birds. Put your Blackie in a more suitable spot when the warmer weather comes. Your feeding, too, strikes me as somewhat poor. Get the bird on to the diet advised "C.A.L." this week. Mix as much flowers of sulphur as will lie on a sixpence into its soft food daily for a week or ten days. If the bird will let you catch it gently anoint the bare place for a few days with a spot or two of paraffin or a little hazeline cream. But, above all, improve its diet.

A Mixture (J.D.).—It is best to leave the cock Goldie and hen Bullfinch together right through the season. But probably the latter would not mind you removing her lord and master for a few hours a day, as necessary, while he fertilised the eggs of the hen Canary. You certainly should not keep all three birds together in one cage. Some hen Bullies will feed their young when in a cage; but not many, I am afraid. Even when they start to do so, the fancier has generally to finish off their progeny by hand-feeding them—else lose them from starvation. The breeder has to scheme matters so that he has a hen Canary going to nest somewhere close on the time the Bullie hen is likely to lay her eggs. This is a problem every fancier has to work out for himself.

Thrush Mopy (No Name).—Read replies to "Constant Reader" and "C.A.L." this week, and act on the advice given those querists.

Mate for Hen Redpoll (Querist.).—I should not mate a cock Canary with hen Redpoll. The resulting progeny, if any, would be of little value, I feel sure. Far better get a medium-sized, rich-coloured cock Goldfinch for her husband; or a rich-coloured Siskin. Any Hybrids from these couples would be of fair value (the cocks, that is), and very pretty and engaging to boot.

Pairing Up Stock (Chatsworth).—Of course, the ideal Greenfinch for both muling and showing is a very large jonque (yellow). But such are scarce. If I had a very big mealy Greenfinch and a medium-sized jonque, and both were stout, well-proportioned birds, I should send them —the two— out, for one or the other (and possibly both) would be almost certain to score. You must decide for yourself whether you will use the big buffs or smaller jonques for Muling, as, without seeing them, I have no chance of determining their relative size. I should be inclined to give the yellows preference, unless they are very small. You could put a big buff with a rich-coloured (chocolate-brown) hen Bullfinch, and any progeny would carry plenty of colour. There is an "element of chance," as you put it, about all Hybrid-breeding; it will be there just the same if you put the Siberian cock Goldie with a hen Bullie. Thanks for your invitation. The next time I am holidaying in your district I will certainly look you up.

A Heap of Questions (P.J.W.).—You will find the food for Goldfinches given in replies to other querists this week; also hints on getting them into "breeding condition." The necessary features in a good Muling Goldfinch are size and richness of colour. "White-legged birds" indicates specimens which have been house-moulted, and, in consequence, are (or should be) steady and well-domesticated, valuable points in muling Britishers. Neither breeding Goldfinches nor Linnets care one jot, as a rule, whether their Canary mates are clear, or marked, or all green. You cannot beat a stoutly-built yellow Norwich hen for producing nice singing Mules. Inga, niger, and niga, are one and the same seed. The term niger is the correct one; or, rather, the most widely used, for probably nigra will be the only strictly correct way of spelling it—meaning black.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S.

Diet for Grey Parrot.—My bird eats freely of seed and boiled maize, but will not touch fruit, grit, or cuttlefish. Will it take to these in time? It had cut wings when it reached me; some have moulted out; should the balance be pulled out? How often must I give Dinneford's magnesia and Parrish's chemical food?—BIRMINGHAM.

Your bird will do well on the diet it is taking, though I do not believe in too much boiled maize for these birds. I should gradually wean it from this as soon as possible; do not give it separately, put it on the top of its seed mixture. An adult bird is far better without it, though with young birds it must be given regularly till you have ascertained that they are eating sufficient of the dry seed mixture. Keep a piece of cuttlefish hanging in its cage; it will take to it ultimately. Crush a little of same to about the size of peas, and mix this with its seed mixture. As regards fruit, if you offer it a little of same when you are eating it yourself it will soon take to it; I have found Parrots especially like and call for what you are yourself taking. Magnesia should only be given as necessary to keep the bowels moving freely, not loose, and Parrish's chemical food is a tonic, especially useful during the moult, but do not give drugs to a bird unless it is out of condition.

Budgerigar and Canary Hybrid.—Would it be possible to pair a male Budgerigar with a green hen Canary?—DAN O'CONNOR.

There is no prospect of such an union coming off. The Budgerigar and the Canary are ready to chum up with any odd companion in their enclosure, if they be without a mate of their own kind; but when such chumminess exists it usually ends in disaster for the unlucky Finch. The Budgerigar is a romper, and has a beak, etc., of quite different proportions and strength to that of a Finch, so that without any maliciousness on the Budgerigar's part, such friendships mostly spell broken legs or wings, if nothing worse, for the poor Canary, etc.

Outdoor Aviary.—The aviary is 16 ft. long, 7½ ft. high, and 5 ft. wide, covered in with ½ in. mesh netting. Enclosed is a list of the birds I have in it, and also a list of the birds I have indoors. I should like to add to these pairs of Pekin Robins, Cut-throats, and White Javas. Can you recommend any others, and also advise me how to proceed so as to get best breeding results?—L.A.F.

Your aviary should give you much pleasure and interest, and you should have good breeding results in same. Put up as many husks and nest boxes as you can, so that the birds in using them will not intrude too much on one another. To this end separate the husks and boxes by twiggy branches. Sow your open flight with grass, oats, rape, canary, etc., and give regular supplies of grass in flower, chickweed, and groundsel heads when obtainable; green food forms an important part of the diet of young British and foreign Finches, etc. Gouldian Finches are not tolerant of their species in captivity, and I cannot advise you to put more than one pair each of Black and Red-headed Gouldians. If you want breeding results do not put in more pairs than there are feet frontage to the aviary, say the following pairs: Red and Black-headed Gouldians, Zebra, Rufus-tailed, Long-tailed Grassfinches, Cut-throats, Silverbills, White Java Sparrows, Common and Green Avadavats, Diamond Doves, British Gold and Bullfinches. Do not put in Redpolls or Siskins; they are mischievous and interfere with their fellow captives' nesting arrangements. You can put in Pekin Robins, but they are rather fond of robbing the nests of other birds and feasting on their eggs. You would find a pair of small Quails—say the Chinese—a pleasing and interesting contrast to the other birds. Note.—The Quails' wings should be cut for the first year.

Making Use of Means.—Young African Parrot lay on bottom of cage the morning after it reached me, so I looked through CAGE BIRDS' "Queries," and doctored it as advised to others. It is now like a new bird, and healthy and fine. It growls when I go near it; how can I tame it and teach it to talk?—H.E.S.

Your promptitude in looking up past queries possibly saved your bird's life. I have a very tame Hawk-headed Parrot I can simply do anything with; yet this bird gives a low growl whenever there is a knock at the door, or it is disturbed by any sudden movement or noise, even when it is being nursed. I can only suggest that one individual should attend to its wants for a time, and that when in the vicinity of its cage, sudden or startling movements should be avoided, and that the replenishing of seed and water hoppers and cleaning of cages should be done in as quiet a manner as possible. If your bird is near a window, and the road a busy one, it would be well to stretch a piece of muslin across, or put a screen of some sort round half its cage, so as to somewhat obscure the outlook till the bird becomes thoroughly used to its quarters. The only way to teach a Parrot to talk is to repeat to it a word or two, and keep at these until they are thoroughly learned; then start on something fresh. Correct diet is given in this issue, see reply to "W. W. Ball."

Java Sparrows.—(1) What is their food and treatment? What other small birds can I put with them for breeding purposes? (2) I have a large wire cage, will that do for breeding?—E.E.G.N.

(1) Canary, white and spray millet seeds, a little rice in the husk, grit, green food, cuttlefish, and water for drinking and bathing. These are hardy and robust birds, but their cage must not stand in a draughty place, nor yet where any wind can blow directly into it, thus a window is a bad position in which to stand cages. Foreign birds that will breed in cages are best kept one pair in each cage; tho most likely to breed in a really large cage with the Javas would be Zebra or Ribbon Finches. (2) A breeding cage should be of the box type, and for Foreigners the minimum size should be 20 by 12 by 18 in. high. The large wire cage would make a good flight cage for any young birds you rear, when they could fend for themselves. You could use it as a breeding cage by putting a screen of some kind round one long side and the two ends.

Oryx Weaver.—Is my bird a true Oryx? I have enclosed two rough sketches. Fig 1 showing colour areas of Oryx as I believe them to be. Fig 2 showing colour areas of my bird. It is not an Orango Bishop, being too large. Is it a Crimson Crowned Weaver? Will it be safe to put it with Javas, Spice Birds, etc., in an outdoor aviary 16 ft. by 12 ft.?—PLOCEUS.

You are quite in error as to the orange red extending to the base of the upper mandible in the Grenadier Weaver; in fact Fig. 2, which you say shows the colour areas of your bird is that of a typical Grenadier Weaver. In the Grenadier Weaver the black extends from the base of the upper mandible to well past the middle of the crown, while with the Crimson-crowned Weaver, as its name indicates, the crown is fiery orange-red, there being only a narrow band of black at the base of its upper mandible. The brown flights and tail also point to your bird being a true P. Oryx, the flights and tail of the Crimson-crowned being black; again the latter is about the same size as the Orange Bishop. There can be no doubt at all, taking into consideration size, etc., but that you have a young specimen of the Grenadier Weaver. With this species the intensity of the colouring increases with age, likewise the areas of fiery orange-red in its plumage. To sum up, a young bird donning nuptial plumage for the first time would show larger areas of black than a bird several years old; and this quite apart from the variation common to all species.

What Birds?—They are a little larger than Passerine Parrakeets and somewhat similar in shape. I have roughly coloured a print of a Lovebird, and enclose it herewith.—SHEFFIELD.

Your birds certainly are not Blue-crowned Conures, nor yet either of the others described in my previous reply; neither does your sketch fit any of the species described and figured in books I have by me, and indisposition prevented me going over to the British Museum and comparing your figure with the skins there. It appears to me to be some rare species of Lovebird (of which there are a number in South America), of which only one species I believe has been imported alive to this country. I hope to give you the information you require in our next issue.

Birds for Aviary.—British birds named I shall put in as soon as flight is ready. Should I get the Foreigners now, and keep them in cage till May? Is there any other name for the Grey Cardinal? Which is the best species of Cowbird to get? How many hens to one cock Canary could I put in.—J. C.

Keep your British birds in a cold room till you are ready to turn them out; if you keep them in a room in which a fire is burning, you will have to keep them there till May. See that your cage is stood or hung out of reach of draught. I should get the Foreigners as you see them advertised—that is, according to your cage accomodation; but do not over-crowd; the temperature of your living room will suffice for them. The Grey Cardinal is sometimes called the Red Crested, and also the White-breasted Cardinal; the latter name is very misleading, as it would apply to several species. Cowbirds are rather wild at first, but will not be unduly so in your aviary; the Silky Cowbird is the more commonly imported, and consequently cheapest, species; it is a handsome bird. But the Ruddy-shouldered and the Yellow-shouldered, also the Bay-winged Cowbirds, are extra-fine birds, worth about 30s. a pair; but mostly only males come to hand. You could put in two hen Canaries to each male. Hope you will have good luck with your aviary. Do not put in the birds till paint is quite dry.

Breeding Budgerigars in Cage.—I have an all-wire cage, 24 by 16 by 21 inches high, and a box-cage, 3ft. by 10in. by 18in. high. Which would be the best to use? Am I likely to find them more trouble than Canaries?—H. GREEN.

Budgerigars are a robust and hardy species, and will do well in your cold-room, providing they are out of the reach of draught. The box-cage will be far better than the wire cage; put up a couple of husks. Diet as advised regularly in this column, and again in this issue. You will find these birds far less trouble than Canaries; they require no soft food, and they rear their young without fuss or bother, and then clean out their husk and set about hatching out another brood. Keep a piece of cuttlefish in the cage, and during the frosty weather let them have a leaf of tender lettuce every other day; but as soon as you can get it free from frost, let them have a good supply of grass in flower. Crushed egg shells from your table will help to keep egg-binding in check.

Budgerigars.—Can I do anything to bring them into breeding condition? Will change of cage at this time prejudice their breeding?—E. G. W.

Unless you notice your birds are a little out of sorts (when you might give a little Parrish's Chemical Food), I should not attempt any forcing, but treat them as advised to other correspondents in this issue. It will be far better for the birds and for their young also, if they do not begin nesting before April at the earliest. The change of cage will be better for them in every way, as these active and interesting birds cannot very well have too much room in which to disport themselves; it will not in any way defer their breeding season; there is ample time for them to settle down before the light and warm weather comes round.

Cutthroats.—This is my first attempt with Foreigners. Please give food and treatment for Cutthroats?—A. G. BEESTON.

You are sure to be pleased and interested in your new venture, and I trust you will have good luck with them. You did quite right to give them the aperient. Once these birds are acclimatised, they are as hardy as our native Sparrows and can be kept out of doors all the year round. They were the first Foreign birds I succeeded in breeding in the "long ago," and they are favourites with me still. They should breed with you, but, being late breeders in this country, will probably not do so till July, or even a little later. I have had young hatch out in November, and develop into fine birds. These birds are the better for a little insect food (though they will do without), and for a couple of mealworms each, every other day; as soon as the weather permits, green fly any any kind of plant bugs may be given instead. Diet: Canary, white and spray millet; a few ants' eggs, scattered in sand tray; green food, cuttlefish, crushed egg shells, grit and water for drinking and bathing. When they are rearing young, a little soft food mixture should be given. Your warm room will be the better place to keep them in till the end of March; then they should do well in your bird-room.

Tui Parrakeet.—Please give size, also treatment for these birds; and are they noisy?—F. C. D.

The total length of the Tui is 6¾ in., that of the Tovi bein 7¾ in. They must be kept in a warmish (not hot) situation for their first six months in this country, and always must be kept strictly out of draught. Canary seed must be their staple diet, with such ripe fruit and green food as they will take. I strongly favour a fresh and tender leaf of lettuce at all seasons, as green feed for all Parrots and Parrakeets. You will find the Tui has a more pleasant voice than the Orange-flanked, and it is more moderate in its use of it. Do not give hemp seed to these birds, or there is a possibility of their becoming over-fat in a cage, and consequently liable to fits. Be very quiet when attending to it at first; it will then soon become tame and permit you to handle it as you please. However, they have a very rapid flight, and are apt to dart away; so see that your windows are closed (at first at any rate) when you have it out of cage.

Australian Grey Parrot.—My bird supposed to be twelve months old. (1) How soon should it talk? (2) What is its proper food? (3) Is it right for it to grind its bill a good deal?—H. C. F.

Your Australian Parrot is the Australian rose-breasted Cockatoo (Cacatua roseicapilla). It is a hardy and robust species, and the temperature of any living-room will be ample for it; but it must not be placed in a draught. They bear a good reputation for power of speech in their native country, but in this country tho majority do not accomplish much in this respect; however, several good talkers have been noted in our pages recently, so that, if you persevere and carefully train your bird, there is no reason why it should not become a good talker also. The only method is constant repetition of what you want it to learn; one thing at a time. (2) A seed mixture of canary, small Indian corn, oats, hemp, sunflower, dari and wheat in equal parts. This is the staple diet, with daily supplies of green food, ripe fruit, grit, cuttlefish and water. Vary this by giving a little at odd times of boiled potato, nuts, plain biscuit and raw carrot. (3) I incline to the opinion that this habit is characteristic of many species. My Hawk-head, in perfect condition and health, often indulges therein. Unless it is accompanied by some other unpromising symptom, you need not trouble about it.

Foreign Finches.—Please describe (1) Silverbills, (2) Comhassous, (3) Paradise Whydahs, (4) Bengalese, (5) Madagascar Weavers?—"FANCIER."

(1) A slender and elegantly-formed bird, of soft pale brown, with wings and tail of dark brown. The Indian variety is distinguished by its white rump and upper tail coverts; the sides of its face are also whitish. It has a pleasing little song; 3s. 6d. to 4s. 6d. a pair. (2) The male, in breeding plumage, is black, with a steel blue or greenish sheen; at other times it resembles the female, which is a plain brown bird all the year round; 4s. 6d. to 5s. 6d. per pair. (3) Male in breeding plumage Head, throat, back, shoulders, wing coverts, tail and thighs, glossy black; back and sides of neck and breast, ruddy-chestnut; rump, white; tail 6 to 13 inches long, according to age. Female: Reddish brown above, with blackish shaft streaks; head, sandy buff, with black eye streaks; under parts, brownish buff. In winter plumage, the male resembles the female, but the markings of his plumage are more decided, and a little richer in tone. 7s. 6d. to 10s. a pair. (4) Bengalese. These are in shape somewhat like a small Sparrow. There are three varieties, viz.: pure white, white and fawn, and white and chocolate. The colour areas vary a good bit with these birds, scarcely any two being alike in this respect. The pure white is worth 8s. 6d. to 10s., the others 3s. 6d. to 5s. a pair. (5) The male in breeding plumage is principally intense crimson in colour, with dark, olive-brown wings and tail. The female is an olive-brown bird, with darker shaft streaks, lighter on the under parts. In winter plumage the male much resembles her. Price 7s. 6d. to 10s. a pair.

Rosella or Pennant.—I am told my bird is a Pennant; I enclose description. Can you tell me its sex? What is it worth, and what is the correct diet?—"PENNANT."

Your description is that of the Pennant Parrakeet. Its value is from 20s. to 30s., according to condition. The sexes are only to be distinguished by comparison. The colouring of the plumage is the same, but when comparing adult birds, it will be seen that the plumage of the female is less vivid on the upper parts, and also on the head; her head is also slightly smaller and rounder in form than that of the male. She is mostly a noticeably smaller bird than her mate. In its native wilds it feeds upon berries, the seeds of grasses, and undoubtedly insects, caterpillars, etc. In captivity it should have a mixture of two parts canary and one part each oats, hemp, dari and sunflower seeds; green food, ripe fruit, grit, cuttlefish, etc. Once acclimatised, it is a hardy, robust, and long-lived bird, and only needs protection from draught.

Grey Parrot and Chemical Food.—I want to give my bird Chemical Food, but I am told this will purge it. It is quite loose enough already.—"IGNORANT."

Chemical Food will not purge the bird, but will act somewhat as check thereto. You do not say how you are dieting the bird, but the correct diet is given in reply to other correspondents in this issue: feed yours accordingly. For one day only, put six drops of tasteless castor oil on a piece of sponge-cake, plain biscuit, or other absorbent food that the bird will eat. Make its drinking water every other day the colour of pale port with the Chemical Food, using only a crock or glass drinking-vessel while giving this. Let the bird have as much cuttlefish as it will eat. Keep it warm, quiet, and out of draught.

Cage for Budgerigars (T.J.).—The minimum size of such a cage should be 24 by 16 by 8 inches high; but a cage 3 feet long, with other dimensions as above, would be far better, and more likely to lead to successful breeding of healthy stock. To produce such, a moderate amount of exercise must be provided for. I prefer the pure box type to any other, though a cage having half the top wire netting and half covered in enables you to see the birds better, and also secures sufficient retirement

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THE CRYSTAL PALACE.

FORTY-EIGHTH GREAT ANNUAL NATIONAL CAGE BIRD SHOW.

As the majority of our readers will be aware, the great annual function at the Sydenham "Glass house" is due to be held on Friday, Saturday, Monday, and Tuesday, February 15th, 16th, 18th, and 19th, 1907, inclusive. The Show will open at 3 o'clock on the Friday, and will close on Tuesday, at 4 p.m. On the Friday, Saturday, and Monday the time of closing is from 9.30 to 10 p.m. On the Saturday, Monday, and Tuesday the exhibition is opened at 10 a.m.

The Show at the Palace will be under the solo management of Mr. J. W. Ramsden, 10, Heron Road, Herne Hill, S.E., who will accept orders for stalls and dispatch all birds at close of Show. Letters for Mr. Ramsden should be addressed direct to the Crystal Palace on the days of the Show. Mr. H. Lambert Brown, 64, Manor Park, Lee, S.E., will dispatch tickets, labels, etc., also pay prize and sale monies.

The usual Judges' Luncheon will be held in the Grill Room on February 15th. Covers at 2 o'clock. Tickets 3s. each. Tickets for exhibitors and friends will be supplied by the Show manager on application.

Result of Judging.

Telegrams or letters asking for result of judging cannot be answered by the authorities. Under these circumstances CAGE BIRDS will be pleased to supply exhibitors with the result in any class upon compliance with the following rules:—

1. Fully stamped (prepaid) post-cards, letters, or telegraph forms must reach us, at 154, Fleet Street, not later than February 12th.

We will do our best to despatch as soon as judging permits. Any sent to the Palace direct will be treated last.

2. The number of each exhibit and number of class must be stated, and spaces left blank for awards. For instance:—Jones, 15, Aberystwyth Terrace, Swansea.—Class 30, No. 259 ——; Class 31, No. 263 ——.

3 All applicants for results at the Palace must write "Result" on top left-hand corner of the envelope.

CAGE BIRDS will have its usual stall at the Palace, and we shall be pleased to welcome visitors and friends.

Excursions to the Crystal Palace Show.

Mr. J. W. Ramsden writes: I have received details of the following excursions since my notice on page 91 of last week's issue:—

Great Eastern Railway.—On Thursday, February 14th, and Saturday, 16th, from Norwich, Lowestoft, Beccles, Halesworth, Saxmundham, Wickham Market, Woodbridge, Yarmouth, and Gorleston. On Saturday, February 16th, from Lynn and Wisbech, York, Hull, Doncaster, Gainsborough, Lincoln, Sleaford, Spalding, etc., Stow, Downham, etc., Cromer, Grnton, Walsham, etc., Wymondham, Thetford, Ely, etc., Wells, Fakenham, Dereham, etc., March, St. Ives, etc. On Friday, 15th, from Felixstowe, Westerfield, etc.

Midland Railway will run their usual excursions for this Show.

Great Western Railway are running some excursions, but their promised details are not yet to hand, and intending visitors should enquire at their local stations.

Great Northern Railway.—On Thursday, February 14th, and Saturday, February 16th, from Yarmouth, Cromer, Norwich, Melton Constable, Grimsby, Louth, Boston, Spalding, Gainsboro', Lincoln, Sleaford, York, Selby, Hull, Pontefract, Doncaster, Retford, Tuxford, Newark. On Saturday, 16th, from most of the Lancashire and Yorkshire stations, including Liverpool and Manchester districts, also from Lynn and Wisbech districts.

Great Central Railway.—On Thursday, 14th, and Saturday, 16th, from Barton, Cleethorpes, Grimsby, Gainsboro', Retford, Worksop, Nottingham, Leicester, Chesterfield, Hucknall, etc. On Saturday, February 16th, from Bradford, Halifax, Huddersfield, Manchester district, Oldham, Ashton, Sheffield, etc.

Most lines are also running week-end trips. For fares, times, etc., see bills at stations.

Routes for Visitors.

PADDINGTON (G.W.R.)—Take the Underground from Praed Street to Victoria or Aldersgate Street; then the Chatham Railway to the Crystal Palace High Level Station.

MARYLEBONE (G.C.R.)—"Bakerloo" tube to Elephant and Castle; then transfer to Chatham Railway to High Level Station.

EUSTON (L.N.W.R.), ST. PANCRAS (M.R.), and KING'S CROSS (G.N.R.)—Underground to Aldersgate Street; or 'bus to Ludgate Hill or Holborn Viaduct, and then Chatham Railway to Palace.

LIVERPOOL STREET (G.E.R.)—Rail direct, via New Cross; or 'bus to London Bridge, Holborn Viaduct, or Ludgate Hill, and then by L.B. and S.C. or Chatham Railway.

Victoria, Ludgate Hill, St. Paul's, Snow Hill, Holborn Viaduct, Moorgate Street, and London Bridge.—Rail direct to the Palace from these stations.

WATERLOO (L. and S.W.R.)—Take halfpenny car to Elephant and Castle; then transfer to Chatham Railway.

Direct trains to the Palace also run from Willesden and Clapham Junctions.

Preparing for the Show.

It was an industrious little company that we found assembled at 64, Manor Park, Lee, on the night of February 6th. All were hard at work collating the entries for the great show. Mr. Ramsden and Mr. Lambert Brown, the joint show managers, were there leading the way. Mr. Tringham gave valuable aid, while Mrs. Lambert Brown and a bevy of fair ladies brought up the rear. The show managers were obviously gratified at the entry. Asked what they expected it to total, they replied, "Considerably over 2,000." Certain sections were deplorably weak but others had turned up in splendid style, and the popular varieties of Canary and British birds seemed more popular than ever.

Here is a rough approximate statement of entries in the different sections:—

CANARIES.

Norwich Plainheads	350	Greens	100
" Crests ..	70	Scotch Fancy ..	17
Yorkshires	350	Lancashires ..	100
Cinnamons	23	Rollers	70
Lizards .. 35			

MULES AND HYBRIDS

(including 7 Canary-Bullies) 150

BRITISH BIRDS.

About 500 altogether.

Resident Class, over 20.

Migratory Class, about 16.

Goldfinches..	40	Linnets .. 30	Siskins .. 35
Bullfinches..	40	Chaffinches 25	Greenfinches 35

Buntings, about 30 (a grand variety).

Albino and Rare Feathered, about 12 (notably a white Bullfinch and a white Linnet).

Not a single Belgian had been entered—with such an authority on the breed as Mr. James F. Dewar, too! Where are the former Kings of the Fancy?

The Foreign Hybrid class is likely to prove most interesting. It contains, amongst other exhibits (7 entries in all), the following crosses:

Long-tailed—Masked Grassfinch
Red-mantled Parrakeet
Bicheno—Zebrafinch
Red Rump—Rosella
Barnard—Yellow naped
Zebrafinch—Indian Silver Bill
American Song Sparrows.

The catalogue wil throughout set out various instructive details about the exhibits.

The weakest sections of the show proved to be Crests, Cinnamons and Scotch Fancy. The Scotch Fancy and Champion Crests were so weak that the managers had decided to cancel them throughout, but the Editor of "Cage Birds," thinking it would be a great pity not to see the national bird of Scotland represented at a national English Show, came to the rescue and guaranteed on behalf of "Cage Birds," the entire Scotch Fancy Section. He also stood guarantee for the Champion Crests, so that lovers of this variety might be privileged to see, on their visit to the Palace, the birds of champion Crest exhibitors.

The Yorkshires have come up well. All the well-known Yorkshiremen are to the front, and our old friends, Messrs. Bailey and Swanger and Shackleton, will be well represented. The Southern fanciers of Yorkshires are in full force, but numerically they will probably be in the minority.

It is curious to note that not a single reference to the Cage Bird Union was made by any exhibitor when making his entries.

Two entries have been received from far-off Australia, Mr. H. E. Pier, of Sydney, N. S. Wales, sending a pair of Bourke's Parrakeets, also a pair of Blue-banded Grass Parrakeets.

Two Irish exhibitors have entered birds, while Scotchmen have rolled up in great numbers. The well-known names of Messrs. Brown and Arrighi, E. G. Wright, Goodfellow, Dr. Galloway, McQuiston, Duncan and Logan, Livingstone and Sinclair, Wm. Ramsey, Wm. Cullen, Wm. Mason, W. Cairns, J. C. Watt, W. J. Ross, McInroy, Chas. Campbell, Arnot and Jamieson, J. W. Bruce, McDougall and Simpson (Fort William), C. S. Crockatt, and others, will figure in the catalogue.

By special request of the Victorian Canary Club of Melbourne, their special representative, Mr. White, will be allowed by Mr. Ramsden the privilege of studying the entire method of show management as conducted at the Palace from start to finish. The Victorians wish to learn a wrinkle or two, and they could hardly have come to a better school.

The Foreign section will be greatly in evidence. The Tanager class promises to be attractive, and the A.O.S. class comprises some most curious birds. The Coly recently referred to in these pages has been entered. There is also a "Leadbitter's Pilcated Jay," a white-throated Ground Thrush, and a pair of Japanese Tits. Mrs. Jane Snoddon has entered her famous Red-sided Eclectus Parrot, which she values at £600. There will be the novelty of a pair (cock and hen) of Banksian Cockatoos. A talking Siamese Hill Mynah and a Cinghalese Mocking Bird are also entered. The largest exhibitor is probably Mr. R. J. Howe, of Wellingboro'.

The recent sad loss of all his birds by fire sustained by that champion exhibitor, Mr. G. T. Maxwell, has caused all the smaller men to rally up with their entries in the British section. "It's an ill wind that blows nobody good." Mr. Maxwell is showing six birds, two of them the survivors from the late catastrophe—the Magpie and the Chough. The extra stock class numbers well over 100.

Special attention should be drawn to a letter of Mr. Ramsden's in our correspondence columns referring to the arrangements for heating the show and covering up the birds at night. The L. & P.O.S., we understand, have been put to serious inconvenience and expense in order to secure adequate facilities on these accounts, voting a sum of £30 to be spent if necessary under this head.

There is every indication that a great crowd of fanciers intends to be present, and we shall be most pleased to welcome at our stall all old friends and any new ones that have as yet not given us the pleasure of a word with them.

Despatching Birds to the Show.

All exhibitors are requested to send off their birds by trains timed to reach London not later than three o'clock. They will then reach the Palace in good time.

Meetings at the Palace.

The Crystal Palace Company have this year decided to let the Board rooms for specialist club meetings at a fee of 10s 6d. for each club. So application for rooms must be made to the Manager of the Palace and not to Mr. Ramsden.

OUR GREAT BIRTHDAY NUMBER.

Everyone votes it a Triumph.

Here are a few more out of the Hundreds of Complimentary Letters.

I wish you and your interesting paper, CAGE BIRDS, every success for the ensuing year, with greater prosperity than ever. Your motto should be "We defy competition."—A. E. BAILEY (Bristol).

A great advance.—E. F. BENJAMIN (Bradford-on-Avon).

Delighted.—A. SINDEN (Stroud Green).

Your Birthday Number is marvellous and every credit to your many efforts to please all true fanciers.—A. GLEESON (Smethwick).

Congratulations on your grand Birthday Number. The plates by Messrs. Goodchild and Norman again surpass all previous efforts. Mr. J. F. Bishop's Norwich is, in my humble opinion, the best and truest delineation of this variety we have ever had. One plate alone is worth the money charged for the whole interesting number. Wishing you continued success, which is well deserved.—THOS. ROBSON (Hon. Sec. Northern Crest Club, Newcastle-on-Tyne).

You will fairly "knock 'em" with your latest effort which is a magnificent treat for all of us in the Fancy.—JOHN RUKIN (Rawtenstall).

Having received your sixth Birthday Number of CAGE BIRDS, I am well pleased by its contents and illustrations, and beg to congratulate you on the success you have gained by this beautiful edition. I am so very much pleased by the coloured illustration "Desirable Aliens" that I beg to inquire if you can supply me with 500 copies of this plate? I want to send them to my New York firm, and have them divided among my numerous customers. Hoping this may help to increase the Fancy for these beautiful pets in the United States.—L. RUHE (Naturalist, Alfeld, Germany).

I am very pleased with the coloured plates and supplement of the Birthday Number. They are grand.—J. CARTER (Gillingham).

Birthday Number simply magnificent.—A. E. CROSS (Guildford).

Let me hasten to convey to you my highest appreciation of your superb Birthday Number. Such a work as this, so mammoth in its size, and so original in so many features, must have caused you and your staff many days of toil and, perhaps, of anxiety too, but for all that your efforts have been crowned with conspicuous success. The two coloured plates alone are worth the money, for I do think the Budgerigars are perfectly life-like, and the expression of the Pekin Robin is most true. I think it must now be obvious to all, after seeing the plate of the "Stars of the Season," that the colour of our show cages is wrong, such an enhancing effect has the background for showing up in bold relief the two Canaries. I need scarcely say that, like all Mr. Norman's drawings, they are characteristically true in the beautiful and delicate outlines that have made his name a household word. May the crowning reward of your greatest effort result in new recruits and a record sale is the wish of V. WYNN (Park Lane, W.).

Many happy returns. Never seen anything like it for the money. In fact, it gets better every week, and I've taken it now for over three years, and have kept birds all the time, and I can say truthfully that all I have wanted to know I've either found in the current or back numbers. I consider I was lucky to come across it. It has been worth its weight in gold to me, and I know others of the same mind. Coloured plates, beautiful calendar a speciality. I have them in a prominent place in the house.—J. BRADLEY (Leeds).

Accept my thanks for the manner in which you have published my article on a new form of bird cage in your excellent Birthday Number. It is a great pleasure, amidst the cares and worries of life, to be able to sit down and find a friend in the shape of a paper devoted to a peaceful and recreative hobby.—E. T. MARTIN, M.D. (Southport).

A magnificent treat.—C. W. FOX (London, N.)

I am delighted with your Birthday Number. It is a rare treat for fanciers. The coloured plates are splendid.—S. M'COLLUM (Hon. Sec., Lurgan O.S.).

The fanciers in the West of Scotland are much pleased with your Birthday Number. It is a wonderful production, and reflects great credit upon you, and all who took part in getting it up. Art, utility, and instruction are combined with a master mind and hand.—T. SMITH (Glasgow).

Your splendid Birthday Number is a grand production, without doubt the finest ever put before the cage bird Fancy.—J. W. RAMSDEN (Herne Hill).

Congratulate you on magnificent Birthday Number; well worth double the money.—R. ROLL, Sec. Norwich Alliance A.E.C.B.A.

Your Birthday Number was a huge success, it being something grand. My order was seven copies. I hope you had enough to supply all readers with your grand treat.—F. GORDON (Hon. Sec. Sunderland C.B.A.)

Grandest Birthday Number yet out.—W. G. FRENCH (Plymouth).

I think your paper the best of bird papers. It has more in it in a week than the others in a month.—W. J. BANKS (Buckhurst Hill).

You still continue to do your utmost to keep Fanciers' in touch with your journal, and needless for me to say it continues pre-eminent, and doubtful if ever you will lose the patronage you now beget. Personally, I thank you most cordially for your extreme appreciation and kindness.—J. KERSHAW (Llanwrst).

I am requested to state on behalf of our members, that they are all delighted with your Birthday Number. Several have had the plate "Norwich and Yorkshire" framed. We have also one at our headquarters, beautifully framed, and admired by everyone.—FRED TYLER, Hon. Sec. Baildon C.B.F.A.

Your Birthday Number excels any ever produced by any Fancy paper.—F. W. HEATON (Salford).

Splendid and unequalled.—W. GOODFELLOW (Burslem).

Your Birthday Number of CAGE BIRDS is a remarkable development. I have been a reader of CAGE BIRDS from the first. A copy was given me by a lady fancier, and I have never missed a week since that time. I think this number breaks all records of loveliness. It is perfection.—A. SYMONS (Bideford).

Hearty congratulations to you on the production of the finest number of a "birdy paper" it has been my good fortune to possess. With all its magnitude there is no lack of bright and interesting literature. I am confident your efforts to excel are appreciated by all readers of CAGE BIRDS. May it have many prosperous birthdays.—C. BRUNT Edmonton).

CAGE BIRDS has issued a magnificent Birthday Number. It is certainly a marvellous threepennyworth. It is doubtful if anything better has been done by a specialist journal. The cult of the cage bird has grown enormously during the past few years, and this number indicates that the riders of this hobby are well catered for by the press.—"Dundee Advertiser."

Birthday Number of CAGE BIRDS far surpasses any previous one, and as one of the readers from the start, I highly appreciate the difference from No. 1 and now.—A. S. TREASURE (Cheltenham).

Allow me as a reader of "C.B" to thank you for the splendid Birthday issue, and those grand coloured plates. You have given us some lovely plates in other years, but the last beat the lot. The owners of the Canaries on the plate are to be congratulated and also envied. I wish the staff a prosperous year, and that CAGE BIRDS may never grow less.—J. TAYLOR (Haworth).

After reading the Birthday Number of CAGE BIRDS and seeing such beautiful plates, fanciers will be prepared for anything in the way of progress. CAGE BIRDS is a journal capable of overcoming any obstacle and may be summed up as a marvel.—T. L. CASTREE (Mountain Ash).

I was very pleased with the splendid coloured plates and the calendar published with the beautiful Birthday Number of CAGE BIRDS.—E. LANGFORD (Hunstanton).

Allow me to add my quota to the list of congratulations to Birthday Number of CAGE BIRDS. I have been a purchaser of it from its first issue and I have been heartily pleased to see its steady progress.—W. OLDHAM (Hazel Grove, near Stockport).

I have to congratulate you on the great success of our favourite paper CAGE BIRDS, but I am not surprised at the excellence of your Birthday Number. I have got beyond that stage, and take each one as a matter of course.—GEO. SCAIFE (Fauldhouse).

It is not my custom to be fulsome, but your Birthday Number is, in my opinion, the very finest production that has ever been attempted in the annals of the Fancy, and if that is what you intend to treat us with, I hope I shall live to see you come of age.—W. ROSLYN (President Mansfield C.B.C.).

A capitally illustrated supplement. Altogether a very interesting number.—"Sheffield Telegraph."

The sixth anniversary of the foundation of CAGE BIRDS was celebrated last week by the issue of a special number. The plates are really high-class specimens of the art of colour printing, and, what is more, they are drawn by those who are thoroughly acquainted with the subjects depicted, so that the result is the pictorial representation of "real" birds, and not the idealised creations of the artist's imagination. The number contains interesting articles. All written by experts in their several departments amateurs should find their hobby rendered additionally attractive by the help thus afforded.—"Bristol Evening News."

I consider the coloured plates worth far more than the charge for the whole paper. I wish you every success.—H. C. FARMERY (Accrington).

Excellent in every department.—THOMAS McCREDIE (Maxwelltown).

Only thirty copies returned unsold out of 42,000!! thus constituting A RECORD SALE.

READING.

Annual show in the Corn Exchange, Jan. 30th. The keenest competition was found in the Goldfinch class, in which the exhibits were of very high quality. The Corn Exchange is a splendid building for a show, being lofty, excellently lighted and warmed. All the arrangements were well carried out by the committee, at the head of which was that keen fancier, Mr. W. G. Flanagan. Mr. Anthony Houghton and his two assistants looked well after the duties belonging to the secretariat and among others who deserve mention are Messrs. Primes, Collier, Bunce, Burch, Galloway, Holmes, King, Poulton and Rowles. Beautiful weather favoured the show, and, as a consequence, the attendance was large. Mr. G. H. Billett judged, and apparently gave satisfaction to everyone.

NOR. YELL. (6): 1, 3, 4, Yates, very smart three-pointed, grand quanty, rich even colour, nice shape, third clear, not so large, but beautifully feathered and coloured, fourth clear, large, bold bird, of good shape, sound colour, hardly so tight in feather; 2, Silk, grand shaped, clear rose colour and quanty; hc, Street, Rogers. A.O.V. (7): 1, 3, 4, vhc, Yates, first clinking good clear buff, rare shape and substance, capital colour and feather, romps home, third beautiful bodied buff, of rich even colour, fourth very tight-feathered, rich coloured buff, loses in body substance; 2, Silk, four-pointed yell, splendid colour, nice silky feather, and good shape; hc, Street. YORKS., CLEAR, ETC., YELL. (6): 1, Yates, neat, stylish, clear, slim and tapering, and well up on leg; 2, Spring, very long, shapely, stylish clear of good colour; 3, Silk, rare shapely bird, stands well up, nice wings and tail; 4, vhc, Mrs. Green, very nice shape and carriage, capital feather, but a little pale in colour. CINN. (7): 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc 2, Yates, capital team, first large, good, sound-coloured buff, nice shape and feather, second yell., of rare quality, grand colour and very nice shape, third anotner yell., not quite so stout and shapely, but all there in colour and feather; fourth yell., nice colour, loses a bit in feather; hc, Rogers. GOLDFINCH, BRIT.(12): 1, Carrier, a gem, large, deep, well cut blaze of splendid rich bright colour, capital bars and buttons, good back and chest; 2, Vince, not so large, but most brilliant in colour and beautifully marked; 3, Jupe, we liked well, rich bright colour, good blaze and bars, in rare form; 4, Norkett, large, shapely, bright blaze, not so rich in body colour; ex. 4, vhc, hc. (3), Callos, nice team, but not so bright in colour; vhc, Acton; hc, Iles. BULLFINCH (5): 1, 3, Jupe, brace of very rich-breasted birds, large, glossy, well cut caps, good backs and bars, and shown in the pink of condition; vhc, Galloway; hc, Smith, Robinson. LINNET, REDPOLL, ETC. (6): 1, Spring, large, shapely pied Linnet, beautifully shown, very steady; 2, Galloway, another pied Linnet, not so large, nice shape and carriage; 3, Callos, well marked, good-coloured shapely Siskin, nicely-laced cap; 4, Hoare, rich coloured, stylish Linnet, rare feather and very steady; hc, Acton. A.O.V. SMALL (3): 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, hc (2), Galloway, very fine team, and all shown in the pink of condition, first well-marked, nice coloured Golden Crested Wren, second Bearded Tit, beautifully marked, rose colour, grand feather, third very nice little Jenny Wren, fourth Swallow, vhc Long-tailed Tit. LARGE (6): 1, 2, Galloway, Nightjar and Great Grey Shrike, both more rare than handsome, shown in splendid form, very nicely marked; 3, 4, Scales, nicely marked, well-feathered Horned Owl and a very steady pied Jackdaw; 4, Edwards, common Barndoor Owl, beautifully marked, and in nice feather; vhc, King. PARROT (5): 1, Mrs. Dormain, grandly marked grey African, splendid colour, nice eye, in good feather; 3, Clark, blue-fronted Amazon, grand colour and markings, large and well shaped; 4, Earley, another good blue-fronted Amazon, not so rich in colour; extra 4, Gilbert, beautifully-coloured Rosy-breast, in grand feather. SELLING, 15s. (9): 1, 4, Galloway; 2, 4, Green; 3, Yates.

ROLLER CANARIES AT BOLTON.

The second annual Roller Canary singing contest took place at the Joiners' Arms Hotel on Feb. 1st and 2nd. Entries totalled 106, in six classes, which speaks well of the efforts of Mr. J. Stringer and his committee. The room is a splendid one for a Roller contest. Long before the judge's task was over the showroom was kept busy with visitors. The quality of the contestants was A1, and the judge had great difficulty in awarding the honours, each bird gaining the same number of points, being only divided by depth of tone. Mr. J. Netherwood judged. CLASS 1, for birds bred in 1906, and wearing the closed ring; total, 18. 1st and silver cup, presented by Mr. F. A. Lester (London) was won by F. Oldroyd with a very good bird; his range included: Hollow roll 5, bass roll 3, hollow bell 2, schockel 3, bell roll 1, flute notes 2, delivery 2, anfzug 1, off, total 17. 2nd, J. Bramhall, hollow roll 6, schockel 3, bell roll 2, flute notes 2, delivery and purity 3, total 16. 3rd, J. B. Hesling, hollow roll 5, hollow bell 3, schockel 3, bell roll 2, delivery 2, sharp whistles 1, 1 off, total 16. Depth of tone divided the 2nd and 3rd prize winners. VHC, W. Whittaker, hollow roll 5, hollow bell 2, schockel 3, bell roll 2, flute notes 2, delivery 2, sharp whistle, 1 off, total 15. HC, C. J. Dalton, hollow roll 4, hollow bell 4, schockel 2, bell roll 2, water gluck 2, delivery 2, sharp whistles, 1 off, total 15. C, T. W. Walton, hollow roll 3, hollow bell 3, schockel 2, bell tour 2, bell roll 2, flute notes 2, delivery 2, 2 off sharp whistles, total 14. CLASS 2, entries 35. 1st and special, J. W. Norris, a very nice and free singer with hollow roll 5, bass roll 5, hollow bell 2, schockel 2, bell roll 2, flute notes 2, gluck 3, delivery and purity 3, total 24. 2nd, S. G. Parr, a bird with a beautiful pure song, hollow roll 8 (rising and falling), hollow bell, 3, schockel 4, flute notes 2, delivery and purity 5, total 22. 3rd, S. G. Parr, hollow roll 5, bass roll 2, hollow bell 3, schockel 3, bell roll 2, flute notes 1, delivery and purity 3, total 19 (this bird also won cup presented by Mr. W. Whittaker for best bird wearing 1905 closed wing). VHC, F. Wilsden, hollow roll 6, hollow bell 2, schockel 3, bell roll 2, bubbling water tour 2, delivery 2, sharp bell tour 2 off, total 17. HC, F. Wilsden, hollow roll 4, schockel 3, bell roll 2, flute notes 2, bubbling water tour 2, delivery 2, high bell 1 off, total 14. C, T. W. Walton, hollow roll 5, schockel 3, bell roll 2, flute notes 2, water gluck 2, delivery 2, sharp bell tour 1 off, sharp whistles 1 off, total 14. Nos. 7, 21, 23, 28 did not open. CLASS 3, judge, A. Foulds. 1st, C. Whittaker, hollow roll 4, hollow bell 3, schockel 3, bell roll 2, flute notes 3, delivery and purity 4, total 19. 2nd, F. A. Lester, hollow roll 4, bass roll 5, schockel 3, bell roll 3, flute notes 2, delivery 1, total 18. 3rd, E. Lord, hollow roll 3, hollow bell 4, schockel 5, bell roll 2, delivery and purity 2, total 16. VHC, H. Roebuck. HC, W. Evans. C, R. Kremner. CLASS 4, 1st, F. Oldroyd, hollow roll 5, hollow bell 4, schockel 4, flute notes 3, delivery 2, total 18. 2nd, W. Whittaker, hollow roll 4, hollow bell 2, schockel 3, bell roll 2, flute notes 3, delivery and purity 2, total 16. 3rd, J. Gootling, hollow roll 3, hollow bell 4, schockel 3, bell tour 2, delivery 3, total 15. VHC, Walters Bros. HC, F. A. Lester. C, F. A. Lester. CLASS 5, 1st, W. Whittaker, hollow roll 6, bass roll 3, hollow bell 3, schockel 4, flute notes 3, delivery 4, total 23. 2nd, S. G. Parr, hollow roll 5, bass roll 2, hollow bell 4, schockel 4, bell roll 2, flute notes 3, delivery 1, total 21. 3rd, W. Whittaker, hollow roll bent 7, bass roll 3, hollow bell 4, schockel 4, flute notes 2, delivery 2, 2 off sharp bell tour, total 20. VHC, Massey and Ridings. HC, R. Kremner. C, Massey and Ridings. CLASS 6, 1st, W. Whittaker, hollow roll 4, hollow bell 5, schockel 4, bell roll 2, flute notes 2, delivery and purity 4, total 21. 2nd, Massey and Ridings, hollow roll 4, bass roll 3, hollow bell 4, schockel 4, bell roll 2, fluto notes 3, total 20. 3rd, J. Bramhall, hollow roll bent 7, bass roll 3, hollow bell 4, schockel 4, delivery 2, 2 off sharp bell, total 19. VHC, Massey and Ridings. HC, W. Whittaker. C, J. Bramhall. Mr. F. Oldroyd won cup presented by Mr. Kremner for the best bird fed on Siegfried's Patent Egg Bread.

GREENWICH & DEPTFORD C.B.S.

The pair show, held January 31st, at the Two Brewers, Church Street, Greenwich, proved a great success in every respect. The entries were in excess of last year, and the quality of the exhibits was far ahead of anything previously shown by this society. The entries totalled 71 pairs, Canaries only. In the members' judging competition Mr. Stead placed the first three birds, in a class of 26, in the same order as the judge, Mr. J. Robson. Five new members elected. CHAMPION SECTION, N.P'H. (26): 1, 2, hc, Meades; 3, vhc, Rennie; c, Jordan. NOVICE, N.P'H. (7): 1, 2, Hack; 3, vhc, Evenden; hc Daniell; c, Janes. CHAMPION YORKS. (11): 1, 3, vhc, Rennie; 2, hc, c, Fishwick. NOVICE YORKS. (15): 1, 2, 3, Putner; vhc, Cobley; hc, c, Done. CRESTS (6): 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, c, Johnson. SELL. A.V. PAIRS (6): 1, 2, Sidgwick; 3, Fishwick; vhc, Meades; hc, c, Horsfield.—GEO. HILL, Hon. Sec.

MANNINGHAM C.B.A.

Members' show, February 2nd, at headquarters. This was the last of the series of members' shows for 1906-7. There were 76 entries, some really good birds being staged. Mr. T. Murgatroyd judged. The siver cup and gold medal for most points throughout the shows were won by A. Grange; silver medal for second most points, G. Wellock; silver medal for third most points, W. Normington. The prizes will be awarded at the annual social, to be held at headquarters on February 16th. CL. YELL. YORKS: 1, Normington; 2, 4, Wellock; 3, Warley; vhc, hc, c, Grange. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Wellock; 4, Smith; vhc, hc, c, Grange. TICK. YELL.: 1, hc, Wellock; 2, Suggitt; 3, Normington; 4, Varley; vhc, c, Ross. BUFF: 1, Smith; 2, Normington; 3, hc, Ross; 4, Wellock; vhc, Brown. CIN. MKD. YELL.: 1, 2, 4, hc, c, Grange; 3, Normington; vhc, Guy Bros. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, vhc, c, Grange; 4, Wellock; hc, Varley. YELL. YORKS. HEN: 1, 2, 3, Grange; 4, Brown; vhc, c, Ross; hc, Varley. HEN: 1, Varley; 2, Wellock; 3, Ross; 4, vhc, hc, Grange; c, Guy Bros. UNEVEN MKD.: 1, 3, vhc, Grange; 2, Ross; 4, Varley; hc, Normington. NOR.: 1, hc, Ross; 2, 3, 4, vhc, Normington. SELL., 12s. 6d.: 1, Suggitt; 2, 4, Wellock; 3, hc, A. Grange; vhc, Smith.

BRIGHOUSE AND DIS. C.B.S.

Annual members' show, February 2nd, at headquarters. The entries totalled 71 for only 11 exhibitors. Mr. James Overend (Ravensthorpe) placed the cards, and gave every satisfaction. CL. YELL. YORKS. (7): 1, Wright; 2, Sykes; 3, Dearden; vhc, Morton; hc, Shaw; c, Kent. BUFF (3): 1, spl for best bird in show exhibited by a pro., Morton; 2, Hodgson; 3, Dearden. TICK. OR UNEVEN YELL. (5): 1, 2, Hodgson; 3, Elam; vhc, Wright; hc, H. Stake. BUFF (1): 1, spl for best bird exhibited by a novice, Naylor. YELL. HEN (5): 1, Naylor; 2, vhc, Hodgson; 3, Kent; hc, Elam. BUFF (5): 1, vhc, Hodgson; 2, Bates; 3, Elam; hc, Naylor. CINN. TICK. YELL. (3): 1, Hodgson; 2, Dearden; 3, Elam. BUFF (6): 1, Wright; 2, 3, Elam; vhc, Kent; hc, Morton; c, Hodgson. YELL. HEN (7): 1, Dearden; 2, Morton; 3, Shaw; vhc, Naylor; hc, c, Hodgson. BUFF (9): 1, Kent; 2, 3, Dearden; vhc, Elam; hc, Hodgson; c, Sykes. FOUL MKD. (5): 1, State; 2, Hodgson; 3, Sykes; vhc, Elam; hc, Dearden. A.V. NOR. COCK (5): 1, 2, Hodgson; 3, Morton; vhc, Elam; hc, Naylor. HEN (2): 1, Morton; 2, Hodgson. A.O.V. (1): 1, Hodgson. SELL., 12s. 6d. (3): 1, 3, Bates; 2, Hodgson. BRIT. (9): 1, 3, Morton; 2, Stake; vhc, Sykes.

THIRSK.

In connection with the Show of Poultry, Pigeons, etc., at the above fixture a few classes for cage birds were included. Those for Canaries, which, by the way, were all Yorkshires, filled moderately. The bitterly cold weather prevailing when entries were closing no doubt affected the total considerably. Britishers made a splendid show, and many real good ones failed to secure a prize. There were 60 entries, however, in six classes. The arrangements were excellent, and exhibitors may with confidence send their birds to this fixture. The secretaries, Messrs. J. Bell and C. Long, are most courteous and hard-working gentlemen, and well deserve support. Mr. Ambrose judged.

YORKS CL. (3): 1, Watts, a grand hot yell., best position and feather; 2, 3, Cuthbertson, fine buff leading, rich colour and grand position. TKD., ETC. (7): 1, Marsden, thigh tkd. yell., lengthy, nice shape, length, and feather; 2, Barfe, slim buff, nice type, style, and feather, rich colour, good wings and tail; 3, 4, Barnwell, stylish buffs, rare length and feather, fine type; vhc and hc, Cuthbertson. HENS (4): 1, Cuthbertson, yell., long, racy, and close feathered, good back and wings, A1 position; 2, Watts, yell., good length, nice shape, rich colour, fails a trifle in feather; 3, vhc, Barnwell, stylish buff, grand quality. NOVICE (15): 1, Ramsden, yell., fine colour, good length, shape and feather, good legs, wings well braced, and tail nicely packed; 2, Marsden, buff, rich colour, nice head, good body, not as long as leader; 3, Head, longest of the trio, not quite as good in feather, but very rich in colour, splendid legs; 4, hc, Wilcock, a nice pair; vhc, Towers; hc, Bennison, best Yorkshires in the Show in this class. SELL. 12s. 6d. (8): 1, Watts; 2, Axe; 3, Towers; 4, Bennison. BRIT. A.V. (23): 1, 3, Axe, leader gem of a Song Thrush, in perfect bloom, third nice Yellow Buuting; 2, Wildsmith and Hawkins, Waxwing in fine colour; 4, Wilkinson and Danby, Great Spotted Woodpecker, somewhat soiled in plumage, but very steady; ex 4, Isherwood, very nice housemoulted Bullie; vhc, Foster, Milburn, Flintoff; hc, Gregg, Woods.

CITY & SUBURBAN A.C.B.

Show of pairs matched for breeding took place at the Church Institute, Paddington Street, W., on Feb. 2nd. There was a record entry of 162, making a capital display in the spacious, well-lighted and warm hall. The quality of the exhibits was well above the average, some clinking pairs of Crests, Plainheads and Yorkshires being staged. The Hybrid section, containing 44 pairs, was most interesting, and, if their owners have luck, some rare specimens may be heard of this coming season. There was an excellent attendance, including many well-known London fanciers. A good sum was taken at the "gate," and an excellent number of tickets disposed of in addition. Catalogues, with awards, were on sale shortly after 3 o'clock (an unusual feature at these shows), and the enterprise was much appreciated. Altogether, the show was a great success. Mr. F. Easterling won the cup for most points. Mr. J. Robson judged.

NOR. PLAIN. CHAMPION (19): 1, spl., 3, c, Wynn; 2, hc, Martin; vhc, spl., Curtis; vhc, Kearney. AMATEUR (6): 1, vhc, hc, c, Burn; 2, 3, Hart. NOVICE (4): 1, Wyse; 2, Barnett; 3, vhc, Thirwell. CRESTS, AMATEUR (7): 1, 3, vhc, spl, hc, c, Poolcy; 2, Lazarus. NOVICE (14): 1, 2, vhc, Shepherd; 3, Sanders; vhc, hc, Offord; c, Dickinson. YORKS. CHAMPION (11): 1, vhc, spl, c, Hawes; 2, Easterling; 3, hc, Burton. AMATEUR (3): 1, 2, 3, Cox. NOVICE (19): 1, spl, Pullinger; 2, vhc, Page; 3, hc, c, Hodges. CINN. CHAMPION (2): 1, 2, Wynn. LIZ. (5): 1, spl, Martin; 2, 3, vhc, hc, Wynn. A.O.V., AMATEUR: 1, Pooley. NOVICE: 1, Lissenden. GOLDFINCH-CAN. (13): 1, 2, 3, B. Martin; vhc, Bassett, Easterling; hc, Offord; c, Thorpe. LINNET-CAN. (9): 1, spl, Curtis; 2, Harris; 3, Bassett; vhc, Elgar; hc, c, Easterling. GREENFINCH-CAN. (3): 1, Harris; 2, Easterling; 3, Bassett. A.O.V. FINCH AND CAN. (4): 1, Morrison; 2, Elgar; 3, Thorpe; vhc, Easterling. A.V. BRIT. (15): 1, c, Morrison; 2, 3, vhc, Turnber; vhc, Elgar; hc, Miss Brain. SELL., 50s. (5): 1, Lazarus; 2, hc, Ashby; 3, vhc, Offord. 30s. (8): 1, Hawes; 2, Burton; 3, vhc, Cooper Bros; hc, Pullinger; c, Rennie. 20s. (9): 1, Hawes; 2, Thirwell; 3, Rennie; vhc, hc, Hart; c, Pooley.

WIBSEY AND DIS. C.B.S.

Wibsey and District C.B.S. Members' Show, held at Horse and Groom, Wibsey, Jan. 26th. Seventy-seven birds were staged, and were judged to general satisfaction by Mr. J. Hodgson. CLASS 1: 1, C. Bastow; 2, D. Thornton; 3, E. W. Johnson. CLASS 2: 1, Taylor Bros.; 2, S. Shaw. CLASS 3: 1, 2, S. Shaw; 3, C. Bastow; 4, D. Thornton. CLASS 5: 1, D. Thornton; 2, Taylor Bros.; 3, F. Pickles; 4, Chapman and Bairstow; vhc, Ellerton. CLASS 6: 1, S. Shaw; 2, 4, Taylor Bros; 3, vhc, D. Thornton; hc, E. W. Johnson; c, C. Bastow. CLASS 7: 1, hc, C. Bastow; 2, c, F. Pickles; 3, vhc, D. Thornton; 4, H. Norton. CLASS 8: 1, E. Johnson; 2, vhc, Ellerton; 3, Taylor Bros.; hc, S. Wilkinson; c, H. Norton. CLASS 9: 1, Ellerton; 2, hc, D. Thornton; 3, vhc, C. Bastow; 4, Taylor Bros.; c, Chapman and Bairstow. CLASS 10: 1, 2, S. Shaw; 3, 4, S. Wilkinson; vhc, hc, c, C. Bastow. CLASS 11: 1, c, F. Pickles; 2, 3, S. Shaw; 4, Taylor Bros.; vhc, hc, C. Bastow. CLASS 12: 1, Taylor Bros.; 2, 4, S. Wilkinson; 3, F. Pickles; vhc, C. Bastow; hc, H. Norton; c, E. W. Johnson.

Stoke Newington F.A.

Geo. Dowden, hon. sec. Stoke Newington F.A., writes:—"You will be pleased to know we have had a most successful year, 38 new members having been added to our roll; and, after meeting all liabilities, we have a balance in hand of £3 11s. 6d. and over £20 worth of assets."

NORTH AND SOUTH SHIELDS.

The Second Annual Combined Club Show of the North Shields British Bird and Mule Club and the South Shields C.B.S was held in the Mechanics Arms, East Street, South Shields, January 26th. Mr. James Maddison (Newcastle), who placed the cards, was faced with a grand turn out of 150 entries, and his judging met with general satisfaction. This is the second occasion on which the two clubs have held a joint Show for members, and proved very helpful to the membership roll, several new ones being added as a result. NOR. COCK (10): Richardson, 1, 3; Turner, 2; Murrell, vhc; Alty, hc, c. HEN (12): Richardson, 1; Murrell, 2; Thurston, 3; Winter, vhc, hc. CREST (5): 1, 2, Woodhouse; Duke, 3, hc; Turner, vhc. CRESTBRED (7): Winter, 1, 2; Duke, 3, vhc; Barrass, hc; Woodhouse, c. YORKS. COCK (10): Thompson, 1, 3, c; Steel, 2, hc; Thurston, vhc. HENS (8): Steel, 1, vhc; Thompson, 2; Taylor, 3, c; Alty, hc. CINN. YELL. (6): Taylor, 1, 2, vhc; Duke, c; Winter, 3, hc. BUFF (5): Taylor, 1, vhc, hc; Duke, 2; Winter, 3. BORDER (6): Smith, 1, 2; Thompson, 3, vhc; Duke, hc. PAIRS A.V. (7): Woodhouse, 1, Crests; Taylor, 2, Cinnamons; Alty, 3, Norwich; Duke, vhc, Crests; Winter, hc, Cinnamons; Barrass, c, Borders. BLACKBIRD, THRUSH, OR STARLING (4): Smith, 1; King, 2; Telford, 3; Bage, vhc. SKYLARK (6): Potts, 1; King, 2; Smith, 3; Bage, vhc, hc. LINNET (15): Wilkinson, 1; Smith, 2, 3, hc; Winter, vhc; McVay, c. GOLDFINCH OR BULLFINCH (15): Johnston, 1, c; Baker, 2; Bage, 3; Lawson, vhc; Williamson, hc. REDPOLL, SISKIN, OR TWITE (4): McVay, 1, 2; Steel, 3; Duke, vhc. FINCH, A.O.V. (7): McVay, 1; Dixon, 2, 3; Lawson, vhc; Turner, hc; Telford, c. BUNTING OR PIPIT (5): McVay, 1, 2, 3, vhc; Dixon, hc. SMALL INSECTIVOROUS: Smith, 1. MULE OR HYBRID (6): Smith, 1; Dixon, 2; Steel, 3; Wilkinson, vhc; McVay, hc; Duke, c. GREENFINCH (11): Duke, 1; McVay, 2, 3; Johnston, vhc; Steel, hc; Smith, c.—WILLIAM DUKE and J. W. KING, Secretaries.

WALLSEND AND MID-TYNE C.B.A.

A pleasant and instructive meeting was held in the Station Hotel on January 31st, Mr. Macdonald in the chair. Eight new members were enrolled. Mr. A. Brown (Gateshead) gave a very instructive lecture on the Norwich Canary, which was closely followed by a large number of members.—JOHN R. EVANS, Sec.

WELSH NATIONAL C.B.S.

Chairman, R. F. Browne; vice-chairman, H. Creber; treasurer, W. A. Truscott; show manager, D. A. S. Longden; committee, Messrs. W. H. Love, F. Scrines, W. J. Bancroft, B. Prosser, and W. Slade. Headquarters, Mancel's ArmsHotel; meetings held third Tuesday in each month. Membership fee, 2s. 6d. annually. S. J. Nicholas, Hon. Sec., 9, Nicholl Street, Swansea.

WOLVERHAMPTON & DIS. C.B.S.

Meeting on January 29th, when a vote of thanks was accorded to the Editor of CAGE BIRDS for the splendid report of our Show. The Secretary presented balance-sheet showing a profit of £1 4s. 6d. on Show. Three new members were enrolled, which brings the membership up to 25. We feel sure there are many more fanciers in the district who would benefit by joining the Society (Roller Breeders note). We shall be pleased to cater for that variety.—F. HOWES, Hon. Sec.

BOLTON WOODS C.B.S.

Annual smoking concert and presentation of cup and medals, February 2nd, at Victoria Hotel. The President, Councillor H. W. Rodgerson, made the awards as follows:—L. Dykes, cup and first medal, 87 points; C. Whittaker, second medal, 73 points; H. J. Chittenden, third prize, 5s., 67 points. Medal presented by President for most points gained by a Novice in the two first feather shows was won by J. Martin, 37, points. Songs were rendered by Messrs. W. Earnshaw and Sam Buck, and several others.—E. SHEPHERD, Hon. Sec.

STRATFORD & EAST LONDON F.S.

The distribution of prizes, cups, and specials won at the late Annual Show was undertaken by Mr. Day at headquarters, Workman's Hall, Stratford, on January 10th. There were about 70 members present. The Hon. Sec. reported that a balance of £1 17s. 6d. remained after meeting all the heavy expenses. Special mention was made of the good work put in by Mr. Love, Mr. Barrett, Miss Cooper and Mrs. A. E. Blakebrough at the last exhibition, at which there were over 700 visitors. Twenty new members are joining. The Society has a good balance and assets, and no debts are owing, so that the prospect of the next season is most hopeful. New members are cordially invited. Entry 1s.; annual subscription 2s. 6d.—A. E. BLAKEBROUGH, Hon. Sec., 65, Adelaide Road.

CARDIFF CAGE BIRD SOCIETY.

Annual Dinner, at Maskell's Restaurant, Queen Street, on January 31st, when a large number of members and friends were present. In the unavoidable absence of the Chairman, Mr. E. J. Banks, the Vice-Chairman, Mr. A. Harrington, presided, and was ably supported by Messrs. J. Shearn, F. P. Dymond, W. C. Flyn, F. D. Jones, W. Harrington, R. Waters, T. H. Melhuish, and W. Sampson. An interesting event of the evening was the presentation to Mr. W. Sampson, the esteemed Secretary of the Society, of a gold English lever watch, subscribed for by the members in recognition of his untiring efforts in the interests of the Society, and a gold necklet to Mrs. Sampson. The presentations were made by Mr. J. Shearn, who spoke of Mr. Sampson and his wife in most eulogistic terms. Mr. W. Harrington also very kindly handed to Mr. Shearn a very handsome box of confectionery for Mrs. Sampson. Mr. Sampson very feelingly responded on behalf of himself and his wife. An excellent musical programme had been arranged by Mr. D. G. Lewis, to whom the best thanks of the Society are due.

When answering Advertisements please mention "CAGE BIRDS."

The Housing and Treatment of Foreign Birds in Captivity.

By WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., etc.

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GREEN-HEADED OR TRICOLOUR TANAGER.
(Calliste tricolor.)

This and the following species may be numbered among the best known and most freely imported of the Tanagers, and gorgeous and exquisite cage birds they are—their glowing beauty must be seen to be appreciated, and, if a healthy specimen be procured, are not difficult to keep in health on the fruit, sponge cake, etc., diet recommended at head of chapter. When once acclimatised they are not at all delicate, and are long-lived. Plumage: Adult male: Head, neck and narrow band across throat, refulgent green; upper back, golden green; lower back, rich cadmium-yellow; upper tail coverts, golden green; wings, black; lesser coverts, rich purplish-blue. The larger wing feathers have their outer edges green, bluish and golden greeus; tail, black with green outer edges; beak, black; legs and feet, brown; iris, rich brown. Total length, 4.8 inches. Female: Slightly smaller than the male, her beak is also a trifle broader; the greens aud blacks of her plumage more diffused, and neither so rich nor intense in colour; the rich cadmium yellow of the lower back and rump of the male is more restricted, diffused and mottled with dusky; her under parts are yellower and blurred and mottled with greyish-blue. Song: Pleasing, but lacks power aud variety. Habitat: Rio de Janeiro and S.E. Brazil. Here they are met with in small flights, passing from one fruit tree to another, oranges appearing to be their favourite fruit. In the aviary or cage two males will not agree together for any lengthy period, but they may be kept with other birds of similar strength, or even larger than themselves. There is a good bit of variation in colouring, the intensity of which, and the areas of the green and golden portions, increases with each successive moult. I have found them long-lived and easy to keep on the diet and treatment given at head of this chapter, though I have not yet subjected them to frost.

THE SUPERB TANAGER.
(Calliste fastuosa.)

This is one of the most freely imported species of this genus, and may be also counted among the most beautiful. A three-year-old male in good feather is a fine spectacle indeed. They are easily kept in good condition on the regulation diet, providing they are not kept in too small a cage. I have found them long-lived, the critical time with them being their first few weeks in this country. Plumage: Head, neck and band across throat, rich shining green; upper back, lustrous black; lower back, brilliant cadmium yellow; wings and tail, black edged with purple; outer secondaries, brilliant golden, by which it may always be distinguished from *C. tricolor*, and almost every other species of this genus; lesser wing coverts, shining green; middle of throat and chin, black; underparts purplish, washed with silvery-blue on the breast; beak, black; legs and feet, blackish-brown; iris, rich brown. Total length, 4.8 inches. Sexes: Similar, but the plumage of the female is less refulgent than that of the male, and she has more black on the upper parts, and her lower back and rump is not nearly so rich in colour. Habitat: Pernambuco.

RED-NECKED TANAGER.
(Calliste festiva.)

This species may be distinguished by its broad red band, commencing at base of beak and running all round the back of the neck, chin and centre of throat, and a streak, extending to eye, rich velvety black; front of crown, breast and remainder of underparts, rich shining green; crown, lower throat and chest, light purple; mantle, upper back and sides of breast, black, with purplish sheen; wings and tail, purplish black, the feathers having their outer webs broadly edged with green and golden green; the lower portion of the flights, edged purplish—on each shoulder is a band of golden yellow; middle, lower back and upper wing coverts, shining grass-green. There is a narrow circlet of light green round each eye; beak, blackish brown; iris, golden brown. Total length, 5 ins.; tail, 1.9 ins. Habitat: South-East Brazil, frequenting the thickly-wooded regions, and not at all common.

BLUE-BELLIED TANAGER.
(Calliste cyaneiventris.)

Adult male: Head, sides of face and neck, band across throat, mantle and back, golden yellow, flecked with black; upper tail coverts, golden green; tail feathers, black with bright green outer edges; wing coverts, bright green, streaked with black; other wing feathers, black with their outer webs bright green; flights tipped with dark brown; there is a circlet of black round the eyes; forehead and chin, black; underparts dark blue, merging into green at lower abdomen; vent, yellowish; beak, legs and feet, dark brown. Total length, 5 ins.; tail, barely 2 ins. Habitat: Southern Brazil.

YELLOW-BREASTED TANAGER.
(Calliste thoracia.)

Habitat: S.E. Brazil, and neighbouring provinces. Adult male: Above, grass-green, regularly flecked, with black triangular markings; a narrow band above the front and eye region, turquoise blue; wings and tail, black, edged with grass-green; lesser wing coverts edged bright yellow; underparts, bright green with circular breast patch of orange-yellow; middle of belly and vent, pale yellow; beak, blackish; legs and feet, light brown. Total length, 5⅜ ins.; tail, 2⅜ ins. Female: Similar, but colours neither so intense nor pure. This species may always be recognised by the circular patch of orange-yellow on its breast.

SCHRANKS OR YELLOW-CAPPED TANAGER.
(Calliste schranki.)

Adult male: Crown, golden yellow; forehead, chin and ear coverts, velvety black; chest, sides of face and neck, bright green; upper back, golden green flecked with black; lower back, rich golden yellow; upper tail coverts, green; tail, black with blue outer edges; wings, black with the outer edges of each feather brilliant blue; inner edges aud tips of secondaries and flights, brown; sides, flanks and vent, green; remainder of underparts, yellow; beak, blackish-brown; legs and feet, greyish-brown. Total length, 4½ ins.; tail, 1¾ ins. Habitat: Eastern Peru, Ecuador, Bolivia, and the extreme borders of Western Brazil. Frequenting the hot and damp wooded regions.

THE SPOTTED TANAGER.
(Calliste punctata.)

This does uot call for a detailed description. It is of a beautiful rich green, spotted or spangled with black, washed with golden-yellow on the under parts, sides of face, and washed with brownish-bronze on the upper parts. It is a striking and beautiful bird, and not difficult to keep. Total length, 4½ ins.; tail, 1¾ ins. Habitat: Cayenne.

SPOTTED EMERALD TANAGER.
(Calliste guttata.)

This is a near ally and very similar to *C. punctata*, but is a more brilliant bird; the ear coverts are washed golden-yellow; there is a golden-yellow streak from the base of the upper mandible to the back of the eye, and the under parts are washed whitish-yellow. Total length, 5½ ins.; tail, 2 ins. Has been exhibited at the London Zoo. Habitat: This beautiful Tanager is widely distributed; examples have been taken in Trinidad, Roraima Mountains, British Guiana, Venezuela, Caraccas, Bogota and Ecuador.

Several living specimens have been exhibited in the gardens of the Zoological Society of London.

(To be continued.)

On Boxing Day there was a football match at Stamford Bridge, Chelsea, attendance about 30,000. The ground had been swept clear of snow, to allow the teams to play. While the game was in progress, down dropped a Water Wagtail, running here and there in search of food, quite heedless of the crowd yelling, and the play in the arena. I thought the bird must have been very hard pressed for food to face a crowd of this description.—A DULWICH READER.

Hints on Muling.

By FRANCIS SMITH.

[There seem to us many statements in this article which other experienced mule breeders may take exception to, and with the idea of provoking correspondence on these points, we print the article exactly as sent us by the author.—Ed. "C.B."]

My readers will find this a very interesting, and often a very profitable, pastime. They may rely upon the statement that the writer is one who has had great opportunities, experience and practice in the matter, and has spared neither time or trouble.

Many kinds of valuable Mules can be bred besides Goldfinch and Canary, Linnet and Canary. Mules can be bred from Goldfinch and Bullfinch, and Goldfinch and Greenfinch, the males being always the Goldfinch. They must be bred in cages; no success attends muling if tried in aviaries. The cage should not be too large—about 18 inches square, with wire on the front only. The nest should be in nesting baskets, procurable at any bird shop. Hang them upon a nail placed conveniently in the cage. Don't use those complicated breeding cages with boxes and partitions; they are a frequent cause of failure.

THE PAIRING SEASON.

The time of year for putting pairs together is the beginning of May. Get one Bullfinch hen, in good health and feather; it should be an imported hen—German. They are very cheap. Go to a good shop for one, and be sure you don't accept an English-caught hen, as they are useless. There are plenty of imported German and Russian hens to be got now. The Goldfinch cock should be an English bird, one that has been cage-moulted, two or three years old preferable; and if he has bred with Canary hens so much the better. Hang them so that they can see each other, but they must not be put together until early in May, and it will not be of any use to put them together unless the Goldfinch is in song. That can be managed by feeding in early April with hard-boiled chopped egg, a little crushed hemp and maw seed—the same for Bully. When they have been together a few days put in the basket so that you can conveniently take it out when you want. Put some coarse sand, with a little pounded old mortar, on the bottom of cage. When they have been together a few days hang up a nesting net full of moss and hair (cow-hair), which you can buy at any bird shop. You will soon see whether they mean breeding; the hen will soon be busy, and when the nest is finished you will, early in the morning, find Bully in the nest—that means the first egg.

REMOVING THE COCK.

You must at once take the Goldfinch out of the cage, he is a troublesome, mischievous little monkey, and is constantly trying to get the hen off the nest, pulling it to pieces, breaking the eggs, and so on. Even if he happens to be a quiet bird he will not take his turns sitting, nor will he feed the young ones. I have always found Goldfinches the same in this respect when bred with Canary hens. When you see the Bullfinch on the nest, blow her gently to get her off; take the basket out and with a spoon lift out the egg, place it in a saucer or cup with a bit of something soft in the bottom, and put in a place of safety. Repeat this the next morning; on the third morning you will find a third egg. At once put back the two first eggs, and leave the hen to do the rest: she will lay a fourth, and perhaps a fifth. By closely adhering to these instructions you will find all the eggs hatch in one day, and the young will all grow up together one size, and be ready to leave the nest together. If a small one, or one that was hatched last is left in the nest the hen will sometimes neglect it to feed the older ones that have left the nest and perhaps you may thus lose the best-marked one.

DIET FOR THE HEN.

The young will not take to seed on leaving the nest; the hen will continue to feed them. When the eggs are hatched give every day some dandelion, lettuce or water cress; no groundsel at any time. Soft food should consist of hard boiled eggs, chopped fine, boiled bread and milk, rape and maw seed. Let the bread and milk be solid, not sloppy; mix all together and give a small quantity three times a day, not forgetting to feed them late in the evening, so that the hen may have food to go to first thing in the morning.

My readers must not forget that birds in cages are very different from birds in a wild state. Birds do not sit in a wild state until they have laid the last eggs; it is not so in cages; in a wild state the cocks sit and feed the young, but never when muling. This is my experience after many years of practice and close observation. My first trial of Goldfinch and Bullfinch produced three young ones, very beautiful after moulting, and they made good and long singers. I sold two for £5 each; the other I kept two years and then sold it for £7. I found out afterwards that I could have sold it for much more. I bred many afterwards but not with the same pair. I tried to breed with English hens and Prussian hens, but they had no young ones; I always had some success with German hens.

I had a Greenfinch hen that had been reared from the nest. I reared four by putting the eggs under a Canary hen that had lain eggs in a small breeding cage; she was by herself and built her nest and laid without a cock being with her. I took her eggs away and gave her the Greenfinch eggs, and she hatched and reared all. They were very tame. The hen I put up with the Goldfinch that had bred with a Bullfinch; there was soon a love match between them which resulted in a nest of five eggs; two of the young died but three were reared, all cocks. They were very large and strongly built, with rather short and strong beaks; they all had pale Goldfinch faces with breasts of a greyish yellow, and all had the Goldfinch tail. After moulting into good colour they were very smart, handsome birds, loud but rather short in song. They puzzled many before I told them what they were bred from. I bred again next year from the same birds with similar success, and sold all but two; some were purchased by the late Mr. Jamrach, of Ratcliffe Highway, the great bird and animal dealer.

MULES AND A JACKASS.

The late Frank Buckland, the great naturalist and Editor of "Land and Water," had one which fell a victim to his pet Australian Kingfisher (the Laughing Jackass). The Jackass used to swallow all the small birds he could get hold of.

I treated and fed this pair in precisely the same way as the Goldfinch and Bullfinch and with great success. I tried the cock Greenfinches with Canary hens, and they bred freely so long as the Canary hens were young birds of the previous year; old Canary hens are useless for mule breeding.

CHAFFINCH NOT A FINCH.

I had a tame Chaffinch cock, hand reared; I put him up with a Canary hen; they soon had eggs but they did not hatch. I tried them again and again but with no success. I tried next year, with three different hens, but got no young ones. I had many eggs, but all were unfertile, showing beyond doubt that the Chaffinch is not a true Finch. Chaffinches are to a certain extent insectivorous; true Finches are not. I next tried a cock Chaffinch with a Bramblefinch hen, and had one nest of four young ones. They moulted out very handsome birds, but were poor singers. They did not breed again that year and I never tried the cross again. I next year bred from a Yellow Bunting cock and a Canary hen; they had four young ones of a splendid shape, long in feather and leg, very much resembling a good Norwich Canary, but they were bad in colour, looking like dirty Yellow Canaries and they were miserable singers, so I did not repeat the trial. I have bred Siskin and Canary together, also the large Mealy Redpoll and Canary with much success.

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YORKSHIRE GREENS.

Round or Square, Which?

SIR,—As Secretary of the Liverpool B.B.A., allow me a few lines in answer to Lancashire Lad in your issue of February 2nd, under the above title. I was present when Mr. Mundell disqualified the birds, and I quite agree with Lancashire Lad that "Mr. Mundell was absolutely certain in his own mind that these birds were clipped." So was I at the time, but I am now as absolutely certain that they were not clipped. I also think if Mr. Mundell's opinion was known, it has changed a little since them. Until Mr. Wellings inserted a bit of white paper under the feathers, showing them up, I had never seen a square feather (though I have bred Greens); but I have found amongst my own birds some "square-feathered 'uns," and not young birds either, birds that have never been entered at a show, nor offered for sale; so there was no motive for me to clip them—nor could I have done so had I wished; and I doubt if Lancashire Lad could clip them if he tried, or any other "handy man" of the Fancy. The members were unanimous that the birds were not clipped, but honestly shown; but they were not at all unanimous as to the cause of square feather. Some thought it was caused by a "stick in the moult"; others that crossing with Cinnamons caused it, even asserting they had seen square feathers on Cinnamons; while others asked, "Is it caused by in-breeding?" No matter how caused, many members of the L.B.B.A. have birds with square feathers, and *they know they are a natural growth.* And because Lancashire Lad "has bred Greens, but never bred a square-feathered one yet," proves nothing, only that he has never seen a square feather on any he bred. And his statement that "never once have I seen a natural square feather" only proves that when he has seen a square feather he would not believe it to be natural. So it would be no use myself or any other member of the L.B.B.A. who have birds with natural-grown square feathers asking him to see them. As to the show and the disqualifications, the birds were judged in an exceptionally good light; it was a very fine morning, and the windows of the hall are nearly due south, so the judge had sunshine from 9 a.m. till 3 p.m. He had judged six classes of Greens before coming to the class in which were the birds he disqualified, and had put square-feathered birds in the money or tickets in every class—69 birds in the six classes. If Lancashire Lad was at the show, and I rather fancy he was, he knows Mr. Mundell never looked for square feathers till he judged that particular class. And, if he was at the show, he also knows Mr. Houlton was not far off the mark when he suggested that Mr. Mundell had to be persuaded. Of course, that is putting it rather strong; but it—the square feather idea—was brought very prominently under his notice. *If* Lancashire Lad was at the show, he knows the whole story as well as I do, and perhaps he can answer a question as well as ask one. Why were no square feathers seen till after lunch?—H. BARRATT, Sec., L.B.B.A.

SIR,—I should like to say a few words of thanks to Mr. Houlton for the trouble he has taken in connection with the very regrettable incident which occurred at the late Liverpool B.B.A. Show. I refer to the disqualification of several birds for alleged trimming of feathers across the shoulders, which gives the feathers a square appearance. Now these feathers are not trimmed in any way; they are simply feathers not reaching full growth, either through slow moult or other causes, but as they appear in a very prominent place between the shoulders in the centre of the back, they are particularly noticeable, and give this square appearance, that is, to the superficial observer. The man who really wants to now, and who will take the trouble to put the feathers under a glass will readily see that the fibre comes to a natural termination, as Mr. Houlton says. These square feathers, as they are generally known, are not confined to Greens, and they can be found in Clears, and no doubt in other varieties if carefully looked for, but as they show very prominently in Greens I suppose this is the reason they have been taken so much notice of. Now, as to Lancashire Lad's letter in last week's issue I do not propose to say anything to the clerk who actually penned the letter; he is but a scribe, and it is not necessary to see the card so kindly sent to you, Mr. Editor, or to be a Zaccig to see who is the man "behind the throne," or, shall I say, "door." Neither is it very difficult to get at the motive of this epistle of L.L.'s; the motive is jealousy of Mr. Houlton, and the name is ——. However, I will let him show his own face, if it is clean enough to appear in our paper. As regards the jealousy, a few years ago Mr. Houlton was elected by the G.C.A. to judge at one of their patronage shows, and took such a great deal of interest in the Green Canary that he has frequently judged since. Not only has he judged the birds very satisfactorily, but he has taken every possible opportunity of making himself thoroughly conversant with the variety, and the G.C.A. and its members are under a deep debt of gratitude to Mr. Houlton for his trouble. When Mr. Deacon wrote that Mr. Houlton was a specialist I rather fancy he meant to say that Mr. Houlten had frequently been asked to test birds, etc., and in that way he is a specialist. I do not propose to deal seriatim with Lancashire Lad's letter. In spite of his protest to the contrary, he evidently does not understand the subject. If L. L. will show his face I will have no objection to discuss this matter or any other connected with the Green Canary, and leave the public to judge between us. As regards the old Liverpool society, I was chairman during Mr. Galloway's secretaryship, and do not remember a show being held at any place called the Wellington Hotel. In reply to L. L.'s particular questions—(1) It is not true that square feathers are the peculiar property of young birds. (2) Greens are not alone in having these square feathers. (3) The square feathers are not in a place noted for colour. (4) I have never seen any bronze in place named. (5) It was a show confined practically to Liverpool and district, and in the olden days only Liverpool men showed Greens. Just one question from me, Mr. Lancashire Lad. Is it not strange the disqualification took place after lunch? I have no doubt you will be able to answer this question satisfactorily.—S. HADWIN.

HEATING OF CRYSTAL PALACE BIRD SHOW.

SIR,—In reply to many correspondents, The Crystal Palace Company (who are solely responsible for the heating of the show) have given a special assurance that the show will be kept at a suitable temperature. I have, apart from this, hired twelve gas heating-stoves, which will be put on if weather is very severe, and have also purchased 1,000 yards of covering, so that all birds may be covered up at night.—J. W. RAMSDEN.

EARLY MULES.

SIR,—Having read a letter by a "Disgusted Mule Breeder," in a back number of CAGE BIRDS, I should like him to know that, though I have been disappointed myself for two seasons I have taken to heart the motto, "If at first you don't succeed, try again," and my efforts at last seem likely to be crowned with success. Many in this neighbourhood thought it was too early, and that it would be no good trying to pair Goldfinch and Canary before May, but as I had a young Norwich hen ready, I thought there would be no harm in trying for an early nest. She laid the first egg on January 20th, and, in all, laid four. I am pleased to state there are two hatched out at the time I am writing this. I am only a working man, often away all day, the birds being left in the care of my wife, who looks after them to perfection.—FRANK GOULDING (Malmesbury).

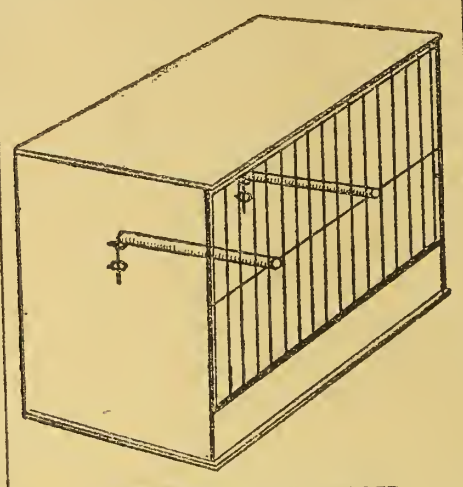
REPORTED BREEDING OF BULLFINCH-GREENFINCH HYBRIDS.

SIR,—Most writers on Hybrid breeding advise the hen Bullie—cock Greenfinch cross, and do not apparently recommend the opposite, i.e., hen Groenfinch and cock Bullfinch. In an outdoor aviary last year I had (with several other birds) two pairs of Greenfinches and a cock Bullfinch. The latter paired with one of the hen Greenfinches, and one young one was hatched out, but, unfortunately, was drowned, when about a fortnight old, in a very heavy thunderstorm. This year I propose trying to mate up more than one Bullfinch with hen Greenfinches. My idea is to put a Bullfinch with a hen Greenfinch in a large cage, or smaller aviary, the two birds being the sole occupants of enclosure. I thought that probably the hen Greenfinches would hatch and look after their young better than hen Bullfinches, besides the chance of better coloured progeny. —NORTH COUNTRY.

[Our Mr. Weston refers to the above letter in the Hybrid Query Column this week.—EDITOR.]

MOVABLE PERCHES.

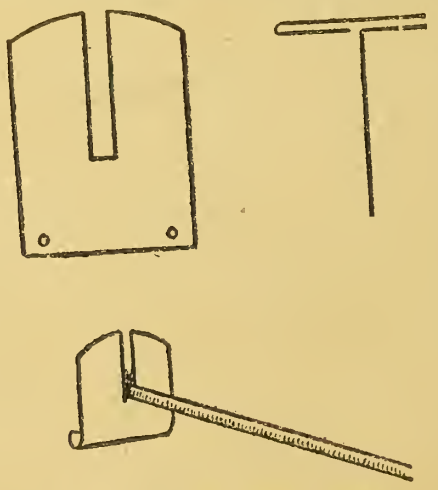
SIR,—A correspondent in the Christmas Number of CAGE BIRDS, who signs himself J.E.D., asks for a simple method of fixing perches in a box cage so that they can easily be removed. I have tried two methods, and at the present time have both in use, but I prefer the second. In both methods the perch, instead of being fixed against a wire at the front of the cage, passes between two wires, fitting tightly between them, so that there is no movement, and it projects about half an inch, so that it can be readily grasped by the fingers for the purpose of removal. The other end of the perch, which goes to the back of the cage, has inserted into it a dowel screw. Dowel screws, I may explain, have no head, but are double screws, that is to say, have a thread each end. The one end is screwed tightly into the end of the perch, and the free end is screwed just a turn or two into the back of the cage. When



DR. MARTIN'S PERCH-HOLDER.
End of cage is assumed to be cut to permit view of back of cage.

you wish to remove the perch all you have to do is to grasp the end projecting from the front of the cage, unscrew it from the back, and pull the perch and its screw out through the front. The second method is, perhaps, better still. You insert two tiny brass screw eyelets into the back of the cage, putting the top one where you wish the end of the perch to be, and the other about ⅜in. below it; take a piece of cage wire about 2in. long, and drive it about an inch into the end of the perch; there will now be an inch projecting which must be bent down at right angles to the perch, forming a hook, which is slipped into the two eyelets. When you wish to withdraw, all you have to do is to grasp the front projecting end of the perch, slip the wire hook out of the eyelets at the back and withdraw. In both methods the end of the perch has to be first tightly wrapped close to the end with a few turns of fine binding wire to prevent splitting.—(Dr.) E. T. MARTIN.

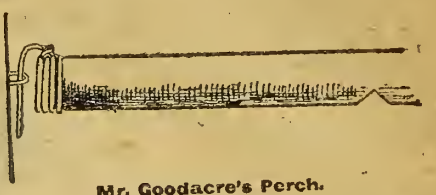
SIR,—In reply to "J. E. D.," I send you sketch of a simple yet perfect perch-holder. Figure 1 is a piece of tin bent to shape, which is fixed to the back of the cage at the bottom, thus leaving a certain amount of "spring" at the top, allowing the wire (Fig. 2) fixed in



Mr. J. Haggard's Perch-holde

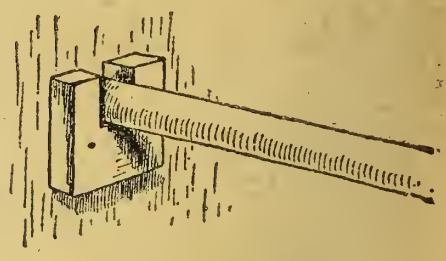
end of the perch to slip behind it, then grip it tight; or the piece of tin may be nailed in slit downwards, then bent up, leaving a space for the wire to fit between. This perch holds very firmly, yet may be easily removed.—JOSEPH HAGGARD.

SIR,—I am sending you an idea for fixing perches in wood cages, which "J.E.D." might find useful, both for keeping red mite off of wire, to suit large or small birds. The spring to be screwed to the back of cage or aviary; the perch to be of green willow, the size required. It can be drawn out and a fresh one put on at any time.—T. GOODACRE.



Mr. Goodacre's Perch.

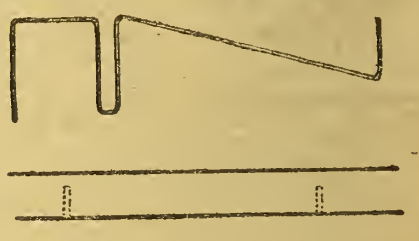
SIR,—Enclosed please find a rough model of what I think is a very easily cleaned perch, which I find can be taken out of the cage without disturbing the birds in any way. I have fixed all my perches in this way and find them most easy to take out when cleaning. I also send pattern of perch to place inside under seed and water vessels, where the cage bottoms are too deep for the birds to reach up

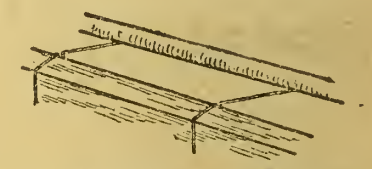


Mr. Ogg's Notion No. 1.

when standing on them. I may say that I have only known of your paper for about two months, but I find the most valuable information in it, and think it grand, and look forward for it every Friday. I may also say that I have been able to get two of my fellow-workmates that keep birds to take it every week, they also not having seen it until I showed them mine.—ERNEST HOGG.

[We are much obliged to our correspondent for his kind remarks and efforts on our behalf.—ED.]





Mr. Ogg's Notion No. 2.

AN EXTRAORDINARY EPIDEMIC.

SIR,—I am pleased to tell you that our birds appear to be getting new beaks. The first one that went bad has already got half a new beak, and my bird, which is a Border Fancy hen, is also showing signs of a new one. I took her in my hand the other day, and scraped her beak, when, to my surprise, a kind of shell came off, showing part of a new mandible. The reason I wrote you was to find out the cause, so as to prevent it another time. What we think is the cause is a certain soap with which our birds have been washed. We puposely refrained from mentioning this before, as we thought we might be wrong, but we cannot now blame anything else as every bird that caught the disease had been washed with it, not only ours, but two birds belonging to other fanciers here. Some of them we bred, others we bought from different parties. We have never heard of a similar case, so we conclude it is nothing but the soap (which is of a highly scented nature) getting in their nostrils and thus destroying the upper mandible, and leaving the lower one perfect.—W.F.H. and R.E.G.

THE CLOUDS ROLL BY.

SIR,—Many readers will remember me. I had the misfortune to break a blood-vessel last June, and afterwards had an attack of rheumatic fever. I should like to thank through your valuable paper, my brother fanciers in England and Scotland for their kind sympathy and good wishes for my speedy recovery. I am pleased to say that I am progressing very favourably. In reply to several fanciers, I have not retired from the Fancy; I am still as keen as fancier as ever. Fanciers will note that the reason why my birds were absent from the show bench this season is owing to my serious illness.—W. BROWN (Chelsea), ex-secretary, L.C.B.A.

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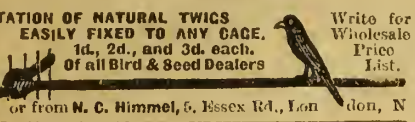

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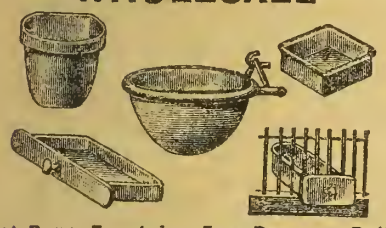

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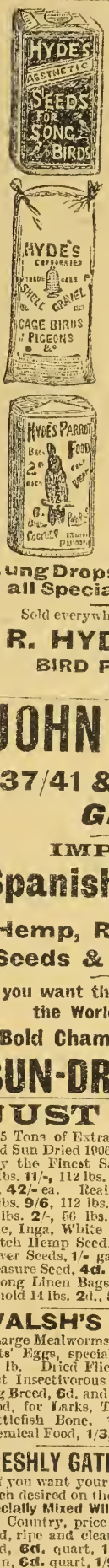

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BORDERS, splendidly matched pairs, 7s. 6d.; cocks, 5s.; approval.—F. Downs, Everton, Bawtry.

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CRESTBRED hen, buff, even marked, Patterson-Barnett's, 15s.; Muling Goldie, exchange Yorkshires; offers.—17, Strade Road, Willesden Green.

GREEN Crested hen, 4s.; grizzle Crested ditto, 4s. 6d.; Crested cock, 10s. 6d.; approval, deposit.—Bearsley, Corn Merchant, Tunbridge Wells.

A FEW Crests and Crestbreds for sale, from prize-bred noted strains, 10s. 6d. each and upwards; approval 3 days.—Willis, 34, Clapham Road, London.

CHAMPION Massive Crests and Crestbreds, 10s. 6d. each; ten days approval.—Wm. Powick, Eastfield House, Dewsbury.

GREEN Crested cock, 20s.; variegated Crestbred hen, 15s.; also few Border hens, 3s. 6d. each.—Mitchell, 164, Clepington Road, Dundee.

CHAMPION large yellow Crested cock, 1905, well bred, full song, grand stock bird, 10s.—F. Simonds, Upper Houghton, Dunstable.

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CRESTBRED cock, light variegated, winner, latest win first Auchterarder; £2; approval.—Arnott, 236, St. Clair Street, Sinclairtown.

GIVING up the Fancy.—Prize Crests and Plainheads for sale, cheap.—Miss Frost, Westward Ho, Deal.

LARGE, yellow, wing-marked, dark, heavy-crested cock, 15s.; buff, 10s.; massive-skulled yellow Crestbred cock, 12s.; approval.—Hunt. See Norwich.

CRESTED cock, Crested hen, two Crestbred hens, from 15s. to 25s.; not half value, to effect clearance.—McColl, 2, Park Terrace, Wallsend-on-Tyne.

VARIEGATED Crest cock, buff Crestbred hen, 20s.; wing marked Crest cock, 25s.; wanted, Crestbred hen; approval.—Wm. Reid, Falkland, N.B.

GOOD Crests, Crestbreds; cocks 10s., hens 7s. 6d.; bred cold room; approval, deposit.—Berry, 11, Malwood Road, Balham Hill.

FEW pairs of good Crests for sale, from 40s. a pair, Barnett's strain.—J. Clinnick, Alwyn Terrace, Torquay.

BUFF marked dark Crested hen, 4s.; six buff grey Crested, 3s. each; healthy 1906 birds.—Roper, 134, Derby Road, Seven Kings, Essex.

G. SMART, Carmyle-by-Tollcross, Glasgow.—Crests and Crestbreds from 7s. 6d. upwards; Joyce, Ley, etc., strains; inspection invited.

DOUBLE Crested cock, also hen, 10s. 6d. each; 18 cage fronts, 30 by 15, 2s. each; particulars.—Eastoe, 12, Forest View, Manor Park, Essex. x265

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GOOD green Crested hen and good feathery green Crestbred hen, 7s. 6d. each, worth double, also a large variegated Crestbred cock, 10s., cheap; approval.—Newson, Hairdresser, Fakenham, Norfolk.

LARGE ticked buff Crestbred hen, heaps of head and body feather, 40s.; wing marked dark Crested hen, 27s.; cocks from 15s.; Dixon and Barnett's strain; approval.—Railton, 7, Bridge Road, Millwall, London.

LARGE Crested green cock, marked Crested-bred hen, 1905, 30s.; 1906 dark Crested cock and Crested-bred hen, to match, 21s., worth double price asked; approval.—J. N. Harrison, The Lawn, Belper, Derbyshire.

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HIGH-CLASS Crests, Crestbreds; cocks and hens, from dense crest, Rd. Jayes and Dickinson's noted strains; 1906; from 15s. to 50s.; breed winners; approval four days; stamp.—J. Bale, 66, Victoria Street, Barnstaple.

CRESTS from my winners, Burnley, Bramley Manchester, Barrow, etc., from 12s. 6d. each; or exchange cutlery, sheets, blankets, linoleum, anything; approval; two Germans, 4s. the two.—Herbert Schofield, Commercial Road, Skelmanthorpe.

GOOD wing marked Crested yellow cock, 30s.; green Crested cock, 30s.; dark Crested cock, 25s.; green Crestbred cock, 30s.; variegated Crestbred cock, 30s.; Crested and Crestbred hens, cheap.—Nicholson, 14, Howard Street, Scarborough.

CRESTS AND CRESTBREDS—continued.

1905 CRESTED cock, untried, 2nd and special, £4 limit Perth, 1st Alloa, open, etc., £2 10s.; 1906 Crestbred cock, winner, £1 5s.; also exhibition Hawfinch, and show cage, £1 5s.; approval.—Paterson, Main Street, Bonnybridge.

CRESTS, Crestbreds, bred from and related to my winners Dulwich, L.C.B.A., Deptford, L.P.O.S., Nottingham, Walthamstow, etc.; healthy young birds; approval.—H. Horton, 18, The Avenue, St. John's Park Road, Blackheath, S.E.

G. GRANT, Crest and Crestbreds. On account of business pressure am giving up the Fancy; all my birds to be sold, prices reasonable; 3 days' approval, stamp reply; no odd hens.—20, Marney Road, Clapham, S.W. x265

WALLACE'S champion Crests, Crestbreds, same blood winners Palace and leading shows last sixteen years; cocks, hens, from 15s. matched pairs from 30s.; approval.—115, Rosemount Place, Aberdeen. x264

BUY from the breeder. Having selected my breeding stock, have 50 Crests and Crestbreds for sale, Barnard's strain, from £1 to £5 per pair; cold-room bred; approval.—Inspector Storey, Police Station, St. Ives, Hunts.

LARGE variegated dark Crest cock, 8s. 6d.; ditto, 6s. 6d.; variegated dark Crest hen, 5s. 6d.; clear Crestbred cock, beauty, 7s.; yellow variegated Crestbred hen, 8s.; clear buff Crestbred hen, 5s.; larger ditto, 7s.; all large healthy birds; approval.—Hatton, Windmill, Belper.

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GOOD Crested Norwich cocks, 12s., 15s. 20s. each; Crested hens, 7s. 6d., 10s., 12s. 15s. each; Crestbred cocks, 10s., 12s. 15s. each; Crestbred hens, 6s., 7s. 6d., 10s., 12s. each; stamp reply; money returned if not approved.—Stewart Brothers, Surrey Street, Norwich. x265

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CHAMPION Crests.—At Westminster, Cheltenham, Gloucester I won 14 firsts, £5 5s. cup, two Crest Club specials for best Crestbred, besides many other specials. Some good stock Crests, Crestbreds from 20s. each, all bred by myself; cinnamon Crests a speciality; winner of over 7,000 prizes; breeder 40 years; addressed envelope for list.—T. J. King, Coronation Road, Cheltenham. x266

HAVING selected my breeding stock, have the following high-class Crests, Crestbreds for disposal, Barnett and Joyce's strains. Monster even marked dark Crest cock, grand crest, 16s. 6d.; large even marked ditto, beauty, 12s. 6d.; heavy feathered large variegated ditto, 14s. 6d.; massive green dark Crest hen, 15s.; heavy feathered dark Crest hen, variegated, grand Crest, 15s. 6d.; ditto, beauty, 13s. 6d.; even marked dark Crest hen, 11s. 6d.; large heavy feathered dark Crest hen, 15s.; large variegated Crestbred cock, 14s.; large variegated Crestbred hen, 12s. 6d.; heavy feathered yellow green Crestbred hen, 12s.; large feathery buff green ditto, 12s.; all grand stock birds, in perfect condition; approval.—Hatton, Windmill, Belper.

CRESTS! CRESTS!! CRESTS!!! AND CRESTBREDS.

The value I am now offering in these, either single birds or pairs, must be seen to be appreciated; all on approval, cash or deposit; Crested cocks, 8s. 6d., 10s. 6d., 15s., 20s., 30s., 40s., 60s.; Crestbred hens, ticked or variegated, 4s. 6d., 8s. 6d., 10s. 6d., 15s., 20s., 30s. upwards; clear, 8s. 6d., 12s. 6d., 15s., 20s., 30s., 40s., 50s.; green, 5s. 6d., 8s. 6d., 10s. 6d., 15s., 20s., 30s.; Crested-bred cocks, clear yellow, 15s., 20s., 30s., 40s.; clear buff, 10s. 6d., 12s. 6d., 20s., 30s.; ticked or variegated, 6s. 6d., 7s. 6d., 8s. 6d., 10s. 6d., 15s., 20s., 30s.; Crested hens, 5s. 6d., 7s. 6d., 10s. 6d., 15s. 20s., 30s. to 60s.; travelling cages 2d. extra.

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GRAND slim typical yellow green Yorkshire cock, 6s.; buff ditto, beauty, 5s. 6d.; approval.—Hatton, Windmill, Belper.

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshire and Norwich greens; matched pairs a speciality; also singles; approval. —Hadwin, 28, Pembroke Place, Liverpool.

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LARGE yellow green Norwich hen, 6s. 6d.; one ditto, 3s. 6d.; clear buff hen, dark Crest, 4s. 6d.—Postmaster, Hopton, Thetford.

HAVE a few good Yorkshire Greens for sale, also clears, cheap; seen evenings.—Caswell, 2, Clifton Grove, Egremont, Cheshire. x265

TYPICAL Norwich hens, one 2nd last week at Green show; also Yorkshires.—Greengrass, 118, Alwyn Street, Aigburth, Liverpool. x265

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LARGE 1906 buff green Norwich cock, 10s. 6d., exchange green hens or yellow or buff Norwich cock or hens.—J. Green, 256, Chapel Street, Leigh, Lancs.

LARGE chubby Norwich Greens at 15s., 18s., 20s. per pair; some very big Green cocks at 8s., 10s. 6d., 12s. 6d. each; hens at 5s., 6s., 7s. 6d. each, yellows and buffs; all on seven days' approval.—J. Taylor, 9, Northdale Road, Frizinghall, Bradford.

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A LANCASHIRE yellow coppy cock for 14s.; or exchange for yellow coppy hen.—Porter, 19, Jarvis Street, Rochdale.

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CHAMPION Coppys and Plainheads, yellows and buffs, 10s. 6d. each; ten days' approval.—Wm. Powick, Eastfield House, Dewsbury.

ARTHUR WEST, Tweedale Street, Rochdale, High-class Lancashires from my winners, yellows and buffs, Coppies and Plainheads; on approval.

GRAND young Lancashire Plainhead cock, ready for pairing, 12s. 6d.; ditto Coppy cock, 15s.; both healthy, fine plumage; cash, sent at once on receipt of postal order.—Hawkins, Shalimar, Withdean, Brighton.

"THE Art of Fancy."—Grand coloured plate of Lancashire Coppy and Gold Clear Cap Lizard Canaries sent post paid, securely packed, on receipt of four penny stamps.—F. Carl, CAGE BIRDS' Office, 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

STILL a few Lancashires left. Large buff Plainhead cock, good, 20s.; two buff coppy hens, 12s. 6d. and 15s.; buff Plainhead hen, 15s.; buff coppy cock, 12s. 6d., reliable stock; stamp reply.—T. Broadhead, Grocer, Derby Street, Macclesfield.

LANCASHIRE Coppys, and Lancashire, Yorkshire, and Norwich Plainheads.—Wanted, large rich yellow, properly matched pairs of each variety, in sound, healthy, breeding condition, of true type and regulation size; cool room bred and kept. For typical first-class quality approved birds fair prices will be paid. Send particulars and lowest prices to Mr. Chambers, Canona, Ware, Herts.

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FEW pairs Lizards from 12s. 6d. per pair; silver cocks, 6s., 8s., 10s. each.—J. Green, 256, Chapel Street, Leigh, Lancs.

HAVING selected breeding stock, I have a few pairs good Lizards for sale, 12s. pair; odd silver cock, 8s.; also buff Lancashire Plainhead cocks and hens; approval.—Whipp, 13, Rushcroft Road, High Crompton, Shaw, Oldham. x265

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The most successful Breeder of this variety in the World. Also Champion Cinnamons.

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W. RUDD, The Bird Specialist, Norwich

Norwich.

H. BAILEY, Tower Street, Launceston, has several Norwich cocks left for disposal, from 6s. each.

DARK Crested buff wing marked hen, vhe, 10s. 6d.; approval.—Bosworth, Sheldon, Birmingham.

SEVEN large Norwich cocks, 7s. 6d. each; 42s. lot; approval.—Bear, Warley, Essex.

OVER stocked.—Four buff cocks, full song, 6s. 6d. each, 24s. lot.—Evans, see Appliances.

NORWICH.—Several good hens from 2s. 6d.—Matthews, 2, Howberry Road, Thornton Heath. x266

FOR sale my stock Norwich Canaries, and all kinds cages; giving up Fancy.—J. Bessell, Ludlow.

COCK Canaries from 5s. 6d., hens 1s. 6d.—Coles (side door), 109, High Street, Borough, London.

T. HARRISON, 19, Ardgowan Street, Greenock; good pair 13s. 6d., 15s. 6d.; yellow cock 10s. to 20s.; double yellow hen, crossbred, 4s., for muling.

THIRTY good Canaries, Crest and Crestbred from 10s. 6d.; hens from 5s.—Wick, 80, St. Johns Road, Deptford. x266

NORWICH variegated buff cocks and variegated buff hens, good strain, cheap to clear; approval.—Braidwood, 181, Glasgow Road, Burnbank, Hamilton.

YEALE'S strain direct; a few good cocks, yellows and buffs, cheap; approval stamp.—Tope, 8, Hoe Street, Plymouth.

NORWICH 1906 Plainheads for sale; cocks, from 4s. 6d.; hens, from 2s. each.—Apply, 3, Cromer Road, Holt, Norfolk.

PRIZE-BRED Norwich.—Some good yellow hens and cocks from 10s. to 20s.—Orr, 129, Petershill Road, Springburn, Glasgow. x265

NORWICH bred from my winners, 10s. pair; approval, deposit.—W. Allen, Witchford Aviaries, Ely, Cambs. x269

I HAVE a few pairs of Norwich Canaries from 10s. 6d. per pair, stout yellow and buff hens from 5s. each; approval.—A. Ward, 19, St. Paul's, Norwich.

SELECT your breeding stock from my Plainheads, cocks from 6s., hens from 3s.—Denkin, 19, Rosedale Road, Forest Gate. x266

MRS. ARTHUR BAYLY has good Norwich for sale, winner many firsts, seconds, and others; state wants; approval.—Queen Street, Margate.

A FEW grand birds for sale, colour fed, cocks 10s. 6d., hens 7s. 6d. Approval 3 days.—Willis, 34, Clapham Road, London.

FEW grand Norwich for disposal, pairs from 12s. 6d.; odd birds from 6s. bred from my winners; approval.—Mallinson, 107, Gibraltar Road, Halifax.

BREEDER and exhibitor of Norwich cocks, 7s. each; buff hens, 5s.; approval.—Thos. Clemmson, 38, Hume Terrace, Darlington. x265

NORWICH yellow cocks, buff cocks, buff hens, good strain; cheap to clear; approval.—Thomson, 15, Gladstone Street, Burnbank, Lanarkshire. x265

SOME good Norwich for sale, also Yorkshires; can be seen any Sunday morning.—E. McCully, 109, Windleshaw Road, St. Helens. x266

OWING to removal, have few splendid Norwich for disposal, best strains, 12s. 6d. upwards.—Hardcastle, Eliza Street, Sale, Manchester. x265

EIGHT variegated Norwich hens, 1906, 2s. 6d. each, 9s. for four.—Salter, 34, Offord Road, Barnsbury.

EIGHT Norwich Canary cocks, buff cock, and two Crestbred hens.—Apply, John Banks, Mary Place, Old Town, Keith, Banffshire.

1906 BUFF cock, 8s. 6d.; yellow hen, 2s. 6d.; house moulted Greenfinch, 3s.; cold aviary.—Buckuell, Theydon Bois.

BUFF cock; monster; winner three firsts open shows; perfect condition, 20s.; approval; deposit.—Sheldon, 8, South Parade, Llandudno.

NORWICH for sale; yellow buffs; variegated cocks, 5s. 6d. upwards; hens 2s. 6d.; cold room bred; stamp.—Ashwell, Stycehale, Coventry.

NORWICH cocks from 5s.; hens from 3s.; splendid birds, own breeding.—Robinson, Barton Street, Egerton Street, Hulme, Manchester.

GRAND Norwich Plainheads for stock, 8s. 6d., 10s. 6d., 12s. 6d. upwards per pair, grand condition; approval.—Savage, Westfield Aviaries, Goole.

BEARDALL'S, Vardy's strains, few pairs typical colour-fed Norwich, 8s. 6d., 12s. 6d. pair to clear quickly.—Forsyth, 31, Gray Street, Workington.

NORWICH cocks, in full song, from 7s. 6d.; seen any time.—J. Goodridge, 4, Cambria Road, Coldharbour Lane, Camberwell. x267

BRAIN, Glastonbury, has some fine Norwich cocks from 10s., hens 5s., matched pairs, special, 12s. 6d., cold room bred; stamp reply.

TWO splendid colour-fed Norwich cocks, price 14s., 7s. 6d. each; approval.—D. Metcalf, 5, Norfolk Street, King's Lynn.

TWO Norwich cocks, 1906, good songsters, 7s. 6d. each; one hen, 3s.; warranted.—Sloman, 59, Mount Street Gardens, Devonport.

FOUR Norwich cocks, 21s.; twelve hens, 30s.; approval, deposit; stamp reply.—Coote, 4, Manchester Street, Gorton, Manchester.

GRAND Norwich cock, full song, breeding condition, 6s.; approval.—Wilkinson, 48, Arlington Road, Regent's Park.

FIVE large cocks, full song, five hens, all 1906 bred, rich colour, 45s. the lot; deposit system.—J. Foote, Highdown Farm, Hitchin.

GRAND buff Norwich hen, 4s.; bargain, worth double; also pair of Yorkshires, 7s. 6d.—Parkinson, 37, Trafalgar Street, Bradford.

GOOD Norwich Canaries for sale, also cages, cheap; money wanted.—Gardner, 100, Bedford Road, Clapham.

LARGE buff Norwich cocks, 7s. 6d., 8s. 6d., 10s. 6d.; hens 2s., 2s. 6d., 3s.; approval.—W. Pinner, 95, Gordon Hill, Enfield.

A FEW grand typical Norwich yellows and buffs, colour fed.—Thompson, 86, Sultan Street, Accrington. No Sunday trade.

THIRTY good buff Norwich hens, young, healthy, ready for breeding, 2s. 6d. each.—Roper, 134, Derby, Seven Kings, Essex.

THREE pairs good Norwich, 8s. 10s.; five short yellow hens, 3s. 4s.; seen any time.—Hunt, 31, Cotton Street, Poplar, E.

BIG unflighted buff cock, 12s. 6d.; four big unflighted buff hens, 7s. 6d. each; approval.—Charles Oliver, Daybrook Street, Macclesfield.

SOME really good typical birds, large yellow cocks from Palace winners, 15s.; extra large buff hens, 10s. 6d.; approval.—Barrows, Wardington, Banbury.

TYPICAL orange yellow hens, 4s. 6d. each; buffs, 3s. 6d.; cold room bred; healthy and clean; approval, deposit.—Bearsby, Corn Merchant, Tunbridge Wells.

TYPICAL Norwich and Cinnamons, yellows, buffs, both sexes, good strain; approval; stamp reply.—William Fernie, Woodview, Broadloan, Renfrew.

GOOD pairs, now breeding, to part with, 12s. 6d., 17s. 6d., 25s.; cocks from 8s. 6d.; hens 4s. 6d.; 1906 birds; approval.—Schofield, Saddler, Ipswich.

NORWICH.—24 grand birds, 12s. 6d., 15s., £1 pair; grand odd hens.—Rorke, 50, Ringmer Avenue, Munster Road, Fulham.

FEW young Norwich cocks, full song, from 7s.; also few hens, cheap; approval.—W. Hewett, 122, New Road, Battersea, S.W.

EVENLY marked yellow cock, winner first Builth, reserve Haverfordwest; only times shown; price 21s. —Murcott, Rose Cottage, Penybont.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich cocks, 4s. 6d.; clears, 5s.; hens, 2s. 6d.; clears, pairs, 7s. 6d., 8s. 6d.; not suited money returned.—Hiffe, 4, Grange Lane, Leicester.

HIGHEST class Plainheads, show or stock; cheap to clear; approval.—J. N. Harrison, The Lawn, Belper, Derbyshire.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich; clear and marked buff cocks from 7s. 6d.; cold-room; approval.—Sidgwick, Aviary Cottage, Hatton, Rugby, Yorkshire. x266

C. ROBERTS, 67, Whitegate Arise, Blackpool, offers matched pairs of his winning Norwich from 15s. 6d. to 30s.; single birds from 10s. 6d.; show birds; reasonable; all on approval.

CANARIES, Norwich Plainheads, hens 2s., 2s. 6d. each, cocks, fine songsters, 5s., 6s. each; rich yellows, cold room reared; large stock.—Fred Baker, 67, St. Aubyns, Hove, Sussex.

BUY from the breeder. Good Norwich cocks, 4s. 6d., 5s.; clear yellows, 6s.; hens, 2s. 6d., 3s.; clear yellows, 3s. 6d.; pairs, 7s., 8s.; not suited money returned.—Staples, 19, Outram Street, Leicester.

LARGE (1906) self yellow green Norwich cock and big buff hen; splendid pair for a beginner; 12s. 6d. pair; or what offers useful exchange?—Lee, 35, Marshall Avenue, Bridlington.

NORWICH Crested pairs, 15s., 20s., 25s. per pair; odd cocks and hens 10s., 15s., 20s. each; cold room bred; inquiries invited; approval.—S. Roberts, 39, Gloucester Street, Unthank Road, Norwich.

GRAND pair Norwich Cinnamons, buff cock first and special Suffolk Show Boxing Day, and good yellow hen; 17s. 6d.; approval.—Crane, 44, Windsor Road, Ipswich.

NORWICH Canaries, for singing or breeding; pairs, 10s. 6d.; hens 2s. 6d.; all healthy; cold room reared; giving up breeding.—Bell, Fishmonger, Crouch Hill, Strond Green. x268

TWO large buff and one yellow unflighted cocks, 10s. each; 1905 yellow cock, 10s.; four Goldfinches, one Linnet, cock Mules, 5s. each, 20s. lot; approval.—Buck, Park Square, Bondgate, Ripon.

F. LIDDICOAT, Barley Sheaf Hotel, St. Columb, Cornwall, wants a large yellow Norwich hen, short wings and tail; approval; reference given if required.

CHAMPION Norwich.—Geo. Harland, 63, Welbeck Street, Hull, has few pairs left, 15s., 20s. pair; single cocks, yellow and buff, 10s., 15s. each to clear, all same strain as my winners; approval, stamp.

BARGAIN.—Five good healthy Norwich hens, 3s. each, also Hartz Mountain Roller cock, 6s., full song, or near offer the lot.—Hudgell, 67, St. Clement's, Oxford.

A FEW pairs of Norwich from 15s. per pair, odd cocks from 10s., good in quality and very large birds, no weeds; inspection invited.—J. Freer, 5½, Gower Street, Leicester.

FEW grand Norwich cocks, bred 1906, splendid songsters, 5s. 6d., 6s. 6d., 7s. 6d.; no hens left; seven days' approval, deposit.—J. Evans, 19, Gloucester Road Croydon

COLOURED PLATE of Yellow and Buff Norwich Plainheads, artistic and lifelike, sent post free, carefully packed, on receipt of four penny stamps.—CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

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LARGE Norwich Canaries, clear, ticked, and green; correct shape and fine condition. Seen evenings and all Saturday.—Richards, 10, Dewhurst Road, Shepherd's Bush Road. x269

WM. HINDMAN, 26, Sarah Ellen Street, Blackburn, breeder and exhibitor; champion Norwich, properly matched pairs, 15s. 6d. to £2 10s.; grand cocks from 10s. 6d. to 25s., cold room; on approval.

W. BERKSHIRE has some grand unflighted Norwich, also good stock pairs that will breed winners, for sale from £1; can be seen by appointment; approval.—3, Larch Road, Balham, London.

GRAND lot of Plainheads for sale, stock birds, cocks or hens, yellow or buff, single 10s. to 12s., pairs 17s. 6d. to 25s.—Carstairs, Stationer, 277, High Street, Perth. x269

GRAND Norwich for sale, related to our winners; pairs from 10s. 6d., 12s. 6d., 15s. to 21s.; no odd hens (see show reports).—Athersuch and Son, 65, Spon Street, Coventry. x265

NORWICH Plainheads, well-matched pairs, from winning strain, from 12s. 6d. pair; satisfaction guaranteed; list free.—Gostling, Chapel Road, Saxmundham (late of Norwich).

NORWICH Plainheads, few good yellow buffs, and variegated cocks and hens, for sale, owing to removal.—Wm. McAulay, 25, Harriet Street, Rutherglen.

T. GILBERT, Arcade, Coventry.—Few grand Norwich for sale, the correct type and quality, cocks, 7s. 6d., 10s., 15s., 20s.; pairs from 10s. 6d.; 20 cocks, £6; approval. x266

T. IRONS, Ivy Road, Northampton. Champion Norwich pairs, 15s., 20s., 25s., 30s., single cocks and hens, 7s. 6d., 10s., 15s., 20s. upwards; approval; stamp. x267

BREEDER and exhibitor of Norwich cocks, from 7s. each; hens from 5s.; bred in cold room; all colours; approval.—34, Wenlock Road, Limonside, Tyne Dock, Durham.

HANDSOME Norwich cocks, grand songsters, 5s., 5s. 6d.; hens 2s. 6d., 3s.; pairs 7s. 6d., 8s. 6d.; typical prize bred stock; approval.—Hatton, Windmill, Belper.

LARGE yellow cock Canaries, 7s. 6d., 8s. 6d. each; hens, buffs or yellows, 3s. 6d., 4s. each; healthy birds.—W. Copeman, Gamekeeper, Toftwood Common, Dereham.

T. BALE, 14, Chester Terrace, Barnstaple.—Norwich Canaries for sale; large yellow and cinnamon cocks, 10s. 6d. each; yellow and buff hens, from 3s. 6d. Canary-reared Goldfinches, 5s.; approval.

COLOUR-FED Norwich Canaries for sale; cocks from 6s. to 10s.; hens from 2s. 3d. to 3s. 6d.; naturals from 5s. 6d. to 8s.; hens from 2s. to 3s.—F. Jelley, 32, Mill Lane, Leicester.

SYMONDS AND SON have for disposal ten pairs of Norwich, 12s. 6d. pair; cocks, 8s. 6d.; cold room; on approval.—Oakdene, Brunswick Road, Coventry.

GEORGE HIGHAM, 7, Glebe Street, Stockport, cup winner Stockport Bird Fanciers' Association, has some grand Norwich cocks from 6s. 6d.; hens 3s. 6d.; approval, deposit.

MATCHED pairs good Norwich, 9s. 6d.; approval willingly; large English cock Goldfinches, 3s.; cock Bullfinches, 1s. 6d.; ditto hen, house-moulted, 1s. 6d. —Girling, 7, Vaxham Road, Dereham.

WALLBANK, Hairdresser, breeder of champion Norwich, has about 50 to part with; pairs from 9s. 6d. to 30s.; cocks from 6s. 6d., hens from 3s. to 20s.; approval.—Withers Street, Blackburn.

PRIZE-BRED Norwich, few pairs from 12s. 6d. pair; buff hens, 5s., 7s. 6d., 10s. 6d., 12s. 6d. each, unflighted; approval.—Dawson, Cobden Street, Peterborough.

G. CHAPMAN, Haymarket, Leicester, has for disposal a splendid lot of high-class Norwich cocks, prize strain, 5s. 6d., 6s. 6d., 7s. 6d., and 8s. 6d. each; hens 3s., 3s. 6d., and 4s. each; properly matched pairs, 8s., 9s., 10s. pair; stamp reply.

SPECIAL! Special!!—Still supplying with the highest satisfaction, grand, healthy, typical Plainheads; judiciously matched prize-bred pairs, 8s. 6d., 12s. 6d., 15s., 20s. upwards; odd cocks and hens cheap, all cold room bred, and willingly on approval. —H. Amies, 69, Ashby Street, Norwich.

A SMALL and select stud of Black Magpie Pigeons, nine in all, including winners Tavistock, Bridgwater, Brislington, Glastonbury, etc., exchange for exhibition Norwich or Yorkshire Canaries, or sell, with eight compartment basket, £4 10s.—E. Smith, Street, Somerset.

SPLENDID Norwich, right blood, same as my winners, own breeding, large yellow and buff cocks, ditto hens, only a few to spare; exchange one pair for one pair unflighted Cinnamons, yellow hen, buff cock, must be short and gobby.—Willoughby, Decorator, Wolverhampton.

STILL THEY COME!

PROPOSED LEYTON AND DIS. CAGE BIRD ASSOCIATION.

SIR,—A meeting has been arranged to take place at Y.M.C.A. rooms, 8, Grange Park Road, Leyton, at 7.30 p.m. on Friday, February 15th. Will all fanciers interested kindly do their best to attend and give us all the support possible, as we wish to put the Association on a successful footing. Since last writing, another Challenge Cup has been promised, making four in all. Therefore, the Society will not be put to any expense for Cups. If any further information is required, same will only be too gladly given by F. WILLIAMSON, 63, Murchison Road, High Road, Leyton.

CREST AND PLAINHEAD CLUB FOR IRELAND.

SIR,—A large and very successful meeting of fanciers was held in Belfast on January 29th, for the purpose of considering the advisability of promoting the above club. Mr. W. J. Cummings occupied the chair. It was unanimously decided to form a Specialist Club for Ireland for the breeding, exhibiting, and protection of the Crest and Norwich Plainhead Canary. The chairman read some correspondence from fanciers in other parts of Ireland in favour of the club, and offering support. A chairman, secretary, and committee were elected, provisionally, to carry out the arrangements. Any fanciers in Ireland desirous of becoming members can do so by communicating with the undersigned, who will be glad to receive contributions and duly acknowledge same (annual subscription, 2s. 6d.). The next meeting will be held in the Avenue Hall, Garfield Street, Belfast, on Tuesday, February 19th, at eight o'clock.—JAMES STEWART, Hon. Sec. (pro tem.), 359, Donegal Road, Belfast.

NEW SOCIETY FOR PLYMOUTH.

SIR,—A well-attended meeting was held in the Borough Arms, Plymouth, on Jan. 30th, when it was decided to form the "Western Fanciers' Society." Mr. W. G. Hawken presided, and Messrs. Staples, Clark, Watson, Hellard, and Knott were elected to form a sub-committee to draw up rules to be submitted to a general meeting, to be held at the same place on Wednesday, February 13th, at 8 o'clock. All fanciers are cordially invited.—W. J. SLOMAN, sec (pro tem.), 32, Mainstone-avenue, Plymouth.

C.B. SOCIETY FOR EXETER & DIS.

SIR,—The letter which appeared under the above heading in your last issue is very misleading. Mr. Folley says, "Having been amalgamated with the Exeter and Devon P.P. and C.B.S., etc." This is the point we wish to put right, as the latter society is still going strong, the Cage Bird section being stronger at the present time than it has ever been since the formation of the society 18 years ago. By the time this appears in print we hope that the members, at their monthly meeting, will approve of what the committee have done, that is, to hold the show on Wednesday, September 25th, and to throw the Cage Bird section open to the United Kingdom. Our Cage Bird Committee are all old fanciers who may be relied on to look after the interests of the little songsters. One of them took an active part in the formation of the society, and has been on the committee for the best part of the 18 years. We hope the next time Mr. Folley writes to the Press he will not give false impressions. There is plenty of room for both societies in Exeter, and we hope the new one will be able to induce more to join the ranks, and by these means they will no doubt do the old one a lot of good instead of harm.—W. A. CORNISH and M. S. ADAMS, Hon. Secs. of the Exeter and Devon Poultry, etc., Society.

OLD C.B.S. AT ACCRINGTON REVIVED.

SIR,—A meeting was held at the Central Conservative Club, on January 1st, for the purpose of reviving the old society. A good number of fanciers were present, and it was decided to start it at once. The following gentlemen were elected as officials:—President and chairman, J. Smith, J.P.; vice-chairmen, A. Hirst and W. Dormer. The committee will be elected at the next meeting, to be held at the same place on February 14th, at 8 o'clock prompt. A hearty invitation is offered to old members and intending new ones.—D. HARWOOD, Sec.

THE CLASSIFICATION OF YORKSHIRES.

SIR,—In reply to Mr. Ferguson, the T.C.C. grant patronage to societies making six Yorkshire classes. The £20 Challenge Cup Competition and the Money and Novice Cup Competitions are granted to these shows. The Taylor's Cup Competition is allotted to members of the T.C.C. who reside outside Yorkshire. The number of classes required is three. Any society can make more classes if they choose, the wording of some being left with them. If Mr. F. will send me his address I will forward him a T.C.C. Book of Rules.—W. MUNDELL.

BORDERS VERSUS COLOUR.

SIR,—Now that the show season is drawing to a close I think it behoves lovers of the Border Fancy Canary to seriously consider the colour question as it affects the sprightly Border. Whoever has followed the various shows where classes have been provided for this variety must admit that with a few exceptions the entries have not been what one would have desired, nor what one could reasonably expect, seeing how popular the bird is becoming, especially in the North, with two specialist clubs to look after its interests and the large number of breeders. How often during the present season, when reading the reports of the Border classes in the various fancy papers have we come across comments such as "Looked as if it had been near the pepper-box!" "Is this colour question open?" etc., etc. Then, with regard to the entries, where are the large classes that we used to see, containing anything between fifteen and thirty, at some of the Northern fixtures, compared with the meagre entries of seven or eight per class at some of the shows this season? And in some cases they have been practically cancelled. Are the breeders of this variety quite sure that this colour question is not working detrimentally to the best interests of the Border Fancy? Those of us who can remember the ordeal that the Norwich variety passed through a good number of years ago, when the natural colour versus K.N. fed and yellow fed versus red fed question was the chief topic, know the heart-burnings and ill-feeling which was then caused. Undoubtedly, in the majority of cases, the winners were fed, and one can hear pretty much the same comments at the shows now in regard to the Borders. That this scarcity of entries in the Border classes is not due to a scarcity of good birds is evident as one goes into the various fanciers' rooms. What, then, is the cause? I think myself that one of the principal reasons is the unsatisfactory solution of the colour question, and until this is settled the entries in Border classes will grow less. I am acquainted with a few fanciers in my own district (possessing two or three hundred Borders amongst them) who will not exhibit for this very reason. There is this to be said in favour of throwing the colour open. Everybody will start off the same mark, whereas as it now stands the most experienced and scientific feeders have the advantage. What have other fanciers to say? Now that the show season is about ended I hope that all interested in the matter will express their views and opinions, treating each other with courtesy and civility, sticking to the question at issue, and signing their names to their epistles. No nom-de-plumes, please!—JAMES FORSYTH (Workington).

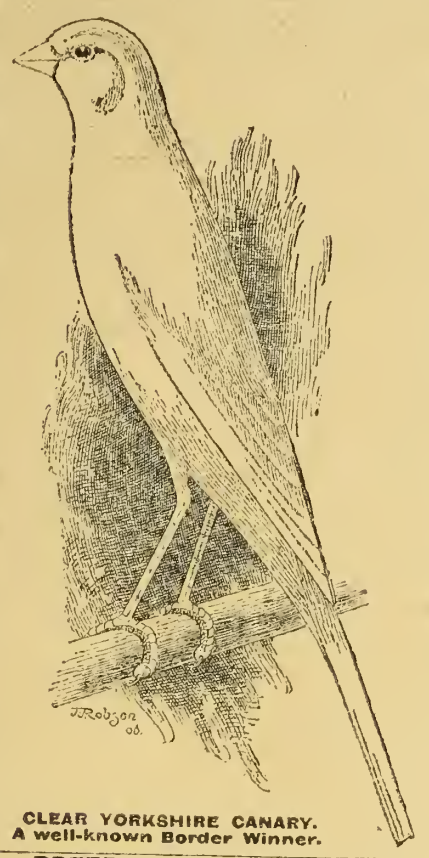
INHUMAN BIRD CATCHING.

Brutality in Cornwall.

SIR,—Where does the law of protection to wild birds come in? During the last week there have been thousands of Thrushes and Blackbirds murderously captured in this neighbourhood here (St. Ives, Cornwall), and if the snow had lasted another week there would have been scarcely one of our favourite songsters left to tell us, with their harmony, of the approach of spring. The mode of capturing is what is called a tackle, or snare—a long line, with perhaps, 50 short strings; each has a small hook with a worm attached, which is stretched along a bare, prepared patch of ground, and fastened thereto. The starving bird soon discovers it, and the tempting bait is soon swallowed. The hook catches in the throat, and the poor bird is left struggling for a considerable time, to attract the attention of others, while the catcher is away to his meals—struggling often until death ends his misery. If the law does not protect them, surely humanity and conscience should. You may see them hawked from door to door, selling at 3d. per dozen in the town, each catcher supplying as many as 100 a day. I hope something will be soon be done to put a stop to the disgraceful cruelty.—WILLIAM PEASE.

A COCKATOO CURED OF FEATHER PLUCKING.

SIR,—Having seen a few notes on the Rose-breasted Cockatoo, and lots of feather-plucking queries in CAGE BIRDS, may I say I have a Rose-breasted Cockatoo that can say more than a hundred words, and many long sentences, such as "Hello, what do you want?" Polly wants a small Scotch." "Bring Polly a quart." It is a clever mimic of all sounds. I had this Parrot given to me as incurable; a confirmed feather-plucker. It was a freak, to be sure. I set to work as advised by your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, and paid strict attention to it. At night, before retiring, I smeared it over with a strong solution of quassia chips, using a paint brush; and on warm days I bathed him with water and Condy's Fluid. Now it is in perfect plumage, and is a real beauty. It took a whole year to cure it, but I am more than satisfied. I beg to say I have been very successful with Parrots and Canaries, but I owe it all to your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS. Wishing you every success.—F. H. TODD.



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A well-known Border Winner.

BREEDER OR EXHIBITOR?

SIR,—I was very pleased to see that a discussion on the above subject had taken place at a meeting of the L.C.B.A. I note that the subject of closed rings played a prominent part. The statement was made that the rings are a failure. This is not so; they have been a big success. With all due respect to Mr. J. S. Clarke, I am not doubting his word when he says that a fancier friend of his used the rings and had failure with them; but I think that if Mr. Clarke were to ask his friend again, the reply would be that he was now successful. When the B.R.C.C. first started ringing their birds we were at a disadvantage, not knowing what would be the proper time to ring the birds—some rung at two others at five days, with the result that the rings slipped off. We now find that the best time to ring the birds is on the seventh day, and to show that the rings are a success we issued in 1905, 1,400, and in 1906, 2,400, and so far we have already issued 400 for this year, which plainly speaks for itself. The advantages of the closed rings are many; we can tell the age of the birds (which stops old birds being put in young bird classes), and also who bred the bird. Also there is no chance of Mr. So-and-so advertising his winning strain, and then, when asked to supply birds, going to buy them, thereby doing the purchaser a great injustice. With regard to the question should the breeder's name as well as the exhibitor's appear in the catalogue, this opens up a big question. For instance, I breed a bird and sell it; the purchaser exhibits it, and wins with it. Am I justified in advertising the fact that I bred the bird? For my part, I say no. I sell the bird, and there's an end to it, as far as I am concerned (though of course I am pleased to know that the bird has won), and if this question of breeder or exhibitor should be brought up by the Cage Bird Union, it should be discussed by members of every club, who should give instructions to their delegate how to vote. I do not think it right that it should be left in the hands of the delegates themselves. At the same time, when having a discussion on the subject, I should like them to discuss the following question: Should an exhibitor, after winning a money prize, buy a medal and advertise that he won it at a certain show? This buying of medals is on the increase, and I contend that the advertising of such is misleading to those who are not in the know. —J. W. NORRIS.

WITHHOLDING OF PRIZES, STOURBRIDGE SHOW.

SIR,—I should like to draw your readers' attention to the judging of the cage bird section at Stourbridge Show. The entries in the Canary A.V. class numbered only four all told, and in consequence the first and third prizes were withheld. The bird which took second prize was the same as was placed second in a class of fifteen the previous week at Netherton. As long as this kind of thing is carried on our shows must inevitably suffer —and rightly, too. In fairness to exhibitors the class should either have been cancelled or a proper judgment given. W. R. WHITE.

[The committees of shows (and not the judge) are generally supposed to be responsible for the withholding of prizes where a shortage of entries occurs.—ED. "C. B."]

THE CAGE BIRD UNION.

SIR,—Who is this tub-thumping Wm. Reid that he should constitute himself the Archangel of the Fancy? Because the Cage Bird Union does not happen to meet with his august approval he seems to think that everyone else must fall into line with him, and disregard the old adage of "Unity is strength" entirely. The William Reids of the Fancy are the people who spell its downfall. He seems to think that because thirty-six members of the London Cage Bird Association are said to have given its affiliation with the Cage Bird Union as their reason for leaving that association, that the end is near for the C.B.U. I do not wish to throw doubt upon Mr. Tyson's words, but I would like to know what he really did say, and whether there was no other reason given by any single one of these members for their resignations. I see that the Manchester Society, our largest and most popular cage bird society only records a loss of two members on account of the Cage Bird Union. There are cranks in every club, and there are always, and will be always, people who, like William Reid, place their own petty interests before those of the Fancy at large. This union is not perfect, but if William Reid and others of his tribe will only give it a chance, or even if they don't (it doesn't matter much one way or the other), it will soon get into working order in spite of the plentiful frost and snow scattered round by disheartened and disappointed clerks and scriveners.—JAMES REID.

SIR,—I heartily approve of Mr. William Reid's sensible suggestion. Let there be a plebiscite taken of all the members of societies affiliated to the Cage Bird Union, with the object of ascertaining (1) Are all members in favour of a union? (2) If so, do they approve of the C.B. Union as at present constituted? (3) If not, what steps do they propose to take to abolish the present officers and constitution? I entirely disapprove of the union being exploited for trade purposes. —M. GREGORY.

THE BENEFIT OF A NARROW AVIARY.

SIR,—"Your aviary is very narrow," is an expression I have seen with frequency lately in your columns, in answer to querists, by your esteemed advisory experts. Mine is 6 ft. by 5 ft. by 2 ft., and I find that a narrow cage is more suitable for keeping the birds practically finger-tame; that is, as far as my experience goes. My small collection is very tame through having a narrow aviary, and I think if you have a wide one, they (the birds) are very apt to be "wild," and seek retreat when you go near. Mr. Weston gave me the suggestion to keep my seeds separate, and I find it very successful indeed; the waste is reduced practically to nil. Many thanks, Mr. Weston. I am only writing this as a very friendly critic, and I wonder what the experience of other fanciers are of narrow aviaries?—PENNYWORTH.

A CANNIBAL BLACKBIRD.

SIR,—A friend of mine, living at Trinity, a northern suburb of Edinburgh, on his way to business recently, noticed, hanging by the leg from the branch of a tree, a Blackbird which was fluttering, and trying to free itself. The bird appeared to have a string round one of its legs, which had got twisted about a branch. The following morning my friend, passing the place, noticed the bird still hanging, but, apparently, dead, and to his surprise, saw another Blackbird sitting on the branch pecking at, and devouring the dead bird. Did any of the readers of your paper ever hear of such a case? I can believe my friend's story as he knows and takes an interest in birds.—W. E.

FORRES SHOW.

SIR,—Kindly allow me a small space in your valuable paper regarding the Forres Show incident. I think it is time those two correspondents came to an agreement for the benefit of the society. As for the disqualification of Macalpine's birds, I am sorry to see the matter gone so far. Had it been two professionals it would have been settled at once and for all.—CABERFEIDH.

[A sentence drawing a comparison between the respective experience of the two disputants has been blue-pencilled.—ED.]

"PRAISE FROM SIR HUBERT."

SIR,—As you like opinions of your paper and magazine, I will give you mine, after thirty years' experience in ornithology, and that is, that in the present age bird fanciers are developing into a scientific body, who study the characteristics of the various birds, both wild and domesticated, and therefore CAGE BIRDS and the "Bird World" are leading in the right direction to supply the wants and desires of the bird fancying public. The steady and continued increase in size and importance of the paper, CAGE BIRDS, is a clear proof of its value and prospect of always superseding other papers of a similar nature. —A. H. R. COCQ (Twickenham).

Several letters crowded out.

Breeding, Rearing and Exhibiting.

By J. C. Barnes.

A Paper read before the Chesterfield and District F.A. Oct. 10th, 1906.

(Continued from page 738.)

Egg and bread, or whatever soft food one is used to, must be given at the time the offspring put in an appearance. Twice or three times a day, if possible, this should be administered, as the oftener you provide fresh food the more frequently will the young have attention paid to them by the parent birds. A little hemp seed can be given with good results, when the young birds are a couple of days old. I use a great quantity of hemp during the breeding season, with very beneficial results, so can highly recommend same.

Many fanciers have a great objection to the use of hemp seed, on account of its heating qualities, but I think that in most cases they are fanciers who have never given this seed a trial; the idea is more superstition than anything else with those fanciers who hold this view. Should any be present this evening let me prevail on them to depart from such ways, and try it ere another breeding season comes round. Hemp seed is a most excellent food for young birds, and very often old birds feed better on hemp than they do on any other food. German summer rape is also a seed that is used rather extensively for feeding purposes.

HOW TO PREPARE RAPE.

The best and safest way to give this seed is to boil it first for a short time, and then strain. By this procedure you take away the pungent taste. Old turnip seed and charlock are good seeds, but it is hard to know when you get a bit of good rape. The best test, as far as I know, is to taste it. It should be of a sweet nature, and free from bitterness, and not of too hot an order. It should be free from dust and bright. Colour of seed varies. I, for my own use, always try to procure that of a fairly light red tint. This, as far as my experience goes, gives the best results.

GREEN FOOD.

Never give any kind of green meat to birds until their youngsters are three days old. Various are the opinions as to what kind of green stuff is best. Dandelion, lettuce, and watercress are the three kinds mostly used. The former is a favourite of mine, a great quantity of which is consumed by my birds during the summer months. I have often heard it said that dandelion gets your birds into too raky a condition, but this I have still to find out, and can with every confidence recommend its use. When selecting dandelion, choose the younger leaves of the herb and discard the large rough leaves, and always collect it in places that are outside any area of possible contamination. From under walls or on the road sides I should never think of taking a single leaf. Select it, if you can, from open fields. Two small leaves, morning and afternoon, is ample to give to each pair of birds per day. Watercress I do not dislike, and in towns or cities this is without doubt mostly used, and is most convenient. The watercress to use is that which is of a nice green colour, and not the black or very dark green variety. The small-leafed cress is far better than the large-leafed variety, it being much more tender. Lettuce I hardly ever use, but several fanciers use it with every satisfaction, and no doubt the young leaves of this plant are much appreciated by the birds. Let your motto be, in administering green food: little and often.

Don't push as much between the wires as would be sufficient for 100 birds, but just sufficient for the birds to eat up and relish.

WEANING YOUNG BIRDS.

When your young birds are 28 days old, you take them away from the parents, and place them in flight cages, or whatever you intend keeping them in. Having done so, great care must be given them. Egg food must be supplied until they are at least eight weeks old, along with a little crushed hemp, rape, and canary seed. Get the youngsters on to hard seed by degrees. Many young birds are killed at this stage of life by fanciers rushing them from soft food on to hard too hurriedly. I generally make a practice (which I think beneficial) of providing all young birds with a small quantity of soft food until they begin to moult. A bath on nice, bright days is thoroughly enjoyed by one and all, and is a good conditioner to birds whether young or old. Always provide the bath in the early part of the day, so as to give the birds ample time to dry themselves previous to their going to the land of nod.

KEEPING DOWN RED MITE.

A little quassia can be added to the bathing water with advantage. This assists in keeping down red mite, which, to my mind would have been far better named, "red monster," for the trouble these parasites cause—one way or another—throughout the entire year. All present will no doubt have read the correspondence that has appeared in the columns of CAGE BIRDS re red mite. I cannot help but smile to myself that men in these enlightened days should state that "the more red mite they breed the better their success with their birds." That is rubbish. Red mite are the bugbear of Canarydom without doubt, and those fanciers who desire to gain success will do well in keeping top side of these insects. Red mite suck the very life out of a bird, and stop its growth. No breeding-room is entirely free from them, but by careful methods one can keep them down.

THE ART OF EXHIBITING.

Here we arrive at a very important part of the business—exhibiting. Exhibiting creates surprises, wonder, pleasures, argument, and a host of other excitements. The exhibition world of to-day is hot whichever way you look at things. Fanciers need to be cute, to the point, and up to all the moves, if success on the show bench is to be gained.

Whatever variety you possess, training of same is an absolute requirement. No matter how good a bird is, if not properly trained, so as to show off all its good points when facing its adjudicator, it stands a very remote chance of bringing home a first and special. To attain the object of steadiness run your birds into show-cages as often as possible; this is best practised when the birds are quite young. When nicely settled in the show-cage, lift them, speak kindly, gain their confidence, scratch the cage-bottom so as to draw their attention, and so on. You cannot fondle birds too much. Your trouble will be ample repaid by your birds having learnt the lesson of showing to the best of their ability.

A wild or unsteady bird hardly ever gets noticed by a judge, the fact being that he has not the time to waste over a specimen not properly benched. Train your birds so as to assist the judge all round, thereby you will assist yourself to land the prize you are bent on.

WASHING.

A good bird well washed stands a good chance. A good bird badly washed stands a poor chance. Always make a practice of bathing your birds fully five days previous to show day. Birds vary greatly in length and quality of feather. Those specimens that possess short feather pull themselves much more quickly together than do the birds that carry an abundance, so let each particular bird be your guide as to the washing-up of same. After washing it is most desirable to spray them, or, better still, give them a bath each morning previous to show day. Bathing is a conditioner, putting vigour into the birds, encouraging them to plume themselves, and is also a good tightener of feather, and assists very materially in producing finish.

CONDITIONING FOODS.

Egg food, with a little maw seed added and also a small quantity of isinglass, answers the purpose of putting birds into condition admirably in most instances. You might add to the drinking water a few drops of chemical food (Parrish's), just sufficient to turn the water port-wine colour. The isinglass you can purchase from any chemist. Put one teaspoonful in half a cupful of water, and place the same in an oven to melt. When cold it sets like a jelly. To each egg and bread add about one teaspoonful, mix well together.

Another excellent conditioner is Allen and Hanbury's "Byno-Phosphates," added to the drinking water in the proportion of one tenspoonful to each ounce of water or thereabouts. This preparation I have great faith in, and can highly recommend it. It assists in the digestion of the bird, is a strengthener, mild in action, and most useful in cases of bowel trouble. The following mixture I have also used with every satisfaction:—One pint best port wine, 1 lb. best honey, 1 oz. of citrate of iron and ammonia. Heat the port wine before adding the honey and citrate, stir well, and, when cold, bottle up. Put just enough to your egg food to make it fairly moist. About twice a week is sufficient. The port wine gives strength, the honey acts on the bowels, and the citrate is a tonic.

HINTS FOR THE SHOW BENCH.

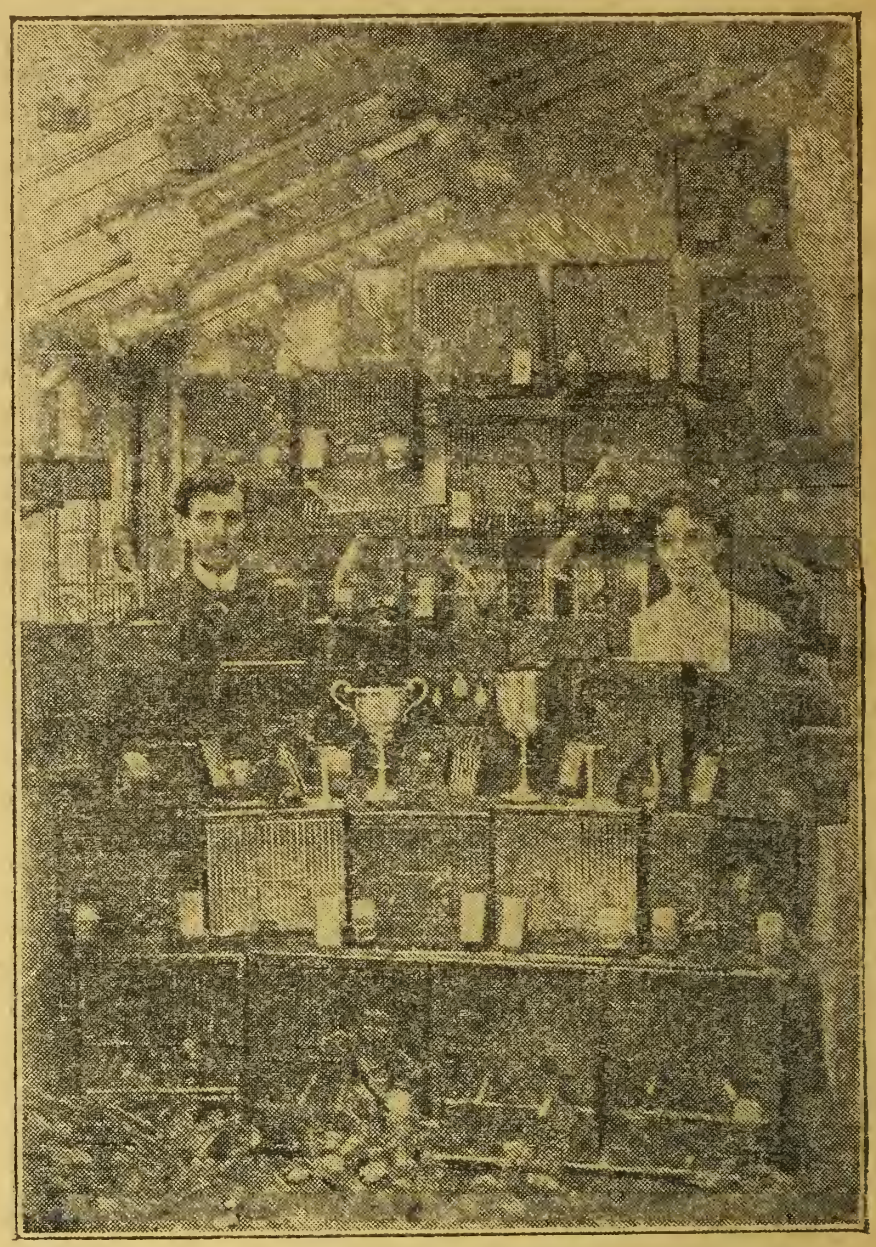
Should you contemplate exhibiting at any show, enter your birds early, as late entries are apt to throw unnecessary labour on the hard-worked secretary, and cause mistakes to be made.

Get your birds off the night previously to show day if possible, so that they may be staged in good time; by so doing, you avoid the "too late for competition" label being placed on your cages. Also, it gives your birds more time to get accustomed to their fresh surroundings, and put their toilet in apple-pie order previous to being adjudicated upon.

Place only plain canary seed in the cage bottoms, so that suspicions will not be aroused as to the fairness of your staging. Avoid coloured perch ends, these are looked upon as a "landmark"; tie your cage-labels on in the ordinary manner and bar "patent ways"; also have your cages scrupulously clean, as dirty cages often turn the verdict against you. Let the best birds win; if these happen to be one's own well and good, but should it be otherwise, give credit where credit is due, and don't be blind to the good points other exhibitors' birds possess over your own.

Visit the shows where you are exhibiting and make comparisons amongst the birds; should you fail to follow the judge in his selections, get a word or two with him if possible; he will usually only be too pleased to explain matters. Don't bully the judge, he is only human. No man is infallible, and when a judge has acted up to his convictions, straightly and honestly, he surely deserves a better fate than often falls to his lot.

Don't rush off with your exhibits two or three hours before the show is advertised to close; it is far from fair both to show officials and the visiting public.



"WHEN A MAN'S MARRIED."

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SOULS OF THE LOST.

[Flocks of birds, in appearance like Cormorants, fly up and down the Bosphorus, skimming the surface of the water at a prodigious speed. These birds the French call "les Ames Damnees," the tradition being that they are lost souls constrained to take up the form of birds. They are never seen to alight anywhere, and apparently spend all their time flying up and down the Bosphorus between Constantinople and the Black Sea.]

Souls of the Lost, on tireless wing
From sea to sea they ever fly.
Seeking for rest that naught may bring,
Souls of the dead who may not die.

No mortal eye hath seen them fold
Their vagrant wings in hallowed rest.
'Neath summer's sun, in winter's cold,
From sea to sea they fly, unblest.

Far overhead the eagle floats,
A sable blot against the sky.
At sea the white-winged sailing-boats
Speed homeward as the shadows die.

And when the night gives way to morn
You see them still on tireless wing.
From Azof's Sea to Golden Horn
They seek the rest that naught may bring.

—E. LE BRETON-MARTIN, in the "Evening Standard."

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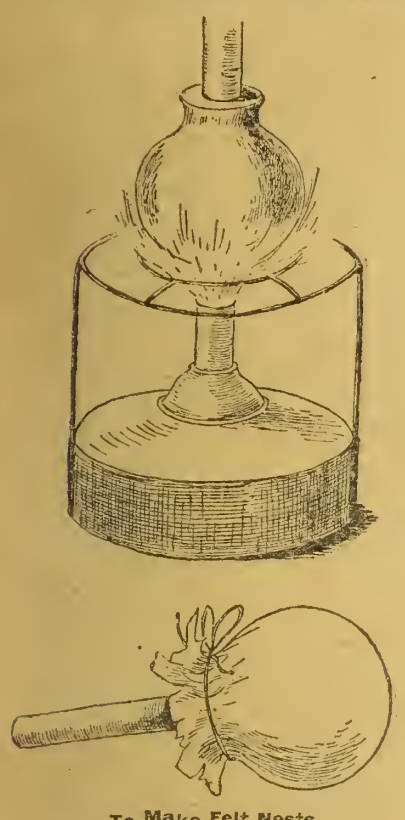
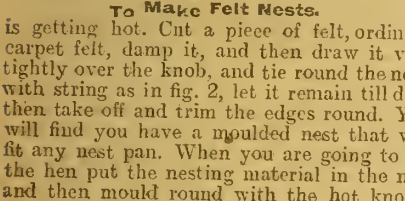
No. 73.
FELT NESTS.

Sent by W. MORTIMER, 77, Arlington Road, Camden Town.

Mr. Mortimer writes:—"For making felt nests all that is required is a brass knob of a bedstead, and spirit lamp. Drive a stick of wood into the hole of the knob, place it on the rests of the spirit lamp in fig. I., while it





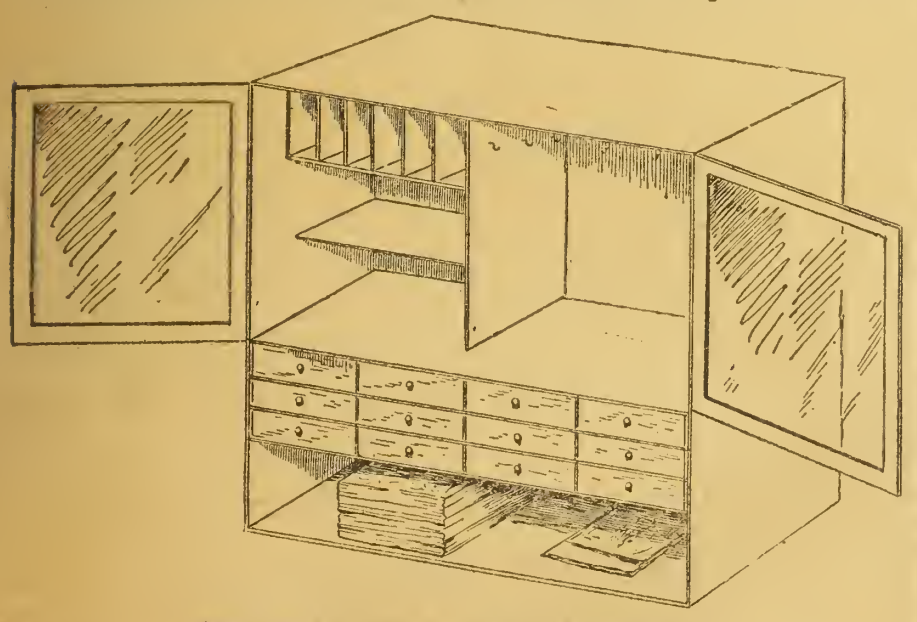
To Make Felt Nests.

is getting hot. Cut a piece of felt, ordinary carpet felt, damp it, and then draw it very tightly over the knob, and tie round the neck with string as in fig. 2, let it remain till dry, then take off and trim the edges round. You will find you have a moulded nest that will fit any nest pan. When you are going to set the hen put the nesting material in the nest and then mould round with the hot knob."

No. 74.
A BIRD-ROOM CABINET.

Sent by Mrs. Annie Barker, Mostyn House, Cardigan Road, Headington, Leeds.

I am sending you a sketch of my bird-room cabinet, which I find most useful, and which cost me just 8s. only in the making. It was put together for me by my son, and any fancier clever with his hands and possessing a few tools can make and fix one in a convenient corner of his bird-room quite



Mrs. BARKER'S BIRD-ROOM CABINET.

Height, 2 ft. 6 in.; depth, 12 in.; length, to suit recess wherein fixed; height of tier of drawers, 8 in.

easily. It makes a nice-looking piece of furniture, besides being so very useful. At the top are narrow divisions for keeping medicine bottles (such as a little brandy, olive oil, Parrish's chemical food, etc.). Underneath is a shelf for storing clean seed and water vessels, finger drawers, etc., also clean perches. Underneath that I keep my cocoanut husks, and other nest-boxes (for Foreign birds). In the large space at right-hand side are pegs to hang spray millet, dusters, etc., on. It will also hold sliding divisions, etc. The drawers, of course, are useful for many purposes, such as the storing of sponge cake, cuttlefish, dried egg shells, grit, titbits in the seed line, etc. On the lower shelf I keep my CAGE BIRDS and "Bird World Magazines." The Answers to Queries I find particularly useful to have at hand for ready reference. The folding doors over the upper part keep out all dust and dirt.

Disappearing British Birds.

G. H. Paddock, F.Z.S., The Hollies, Wellington, Salop, writes to the Editor of the "Daily Mail" as follows:—"Mr. Stephen Reynolds, in his remarks anent the disappearance of rare birds, is too one-sided in laying the cause solely at the door of the wealthy collector. What about the game preserver? To the lover of birds it is a source of regret, lessening as it does the interest which he would otherwise have in many districts, that, owing to the persistent persecution of game preserves, some of the larger Raptores, which formerly bred in them, do so no longer, and that the smaller species are from the same cause rapidly diminishing in number. Nor is this systematic destruction confined solely to the Raptorial birds, for similar fate has befallen some members of the Corvidæ, though to a lesser degree, as witness the disappearance of the Raven, Crow, and Magpie. The writer can remember one district where forty years back every little spinney, to say nothing of the larger woods, held a crow's or Magpie's nest. Now, alas! you may hunt for them in that locality in vain."

Robin Feeds Rook.

During the recent severe weather a Robin was noticed to be carrying away large pieces of bread from a window-sill of a house near Hadleigh.

A watch was kept upon its movements, and it was discovered that it carried the food to a Rook which sat on the snow in a meadow adjoining the house, and about 100 yards distant from the window-sill.

The Robin continued to do this work as long as the snow was on the ground.—"Evening News."

Musical Birds.

Although the majority of the birds are faring badly, a few in the village are evidently doing well. We had a proof of this recently. The snow was falling heavily just before dusk, and as I came through the village a cheery Robin was piping his evening song. A little further on the shrill notes of the Hedge Sparrow were heard, and, still later, the beautiful, clear melody of the Song Thrush came from the Convent grounds. The weather was cold and dreary; there was nothing in the wintry aspect of the surroundings to cause our tuneful birdies to break into song.

The Cow-Bird.

In some parts of England the Yellow Wagtail is called the Cow Bird, on account of its constant attendance upon cattle when they are feeding in the meadows. Grass land is always infested with insects, especially during the summer months, and at each movement the animal dislodges swarms of small flies, besides those that settle upon it. It is a pretty sight to see the active Wagtails running nimbly round the feet of the grazing cow, and no doubt they find plenty of food in this manner.

Cage Making and Painting.

Remarks delivered before the Oldham F.A., by Messrs. Hampshire and Harrison.

Mr. Hampshire was first called upon by the chairman to deal with "Cage Making." He said: You all are aware of the subject that I am down for this evening, and I hope none of you are going in for cage-making with a view to making a fortune, as this sort of work is termed "a farthing an hour job." However, different fanciers have different opinions, and I will proceed to explain my method of cage-making. Any reliable firm will supply you with the wood you require. I generally purchase a yellow pine (deal) plank, which I term an 11 in. x 3 in. seconds pine. I then have it cut up into boards 5-16ths of an inch thick, or you may have it cut to the thickness of your own choice. At the time of purchase, get the wood planed by machinery, which will save you a lot of labour, and will only add slightly to the cost. Supposing you have got some well-seasoned boards and a few tools which are suitable, you are ready for the undertaking. If you intend to make a number of cages, for a rack, I should suggest to have them as accurate as possible, and all one size.

THE SHOOTING BOARD.

Your first step is to make what I call a "shooting board"; you need not be very particular about the size, so long as it is large enough to receive the longest part of the cages you intend using it for. My board is made of very hard oak, so you see it is something which a novice would not plane away so soon. The size is about 24 inches by 12 inches wide, and 1 inch thick, and consists of 1 inch scantling, or strip, which is the full length of the board; also a strip the width of board. These pieces are prepared with screws, so that I can move them to any position I require. My own cages are 15½ in. x 14½ in, about 8 in. deep from front to back, and I think they are very suitable for moulting any kind of a bird in. They are plenty large enough for breeding Lizards, Norwich, etc., in. Lizards, in particular, are birds which should be kept in separate cages when moulting, and during the time you are exhibiting them. You also have to take into consideration the number of cages your space will allow. To make cages about 15½ in. long, 14½ in. high, and about 8 in. deep, your wood should be 11 in. wide. This is the width I find to have the least waste in, and it is generally sold by the superficial measurement. A good cutter-out can easily save his wood, where a bad one may easily spoil a lot. With boards and rips 7 inches full from best edge, it generally leaves 3½ inches full, as they are mostly 11¼ inches wide, so you see the 3½ in. pieces come in for the bottom rails, and for joining the back boards up to the 14½ inches.

CROSS CUTTING AND PLANING.

Next cross-cut them into various lengths, and skim them over with the smoothing plane; also just shoot the best edge off your stuff and lay it in lots of four, to work four pieces at once. Then set your long rib on near the edge of the shooting board, on a parallel line 7½ inches from face edge of board; also set the top end strip or plug. Then take four of the pieces which you need, 7½ inches wide, lay your plane on its side on the bench, on the off-side of your shooting board, and shoot the four pieces at one time. When you have stretched up all your tops, bottoms, and sides, unfasten the screws of the long strip and re-set same on a parallel line 3½ inches from the face edge of your board, then "shoot" all the bottom rails, etc., which should be 3½ inches wide. By removing the long strip again to the 11 inch line, you can "shoot" the edges of all boards you intend to glue together for the backs.

We now come to unfasten the short strip (or plug) and by resetting it a little over 15½ inches down, we can "shoot" one end off all the tops, bottoms, and back pieces, four at once; then by resetting strip exact at 15½ inches, you can "shoot" all this lot the nett length. Again move your strip to a little over 14 inches down, and trim one end of your sides. Reset again to 14 inches, exact, and you get your right length of sides. The ½ inch bars for top rail of cage can be got out of remnant pieces. Glue backs together, and then fix your top, bottom and sides together with fine long sprigs, also the backs and front rails. Give a rub over with fine sand-paper. The next step is the making of the fronts. My own are loose wire fronts with punched flat bars, and my method of making them is to lay them on a tinplate, or block, made of similar wood as the "shooting board." The block has small grooves to hold the flat bars in their position, and by placing the four longest wires in you can solder them to the bars; the rest of the wires being put in place you can just lay on with a small brush a small quantity of spirits of salts, and then run your solder and iron over same. By placing the door bars in two short grooves you can fill in the wires and solder; be careful to leave the two end wires longer than the rest, so as to bend round the two long centre wires.

FINISHING THE CAGES.

Mr. Harrison took up the subject of "finished" cages, and in his opening remarks, stated that he preferred to stick to the old-fashioned way of lime-washing inside. However, a change had been made by our younger fanciers, and they were using paint and enamel. He believed in every man following his own ideas, and went on at length with advice as to painting and enamelling. Firstly, he recommended getting cages free from all crevices, and being well sand-papered. For the fronts he suggested making some burnt sienna in water and rubbing boards with same, and when dry getting a flat camel hair brush and polishing or varnishing the way of the grain. For enamelling, he advised oil paint (white), giving one coat; let this stand a day or two, then rub over with fine sand-paper. The next coat must be "dead" paint (white), which means that turps is used instead of oil for mixing. When dry the cages are ready for enamelling. On the outside the most general colour used is black. After sand-papering, give a thin coat of black paint; then get some common lamp black and "stout," and rub on with hands until dry. Enamel may then be put on, and the effect will well repay for the trouble.—A good discussion followed, and the gathering terminated by votes of thanks to the lecturer.

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STRAY NOTES.

By Claude St. John.

A question reached me not long ago which provided matter for some speculation. Here it is: What is the cause of a caged bird's feet being always clogged with dirt? Replying in an off-hand way that it was often due to the habits of the individual, or neglected cages, brought the retort that it was not that kind of bird that was meant, but the bird whose feet were always getting clogged through ill-health. We all know that bird at one time or another whose feet are continually a mass of filth. The feet may be washed clean and dried, and the cages cleaned and sanded, yet barely an hour will pass before droppings are again seen adhering to the claws. One should not be too ready to attribute it to dirty habits on the part of the bird. The fact that this viscid condition of the droppings is unnatural shows that something is wrong, although the bird may appear in good health and spirits, and in nearly every case that something is an error in diet. It may be but a single item, or even an occasional tit-bit, that causes this effect. In Canaries, I know, animal fat, such as a tit-bit of fat pork or bacon, will very frequently be followed by the unpleasantness referred to.

Whether it is wise to continue the use of such foods as cause this viscuosity is another question. Certainly the bird appears to suffer no harm for a time. Still, personally, I would not care to pursue the experiment until the bird's health was affected. I believe that many of the half-feathered surfeited creatures which never seem to moult properly are ruined by the long-continued use of some such unsuitable item of food.

On the other hand, respecting Canaries, we have to consider a common custom of the German breeders of treating their birds with tit-bits of fat pork. Possibly a bird which is bred under this treatment would not be affected by it to the same extent as our fancy varieties which are not so treated. Then, we have all heard that "one man's meat is another man's poison." May it not be the same with cage birds?

Another question that reached me recently made me marvel how little attention readers must pay to their Cage Birds. The same query is asked so frequently. What is the best food for Parrots? Of course, that seems simple enough. But if one reflected for a moment, they must surely see the absurdity of it. The Parrot family comprises genera which feed on hard grain, nuts, etc., very similar to our domestic fowls; others that feed on seeds, fruits or berries; others that feed almost entirely upon soft fruits, honey, flowers, and, perhaps, the minute insects that inhabit the flowers; and at least one species is believed to subsist largely upon animal matter. Thus, one must recognise the utter impossibility of giving the best diet for Parrots without some more definite information as to the species enquired about.

The proper way to teach a Parrot to talk is another of these evergreen queries. As one method will suit every species, whether it be a Parrot or any other species, this is more to the point. The royal road is by unlimited attention, patience and perseverance. The chief stumbling block is that fond Parrot owners too often fail to appreciate the fact that individual specimens, even of the same species, vary greatly in their capacity for being taught. The more they are noticed and petted and talked to, the quicker they will pick up words and repeat them. A catchy expression of two or three words only should be chosen and repeated distinctly, with unwearying patience, day after day until the bird repeats it freely and perfectly. Select a time when it is quiet, or cover its cage over to draw its attention to the lesson. A good time is just after it has settled down to roost at night. The soldiers in India, who make pets of the native parrakeets, are said to have a practice of lowering the bird in its cage to the bottom of a dry well, and shouting its lesson down to it—not a very dignified proceeding, perhaps, but one that is likely to be effectual in securing the bird's attention.

The late stress of severe weather must have rendered our wild birds an easy prey to the amateur bird-catcher. One hint as to seeding off Finches may not, therefore, be out of place. Do not put them wholly on to hard seeds all at once. Soak canary and rape for an hour or two in water, drain, and wipe dry in a towel, and let this form the major part of the diet for a day or two; then gradually add an increased proportion of dry seeds until the soaked seed is superseded. The sudden change from the sodden seed outdoors to the dry seeds of cage diet is the cause of tremendous loss of bird life.

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Perhaps some of Uncle Peter's nephews and nieces may have seen the wonderful white mare Trixie, who counts and spells and matches colours "just like a Christian," at the Palace Theatre. But it may surprise you to know that more than one hundred years ago, in 1775, a man named Bisset exhibited a horse, and even a pig, who could do the same thing. And besides his four-footed animals, he "taught Canary birds, Linnets and Sparrows to spell the name of any person in company, to distinguish the hour and minute of time, and play many other surprising tricks. He trained six Turkey cocks to go through a regular country dance; but in doing this he confessed he adopted the Eastern method by which camels are made to dance, by heating the floor. In the course of six months' teaching, he made a Turtle Dove fetch and carry like a dog; and having chalked the floor and blackened its claws, could direct it to trace out any given name of the company."

A Foolish Chaffinch.

One day I noticed a bird in the trap-cage, and going to it I found a very rare visitor to the trap, a cock Chaffinch. I took it out, and put it in a cage with a supply of clean water and hemp seed. In the evening I found that these were eaten. When I lifted up the cloth, the bird began to flutter, and beat itself very wildly against the cage. My father advised me to let it go, but I was not willing to do this. It is now getting on very well, and I hope to tame it in time.—Sent by Tom White, age 12, Shepherds, Newlyn East, Grampound Road.

* Thrushes.

A cock may be distinguished from a hen by a darker back, and the more glossy appearance of the feathers. The belly also is white. Their natural food is insects, worms and snails. In a domesticated state they will eat raw meat, but snails and worms should be procured for them. Young birds are hatched about the middle of April, and should be kept very warm. They should be fed on raw meat, cut small, or bread mixed in milk with hemp seed well bruised; when they are able to feed themselves they should be given lean meat, cut very small, and mixed with bread, or German paste, plenty of clean water, and kept in a very warm, dry and sunny situation.—Sent in by Rosa Poor (age 15), 81, Chalk Farm Road, St. Pancras, London, N.W.

* The Birds in our Aviary.

In our aviary there are 23 birds altogether. There are seven pairs of Madagascar Lovebirds, two pairs of Bullfinches, and three Budgerigars. My father caught a young Bullfinch in his workshop not long ago. At first we thought it was a young hen Bullfinch, but soon afterwards red feathers came on its breast. The Bullfinches are very tame, they will eat quite small seeds out of our hands. My father often has the Bullfinches sitting on the side of his hand pecking at seeds in the centre of his hand. One of the Bullfinches got in a small ordinary cage standing on the ground near the aviary, and my father went to the cage and shut the bird in. Two of the Budgerigars whistle very prettily.—From May Curtis (age 10), North Hill, North Street, Oundle.

** The American Mocking Bird.

A gentleman had an American Mocking-bird in such health and vigour that it was constantly either singing or imitating the various sounds it heard. In order to try the powers of this bird, its owner purchased a fine Skylark. When placed in the same room with the Mocking-bird, its song was heard to echo through the house as if it were chaunting on fluttering wing its well-known welcome to the rising sun. The Mocking-bird was silent for some time, but at last burst forth in the strains of the aerial songster, but louder and clearer, as if mounting and stretching its wings towards heaven. The Lark was silent from that moment, nor was a joyous note ever heard from it afterwards.—Ronald McCallum (aged 10 years), 379, Caledonia Road, S.S. Glasgow.

The Reed Bunting.

Passing sometimes through a moorland country dotted with ponds and rushes, one's attention may suddenly be called to a small bird with a black head, white collar, and black gorget down the breast, which darts suddenly from amongst some thick grass or a little tuft of reeds, and drops down as though its wing was broken. But really this is to lure the intruder from the nest, like the trick played by Plovers. The nest is well hidden, and is lined inside with hair, vegetable down, and thin grass, and contains from four to six eggs, which are dark brown and thickly streaked with dark purple and black. In winter (in the North of England) they seem to migrate, and appear about the 12th of April. This bird is called here by the name of the Blackcap.—F. Crossley, age 15, Madison Av., Cheadle Hulme, Cheshire.

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During this severe wintry weather, most birds go short of food, and some get so weak that death soon puts an end to their sufferings. There are some species, however, that neither frost nor snow affects; these are the carnivorous birds. Food with them must be plentiful, more so in severe weather than at other times. The half-starved Linnet or the hungry Bunting fall easy victims to the swift, strong Hawk; the Magpie and Jay, too, must find plenty of food along the hedgerows and in the woods.

The big, strong Raven, when he beats his way over the wild snow-clad hills of the West, must find carrion plentiful. The farm stock, the wild deer, and smaller animal life of all kinds, must suffer from the severity of the weather. His vision is keen; very little escapes him. At all times carrion must be fairly plentiful upon the hillside and along the seashore, and he spends his days busily hunting for it, from the first peep of day, until some time after other birds have retired for the night. So restless and active is he, in spite of his great size, that his day is considerably longer; he is the first to stir in the morning, and the last to retire.

The Raven.

This big sable bird has been gradually driven from his old haunts, and now his chief strongholds are the seashore and the mountain sides of Scotland. Like other large birds, he has been constantly persecuted, until few pairs remain, and it is only the bird's natural wariness of disposition that has prevented his total extermination. He has constantly to measure his strength against the wits of the gamekeeper and shepherd; game and eggs enter into his menu, and during the lambing season he haunts the large sheep farms, and is the first to attack a weakly lamb or sickly sheep. But however exposed the find may be, his natural wariness prevents him "setting to" at once. He flies over and over, and back again, to and fro, several times before finally alighting. He beats the seashore like a gull, flying just above the waves, and will dispute with the sea birds for the possession of a carcase.

Ravens pair for life. Nesting commences early, before the winter is past, and snow may be thick upon the hills when the first egg is laid. The nest is placed high up on some inaccessible cliff; it is a huge affair, and has been used for years by the same pair, or their predecessors. Each year it is added to, and patched-up, and made good after the winter storms. Sticks of all lengths are used in its construction; roots, tufts of grass, and wool forming the finer material for lining. The eggs are small for the size of the bird, and closely resemble those of the Rook. It appears that both parents assist in incubation, although the hen bird does the greater amount of the work.

During the whole of the nesting period, the Raven relaxes none of his wariness, and will approach the nest as carefully then as he will at any time of the year. While rearing the young birds the old ones do a considerable amount of damage in the district; the sheep farm, the game preserves, and the poultry runs all come in for attention. He is a strong, powerful bird, and will attack anything living that he can master, and as a considerable amount of food is required for his hungry brood, the neighbourhood is heavily taxed. When the young birds are reared, and can forage for themselves, they are driven from the district, the old birds allowing no others of their own species upon their particular beat. These birds live to a great age, and a pair will inhabit the same cliff for years. Their natural wariness protects them; their chief enemy now, and the one that will eventually exterminate the species, is the greedy egg collector.

Notes and Queries.

The Waxwing.

In a recent number it was remarked that the Waxwing had not been recorded this season. A reader (F. W. C. Flint) kindly sends a note to say that one was observed in her garden in Kent during November. Such a record is interesting because these birds generally travel in parties of various sizes, whereas this one was alone.

The London Pigeon.

Perhaps one of the greatest wonders to the countryman naturalist visiting London is the tameness of the Wood Pigeons, for few birds are so wary and careful as this particular bird in a state of Nature, and yet here they may be seen strutting about among the cabs and traffic like the ordinary domesticated Pigeon. The London Wood Pigeon must not be confused with the ordinary domesticated bird so plentiful in the neighbourhood of St. Paul's. The former can only be seen in certain districts, mostly in the West End, near the parks.

Rough on the Heron.

It is reported that the Exe Conservators have decided to persecute the lordly Heron, and are about to offer rewards for birds killed in the estuary. One was shot recently, and about forty young trout were found in its crop. Although I am fond of fish, I must say I am sorry to hear this decision, for, while passing west in the early autumn, one of the most pleasing sights of the whole journey from London was some dozen Herons perched upon the sea-wall at various intervals. Such a sight made one wish the train would slow up to allow of further inspection.

Maternal Instinct in a Magpie.

Here is a peculiar case of maternal instinct as displayed by a Magpie, told by a man who knew the bird from birth. He said they called him Jacko, but from the time when he first started to cut his tail feathers until his untimely death the problem of sex had never been solved. Jacko had always taken kindly to the children, but the baby was the object of his special affection. Jacko guarded the infant as though it had been his own little Magpie, pecked the cat whenever it came near, and made the dog so unhappy that it ran away from home. If the baby cried Jacko would come flapping in, regard it tenderly with an affectionate side-glance, and then hop off down the garden, to return in a few minutes with a worm, or a grub, or some other tempting morsel. One day the child's mother was startled by an unusual commotion. Caw! Caw! Caw! squeaked the bird, and the baby screamd as though it had lost the teat of its bottle. Jacko was perched on the teethling's shoulder, trying to insert a live wriggling centipede into its mouth. The mother seized the fire-shovel, and Jacko got it on his "worm-basket" with a thud. Thus he died, a martyr to the maternal instinct.—Cutting sent by J. B. Waterman, East Dulwich.

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WANTED, dozen large yellow nonflighted healthy Norwich hens, must have size and colour, cheap; state lowest price and particulars.—R. Gilbert, 53, Glyn Street, Porth, South Wales.
WANTED at once, three really good hen Siberian Bullfinches, one hen Siberian Goldfinch; approval; deposit if wished.—Earl, 87, Denmark Road, Whitworth Park, Manchester.
WANTED, good talking Parrot and cage; offer in exchange new mahogany book or china case, worth £4; size sent; approval on either side.—W. Harrison, 39, Rose Street, Millfield, Sunderland.
LARGE muling hen Canaries, 1906 bred; exchange pure bred Angora doe, five mouths, mother cost £2 direct from Gould; when moulted can run in good company; approval.—Astles, Hairdresser, Matlock.
WANTED, good talking Parrot; exchange Crystal Palace aviary, pair of Crests (value 25s.), two Yorkshire cocks, Roller cock, two hens; all good birds.—Oxley, 8, Dalberg Road, Brixton, London.
COCK Canaries wanted, for cash or exchange, all kinds of flight, breeding, show, box, or fancy cages, or wire fronts, at wholesale prices.—Pimm, Cage Maker, 229, Icknield Port Road, Birmingham.
WANTED, Scotch Fancy yellow or yellow pied cock, large, good ton; on approval.—Particulars, Robert Hamilton, Helenbank, Ladywell Road, Motherwell.
WANTED, birds; anything useful; offers; exchange 100 hardy flowering plants, Carnations, Pansies, Montbreaciers, Myositys, Pinks. Flower for years.—Longbottom, Wisbech.
WANTED, Crest or Crestbred hens; exchange five green Crestbred cocks or large buff Norwich cocks; must be sent on approval.—Wallbank, Hairdresser, Withers Street, Blackburn.
WANTED, three double and four three-compartment breeding cages, also few box cages; must be in good condition and cheap.—M., 59, Minerva Road, Catford.
WANTED, gold Lizard cock, silver hen, 1906 birds; will give in exchange two Goldfinch Mules, 7s. 6d. each; or what offers in trousers, 42in. waist?—Greenhorn, 164, Oakbank, Mid Calder, Midlothian.
WANTED, common hen Canaries for cash, cold room birds; state quantity and lowest price.—J. Brewerton, Canary Dealer, 5, Norton Hammer, Woodseats, Sheffield.
WANTED Known.—That I have some good Yorkshire hens, buff, from 3s. 6d. each, from winning strain; strong healthy birds; approval.—Cherry, Peel Street, Luton.
HOUSE moulted cock Linnets, Goldfinches, Bullfinches; exchange cages or 1906 cock Blackbird with new cage.—Holker, 10, Gerrard Street, Westboughton.
GOOD clear Norwich hen; exchange cock Yellowhammer, three cock Linnets, cage moulted; also four young Flemish Giants, three bucks, one doe, for good buff Yorkshire cock.—Morris, Church Walk, Bridlington.
WANTED, CAGE BIRDS, "Feathered World," coloured plates, exchange honey, 5 to 20lbs., sell 6d. lb.; cock Bullfinch, 3s., Canary reared; breeding cage, two compartments, 3s. 6d.—Tom Moody, Newmarket.
NOTICE.—Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Linnets, Canaries wanted for cash; or exchange two rabbitnets, 80 yards each, new, two pair clap-nets, 8 yards and 12 yards, one Lark net; or sell; stamp particulars.—Gould, Aston Aviaries, 93, Lichfield Road, Aston.
PRIZE Exhibit.—Exhibitors or dealers, for show, window, drawing-room, or conservatory. New drawing room aviary for Foreign birds or Canaries, exquisite handwork by artist, gained prize Edinburgh Exhibition, value £6, exchange, or sell 35s., approval, height 22, length 20, breadth 13, grandest palace shape, richest material, all wood, three layers.—Thorndene, Tarom Road, Chester.
WANTED, Goldfinch cock and hen Canary that have bred; also Norwich or Borders for breeding; offer in exchange Chubb's new patent night latch, cost 10s. 6d., till locks, box locks, and three sizes in padlocks, all brass, good spring balance, Slater's, up to 80 lb., good double Weaken lamp, worth 15s.; approval on both sides.—W. Harrison, 39, Rose Street, Millfield, Sunderland.

SALE OR EXCHANGE.

Mainly British
To be Sold or Exchanged

EIGHT Goldfinches, exchange Foreign, Hybrid, or Canaries.—James Rabey, St. Issey, Cornwall.
EXCHANGE cock Bullfinch and cock Chaffinch for cock Siskin.—Urban Callead, Dawley, Shropshire.
WHAT offers in Canaries for light Goldfinch Mule, winner of seven first prizes? Or sell 20s.—Baker, 4, City Road, Cardiff.
THREE cocks and one hen Bullfinches, well on seed, 6s. 6d., or exchange.—Bates, Canterbury Tavern, Norwich.
300 cock Larks, 2s. 6d. dozen, or exchange for bird cages, etc.—Garner, 26, St. James Road, Carshalton, Surrey.
HAND-REARED cock Blackbird and cage, 6s. or pair Canaries; approval.—Harry Sutton, 2, Pleasant Cottages, Gt. Wakering.
EXHIBITION cock Twite and cock Linnet for buff marked Border cock, or sell 7s. 6d.—A. Forrest, 67, West Main Street, Whitburn, Linlithgowshire.
WILL exchange four cock Bullfinches for one cock Norwich, or sell 5s.—Miles, High Street, Broseley, Salop.
REDWING, 1st Galashiels, 2nd Haddington, 2nd Jedburgh, exchange large Norwich cock and two hens, yellows.—Sinton, Jedburgh, Roxburghshire.
HAND-REARED Jay, champion talker, large Parrot cage, exchange anything.—Russon, 8, Colville Street, Burnley.
COCK Greenie, hen Bullie, Linnet, hen Canary, dark Mule, a gem, full song, won 3rd.—Marwood, Brompton, Northallerton.
WARRANTED, 1906, cock singing Linnet Mule, 7s. 6d.; exchange Norwich hen.—Spilsbury, Station Road, Winsford, Cheshire.
EXCHANGE three cock Goldfinch Mules for good yellow Yorkshire cock; on approval; sell 16s.—12, Moss Lane, Swinton, Manchester.
TWO light variegated Mules for sale, or exchange for dinner service; 15s. each.—Iliffe, Sinper Street, Oakham.
COCK Goldfinch, twice house-moulted, sure muler, 7s. 6d., or exchange good songster Canary.—Baker, Kingston Road, Birmingham.
ONE of the best hand-reared Thrushes living, full song, 15s.; part exchange to 5s.; approval.—Redstone, Haverigg, Millom.
EXCHANGE 250 "Hobbies'" fretwork designs for British birds or Canaries; or sell.—E. Crapper, Links Road, Leven, Fife.
TWO hen Mules, two Brambles, Chaffinch, house moulted Goldfinch cocks, exchange Norwich hen.—H. Pinnell, Warminster.
SIX cock Brambles, cock Greenfinch, hen Goldfinch, two Linnets, exchange Norwich hen.—H. Pinnell, Warminster.
EXCHANGE pair Chaffinches, two cock Greenfinches, for good hen, Yorkshire.—Lawrence, Chestnut Road, Horley, Surrey.
COCK, two hens, Bullfinches, 4s. 6d.; cock Chaffinch, two cock Bramblefinches, 3s.; all good birds; exchange anything useful.—Bert Rice, Raunds, Wellingborough.
SELL or exchange three cock brown Linnets, 2s. each; one cock Yellow Bunting, 5s.; make sure winners.—Mills, Finsbury Terrace, High Street, Irthlingborough.
WANTED, to exchange, house moulted cock Siskin, for pair Budgerigars; must be good; Siskin worth 7s.—W. H. Sirett, 23, Grosvenor Avenue, East Sheen.
BARGAINS.—Cock Bully, piping, accept 2s. 6d.; Chaffinches, 1s. 3d.; Bramhles, 1s. 3d.; Greenie, singing, 1s. 6d.; exchange Canaries.—Banks, 36, Hazledon Road, Brockley.
COCK Goldfinch, sure muler two seasons, coupled with hen Bullie, both exchanged for pair plain Canaries, large size.—McNereny, Watchmaker, Longford.
GOLDFINCH, cock, house moulted, Bullfinch hen, Linnet hen, hand-reared, laid in cage, 12s.; offers; wanted chubby Norwich cock; give little cash for good bird.—Holder, 83, John Street, Bridlington.
EXCHANGE pair of Chaffinches, cock Greenfinch, and hen Canary, caged ten weeks, and singing cock Canary, for good Yorkshire cock; or sell 8s. 6d. lot.—Gale, Dean Road, Godalming.
FOUR grand Canaries, hens, 2s. 6d. each; two cock Blackbirds, 1s. 6d. each; cock Thrush and cottage-topped cage, 5s.; exchange British.—Brook, Prospect Place, Gildersome, Leeds.
EXCHANGE three hen Goldfinch Mules, two cock and one hen Chaffinches, hen Siskin, and a Redpoll, for a large light muling Canary; or sell 5s.—Passifull, 9, Papillon Road, Colchester.
GOLDFINCH-CANARY Mules, exchange for yellow Lancashire or Norwich hens, or good Goldfinch muler.—115, Victoria Street, Hartshill, Stoke-on-Trent.
CAGE-MOULTED Siskin hen, 3s., finger tapped enamel Canary hanging cage, 2s.; exhibition Greenfinch, 2s.; offers anything.—Joseph Percival, Rochester, Northants.
BARGAIN.—Large house-moulted hen Bullfinch, laid seven eggs in cage last season, sell 5s.; exchange Budgerigars.—Curtis, College Terrace, Plaxfield, Basingstoke. Approval anywhere.
EXCHANGE Greenfinch Canary Mule cock for good Goldfinch; must be house-moulted, or two ditto Linnets; my bird is warranted a good songster, and white flight in tail; or will sell 6s.—Johnson, 22, Western Road, Ealing.
BLACKBIRD, two lovely Thrushes, Skylark, Bullfinch, hand-reared muling Linnet, splendid songsters, 17s. 6d lot; or useful exchange; would separate; Linnet or Goldfinch Mule or Canary wanted; cash offers invited.—Lane, 29, Elphinstone, Hastings.
TWO cock Goldfinch Mules, 12s.; exchange for yellow or variegated Norwich hen; must be real good typical bird; no rubbish wanted or offered; approval.—John Stone, White's Hill, St. George, Bristol.
TWO cock Goldfinches, two hen Canaries, 6s. pair; three second-hand Parrot cages, 7s. 6d.; two small breeding cages, 5s.; exchange Pigeons to 6s. a dozen, or old fat hens; offers.—J. Long, 18, Prout Road, Clapton.
TWO Goldfinch-Greenfinch, Greenfinch-Brown Linnet Hybrids, two Brown Linnet-Canary Mules, full song, 30s.; exchange good long stock Yorkshires; offers; approval; deposit.—Green, 11, Beaconfield Terrace, Street, Somerset.
TO Mule breeders, splendid house moulted cock brown Linnet, won the Whithurn and the Dunfermline, also nice house moulted cock Lesser Redpoll, obtained the Dundee in strong class, take 10s. each; exchange either for two hen Budgerigars; approval.—T. McDiarmid, Melville Terrace, Stirling.

Mainly Canaries
To be Sold or Exchanged

THREE hen Canaries, two hen Goldfinch Mules, 5s. the lot.—Folger, Heath Road, Ixworth, Suffolk.
NOTICE.—Four good Yorkshire cocks, four hens, 8s. each, exchange drapery, hosiery.—Middleton, Unity Street, Fell Lane, Keighley.
WILL exchange three Yorkshire hen Canaries for a yellow or green Scotch Fancy hen; approval.—Symonds, Brookfield, Bideford.
GOOD yellow 1906 Norwich hen, exchange Siberian or two English cock Goldfinches.—Riddall, Dunstable, Beds.
GOOD Norwich cocks, yellows, buffs, exchange for large Crestbred hen; approval.—C. Harrison, 353, Humberstone Road, Leicester.
OFFERS, cash or exchange, anything useful in house, Border cock, winner, and eight hens.—Clarke, Causeway, Moffat.
BORDERS, yellow cock, 6s. 6d.; three yellow hens, 8s. 6d.; approval; exchange for breeding or flight cages.—Young, Reston, Berwickshire.
EXCHANGE, or sell two pairs of high-class Yorkshires, stock birds, 15s. a pair.—James Nutter, 17, Albion Terrace, Keighley.
FOUR Cinnamon cocks for sale, or would exchange, Yorkshires preferred.—Greweock, 10, Kildorau Road, Brixton.
EXCHANGE champion Norwich for gun, double breech-loader, etc.—J. Allen, 19, Albert Street, Wednesbury.
TWO good Crested hens, 1906, 7s. 6d. each; exchange both for large Crestbred hen; approval.—M. Robbie, 26, Windsor Cottages, Scotstown.
EXCHANGE Canaries for scrap copper and brass, minimum 20lbs.—Henry Leak, Earls Barton, Northampton. x270
WILL exchange two good cock Canaries, beautiful songsters, for two good hens.—Lady Lily Milles, Lees Court, Faversham.
WANTED, good yellow Norwich hen, in exchange for Yorkshire cock or hen.—Bleach, 25, Chandos Road, Chorlton-cum-Hardy, Manchester.
THREE hen Canaries, 6s., cash; or exchange three pullets.—S. Halls, 7, Baker Street, Chelmsford.
WANTED, Ferrets, or anything useful; exchange Yorkshire Canaries.—Taylor, Scarlett Street, Nelson.
EXCHANGE large Crested hen for large stock pair of Norwich, 1906, cold room.—J. Walker, Jackson Yard, Selby, Yorks.
WILL exchange two buff Yorkshire cocks for two long shin yellow hens; approval.—Hardy, 15, Lytton Road, Bradford.
EXCHANGE three Yorkshire hens and cash for good clear yellow Yorkshire cock.—Albert Gledhill, Elder Terrace, Rook Lane, Dudley Hill, Bradford.
WILL exchange large buff Norwich hen, 10s.; Palace dome flight, 10s., or 17s. 6d. cash, or will take long Yorkshire hen.—Sleep, Buckfastleigh.
YOUNG St. Andreasberg Roller, splendid songster day or gaslight, 10s., exchange hen Canaries.—Roper, 134, Derby, Seven Kings, Essex.
EXCHANGE for cock Goldfinches or Linnets two prize-bred Yorkshire buff hens.—McDougall, Fruiterer, Fort William.
TWO pairs Norwich, 6s. pair, exchange pair for large Crested hen.—Banping, 41, Wallace Buildings, Caledonian Road, London.
CANARIES, Seifert strain, cocks, 6s., hens, 4s., or exchange dress length.—Rix, 5, Woodville Road, Bowes Park, Wood Green.
WHAT offers in Rollers or Crests for fine cock Goldfinch?—Watling, 33, Jamaica Road, Bermondsey.
WILL exchange one pair of prize-bred Borders for one big yellow Norwich hen, one a winner, or sell 15s.—Wallace, 6, West Stewart Street, Hamilton.
LARGE 1906 cinnamon marked Yorkshire cock, unflighted, 10s. 6d., exchange yellow hens, yellow or buff Norwich cock.—J. Green, 256, Chapel Street, Leigh, Lancs.
FIVE 1906 hens, one self, one broken cinnamon, three broken greens, cold room and healthy, sell 4s. each, or exchange wanted 1906 yellow Crested hen.—J. Branch, 24, Greenman Lane, West Ealing.
EXCHANGE large yellow dark Crested hen, 1905 bird, Joyce's strain, for good breeding cages, or sell 8s. 6d.; approval.—William Outram, Riber Cottage, Heanor, Derbyshire.
LARGE colour-fed variegated buff Norwich cock, exchange for large yellow-green or heavily variegated yellow Norwich cock.—Harper, 33, Nechells Park Road, Birmingham.
SELL big Norwich hen and cock Linnet, 5s.; two cock Canaries, 5s. each; exchange "National Encyclopædia" for Cinnamons, Norwich.—Burge, Whittington Moor.
BORDER Fancy show cages, three, condition as new, 1s. 6d. each; exchange for 1906 Norwich hen or British bird show cages.—Story, Easton, Jedburgh.
EXCHANGE three good 1906 Norwich hens, marked, for 1906 stout clear yellow hen.—Redshaw, 218, Ladykirk Road, Benwell Grove, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

MAINLY CANARIES—continued

HIGHLY-BRED Yorkshires, noted strains, slim, upstanding birds, buff cocks from 8s. 6d., hens 5s.; exchange for breeding or flight cages.—Nicholls, 128, Gloucester Terrace, Hyde Park.

EXCHANGE large Norwich buff cock for good clear or ticked unflighted buff hen; must be large good type.—Robert Morris, 60, Woolman Road, Blackpool.

EXCHANGE big buff stock Yorkshire cock for yellow stock cock, or sell £1; few more buff stock cocks, 12s. 6d. each; or exchange boys' clothing or drapery.—T. Brown, Ivy Cottage, Foxhouses, Whitehaven.

TWO pairs Norwich Canaries and one pair Border Fancies, all young birds, splendid condition, 35s.; or exchange Yorkshire Terrier dog or bitch or Toy Bull Terrier.—John Palmer, 11, Earnest Street, Arbroath.

FOR sale, ten pairs of high-class Yorkshire Canaries, 7s. 6d. per pair; or with double breeding cage for 10s.; or exchange anything useful; also hand-reared talking Magpie, list of words sent, 6s.—J. Minikin, 4, Bronte Street, Keighley.

YELLOW Yorkshire cock, good, typical, 15s.; exchange for good buff Norwich Plainhead hen or yellow Cresbred hen; no rubbish wanted or offered.—J. Taylor, Dunsdale, Guisborough, Yorkshire.

WANTED, a pair of high-class Crests, in exchange clear yellow Norwich cock, buff Norwich cock, wing marked Norwich cock; the three are first-class birds; approval.—James O'Mahoney, 27, Victoria Road, Dundee.

GREEN Crest, unflighted, and green Crestbred, unflighted, the pair, 25s.; or exchange laying pullets; also oil stove, Wright and Butler's perfection, just right for a greenhouse, cost 15s., sell 9s.; or exchange anything useful.—Twine, Albert Street, Hucknall Torkard, Notts.

SEVERAL pairs Crests and Crestbreds, also Cinnamons and Cinnamon-greens, from 12s. 6d. pair; odd cocks or hens cheap; large number of good show and breeding cages for disposal; stamp; approval; deposit.—Edwards, Ragian Street, Lowestoft.

A PAIR of Border Fancies, costing £2 last season from well-known fancier's, also two new show cages and case (well made), costing 12s. 6d., will accept any reasonable offers or exchange such as Red-headed Gouldians or seed-eating Finches.—R. Philpot, The Garth, South Hill, Guildford.

WANTED, GREY PARROT.

Wanted, a talking African Grey Parrot and cage, for cash; or will give good exchange in Crests or Yorkshires; send full particulars to J. Taylor, Frizinghall, Bradford.

Mainly Foreign
To be Sold or Exchanged

EXCHANGE cock Rosella Parrakeet, show condition, for phonograph, or sell £1; approval.—G. Bennett, North Street, Lynn.

WHAT offers Yorkshire Canaries, Poultry, anything useful for Ring-neck Parrakeet with cage, 20s.?—Henry Blamire, Little Royd Cottages, Earlsheaton.

VERY rare Indian long-tailed green Parrot, good talker, 45s.; or exchange for British birds.—Mr. Manson, 17, Spa Road, Bermondsey.

TWO pairs of Australian Budgerigars, well-known winners, and breeding cage, £1 5s.; or exchange poultry.—Oakley, Thorn's Road, Quarry Bank, Staffordshire.

Miscellaneous
Sale or Exchange

BANTAMS.—Pen, black red cock, four hens, very smart laying, 15s.; exchange.—Pearson, Greenwich.

FERRETS, pair small, quiet, good workers, 10s.; exchange.—Pearson, Greenwich.

MONGOOSE, very tame, 25s., worth 40s.; exchange.—Pearson, Greenwich.

GENT.'S 9 ct. gold signet ring; exchange British.—Bealey, Hopley's Cottage Farm, Amington.

BEAUTIFUL new engraved lady's silver watch, value 25s.; exchange Canaries or cock Mules.—Lloyd, 7, Dean Street, Aberdare.

EXCHANGE pair of prize bred Belgian Hares for British birds, or anything useful.—J. Jones, Langley Farm, Dawley, Salop.

GOOD blue Ponter cock, blind one eye, sell 5s.; or exchange good hen Bullfinches.—Smart, Waulkmills by Arbroath.

BOY'S free-wheel cycle, in good running order, 25s., or offer Canaries.—Parkinson, Cage Manufacturer, Sheepcote Street, Birmingham.

PAIR modern game Bantams, 7s. 6d., or offers in British Finches; approval each way.—Linaker, 48, Devonshire Road, Southport.

GENT.'S silver lever watch, heavy double Albert, 30s.; exchange Canaries, cage birds.—Gribbin, 48, George Street, Newcastle, Staffordshire.

GEM air gun, splendid condition, as new, bargain, 10s.; exchange cage birds.—Pilbeam, 21, Lime Hill, Tunbridge Wells.

SIX new single breeders, loose wire fronts, enamelled, exchange; offers birds; approval; stamp for particulars.—Adcock, Aldergate, Tamworth.

FOUR pairs steel skates, pair clapnets, complete, exchange anything, Goldfinches or hen Canaries preferred.—Pickett, Lorne Road, Dorchester.

PERFECTLY new five-chambered revolver, cost 25s., exchange to value of 10s., or nearest offer.—T. Amery, Crowle, Doncaster. x263

PAINTINGS.—Exchange pair oils (cattle), value £4, for two pairs Norwich or Cinnamons.—Particulars, 174, Pont, Hirst, Ashington.

PRETTY black female Persian Cat, 7s. 6d., or exchange cage birds, any variety.—Manning, 58, Pelham Road, Wimbledon.

EXCHANGE young Scotch Terrier for good pair Roller Canaries or two pairs Zebra Finches, or sell cheap.—Day, 15, Eddystone Road, Brockley.

FOR Sale or exchange, two pairs English Owls, 30s., numbers of "Feathered World" for cage birds.—W. Addey, 35, Upper Union Street, Hull.

SQUARE brass face and 30-hour works, grandfather's, exchange clubby yellow marked Norwich cock; stamp reply.—Knagga, 65b, Westgate, Guisbro'.

FISHING Rod (roach), well made, three joints; wanted singing cock Canary or cage.—89, Poplar Avenue, Edgbaston, Birmingham.

EXCHANGE one dozen good cut tumblers for Yorkshire, Norwich, cock, full song.—Wallace, 89, Sixth Avenue, Queen's Park.

WILL give 128 copies CAGE BIRDS, with plates, for young yellow Border cock.—Hamilton, 12, Ruthven Street, Glasgow.

BARGAIN.—Exchange 12 good records, nearly new, for cock Goldfinch for mating; approval.—Smith, Bernside, Hookwood Horley, Surrey.

SANDOW'S developer (athlete's strength), what offers in Norwich and Yorkshire?—Lear, 107, Villa Street, Walworth.

WHAT offers in yellow cock Canaries for pair Pouters, pair Lovebirds, pair green Budgerigars, pair Hawks.—Bingham, March, Cambs.

PAIR beautiful black Fantail Pigeons, nesting, make and breed winners; exchange Canaries, good working Ferret; 5s.—Waiton, Upton-on-Severn.

WILL exchange 12 flying Homers for British cock Goldfinches; approval.—Symons, Brookfield, Bideford.

TWO trout fishing rods, 10 and 12 ft.; exchange Canaries, Goldfinches, Hybrids; offers; approval.—David Ray, Derwydd, Burry Port, Carm.

WHAT offers in Canaries for nice evenly marked, smooth-coated Fox Terrier dog? Or sell.—Harry Smith, Church Street, Connahs Quay.

YORKSHIRE Terrier bitch, silver and tan, good coat, cost 30s.; exchange birds or anything useful.—R. H. Morris, 16, St. John's Walk, Bridlington.

PERSIAN Kittens, six months third prize, nine months he, 20s. each, for Cockatiels, Budgerigars; offers.—A. W. McDonald, Aberdour, Fife.

GRAND pair of grey Dutch rabbits, also young steel-grey buck; offers Canaries; anything.—T. Wray, Brewster Terrace, Ripon.

HOBBIES' fretwork machine, 10s. 6d.; metal hemp mill, 3s. 6d.; exchange Canaries, Goldfinches.—26, Crummock Street, Carlisle.

EXCHANGE Bullfinch cock and clear Border Fancy hen, for buff Border Fancy cock, or offers.—Clues, High Street, Kirkcudbright.

FOUR pairs of oil paintings, £3; wanted, Norwich, Yorkshires, or sell; approval.—Wood, Rawdon, Leeds.

PHONOGRAPH (Lucca), with reproducer, recorder, in case, cost 45s.; exchange Fowls, Parrot, Canaries; offers.—Haines, Milton Street, Birmingham.

TWO comic songs and sketches, same as won all contests; singing rights; exchange good Yorkshires.—C. Ward, 30, Ingram Road, Holbech.

TWO beautiful Spaniel pups, three months, 10s. each; or exchange; no live stock.—Badland, Browgate, Baildon.

EXCHANGE eight musical hand bells for good 1906 Crests, Norwich, or Yorkshires; sell 15s.—J. Dewis, 23, Windsor Street, Coventry.

SALE or exchange, grand single barrel gun, also good silver watch; exchange for Rollers, cocks.—Leighton, Hairdresser, Glossop.

GEM phonograph, 20 records, £2 10s.; exchange anything useful.—Firth, Horner House, Stocksbridge, Sheffield.

BEAUTIFUL toned violin, bow, case, complete; exchange for fishing tackle or high-class Rollers; mutual approval.—Parry, 35, Rosser Street, Neath.

EXCHANGE phonograph, value 10s., and four records, for pair of Canarics.—Hy. Kent, Hillington Square, King's Lynn.

EXCHANGE, three pairs Homer Pigeons and 100 copies CAGE BIRDS for songsters; offers.—Freeman, 182, Headless Cross, Redditch.

VIOLIN and bow, 25s., exchange Canaries, cages, offers, no rubbish.—Meredith, 123, Killigrew Road, Falmouth.

ABOUT 56lbs. of old brass, copper, and lead; what offers cock Canaries or Goldfinches?—Lloyd, Market Street, Aberdare.

EXCHANGE black diagonal jacket, value 7s. 6d., for large Goldfinch; offers.—32, Second Avenue, Plaistow, Essex.

EXCHANGE photo album, playing two tunes, cost 37s. 6d., for Canaries.—Binder, 11, Chapel Street, Brighton.

SKATES, new mahogany blocks, brass mounted, Rattler irons, broad straps, 15s., exchange anything useful.—Fleming, Sharrow Street, Sheffield.

EXCHANGE three-quarter sized violin and bow, perfect condition, for good buff Yorkshire cock; approval.—James Nicholson, Alston, Cumberland.

GRAND young Pom. dog, five months old, 25s., or exchange Canaries; offers.—Pedder, 149, North Street, Luton, Beds.

SIX chambered revolver, perfect condition, sell 7s. 6d., or exchange two cock Goldfinches.—B. Young, Oulton Stores, Oulton Broad.

138 NUMBERS CAGE BIRDS, to date, exchange anything.—Harriott, 6, Colvin Street, Hammersmith, London.

TWO brass fishing reels, 4 by 2½ ins., value £1: exchange Norwich Plainheads.—Attendant Manning, County Asylum, Brentwood.

NOTICE.—What offers in Canaries for new Palace-shaped aviary? Or sell 20s., or show cages.—Hogg, Cage Maker, Carlisle.

WANTED, treadle fret saw, treadle circular saw, for cash or exchange; Canaries to value.—Wressell, Crowle, Lincolnshire.

A £10 ZONOPHONE, horn 3ft. in length, and disc records; exchange for Canarics, or sell £4 10s.—Welsh, High Street, Airdrie, Scotland.

FOX TERRIER dog, pedigree bred, very handsome, 20s.; Irish Terrier bitch, pin wire coat, very typical, 15s.; exchange.—Pearson, Greenwich.

ZIMMERMAN auto-harp, in oak case, value 30s.; offers wanted, Canaries.—129, Langsett Road, Sheffield.

THREE pairs good long distance Homers, 10s. 6d. lot; exchange Canaries or poultry.—West, Victoria Street, Hucknall Torkard.

EXCHANGE six horn-handled knives or pair carvers, for three hen Canaries.—Marsden, 175, St. Phillip's Road, Sheffield.

EXCHANGE pair hollow-ground razors, in silk-lined case, for three hen Canaries; approval.—Marsden, 175, St. Phillip's Road, Sheffield.

MAILCART, good condition, cost £4 10s., accept £1; exchange songsters.—Smith, Havelock Villa, Berkhamsted.

BUFF Orpington cockerel, splendid bird, from Cook's guinea eggs, 7s. 6d.; exchange.—Pearson, Greenwich.

EXCHANGE Cardigan jacket for cock Canary or pair trousers for three cocks.—Brooks, 27, Camden Street, Bethnal Green.

BLACK and white Dutch doe Rabbit, prize winner, 7s., or exchange.—Mr. Johnson, 17, Spa Road, Bermondsey.

"FEATHERED WORLD," March 20th, 1896, to October 13th, 1905, all coloured plates; cash, or yellow Norwich hens; offers.—Johnson, 403, Moston Lane, Manchester.

PUNCHING Ball, best American make, complete set of cow-hair boxing gloves, sell 15s. 6d., as new, or exchange Canaries; offers.—Canterbury Tavern, Napier Street, Norwich.

SELL or exchange Yorkshire bitch, four months, for Germans, cocks, singers; good pedigree, grandsires—Bowling Mashes, Hunslet Ted.—E. Westerley, Grange Moor, near Wakefield.

SALE or exchange, hen Canaries; wanted, three pair outdoor bred Budgerigars, with wire aviary; take 35s.; also very large Bramblefinch, make sure winner, 2s., bargain.—Kinzett, Wrexham.

EXCHANGE for pair Yorkshires, two Goldfinches, four Greenlinches, cocks, pair Chaffinches; exchange 70 CAGE BIRDS, anything.—Lawrence, 7, Chestnut Road, Horley, Surrey.

ANGLER'S wading stockings, nearly new, cost 21s.; exchange pair Norwich or Yorkshires, 1906; mutual approval; sell 12s.—McPherson, 14, Drive Road, South Govan, Glasgow.

EXCHANGE black and white Dutch doe, winner, card sent, ten months, for breeding cages, or sell 12s. 6d.; approval.—William Outram, Riber Cottage, Heanor, Derbyshire.

LARGE sized rocking horse, cost £5 when new, sell 50s.; exchange Norwich Canaries, club type, large birds, or useful exchange.—Brough, Coach-painter, Wirksworth.

EXCHANGE lady's solid silver watch, warranted, for 14 hen Canaries; solid silver chain, five hens; also exchange cutlery, etc.—Hunt, 23, Ditchling Rise, Brighton.

CIN.-VARIEGATED yellow Norwich hen, 5s. 6d.; house-mounted cock Goldfinch, 4s.; both 1906 birds; race glasses, in case, 7s. 6d.; exchange lot for 1906 yellow Norwich cock.—Hall, Noble Place, Hawick.

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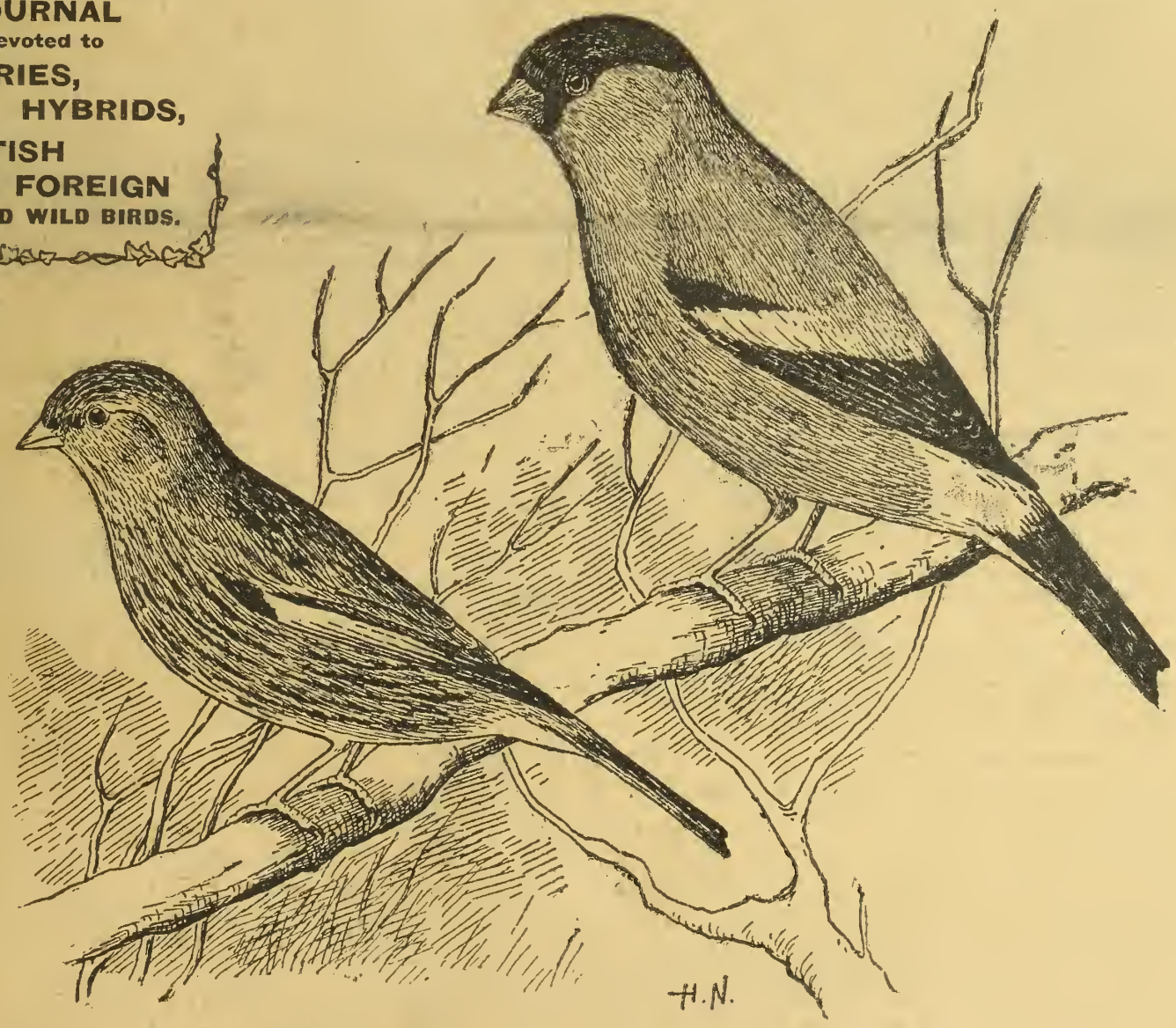

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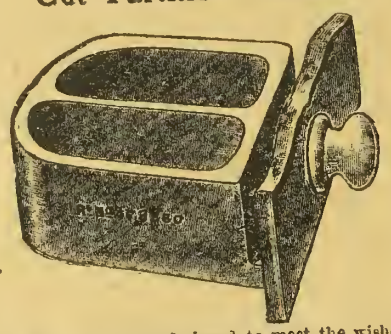

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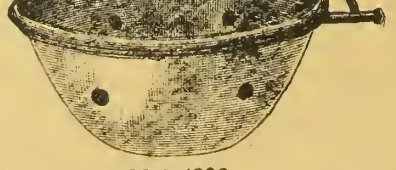

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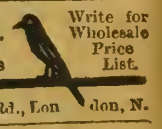

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"Mr. Turnbull, Jedburgh. Dec. 8th, '06. Glad to let you know of my success with Goldfinches you sent me, winning 1st and 2nd Jedburgh, 3rd Selkirk, 2nd Hawick, 2nd and 4th Carlisle. Send me two more beauties and a show cage." "Mr. J. J. Brain, Glastonbury. Dec. 4th, '06. I must thank you for Goldfinch for prompt dispatch. I received him in the evening and I showed him next morning, and won 1st in a large class. Thanks for same." "Mr. Turnhull, Jedburgh. Jan., '07. Goldfinch has added another 1st to his successes." "Mr. Asburg, Hucknall Torkard. Sir,—Goldfinch you sent me stands 1st at our show in a good class." "Mr. Higgins, West Mallony, Kent. Jan., '07. Glad to inform you Bullfiuch you sent me won 1st and special at Canterbury in a large class. Thanking you for such a good cheap bird." "Mr. Lee, Bandon, Cork. Glad to tell you I bred the light Mule, 1st and special Cork Show, from birds purchased from you." "Mr. W. Dyke, Longridge. Send a cock Goldfinch and hen Bullfinch. Pleased to see the Hybrid Goldfinch-Bullfinch I bred from the birds I bought from you has won 1st and special Leeds, Class 19, 3rd Halifax, 1st Leek, 2nd Hamilton, 2nd Hinckley, 1st Portsmouth, etc., etc."

Mr. Veitch, Jedburgh, Scotland, writes:—"Send cock Goldfinch, 3s., two hen Bullfinches, 3s. Glad to say young Goldfiuch purchased from you won me two 1sts Hawick, 1st and special Kelso, 5th Edinburgh, Class 33, 3rd Galashiels, twice 2nd at our show." W. Jones, Altrincham, December 6th, 1905: —"Send two cock Linnets and two cock Siskins. Am pleased to say I won 2nd and 4th at Altrincham, Open Class with birds purchased from you." Mr. Ewan, Kirn, writes:—"Goldfinch arrived safe, and won 1st and special at our show." Mr. Weedall, Winsford, January 30th, 1906:—"Send another good Bullfinch. Glad to say last two have won 1st and 2nd every time shown. Unfortunately, best one just died; other won 4th large class at big Crystal Palace Show."

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HAND-REARED singing cock Thrush, when whistling can be heard distinctly 200 yards, 4/-; approval. —Miss Paterson, Rifleman, Dunstable.

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FEW grand pairs yellow and buff cocks, noted winning strain; approval; cheap, must clear.—George Baker, Derby, Barnstaple.

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HIGH-CLASS Belgians, £2 and £3 a pair; deposit, anywhere.—J. Rugg, 29, Southgate, Bridgwater, Somerset.

PRIZE-BRED Borders, bred from even marks, clean buff cocks, 6/-, yellow variegated hens, 3/6.—David Douglas, 12a, City-rd., Brechin.

FOR sale, a few even-marked bred Borders, including buff pieb. cock, 1st Sanquhar, 2nd Scottish National; cocks from 7/6, hens from 4/-; approval, deposit.—Calderwood, 46, Irish-st., Dumfries.

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HIGH-SHOULDERED Belgians, cocks or hens, 22/6, 25/-, 30/-, 40/- each; travelling cages 3d. extra; approval any part of Great Britain.—W. Rudd, The Bird Specialist, Norwich.

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Cinnamons.

FEW prize-bred Cinnamon Canarics; prices very reasonable.—H. Fry, Alwinton, Godstone-rd., Purley, Surrey.

THREE Cinnamon hens (small), 3/- each; 2 house-moulted Goldfinches 7/6 each.—Greweock, 10, Kildoran-rd., Brixton.

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SOME grand Cinnamons and Norwich, from 15/- per pair upwards; stamp reply.—McLennan, Restaurant, Forres.

CRESTED Cinnamon hen, 6s.; bright yellow green cock, 10s.—Eastoe, 12, Forest View, Manor Park, Essex.

GRAND pair large typical Cinnamons, yellow cock, buff hen, both winners, 30s. pair.—Walsh, Bird Specialist, Blackburn.

CINNAMONS, yellow and buff, grand birds, from 15/- pair; also pure Norwich; approval.—Wheatley, 20, Mellon-st., Leicester.

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SIX dark Crested variegated hens, 1906, inbred ten years, 3/6 each, 18/- lot; exchange yellow cocks or hens.—Taylor, 66, Wellfield-rd., Streatham Village.

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GOOD Crests, Crestbreds, cocks, hens, bred cold room; approval, deposit; seen by appointment.—Berry, 11, Malwood-rd., Balham.

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CREST cocks, buff, wing marked, 25s.; another 10/-; Crest and Crestbred hens from 7/6; pair Border hens, 5/-; approval.—Wm. Reid, Falkland.

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I HAVE some nice Crest and Crestbred cocks for sale; plenty of feather; bred from my winning strain; see report of Battersea Show.—T. Goodrich, 257, York-rd., Battersea.

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BUFF Crestbred cock, 1st special Chester Show, Boxing Day, variegated hen to match, 50/-; another pair, 25/-; approval.—Gardner, Cheshire-view, Handbridge, Chester.

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WALLACE'S champion Crests, Crestbreds, same blood winners Palace and leading shows last sixteen years; cocks, hens, from 15s. matched pairs from 30s.; approval.—115, Rosemount Place, Aberdeen. x264

BUY from the breeder. Having selected my breeding stock, have 50 Crests and Crestbreds for sale, Barnard's strain, from £1 to £5 per pair; cold-room bred; approval.—Inspector Storey, Police Station, St. Ives, Hunts.

THE farm where the Crested Canarics are bred by the hundreds, the very place for fanciers to go and pick your wants, a grand lot to choose from; no other variety kept.—Prof. Selkirk, 55, Southdean Gardens, Southfields, S.W. x266

GENUINE bargain, 6 pairs Crests and Crestbreds, from best strains, 15/- pair upwards; also five enamelled double breeding cages, fitted, complete; lot £6; healthy, only want seeing.—White, 24, Stockdale-rd., Battersea.

I HAVE a few pairs, properly matched for breeding, same strain as my winners at all leading shows, at 35/- pair; Crestbred cocks, 20/- each; on approval.—James Norwood, 6, Chatsworth-st., Sutton-in-Ashfield.

I INVITE you to call and inspect my stock of Crests and Crestbreds, all at workmen's prices; any birds sent on seven days' approval.—Marsh, Freemason's Arms, Pereira-st., Bethnal Green, near Junction.

LARGE variegated dark Crest cock, 9/6; evenly marked ditto, 6/6; variegated dark Crest cock, 6/6; clear Crestbred cock, beauty, 7/-; variegated ditto, 7/-; yellow variegated Crestbred hen, 8/-; all large, healthy birds; approval.—Hatton, Windmill, Belper.

LARGE green Crested cock, 20/-; large green Crested hen, 15/-; large green Crestbred cock, 15/-; large variegated Crestbred hen, 1906, 15/-; healthy and cheap; approval.—Bairstow, 13, Tennyson-st., Lee-mount, Halifax.

BUY from the breeder.—Having selected my breeding stock, I have nine pairs for sale, from 12/6 to 40/- per pair, same strain as my winners at Plymouth, Exeter, Devonport, etc.; cold room bred; approval.—J. Hobbs, 4, Valletort-pl., Stonehouse, Plymouth.

SPECIAL! Special!!—Still supplying with the highest satisfaction healthy, typical prize-bred Crests and Crestbreds; judiciously matched pairs, to breed winners, 12s. 6d. to £5, all cold room bred; odd cocks or hens cheap; enquiries invited.—H. Amiss, 69, Ashby Street, Norwich.

HAVING won special for best Crest and for best bird at the late Birmingham Show, can offer high-class Crest and Crested bred cocks and hens, yellows and buffs at most reasonable prices to clear; approval.—H. Wilkins, 7, St. Martin's Lane, Birmingham.

"BUNDLES of Feathers."—Magnificent coloured plate of Crests and Crestbreds, the very best plate of this variety that has yet been published, sent packed flat in boards, post free, on receipt of four penny stamps.—F. Carl, CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet Street, E.C.

GOOD Crested Norwich cocks, 12s., 15s. 20s. each; Crested hens, 7s. 6d., 10s., 12s. 15s. each; Crestbred cocks, 10s., 12s. 15s. each; Crestbred hens, 6s., 7s. 6d., 10s., 12s. each; stamp reply; money returned if not approved.—Stewart Brothers, Surrey Street, Norwich. x265

HIGH-CLASS Crests, Crestbreds, large healthy young birds, of the best blood, 25/- pair to clear, before I send them to the dealers, where you will have to pay 60/- or more; first come, first served. Approval; exchange.—Pennington, 87, Harrington-st., Grimsby.

WALLBANK, Hairdresser, breeder of champion Crest, has a few for sale; large variegated Crested cock, 25/6; large clear Crestbred cock, 30/-; two green Crestbred cocks, 10/6 and 15/6 each; also few grand hens from 10/6 to 30/- each; approval.—35, Withers-st., Blackburn.

WINNING Strain.—Having won over 200 prizes, cups, medals, etc., can spare good pairs Crests, properly matched, 35/- to 60/; also two variegated hens, 1906, 15/6 and 18/6, cash or deposit, grand feather; will exchange one Crestbred hen for box cigars to value; approval, stamp.—Edwards, West-st., Leominster.

GEO. E. RUSSELL, Judge of Cage Birds, and breeder of high-class Crests, has removed from Dolobran-rd., Birmingham. Secs. of shows, please note that the future address will be 26, Grenville-buildings, Cherry-st., Corporation-st., Birmingham. G.E.R. has a fine stock of Crests and Crested breds for disposal.

SILK'S famous Crests. Blood will tell. Some of the very best in the Fancy, at moderate prices. Good pairs, 25/- to 50/-. Few grand dark Crested hens, 15/- to 30/- each. Crestbred hens, 12/6 to £1 each. Crestbred cocks, 12/6 to 25/-. Crested cocks, 15/- to 40/-. These are dirt cheap for such blood; approval.—Judge Silk, Whitstable.

CREST and Crestbreds, best blood in the world, winner of challenge bowls at Barnstaple, Bristol (four), Plymouth, Sidmouth, and £25 cup; among latest winnings, Nottingham, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc.; Cardiff, two 1sts, etc.; Gateshead, two 1sts; few to spare, single, from 30s.; pairs, from 60s.; state price prepared to give and enclose stamp.—Rev. G. W. Joyce, Wellington, Somerset.

CHAMPION Crests.—At Westminster, Cheltenham, Gloucester I won 14 firsts, £5 5s. cup, two Crest Club specials for best Crestbred, besides many other specials. Some good stock Crests, Crestbreds from 20s. each, all bred by myself; cinnamon Crests a speciality; winner of over 7,000 prizes; breeder 40 years; addressed envelope for list.—T. J. King, Coronation Road, Cheltenham. x266

AT London Provincial Ornithological Society, October 30th, 1906, with four entries, I won eight prizes including Crest Club Special, two medals and Championship Diploma for best Crest open classes; have several Crests and Crestbreds from 7s. 6d. upwards; approval; stamp.—Woollard, Sprowston, Norwich. Note, I am not a dealer; absolutely all my own breeding, cold-room. x264

CRESTS.—At our last annual show I was awarded first and second yellow Crests, first and second young Crestbred, first young Crest, second grey Crest, second stock pairs, second Crestbred hens, first and second limit classes. Also awarded premier special. Have few Crest and Crestbred cocks, from 20s., bred from or related to above; excellent stock birds; approval.—J. Cowpertwait, 22, Edwin-st., Nottingham.

CRESTS AND CRESTBREDS—continued.

CRESTS and Crestbreds for sale; eight large Crest-bred hens, two Crested hens, one Crested cock, three large Crestbred cocks, buff, green, and variegated, 1906, from strain established 36 years, producing champion winners; approval.—J. Oliver, 4, Glen-eagle-rd., Plymouth.

HAVING selected my breeding stock, have the following high-class Crests, Crestbreds, for disposal. Barnett and Joyce's strains, monster clear Crest cock, grand crest, 17/6; magnificent evenly-marked dark Crest cock, yellow, 17/6; large heavy feathered evenly-marked dark Crest cock, grand crest, 16/6; heavy feathered variegated dark crest cock, 14/6; large evenly-marked ditto, beauty, 12/6; large heavy feathered clear Crest hen, 15/-; heavily variegated dark Crest hen, grand crest, 14/-; evenly marked dark Crest hen, 11/6; monster variegated Crestbred cock, £1; large heavy feathered Crestbred hen, variegated, 13/-; buff green feathery Crestbred hen, 12/-. All grand stock birds, in perfect condition; approval.—Hatton, Windmill, Belper.

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R. P. Tope, 8, Hoe-st., Plymouth, having selected his breeding stock, has about 12 pairs of this grand variety, from 20/- per pair, some good birds amongst them, a few winners in Crestbreds, cocks, very large birds; see them and judge for yourself; approval to known fanciers; stamp reply.

NOT CLEARING LINES, BUT BARGAINS.

Again this week I am offering specially matched breeding pairs at 10/6, and Norwich songsters at 7/6; other enquiries invited for either Plainheads or Crests.—F. Yallop, 23, Alexandra-rd., Norwich. Established 1869.

CRESTS! CRESTS!! CRESTS!!! AND CRESTBREDS.

The value I am now offering in these, either single birds or pairs, must be seen to be appreciated; all on approval, cash or deposit; Crested cocks, 8s. 6d., 10s. 6d., 15s., 20s., 30s., 40s., 60s.; Crestbred hens, ticked or varicgated, 4s. 6d., 8s. 6d., 10s. 6d., 15s., 20s., 30s. upwards; clear, 8s. 6d., 12s. 6d., 15s., 20s., 30s., 40s., 50s.; green, 5s. 6d., 8s. 6d., 10s. 6d., 15s., 20s., 30s.; Crested-bred cocks, clear yellow, 15s., 20s., 30s., 40s.; clear buff, 10s. 6d., 12s. 6d., 20s., 30s.; ticked or variegated, 6s. 6d., 7s. 6d., 8s. 6d., 10s. 6d., 15s., 20s., 30s.; Crested hens, 5s. 6d., 7s. 6d., 10s. 6d., 15s. 20s., 30s. to 60s.; travelling cages 3d. extra.

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These are the two varieties I keep, and no one in England has better. Last Season I had three Fanciers breeding for me with birds of the highest quality. Neither money or sound judgment has been wanting in getting one of the finest stocks in the world together; and remember I don't exhibit now I breed for my customers to win. Hundreds of Winners sold by me, and reasonable. 30 years breeder. Have had the honour to judge at over one hundred shows. If fanciers cannot get the right birds from me, where can they get them? All on approval.

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HIGH-CLASS Yorkshire and Norwich grecns; matched pairs a speciality; also singles; approval.—Hadwin, 28, Pembroke Place, Liverpool.

YORKSHIRE Greens, buff cocks, selfs, and fouls, 10/-, 12/6, 15/- each; foul buff hen, 10/-; foul yellow hen, 15/-.—Stewart, 27, King-st., Liverpool.

TYPICAL variegated Norwich cocks at songster prices, also grand hens, very reasonable.—Greengreen, 118, Alwyn-st., Aigburth, Liverpool.

SELF green, yellow Yorkshire hens, also two feeders, large Norwich cock, cheap, no room.—Honeyman, Butcher, Ship-st., Barrow-in-Furness.

NORWICH greens and clears, grand lot for sale, cheap; giving up; approval; stamp.—Daniels, 69, Derby Lane, Liverpool. x266

H. HUGHES, 10, Huskisson Street, Birkenhead, breeder and exhibitor of Yorkshire greens, has few pairs for sale from 25s. pair; few single cocks from 15s. each; approval, deposit; stamp. x268

THE finest collection of Greens living (see Altrincham show reports). I won outright 2 silver rose bowls, for 4 highest birds and best Norwich in show. I took 3 firsts, 3 seconds, 3 thirds, 1 fourth, 1 vhc; having 150 birds, can spare some grand pairs or singles, Yorkshire or Norwich, reasonable; cash or deposit, CAGE BIRDS; approval, stamp.—W. Thompson, 69, Penton Street, Liverpool.

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ARTHUR WEST, Tweedale Street, Rochdale. High-class Lancashires from my winners yellows and buffs, Coppies and Plainheads; on approval.

YELLOW coppy cock, buff coppy cock, buff plain-head cock, young birds, cold room, not rubbish, healthy, 10/6 each.—Fitton, 41, Laurel-st., Rochdale.

BUFF Lancashire Coppy cock, with 10/6 metal cage; large exhibition cock Goldfinch and show cage, also clear Norwich hen, 30/-; the lot, approval, deposit, 35/-.—Jonathan H. Jones, Barncy, Dereham.

TWO yellow Coppy cocks, 12/6 each; one yellow Plainhead cock, 10/-; two yellow Plainhead hens, 5/- each; one variegated Coppy cock, 15/-.—Cayless, 278, Humberstone-rd., Leicester.

SPLENDID young Lancashire coppy cock, 12/6, grand ditto coppy cock, 15/-, both buff, ready to pair, cold room bred, healthy, fine plumage; cash; sent on receipt postal order at once.—Hawkins, Shallmar, Withdean, Brighton.

"THE Art of Fancy."—Grand coloured plate of Lancashire Coppy and Gold Clear Cap Lizard Canaries sent post paid, securely packed, on receipt of four penny stamps.—F. Carl, CAGE BIRDS' Office, 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

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SEIFERT Rollers, from prize winners, grand songsters, 10/- to 15/- pair.—Hughes, 36, Belmont Park-rd., Leyton, London.

WANTED, good pair 1906 Lizards; exchange unflighted pair Norwich Plainheads; mutual approval, or sell 17/6.—Schofield, Saddler, Ipswich.

HENS, broken Gold, 1905, 6/-; ditto, 1906, 7/6; Baker's strain; or exchange good clear cap 1906 Gold cock.—H. Denham, 47, Blackboy-rd., Exeter.

GOOD gold cock 6/-; two grand gold hens 5/- each; Whipps and Dewsnap strain. Approval, stamp.—Robt. Taylor, 117, Manchester Old-rd., Middleton, Manchester.

HAVING selected breeding stock, I have a few pairs good Lizards for sale, 12s. pair; odd silver cock, 8s.; also buff Lancashire Plainhead cocks and hens; approval.—Whipp, 13, Rushcroft Road, High Crompton, Shaw, Oldham. x265

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The most successful Breeder of this variety in the World. Also Champion Cinnamons.

Norwich.

EIGHT 1906 Norwich hens, buff, 3/- each, two for 5/6, or 18/- lot.—7, Pepys-rd., Wimbledon.

NORWICH pairs from 7/6, Yellows and Buffs.—Tayton, 31, Norfolk-st., Coventry.

FOUR Norwich cocks, six hens, £1 15/- lot.—Spann, Styvichall, Coventry.

H. BAILEY, Tower Street, Launceston, has several Norwich cocks left for disposal, from 6s. each.

NORWICH.—Several good hens from 2s. 6d.—Matthews, 2, Howberry Road, Thornton Heath. x266

A. W. CURTIS, 8, Fahian-rd., Fulham, can spare good stock pairs at 20/-, 25/-, 3/- oer pair. x268

GOOD Norwich Canaries for sale, also cages, cheap, money wanted.—Gardner, 100, Bedford-rd., Clapham.

LARGE yellow and variegated Norwich cocks, 7/6, 8/6, cold room.—Bosher, 9, Fisher-st., Barking.

THREE 1906 Norwich buff bens, 10/- each.—Woof, 11, Oban-ter., Armley, Leeds.

YOUNG Norwich cocks, full song, 5/6, 6/6; hens, 2/6, 3/6; week's approval, deposit.—Elliott, Hairdresser, Ashby-rd., Loughborough.

GOOD pairs, own breeding, to part with, 12/6, 17/6, 25/-; cocks, from 8/6; bens, 4/6; 1906 birds; approval.—Schofield, Saddler, Ipswich.

MR. M. HARDY has some grand cinnamon marks, clears, and variegated cocks, 6/6; bens, 3/-; inspection invited.—24, Pathfield-rd., Streatham.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich Plainheads, 1906 birds, bred from winning strain, cocks, 10/6; hens, from 3/6.—Mrs. Scott Evans, 15, Lansdowne-rd., Bouruemouth.

FORTY good Norwich hens, young, healtby, ready for breeding, huff, 2/6; yellow, 3/- each.—Roper, 134, Derby, Seven Kings, Essex.

BUFF cock, winner, mated, evenly marked yellow hen, accept 12/6 to clear, cheap at 30/-.—F. Beard, Llandrindod Wells.

TWO large buff unflighted bens, grand quality, related to my winners, 10/- eacb; approval.—Sbaw, Boot Stores, Burton-on-Trent.

I HAVE a few typical Norwich left to dispose of, from 10/6; approval, deposit.—Allnatt, Butler, The Knoll, Kingston-hill, Surrey. x267

HAVING selected my breeding stock, I can spare a few matched pairs, from 15/- upwards, unflighted; approval.—Young, 80, High-st., Rutberglen, N.B.

GRAND hens, ready to nest, 3/- each, sure to satisfy.—Oakley, Mortuary, Warwick-pl., Whitecross-st., E.C.

THIRTY good Canaries, Crest and Crestbred from 10s. 6d.; hens from 5s.—Wick, 80, St. Johns Road, Deptford. x266

NORWICH 1906 Plainheads for sale; cocks, from 4s. 6d.; bens, from 2s. each.—Apply, 3, Cromer Road, Holt, Norfolk.

BREEDER has a few 1906 Norwich cocks, very healthy, singing, 5/- and 6/-.—Mrs. Griffiths, Oak Cot., Horsham. x268

NORWICH bred from my winners, 10s. pair; approval, deposit.—W. Allen, Witchford Aviaries, Ely, Cambs. x269

SELECT your breeding stock from my Plainheads, cocks from 6s., hens from 3s.—Denkin, 19, Rosedale Road, Forest Gate. x266

SOME good Norwich for sale, also Yorkshires; can be seen any Sunday morning.—E. McCully, 109, Windleshaw Road, St. Helens. x266

OWING to removal, have few splendid Norwich for disposal, best strains, 12s. 6d. upwards.—Hardcastle, Eliza Street, Sale, Manchester. x265

NORWICH cocks, in full song, from 7s. 6d.; seen any time.—J. Goodridge, 4, Cambria Road, Coldharbour Lane, Camberwell. x267

TYPICAL Norwich and Cinnamons, yellows, buffs, both sexes, good strain; approval; stamp reply.—William Fernie, Woodview, Broadloan, Renfrew.

GOOD pairs, now breeding, to part with, 12s. 6d., 17s. 6d., 25s.; cocks from 8s. 6d.; hens 4s. 6d.; 1906 birds; approval.—Schofield, Saddler, Ipswich.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich; clear and marked buff cocks from 7s. 6d.; cold-room; approval.—Sidgwick, Aviary Cottage, Hutton, Rudby, Yorkshire. x266

HIGH-CLASS Norwich cocks, 12/6; hens, 7/6, winning strain; approval; stamp reply.—W. McKail, 5, Hope-st., Withington, Manchester. x267

FINE strong healthy 1906 Norwich hens, 5/-, splendid songsters; deep yellow, variegated, 7/6, 12/6, 13/-.—Bagenholt, Northlands, Southampton.

OATES, 10, Molesworth-rd., Devonport.—Champion Norwich pairs, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-; cocks, 10/-, winning blood, grand yellow cock.

BUFF cocks, grand songsters, 6/-; crange yellows, 7/6; large buff hens, 4/6.—Postmaster, Hopton, Thetford.

NORWICH double Crestbred hens, two greens, one variegated, 4/- each; warranted.—Dunham, Breeder, 31, Queen-st., Luton, Beds.

NICE buff Norwich bcn, 1905, guaranteed good breeder and feeder, 5/-.—Smitb, 50, Montague-rd., Uxbridge.

VHC, Dark Crested hen, 10/6, Crestbred hen, 7/6, Norwich Plainhead cocks, buff and marked, 5/6.—Bosworth, Sheldon, Birmingham.

TWO large huff Norwich cocks, grand stock birds, 9/- each; approval.—Swinden, 23, Antbony-rd., Saltley, Birmingham.

WANTED four really good young Norwich songsters, must he in full loud song, exchange gent's or lady's umbrella, value 14/6.—Cowans, Wooler.

WANTED six young Norwich songsters, must be in full loud song, exchange pair gent's chromo leather boots, size 8's or 9's, value 21/-.—Cowans, Wooler.

FOR Sale, yellow cock, ditto hens, huff cock, ditto hens, cheap to clear; on approval.—A. Pirie, 255, Montrose-st., Brechin.

CHAMPION Norwich, bred from winners, pairs from 15/-; single cocks from 7/6; approval.—Blockley, 51, Uppingham-rd., Leicester.

VARIEGATED cocks, 6/-, hens, 3/-, 1906 bred, warranted healthy, own breeding.—Stringer, 176, Droop-st., Queen's Park Estate, London.

LARGE yellow dark Crested Norwich hen, dark Linnet cock Mule, first 8/6 gets them, Mule alone worth more; bargain.—Roose, Crier, Rhyl.

HEALTHY 1906 hens from 3/-; 2 Green cocks, 1906, 5/- each; all outdoor aviary birds.—Sleet, 54, Bellefields rd., Brixton.

CANARIES, noted strain, matched pairs, splendid birds, 15/; grand songsters, 10/6; bens, 5/-; all Norwich.—Luff, Laindon, Essex.

SOME really good typical birds, large yellow cocks, from Palace winners, 15/-; extra large buff hens, 10/6.—Barrows, 1, West-bill, St. Leonard's-on-Sea.

NORWICH Plainheads.—Only two yellow cocks left, grand birds, bred from first prize winners; approval.—Pollock, Gardnerswell, Bathgate.

GRAND Norwich yellow cocks, also buffs, 5/6 upwards; huff hens 2/6 and 3/-, cold room bred.—Ashwell, Styvechale, Coventry. Stamp reply.

LARGE yellow Norwich cock, 5/6; yellow Norwich hen, 3/6; ditto variegated yellow, 3/6, 1906 bred; approval.—Wm. Reeder, Swan-st., Fakenham, Norfolk.

THREE Norwich hens, sell 7/-; also Irish terrier Dog, 3 years old, sell 15/- or offer.—Tolloway, Bryn Howell, Llangollen.

NORWICH, best blood, fine pairs, at 9/6, 10/6; short chubby cocks at 6/9, 7/6; chance of lifetime.—Owen, 39, Ralph-rd., Saltley, Birmingham.

JOHN NEEDHAM can spare 20 good Norwich stock birds, cheap to clear, single or pairs; pairs from 15/-, single cocks from 8/6, hens from 7/6.—Myrtle House, Lytton-rd., Clarendou-pl., Leicester.

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NORWICH Canaries, four buff, one variegated yellow, one yellow, cocks, 5/- each; one dozen huff hens, 2/6 each; outdoor bred, guaranteed; call any evening.—Findlay, 8, Bickersteth-rd., Lower Tooting.

FINE healtby Norwich, in song, cocks, 5/-, 6/-, 7/-; hens, 3/-, 4/-, cold room, 1906; approval, deposit.—Wall, Tankersley-la., Hoyland Common, near Barnsley.

LARGE clear yellow hen, 1st prize winner, 25/-; even marked buff cock, 1st and 3rd prize winner only times shown, 25/-, or pair 42/-; approval.—D. Shearer, Tburso.

I HAVE 10 Norwich cock Canaries, all on song, bred and reared in the country, been in large flight, in outdoor house all winter, price 6/6.—Nelson, Althorne, Essex.

LARGE Norwich cock Canaries, yellow or buffs, in song, 7/6, 8/6, 10/- each; hens, 2/6, 3/0 each, Mackley's prize strain.—W. Copeman, Gamekeeper, Toftwood Common, Dereham.

WALLBANK, Hairdresser, breeder of champion Norwich, has about 50 to part witb, pairs from 10/6 to 30/-; cocks 7/6 to 20/-; hens from 3/6 to 20/- each; approval first.—Withers-st., Blackburn.

JAS. WINTER has some very good huff Plainheads for sale, cocks and hens, prices reasonable, winners at all the leading shows; stamp for reply.—17, Parkside-st., Edinburgh.

JOHN EVANS, 85, Keuble-st., Prescot, has for disposal three unflighted yellow hens, also another, one year old, good breeder, one of the best hens in England; stamp reply.

GRAND buff cock, unflighted, 17/6; two grand yellow hens, 12/6 and 15/-, from my cup and medal winners.—Brown, 62, Long-la., Moldgreen, Huddersfield.

HANDSOME Norwich cocks, grand songsters, 5/-, 5/6 each; hens, 2/6, 3/-; pairs. 7/6, 8/6, grand typical stock birds; approval.—Hatton, Windmill, Belper.

NORWICH Plainheads, colour fed, cocks, from 6/-; hens, 3/6, 4/-, 5/-; buff, 3/-, 4/6; pairs, matched for breeding, 8/- upwards; on approval.—Hewett, The Rose, Mariner's-la., Norwich.

BUY from the breeder. Good Norwich cocks, 4s. 6d., 5s.; clear yellows, 6s.; hens, 2s. 6d., 3s.; clear yellows, 3s. 6d.; pairs, 7s., 8s.; not suited money returned.—Staples, 19, Outram Street, Leicester.

NORWICH Crested pairs, 15s., 20s., 25s. per pair; odd cocks and hens 10s., 15s., 20s. each; cold room bred; inquiries invited; approval.—S. Roberts, 39, Gloucester Street, Unthank Road, Norwich.

NORWICH Canaries, for singing or breeding; pairs, 10s. 6d.; hens 2s. 6d.; all healthy; cold room reared; giving up breeding.—Bell, Fishmonger, Crouch Hill, Stroud Green. x268

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GRAND lot of Plainheads for sale, stock birds, cocks or hens, yellow or buff, single 10s. to 12s., pairs 17s. 6d. to 25s.—Carstairs, Stationer, 277, High Street, Perth. x269

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T. IRONS, Ivy Road, Northampton, Champion Norwich pairs, 15s., 20s., 25s., 30s., single cocks and hens, 7s. 6d., 10s., 15s., 20s. upwards; approval; stamp. x267

BREEDER and exhibitor of Norwich cocks, from 7s. each; hens from 5s.; bred in cold room; all colours; approval.—34, Wenlock Road, Simonside, Tyne Dock, Durham.

COLOUR-FED Norwich Canaries for sale; cocks from 6s. to 10s.; hens from 2s. 3d. to 3s. 6d.; naturals from 5s. 6d. to 8s.; hens from 2s. to 3s.—F. Jelley, 32, Mill Lane, Leicester.

SAVAGE, Westfield Aviaries, Goole, has a special selection of fine Norwich Plainheads, properly matched for breeding, 10/6 pair, splendid valne, grand condition; approval, cash or deposit; free package.

FOR Sale, some good stock birds, two even marked buff cocks, three yellow variegated cocks, one yellow cock, one huff cock, exchange any of the above for clear buff hen and yellow variegated hen; on approval.—Thomas Brown, Scott-st., Brechin.

EXCEPTIONAL offer of high-class typical Norwich, for stock or showing, yellow or buff colour fed cocks, 7/0, 10/-, 15/-; hens, 5/-, 7/6, 10/- each; worth treble; approval anywhere, cash or deposit.—Hawkes, Richmond-rd., Leytonstone.

LARGE ticked yellow Norwich cock, colour fed, 8/-; yellow cinnamon marked cocks, 7/6 each; a few clear pink-eyed buff cocks and hens, cocks 7/-, hens 5/6; all finest condition.—Alston, Yondercroft Darvel, Ayrshire.

TYPICAL Norwich hens, unflighted, two variegated yellows, 6/6 each; clear yellow, 5/6; clear buff, 5/-, worth double; large buff cock, 20/-; what offers lot? Cages cheap, clearing out.—J. Goodall, 8, Manchester-st., Huddersfield.

A. C. BURN, 14, Fabian-rd., Fulham, London, has 20 Norwich Plainhead buff bens and a few cocks for disposal, from 10/- to 25/-, bred from leading winning strains; seen by appointment, or sent on approval, cash or deposit.

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DARK cock Goldfinch-Canary Mule, 4/6.—Hughes, Surrey Villa, Long-la., Church End, Finchley.

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FOR sale, two muling Goldfinches, fathered 24 young last season, 7/6 each.—E. Griffin, Evesham.

LINNET Mule, winner, 15s.; exchange muling cocks, hens; approval.—McCreath, Beaver, Ashford.

TWO Sib hens, 4/6 each; muling Goldfinch, 8/6; bred light Mules last season; can be seen any time.—Bosher, 9, Fisher-st., Barking.

SIX hen Mules, 6/-; Linnet Mule, full song, 5/-; feeding hens, 2/-.—Eaton, 19, Elliston-rd., Redland, Bristol.

SPLENDID house moulted cock Goldfinch, in full song, paired with hen Canary, 7/6 the pair.—Chapman, Haymarket, Leicester.

TWENTY grand large Sib-bred hens, from 3/6 to 7/6 each; also a few cocks, from 7/6; approval.—Wallbank, 35, Withers-st., Blackburn.

HANDSOME dark Goldfinch Mules, good songsters, 1906 bred cocks, 5/6, 6/6 each; hens 1/3 each; approval.—Akers, Holbrook-rd., Belper.

YELLOW Yorkshire hens, pink-eyed, for muling, 5/- each; cold room; approval.—Charlesworth, 24, Henshaw-la., Hollinwood, Oldham.

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DOUBLE yellow cross-bred hens, for muling, 3/6 each to clear.—J. Harrison, 19, Ardgowan-st., Greenock.

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LARGE clear yellow 1905 Norwich hen, 6/6, genuine bargain, must sell.—Speed, Ambrose-st., Bangor.

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FOR Sale, two Goldfinch Mules, pure Finch note, 6/6 each; also house moulted Linnet, mules, 5/6; approval, deposit.—Cole, Marine-st., Llanelly, S.W.

BARGAINS.—Greenfinch, hen Canary, mulers, 5/6; selected cocks, Bramblefinch, two Chaffinches, 3/-; lot, 7/6.—White, 15, Law-st., Doncaster.

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RUFOUS-THROATED TANAGER.

(Calliste rufigularis.)

This is another spangled bird, rich in contrast, and of great beauty. Adult male: The breast and upper back are thickly spangled with velvety black, on a ground of golden-yellow, washed greenish on the back; top of head and sides of face, blackish speckled with darker; throat and a streak lining the black sides of face, rufous; middle and lower back and upper wing coverts, bright green; larger wing feathers, blackish edged with bright green on their outer webs, rich brown on the inner webs and ends; tail, blackish with outer edgings of green; remainder of under parts, greenish; beak, legs and feet, greyish-brown. Total length, 4½ ins.; tail, 1¾ ins. Habitat: The tropical valleys of the Andes, near Quito.

THE GOLDEN TANAGER.

1. *(Calliste aurlenta.)*

SCLATER'S GOLDEN TANAGER.

2. *(Calliste sclateri.)*

(1) Adult male: Various shades of rich gold-colour, yellowish on top of crown and eye region; thickly spangled with velvety black on the upper back; ear coverts, black; few indistinct spanglings on nape; tail and flights, blackish; outer edges of wing coverts, primaries and secondaries, golden-yellow; beak, blackish; legs and feet, dark greyish-brown. Total length, 5 ins.; tail, 1¾ ins. Habitat: New Granada. Mr. W. Goodfellow found this bird rather common in the highlands of Ecuador, at an altitude of about 5,000 ft. He describes it as being a truly fine bird, with rich golden plumage, jet and black ears. He saw a caged specimen which had been in captivity for some time; it was very lively and tame, and was fed almost exclusively on orange and banana. (2) It is somewhat doubtful if this bird is entitled to specific distinction. Its principle variations from *aurlenta* are brighter and paler top of head and eye region; almost chestnut coloured under parts; and black upper tail coverts edged with yellow. Total length, 5½ ins.; tail, 2 ins.

TSCHUDI'S GOLDEN TANAGER.

(Calliste gulchra.)

A most beautiful and striking bird, not yet imported alive to this country. Adult male: Wings, tail, ear coverts, and beak region, black; general body colouring, dark golden-yellow; throat and upper breast, golden-chestnut; the front of head is also tinged golden-chestnut; the upper back is spangled with black; the larger wings except the flights, have their outer edges yellow; beak, legs and feet, greyish-brown. Total length, 5¾ ins.; tail, 2⅜ ins. Habitat: Peru.

VENEZUELAN GOLDEN TANAGER.

(Calliste arthusi.)

Known to science since 1831, but not yet imported alive to this country. Adult male: Upper parts, except wings and tail, golden-yellow, spangled with black on the upper back; ear coverts, tail and wings, black; wing feathers, except flights, have their outer edges golden-yellow; throat, golden-yellow; remainder of under parts, dark chestnut; beak, legs and feet, greyish-brown. Total length, 5¾ ins.; tail, 2¼ ins. Habitat: Venezuela.

(To be continued.)

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H. W. AXE, 55, Market Place, Doncaster. Judge of Canaries and other Cage Birds. Practical experience (Norwich and British speciality).
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*Oct. 4 and 5.—**Burnley.**
*Oct. 11 and 12, 1907—**Great Harwood.**
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*Oct. 18 and 19.—**Rochdale O.C.**
*Oct. 25 and 26.—**Manchester and Northern Counties, O.S.**
Oct. 26 and 28.—**Cheltenham C.B.S.**
*Nov 1 and 2, 1907—**Mansfield.**
*Nov. 1 and 2, 1907. — **Blaydon-on-Tyne and District C.B.S.**
*Nov. 1 and 2.—**Blackburn.**
*Nov. 2 and 4.—**Leicester Hand in Hand C.B.S.**
*Nov. 6 and 7.—**Welsh National C.B.S.**
Nov. 6 and 7.—**Portsmouth.**
*Nov. 7 and 8.—**Greenwich and Deptford.**
*Nov. 8 and 9.—**Hinckley** (J.R.)
*Nov. 9, 1907—**Bo'ness.**
*Nov. 9.—**Stockton-on-Tees & District C.B.S.**
*Nov. 13.—**Luton** (J.R.)
*Nov. 13.—**Cambridge and Cambridgeshire C.B.S.**
Nov. 14.—**Merthyr Tydfil.**
*Nov. 15 and 16, 1907.—**Leeds**
*Nov. 16 and 18.—**Nottingham.**
Nov. 20 and 21, 1907.—**Margate** (J.R.)
*Nov. 22 and 23.—**Hull** (J.C.B., C.H.)
Nov. 23.—**City and County of Perth.**
*Nov. 26 and 27.—**Bournemouth and District C.B.S.**
*Nov. 28 and 27.—**Derby.**
*Nov. 27 and 28.—**Cardiff and District C.B.S.** (J.H.P. & J.R.)
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Burnley and Dis. C.B.C. will hold a young bird show on June 15th, and their annual show on Oct. 4th and 5th.

We are asked to state that Mrs. Bate, of Woodhouse, has gone out of the cage bird Fancy, and has sold all her birds.

We have had so many answers to our advertisement that we find it impossible to reply to each. Kindly thank each one.—W. and J. Nield (Ashton).

Mr. A. Wake (Middlesboro') writes:—"I enclose fee for another advertisement in Cage Birds. I have had a very good sale this year, which speaks much for your paper."

A new society has been started at Paignton, called the Torbay Ornithological Society. Mr. E. C. Parnell (of Parnell and Son) has been elected hon. sec., and his address is 12, Princes-street, Paiguton, S. Devon.

Secretaries of Cage Bird Societies in Scotland kindly note that the City and County of Perth Ornithological Association have altered the date of their open show to November 23rd, a week later than last year.—Jas. A. Irvine.

Mr. Chas. White (Kirkcaldy) has sold his noted winning Missel Thrush, "Stormer," at a long price, to Messrs. Brown and Arrighi (Edinburgh). This bird has never been beaten by one of its own kind. I hope it will keep its old place in the Crystal Palace Show this time.—R. Robertson.

As each year comes round, a crop of new societies solely devoted to cage birds seems to spring up, while the percentage of "deaths" on the part of clubs is small. The cage-bird hobby seems to be spreading widely and rapidly, and, provided each club is properly managed, we see no end to progress in this direction.

Hy. T. Davis (Llanelly), of Williams and Davis, writes:—We must again congratulate you on your Birthday Number this year. What a contrast between No. 1 and that issue! I was extremely sorry to hear of Mr. Maxwell's loss. We were only talking about his aviaries the Saturday before, when the "Bird World" came out, saying we must put one up the same, as our's was getting too small. I trust he will soon recover his great loss, and we shall see him once more taking the challenge bowls, etc., at the Palace.

The "Bird World Magazine" for February is now out and makes the Third Number of what promises to be the greatest treat that the genuine lover of birds has ever had provided for him. Handsome cover in two colours. Exquisite frontispiece. Many interesting articles lavishly illustrated. Contents of No. III.: Frontispiece in Colours. "The Kingfisher," by Miss M. L. Medland. (Mr. C. P. Arthur Melksham says:—"The best plate of Kingfisher I have ever seen.") Chirps and Chatter. Our Letter Box. Plates and Pictures: The Kentish Plover, Young Great Tit, Even-marked Yorkshire Canary, Common Singing Canary, Reed Bunting in winter plumage, Frigate Bird, White Penguin, Secretary Bird Killing a Snake, Representative Vultures, Some Famous Racing Pigeons, The Dipper or Water Ouzel, Blue Sugar Birds, Juvenile Efforts at Drawing Canaries, Australian Night Heron, Hey Diddle Diddle or the Dabchick and the Pelican. Articles: The Dipper, by S. A. Sandy; Canary Management, by Wm. Fairlie; A History of Birds, by W. P. Pycraft, A.L.S., F.Z.S. The Worshipful Company of Scavengers, by Frank Finn, B.A., F.Z.S. The Racing Pigeon, by H. Kendrick, Junr. Sugar Birds, by Miss Dyddgu Hamilton; The Woodcock, by John Flewelling; Little Bird Friends, by Miss H. B. Rutt. Altogether a charming and agreeably instructive publication indispensable to bird keepers. Subscription, 3s. 6d. per ann. (post free). Subscription, Foreign, 4s. per ann. (post free). Single copies, 3d. (post free, 4d.) from your bookseller. F. Carl, 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

A Momentous Gathering.

We mentioned last week that the annual meeting of Cage Bird Union delegates will be held at the Crystal Palace Show to-day (Saturday, Feb. 16th), at four o'clock, when the election of president and secretary for the coming year will be decided. We understand that there are several nominations for the vacant positions. Voting cards were sent out this week to all the delegates, and the Editor of this paper is acting as scrutineer. The future of the Union is in the hands of the delegates, and the cage bird world waits with the keenest interest upon their movements.

Mr. A. Cherry, show sec. Barrow and District C.B.A., has removed to 25, Island Road, Barrow.

Mr. G. Wheatley's address was incorrectly given last week as Milton Street. It is 20, Melton Street, Leicester.

Mr. R. P. Broome, Hon. Sec., S.Y.C.C., announces that he will be at the Crystal Palace Show on Saturday all day after two p.m.

Good luck to our grand bird paper, and may it grow still more.—Wishing you and your staff every success is the best wish of J. Teece (Arnold).

In answer to query for Durisco, it can be had from Messrs. John Lane and Son, 50, Berners-street, Oxford-street, W.—G. S. Smith, (Highworth).

W. Mather (Widnes) writes:—I have had a very busy time with demands for my inflammation cure. Your paper, Cage Birds, is a grand one to do business in.

J. H. Verrall writes:—Thanks to the kindness of your readers I am looking forward to being at the Crystal Palace Bird Show all Monday, and perhaps on Tuesday.

The Hucknall Torkard C.B.S. have altered their 1907 open show to November 1st and 2nd, instead of the 8th and 9th, owing to clashing with another exhibition.—J. Pepper, Sec.

Mr. E. Pass writes: I have removed to larger premises, and am now better able to deal with orders entrusted to me. My address is now 9a, Carlingford Road, Hucknall Torkard, Notts.

Fanciers are requested to note change in address of the Secretary of the Wibsey and Dis. C.B.S. All communications should now be addressed to E. W. Johnson, 53, Smiddles Lane, Bankfoot, Bradford, Yorks.

Would the gentleman who lives at Ely, Cambs., and who unsuccessfully prosecuted a certain Nottingham dealer about six weeks ago kindly communicate with me?—J. Burge, Whittington Moor, Chesterfield.

Mr. F. F. Potter writes:—The City of Hull C.B.S. have fixed Nov. 22nd and 23rd for their thirteenth annual open show. Will secretaries please note, so as to avoid clashing. Judges, Messrs. C. H. Houlton and J. C. Barnes.

I am always delighted to secure my paper, Cage Birds. Great credit is due to Mr. Norman, likewise yourself, for bringing before us such an excellent paper and plates, the last special number being a treat.—W. Gouldson (Devonport).

With reference to my advertisement in Cage Birds, of Crest and Crest Breds, I am pleased to inform you that I have sold all my surplus stock this week-end through it. I am giving you my warmest thanks.—H. McColl (Wallsend-on-Tyne).

Your report on Auchterarder Show says in the Dark Mule Class 1st and Special, Ross, the Perth winner. Now Mr. Ross's bird was 1st and Special at Auchterarder right enough, but my bird was the winner at Perth of 1st and Special.—Jas. Ovenstone (Grangemouth).

D. G. Davies (Cardigan) writes:—Seeing a correspondent wants to know where he can get "Durisco Disinfectant Wash," he can have this from any decent ironmonger—Morses, of Bristol, is one that makes it—or any colour merchants.

Record Sparrow Slaughter.

The Witham (Essex) Sparrow Club has closed the season with a record of 35,541 Sparrows killed. This is claimed as a record. Three members contributed 3,000 birds each.

Help Wanted at Crewe.

The Committee of the Crewe Ornithological Society, writes Mr. A. Wilkinson, the sec., of 49, Vincent Street, have decided to hold a prize draw for the purpose of clearing off debts from their open show and other causes. They hope they may thus be enabled to make a fresh start. I hope fanciers will kindly give us their support, and not let us fall.

Aberdeen Societies Amalgamate.

A meeting of the Aberdeen Ornithological Society took place on the 9th inst. The conditions of amalgamation of the Ornithological Club and this Society were concluded in a very harmonious way, which bids well for the good of the fancy in this district. The date of the Show has been changed from 1st and 2nd January to 6th and 7th December. Increased classification, increased prize money and specials will be given. Fanciers will do well to keep an eye on Aberdeen.—W. B. Mackie, Sec.

SCOTTISH EDITION.

The above Edition of "Cage Birds" will be suspended until the start of the Show Season next October. All copies issued will contain the same matter, Scottish fanciers receiving equal consideration with our other readers.

THE MANAGER,
"CAGE BIRDS."

THE CAGE BIRD UNION.

The delegates meeting called for Saturday, February 16th, at the Palace Show, will be held in the Board Room at 4 o'clock. Several nominations having been made for president and secretary, voting cards have been sent out for their election, which will be counted and the result made known at the meeting. Among other items suggested for discussion are: A definition of a Novice and Amateur to be adopted by all affiliated societies.

An amendment to Rule 17, prohibiting non-members of the Union from exhibiting at Union Shows.

Late entries.

Appointment of auditors, and

Receive Council's report and balance-sheet up to date.—Geo. W. F. Lythgoe.

OBITUARY.

MRS. JOHN BOWMAN.

John Thomson (Edinburgh) writes:—It is with extreme regret I have to announce the death of Mrs. John Bowman, wife of Mr. John Bowman, a Scotch Fancy breeder of no small repute. Fanciers of Edinburgh and Leith district particularly will extend to Mr. John Bowman, their heartfelt sympathy in his recent sad loss.

MRS. CARR: MR. WALKER (Middlesbro').

I regret to have to inform you of the death of Mr. Walker, a member of the Middlesbro and Teeside C.B.S.; also Mr. J. Carr, our chairman, has lost his wife, after a very short illness. All that knew them will join us in tendering sympathy to their relatives. —Arthur Wake, Hon. Sec.

MR. R. TAYLOR (Greenock).

Fanciers will regret to hear of the death of "Bobbie" Taylor, who died at 8, Trafalgar Street, Greenock, on Feb. 6th, from heart trouble and dropsy. He was a keen fancier and exhibitor, away back in the eighties and nineties. In his day he showed some of the best British going. "Bobbie" possessed one of the kindliest of hearts, and was ever willing to assist the Fancy in the shape of money or guaranteeing classes. He was fond of rambling in the country, observing bird life, and as I think of the rambles we had together, and the numerous arguments we had on birdie matters, going along the country lanes, I am conscious that I have lost one of my best chums. Mr. Taylor leaves a widow to mourn his loss.—Peter Pettigrew.

Mr. W. Stafford has removed from 9, Chatsworth Avenue to No. 24, Stafford Street, Stockport.

I must say how very pleased I was with the "Bird World." It ought to be in every home whether fancier's or not. I am sure the illustrations alone are well worth the money charged for the whole magazine.—Clarence Redgate (Heanor).

Mr. Jas. Drysdale (Edinburgh) writes:—We have cleared £92 by the Prize Drawing on behalf of Mrs. Aitken (Newcraighall), which was advertised in Cage Birds last week. Mr. J. Heron acted as secretary to the Drawing Committee, who are much gratified at the success of the undertaking.

A particularly useful little work of reference is "Health and Strength Annual" for 1907, published from 27, Fetter Lane, E.C. It contains records, hints, and instructions for every athlete, and physical culturist, and all lovers of healthy outdoor and indoor pastimes. The price is sixpence.

Kindly mention that my father has been ill with influenza, and that is the reason that enquiries have not been attended to. He was at Nantwich Show on Friday, and must have caught a fresh cold, and that all communications will be attended to within a day or two.—Wm. Heaton (Nantwich).

We recently reported a case where the owner of a valuable dog sued a railway company for its loss during transit. The basket in which the animal was caught fire, and the dog was burnt to death. The owner recovered £300 from the M.R. Company. A motion to expedite the hearing of the appeal has just been refused by the Appeal Court.

REVIEW OF SCHEDULE.

Hetton-le-Hole (Durham).—Feb. 23rd. Nine classes. Judge, Mr. T. Clemmison. Nor. 3, Crests 1, A.O.V. 1, Brit. 3, Gift 1. Prizes 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d. Fee 1s. 6d. Entries close Feb. 18th to C. Storey, 10, Princess Street, Hetton-le-Hole, R.S.O.

CLUB REPORTS.

Y.C.C. OF IRELAND.

Committee meeting, held at 24, Gardener's Place, Dublin. Seven members present. Mr. Dewitt (chair). Agreed that Mr. Battyo should be selected to judge show next November. Following resolution was rescinded:—"That all birds not showing a distinctly-marked surface feather to go in clear classes." Messrs. Lambert and Emo attended to audit the club accounts, and, as they required some explanation on serious matters, they agreed to finish the audit on 15th inst.—W. C. Sholedice, Hon. Sec.

EXETER AND DIS. C.B.S.

Programme for 1907.—February 5th: Impromptu debate, "Pairing and How to Pair." March 5th: Paper, "British Birds and How to Feed them," by Mr. W. H. Cummings. April 2nd: Paper, "Hints on the Management of the Bird Room," by Mr. Walter J. Down. May 7th: Paper, "The Norwich Plainhead," by Mr. R. H. Folley. June 4th: First Feather Show (discussion on exhibits). July 2nd: First Feather Show (discussion on exhibits). August 6th: First Feather Show (discussion on exhibits); the place and date of this show is subject to alteration. Sept. 3rd: Paper, "The Breeding Season and its Results," by Mr. W. Evins. Oct. 1st: Washing exhibition, by Mr. J. Rushmer (silver medal for best exhibition given by novice, presented by Mr. J. Rushmer). Nov. 5th: Arrangements for annual exhibition (this fixture is subject to alteration). Dec. 3: Judging competition, prizes awarded. Jan. 7th, 1908: Annual meeting. Annual subscription, 2s. 6d. Names for membership will be received by the Hon. Sec., R. H. Folley, 28, Rosebery Road, Exeter.

DULWICH AND PECKHAM C.B.S.

Programme for 1907.—Thursday, March 7th: Lecture on British birds, illustrated by lantern slides taken from photographs, by Messrs. W. Hodson, Hon. Sec., and A. E. Butler, Esq. Thursday, April 4th: Lecture on the breeding and exhibition of Canaries, by J. Robson, Esq. Thursday, May 2nd: Table show of British birds; judge, W. H. Vale, Esq.; also country ramble (date to be fixed). Thursday, June 6th: Discussion on the Norwich Plainhead, opened by W. J. Cranfield, Esq. Thursday, July 4th: First Feather Show; judge, J. Robson, Esq. Thursday, August 8th: Lecture on colour feeding, by W. Norris, Esq. Thursday, Sept. 5th: Subject to be announced in Fancy Press. Thursday and Friday, October 17th and 18th: Fourth annual Open Show at Peckham Public Hall; judges, Messrs. J. Robson, G. E. Weston, W. Vardy. Thursday, Nov. 7th: Washing exhibition and remarks on the preparing of Yorkshires for exhibition, by H. E. Tringham, Esq. Thursday, Dec. 5th: Smoking concert and presentation of special prizes.

SHIPLEY O.S.

The Reunion among Yorkshire Societies.

The annual dinner of the above was held (Feb. 9th) at the Victoria Hotel, Shipley, when a most excellent repast was served. At the after proceedings, which took the form of a smoking concert, a very large company assembled, including many ladies. Amongst the many visitors present were the following well-known fanciers:—Mr. James Hartley (Lidget Green), Mr. Gladwin (London), Mr. T. Tillotson (Otley), and Messrs. M. Broadley (President of the Yorkshire Union), E. B. Denton, R. W. Alderson, E. Broadley, and H. Bailey (Windhill). We were fortunate in having in the chair Mr. Fred Hammond, the popular Secretary of the Amalgamated Yorkshire Societies, and under his genial presidency there was not a dull moment. In his opening remarks, Mr. Hammond referred to the split in the Yorkshire societies which took place a year or two ago, and said that the arrangements were almost completed whereby a reunion would take place which would make one strong union, more powerful than ever before. He paid a fine tribute to the friendliness which had been shown by the delegates of the two Unions, and compared the spirit now shown with that of twelve months ago, when all was bitterness and strife. He was of the opinion that the split had not been without good results, as the new Union would be on a much better footing. Already new societies were showing an eagerness to join, and he was pleased to announce that the Shipley Society had already made application. He congratulated the Shipley Society on the success of the President, Mr. D. Marsden, in winning one of the Amalgamation novice medals, and also of the success of Mr. H. H. Towers in proving himself the champion novice of the year with a splendid total of 96 points. He hoped these two young fanciers would be even more successful in future years. Mr. Hammond then announced the results of the members' competition for the past season, which were as follows:—1st H. Dobson, 50 pts. (cup); 2nd D. Marsden 50 pts; 3rd H. H. Towers, 42 pts.; 4th H. Hudson, 36 pts.; 5th P. Mason, 34 pts; 6th H. Bradshaw, 33 pts.; 7th W. Sowden, 32 pts.; 8th H. Stubbs, 20 pts.; 9th J. Whitaker, 19 pts. Novice competition: 1st H. Bradshaw, silver-plated waiter, presented by Mr. H. Dobson; 2nd H. Stubbs, special, presented by Mr. P. Mason. The balance in hand is £11 13s. 10d. A capital programme was excellently rendered, each contributor being heartily applauded. Among the performers were Mr. Bradley, Mr. T. Cawthera, Mr. E. Broadley, Mr. Clegg and Master J. W. Earnshaw.

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We have been accused of ransacking the dictionary to find superlatives previous to the issue of each of our special numbers. There may be an element of truth in that. But it is also equally certain that our readers themselves, if one may judge by the hearty and unqualified approval given by them in writing after each special number, have an equally hard task to find fitting and appropriate adjectives for their commendation of our efforts.

We do not propose to say very much about next week's great Crystal Palace Show Number, except that we hope with your co-operation, dear readers, to make it superior to any Crystal Palace Show number yet issued from these offices. A coloured plate which, we venture to think, will not lose in popularity to any of its forerunners, will be the chief attraction, apart from a full report of the Great National Show of Cage Birds. Advertisers will doubtless not be slow to take advantage of the wide circulation this number always achieves, and we earnestly impress upon them the necessity for sending in their announcements as early as possible, and in any case not later than first post next Tuesday. Advertisements may be handed in at our stall at the Crystal Palace Show, where we hope to meet many new friends as well as all the old ones who regularly visit that function.

SOUTHEND AND DIS. F.S.

Monthly meeting on Feb. 7th. It was decided to have four quarterly members' shows, in March, June ("First Feather"), September and December; with the annual open show November 19th and 20th. After the general business, Mr. A. E. Pattrick gave a washing exhibition, which opened the eyes of several members who had never witnessed bird-washing before. Members of this Society feel proud of such a fancier in their midst, for his leisure time is always at the disposal of the novice. —A. J. Phillips, Sec.

LEITH O.S.

First monthly meeting, held Feb. 9th, Labour Hall, Smith's Place, President Jas. Lumsden presiding over a good attendance. Rules were gone over and, after a few alterations, passed. Five new members enrolled. Election of Committee resulted in Messrs. Geo. Barclay, Wm. Hook and Jas. Duncan being elected; and Messrs. Wm. Carson and David Moffat were elected Trustees. The Society, which is open to the County of Edinburgh, invites breeders of Scotch Fancy, Norwich, Border Fancy, Canaries and Mules, and exhibitors of British and Foreign birds, to become members. Any information regarding entry fee and subscriptions can be had from the Secretary, Geo. Brown, 9, Hermitage Terrace, Leith.

LOANHEAD AND DIS. C.B.S.

A meeting of the Loanhead and Dis. C.B.S. was held in the Volunteer Hall on Feb. 9th. A good number of members were present, with Mr. A. Gilchrist, President, in the chair. The rules, after a little discussion, were unanimously adopted, and the Sec. instructed to have them printed for March meeting. Four members of Committee were appointed—namely, John Gule, David Dalgleish, Adam McLead, and William Nelson, the two first-named to act as auditors. The members present agreed to admit new members to the end of March. Three new members were admitted—nauely, J. Hamilton, R. Fisher (Dalkeith) and A. and J. Thomson (Newton Grange). Since meetiug, S. Rutherford (Leith) has joined. I have also another enquiry (through Cage Birds' notice) to-night from Musselburgh. This gives us a membership of 18 at time of writing. Wishing our paper continued success.—W. B. Smart, Sec.

GREEN CANARY ASSOCIATION.

At their monthly meeting, held on Jan. 24th, Mr. Metcalfe in the chair, a letter was read from the Liverpool B.B.A. in reference to the disqualification of Yorkshire Greens at their November show by Mr. Mundell, and asking the G.C.A. for an official opinion on the question of square feathers in Greens. It was unanimously decided "that square feathers across the shoulders of the birds are a natural defect," and are not in any way an act of fraud on the part of exhibitors. It was also decided to publish this opinion in the Fancy Press, and to notify all judges at our patronage shows "that birds were not to be disqualified for this defect." Of course, the defect will count against the bird according to its extent. It was also decided that we have our usual dinner and prize distribution in March, and a joint committee of the G.C.A. and the Liverpool B.B.A. have been elected to take the matter in hand.—S. Hadwin, Sec.

LANCASTER AND DIS. C.B.S.

The monthly meeting was held on Feb. 2nd in the Market Hall Coffee Tavern rooms, Mr. S. Mulliner in the chair. A good majority present; two new members made, and first feather show date fixed for June 29th, 1907. Mr. S. Mulliner, Prospect Street, and Mr. J. H. Winn, Freehold Avaries, Lancaster, were chosen as judges of same. A table show was arranged for at the meeting night, but owing to the severe cold no Canaries were staged. The British fanciers having the show to themselves, a good table of Linnets was judged by the Chairman, S. Mulliner, Esq. His awards were as follows:—1st W. Walley, a splendid one; 2nd and 3rd W. J. Fisher. A judging competition followed; the honour was gained by J. H. Winn, closely chased by H. Capstick and R. Akister. The next meeting is arranged for Wednesday, March 6th, at 7.30 prompt; also a table show of Yorkshire pairs and any variety of British birds. J. H. Winn, Esq., will judge; a judging competiton to follow.—H. J. Brown, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE C.A.

Members met last Saturday, when a good muster turned up. The report as to the election of officers and judges was confirmed, and a vote of thanks was accorded the scrutineer. It was decided to thank Mr. James (Canada) and Mr. Green (Redhill) for their kind offers of medals to be competed for by our members at the Palace Show. Next meeting will be held at Littleboro' in March; the Secretary will advertise time and place. A list of officers will be found in issue of Cage Birds dated Feb. 2nd. —Jas. Law, Hon. Sec.

WEST LONDON F.A. BOHEMIAN CONCERT.

Our Bohemian concert at Bush Hotel on Thursday last was a great success. We had a splendid programme and a very select audience. Our only regret was that the hall was not larger, as a great number could not be admitted. The chair was taken by Mr. B. Stevenson, while Mr. W. H. Mugford proved himself an able musical director. Some splendid singing was rendered by Messrs. W. H. and J. J. Mugford, W. Greenhead, R. R. Pollard, B. and P. Stevenson; the humorous items given very successfully by Messrs. Fred Searle, H. Walker, and D. Maybank. Selections by "The Bohemian Trio" were also much appreciated. A mystifying conjuring display was given by Li Foo Chung, a Chinese conjurer, assisted by Little So Sen. During the interval phonograph selections were given by Mr. J. Pieroth.—J. Dewhurst, Hon. Sec.

CITY AND SUBURBAN A.C.B.

Mr. C. A. House's lecture, entitled "The Breeding Season; what it may yield," drew 36 members to listen to him at the above Association's headquarters on Monday last, Feb. 11th. After the passing of the minutes, the Chairman (Mr. A. C. Burn) alluded to the gratifying list of candidates for nomination—viz., Messrs. Francis, Herring, Menhenett, Rouse and Watling —and the election of F. Vincent, remarking that he anticipated this as the result of the annual show, the strong financial position, and to the fact that the pair show was the best held in London this year. A vote was taken for the judge for the Finch show, which resulted in Mr. G. E. Weston, with 16, and C. Prior, with 10 votes, being elected, to be submitted to a final vote by the whole of the members. [Mr. Weston asks us to state that he has withdrawn his name in favour of Mr. Prior.—Ed. "C.B."] The payment of prize-money and presentation of special prizes won at the late Pair Show took place, the Chairman announcing that altogether 8s. 7d. prize-money had been returned towards the expenses of the show, which was well received. The appearance of Mr. W. Pranco after his recent illness (preventing him from showing the birds he had entered) was the signal for a very hearty welcome. A vote of sympathy was passed to Mr. Maxwell in his recent serious loss. The Chairman, in a short, breezy speech, introduced Mr. House to the members, and called upon him for his lecture. Prefacing his remarks with a few words upon the Cage Bird Union (a subject brought up by the Chairman, but adjourned till the next meeting), Mr. House entertained the members to a most lucid and exhaustive exposition of what the breeding season may yield. At the close, questions were plied by Messrs. F. Turnber, F. J. Martin, A. W. Curtis, and J. Pooley; and a long discussion followed over the question of the lecturer's contention that two-thirds of the progeny of birds followed from the hen's side, instances being given in support of it in horses and poultry, thus reversing the theory of years gone by, and which was now dawning upon the minds of breeders of poultry to-day. A hearty vote of thanks to Mr. House was carried, and a vote of thanks to the chair closed a pleasant evening.—V. Wynn, Hon. Sec.

CLUB NOTICES.

No charge is made for notices of forthcoming meetings, but they can only be inserted once. Should secretaries desire to secure immediate insertion of their announcements **exactly as written** they can do so by prepayment at the rate of three words a penny.

Ashington, Hirst and Dis. C.B.S.—Feb. 26th, Harmonic Hall, Ashington, at 7 p.m. All fanciers invited.—Jos. Miles, sec.

Barnsley and Dis. C.B.S.—Feb. 16th, at Maltsters' Rest, 7.30. Business of importance; all members or intending members attend.—F. Morris, sec.

Bermondsey and Dis. F.A.—Feb. 19th, at Samson's Castle, 8.30 p.m. Annual balance-sheet and payment of annual prize money.—A. Lupton, sec.

Bingley and Dis. O.S.—Thurs., Feb. 21st, at Co.-op. Rooms, 8 p.m. Union matters and other important business; members please attend.—A. Livesey, sec.

Birkenhead C.F.A.—Feb. 19th, at Temperance Hall, 7.30. British birds and pair show. Judges: Canaries, J. Burns, Esq.; British, W. Mallinson, Esq.—J. T. Harding, sec.

Bradford (East), O.S.—Feb. 19th, at Park Chapel Schools, 8 p.m. Final arrangements for members' show, to be held on Saturday, Feb. 23rd. Judge, Mr. R. Halliday-Shipley. Birds to be entered and staged not later than 2.30.—H. Hill, hon. sec.

Bristol C.B.S.—March 6th, at Horse and Groom Hotel, Frogmore Street, 8 p.m. General business; lecture, Mr. W. G. Bull.—J. Munro, sec., Pretoria Villa, St. John's Lane, Bedminster.

Cinnamon Canary Club.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, Feb. 16th, at the Palace; time and place of meeting will be placed upon the winning Yellow. —R. J. Pretty, hon. sec.

City of Dundee and Dis. N.M. and B.B.A.—Feb. 20th, at Volunteer Arms, 8 p.m. Washing exhibition by O. C. Rogerson.—Alex. Miller, sec.

Coventry O.S.—Thurs., Feb. 21st, at Sydenham Palace, Ford Street, 8.30 sharp. Mr. G. Hobbs, of Northampton will deliver a lecture on British Birds. All fanciers invited.—G. Turrell, sec.

Crewe O.S.—Special meeting on Wed., Feb. 20th, at Nag's Head, Market Street. Business: to receive entries for members' show; all members please be present.—A. Wilkinson, sec.

Derby C.B.C.—Feb. 23rd, Derwent Hotel, Newcastle, 7 p.m. Business important; open and members' classes, etc.—W. Bamsey, hon. sec.

Falkirk and Dis. C.B.C.—Monthly meeting, Feb. 7th, Oddfellows' Hall, a large number of old members and several new ones were enrolled. Meetings held first Thursday of every month. Our last year's membership was 47.—W. Clubb, sec.

Farnworth and Dis. C.B.S.—Feb. 17th, at Old Post Office Inn, Market Street, 7.30. Enrolment of members, etc.; all members attend.—W. Dawson, sec.

Garston B.B.A.—Wednesday, Feb. 20th, Wellington Rooms, Duke Street, at 8 p.m. prompt. Business important; members please rally up.—A. Wilkinson, hon. sec.

Great Horton Good Intent O.S.—Feb. 23rd, at the Church Schools; members' show in the afternoon, 2.30 p.m.; judge, Mr. T. Mountain Baildon; after meeting, at 8 p.m., business arrangements for tea and social.—Albert Holden, sec.

Guisbrough F.S.—Sat., Feb. 16th, at Headquarters, 7.30 p.m. Adjourned annual meeting; election of officers, etc.—W. T. Simpson, hon. sec.

Halifax O.S.—Feb. 16th, Griffin Hotel, 8 p.m., Social; members kindly let me know number of tickets required.—J. F. Thackray, sec.

Kent County C.B.A.—Feb. 27th, at Appollian Hall, Dover, 7.30 p.m. Balance-sheet, election of officers, and general business.—H. Sarjeant, hon. sec.

Llanelly Poultry, Pigeon and C.B.S.—Next meeting usual headquarters, Saturday, Feb. 23rd, 8 p.m. sharp.—D. Griffiths, hon. sec.

Leisterdyke B.F.A.—Thurs., Feb. 21st, at Royal Oak Hotel, 8 p.m. Smoking concert; presentation of medals; all fanciers welcomed.—J. Pownall, sec.

Leigh and Dis. C.B.S.—Feb. 19th, at Railway Hotel, Leigh, 7.30. Members' pair show; arrangements for annual, to take place on Feb. 23rd.—A. Parks, sec.

Leicester and Leicestershire Hand-in-Hand C.B.S.—Feb. 19th, annual smoker, headquarters, White Swan Hotel; all fanciers cordially invited.—C. Draper, sec.

Loughborough and Dis. C.B.A.—Feb. 20th, at Charnwood Coffee House, 7.30 p.m.; discussion on birdroom utensils; members not having paid, please remit at once.—E. Thorp, sec.

Manchester and N.C.O.S.—Feb. 18th, at Deansgate Hotel, 7.45 prompt. Table show of British birds; judge, Mr. J. H. Chick (Nottingham), who will lecture upon same; members bring birds; special for best.—E. H. Jones, assist. sec.

Middleton O.S.—Feb. 18th, headquarters, 8 p.m. Arrangements for supper, etc.—R. Cowherd, sec.

Newcastle and Dis. C.B.S.—Special meeting, Thurs., Feb. 21st, at Lockhart's, 65, Grainger Street, 8 o'clock. To select judges for the Open show and enrol new members; members attend.—Curry and Hutchinson, secs.

Northern Crest Club.—Feb. 20th, 37, Clayton Street, 7.30 p.m., annual general meeting; all fanciers invited.—T. Robson, hon. sec.

Nottingham and Notts. O.S.—Mon., Feb. 18th, at Cobden Hall, 8 o'clock. Novice washing competition.—G. E. Wilkinson, sec.

Oldham and Dis. C.B.S.—Feb. 26th, at Textile Dining Rooms, Shaw Road, 8 p.m. Lecture, by Mr. F. W. Nelson, on the "Yorkshire Canary"; all fanciers invited.—A. Ackroyd, sec.

Queensbury C.B.S.—Feb. 23rd, Granby Hotel, 2.30. Members' show; judge, Mr. J. S. Clarkson. In the evening, 7 o'clock, lecture on Breeding and Management of Canaries, by J. S. Clarkson; all fanciers welcome.—S. Jagger, sec.

Queen's Park and Dis. C.B.A.—Thursday, Feb. 21st, Windsor Castle Hotel, Harrow Road, W., 8 p.m., show report and distribution of prize money for matched pair show.—J. C. Birch, sec.

Scottish National C.B.S.—General Meeting, Saturday, Feb. 23rd, at Rooms, 142, High Street, Edinburgh, 7 p.m. Financial statement; election of office-bearers, etc.—Jas. Winter, sec.

St. Helens O.S.—Mon., Feb. 18th, at George Inn, Water Street, 8 o'clock. All members are most earnestly requested to attend; election of officers.—Thomas Vose, sec.

Skelmanthorpe C.B.A.—Next meeting at Mr. Ed. Radley's Room, Feb. 19th, 7.30 p.m. Delegates' report of Y.U. meeting, and presentation of Y.U. novice medals.—H. W. Gill, sec.

South Metropolitan F.A.—Feb. 21st, at Club Rooms, 8 o'clock. General meeting.—A. Maddison, sec.

Swindon and Dis. C.B.A.—Monthly meeting, Wed., Feb. 20th, Chorus Room, Mechanics' Institution, 7.15 p.m. Table show of British Hardbills; paper by Mr. S. W. Birchley on British Birds (Hardbills).—Jas. T. Edmunds, hon. sec.

Teeside C.B.S., Middlesbrough.—Feb. 23rd, at Crown Hotel, 6.30 p.m. Members' show; judge, J. Pace. All fanciers and friends invited.—W. Arthur, sec.

Western Counties O.S.—Feb. 18th, at Boro' Arms, Bank Street, Plymouth, 7.30 p.m.; nominations for committee, officers and judges for 1907, date of show, and alterations in rules.—Thomas Pope, sec.

Witney and Dis. C.B.S.—Knife and fork supper on Feb. 20th, 7; all fanciers invited; tickets, 1/3 each, from sec. or members.—E. W. Johnson, sec.

Yorkshire Union of O.S.—Sat., Feb. 16th, at Oddfellows' Hall, Thornton Road, Bradford. Business: urgent and important. Balance-sheet; presentation of novice medals to delegates on behalf of winners, and other business.—F. Armstrong, sec.

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CANARIES.

NORWICH PLAINHEADS.

Answered by J. H. PAYNE.

Cock Wheezing (Anxious).—I think your bird wants bracing up, as it has no doubt run down after the chill. You say it wheezes a little; this must be attended to as well. Give it in two tablespoonsful of water 15 drops of Tolu, 5 drops of parcgoric, and 5 drops of glycerine. Let it bave this for ten days, then give on alternate days, in the same quantity of water, 10 drops of tincture of quinine. You may give him this for a fortnight or three weeks. Twice a week let it have a little egg food, to which add 5 drops of Parrish's chemical food. I think you will find it will be fit for breeding by the time you will need it.

Dumb for Twelve Months (J. Mac).—A bird that is seven years old and has not sang a note for twelve months is just about as unsatisfactory a start as you can have, and I should strongly advise you not to place any reliance upon him. In fact, my advice is not to waste your time with him, but get another one.

Hen Drooping Wings (J. H. B.).—Some birds have a habit of drooping the wings a little, and I should say your hen is one of these. As you say it is in splendid health and very vigorous, and also a young bird, there is not much doubt but what it will breed all right, and you need have no fear on this score. There is nothing you can do to remedy this defective wing carriage.

Producing Colour (T.F.A.L.).—To get colour into your Norwich Plainheads, I should advise you to use a yellow green cock. You will want to get a bronze green, and not one of the Liverpool grecus, as they are not producers of the colour we want in a Norwich. This will be readily seen when we look at the fonl marked birds of this variety, the clear parts of them being very pale in the buffs, and of a lemon colour in the yellows. Your question is a very clear one, and quite plain to me.

Hen Going Into Moult (P.T.).—The change of room was no doubt the cause of your bird going into moult. The tonic you have been giving your bird is a good one, and you cannot do better than continue it. You may give it for another fortnight or three weeks. Keep the bird in a cosy corner away from any draught, and cover over at night with a warm cloth. Give twice a week a little boiled carrot.

Cock Making Chuckling Noise (Bird Lover).—(1) Give your buff Norwich cock, in its drinking water, 15 drops of the juice of a fresb lemon, to which add half a teaspoonful of honey, which dissolve in a little warm water. Give this fresh every day for a week, and then give, on alternate dâys, for a fortnight. (2) Give your other bird, which you say seems weak, 10 drops of tincture of quinine, in the drinking water, fresh daily for a fortnight or three weeks. Let him have twice a week a small teaspoonful of egg food, to which add 6 drops of Parrish's chemical food. Let both have a piece of sweet apple to peck at, which place between the bars of the cage.

Cock Off Song (Cornbrook).—Discontinue the packet seed, and give as staple diet plain Spanish canary seed. You may give twice a week a little of the following mixture as a treat: Hemp, niga, and German rape. Give in the drinking water, fresh daily, until you see he has got well, 15 drops of good port wine, and 5 drops of tincture of quinine. Let him have as much maw seed as will stand on half-penny twice a week, and a little boiled carrot.

Hen Bare on Neck (T.D.E.).—I see no reason why your hen should not breed, especially as you say she has already dropped eggs a few weeks back. For the bare place on the neck, apply with the tip of your finger a little sulphur ointment. Let her have in the drinking water, now and again, a few drops of the juice of a fresh lemon. Feed on plain canary seed instead of the mixture you name. Twice a week give a little hemp, German rape, and inga seed. Give a spray or two of watercress two or three times a week.

Matching Yellows and Buffs (Standerton).—You say your birds are white, slightly tinted with yellow. I fancy your description wants to be transposed, and read, yellow, slightly tinted with white. These are what are termed buffs, as you surmise. If your hens are the same colour, then you will want to get yellows to match them, that is if you wish to breed any yellows. But if you are not wishful to do this, and do not mind having all buff youngsters, you may pair those you have together for one season. Let the two cocks have twice a week a little egg food, to which add 5 or 6 drops of Parrish's chemical food, and two or three good pinches of maw seed weekly. The young you have from the Norwich cock and yellow cinnamon hen, which you say are marked, would be termed variegated. Some birds have a habit of drooping the wings a little. This will not affect the breeding if he is as you say well and singing.

YORKSHIRES.

Answered by H. W. BATTYE.

Breeding Cages (J. A. L.).—(1) My own breeding cages are 16½ in. high, 10 in. across, and 8 in. from back to front. Some people prefer them bigger, and they are no worse for that, but, of course, take more room. (2) You should get a reasonably good pair of stock birds from £1 up to £3. (3) Yes, I see no reason why the bedroom over the kitchen, and facing east, should not answer your purpose. See you have some system of ventilation.

Gone Off Song (Fluffy, W. R.).—I don't think from what you say in your letter that the Yorkshire cock you have will be of much use to breed with this coming season, until it gets to the latter end. At any rate, follow the advice given to "Willing to Learn" in last week's CAGE BIRDS, when your bird may show an improvement as soon as the milder weather arrives.

Wheezing (Troubled).—I am afraid your hen is not over sound, and, personally, I do not care to breed with, or, I might say I don't care to try to breed with this kind of hen, as they seldom rear many birds, and the young they rear are often unsound, and I should not advise you to breed with her. Give the cock bird 12 drops of Parrish's chemical food in its drinking water, and continue your present way of feeding. You may treat the hen the same, and as soon as the present severe weather abates it may improve.

Mating up Yorkshires (Paris).—You want to know how I would advise you to mate up the following birds:—No. 1, cock, clear yellow; No. 2, cock, yellow, slightly ticked; No. 3, cock, heavy variegated; No. 4, cock, heavy cinnamon marked; No. 1, hen, clear yellow; No. 2, hen, yellow, slightly ticked on wing and neck; No. 3, hen, heavy cinnamon marked; No. 4, hen, all cinnamon. Kindly repeat your query, and say whether No. 3 cock is green variegated or cinnamon variegated. You state that Nos. 1 and 2 cocks and Nos. 1 and 2 hens are yellows, but you do not say whether Nos. 3 and 4 cocks and 3 and 4 hens are yellow or buffs. Until you give these particulars I cannot assist you. Inform me what colours all the birds are, whether yellow or buff, and as full a description as you are able to give of each bird, in regard to its type, size, feather, etc., when I shall be pleased to advise you.

CRESTS AND CREST-BREDS.

Answered by W. E. GREEVES.

Crestbred Cock Loose in Feather (A.G.B.).—Your bird wants a tonic. Parrish's chemical food I have found one of the best for birds. I prefer to give it direct into the beak, one drop every morning until he gets better; or, instead, you may put six to eight drops in the drinking water every day for a week. You might also give a little egg food twice a week, over which sprinkle a little maw seed, and a small quantity of hemp twice a week. Also give a supply of good shell grit. If your room is warm give a bath, but be careful that the water is the same temperature as the room; see that the bath is given in the morning; if given in the afternoon the bird does not dry so well. Fresh watercress, free from frost, and as dry as possible, will be beneficial.

SCOTCH FANCIES.

Answered by R. WRIGHT.

Yellow Hen Out of Sorts (J.H.B.).—Your hen seems to he suffering from overheated skin. The use of vaseline is all right. Rub again gently, but every second day rub in a little whisky instead. Feed very plainly, and give boiled rape seed three times a week. She should breed all right during the coming season.

BORDERS.

Answered by J. PATTERSON.

Various (Admirer).—Separate all cocks from amongst the hens, and run into single cages by themselves. Keep the hens in larger cages, three or four together; allow them a good hop between the perches, so as they may strengthen their systems by the use of their wings. Keep the cocks at one side of the room, and the hens at the other. Feed the former on plain seed, a little rape every alternate day. Give twice a week a half teaspoonful of egg food, with a pinch of maw seed over it; any not very forward give half a teaspoonful hemp twice a week. Feed hens the same, only add a pinch of inga seed twice a week. See that they have plenty of grit, cuttlefish bone, and crushed egg shells, weekly, until the time of putting them up for breeding. (2) Clean out and wash all breeding cages and accessories with warm water. Add to water a little ammonia, and ½ oz. black roll tobacco. Give a good scrubbing with a brush and soap; rinse well in clean water. Let them remain outside for 24 hours till dry, then leave them for a week; sandpaper all woodwork inside, and give one or two coats of good enamel. I prefer sky-blue colour. Treat all nest-boxes in the same way, and store away until required.

Pairing Queries (Nancy).—I really could not tell you whether your hen will breed this year or not. If she is in perfect health, as you say, I would risk her, only if you have any doubt procure another one, and if she fails you you will have the other to depend on. I do not advise more than one hen to each male, but find it safe to have one spare hen to every five pairs. (2) Let your buff cock that is backward have a little egg food mixed with Osborne biscuits—three biscuits to one egg. Allow him half a teaspoonful, and add a pinch of maw seed; mix amongst it three drops chemical food. (3) Keep all cocks away from the forward hens, as advised "Admirer." (4) The latter end of March, if winds are mild and weather favourable, will be soon enough.

Feeding (J.S.).—You will have better success if you will follow advice to "Admirer." Birds fed on mixed seed as a staple food do not generally thrive and remain healthy any length of time. I generally allow about one teaspoonful per bird, mixed among the gravel once a week when cleaning out and renewing the gravel; it gives them plenty of exercise to scrape it out.

LIZARDS.

Answered by BARKER CLEGG.

The Origin of the Lizard (Inquisitive).—Beyond the record that the Lizard Canary (not such a perfect bird as we have to-day) was bred by the weavers of Nottingham, Spitalfields, and Norwich, in the 16th century, we have nothing of a definite character reliable enough to say that it was bred on a systematic basis. Linnæus tells us in his "Systems of Nature" that there were two distinct species of Canary, one he calls *Fringilla Beutrocea*, a native of Madeira, and the *Fringilla Canaria*, of the Canary Islands. Later, Dr. Heinekin mentions the first-named, and his interesting description of these birds leads us to believe they were beautifully spangled. The same writer tells that in their wild state these birds interbred with the Citril and Serin Finch, both being of the same genus, maintaining that they further promulgated their species. If we accept this we have the origin of the Lizard. We hear little more about these birds until the societies in this country held their annual shows, when birds were exhibited and valuable prizes awarded. The standard of excellence was made up of certain properties, such as the colour of the cap, with nice formation, soundness of body colour, and regularity of markings. No bird would do for showing that was more than a year old, for the second moult always produces some irregularity which would disqualify it. The London Fancy bird appeared at the same time. Coming to the present age, I might say these birds have been bred on scientific principles, maintaining the uniformity of markings and colour to a high degree of perfection; and I have no doubt but that the Lizard Canary will be more popular in the generations that follow us. I am quite satisfied, myself, in accepting the conclusions arrived at upon the origin of the Lizard, from the old writers, until I find something more reliable. We have some good stock in the country. May we do our utmost to preserve it!

GREENS.

Answered by S. HADWIN.

Breeding for Colour (K.S.).—By mating your clear yellow hen with a green cock you will get a big majority of variegated youngsters. You may occasionally get a self-coloured bird from this cross, but the bulk will be variegated, especially as from the reading of your note the hen is bred from clears. These variegated's will contain grand colour either for crossing with clears for colour purposes or for breeding greens. Of course, for green breeding, you would have to pair the variegated birds with greens. If you want to simply breed marked birds and clears of good colour, then it would be better to get a variegated bird bred as above, so that the youngsters would not be too heavily marked.

ROLLERS.

Answered by F. A. LESTER.

Treatment not Successful (D. A. Nunan).—You must have patience; you surely did not expect the bird was going to recover immediately and sing. I believe if you feed him as you are doing, and see that he does not take cold he will come all right in time; it is a very hopeful sign that he remains active and sprightly. His feathers curling over his shoulders are a good sign also. Change his diet occasionally, giving apple instead of onion. Egg food, half-teaspoonful once a week.

General Questions (H. A. V.).—Size of box cage, 10in. high, 6in. deep, 16in. wide, two perches on a level, as wide apart as possible. Fix wire fronts by boring holes (say, two or three), one at centre and one each side, through top of box cage; leave these wires about ⅛in. long, then make three corresponding holes in bottom cross piece and cut the wires off to ⅛; this will allow you to raise front to lift out. Young cocks not covered up will get loud and neglect the teaching of the schoolmaster; not too dark at first. You can start Roller breeding in cold room about April if birds are ready; it would be too risky before.

Roller not Singing (J. Mc.).—Sorry the advice has not had the desired effect, but your feeding is wrong; give the rape and canary only and discontinue the hemp at once. Tie a small piece of string to the wires and he will perhaps play with that instead of the wires; also give a fair-sized piece of Spanish onion raw between the wires, and I hope that you will hear your bird again. A British-bred Roller would be the best; 12/6 to 15/- is a fair price for a songster. Now is the best time to buy.

German Cock Picking Itself and Wheezing (W. R.).—Thoroughly overhaul your cage, and try and find if the bird has redmite; if he has you will have to thoroughly cleanse the cage with boiling soda-water and see that it is perfectly dry before returning the bird to it. Discontinue the seed you are now giving it, which (excepting the canary) I am unable to identify. Give equal parts of German rape and canary, and also twice a week a half-spoonful of egg food. Give in water one teaspoonful of the following mixture: 1d. glycerine, 1d. simple syrup, 1d. Ipecacuanha wine, 1 teaspoonful of whisky; mix well before using.

German Roller Puffed up and Panting (Seaweed).—Your bird appears to be in a very bad way, and I expect by this time it will be too late to treat him; however, if he is still alive try the mixture as advised to "W. R." in this week's issue, and in addition put in a very warm position. Nearly all these cases that are given to me occur with freshly imported birds that have been bred and kept in a temperature of 80 deg., and of course they will at once go wrong when brought into a much lower one. Your feeding is correct. Most birds sleep on one leg. But change the perches, giving one round and one square; round off sharp edges.

Bird Wheezing (Beginner).—I do not think there is much the matter with your bird; discontinue all the extras and feed only with rape seed and canary; give between the wire a piece of onion (raw) about the size of a walnut, and I think this will clear his chest and lungs of the slight inflammation. I do not see you have much cause for alarm.

Roller Cock not Moulting (Guidance).—Your birds being apparently in good health and song will be fit to breed with. You do not say what room they are now in, but if the same room you intend to breed in it will not matter; but if you are keeping them warm and put them in a cold room they will doubtless immediately drop into moult. Better wait; it is early yet, and a little waiting may be time saved in the future.

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MISCELLANEOUS CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by J. NORTH.

Loss of Neck Feather.—You kindly answered my query in issue of September 22nd last. My bird has not recovered her feathers or moulted; the feathers are coming off all round the neck. Very lively and singing. Excreta still slimy. Do you think it contagious?—M. BURKETT.

I cannot just now make the reference, but I have frequently advised on the same subject, and have generally succeeded in effecting a cure by the simple application of sulphur either in the dry state or made into a lotion with a little glycerine and milk. When the loss of feather can be traced to liver trouble (as I think it can in this case), the diet should consist of a full allowance of salad, fruit, or boiled carrot. I do not consider this disease (so far as I can trace it without seeing the bird) infectious; still, I should not keep such a hen flying with other birds, for if the loss of plumage is in any way attributable to parasites it might spread to the others. Have you tried the sulphur application?

Removing.—As I am removing to another house May 28th next, I should like you to give me your experience of shifting at that time?—ANXIOUS.

I could have given you a more helpful answer if you had mentioned how far you were going to move from one house to another, what means you were using for removal, road or rail. However, I do not think you need be anxious over the matter, and you would do well to remove your stock by just wrapping the cages in brown paper or any canvas or cloth wrapper. Put the parcels on a hand truck, and take them straight to their new house if within walking distance, hang them up in their place, and uncover them in about half an hour, or if you move them at night time unpack them in the dark, and let them, when they wake up in the morning, find themselves "in pastures new."

Making Canaries Bathe.—How can I make two cock Canaries bathe? Instead of washing in their bath water they drink it. Sometimes I spray them, but when I put them in a dry cage they sit on the perch and make no attempt to dry themselves?—NOVICE.

"Anyone may lead a horse to the water, but no one can make him drink." But Canaries are not horses, and a way can generally be found to induce them to do what is wanted of them. First of all, run the bird into another cage, and dust some insect powder over him. Let his usual cage be thoroughly cleaned, and perches scrubbed in warm water and dried; put in the bath and return the bird without delay. If he does not then bathe of his own accord dip him in, and bang up the cage in a bright and warm position, inside a southern window is a good place. Should this fail, it shows the bird is out of health, and must be treated accordingly.

Hens Feeding Each Other.—Got CAGE BIRDS twelve months ago, and have not missed a number since. Wish such a valuable paper had been out thirty years ago. (1) I have three hen Canaries in one cage, and they feed each other. Can you explain why? (2) Would there be any difficulty in mating a cock Ribbon Finch with a hen Canary?—SWALLOWFIELD.

(1) So far as my observation extends, I am very much inclined to think that there is a good deal of common falseness in hens that appear to feed each other. Canaries are a greedy tribe, and do not give anything away. When the hens seem to be feeding each other I fancy they are only kissing, and I take it they do this, not because they have any affection for each other, but just because it is usual, in their set, to do so. One thing they cannot be false about, and that is the indication that the approaching breeding season is affecting them; do not, however, allow such evidence to hurry your arrangements, for, as a rule, there is no good done by pairing up before the end of March. (2) No one could say there would be no difficulty in mating a Ribbon Finch with a Canary hen. It is a field that has not as yet been explored, but it offers great attractions, and it would be well worth your trial.

Pairing Query.—Will a four year old cock Canary pair with a last year's hen? The cock has never been beside any kind of bird within the last four years.—NO NAME.

The actions of Canaries are controlled entirely by their instincts, and they do not learn any lessons by experience. Birds that are not old or diseased are bound to breed when the warm weather arrives, and a cock Canary would find no fault with a young hen, nor would he fail to make her a suitable mate because he was three years her senior. Many breeders of experience consider such alliances to be more productive than those of two young birds.

Cock or Hen?—(1) Doubtful as to sex of one of last year's brood? It never sings. Do not all cocks sing? (2) When kept with the mother bird the two showed signs of nesting. (3) When separated into different rooms, mother bird seems uneasy and tries to build, plucking her own feathers. (4) Young bird only twitters. What is its sex? (5) Both on seed diet, no salad or egg food. Is this right?—MERLIN.

(1) It is often a matter of difficulty to say which are cocks and which are hens; especially is this the case with young and imperfectly developed birds. When one cannot see the birds, and has to rely on a written description of their behaviour, the aforesaid difficulty is intensified. No; all cocks do not sing at all times, but my impression is that your bird is a hen. Such a normal bird would be singing if a cock. (2) It is too early yet to decide the sex of some birds. (3) Such early stimulation is not wise, and is likely to upset a bird, perhaps for the season. Keep them parted till end of March. (4) Answered in No. 1. (5) No egg food, but salad, sweet apple, or boiled carrot may be given with advantage.

Enlargement and Treatment.—(1) Canary hen has enlargement near vent, yellowish colour, and about the size of split pea. She does not moult nor seem in pain, but is quite lively, but the part is bare of feathers? (2) Cock Canary, six years old, and bred with for first time last year, was a splendid singer, but has now gone quite "off song," and seems in a low and listless way. Have given 15 drops of Parrish's chemical food in drinking water.—M.V.G.

(1) Apart from making an examination of your Canary hen, I am very much inclined to think that the enlargement you speak of is nothing more than a natural accumulation of fat. Anyhow, I should not advise you to do anything to it, as I think you will find the hen will go on all right. (2) Your cock bird is not so young as he used to be, and it is not at all unusual for birds that have been kept in small cages for several years to become docile, and even indolent. They seem to find whistling too much like hard work, and so leave it alone. Your treatment with chemical food is quite correct, so go on with it, giving also some spring salad when obtainable, or slices of sweet apple or boiled carrot, of course, in addition to usual seed diet.

Swelling on Side of Head.—Canary has swelling on right side of head, which is inflamed; the eye is ucarly closed, and there is a watery discharge from both eycs. The inside of throat seems to he sore, and the bird does not close its beak properly. It sits drooping very much, is rough in plumage, and wings hang down. It is also very loose in its bowels. I have put it on bread and milk sop, and bathed its eyes and mouth with criuusou fluid. He has been previously kept in an open wire cage, but I have now run bim into a box cage, and keep bim in a well ventilated room.—C.S.

Your bird is evidently in a deplorable state, and most bird lovers would end the trouble in the shortest possible way. It is not for me to say that your bird has got diphtheria, or typhoid, or Canary scrofula, although it seems to have got a little of each, and there can he no doubt it may infect other birds. I should strongly advise you to kill it and cremate its body; also be very careful to thoroughly cleanse and disinfect its cage and surroundings. The only remedy I can suggest is borle acid solution, one drachm of the acid to a pint of hot water. You might bathe the affected parts with this lotion every night and morning, and also let it have the same to driuk in place of plain water. It is not poisonous.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

Breeding in Indoor Room. (G.C.).—It is quite impossible to say what birds will, and what will not, agree, when turned loose into a room. Some individuals of certaiu species turn out very peaceably inclined towards their neighbours; others prove shocking bullies. All I can do is to advise you to keep your eyes open, and if any of tbe inmates of your indoor aviary (or bird room) turn out incorrigibly interfering or pugnacious, to remove them at once. Of the speeies you meution, Yellowhammers, Chaffinches, and Bullfinches would be unlikely to breed therein—tbe first-named being the most unlikely, the latter perhaps a little more likely to do so. Why not try pairs of Linnets, Goldfinches, and Siskins? You could also put in a Canary hen or two; but no cock Canaries. You do not mention the size of the room, but you must strictly limit the number of couples if you want to stand any cbance of success. Read reply to "Lino" this week for food, etc.

A Remarkable Recovery (M.A.B.).—I am indeed pleased to hear the Bullfinch, about which I advised you in the Birthday Number, bas made such a satisfactory recovery. I remember you said its "eyes have shrunk to half their usual size, while its stomach appears much swollen." It certainly seemed an entirely bopeless case. It only serves to confirm the accuracy of a brother philosopher's remark that "You never can tell." The biscuit and maw seed, also the mealworms, may be continued for all time, though they need only he offered now and agaiu as "special treats." The chlorodyne should be gradually discontinued, and dropped altogether. Hints on the diet of Bullfinches are given another querist this week. Canary, German rape, and tcazle, with a little linseed and maw, should constitute tbe staple dict, with a pinch of hemp and a feed of sunflower seeds now and again, tbe latter tbe more frequently of the two.

A New Reader Enquires (A. S. Brackenridge).—Always pleased to help new readers. But you should certainly read and couform to the rules, or you cannot expect to get your queries answered. It is clearly stated that questions for different specialists must not be mixed up togctber. With regard to the Cauary which bas gone into moult, if you shift birds from warmed to unheatcd rooms you must be prepared to take tbe consequences. Almost every week fanciers are warned not to do such a thing. He may pull together when the genial days of spring arrive. This query should have been sent to our Mr. Payne. The Border Fancy is constipated. Get a pennyworth of sulphate of soda from a chemist, and dissolve in two tablespoonfuls of drinking water as much as will just cover a shilling. Leave this on the cage six bours or so, tben changing to plain water. Repeat dose next day if it seems necessary. This query should have been sent to our Mr. Patterson. It is absurd to be "afraid" to let a healthy Goldfinch bathe; the chances are that if you do not it will soon be unhealthy. Let him have a dip every morning. The food for Goldfinches was given last week; see replies to "G. Travers" and "B.L." There is no need to give a Linnet egg food to get it into breeding condition. At the same time, a little will not hurt the bird, given occasionally; maybe he will not eat it, though. How do you know your Linnet is a cock? If the bird was caught last season, yet has never sung, I should bc inclined to suspect it was a hen.

More Outdoor Aviary Breeding (Lino.).—Your proposed outdoor aviary, 12 ft. by 4½ ft., would accommodate a dozen pairs of small birds very comfortably, with a reasonable prospect of one or other of them breeding. It should be roofed right over. I have in many very recent answers given hints on fitting such a place up with nesting sites, etc.; also spoken of the difficulties and uncertainty attending attempts to breed with pairs of different species of birds mixed together. For food you would need to give the principal seeds, canary, hemp, teazle, summer rape, and sunflower, in separate hoppers, or dishes, this being the only economical method. The other seeds I frequently recommend for seed-eating Britishers (see replies to "Young Fancier" and "G. Travers" last week) should be given in small quantities, according to number of birds kept, and varied from day to day; also the green foods recommended these querists are the correct ones to gather and use freely. During the breeding season a dish of lightly-damped insectivorous food, rich in ants' eggs, should be supplied fresh daily, and any sprays from fruit, rose bushes, etc., infested with blight (green, or "smother" fly.

A Piping Bullfinch and Cuttlefish (A. H. C.).—You need have no fear about giving your piping Bullfinch a piece of hard cuttlefish to peck at. It will go him good, and in nowise affect his voice. Birds most certainly need something to demolish (Hardbills, that is), for it keeps their beaks in order, and amuses them not a little. Give him about a dozen sunflower seeds daily; these will provide exercise in the same direction, and good food to boot.

A Greenfinch; Also Canary Seed Sample (New Reader).—The sample of canary seed is not at all bad; it is small, but plump, and nice to the taste. You will he quite safe in using it, though of course, better can be bought. Your Greenfinch's cage may he infested with red mite. If so, you will have to get shut of them, or you can never expect to see him in trim plumage. Follow advice given "R.M." this week. If a Greenfinch gets a free supply of sunflower seed, he asks for little more. It should he supplied in a separate dish, where possible. In his seed hopper may bo kept the following mixture: Canary and teazle, one pint of each, hemp half-a-pint, linseed and summer rape a quarter-pint of each. Give a pinch of "tit-bits" in the seed line now and agaiu for a change. Green food: Flowering groundsel tops and dandeliou heads, seeding chickweed, dandelion, shepherd's purse, plantain, thistle, etc., young and tender dandelion leaves, watercress, lettuce, rape or canary seedlings, according to season of the year. He should have just a nice feed daily. In the spring, summer, and autumn the seeding kinds can be freely given.

Enquiries on a Bullfinch (R. M.).—The raising of the tail is only, I feel sure, a natural characteristic of the bird. So, I fancy, is the occasional "bulge" on the throat—due to the passage of food. Tbis is seen very plainly in all young birds (nestlings). The loss of feathers which you describe reads suspiciously as though due to the red mite. Are you sure his cage harbours none? Throw a white cloth over it for a nigbt or two, and examine it closely in the morning for traces of the pest. If found, dust the bird well with Keating's Insect Powder, or pure pyrethrum powder (obtainable from a chemist), seeing it gets down among the plumage, and specially under the wings, at root of the tail, and round the neck. The cage should be stoved in a moderately warm oven for 15 to 20 minutes, or thoroughly scalded (every crack and crevice) with boiling hot water, whichever may seem most suitable to you. What kind of cage it is you do not tell me. Gently anoint the bare spot daily for a week or so with just a very tiny smear of hazeline cream. How you are feeding the bird you do not state.

Dead Redpoll (F. Tattersall).—It does not come within my province to tell the cause of death of birds, even if I were able. If you will look up our post-mortem rules, you will see that it is the especial privilege of our Mr. North to receive all corpses, and they should be sent direct to him, with the proper fee. Canary seed alone is no food for a Redpoll. He should have teazle, summer rape, and a little linseed and maw, with occasioual feeds of hemp and other "titbits."

Siskin going Bare (Miss A. H.).—I am afraid your bird is troubled with red-mite. Follow advice given "R. M." this week, using the hazeline cream, too. Butter should not be given to a Siskin; it is quite unnecessary, and might well prove harmful. Let the bird have half-a-teaspoonful of maw seed daily. You should get a copy of Mr. House's manual on Canary breeding, published from this office, post free 1/2. Our "Annual" you will also find extremely useful, post free 8d. It contains a helpful chapter on the diseases of cage birds.

Bullfinch Queer (Miss U.).—Get a pennyworth of citrate of iron from a chemist, and dissolve a tiny pinch (just a few granules only), in every two tablespooufuls of drinking water. Give fresh daily, and continue for a week or ten days. This will act as a "pick-me-up," and correct the watery nature of the excreta. But see you do not give it so strongly that it has a pronounced constipating effect; watch its action on the bowels. Try to get the bird to eat a little Osborne biscuit daily which has been steeped in new milk, squeezed dry, and well sprinkled with maw-seed. Get a little stimulating liniment (that known as Ertell's liniment if you can), and gently massage the legs with this every day. Any chemist will let you have something suitable if you explain its purpose to him.

Concerning Linnets (Watson).—A cage 4 ft. 6in. long by 20 in. high by 11 in. deep, would hold eight or nine Linnets comfortably for moulting purposes. I presume your Linnet is well on in soft moult, and in that case you can do nothing but wait patiently for him to get through with it. Feed him well, on the lines advised a querist at length the other week, and keep him in an equable temperature. Put half-a-teaspoonful of Parrish's chemical food in its drinking water, fresh daily, until he recovers. A teaspoonful of a mixture of gold of pleasure, inga, thistle and dandelion, in equal parts, would be beneficial to Linnets, given twice a week.

An Old, Old Query (Experiment).—I have written times without number in this column (and just recently, too) that hen Canary Mules will go through all the forms of breeding (if one may so put it). They will build nests, lay eggs, and sit out their time, but the eggs are unfertile. If fertile eggs be put under them, however, they will hatcb them, and they generally rear the young in first-class style, making most assiduous feeders—good mothers all round, in fact. If you put Linnets' eggs under her she will rear the young all right; I know no hen more fitted and likely to do so, unless it be a kindhearted hen Greenfinch. It really doesn't matter whether you put a cock bird with the hen Mule or not; if well fed she will desire to nest in due season. At the same time she will go to nest a little earlier if you find her a suitable mate. A cock Canary would do, or even a rank cock Mule. She will come into breeding condition some time during April (or early May) if you feed her up as you would a muling hen Canary.

Mule Breeding (Hopeful).—You should at once adopt one of the two following plans:—Either put the cock Linnet and cock Goldfinch in the breeding cages with their Canary mates, or else hang them close to each other (cock to hen) so that they can see one another and become acquainted. In the latter case you would put them together for breeding about the second week in April. I can't tell you any exact date, for that depends entirely on the condition of your Britishers, and only you yourself can answer for the latter. Keep with your own Goldie the hen which has been previously used to a Goldfinch, and let tbe Linnet have the other hen. If you have double breeders, with a wired centre partition, you can put cock one side, hen the other, and withdraw the slides when the hens seem desirous of going to nest, which they will show by carrying pieces of nesting material about in their beaks. A cock Redpoll and hen Greenfinch should get along nicely in a cage 2 ft. by 10 in. by 11 in., though undoubtedly a cage 3 ft. long would be better.

Water Ousel or Dipper (E. D.).—Water Ousel is not the correct name of the "black bird with white breast and a short tail" which frequents brooks. That is only a local name, Dipper being correct. It is a most difficult bird to keep in captivity over any but a short period; even in the Zoo they fail to get the species to thrive. Probably the root of the trouble lies in the difficulty of finding an acceptable substitute for its natural diet. It is by no means a common bird, but a much localised one. If you could succeed in putting a Dipper on the show bench you would perform a highly uncommon feat. You should read No. 3 (February issue) of the "Bird World Magazine," to which my friend Mr. Sandy contributes a most interesting account of his efforts to keep Dippers in captivity. He believes they could be successfully kept if hand-reared from the nest.

Aviary and Fittings (Avis).—Your aviary 14 ft. by 6 ft. by 5 ft. will hold 30 to 40 small birds the size of a Canary very comfortably. But small Foreign birds do not enter into my department, and any questions respecting them must be sent to our Mr. Page. You do not attempt to describe the aviary in any way, and this does not help one to answer your question. Many of the ordinary self-filling seed-hoppers designed for aviaries will take sunflower seed quite easily, or can be made to do so by cutting away a little of the sloping piece of wood inside them. Any earthenware pigeon hopper would also take it. A corn merchant who makes a speciality of fanciers' goods would show you several suitable patterns. Personally, I always served my sunflower seed in shallow, flat earthenware dishes, with a good rim on them; large flower-pot saucers I believe they were.

Show Points and Wild Seeds (D. Johnston).—The show points of all the species you mention are set out in the section devoted to "Standards" in CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL. The show points of the Norwich Canary were very graphically described by Mr. Vardy in his article on this breed published in the supplement to our recent Birthday Number. I do not know of any book devoted to the wild seeds used by British bird keepers. But a little booklet with a most useful chapter about them can be sent you post free from this office on receipt of postal order value 1/2.

Breeding in an Outdoor Aviary (E. Watson). The size of your place, 6 ft. by 5 ft. by 2 ft. is very unsuitable for an outdoor aviary. The depth from front to back, 2 ft., is not nearly sufficient. If you have any cats about you will soon find this out. For breeding results, two or three pair are all it would accommodate with any chance of success. You could try Linnets, Goldfinches, and Redpolls. Probably your best plan (certainly the most profitable) will be to turn some pairs of Budgerigars into it; but on this point you must consult our Mr. Page. The latter would be more expensive than the former. Cover the stone floor with the "sharp sand" used by builders, adding on top a dressing of grit suitable for birds. You would need to rake out and renew the upper surface from time to time.

German Hen Bullfinches (A. A. Allen).—I am afraid you could not have read your CAGE BIRDS very carefully, for several dealers were offering hand-reared, etc., German hen Bullfinches in our last issue, and no doubt will be doing so in the present issue. Have another careful glance through the advertisement columns.

Another Outdoor Aviary (Saddler).—Your place, 4 ft. by 2 ft. by 2 ft. is really very small, and I doubt whether it ought to contain more than one couple. I feel sure you would do better if you divided it down the centre (wood partition) and put one couple in each compartment. I should feel inclined, personally, to mate the four as follows: cock Linnet and hen Goldfinch, cock Greenfinch and hen Bullfinch. You would be likely to breed Hybrids, if luck attended you; but no one could be absolutely certain of doing so.

Blackbird not Singing (H. Brown).—It is quite early for a bird which is kept, practically, entirely out of doors, to be singing yet, especially in view of the severe weather lately vouchsafed us. No doubt when a few genial, Spring-like days put in an appearance you will hear his flute-like notes. Your feeding is fairly correct; and I note you say your bird seems in excellent health. I cannot add anything on the matter of diet to the hints given "C. A. L." in our issue last week. If you like to give your bird a tonic, get a bottle of Allen and Hanbury's Byno-phosphates, and put a small teaspoonful into his drinking-water daily for a fortnight or so. It can do him no harm, any way.

Chaffinch not Singing (Alphonso).—If your Chaffinch is not a house-moulted bird, there is nothing surprising in the fact that he is not on song yet. It is really too early in the season to expect to hear him invite his lady-love to "tiddle-me-dear," or "kiss-me-dear," whichever form of amusement he may prefer. No doubt later on he will issue the invitation very fluently. In our issue of a fortnight ago (No. 264) I went into the feeding of the Chaffinch at length, and I must refer you thereto for particulars on the point. Give the bird two or three mealworms daily. On alternate days offer a dessertspoonful of sunflower and a teaspoonful of hemp and niger seeds mixed. This treatment should soon bring him into high condition.

Dead Linnets (A. C. Bennett).—The "white spot, like a tiny pea, above the tail," is the oil-gland, a natural possession for any Linnet, or other bird. Its use is to store away oil, which the bird utilises to anoint its plumage. In Ducks and aquatic birds generally, it is of quite large size. Thus you will see that the "spot" which you thought bad some connection with the death of your Linnets, could not possibly have had any connection therewith. It is very astonishing, however, how many people imagine it to be some noxious growth or symptom of serious trouble! It should never be meddled with unless palpably out of order and painful to the birds. If you desire an expert opinion on the deaths, send a body to our Mr. North, following the rules set forth under the "post-mortem" heading in our query columns.

Pairing a Siskin (Standerton).—You say you have three hens, two Norwich and a German; but you do not say whether yellows or buffs, and it is essential to know this. If one of the Norwich hens is a yellow, I should certainly select it as the mate for your Siskin—in fact you could run the Siskin with both hens if you choose, adopting the same methods as Canary breeders when running one cock with two hens. The German hen would be practically certain to throw youngsters somewhat small in build; otherwise there is no reason why you should not use her. If your Siskin sings "very hearty nearly all day," as you say he does, then he must certainly be on full song. He could hardly sing much "fuller," could he? Your cage, 30 in. by 12 in. is of very suitable size for one muling couple.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S.

Avadavat Bald.—My Avadavat is almost bald, and is still plain brown, not bright red like those in the shops. Is my diet correct?—H.J.H.

These pretty and interesting little birds, if kept in a cold room, confined in a cage, are apt to go bald, though in a garden aviary, with plenty of space for exercise, they take no harm out of doors. Again, in a cage, they have a bad habit of plucking each other, or it may be the result of weakness and debility. If in a cold room, bring it into a room in which a fire is burning most of the day. If it is being plucked by its companions, cage it up separately till in condition again; while if it is in a debilitated condition, keep it warm, and once a week make its drinking water just saline with Epsom salts; on other days just colour same with Parrish's chemical food; or, better, if the bird eats the damped sponge cake, drop three or four drops of the chemical food on same daily. Keep it in a warm room, and let it have the opportunity to bathe on all genial days. Examine the bird and cage to see if they are infested with mites; if so, spray the bird with quassia solution, put in a clean cage, and bake or scald and thoroughly cleanse the infected cage.

Madagascar Lovebird. My hen died egg bound, as I found an egg on opening her. Was my treatment correct? How can I treat to prevent this happening again?—H.E.G.

You did all you could for the bird under the circumstances, but I think you did not continue it long enough. You certainly did not take it in time; it should have been treated to the oil and steam bath as soon as you noticed its puffed condition, and the treatment should have been repeated every half-hour till relief was given. After such treatment the bird must be kept in some warm place, and strictly out of all draught. It is very regretable you have met with this misbap, as the breeding of this species is not at all common. Nesting at this season of the year is very dangerous, more dangerous with birds kept indoors than with those in the open air. Prevention is better than cure, and I should advise you to get some old mortar rubbish; crush this, and mingle with the grit on sand tray. Also deal in like manner with all egg shells left from your table, and always keep a piece of cuttlefish in the cage.

Budgerigars.—(1) The ceres of my pair of Budgerigars are very much alike, though one caresses and feeds the other. Do you think I have a true pair? (2) What is the correct diet for Grey Singing Finch, and do you think I have a male—it only chirps?—A.S.

(1) I should say you have a true pair, but you will easily ascertain this a little later, for as the weather gets warmer and the birds come into breeding condition the cere of the male will become a deeper blue, that of the female reddish buff, though in some few cases the cere of the female remains pale blue. (2) Possibly you have an immature bird, and that in the brighter weather it will come into song; there is practically no outward difference between male and female. If your bird continues only to chirp when May or June comes round you may be pretty sure you have a hen. You did quite right to put the food hoppers inside the cage under the circumstances. Diet:—Canary, white and spray millet, green food, grit, cuttlefish, and water. Give tender lettuce as green food for the next two months, and you might stimulate it with a mealworm daily if it will eat them. As soon as they are obtainable, give it such plant lice and bugs as you can capture.

Birds for Aviary.—(1) How many birds can I keep in my aviary, 12 ft. by 5 ft. by 8 ft. high? (2) What birds will do in it? (3) I have in cages Zebra, Gold and Bullfinches, Linnet, Siskin, and Canaries. Would these agree altogether? (4) Could I have a pair each of Budgerigars and Pekin Robins?—MIXED BIRDS.

(1) For breeding purposes, one pair of birds, the size of a Norwich Canary, to each foot frontage of the aviary. For a collection of birds only, you could keep 60 of same size, or say a third more of small Waxbills and Finches. (2) Zebra, Ribbon, Gouldian, Long-tail, Rufus-tail, or Ruficauda, Pectoral, Chestnut, and Diamond Finches; Mannikins in variety; Avadavats Orange-cheek, Grey St. Helena, and Zebra Waxbills, Grey and Green Singing Finches, Diamond Doves, and small Quails as ground birds. (3) All those you name would live and breed together in harmony, if your aviary is suitably fitted up. (4) I cannot advise you to keep Budgerigars with Finches, Buntings, etc.; though they live together in harmony for months, sooner or later you will be picking up your other birds maimed or killed. The conditions are not equal, and they have no chance if a Budgerigar turns nasty. Pekiu Robins are quite safe; they will not harm the smallest of their companions. At the same time, they have the failing of making a meal occasionally of the eggs of other birds. I have assumed that you have a shelter shed as part of your aviary, and my replies are based on that assumption.

Grey Parrot in Bad Feather.—My bird is a good talker, and about four years old. It is always scratching itself, and feathers are always falling. If I blow at her the loose fluff comes off. I give no slops. What can I do to remedy this?—J.F.W.

Your bird must be in a very weak condition. Dinneford's magnesia and other drugs should not be given indiscriminately. The bowels must be kept gently moving, not loose. The bird's skin is evidently in a somewhat heated condition, or it is infested with parasites; you had better keep treating with the quassia solution. For the next month or six weeks well colour its drinking water (china drinking vessel) with Parrish's chemical food. Keep a piece of cuttlefish in its cage, and give a small leaf of fresh and tender lettuce daily. Also give plain biscuit twice a day, and you can with advantage put three drops of the chemical food on same. Keep warm and out of draught. You must persevere with the treatment. Such cases are usually a work of time. If other symptoms should develop, seek advice at once.

Java Sparrow with Tape Worm.—One of my Javas died, and on being opened a large tape worm was found inside. Are such cases common? Are the other birds likely to be infected? What is the remedy? I lined the house of my garden aviary with straw for warmth; when can I take it down? Will the Diamond Doves and Quails thrive on the same diet as the small birds?—L.A.F.

Such cases, while not absolutely uncommon, are yet not of everyday occurrence, and I do not think, considering the conditions under which your birds are kept, you need fear for the others. If you notice another case in time for treatment, cage the bird up, and mingle some areca nut powder with its soft food. I should not remove the straw till the first week in April, and if there should be any nests already started in proximity to it leave such parts untouched till eggs are hatched and young leave the nest. I do not believe in mixing seeds even for aviaries; however, keep separate hoppers of canary and white millet seeds; and supply, as a mixture, hemp, teazle, and summer rape; and another of sunflower, oats, and rice in the husk. The Diamond Doves and Quails would find all they needed in the above. Cut the feathers of one wing, with the Quails, or they may injure themselves in new quarters. It should not be necessary to repeat this after the moult. Supply coarse grass, fine rootlets, and hay, and the Diamond Doves will build their nests in the branches.

Cockatoos and Parrakeets.—I want a pair of birds that will be a contrast in colour from Green and Rosella Parrakeets in another enclosure. Would Leadbeaters or Rose-breasted do, and would they agree with Budgerigars?—M. SCOTLAND.

I cannot advise you to keep either Leadbeaters or Rose-breasted Cockatoos with Budgerigars, or even with other Parrots, save, perhaps, Amazon or Sulphur Crests; even then it must not be attempted unless the enclosure be a large one. A pair of Pennants, Mealy Rosellas, or White-eared Conures, would go well with your Budgerigars, and make a pleasing variety. Either would thrive on a mixture of canary, white millet, and oats; with hemp and sunflower seeds as extras. Providing they were not crowded, you could keep a pair each of Pennants and White-eared Conures—or Mealy Rosellas and White-ears with the Budgerigars. The Pennants are about

the size of a Rosella, and the Conures slightly smaller than a Cockatiel.

What Parrot or Parrakeet?—Can you name my bird for me from description herewith, and what is its value?—"WHAT IS IT?"
You appear to have some variety of the Indian Ring-necked Parrakeet, most possibly a female of the common species (*Palæornis torquata*). It may be possible you have an immature male; this you can readily ascertain after the next moult, for if a male it will have a red and black ring round the neck, while if a female it will retain the slightly indicated green ring. Newly imported birds of this species can often be purchased for 5/- and even less; but, of course, an acclimatised, tightly feathered specimen, which was also a good talker, would be worth very much more.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. J. North, 435, Oxford Road, Reading, will examine cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for a reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post-mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to J. North, with fee. Any sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

Canary (W.W., Bath).—Bird died of hemorrhage of the liver and inflammation of the lungs.

Canary (E.B.J.).—Your bird's sudden death was caused by apoplexy, resulting from softening of the liver.

Canary (W.H.).—Enlargement of liver and then rupture of blood-vessel of that organ was the cause of death.

Canary (178).—"Canary Scrofula" was the cause of death. Its retention with other birds would have been likely to cause further trouble.

Budgerigar (A.H.P.).—This male bird was in high breeding condition. He seems to have been eating too much, his liver was enlarged, and his death was caused by apoplexy.

Cardinal (Mr. Sitwell).—An apoplectic fit was the cause of this bird's sudden death. His enlarged liver, plump body, and beautiful plumage suggest he lived too well. More exercise and more ripe fruit or vegetables might have prolonged his life.

Canary (Miss K. Burns).—Sudden death caused by apoplectic fit, resulting from enlarged condition of liver. More fruit and salad is suggested. A reply by post to address given has been returned as insufficient.

GENERAL.

Answered by the EDITOR.

An Apology (J.G.B.).—All's well that ends well.

Cutting (A. Venables).—Thanks for interesting extract.

Catalogue of Palace Show (Miss Ashford).—We can send you this on receipt of a postal order for 1/2.

Bird Trapping (New Reader).—Write to Trower and Co., Caledonian-rd., London, N.; also consult the local police sergeant.

Report of Local Show (W. C. Freeman).—Always pleased to receive items of this nature. Thanks for kind remarks.

Query on Crests Held Over (A. G. Beeston).—Space will not always allow of queries being replied to the same week, but we do our best where it is a case of illness.

St. Kilda Wren (G. Pridham).—Many thanks for your pretty little sketch. It is, however, unsuitable for reproduction in either CAGE BIRDS or the "Bird World."

Seed Importers (J. Penrice).—Spratts, Carter's, Hindhaugh's, Macqueen's, and other advertisers in our pages are all large importers of bird seeds. Consult our advertisement columns.

Copy of Paper (John Thomson).—Many thanks, sir, for your courtesy in sending us in such an interesting paper. The Fancy are indebted to you and the lecturer for your thoughtfulness. Thanks for good wishes.

German Paper (W. Rodger).—Address your advertisement for German Toy Pigeons to the "German Feathered World," Leipsic. Send it along in English, which they will translate into German at your request.

Old Clothes (Cymro).—Sorry we can't assist you further. Try the Editor of "Lloyd's," and wait for an answer in his column. The Sub-Editor says refer to Petticoat-lane. That's where he is getting his rig-out for the Palace.

Book on the Catching of Wild Birds (M. English).—There is no book, so far as we know, dealing solely and specially with bird catching. We can send you copies of CAGE BIRDS, containing some articles on the subject, for sixpence.

Books on Australian Birds only (W.H.W.).—Several (but most expensive) works are obtainable. If price is no object to you, write again, and we will ascertain the complete bibliography of the subject for you. There are no cheap works available.

Kind Wishes (Hy. T. Davis).—Your friendly expressions were very greatly appreciated in this office, and you need be under no apprehensions of my "shuffling off this mortal coil" just yet. The cage bird Fancy keeps me very much alive, and gives me other things to think about besides ailments.

Index (H. V. Johnson).—When last we went to the trouble and expense of compiling and printing an index to CAGE BIRDS, for sale at a penny per copy, we sold the glorious total of twenty copies, and that experience makes us hesitate about producing another. Readers of CAGE BIRDS don't seem to want indices.

Perch Holder and Red Mite Trap Combined (J. W. Gilland).—Couldn't possibly say whether your idea is worth depicting in "C.B." until we see it. If sent in as an illustrated idea, it would have to take its turn, and we have scores of these it has not been possible to deal with yet, or even acknowledge.

Sutton-in-Ashfield Show (J. Pepper).—We really cannot inform you when or whether the Sutton Secretary sent to "C.B." to advertise their open show for 1907. If the query is of vital importance, perhaps it can be referred to the Secretary himself, who is the proper person, we imagine, to answer the question.

Photos of Judges (J. W. Ellwood).—We find the greatest difficulty in satisfactorily reproducing most excellent photographs in CAGE BIRDS, so great is the speed at which the paper has to be produced, and your pictures would not stand an "earthly" chance of being recognisable. Sorry. Will send results at Palace as requested.

Infringing on a Patent (Geo. Atkinson).—The registration of a patent is such an easy matter nowadays that the slightest variation upon somebody else's idea seems to entitle the originator of the variation to a new patent. Consult a patent agent, and he will give you reliable advice on the point. We are, unfortunately, not able to.

Attaching Reporters' Names to Reports (T. Edwards).—We agree with you this far, that where "stabs in the dark" are practised or tolerated in reports, the custom should be eliminated by instructing all reporters to sign their criticisms, but where the knights of the pen are straightforward, reliable, and considerate to every exhibitor, we hold there is no necessity for such a stipulation. Thanks for good wishes.

Where to Purchase a Roller Canary from (John J. Evans).—We are repeatedly stating in these columns that we cannot recommend individual advetrisers to the detriment of others. You must consult the advertisement columns of CAGE BIRDS, use your own common sense, and our deposit system.

When Does Responsibility Cease? (Colour Fed).—If your statement is correct, you are liable for the loss of the bird sent, and you must recover (or try to recover, which is not quite the same thing) the value of the bird from the railway company. It is not surprising to hear that a man wants both birds and money. It's human nature to want all you can get. But an appeal to a man not to be unfair, if made properly, may effect wonders. We hope it will in your case.

EDINBURGH NORWICH & M.B.S.

Monthly meeting, when nine new members were enrolled. There not being any business of importance, a discussion took place as to admitting Scotch Fancy to the Society. A notice of motion was given that we admit Scotch Fancy, and this will come up at our next meeting. A committee was appointed to visit various halls and recommend the most suitable.—W. DUNLOP, Secretary.

NORWICH PLAINHEAD CLUB.

I am on the point of revising the names and addresses of members. I should be glad if all those who have signified their willingness to join will please send on their names and addresses along with their subscription, viz., 2s. 6d., so that their names will appear in the new year book. Members whose addresses are incorrect in the old book can now have them corrected. All not having paid their subscription for last year will be struck off the list, according to rule.—J. RAYNES, Secretary.

READING AND DIS. C.B.S.

A very successful and interesting monthly meeting was held at Palmer Hall on Feb. 6th. About 50 present. A special feature was a washing exhibition given by three members, Messrs. Howlett, Packwood and Brooker. Mr. Yates was also to have displayed, but was regrettably prevented by illness. Much valuable information was imparted to all present, and highly appreciated. A hearty vote of thanks accorded the exhibitors brought this profitable evening to a close.—G. A. CHARLES, Sec., 94, Grange Avenue, Reading.

WIBSEY AND DIS. C.B.S.

The following is the list of prize-winners in our members' shows, and number of points obtained:—S. Shaw 1st, 122 pts.; C. Bastow 2nd, 96 pts.; D. Thornton 3rd, 88 pts.; Taylor Bros. 4th, 80 pts.; F. Pickles 5th, 65 pts.; J. Crowther 6th, 57 pts.; S. Wilkinson 7th, 49 pts.; W. W. Ellerton 8th, 40 pts.; H. Norton 9th, 26 pts.; E. W. Johnson 10th, 15 pts.; Bairstow and Chapman 11th, 14 pts. Messrs. Bairstow and Chapman have won the special for most entries and least points, with an average of one point per entry.—E. W. JOHNSON, Secretary.

LEICESTER C.B.S.

Annual meeting, Hare and Pheasant Hotel, High Street, Jan. 23rd, Mr. T. West presiding. Balance-sheet showed a good balance in hand on the year's working. Following were elected officers for 1907:—Hon. President, Sir John Rolleston; Hon. vice-Presidents, Messrs. J. R. MacDonald, M.P., H. Broadhurst, J. Hurley, John Adams, J. T. Biggs, and T. J. Thorncloe; Hon. Solicitor, Mr. J. Hincks; Hon. Auctioneer, Mr. J. H. Tricks; Chairman, Mr. W. Stevens; Vice-Chairmen, Messrs. G. Edwards and J. Adams; Treasurer and Secretary, Mr. J. Heighton, 65, Biddulph Street, Highfields; Trustees, Messrs. J. Adams and W. Judd; Committee, Messrs. T. West, A. Highton, J. W. Hartshorn, H. Marriott, F. Archer, E. B. Hunt, G. Wheatley, and H. Gray; Auditors, Messrs. G. Harrison and A. Lowe.

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THE POPULAR GOLDFINCH.

MANY are the birds claiming the admiration of British bird fanciers, but few more so than the sprightly Goldfinch, called here in Yorkshire King Harry Redcap. Unfortunately, of late years this beautiful bird has so greatly decreased in numbers that as a last resort aid has been invoked of Parliament to preserve it, and other sweet little birds, from extermination. The Goldfinch is undoubtedly one of England's most beautiful wild birds, and a grand songster. It is about five inches in length, the hen being a trifle smaller, though the difference can scarcely be distinguished, except by experienced fanciers. In the hen you will generally find that the feathers over the beak are light brown instead of black; the blaze does not extend past the eye, and the black feathers on the head are tipped with brown, as are also the small feathers at the shoulder end of the wings.

This bird's nest is a masterpiece of bird architecture, generally built in the forked branches of an apple or pear tree. It is composed of moss, wool, and other materials, and lined with horse or cow hair, with an inner and softer lining of the down of dandelions and groundsel. The exterior is often covered with lichens, which makes it difficult to distinguish from the tree in which it is so neatly built. The eggs are generally five in number, of a pale greenish blue, spotted and streaked with purple and brown at the thick end. At the end of 14 days of incubation the young are hatched; they are fed on the soft seeds of thistle, dandelion, groundsel, etc., which is first digested by the parent birds, and then brought up from the crop into the mouth of her young. These young finches are called Greypates until they have properly moulted. The Goldfinch often produces 3 or 4 clutches per year.

BULLFINCH AND CHAFFINCH.

The Bullfinch is another of our most beautiful finches, and has long occupied a prominent position as an interesting cage bird. It has a beautiful red breast, delicately-shaded grey back, and deep purple-black head, tail, and wings, the latter crossed with a beautiful bar of white. It is but a poor song bird, but possesses the power of imitation in a high degree, and can be trained to pipe any tune if taken from the nest and reared by hand. I once had the pleasure of hearing one of these lovely birds pipe the tune of "Soldiers of the Queen." The Bullfinch builds as a nest a somewhat rough structure composed of twigs and fine roots, roughly lined with horsehair. A favourite nesting-place is the thorn-hedges on the sides of railways. The eggs are generally 5 in number, of a pale-blue colour, speckled and streaked at the larger end with purple. I find they generally hatch on the 15th day of incubation. The sex of the young cannot be discovered until they begin to moult, when streaks of red will begin to show on the breast of the male bird. The latter, when house-moulted three or four times, has a great tendency to moult out black at the finish; this, I conclude, is caused by unnatural feeding.

The Chaffinch is a lively bird, and in his breeding costume is a picture to be admired. As an architect, he is equal in his profession to the Goldfinch. I will not describe his colours and build and flight, because he is well-known to all bird lovers. Not only is his cheerful "pink, pink" heard in all country lanes, but you can hear and see him regularly in our large towns, even in the busy thoroughfares of London. This bird builds a most beautiful compact little nest, on a branch close to the trunk of a tree, or on a piece of loose bark attached to the tree, and also in tall hedges. The nest is composed of moss and lichens, and lined with horsehair and feathers, and, like the Goldfinch's nest, is often overlooked owing to its close resemblance to the tree in which it is built. The Chaffinch often lays five eggs of a dirty greenish blue, spotted or streaked with reddish brown. The young are fed direct from the bill of the parents, with caterpillars and various insects. So far as I have observed, they also feed from the crop like the other finches I have described.

LOVED FOR HIS CHEEK.

The Greenfinch is perhaps the least interesting of the finch tribe; but I dearly love him for his "cheek" when tame or hand-reared. He was the first tame bird I ever saw. My father had this bird for 16 years, and money would not have bought him, and at the end of that time he met his death by violence. We left him hung out at the front door one Sunday evening and went for a walk; when we came back poor Dick was dead; in fact, there was little left of him, he having been pulled through the cage wires by a cat. People who knew no better used to say it was a Canary, for he had turned nearly yellow after so many moults.

This bird was wonderfully cute. Every Sunday afternoon we used to bring down his cage from the wall and open his door. Out his lordship would come on to the table to take his weekly dip in a shallow dish of water, which he did with much gusto; he never left the dish until he had splashed out all the water. He would then hop out on to the table, and shake and trim himself with much pride. I then used to go to the cupboard and rattle the paper bag containing the sugar, when he would fly straight to the bag, where we could hear him rustling about and cracking the small grains of sugar. Sometimes he would stay in the bag as long as ten minutes, and when satisfied out he would come and have a regular frolic, flying from one picture to another, and when satisfied back to his cage he would go, and again trim himself. This bird's untimely death cast quite a gloom over our family.

THE SISKIN AND LINNET.

It has often been a matter of surprise that this beautiful little bird is not better known amongst fanciers, though its merits are fast attracting attention, and before long I think the Siskin will become a popular cage bird. The plumage of the Siskin is of a lemon yellow and green throughout, and this colour contrasts most admirably with the black of the head and the rest of the plumage. It is a good bird for muling, and will mate freely with a Canary. It has been known to breed in this country, though rarely. It breeds chiefly in the pine forests of Norway and Sweden, and migrates to this country in the winter.

If you wish to find the Linnet in his natural home, take a walk into the rough land near the edge of a moor or wild waste ground, or to a remote moorland village where bad farming prevails. Clean, good land has no charms for this lovely songster. Its plumage is subject to great variation. The young Linnet of the year has a plumage of greyish brown, each feather edged and tipped with darker brown. The primary wing and the tail feathers are dark brown, edged with white. Until after his first moult this young bird is known as the Grey Linnet. These birds then become a beautiful red or pink on the breast, which colour disappears at a house moult. Although so plain in colour, these birds are beautifully marked; their lovely pencilled breasts and grandly-marked backs make them a study for an artist. Their colours are beautifully blended. The Linnet is very fond of building his nest in the furze which abounds in the wild districts in which he loves to dwell. His song is very melodious. The eggs are often five in number, of a bluish-white colour, spotted at the larger end with purple and reddish brown, though they vary much in colour, and are sometimes white. This bird can be recommended as a good muler.

AN INTERESTING LITTLE FELLOW.

The Redpoll is an interesting little fellow, and the smallest of the Finch tribe. Its name is derived from the deep crimson red on the crown of its head, which is much less on the head of the female. The adult male has also a handsome red breast and rump. It is a native of Norway and Sweden, and comes to this country in the autumn, generally about the middle of September. It is an aviary favourite, and a good muling bird. It can be taught to perform many tricks, will draw up its water in a bucket, or pull along a miniature railway truck to get its seed. As a cage bird it is a general favourite.

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Committee meeting, 25, High Holborn, Jan. 31st, 1907. Present, Mr. Fulljames (in the chair), Messrs. Silver, Lott, Trower, Fawkes, Hathaway, Page, Vale, Dewhurst, Cooper, Sandy, Goodchild, Plumbridge and Carr. A letter was read from Mr. A. E. Bailey, stating that he was now exhibiting in the name of "Bailey Brothers," and would he be eligible to compete for the club's cups and medals? Proposed by Mr. Vale, seconded by Mr. Trower, that hon secs. write calling Mr. Bailey's attention to rule 20, and asking for further particulars. A letter was read from Hon. Solicitor, again offering to receive and count voting papers. Hon. secs. were instructed to write and thank Mr. Nichols for his kind offer. A letter was read from the Secretary of the North London C.B.S. expressing the wish of the members to join the members of the N.B.B. and M.C. in their annual outing. It was proposed by Mr. Trower, seconded by Mr. Cooper, that hon. secs. write, giving them a hearty welcome. Proposed by Mr. Cooper, seconded by Mr. Vale, that the club's annual outing take place on May 25th, further particulars as to time and place to be published later, and that hon. secs. write to all London societies interested in wild bird life, giving them a cordial invitation. A letter was read from Miss Reeves, asking the Committee's advice respecting the use of silkworms as a food for hand-feeding young Hybrids. After a long discussion it was unanimously agreed that hon. secs. inform Miss Reeves that the Committee had well considered her request, and, although neither they nor anyone they knew had fed young Hybrids on silkworms, they saw no reason why they should not be a most beneficial food. The silkworm was a smooth-skin caterpillar, and most useful in the feeding of insectivorous birds, and was largely used in Italy, both in the caterpillar and dried pupæ state, for insectivorous birds. Mr. Vale informed the hon. secs. that he had nominated birds for the Hybrid cup at Dulwich and Peckham Show, but the word "cup" did not appear in catalogue. Hon. secs. were instructed to make inquiries respecting this grave mistake. Mr. Carr read to the Committee the winners of the club cups and medals, but, a slight alteration having to be made, a list of same will be published later. Hon. Treasurer read the annual balance-sheet, which was considered very satisfactory, considering the amount of unpaid members. This will be published after the annual general meeting at the Palace. This led up to the object of the meeting—viz., to consider the best means to increase the membership of the club.. Various suggestions were put before the Committee and duly considered, but all led up to the one thing—viz., to put the club on a better financial basis, so that the club could pay cash down for medals, etc. Medals could then be sent to the winners as soon as possible after the respective shows, instead of having to wait until subscriptions came in sufficient to pay for a few, and getting the rest on credit. The Hon. Treasurer said this could only be attained by members paying their subscriptions when due, and not letting them run on for two or three years. In several cases he had written four and five times, and could not get subscriptions or resignation. He thought that all members on the books not paying their subscriptions or tendering their resignations in accordance with our rules were liable by law for their subscriptions. It was expressed by the Committee that all members who had not paid their subscriptions, and had at heart the good work the club had done and was still doing, would endeavour to do so at once. By so doing, they would lighten the task of the Committee and further this good work. Mr. Trower said, although there was a slight loss on the club's first annual dinner, he would propose that another dinner take place at a convenient date. This was seconded by Mr. Dewhurst, and carried unanimously. Proposed by Mr. Frostick, seconded by Mr. Carr, that Mr. Vincent, 32, Murphy Flats, Borough Road, S.E., become a member of this club. Proposed by Mr. Frostick, seconded by Mr. Sandy, that Mr. A. C. Rouse, 67, Coldharbour Lane, Denmark Hill, S.E., become a member of this club. Proposed by Mr. Browning, seconded by Mr. Trower, that Mr. F. Collins, 6, Union Street, Camborne, Cornwall, become a member of this club. A hearty vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded the meeting.—PLUMBRIDGE and CARR, Hon. Secs.

BLACKPOOL AND FYLDE DIS. O.S.

Washing exhibition, Feb. 7th, at the Bay Horse Hotel, Poulton, kindly lent by Mr. J. Johnson. The room was well lighted up and very pleasant. The idea of going down to Poulton (which is about four miles from Blackpool) was for the benefit of some members living down there, and in the hope the Blackpool Society will enroll some more. Sergeant Geo. Young and Mr. Joseph Crossley volunteered to give the exhibition for the benefit of the younger members of the Society. Sergeant Young commenced by showing how to hold a bird, and explaining his idea of the washing process. He then set about his work in masterly fashion. Under his hands the bird soon put on a greatly improved appearance. The birds were kindly provided by an esteemed fancier at Poulton, Mr. J. Kirkham, except two Yorks. Mr. Crossley took with him. Mr. Joseph Crossley claimed the next patient, and, after explaining his method of washing, told how he had seen birds washed by the noted Yorkshire fancier, W. H. Shackleton, an authority, as he had proved himself by winning the Yorkshire challenge cup three years in succession. Mr. Crossley then commenced by washing the tail and wings first, and said he believed in getting the birds through the mill as quick as possible and into the cloths, and he very soon had his bird on the sticks in first-class order. He said he had used different kinds of soap, but he liked Pears' the best of any he had tried. Mr. Lightbown then claimed the table. He varied from the style of Sergeant Young and Mr. Crossley, and used Buttermilk soap, and was very partial to a Norwich show case for drying purposes. After taking his birds out of the cloth, he believed in brushing them down with a badger hair brush. The next member to try his hand was Mr. James R. Crossley, a young member of the Society, who went about his work more like a professional than a novice. The next and last was Mr. Binns, who showed himself a promising novice. There were about 20 members present, and all agreed that the evening had been well spent. Mr. Johnson, the landlord, generously promised his room any time the Society wanted it, and said he wanted someone to wash his Parrot, which he had brought into the room, but all declined his offer.

BLACKBURN LINNET F.A.

Singing contest on Saturday, Feb. 9th, at the club headquarters, "Old Red Lion," Snig Brook, Blackburn. There were a great number of friends present to witness the singing, which was of the highest quality. Thirty-four birds competed. Prizewinners:—1st, W. B. Bentley; 2nd, D. Bentley; 3rd, W. H. Topping; 4th, R. Leeming; 5th, J. Harrison. Judges: M. Blace, C. McGreevey and P. Blackshaw.—P. HAYHURST, Secretary.

LINNET CONTEST AT HULL.

Held at the Prince of Wales Inn, St. James's Street, on Feb. 9th, when 20 birds competed for four prizes. First, R. Dearlove; second, S. Saul; third, J. Marshall; fourth, R. Dearlove. Judges, Messrs. E. Mawer, R. Booker, S. Saul. Thirtieth annual Linnet singing contest will take place on Whit Monday. Anyone wishing to join our society can do so by applying to Secretary, E. Mawer, 14, Eastcheap, Hull.

LLANDWROG.

First annual show was a huge success, considering it was confined to a radius of about three miles; we hope to see some open classes next time. Entries numbered about 140 in all, including some very fine exhibits shown in good form, chief among which we might mention a clear cap Golden Lizard (shown by Mr. Winnard, which won the cup for best Canary in show), and the Bullfinch belonging to Mr. J. Williams, which took the cup for the best British bird in show. Great credit is due to Messrs. Winnard and Chittock, the Secretaries, and their Committee, for the admirable way in which arrangements were carried out. Mr. E. Llyfnwy Hughes judged, and we heard no grumbling.

NOR. PLAIN.: 1, 2, 3, Winnard, first clear yell., good head and chest, nice style, excellent wings and tail, rich tone of colour, full of quality, put down in grand form, second clear buff, lovely quality, beaten in colour only, third another typical bird, not much to choose between the three, a grand team; vhc, Addie; hc, Marston; c, Jones. A.O.V.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, c, Winnard, all Lizards, first clear cap gold, nice clear-cut cap, well spangled, second gold, not quite so good in spangle, third silver, another good one. CAN., UNFLI.: 1, Marston, nice typical buff Nor., good colour and quality; 2, Jones, Nor., rather dirty, or might have won; 3, Griffiths, nice typical York., good style and quality; vhc, Jones; hc, Hughes; c, Parry. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Hughes, buff Goldie-Canary, nice size, good blaze, shown in grand condition; 2, Chittock, Goldie-Canary, not quite the size of winner, but good; 3, Thomas, yellow Goldie-Canary, rather too small; vhc, Jones; hc, Hughes; c, Winnard. BRIT. GOLDFINCH: Grand class; 1, Hughes, a clinker for colour, shapely, rich blaze, fine deep tanning, excellent moons and buttons, wins well; 2, Winnard, good shapely Finch, nice blaze, moons and buttons, not quite the size of winner; 3, Jones, shapely bird, not quite the colour or condition of winners, but will make a good one after moult; vhc, M. Jones; hc, Hughes; c, Williams. BULLFINCH: 1, spl, Williams, splendid colour and shine, good clean-cut cap, rich crimson breast, one of the best seen for some time; 2, 3, Winnard, leader, another, a good one, not quite so rich in breast colour, third nice hen, put down in grand form; vhc, Chittock; hc, Jones; c, Thomas. A.O.V. BRIT: 1, Thomas, Greenfinch, rare size and colour, wins well; 2, Jones, Redpoll, good bib, feathered like wax; 3, Owen, Redpoll, not so steady, but equal in other respects; vhc, Parry; hc, Hughes; c, Williams. SELL., 10s. 6d.: 1, 2, 3, hc, Winnard; vhc, Chittock; c, Jones.

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GOLDTHORPE AND DIS.

Annual show of Canaries and British birds. Some very good specimens were staged. Mr. W. Brotherton (Rotherham) judged, and his awards gave satisfaction.

CLASS 1. YORKS.: 1, spl, hc, Owen, real good head, back, wings and legs, just a bit loose under, but wins; 2, 3, vhc, Senior, second grand colour, stands like a soldier, vhc a little gem, true type, seemed down with a cold or would have been on the heels of winner; c, Hall. CLASS 2: 1, spl, Owen, nice shape, good feather, splendid legs and tail; 2, 3, Senior, second full of breed, true type, on the heels of first; 3, Hall, good bird, a little less well shown; 1, spl, Owen, extra good type, close as boxwood; 2, Senior, grand Cinnamon marked, might have won had its owner seen to drying it more carefully. CLASS 3: 1, spl, Owen, very nice quality, close as wax; 2, Senior, brimful of quality, like a bit of silk. CLASS 4: 1, 3, spl, Owen, first a good head, well up on legs, wins, third nice one, close on second; 2, Senior, true Yorkie, but not in best show condition, close upon the second. CLASS 1. NOR.: 1, spl, Owen, short body, good wings; 2, Senior, splendid shape, real little gem, but on the small side; 3, Hollingworth, short-set bird, good quality, but not well washed. CLASS 2: 1, 2, spl, Owen, two very fair birds. CLASS 3: 1, spl, for best bird in show (no name), winner nice short body, wings and tail, silky feather, medium size; 2, Senior, heavy marked, but grand type; 3, Jackson, a nice bird. CLASS 4: 1, 2, spl, Jackson, grand Nor. hen, close on the heels for best in the show, but beaten in feather; 3, Senior, useful hen for breeding purposes, nice head and chest; vhc, Hollingworth, good bird. LINNET, ETC.: 1, spl, Senior, grand Linnet, splendid colour, stands like a top, but not very large; 2, Rudge, grand little Siskin; 3, Hollingworth, Linnet, of nice colour and feather; vhc, Jackson, the gem of the class, but had hurt his wing; hc, Cumberbat. GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, spl, Rudge, real good Bullfinch; 2, Cumberbat, Goldfinch, grand one, pressed winner; A.O.V.: 1, spl, Rudge, grand Yellowhammer, if taken care of should hold his own in a good class; 2, Jackson.

DON'T MISS NEXT WEEK'S GREAT ISSUE.

NANTWICH.

This old-established fixture—i.e., the forty-sixth annual—took place on February 8th and 9th, the venue being the Town Hall. Cage birds were staged on the platform, and the stewards made the best use of the space at their command, which by the way was none too much or the light any too good to get a decent view of some of the exhibits. Entries came up very well, except a few of the Norwich classes, which was a little surprising, considering a well-known breeder of this variety was handling them. Yorks were a fine lot, quality being well to the fore, some well-known winners having "all on" to hold their own in several classes. Mules were provided with but one class, which contained some crosses of a very high order, being headed by a nice specimen of the Canary-Bullie persuasion; the Britishers were a lovely lot, some grand birds, both hard and soft-billed, being on view. In this section was found the winner of the special for best bird in the show, Mr. Brotherhood's charming Waxwing gaining this distinction, being staged in marvellous condition. In Mr. Powell the Society have a Secretary whose abilities for that post are well adapted, carrying out his duties with credit to himself and to those he represents. The exhibits were well looked after and cared for at the hands of capable stewards. Mr. F. W. Heaton judged Canaries, Mr. W. O. Barlow taking the remainder; and on the whole their awards left little or no cause for grumbling.

NOR. YELL., CL., TKD., ETC. (4): 1, 2, Sandiford, leader very typical specimen, nice full head, short tail, rare colours and quality, second hardly so chubby as leader, crosses wings a bit, still a good one; 3, Hirst, not so stout as leaders, extremely stylish, nice quality and condition; 4, Horne, built on finer lines. BUFF (3): 1, Cook, wing marked, nice type, good head, good colours and mealing, fair wing carriage; 2, Sanders, cap marked, rare good head and chest, nice quality and colour; 3, Rathbone, nice variegated. UNFLI. YELL., CL., TKD., ETC. (5): 1, Hirst, marked eyes and wings, lovely colours and quality, in grand condition; 2, Sandiford, very fine clear, nice type and colour, fair quality; 3, Crimes, rare good head, nice type, just a trifle long; 4, Gaskill, very fair bird, worth its place. BUFF (7): 1, Pegg, nice clear, of good colour and quality, cobby and in good order; 2, Grime, good head and chest, nice colour, good condition; 3, Williamson, uncvenly marked, nice quality; 4, Cook, good clear, of nice type and feather, pressed third closely; vhc, Williams; hc, Grimes; c, Lover. HEN, YELL. (3): 1, Cook, very typical, good colour and quality; 2, Grime, again nice type, colour and quality; 3, Pegg, very level colours and quality of feather. BUFF (7): 1, Sandiford, gem of a clear, beautiful type, colour and quality, we liked much; 2, Pegg, nice variegated; 3, 4, Crimes, full head, short thick neck, good chest, etc., short tail, we preferred for second place, fourth nice quality var., fair shape; vhc, Rathbone; hc, Gaskill; c, Williams. YORKS., YELL., CL., ETC. (9): 1, 4, Sandiford, leader grand clear, fine colour and quality, well drawn, neat head, good position, fourth very fine thigh ticked, best of colour and quality, good type, must have pressed hard; 2, Walsh, not the length or colour of winner, good quality and stand; 3, Hirst, var., nice length, type and pose, might have gone up one; vhc, Weedall; hc, Hawley; c, Perry; absent, Gibbons. BUFF, CL., ETC. (7): 1, Hirst, thigh ticked, grand length and position, nice colour and quality, well mealed; 2, Hawley, nice length and style, loses quality to winner; 3, Sandiford, very fine clear, rare type and feathers; 4, Brayshaw and Jowett, on the large side, worth the position; vhc, Horne; absent, Gibbons. HEN, YELL. (6): 1, Brayshaw and Jowett, clear, very nice type, fair colour; 2, Perry, cap marked, good type and position, better colour, but for being a bit patchy on back; 3, vhc, Southam, nice length, colour and quality. BUFF (5): 1, Sandiford, lovely type and quality, tail well folded; 2, Walsh, rattling length and position, neat waist, best of wings and tail, presses; 3, Hewson, lovely quality, well drawn, stands well, close up; 4, Hawley, hardly the length of leaders; vhc, Horne. CAN., A.O.V. (3): 1, Leigh, wing marked, dark crest, nice length of feather; 2, Beaty, neat little Green Border; 3, (Miss) Gordon, green crest, nice length. MULES (12): 1, c, Leigh, grand Canary-Bullie, nice colour and lovely condition; 2, Ward, nice Linnet-Bullie, in lovely bloom; 3, Grime (no notes); 4, res., Coffy, leader very fine, dark Gold.-Canary, good size, nice condition; vhc, Lover, Horne, Wardleworth; a good class. LINNET or GOLDFINCH (10): 1, res., Davies, medium size, nice face and wing bars, good buttons and breast colour, bit puffy; 2, Megaw, good blaze, grand wing bars, nice condition, loses breast colour and buttons, will improve with another moult; 3, Howe, rich-coloured blaze, nice shape, lovely tanning, steady, nice condition, must have pressed hard; 4, hc, Lee, decent Finch, damaged wing tips; hc, Williams; c, Weedall. BULLFINCH (6): 1, 3, Coffy, leader grand bird, good size and shape, lovely back and breast colours, well cut cap, in good order, easy first, third hardly so shapely or so good in condition as winner; 2, Dakeyne, nice size, good cap, not the shape and colour of leader; 4, Williamson; res., Hemmings; hc, Bradburn. A.O.V. SMALL (15): 1, 3, Beaty, nice Nuthatch in good condition, third fair Redstart, looking a wee bit soft; 2, Brotherhood, well-known Redstart, in perfect feather and condition; 4, Parkes, nice yell. Greenie, good colour, body and wings; res., vhc, Lover, very good Yellowhammer, well marked, in good trim; vhc, Coffy; hc, Lee, Mackwell, Coffy; c, Parham; very interesting class. A.O.V. LARGE (8): 1, hc, Brotherhood, well-known Waxwing, in the best possible condition, takes spl for best British, also spl for best bird in the show; 2, Howe, very fine Hawfinch, well marked, steady and in lovely bloom; 3, Weedall, grand Redwing, in rare fettle; 4, Southam; res., hc, Law; c, Nield. FOR. (5): 1 2, 4, Beaty, winner very nice Pekin Robin, good size, in lovely feather, second good black-headed Gouldian Finch, perfect tail, nice condition, looked a bit cold when we saw it; 3, Jackson, very fine grey Parrot, in nice feather; res., Norton, good coloured yell. Budgerigar. SELL., 20s. (14): 1, Spilsbury; 2, Sanders; 3, vhc, Williamson; 4, hc, Hirst; res., Law; vhc, Leigh, Brayshaw and Jowett; hc, Weedall. SELL., 10s. 6d.: 1, Pegg; 2, Crimes; 3, 4, vhc, Williamson; res., Leigh; vhc, Brayshaw and Jowett.

EAGLE C.B.C. (CLAPHAM.)

The Seventeenth Members' Show, held at the headquarters, "The Eagle," Park Place, Clapham, resulted, as on former occasions, in a good collection of high-class birds being staged. If the numbers were slightly below some of the previous shows, the deficiency was amply made up for by the quality of the exhibits that faced the judge. When the club was started some five years or more ago the Canary exhibitors were by far the strongest section of the club, but this state of affairs has been quite reversed, as on looking at the catalogue we find there were just a dozen Canaries competing, and those owned by four members. Being the last show of the season, the competition for the handsome gold medal offered by the club for the most points gained by a member with six nominated birds at each show throughout the season was very keen, and Mr. Hathaway carried this off by his lead of three points over Mr. Vale at the last show, the points on this occasion being equal. Mr. Vale, however, secured the gold centre medal for second most points. The silver medal for most points in the champion section fell to Mr. Sandy, while Mr. Emms won the bronze for second most points in the same section. Mr. Hathaway also won for the first time the electro-plated cup for the best British bird. Mr. Sexton was also well favoured with specials, taking the silver medal and case of carvers for most points in amateur section. Mr. Culling took the special for best Goldfinch in amateur section, the same bird taking the special for best Goldfinch in the show; and in the latter instance we thought he was very lucky. The list of specials, as usual, was a good one. The Hybrids staged by Mr. Vale were quite a feature in themselves, and contained a very uncommon cross, the Twite-Greenfinch, showing both parents very distinctly; a Linnet-Goldfinch, Redpoll-Goldfinch—a very taking cross; but the premier honours fell to a Siskin-Greenfinch. The Canary Hybrids were headed by his light yellow Mule, followed by a splendid light buff; and in the Norwich class Mr. Vale also scored with his buff clear. Mr. Hathaway staged some good birds in the Yorkshire class. In the British classes Mr. Sandy staged a couple of grand Goldies, which were separated by Mr. Emms with a bonny Finch. Mr. Vale's Siskin and Mr. Culling's Twite were also well above the average, the former being a well-marked and good-coloured bird, while the Twite was a monster, and beautifully pencilled. Mr. Clarke, with his Bramble, separated two very sweet Bullies shown by Messrs. Frostick and Sandy respectively. In the A.O.V. class Mr. Sandy again scored with a big, well-marked Yellowhammer, second at Reigate a few weeks back in a big class. The small insectivorous class was headed by Mr. Hathaway's Blackcap, in the pink of condition, his Robin being third. "Bobbie" was quite at home and evidently was content with his quarters, for he was singing sweetly all the evening. Mr. Frostick's exhibit, a nice Bearded Tit, attracted much attention. The unmoulted class was a hot one to judge, and Mr. Turnber won with a very nice Goldie. We liked vhc (Barker) Goldfinch very much; it has a splendid blaze and is well worth moulting. Mr. C. T. Maxwell judged.

CHAMPION SEC., NOR.: 1, 2, 3, Vale. YORKS.: 1, 2, 3, Hathaway. A.O.V.: 1, Vale. HYBRIDS BETWEEN TWO BRIT. BIRDS: 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, Vale. CANARY HYB.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Vale. BRIT. GOLDFINCH: 1, 3, Sandy; 2, Emms; vhc, Hathaway; hc, Vale. LINNET: 1, Vale; 2, 3, Emms. SISKIN, REDPOLL, ETC.: 1, vhc, Vale; 2, Culling; 3, Hathaway; vhc, Emms. CHAFFINCH, ETC.: 1, Frostick, Bullie; 2, Clark, Bramble; 3, Sandy, Bullie; vhc, Vale, Chaffinch. A.O.V.: 1, Sandy; 2, Vale; 3, Hathaway. INSECTIVOROUS, SMALL: 1, 3, vhc, Hathaway; 2, Frostick. DITTO, LARGE: 1, Hathaway; 2, Vale. FRESH CAUGHT CLASS, FINCH: 1, vhc, Turnber; 2, Hathaway; 3, Frostick; vhc, Barker; hc, c, Culling. PAIRS: 1, Hathaway, Linnet and Greenfinch; 2, Turnber, Greenfinch and hen Bullie. AMATEUR SEC., GOLD OR BULL.: 1, Culling; 2, 3, Sexton. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, Barker; 2, Sexton. A.O.S. SEEDEATER: 1, 2, Sexton. A.S. INSECTIVOROUS: 1, Sexton; 2, Culling. CANARY, A.V.: 1, 2, Sexton. SELL.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, Vale; vhc, Clark.

DARLINGTON C.B.S.

On Wednesday, February 6th. Mr. A. Wake (Middlesbrough) judged the first of the table shows, which were for matched pairs of Yorkshires, Norwich, Canary muling and Hybrids, with the following results:—YORKS.: 1, Stephenson; 2, 4, hc, H. Carter; 3, P. M. Carter; vhc, Grainger; c, Lumley. NOR.: 1, Stephenson; 2, Richmond; 3, 4, W. Allan. MULING: 1, Crosling; 2, Hildon; 3, P. Carter. HYB.: 1, Brunskill; 2, Grainger.

WEST LONDON F.A.

Annual pair show, on Saturday last, at Bush Hotel, W. R. L. Crisp judged Yorkshires, and J. Robson all other sections. CHAMPION. CRESTS: 1, 2, 3, Turner. NOR.: 1, 2, Battison; 3, Leithbridge. YORKS.: 1, 2, Bennett; 3, Stevenson. AMATEUR NOR.: 1, 2, 3, Lack. YORKS.: 1, 2, 3, Robinson. NOVICE. CRESTS: 1, 3, Shepherd; 2, Mugford. AMATEUR. NOR.: 1, 2, Podd; 3, Weston. YORKS.: 1, 3, Roberts; 2, Bond. ANY SECTION HYB. BREEDING: 1, 2, 3, Dewhurst.

WIBSEY AND DIS. C.B.S.

Last members' show, February 9th. Seventy-eight birds were staged, and were judged by Mr. J. Wilman in his usual able manner. CLASS 1: 1, Shaw; 2, Bastow; 3, vhc, Crowther; 4, c, Thornton; hc, Norton. CLASS 2: 1, Crowther; 2, Norton; 3, Taylor Bros.; 4, Shaw. CLASS 3: 1, 3, 4, Shaw; 2, Bastow; vhc, Ellerton; hc, Thornton. CLASS 5: 1, Crowther; 2, Thornton; 3, Shaw; 4, Taylor Bros.; vhc, hc, Bastow and Chapman; c, Ellerton. CLASS 6: 1, c, Thornton; 2, 4, Crowther; 3, Taylor Bros.; vhc, Shaw; hc, Pickles. CLASS 7: 1, 3, Thornton; 2, 4, c, Pickles; vhc, Norton; hc, Bastow. CLASS 8: 1, Wilkinson; 2, Shaw; 3, 4, Crowther; vhc, Taylor Bros; hc, Ellerton. CLASS 9: 1, Ellerton; 2, 3, Bastow; 4, Taylor Bros. CLASS 10: 1, Shaw; 2, hc, c, Wilkinson; 3, Pickles; 4, Bastow; vhc, Taylor Bros. CLASS 11: 1, 4, Shaw; 2, Taylor Bros.; 3, Pickles. CLASS 12: 1, Taylor Bros.; 2, Shaw; 3, Wilkinson; 4, Bastow; vhc, c, Pickles; hc, Norton.

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YORKSHIRE GREENS.

Round or Square, Which?

SIR,—The letters of Messrs. Barratt and Hadwin do nothing much except endeavour to show that Mr. Mundell is not a strong judge, but one who needs to be told what he must do. Those who know William from Bradford will not believe this. Whether these birds were disqualified before or after luncheon, I am positive Mr. Mundell exercised his own will and judgment in the matter. In my former letter I wrote Wellington Hall, not Hotel. I may be wrong, it is many years ago, and I write from memory. Anyway, I remember distinctly that Mr. Galloway was the secretary, because I had some talk with him about these Greens. I have ever thought Mr. Hadwin a funny fellow; now I am certain he is. He says Greens are not alone in having square feathers, but he does not tell us any other bird which has. Why? Then he goes on to say the feathers are not in a place noted for colour or for bronze! The back of a Yorkshire Green not a place noted for colour! Mr. Hadwin are you really serious? Every breeder knows that we want a good green back, but, unfortunately, we often get bronze with our green. He hedges my fifth question by saying that Liverpool men only used to show Greens. That is a long time since, Mr. H., and all the disqualifications have not taken place in Liverpool. This question has never been properly settled. It has always been shelved. If those who suffered disqualification at the hands of Mr. Mundell are willing to submit to an honest test, I would suggest that the birds in question be sent to some independent fancier, not a Green breeder, not resident in the Liverpool district, and someone who would be above suspicion. Before being sent off, the square-edged feathers should be pulled, and if, when the new feathers appear, they are square-edged, a most vexed question will have been settled once and for all. The lunch query I leave to Messrs. H. and B. with regret that they have such a poor opinion of one of our strongest judges.—LANCASHIRE LAD.

AN AGED SKYLARK.

SIR,—The following appeared recently in the Press:—"A Skylark, owned by Mr. Fred Bateson, 11, Artillery-street, Roundhay-road, Leeds, died yesterday. It would have been 19 years old next June, and was in full song all last summer." Do you think this a record? I may add that the bird had six perfect legs. Wishing your valuable paper every success, the "Bird World" as well.—F. CALVERT.

BRUTALITY IN CORNWALL.

SIR,—The letter by Mr. Pease, in your last week's paper on the "Inhuman Bird-Catching" in Cornwall, made me feel quite miserable. Is there nothing that can be done to stop it? Could not the Society for the Protection of Wild Birds do something in the matter?—ALICE E. PRICE.

THE CAGE BIRD UNION.

SIR,—In reply to your correspondent, Mr. William Reid, my remarks on the resignation of 36 members are not quite correctly reported. What I said was "that a large majority mentioned that it was owing to our affiliation to the Cage Bird Union, that they were reluctantly compelled to resign membership," or words to that effect. Naturally everyone did not use the same words, and since our annual general meeting, on January 23rd, two more resignations have been received, and the same reason given.—JOHN TYSON.

SIR,—Reading CAGE BIRDS of February 9th, I came across a letter signed "James Reid," asking who was this tub-thumping William Reid who wrote a letter in reference to the above in the February 2nd issue of CAGE BIRDS. If I might give my opinion of William Reid by his letter, I say he is a gentleman and a fancier, as by his letter of February 2nd he only speaks facts, because I am sure that if a voting paper were sent to ever member of every club that has joined the Union the result would be that the Union would not have a third the strength it has got to-day, and there will have to be a great change in the rules to keep the societies together or we shall soon find the greater portion of the members on the barred list for showing at shows not under Union rules, for as the rules stand now Union members pay to be barred and the non-Union members pay nothing to come in. Again, this said James Reid says that the William Reids of the Fancy are the people who spell its downfall. I don't think so, for if all fanciers were as gentlemanly in their letters as William Reid they would do. And again, this said James Reid says he does not wish to doubt Mr. Tyson's word, but would like to know what he did say. I don't think CAGE BIRDS would exaggerate or shield anything that is said and done in the fancy. That is the benefit of having a reliable fancy paper, and if James Reid had read CAGE BIRDS of January 26th he would have seen what Mr Tyson said, and I know that the members of the L.C.B.A. believe what Mr. Tyson says, because he has the entire support of the members of the L.C.B.A., or they would not have given him a free hand in this catalogue question coming before the Union; and, again, James Reid says there are cranks in every club. Well, I will leave it to him to judge, but I will say to James Reid, "Judge not lest ye be judged," and after reading his letter I can't but say that it is very near time his cage-door was opened to let him get back along with his own flock—the bullies. —J. H. NEAL.

SIR,—Some people appear to have a natural aptitude for abusing other people who do not happen to hold the same opinions as themselves, and your correspondent, James Reid, must come under that category. Such a virulent letter as that which appeared over his name in your last issue can only be the outcome of an ill-conditioned mind, and I do not think that the officials of the C.B.U. will thank him for taking up the cudgels on behalf of the C.B.U. in such a manner. I believe that I would be perfectly in order if I were to return his compliment, and ask: "Who is this tub-thumping James Reid, that he should assume that, because a man dares to voice his opinions through the medium of the Fancy Press, he is trying to constitute himself the Archangel of the Fancy?" However, I will refrain from asking the question, as I have not the slightest desire to know who or what he is, and I believe that the majority of your readers will agree that a man who writes in the strain adopted by James Reid is best unknown. He says that I seem to think that everybody must fall into line with me. He must know that he is only talking nonsense. No such thing was ever suggested, as I believe in every man being allowed to have his own opinion. As for ruining the Fancy, that is another matter of opinion, but I believe that the Fancy would be so much the richer if there were fewer men of the stamp of James Reid in its ranks. He must have been very much annoyed at the publicity that was given to the fact that 36 members of the L.C.B.A. left their society on account of the C.B.U., and he tries to insinuate that your paragraph in "Twitterings" was not correct. I think he may take it for granted that, had there been any other reason given by any of the 36 members of the L.C.B.A., to account for their resignations, it would have been stated, if only in justice to the C.B.U. I do not think anyone could expect a withdrawal of members from the Manchester Society on account of the C.B.U., seeing that it originated there, but the fact that at least two have resigned shows that there is not unanimity even at home. James Reid says there are cranks in every club, and, after reading his letter, I have no hesitation in saying he is quite correct, so far as, at least, one club is concerned (that is, of course, if he belongs to any club). I would like to inform James Reid that the petty interests of Willian Reid and his tribe (by "tribe," I presume James Reid means the hundreds of fanciers who object to the C.B.U.) consist solely of a desire to see the Fancy progress by leaps and bounds, and not to have it crippled by the one-sided actions of a few. As for disheartened and disappointed clerks and scriveners, the only persons whom I believe this fancier-like description could be applied to are those of the stamp of James Reid, and I do not believe there are many like him, at least I know of none, the fanciers around this district being all men who work for the good of the Fancy. Now, sir, I would like to ask you again if you cannot take a plebiscite of members of the C.B.U.? The Fancy would then know whether the Union was popular or not, and if the vote went against the Union it would, no doubt, be dissolved. If, on the other hand, the vote went in favour of the Union, there is not the slightest doubt that the large number of fanciers who at present object to it would work for it, and try to make it a success, as they would then know that the majority of fanciers were in favour of it, and that, in their opinion, it was for the good of the Fancy. This would settle this controversy at once. In conclusion, sir, I would like to ask James Reid to keep to the question at issue in his future correspondence, and avoid personal abuse, and his correspondence will receive every attention, otherwise it would be treated with the contempt it deserves. Fair criticism is all right and generally does good, but personal abuse is unbecoming to any man. —WM. REID.

CAGED PARROTS LAYING EGGS.

SIR,—Thinking this cutting from this morning's "Advertiser" (Monday) might be interesting to your numerous readers, I have sent it on to you.—W. KING.

"A Parrot which came into the possession of Mr. John Leyh, of 10, Moorgate Street, E.C., 15 years ago, and which has been kept by him ever since, has lately started laying eggs. The bird was fully grown when Mr. Leyh obtained it but he did not learn its actual age at the time. On November 20th, 1905, the first egg was laid. It was found lying in the cage one morning. The following day there was a second egg, but no more appeared until this month. On February 5th, 1907, an egg was found, and another on February 8th."

[This is quite a common occurrence. Mr. J. F. Hills had a Parrot, we believe, which laid its first egg when about a century old.—ED. "C.B."]

PROPOSED TESTIMONAL TO MR. LE CLAIR, Hon. Sec. S.N.P. Club.

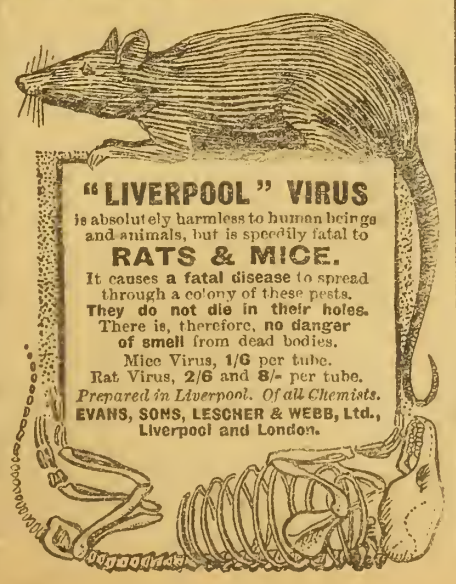
SIR,—As our hon. treasurer, Mr. Matthes, has taken the matter up, and sent an appeal to all members, I should feel obliged if they would kindly forward donations to him. I have sent what I had in hand, viz., 1 guinea. —W. R. MILES.

EARLY MULES.

SIR,—Having read in last week's issue, Mr. Goulding's letter re "Early Goldfinch Mules," I thought it might interest your readers to know that a young fancier here, Mr. William Wright, paired a fresh-caught Linnet to a young Norwich hen which was ready to nest. She laid four eggs. Result: Three fertile, one clear; two died in shell, and one hatched out February 6th, which, at the time of writing, is four days old, and doing well. Is there any other case of so early Linnet Mules as this?—FINDLAY MCGILLIVRAY (Bo'ness).

FORRES SHOW.

SIR,—The epistle appearing under the above heading last week, is neither helpful to the Society nor the Fancy at large. Mr. MacAlpine and myself had at least the courage to sign our names, which seemingly "Caberfeidh" had not. I have no wish to enter into a controversy with the same.—DAVID ROSS.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IS IT A WILD CHAFFINCH HYBRID?

SIR,—While out in the country last Thursday (Feb. 7th), I caught a Chaffinch, or what I am inclined to think is a Chaffinch Hybrid of some kind, as it is of a peculiar colour, and of different habits, etc., to that of the true Chaffineh, but I cannot yet come to a definite conclusion about it. I have been in hopes of hearing it utter its call note, thinking, if it did, I might learn something, but as yet I have not heard it utter a note of any kind. It appears to like its new home, as it is as tame as if hand-reared. I cannot say this of any other Chaffinch I have caught, and I have had a great many in my time. I have no doubt but that this bird is a male, because of the richness of colour he possesses. He is a deep red body colour right down to the extreme end of under-tail coverts, and, instead of it having a slatey blue cap, as true Chaffies have, it has a rich mahogany-coloured cap. Have any of your correspondents had one similar to this? I congratulate you on the excellent Birthday Number you gave us.—A. WAKEFIELD.

BIRMINGHAM BOOMING.

SIR,—Please find report of our general meeting. Our balance shows an increase of £2 12s. 6d. on last year. You will see we have been ablo to arrange a very attractive list of fixtures for the next few months' meetings, and shall be pleased to welcome fanciers and their friends, as we consider it the best possible manner of making the Fancy popular. —H. C. WILKINS.

[There is no doubt that attractive society programmes, such as have been arranged by the City of Birmingham C.B.S., helps to keep the Fancy from stagnating.—ED. "C. B."]

PRINCIPLES OF HEREDITY APPLIED TO BIRDS.

SIR,—During the past few weeks I have been reading your CAGE BIRDS with much interest, especially the information in connection with Hybrid birds. I am not a keeper of cage birds, but am much interested in them because, as a student of heredity for some few years, I have to include them in my studies in order to thoroughly study the principles of heredity. From my studies, so far, I have come to the conclusion that the skeleton frame and white, nervous system comes from the female side, and that the intelligence, that is, the grey matter of the brain and nerve cells, and also the skin, comes from the male side. I write to ask you if you could give me any assistance in my studies, no matter how small it may be, in regard to any particular points other than the above, which are particularly inherited from the male or female parent in Hybrid birds. Supposing that a hard-billed cock bird was mated up with some soft-billed hen bird, if such is possible, would not the Hybrid bird have a hard bill, that is, bills like the male parent? Then do not the claws of the feet of the bird always follow that of the male line? An answer to these small questions, and any other particulars you like to give me, would be very much welcomed by me.—HEREDITY (Cardiff).

[The mating of a hard-billed bird with a soft-billed one has, so far as we know, never yet been accomplished, and is not thought possible by most aviculturists. Neither, we believe, have young been bred from two species, differing materially in the structure of their feet.—Ed. "C. B."]

DOG BISCUIT FOR CANARIES.

SIR,—I have a large aviary out of doors, in which I keep my Canaries. In one division I have one cock Blackbird and two Thrushes. I feed the Thrushes and Blackbird on meat, dog biscuits, broken up and soaked all night. I took in their fresh food the other morning. They had part of a saucer left from the day before. I put it down on the table where the Canaries are, and forgot it. Now, what I want you to notice is, that when I went in afterwards the Canaries had cleared it all up. Why should we not give them a change in their food sometimes? I cannot see what there is in meat dog biscuits to do them any harm. I am an old fancier, and hold in giving my birds a change in their food sometimes. I generally take the tablecloth into the aviary and shake the crumbs. They are all down directly, and clear them all up. I keep them out of doors all the winter, and I would not wish to see a more healthy lot of birds. They have been in full song through all this cold weather.—HY. PETTIT.

A STRANGE EPIDEMIC.

SIR,—I have a trouble with six of my birds, and I see W. F. H. and R. E. G. ascribe it to highly-scented soap, but three of my birds have never seen soap of any sort. I myself put it down to giving them chemical food of too strong a character. They could clean the lower mandible on the perch, but had no chance of cleaning the upper. I have shown them to friends, and they think it strange I should not have written before, but only being a novice at both letter-writing and bird-breeding, I thought I would leave it to some more able pen than mine.—A. ORBELL.

STILL THEY COME!

SOCIETY FOR CHOPPINGTON.

SIR,—A meeting was held on Feb. 2nd, at the Railway Hotel, Choppington Station, when a Society was formed for Choppington and district, upwards of 30 members joining. The following were elected as officials: President, Mr. G. R. Turner; vice-presidents, Mr. Huntly, Dr. R. A. Morris, E. Reed; chairman, H. Seely; treasurer, E. B. Atkinson; secretary, J. Dixon, station master, Choppington Station.—H. SEELY, chairman.

CAGE BIRD SOCIETY FOR PAIGNTON.

A meeting of fanciers was held at Paignton on February 5th, under the presidency of Mr. H. Whitley, of Primley House, for the purpose of forming a cage bird society.—The chairman explained this was by no means in opposition to the Fanciers' Association, which had no opportunity of open shows for cage birds, but to supplement it. Plymouth had a successful cage bird society, and he saw no reason why one should not be a success at Paignton. It was unanimously decided to establish such a society, to be called the "Torbay Ornithological Society." Mr. Whitley was elected president, Mr. W. J. Ham vice-president, Mr. J. B. Eastley, hon. solicitor, Mr. Puddicombe hon. auctioneer, Mr. W. Drew auditor, Mr. J. L. Sharp hon. treasurer, Mr. C. Parnell secretary, Mr. T. H. Veale chairman, Mr. J. Webber vice-chairman, and the following committee of twelve: Messrs. Daw, Bastard, Fletcher, Jeffery, Mugford, Nicks, Heathman, J. Parnell, Evans, Hodge, Badcock, and Captain Innes. Members' subscriptions were fixed at 4s. yearly, junior members, under 18, 2s.; subscribers of 10s. 6d. and upwards to be patrons. The area of membership was the county of Devon, and the shows to be open to the kingdom. It was decided to hold a first feather show for members and an open show, the dates to be fixed by the committee.

A NEW SOCIETY FOR CRESSWELL.

A largely-attended meeting was held at Cresswell, at the Rose and Crown, Feb. 9th, to formulate a schedule for a show to be held on Feb. 23rd, to be open to men who wished to form a new society for Cresswell and district. About 30 fanciers promised their support, and a number of specials were promised by local tradesmen. Mr. W. Roslyn (Mansfield) attended the meeting at the invitation of the Cresswell fanciers, and gave an address on the management of such societies. The address was enthusiastically received, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded him, and, in replying, Mr. Roslyn promised that when the society was well on its leap he would give them his popular lecture on the "Anatomy and Physiology of Birds." Mr. F. Pearson has been elected chairman, and presided in an able manner, with Mr. Clarence Pressley as secretary. It is expected that the new Society will become affiliated to the C.B.U. as soon as it is formed and the election of officers has taken place.

NEW NORWICH SOCIETY FOR GLASGOW AND THE WESTERN COUNTIES.

SIR,—A largely-attended meeting of unattached fanciers was held in the Good Templars' Hall, Glasgow, on Feb. 9th, for the purpose of forming a new Norwich Society. That veteran fancier and judge, Mr. Peter Pettigrew, was called to the chair, and after having explained that there was plenty of scope for another Norwich Society in Glasgow, Mr. Dick Gadsden (Hamilton) moved that we form such a Society. Mr. John Roulstone (Glasgow) seconded. The title for the new Society was next considered, and after various motions, and a discussion of an animated nature, it was agreed by a narrow majority that it be known as 'The Glasgow and Western Counties Norwich Canary, Mule British and Foreign Bird Club." The following were appointed to office:—President, Mr Peter Pettigrew; vice-presidents, Messrs. Alex. McFarlane (Glasgow), Alex. Brownlie (Larkhall), John Young (Glasgow); treasurer, Mr. Andrew Malcolmson; secretary, Mr. J. H. Adam; committee, Messrs. D. McKenzie (Glasgow), D. Johnstone (Hamilton), J. Roulstone (Glasgow), G. McAlpine (Quarter), John Erskine (Glasgow), J. Rodie (Motherwell), J. Herbert (Glasgow). It was decided that the annual subscription be 3s. 6d., while the meetings of the club will be held on the last Saturday of each month, at 122, Ingram Street, at 7 p.m. Shows were also arranged for the months of February, March, April, and May. The classification for show to be held on Saturday, 23rd inst., is: (1) Nor. Plainhead or Crest pairs; (2) Bor. Fancy pairs; (3) A.O.V. Canary pairs; (4) Muling pairs; (5) Hyb. pairs. Any fanciers of Norwich, Crests, Borders, Yorkshire, Lancashire, Cinnamon, and Lizard Canaries, Mules, British, and Foreign Cage Birds desirous of becoming members can have full particulars from J. H. ADAM, 15, Alexander Street, Sandyford Street, Glasgow.

Green Canaries for Exhibition Purposes.

By Mr. J. W. METCALFE, Liverpool.

The Manchester and N.C.O.S. have an Entertaining Evening Discussing Greens.

Over 40 members and friends of the Manchester and Northern C.O.S. turned up at the last meeting, to hear Mr. Metcalfe discourse on the topic of "Greens for Exhibition Purposes."

This is a new subject for the Manchester Society, very few of its members having studied the breeding of Greens; but it speaks well for the coming popularity of the variety, when such a large number came to hear the paper—many coming long distances from outlying towns—and I think it would pay the Committees of our specialist clubs, at any rate the less popular, or rather those varieties not universally popular, if they would send out lecturers on their particular branch of the Canary culture. For instance, Crests have got into a very poor way in Manchester, though one time it held some of the best, and, of course, there is no demand for lectures; but if specialist clubs would force their varieties a little more into localities where they are not popular, interest would be revived, and it might be the means of gaining new breeders, and make all varieties as universally bred as are the Yorkshire and Norwich.

The Yorkshire Green is, in my opinion, the handsomest of the Canary family—the ideal colour, markings, nerve, and general smartness, making it particularly pleasing to the eye, and from its hardiness should be a favourite with breeders.

The Norwich Green is not so pleasing a specimen, not so much on account of its not having attained such perfection in type and colour as the Yorkshire, but because it looks too heavy and cumbersome, the stout build of the Norwich hardly lending itself to the dark colour of the bird.

Mr. Metcalfe, in opening his lecture, said it was the first time he had met the Manchester members as one of them, and was proud to belong to such a body of fanciers, although he became a member by winning a special prize. He thought the offering of these free memberships was a very good way of making new members. It cost the Society very little, while it gained members in new varieties, who would probably continue to be members.

Mr. Metcalfe spoke of the rapid progress made, especially with the Norwich Greens, and said that, though years ago Greens were judged for colour only, it was still the first consideration, and meant a lot in the bird's chances of winning. Still, at the present time, both the Yorkshire and Norwich Greens were as good in type as the Clears. Greens should be the same shade all over the body. The greatest depth of colour was in the cheeks, butts of wings, and rump, but they must try to get the same colour throughout.

The Buffs carried more colour than the Yellows, having more depth of colour, and it was advocated to breed for colour from buff birds.

The faults to be avoided were smokiness, or blurring down the back, and showing light underneath, and also bronziness. Bronzed birds should not be used for breeding

The pencillings should be distinct, and go down the backs to the thighs, the faults in pencilling being broken markings, and dull.

All birds well pencilled down the thighs denoted good colour, the pencilling really going with colour, and he maintained that the colour came from the cock birds.

Mr. Metcalfe had something to say in excuse of the square feathers, but to me his arguments were not convincing. Some years ago several Greens at Manchester were disqualified for alleged trimming of feathers, and though the same arguments were put forward, and the committee gave the exhibitor the benefit of the doubt, I don't think they were convinced that these square feathers were a natural growth. Several of the feathers were examined under a microscope, and they did not appear to be natural, or to have been frayed by rubbing.

Mr. Metcalfe, after giving the standard, and describing the shape of Greens, gave a very practical outline of the selection of stock for breeding purposes, four pairs being considered sufficient to commence with.

No. 1 Pair—Self Yellow cock and Self Buff hen, as big and dark as possible, showing plenty of leg, and dark in leg, the hen to have quality and type, scrificing size and have quality and type, sacrificing size and

No. 2 Pair.—Self Buff cock and Self Yellow hen, as near to No. 1 pair in type, if possible counteracting any faults in the first pair.

No. 3 Pair.—Both foul birds. Cock foul in wings and tail only, and a shade light in colour. Hen foul in wings, tail and body, but avoiding fouling round the vent.

No. 4 Pair.—Heavily-marked Yellow cock and heavy-marked Buff hen. As this pair is to make the strain, get them as near perfection as possible, getting as typical birds as possible, if an evenly marked strain all the better, but selecting the birds that were the heaviest marked.

Graft these into your birds, type and colour being obtained from No. 1 and 2 pair, pure Yorkshire type from No. 4.

Keep as many Selfs as possible of the desired colour, pairing Self to Self from the progeny of No. 1 and 2 pairs, and then introducing the young from No. 3 and 4 pairs, using from the last pair birds as free from cinnamon blood as possible, and avoiding light or pink legs.

The same remarks applied for making a strain of Norwich, except, of course, the alteration in type.

After giving an explanation of moulting and preparing, and washing for exhibition, Mr. Metcalfe concluded his paper, and the Chairman declared the meeting open for discussion.

DISCUSSION.

Mr. Blackshaw said Mr. Metcalfe, in speaking of No. 1 and 2 pairs, had said, if there are any faults, remedy them in No. 2 pair. He asked what were the faults to avoid.

Mr. Metcalfe replied, he had had fully explained in his paper the faults, and advised getting good colour in the cocks, and type in the hens.

Mr. Blackshaw: Do you prefer a Yellow cock for No. 4 pair, as this is the pair that is to improve the strain?

Mr. Metcalfe said that, personally, he preferred a Yellow cock, though the opinion was that the best colour seemed to be got from Buff cocks.

Mr. Jones: What length is the smallest hen you would use?

Mr. Metcalfe: Get as long a hen as possible. Short birds were easily bred from long birds. He could hardly define exactly the shortest hen he would use.

Mr. Hill: Was it absolutely certain to get dark-legged birds when breeding for Greens?

Mr. Metcalfe: Yes, as birds are bred darker in feather they will naturally get darker in legs and beak.

Mr. Raynes said Mr. Metcalfe had mentioned that the clear Norwich showed crest properties.

Mr. Metcalfe said no, the Crest properties were chiefly in the Norwich Greens; but they were improving them in type each year by breeding from heavily-marked Norwich.

Mr. Raynes said he didn't like the type of the Norwich Green bird of the present day, being much too small in breast. When that was improved, he would go in for that variety, but at present they were very far removed from the proper Norwich type. He also said Mr. Metcalfe didn't like the Cinnamon introduced into the Greens. How was it so many cinnamon-marked and pink-eyed Clears were in the Liverpool breeding rooms? If it was not put into these Greens, where did it come from. He had noticed pink-eyed birds being shown by Liverpool Green exhibitors. He thought a little Cinnamon blood was good; but why did the Green breeders put it in if they lost colour by it?

He also thought that the foul-marked Greens were rather encroaching on the variegated Norwich, in which classes many ought to be shown.

Mr. Metcalfe said he only knew of one man in Liverpool who had these Cinnamons in his room, and this was what he called a "Green sport."

The pink-eyed birds shown by Liverpool men were not bred in Liverpool, but came from the Norwich breeders round Blackburn. Ninety per cent. of these Cinnamon sports appeared in the Yorkshire Greens, very few appearing in the Norwich. He had introduced Cinnamon blood on the hen side.

The young were a wonderful colour the first year, and he thought he had attained his object, but it all disappeared with the first moult, and in the second year the birds had no colour at all. Liverpool breeders would tell you that Cinnamon blood ruined the Greens for colour, but it was all right for improving the feather.

As regards encroaching with Foul birds, so long as the classes did not say green to predominate, they were all right, showing, as they did, many of the heavily-marked Norwich would beat foul Greens if classed together.

Speaking of Crests, Mr. Metcalfe retaliated by asking Mr. Raynes where the heavy brows in the clear Norwich came from. Mr. Raynes replied, by pairing birds together with big heads.

Mr. Metcalfe admitted that there were many Crest-bred birds still in the Greens, and admitted they had no heads, but were improving this fault, and were doing so with the clear Norwich bird's help, buying heavily-marked birds from Norwich breeders, and these men did not realise what they had been parting with.

Mr. Hadwin: Referring to Cinnamon blood, it can be introduced for a good purpose, but not for improving colour, except in a particular way. The best colour is got on a soft-feathered bird, and as the Cinnamon blood softens the feather, by that means the colour was improved; but it must be introduced on the hen side, the hen having no influence on the colour of the young, but on the feather only.

He didn't quite agree with Mr. Metcalfe that the birds bred thus, deteriorated in colour after their moult.

He didn't object to Crestbreds, if pure-bred Crestbreds. The green Crestbred had better colour and greater depth of colour than any of the Norwich Greens, and he attributed this to the breeding of Buff to Buff so much.

His ideal pair would be a Crestbred cock and a Cinnamon hen, but the young cocks from this cross must be thrown out altogether and not used, or the faults of Greens would appear.

In his opinion the colour of the Greens can be improved by softening the feather, by introducing Cinnamon blood for this, but for no other purpose.

The legs should correspond in colour with the colour of the birds in all varieties.

Mr Pease said years ago the Lizard breeders in Oldham and district were exercised in their minds by the appearance of light legs and beaks, and, after considerable thought, they came to the conclusion that it was due to using canary seed, and started to feed on dark seeds—hemp and rape. He didn't know whether that was the reason, but anyhow the light legs and beaks had disappeared, a statement which raised a smile all round.

Mr. Bladon said Cinnamon blood would improve both the colour and the quality of feather, but it must only be by the hen.

Mr. Hadwin said, in reply to a query, that for every 25 per cent. of Cinnamon blood introduced into Yorkshire Greens, 75 per cent. had been put into the Norwich Greens, and that type had suffered, as the crossing of Lancashires on to the Cinnamons had spoiled the Norwich properties.

Mr. Jones said the lecturer had stated they had resorted to Clear birds to improve the Greens in type. What advantage could the clear Yorkshire breeders get from the Greens?

Mr. Metcalfe replied: To get colour from.

Mr. Pease, in moving a vote of thanks to Mr. Metcalfe for his paper, and Mr. Hadwin for his remarks, said it was a great pleasure to hear from these great breeders remarks on the subject of Greens, and it contrasted with the old days when a fancier had to pay very dearly for his scraps of knowledge.

Mr. Raynes seconded the vote of thanks, which was carried with acclamation.

Mr. Metcalfe responded that it was a pleasure for him to give his own experiences, and what he had picked up from other breeders, and that he hoped it would all be for the benefit of the variety.

(The above report is by Mr. G. W. F. Lythgoe.)

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Annual members' show, February 9th. There was a good entry, and nice birds were staged. Mr. W. A. Cowgill judged, and gave every satisfaction. CL. YELL.: 1, Padgett; 2, Parker; 3, Lambert. BUFF: 1, Morement; 2, Lambert; 3, Jones. TICK. YELL.: 1, 2, Jones; 3, Lambert. BUFF: 1, Bottomley; 2, Brumfitt; 3, Hudson. YELL. HENS: 1, Hudson; 2, 3, Padgett. BUFF: 1, Bottomley; 2, Morement; 3, Jones. CIN. MARKED COCK: 1, 2, 3, Parker. HEN: 1, 2, 3, Bottomley. UNEVEN HENS: 1, 2, Bottomley; 3, Morement. SELL.: 1, Bottomley; 2, Padgett; 3, Hudson. NOVICE YELL. COCK: 1, Broadbent; 2, Coates. BUFF: 1, 2, Coates; 3, Broadbent. YELL. HENS: 1, Broadbent; 2, Coates. BUFF: 1, Coates; 2, Broadbent.

PROTECTION OF WILD BIRDS.

Mr. Walter Collinge's forcible remarks on the great harm done by the various Acts for the protection of wild birds, in his presidential address to the Midland Counties Gardeners' Association, have, according to the "Worcester Advertiser," been hailed with satisfaction by the agriculturist. They will not be read with feelings of unmixed approval by readers of Cage Birds. Mr. Collinge, who, it will be remembered, is professor of the Zoology Department of Birmingham University, pointed out to a Press representative on Tuesday that the first of the six Wild Bird Protection Acts, which was passed in 1880, showed signs of very hurried preparation, certain birds which were the most useful and the most deserving of protection having been entirely omitted. This Act has remained the foundation of all subsequent legislation. "Now," continued Mr. Collinge, "consider what the effect of this legislation has been. Various kinds of insect-feeding birds, such as the Rook, Starling, and Blackbird, have increased to such an extent that they have become fruit-eating birds as well, and cause an immense amount of damage, and they have helped to destroy other birds that are of real use. These birds, I consider, should be thinned out, but there are three—the Sparrow, the Wood Pigeon, and the Dove—which should be all but exterminated. Almost any sort of measure should be taken against them—poison, traps, what you will. I know sentimentalists will cry out against me, but other things must be considered besides sentiment. The agriculturist is surely sufficiently handicapped already. He has to contend with insects and fungi as well as the bird pests. Take, for instance, the case of a man on a small holding, with some rows of peas, strawberry beds, and a few fruit trees. It is no uncommon thing for him to leave his peas in the evening loaded with full pods and to find them practically stripped by the Rooks in the morning. Thousands of pounds worth of damage are done in the fruit districts by bird pests. On the other hand, there are certain birds, such as the Kestrel, the Owl, and all birds which are entirely insect-feeders, to whom I would afford every protection possible. Of course, if that were done it might be found that they increased too rapidly; then a change in the law would have to be made. There are 12 or 15, however, which must be thinned down, and there are the three I have mentioned which should be exterminated.

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By W. VARDY.

(Continued from page 10 of the Birthday Supplement.)

THE ROOM AND THE CAGES *(Contd.)*

In my last instalment I spoke of my young Canaries keeping very wild when thrown into the very large flight I at one time had in my room. This happened more especially when they were left therein to moult, as readers will, no doubt, have gathered, for it was when I went to cage them up, to get them used to their show-cages that I had trouble, through their knocking their plumage about. I don't say anything about throwing young birds into a flight for a little while before they break into moult, as that may help them to gain vigour through the exercise they get. But they should be fetched out again in good time, for you must have your birds under control. It is no use having to try and steady them after they have moulted and are in good form, as in nine cases out of ten they knock themselves out of form again. In short, I don't favour the use of a large flight for young birds which are wanted for the show-bench. I find the large flight-cages mentioned previously answer all my requirements; and the youngsters come to no harm, and can get plenty of exercise, even in a double-breeder with the centre slide pulled out.

There is one thing a large flight may be said to be useful for, and that is, to winter one's stock birds in, and especially the hens. A good romp round during the autumn and winter will do those good, and they are easier to manage when so put up, leaving one with more time to devote to the birds wanted for the shows. If you have a big team to moult and colour-feed for the show-bench, I am sure you can do with all the time you can save yourself. In the 5 ft. flight-cages, however, there is plenty of room for stock birds to exercise in, and one filling of the hopper and water vessels answers for a decent number of birds, and none of them get "out of hand" through being therein.

Coming to the fittings of the cages, I may first say that I have them all enamelled light-blue inside and black outside. This, of course, is more expensive at the outset than having them white-washed, or done over with the sanitary water-paint so many fanciers now use, but I feel sure that it effects a saving in the long run. The cages always look very nice, and, after the various washings and cleansings they go through at different periods, they come out looking "as good as new," as the saying goes. The cleaning is a much easier matter, too, when one has cages to deal with which have been well enamelled.

I never use false-bottoms, or sand-trays, as they are called, much preferring a small turn-rail (cut out directly underneath the door), through which I rake the dirt, seed-husks, etc., which from time to time accumulate. I could never see any real necessity for the false bottoms; on the other hand, they make the cages heavier and form a refuge for red mites. Further, they often stick when in use, and cause you to have to give the cages a shaking before you can get them to pull out, which is bad when hens are on the nest; also, some dirt is sure to slip over the sides on to the cage-bottom, and this you have to rake out in any case if you want to have quite clean cages. So why not rake it all out? It can be done without making any noise.

I have four perches in each breeding-cage, two in each compartment, lodging on the cross-bar at a suitable distance apart. All my birds feed from the floor of the cage. For this purpose the front lath (which carries the feeding vessels) does not want to come up too high from the cage-bottom, from two to two-and-a-half inches being suitable. Perches which run lengthwise (along the front) I will never have, for they are a nuisance to fix and to remove for cleaning, and always get very foul and dirty from the excreta which falls on them from the upper perches. The style of perch I like is an oval one (or oval at top), varying from half-inch to five-eights broad. It does not do to give young birds perches which are too wide for their feet to grasp, for this will result only in a crop of "slipped" back-claws. Many fanciers make a mistake in this direction.

The drinking-vessels I use are glass, fitted on the cage-front with a wire hanger—I believe they are known as the "top-hat" pattern, and have a flat side, which goes against the cage. They may be bought at most bird-shops. My seed-hoppers are of wood, with a glass back, which slides out at will—the well-known pattern, the wood sides of which look like the letter V turned upside down. They can be got to hold a nice quantity of seed, and you can always see at a glance when the stock needs replenishing. These seed-hoppers can be bought of a length which enables you to use them in the centre of a cage, when, if the latter has the dividing-slide in, it does to supply both compartments yet only takes one filling.

As regards the egg-drawers, I don't know that there is much to choose between the various patterns. Some fanciers use the sort that allow the cage-doors to drop into a groove at the back, and find them all right I have no doubt. And so, I suppose, with the other patterns. In this district, however, most of the breeders use a particular form of egg-pan which is made in the neighbourhood. It is simply a small, round, plain, white pot, about three-quarters of an inch deep, and about as much round as a half-crown-piece. This is stood on the bottom of the cage, just inside the door, and at back of the turn-rail. Thus if any of the egg-bread gets knocked out of the pan—and this generally happens—it is an easy matter to just open the turn-rail, and fetch out every crumb with the rake, when there can be no danger of the birds' picking up sour or stale particles.

WINTER FEEDING.

Before I give you my idea as to mating stock to produce the best results in exhibition Norwich Plainheads, perhaps a few words on feeding the birds during the winter months may not be out of place. Now a good many fanciers make a mistake at the end of the moult. Whatever birds they have fit for exhibition they proceed to force with stimulating food into very high condition. Now, although show birds must be in good condition—very good condition—they should never be fed, if it can be avoided, into very high condition. The fancier should endeavour to stop just short of the latter. If he keeps packing his showbirds with rich egg-food, and inga and hemp, and other stimulating seeds, he will find that when the latter part of the autumn and the early part of the winter are very mild (which often happens), his birds will come into rank breeding condition. This is bad; for then the keen snaps of frost we generally get during January and early February simply cut these birds up, and they go right out of condition, often finishing up in a soft moult, which, of course, as likely as not, spoils them for the breeding season. Further, birds in rank condition never look their best on the show-bench. They are restless and bouncing about, and pull themselves up tight, so that they look all out of shape. You will often hear fanciers, at the late shows, saying that a certain winning bird has "gone off" through being too forward in condition. Some breeders, when they have had a good hen get into this rank state, have paired her up, preferring to chance the very early date, rather than chance her "falling to pieces." So the young fancier should be careful not to overdo the rich food in the belief that it is necessary to keep his birds up to show form. A little high feeding is good just after the moult; but it doesn't want keeping up afterwards, except as a treat to the birds now and again.

My own show-birds during the winter (by which I mean after the moult and onwards) get good, sound Spanish canary seed only, the best I can buy, as a staple food. Twice a week I give a tenspoonful of colour-food, made with egg, old, home-made bread, and pepper, and once a week about a teaspoonful of linseed. The colour food keeps up the high colour of the plumage, and is a safeguard should a bird drop a feather or two, or get them knocked out going to and from a show, as is unavoidable almost at times, for then there is always some colouring matter in their blood, and any new feathers are not so likely to come patchy in colour. The linseed keeps up the gloss (or bloom) on the plumage. In addition, I let the birds have plenty of baths, which are splendid for hardening the feather and producing condition. I also keep my exhibition birds covered over—that is, with a light linen cover at front of their cages—for this keeps them clean, and helps one to do without much hand-washing. Nothing spoils a bird quicker than frequent tubbing with soap and water.

Coming to my stock birds, these I also feed during the winter months on the finest Spanish canary seed, never having anything else in the seed-hoppers on the fronts of my cages. Inside the cages I put, twice a week, a small bit of hemp and linseed; three times a week in severe weather. I feed in this way until February, when I separate the cock birds from the hens (the reason will be explained later), and give them (the cocks) a bit of egg-food twice a week. The hens I also give a bit of egg-food to twice a week, and I increase their supply of hemp. When I say a bit, or a small bit, I mean not more than half-a-teaspoonful to each bird. This is plenty, as they come on soon enough without a lot of stimulating food, and especially egg-food, which on no account should be over-done. The new-laid eggs I boil ten or twelve minutes, then either beat them up with a fork, or put them through an egg-grater, and mix them with an equal bulk of the crumb of old, home-made bread.

I mate my birds the last week in March, or the first week in April, according to the weather. This will sound late to some, especially those who have the idea that about Valentine's Day (Feb. 14th) is the proper time to pair up. Right down in the South it may be possible to pair up earlier than the date I have mentioned, and experience no ill-results. But long experience has taught me that the end of March is quite early enough for the Midlands. Those who try to start their birds off before are almost sure to have brought home to them the truth of the saying, "More haste less speed." Young fanciers should not be mis-led by those who write to the Press about the wonderfully early nests, eggs and young birds they have got.

A little earlier on I spoke of separating the cock-birds from the hens about the beginning of February. Now this I consider very necessary to successful mating. If the two sexes are put in different rooms, so much the better. If this cannot be managed, then the hens should be put as far away from the cocks as possible, and a screen should be placed between the two stacks of cages, so they cannot possibly see each other. The reason for this is that birds will mate at sight—a hen will mate with a cock she sees in the cages over the other side of the room, and when this happens the breeder is in for a lot of trouble. Sometimes the birds will mate simply through hearing one another "call." When two birds take a fancy to each other by such means as these they will not accept the attentions of the mate the breeder himself chooses for them, and the position becomes awkward. Therefore, the young fancier who wants to properly mate his stock should always separate the cocks from the hens on the lines above advised, until he himself thinks it time to begin breeding operations. If he can put them in different rooms, he will be well advised to do so.

(To be continued.)

CANARY NOTES IN BRIEF.

By Claude St. John.

PREPARING FOR THE SEASON.

Many a look-ahead fancier will be getting his breeding-cage ready for the coming season now. This may mean much or little, according to the general condition of the cages. But one general method should be followed in this annual overhaul. All fronts should be removed, and, except where the insides are done with hard enamel, the inside scraped as clean as possible. Then a good washing out with strong, hot soda and water, using a small, bristly brush that can be worked well into the corners. Whitewash or distemper the insides of those that are not enamelled, but do not use freshly-slaked quicklime to make the preparation.

DISADVANTAGES OF LIMEWASH.

Avoid the use of fresh lime. That is the main object of these notes. It is sometimes recommended as a fine disinfectant and insecticide. It is so, undoubtedly. Nevertheless, I have so often come across cases of blindness, or eye complaints, following its use that I consider it best to forego its other good qualities. Whenever it is used it should be thoroughly slaked and exposed to the air until its heat has disappeared. A simple compound of whiting mixed with hot water, to which is added a little boiled paste made with common flour and a small quantity of size, and applied with a distemper brush whilst warm, makes an excellent whitewash that will not easily rub off the boards and that is perfectly harmless to the birds if they should pick it off and eat it.

THE CAGE FRONTS.

Don't forget, when putting on the cage-fronts after cleaning, to carefully examine the wires and fasteners, loops for drinking vessels, etc., and make good all little defects that may have arisen. In short, make everything as sound and secure as possible whilst the cage is unoccupied.

THE BIRD'S VOCAL ORGAN.

It is so generally believed amongst teachers of bird anatomy (to use a term as merely a convenient one), that a bird's tongue plays no part whatever in the production of sound, that a German professor's statement respecting the song of the Roller must come as a surprise. In singing the notes represented by the consonants, n, t and d, this authority tells us the bird's tongue must touch the palate just as is the case with man. Perhaps a new theory will arise to embrace the essentials of both doctrines. One thing is certain, however, that the vocal organs of the Roller are developed to a higher degree than almost any other class of bird.

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CANARIES' MANDIBLES ROTTING OFF.

The curious case recorded of Canaries' upper mandibles rotting off is so seemingly suggestive of a cancerous disease that, coming so soon after the reported occurrence in scientific circles of the disease in birds, would it not be wise to endeavour to get these cases examined by a bacteriologist. Certainly anything of this kind which shows a decided contagious or infectious tendency, is best dealt with stringently at the commencement, with a view to stamp it out at its source. Non-malignant tumours are not uncommon in cage birds, and I have seen them on fresh-caught wild birds, so there is probably no reason why those of a malignant nature should not occur in birds also.

DON'T OVERDO THE EGG FOOD.

Do not be over-generous in disposing of egg-food just yet. A teaspoonful of soaked German rape seed will be more beneficial for the next few weeks in lieu of egg-food. The latter, given once a week, will be often enough in all ordinary cases. It will also provide an efficient substitute for green food when frosts are about.

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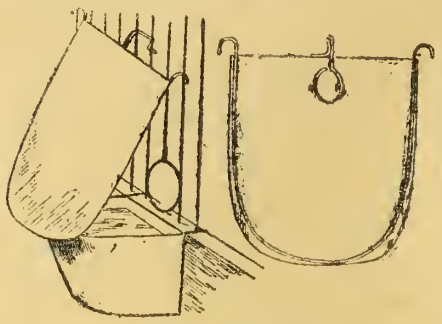
No. 75.

A WATER PROTECTOR.

Sent by J. W. Sturdy, 3, Bond Street, Grove Road, Hunslet, Leeds.

I am sending you an idea I have found very useful in my aviary. It is a water-protector made of a piece of thin tin, cut a little larger than the drinking-glass or tin. Solder a piece of wire on either side and one in the



A Water Protector.

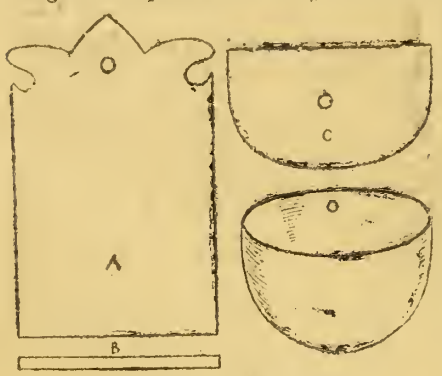
middle; then turn the ends round to fit on the cage-front above the hole for drinking purposes. It will then slide up and down to allow of taking the drinker out to wash. Fanciers will find this idea very useful where cages are kept one on the top of the other, to keep seed and dust from the cages above falling into the water.—J. W. STURDY.

No. 76.

A COCOANUT NEST.

Sent by J. C. Eagleton, 39, Leicester Street, Norwich.

Nothing can come up to cocoanut-shell nests for general utility. The birds take to them more readily than pottery, and if made neatly nothing looks better. First get your nut; choose a big, round one, and this will make you two nests. Tie a string round the centre, and make a pencil-mark along the string. With patience and a saw you will



A Cocoanut Shell Nest.

then be able to cut through the nut in a very short time. Now take a piece of wood (A) 6 ins. by 4 ins. by ⅜ in. thick, shaped to pattern with a fret-saw, and another piece (B) 4 ins. long by ½ in. thick, shaped triangular; glue this to A and bottom bracket (C) to give strength. Fasten the nest to the bracket with a small screw through the side of the nut, and one through the bottom. These nests will last for ever, painted white or varnished. Fix your perches close up to the back to help keep the nest steady.—J. C. EAGLETON.

THE YOUNG NATURALIST.

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Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. It kills all insects, harmless to everything else. Sold in tins, 3d., 6d., and 1s each.

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* The Longtailed Tit.

One day last spring I found a nest with two dear little eggs in. The nest was like a deep cup with a hood over the top and a hole in one side. When I went down a week after there were seven or eight eggs in the nest. The hen laid about twenty eggs altogether, and hatched them. About a week after we found the nest had been destroyed, and we thought it must have been a Stoat, for a Stoat had destroyed a Bullfinch's and a Robin's nest near by. This bird belongs to the Tit family. The chief food is grubs and insects' eggs that it finds in dead boughs. They also love sunflower seeds; they will sometimes take them from your hands. They are very fierce when caught. Their beaks are very hard, and the Great Tit will draw blood from your hand.—G. CLARK (age 13), Beaulieu Schools.

* The Blue Titmouse.

Last summer a pair of Blue Titmice built their nest in a small hole on the side of our house, and in our bedroom there was a hole through which we could see the nest. After a few days we saw eight small white eggs, with a few red spots on them. We watched them till they were hatched. One morning we did not hear the young Tits chirping as usual, so we went to look; but they were gone. In the garden we found them hopping about; it was a pretty sight to see them. We put them all into a tree, so that the cats could not get them. The next day they were flown, but we still see the old birds about the garden, and we hope to have them again next year.—VICTOR EDWARD RUDKIN (age 11), Eagle Cottages, Witham, Essex.

The Yellow Wagtail.

My uncle has a bird called the Yellow Wagtail. It is very tame. I catch flies for it, and it takes them from my hand. On Sunday morning it got out of its cage into the yard, and never offered to fly away. My father just walked to it, picked it up and put it back into its cage. I think it is a very pretty bird. My uncle is going to show it at the bird show.—From JOS. REECE (age 13), 57, Penwyonar Street, North Ormesby, near Middlesbro'.

CITY OF HULL C.B.S.

The monthly meeting of our society, held on February 4th, at the Oddfellows Hall, Charlotte Street, before a goodly muster of members. Amongst other business, an interesting syllabus for 1907 was drawn up. There were enrolled nine new members for the new year, which brings the membership over 60, and we are sure there are many more fanciers in the district that would benefit by joining the society. Particulars may be had from the Secretaries or any of the Committee, who will be pleased to hear from anyone wishing to join.—F. F. POTTER, Hon. Sec.

BRISTOL C.B.S.

Annual general meeting, Horse and Groom Hotel, Frogmore Street, 6th inst., Mr. W. Bull, Chairman, presiding. Balance-sheet showed a cash balance of £2 4s. 11d. in hand, which I am sure reflects great credit on the Secretary, Mr. C. E. Brown, who has worked hard to promote the interests of this new society. The members present were not slow to recognise same, and express regret at Mr. Brown being unable to carry on the good work he had so ably started.

The following were elected officers for 1907:—President, Major W. Gibbs, M.P.; vice-Presidents, Messrs. R. B. Beaston, F. Capern, J. A. White, F. G. Eastman, W. H. Stenchombe; Hon. Solicitor, W. H. Cook; Hon. Auctioneer, Mr. Parker; Chairman, W. G. Bull; vice-Chairman, C. E. Brown; Treasurer, W. H. Manley; Secretary, J. Munro, Victoria Villa, St. John's Lane, Bedminster; Hon. Assistant Secretary, T. Quarman; Committee, Messrs. Davis, Heaton, Fowler, Tristian, Burgess, Taylor; Auditors, Messrs. Clark and Hoyle.

It was decided to reduce radius open to membership to a distance of 30 miles as defined by railway from Bristol Station (present members excluded). Our membership keeps increasing, our latest recruit being Mr. T. Andrews (Bath), making a total of 62 paid members. Anyone thinking of joining will receive a hearty welcome at our monthly meetings, which are exceedingly interesting, including, as well as the business of the society, lectures on breeding, debates, instructions in washing, staging, etc., table shows, judging and washing competitions. Meetings first Wednesday in every month.—J. MUNRO, Sec.

WILD BIRD LIFE

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February Notes.—The Great Tit.

This last week has seen a decided change in the behaviour of the common House Sparrow. Winter is not yet over, but the days are already longer, and the extra hour or so of daylight is affecting the feathered tribe. The Sparrows were quarrelling upon the roof, and rumbling under the eaves in much the same manner as they do in the month of May. The Thrushes, Tits, and Hedge Sparrows visit the garden in pairs, and may be seen chumming together along the hedgerows. The big Missel Thrushes are no longer in flocks; it is seldom we see more than two or three in company. Grassland is their favourite feeding ground, and some of them are so big and lusty that they look more like Pigeons than Thrushes. All through the period of snow and frost, Skylarks, like other birds, have had a hard task to live, their principal food consisting of green stuff of some kind. Upon one occasion I saw no less than five feeding together round a turnip; they were simply eating the green tops. Another time I stood within a dozen feet of one busily pecking the blades of grass where they were visible above the snow.

Great Tit.

Fortunately the Skylark is a general feeder, and in times of stress is able to eat almost anything there is to be found. In quite rural districts it is no uncommon sight to see them mixing with the Sparrows and Finches in the stock-yard, or rummaging among the chaff and refuse thrown out in front of the barn doors. To-day, as we went over the downs, they were as merry as crickets, toying and playing with each other; in some cases, short, sharp tussles for supremacy took place, the victor chasing his rival off the ground. Here and there, the clear silvery notes of a forward bird were ringing in the air, sounding so sweetly, coming as they did, after such a lengthened period of silence. At present the landscape is dreary and dull, but the melody of the Skylark reminds us of sweet scented clover fields, and daisy-covered meadows. There is generally some particularly bright spot in our past that we wish to keep green. It may be the notes of the Lark, or the flute-like melody of the Blackbird, calls back the incident, and then the song appeals to us, with tenfold force, be it in breezy March, or in dreary mid-winter. From now onwards, through spring and summer, until the fall of the leaf, the Skylark will discourse sweet music to us; he richly deserves to be what he is—the universal favourite of all lovers of wild birds' song.

Some birds have already commenced to improve in plumage. The glossy green on the wild Drake's head has brightened considerably, and the male Dabchick has a ruddier crown; but perhaps of all wild birds, the Tits show most advance in colour. The beautiful little Blue-tits are almost perfect; the hen Great Tit is wonderfully coloured for a lady. While we admire her, the cock bird alights close by; and few of our British birds can compare with him for beauty of plumage. His head is glossy blue-black, extending to the neck, surrounding a pure white patch which shows up conspicuously; his under parts are pure yellow, with a blue-black mark down the centre. It is no doubt these contrasting colours which make the bird so attractive. He is active and sprightly, and as quick in his movements as the smaller Blue Tit.

The habits of this bird are very similar; it visits the gardens for the fat and nuts hung out for them, and will cling in every imaginable attitude. It is then we are able to study the bird at our leisure. There is no prettier sight in bird-land than a party of these Tits, with possibly a few Creepers or Nuthatches, hunting through the woods in winter. One is able to hear them approaching some time before they come in sight, and then they pass by, all to quickly, their pretty ways and cheery notes giving a touch of life and beauty to the dull woodlands.

Notes and Queries.

A Wandering Gull.

A Seagull hatched at Rossitten, in the Baltic, and marked with a silver ring, was recently shot on Lake Leman in Scotland, his age proving that it is possible he had made the journey at least twice in his short life-time.

Robin Legends.

We have many nursery rhymes and legends respecting this universal favourite. The following lines, however, are new to me, as possibly they are to many readers. Let us hope that future generations of Robins will be as kindly disposed to wicked birdy men as the Redbreast in the legend.

"He brings cool dew in his little bill,
And lets it fall on the souls of sin;
You can see the mark on his red breast still
Of fires that scorch as he drops it in."

Wise Birds.

The Owl family is considered to be a wise one; no doubt they have gained this character more by looks than by deeds denoting wisdom. Although not desirous of taking away the good name of the slayers of mice, I think there are other birds quite as deserving of commendation. The Raven, the Crow, the Jackdaw and Magpie are all birds, judging by looks, that should be credited with the power of using their brains. If you happen to have the opportunity of watching either of these, see how he puts his head to one side, apparently in deep thought before proceeding to carry out any unusual action. An instance of this occurred some time ago. A hand-reared Magpie was given a very hard walnut (the first he had ever seen). It was a curio to him, and he eyed it intently, left it on the ground, and flew to his perch. Here he sat quietly for a time, as though thinking out the problem; he then returned to the nut, and deliberately hammered at the centre until it split in two. Did he actually think out the difficulty? And how did he know where to split the nut? Surely the Magpie should be numbered among the wise birds!

An Extraordinary Bullfinch.

The "Scotsman" prints a paragraph respect the friendship existing between a cock Bullfinch and a cock Linnet. Although this is unusual, it is just one of those incidents which we can easily understand, as when in captivity birds and animals make strange friendships. Later on a nest of young Bullies was introduced to the cock Bullfinch. He at once proceeded to feed them, and he reared them until fully fledged. And yet experienced birdkeepers can do nothing with the cock Bullfinch either in mating or rearing.

Rooks nesting.

My house stands nearly in the centre of our town of 42,000 population, it is four storeys high, with a yard of 35 ft. long, and about 13 ft. wide. At the bottom we have an aspen beech tree, 9 ft. round at the trunk. The Rooks have for many years built one, two and three nests in it. The tree is about 10 ft. higher than the top bedroom. Three years ago only one nest was built, although every morning, at daybreak, about eight to a dozen Rooks came and held a committee meeting for about ten minutes, and then off they flew. In the spring following, the heavy winds blew this old nest down, which was about a yard deep and would have filled a good-sized wheelbarrow. They have come again this week to the same old branch. Do you think they will ever build again? They came last spring just the same, right up to the end of March, but did no building. Could I do anything to help them by keeping out of the yard? They are only about 5 yards from the top-room windows, but these we do not use. I might tell you, when we examined the old nest there was a small nest built on one side of it something like a Linnet's or Goldfinch's, lined beautifully with moss and feather.—OBSERVER.

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EXCHANGE pair high-class Norwich for pair of Yorkshires; no rubbish offered or wanted; approval.—Clyde Woodhall, Rose-ter., Stanhope, co. Durham.

EXCHANGE cock Greenfinch Mule, splendid songster, colour-fed, for 1906 yellow Norwich hen; sell 7/6.—Martin, Barnsdale, St. Ninians, Stirling.

EXCHANGE nice yellow Yorkshire hen, 1906, extra good length, for Yorkshire show cages or set good carvers.—Smith, 50, Montague-rd., Uxbridge.

BORDERS, buff marked cock, clear yellow hen, 12/6; see Wanted column; offers; stamp.—Atkinson, Market-pl., Guisborough.

TYPICAL yellow Yorkshire cock, 12/6; ditto, 10/-; ditto, 7/6; three hens, 10/6 lot; exchange either for exhibition Hardbills or good Yorkshire hen.—P. Carter, 19, Archer-st., Darlington.

GREEN marked cock and buff hen, Yorkshires, matched for breeding, 15/6, gems; another pair, 10/6; exchange.—Longhottom, Wisheeh.

FOR sale, 15 border Fancy hens, some proved feeders; what offer for the lot, or part exchange? Foreign or British.—Hutton, Baruton-st., Stirling.

I WILL accept highest quantity good 10in. Zonophone records offered me for 5 hens, 1 cock Norwich, small but from best breeders living, or sell cheap; stamp.—B. Soanes, 92, Bevan-st., Lowestoft.

VAR. buff Norwich cock, tkd. yellow cock, tkd. buff Yorkshire cock, 30/- lot or exchange 1906 yellow Norwich hens or Hawfinch; approval or deposit.—J. R. Monkman, Church-st., Norton Malton, Yorks.

WANTED, offers in Canaries, British Birds, or Hybrids, for grand new pair Scotch blankets, 25/-, or Scotch tweeds, any length; approval.—Heron, Burnside, Castle Douglas.

BORDER Fancy, clear buff cock, with nearly even marked yellow hen, 1906, cold room bred, from Johnstone and Young's prize strain, 10/6 pair, or useful exchange.—M. Schooler, Paxton, Berwick-on-Tweed.

EXCHANGE large buff Lancashire Plainhead cock, for good buff Yorkshire cock, must be over 7 in.; or sell 25/-; approval both ways.—Mason, 143, Langwith, Mansfield, Notts.

WILL give good buff Yorkshire cock for 1906 slim, lengthy buff green Yorkshire hen; or sell 20/-; approval both ways.—R. Elliott, Durham-st., Bishop Auckland.

EXCHANGE, good unflighted buff Norwich cock, cock Bullfinch, commended, and two Redpolls, for good unflighted yellow Norwich hens.—Lunt, Buckley-st., Macclesfield.

TWO good Norwich cock Canaries; exchange Norwich hens, or sell 14/-; also cock Goldfinch Mule; exchange Foreigners.—H. Burton, Raunds, Wellington.

GENUINE cock Bullfinch, bargain, 2/9. Chaffinches, Bramhles, 1/6 each. Singing cock Greenies, 1/6; exchange Canaries.—Banks, 36, Hazledon-rd., Brockley.

EXCHANGE, ¼ plate hand camera, carries 12, folding brass tripod, and all accessories, for pair good 1906 stock Norwich, or sell 25/-.—Caddington, North-st., Luton.

WILL exchange a buff Yorkshire cock and a buff hen for a yellow cock and hen; also 64 CAGE BIRDS and Plates for a good buff Yorkshire hen.—Thos. McHale, 9, Broughton-av., Foundry-la., Leeds.

SELL, exchange, large buff ticked Norwich hen, one Bullfinch hen, ¾ gallon cleaned wild seeds, sell 6/-, exchange for large clear yellow Yorkshire, 1906, hen; approval.—N. Underwood, Devizes.

LARGE variegated buff Norwich hen, two house-moulted Greenfinch cocks, exchange buff Yorkshire cock, sell 7/6.—A. H. Field, Hampton Bishop, Hereford.

SPLENDID Norwich cock, 6/6; cock Linnet, proved muler, twice house moulted, 6/-; exchange Yorkshire hens, aviary, flights.—17, Blakey-st., Longsight, Manchester.

SALE or exchange, hen Canaries wanted, three pairs outdoor bred Budgerigars, with wire aviary, take 35/-; also very large Bramblefinch, make sure winner, 2/-, bargain.—Kinzett, Wrexham.

EXCHANGE two grand big buff Scotch Fancy cocks for a pair of equally good Norwich Plainheads, or sell 75/- cash; mutual approval.—J. Hood, 31, Auchin-loch, Lenzie, Scotland.

THREE pairs prize-bred Yorkshires, 15/- pair; one Siberian Goldfinch and large Sib hen, 12/6; exchange to value, no live stock.—A. Norman, 37, King-st., Maryport, Cumberland.

SALE or exchange, Crested cock and Cresthred hen, young birds, 20/- pair, or exchange Seifert Roller cock to value; on approval.—Thomas Wetherell, 64, New-la., Selby, Yorks.

FEEDERS, two, 2/6 apiece; exchange big yellow Norwich hen, or two clean double-breeders. Bedchair, scarcely used, for two matched pairs known strain Norwich; or offers.—Gibb, 186, Watt-st., Glasgow.

MASSIVE green Crestbred cock, same as my winners, value £2; exchange for extra large young yellow Lancashire coppy cock; must be on approval; also yellow muling hen for young cock Goldfinch.—Calam, Brunswick-st., Whitby.

SEVERAL good yellow Norwich hens for sale, marked or clear, prices from 25/- to 45/-, or exchange a good one, for a slightly marked typical cock, must be a large one.—C. Brown, 56, New-st., East Kirkby, Notts.

GUINEA Pigs, two red sows, winners, 2/6 each; pair of blacks, both winners 1st prizes, 5/-; two young Agoutis, nine weeks, sure winners, 4/-; exchange lot for Canaries.—Robinson, Upper Oak-st., Windermere.

1905 LONG, slim, clear buff Yorkshire cock, fine songster, 7/6; two large 1906 variegated dark Crested hens, heavy crests, 6/- each; exchange yellow Norwich hens.—Roper, 134, Derby, Seven Kings, Essex.

Mainly Foreign
To be Sold or Exchanged

INDIAN green Parrot; exchange pair grey singing Finches and pair Zebra Finches; or sell 10/-.—115, Tulse-hill, London, S.W.

GOOD pair Budgerigars, 7/6, Snowbunting, 7/6, winner; wanted muling Canaries or British.—Botting, 11, Ulric-st., Camberwell, S.E.

AUSTRALIAN Parrot, beginning to talk, and new cage, 16/6, or exchange for Norwich cock and two hens.—69, Lordsmead-rd., Lordship-la., Tottenham.

INDIAN Green Parrakeet, caged 14 months, 15/-, with large oval cage, or exchange Canaries.—Holloway, 110, Berkshire-rd., Hackney.

BARE-EYED Cockatoo, with good square cage, three years old, says few words, whistles, 18/6, exchange Canaries or British, if on approval.—Clarke, 82, High-st., Sydenham.

EXCHANGE, grand Yorkshire 1906 cock, own breed, fine stock bird, advertised 13/6, for true pair yellow Budgerigars, breeding condition.—Wood, 169, Hartfield-rd., Wimbledon.

AFRICAN Grey Parrot, 30/-, worth £3; another, 12 months in country, £2, or exchange Canaries or Mules or house moulted birds.—Harvie, Wholesale Basket Maker, London-rd., Sheffield.

GREEN African Parrot, acclimatised, talker, say dozen words, and good cage, sell 25/-, cheap; or exchange good trout rod, or few pairs Border Fancy feeders.—Low, Waulkmill, Bleachfield, Arbroath.

BEAUTIFUL pair of Bronze Mannikins, ready for nesting, good house moulted cock Chaffinch, and a Grey Java, 8/- lot, or exchange for a good Yorkshire hen.—J. Sargeant, 18, Alloa-rd., Deptford-pk., London, S.E.

FOR sale or exchange, 20 handsome cock Goldfinches, three cock Siskins, four Redpolls, for Norwich or Yorkshire Canaries, colour-fed; six of the Goldfinches have taken honours; cards sent; no rubbish wanted or offered.—A. E. Callas, 214, Tilehurst-rd., Reading.

Miscellaneous
Sale or Exchange

FERRETS, splendid pair trained workers, quiet, healthy 10/-, exchange.—Pearson, Greenwich.

SPANIEL dog, well trained, very handsomely bred, 30/-; exchange.—Pearson, Greenwich.

TRIO Polish bantams for pair Yorkshires or Norwich.—Ward, Nunburnholme Station, York.

SILVER watch, good going order, 10/-, offers Yorkshires.—20, Inderwick-rd., Hornsey.

SELL good pair 1906 Norwich Canaries, 8/6; useful exchange.—J. Wardle, Hare Gate-la., Leek.

BLACK Orpington eggs, from winners, 6/- sitting; exchange songster.—Finney, Grocer, Oswestry.

TOY Fox Terrier dog pup, 10 weeks old; exchange birds.—Jones, Mellbrook-house, Rhyl.

FINE tone auto-harp, sell 8/-, or exchange anything.—Legget, 35, Cleveland-rd., Islington, London.

GENT'S bike, value £2, offers in British.—Manley, 9, Guildford-st., Burnley.

SELL or exchange fawn lop doe, 12 months old, 6/-.—Mr. G. Pigott, 59, Level-st., Brierley-hill.

WIRE flight cage, 2ft. 6in., height 2ft. 2in.; exchange cushion cycle.—Broxholme, Kirton Lindsey.

EXCHANGE ¼-plate guinea Camera, complete, with part outfit, for pair Yorkshires.—Rolfe, Baptist Well-st., Swansea.

VARIEGATED Goldfinch Mule, 1906 cock, 7/6; billy goat, 12 months, 12/6; exchange 1906 Norwich Plainheads.—Dale, Ropsley, Grantham.

SUPERB gent's "Lion" safety bicycle, 2 brakes, practically brand new, 78/-; part exchange Yorkshire Canaries; no rubbish.—J. Meaden, Tisbury, Wilts.

WANTED Canaries in exchange for two pairs of dumb-bells, one pair 10lbs and the other 18lbs., or sell 12/-.—James Fisher, Heath Hayes, Cannock.

ROCKING-HORSE, 4ft. high, 6ft. on rockers, sell 50/-; exchange Norwich Canaries or useful exchange; stamp.—Brough, Coach Painter, Wirksworth.

WHAT offers Canaries, anything? Exchange large well-bred show Homers, various colours; approval.—Britton, Ducie-par., Kingswood, Bristol.

GRAND bred Airedale bitch; exchange Norwich hens or Budgerigars; offers, or sell £1; stamp.—Stuart, Grian, Thirsk.

EXCHANGE, a young bull terrier bitch, 5 months, for 4 pullets, or sell 10/6.—James Norwood, 6 Chatsworth-st., Sutton-in-Ashfield.

PERFECTLY new five-chambered revolver, cost 25s., exchange to value of 10s., or nearest offer.—T. Amery, Crowle, Doncaster. x266

STANDARD phonograph, etc., worth £10, take £6, or part exchange.—Greenwood, 7, Byerden-la., Burnley.

BLACK Minorca cockerel, Fordham's strain, exchange for two cock Canaries or Mules; letters.—Scrutton, 76, Malta-rd., Leyton.

WHAT offers in cage birds for pair of yellow Magpie Pigeons, good strain? Approval.—W. Baker, Wood View, Charlwood, Surrey.

EXCHANGE peck Charlock seed, cock Goldfinch, two hen Norwich Canaries, for two Yorkshire yellow hens; approval.—F. Balland, Romains-yd., Devizes.

EXCHANGE new Faudel's harp zither, cost 30/-, for good pair Lizards or Norwich Crests; approval willingly.—Jewell, 7, Kildoran-rd., Brixton, London.

EXCHANGE, tenor horn, fair condition, 17 clean copies "Harmsworths' Self Educator," for anything useful.—Constable, Leavesden Asylum, Herts.

GRAND black Retriever dog puppy, 7 months, 15/-, exchange poultry.—H. Bird, 31, Ferdinand-st., Camden Town, London.

EXCHANGE 20 phonograph records for pair of Yorkshire Canaries, 1906.—C. Pigg, Alma-rd., New Shildon, R.S.O. x267

GOLDFINCH, house moulted, handsome bird, 10/6; new hall clock, 10/-; exchange Canaries, offers.—Sweeney, Christchurch-rd., Newport, Mon.

VALUABLE engraving, dated 1721, value £4; exchange Yorkshires; stamp reply.—Barrow, 95, Green-st., Eastbourne.

PET Whippet bitch, 18 months, black; exchange cock Goldfinches, or good rough Terrier.—Cole, 42, Hemingford-rd., Cambridge.

EXCHANGE pair Old English Spangles, good birds, for good Norwich cock or two hens; sell 12/6; offers.—Fewster, Middlestown, Wakefield.

EXCHANGE, 224 numbers THE GARDENER, plates to date; pair Norwich Borders; sell 10/-.—Duncan, 10, Main-st., Callander.

GUINEA hand camera, with part of outfit; sell 15/- or exchange anything; no rubbish wanted or offered.—C. Birks, 2, Sefton-rd., Normacot.

EXCHANGE 150 CAGE BIRDS, 50 "Fur and Feather," 25 coloured plates, for Yorkshires or Norwich.—E. Fulbrook, 21, Beechan-rd., Reading.

WHITE bull terrier dog, 12 months, perfect specimen, sound in every way, £2; approval; exchange Canaries.—Robinson, Upper Oak-st., Windermere.

PURE-BRED Irish Terrier bitch pup, 7/6, or exchange Canaries, anything useful.—R. Bugby, Hill-st., Rhands, Wellingboro'.

WILL give opera glasses, in case, new, for pair Bullfinches and hen Canary, or sell 8/6.—W. Fishlock, Laurel Cottage, Swells-hill, Stroud.

EXCHANGE, Brownie hand camera, with view finder, value 6/-, for Canaries, or offers.—Wm. Sutton, Cottam-st., Oldham.

LADY'S cloth jacket, gent's mackintosh, both in good condition, exchange Canaries or British.—Burns, 146, High-st., Swansea.

PAIR new inner tubes, Martin silent tool bag; exchange clap nets, or offers.—90, Fenton-st., Brierley-hill.

PEDIGREED Scotch Terrier bitch, six months, for pair champion Norwich Canaries; must be good; approval.—Wm. Rodger, Fort William.

EXCHANGE 40 records, nearly new, for English cock Goldfinches or Canaries.—Surrage, 6, King's-ter., Nightingale-la., Hornsey.

SEVEN dozen German cages, clean and sound; what offers cash, or good Hartz Rollers?—Hewitt, Horshoes, Buckenham, Norwich.

COMPLETE, bound vols. "Flag to Pretoria" and "After Pretoria"; what offers? Or exchange good cycle.—8, Lewis-la., Cirencester.

PIGEONS, winners, and prize-bred Owls, for winning Canarics or Britishers or Toy puppy; approval.—Roberts, 126, King-st., Kilmarnock.

WHAT offers in Canaries for Airedale dog, price £2 10s., and six flying Homers, 10/- pair?—Robinson, 273, Great Lister-st., Birmingham.

SMOOTH Fox Terrier pedigree bitch, three puppies; exchange Yorkshire Canaries, or offers.—A. Gardner, 3, Rutland-ter., Filey.

EXCHANGE "Japan's Fight for Freedom," 60 parts, for Canaries, Fowls, or phonograph.—Ling, River-view, Oulton Broad.

EXCHANGE two Flemish Giant buck Rabbits, six months old, big, steel-grey, prize bred; stamp reply.—J. Watson, Scawby, Lincolnshire.

LARGE box mealworms and beetles, 12 coloured plates; exchange cock Linnets, anything useful.—Mooney, 38, Aylesford-st., Pimlico.

HIGH-CLASS Collie bitch, sell cheap, or exchange pair good Yorkshires or Crests.—For particulars apply, J. Cook, Charltons, near Guisborough.

HANDSOME new 10/6 fountain pen, in case, never used; exchange singing cock Canary or Mule.—33, Cadogan-ter., Homerton, London.

EXCHANGE, lady's silver Geneva watch, for two cock Canaries or six hens.—Marsden, 175, St. Phillip's road, Sheffield.

EXCHANGE, pair real stag carvers, for one cock or two large hen Canarics.—Royels, 260, Beet-st., Sheffield.

NOTICE.—What offers in Canaries for new palace shaped aviary, or sell 25/-, or show cages?—Hogg, Cage Maker, Carlisle.

GRAMAPHONE, in oak case, cost £2 10s., sell £1; exchange anything.—Alfred Bryan, Derby-rd., Belper, Derbyshire.

BEAUTIFUL fine Staffordshire china tea service, 40 pieces, complete, 35/-; exchange Canaries, cages; offers.—Gribbin, Stouehouse, Neweastle, Staffordshire.

PARRAKEET cage, 93 CAGE BIRDS' numbers, British bird and cage, exchange silver albert; offers.—Miller, Craven-st., Barnoldswick, Colne.

CONCERTINA, 30 keys, cost 28/-, good condition, exchange Roller Canary, or sell for 15/-.—Blakemore, Copenhagen-st., Worcester. x267

EXCHANGE two pure white Fantail Pigeons for a hand-reared cock Goldfinch, or sell 3/6.—W. Collins, Wycke-rd., Burnham, Essex.

OFFERS, or exchange ¼ hand camera, also stand camera and utensils, for genuine trained St. Andreasberg cock Rollers.—Middleton, Chester-rd., Preston.

RETRIEVERS, black pair, nine months, beautiful creatures, well trained dog, 25/-, bitch, 15/-, exchange.—Pearson, Greenwich.

LADY'S gold watch and guard, almost new, will exchange for Scotch Terrier, bitch, must be good.—Mrs. Gove, Upper Hall-st., Montrose.

YORKSHIRE Terrier Toy bitch, 5 lbs., grand coat, suit lady, 30/-; exchange four good Mules or Canaries.—Jefferies, 16, Horley-rd., Mina-rd., Bristol.

EXCHANGE gramophone, cost £5, 13 records, for good Canaries; approval.—Brimdle, 13, Carr-rd., Portsmouth, Todmorden, Lancashire.

OFFERS wanted in Canaries for good stock pair Flying Homers, Bordeaux blood; stamp reply.—Peter Culshaw, Maghull, Liverpool.

THREE pairs good Flying Homers, 12/-; training basket, hold 12, 3/6; exchange birds.—Collier, 33, Henry-st., Goole.

WHAT offers in Budgerigars for medical coil battery, cost £3 15/-, equal to new.—Fortune, Shearbridge, Bradford, Yorks.

GENT'S free wheel cycle, tyres, tubes new, in good running condition, price £2, exchange small Toy Yorkshire dog, Toy Pom., must be on approval.—Jamieson, 33, Ogilvie-pl., Arbroath.

REVOLVER, Webley, almost new, in leather case, 15/-, bargain, exchange pullets or Canaries, Crested cock and Crestbred hen, 15/-, or offers.—Long, 18, Prout-rd., Clapton.

EXCHANGE pair hollow ground razors in silk-lined case for one cock Canary or three hens; approval.—Herbert Marsden, 175, St. Phillip's-rd., Sheffield.

MUST clear, 10 splendid white Fantails, good action, 18/- lot; also ten English Owls, all good birds, 20/-; sell lot or separate; or exchange anything; no pigeons.—Shaw, 5, Wallis-rd., Hackney.

LOOK.—Will give smart pair new boots, gent.'s or lady's, or one pair blankets or 12 yards flannelette, for one cock and three hen Canaries.—Cummings, 12, Cross Catherine-st., Leeds.

EXCHANGE a pure-bred Yorkshire dog, three years, good house dog, fond of children, for Canaries; or sell 25/-.—W. Perkins, Arthingworth, Northampton.

GENT.'S umbrella, silver mounted, 10/6; silk muffler, 5/11; Witney blankets, 22/6; exchange Canaries, Fowls; offers anything.—Haynes, 20, Whitehead-rd., Birmingham.

WOULD exchange three volumes of books called "The Horse" by the Gresham Publishing Company, cost 24/-, nearly new, for pair of Norwich or Crests.—J. Holmes, Anstey Manor, Alton.

WHAT offers eight vols. "Cassell's Educator," absolutely new, cost £2? Or exchange for two real good Crestbred hens; approval.—Matthews, Regent Cottage, Victoria-av., Margate.

SHAVING outfit, nickel silver china lined soap bowl, swing mirror, brush, Hunter's patent hollow ground razor, for Canary, full song, or two hens; approval.—Algar, Victor-st., Sunderland.

EXCHANGE a good gramophone, 30 records, three cock Goldfinches, caged when greypates, for good Norwich cocks.—C. Richardson, Hockham-st., King's Lynn.

PAIR of large oil paintings, value 30/-, seven-chamber revolver, value 15s.; exchange bird catcher's outfit, Canaries, Foreign birds, or offers.—A. Skinner, Epworth, Doncaster.

EXCHANGE six ivorine-handled knives and six nickel silver forks to match, approval, for two guaranteed cocks or four healthy hen Canarics.—Staniforth, 20, Mudford-ter., Shoreham-st., Sheffield.

FIFTEEN volumes of "History of England," with plates, cost when new 7/6 per volume; offers in Norwich, Crests, or Yorkshires.—Kirkwood, 17½, Chapel-st., Airdrie.

DYNAMO, 20 volts, 7 amperes, switches, wires, lamps, £3 10/-, for good young Crested Hen, gramophone, or cycle accessories.—Davis, 17, Northville-st., Nottingham.

SITTINGS of good brown Leghorns, splendid layers, good strain, exchange for hen Canaries, large, any sort, no rubbish wanted, or 4/- a sitting.—Keeper, The Cottage, Great Longstone, Derbyshire.

FOR sale, gentleman's solid gold snake ring, Government stamp, 15/-, also gentleman's silver watch, 20s.; exchange for Canaries to the value.—Brook, Billet in Quarry-hill, Leeds.

GOOD liver and white Spaniel dog, 10 months, broken to gun, £1, or exchange good Norwich Plainheads.—Wooley, 18, St. George's-st., Leek, Staffordshire.

SALE or exchange, large flight cage, 5ft. by 3ft. by 2ft., price 24/-, or exchange Yorkshire hens to value.—W. H. Groundwell, 27, Commercial-st., Morley, near Leeds.

THORNTON-PICKARD Beck symmetrical ½ plate lens, sell for 17/6, or exchange pair of Norwich green Canaries to value; approval.—Bowesman, 59, Whitworth-rd., Dublin.

TYPICAL Yorkshire cock, 15/-; lady's Chinchilla fur, six tails, 35/-; exchange hen Canaries, Fowls, Parrot; offers, anything.—Haines, Milton-st., Birmingham.

WANTED, offers in genuine Rollers for long-distance Homers, including mealy cock, flown Perth 335 miles, red hen flown York.—Write Kilby, Clarendon-rd., Luton.

GRAND young wire Fox Terrier dog, unshown, good pedigree, splendid guard and companion, for young grey Parrot and cage, or anything useful; sell 30/-.—Stephenson, Union-sq., Lancaster.

SALE or exchange, grand liver and white Spaniel dog, three years, good watch and perfect companion, 25/-, Budgerigars or Cockatiels preferred.—Draycott, 3, Park-st., Stourbridge.

EXCHANGE, Nicholson's "Dictionary of Gardening," value £3 10/-, for good pair of Crests or Yorks; also a good violin, cost £1, exchange for pair of Budgerigars.—Hayward, George-st., Godalming.

WHAT offers in colour-fed Yorkshires or Norwich Canaries for small portable billiard table, by Bussey, 3 ivory balls, 2 cues, 6 pockets, slate bed? Cost £4 10/-.—H. Smith, 183, Church-rd., Hove.

COCK Canaries, for harmonium, value 35/-; also wanted yellow-green Norwich cock; give pair gent's boots, size 6, value 9/-; also cash for a good large bird.—Gillard, 6, Slippers-pl., Rotherhithe, London.

VIOLIN, bow, case, 18/6, cost 30/-; pair O.E. spangle bantams, fit win, 10/-, exchange Canaries; six cage fronts, 2/6.—Hellier, 43, Sydenham-ter., Portsmouth.

WANTED, Bull pup, Canaries, musical instruments, exchange two silver Magpies, 9 self Tumblers, pair Tipplers, Yorkshire bitch, would buy Bull if cheap.—Peck, 13, McNeil-rd., Camberwell, London, S.E.

SEVENTY-TWO phonograph records, best makes, and case to hold three dozen, no rubbish, taken for debt, cash offers, or useful exchange Foreign birds, Canaries, anything.—W. Cooper, Tailor, Carisbrooke, Isle of Wight.

EXCHANGE, Airedale terrier puppy dog, six months, by Ch. Master Briar, for Norwich clear buff unflighted cock (good strain), or sell 30/-; approval.—Lockwood, 2, Percy-st., Fartown, Huddersfield.

TWO Belgian Hares, unrelated, 10 months old, exchange for Canaries; Alpine Chough for sale, very hearty, 15/-, or exchange; Twite wanted, dead, in good feather, for stuffing.—Alfred Thomas, Taxidermist, Gloucester.

PHONOGRAPH, oak case, cost 21/-, six records, acetylene lamp, "Pride" razor in case, cost 4/6, silver lever watch 10/-; exchange for Yorkshires or Rollers.—Markham, 15, Edward-st., Hessle, Yorkshire.

BOOTS.—Gentlemen's light glace kid boots, Balmorals or Derbys, either black or tan, all sizes, 8/11, post 4d. extra; approval, deposit; exchange cock Canaries, songsters.—R. Thompson, Longtown, Cumberland.

EXCHANGE 3,000 paper bags for hen Canary, also Whippet bitch pup, from best coursing parents in England, one eye defective; exchange for Goldfinch, anything.—Wakefield, Taxidermist, Blue-st., Boston, Lincolnshire.

EXCHANGE good gent's bicycle, 26 in. frame, free wheel, for good Siberian Goldfinch and cage, also good Ferret for British Goldfinch and cage.—J. Henney, 21, Jubilee-ter., Hamstrely, near Ebchester, Durham.

FOR Sale or exchange for Canaries, 6 ½ plate and 6 ½ plate photographic printing frames, also 8 by 6 scenic background, and a gardener's wheelbarrow, all nearly new, price, the lot, £2, or will separate.—Address, Wooldridge, 77, Highgrove-st., Reading.

GOOD camera, nearly new, cost 25/-, also gent's frock coat and vest, good as new, 37 chest, exchange anything, good bred Fox Terrier, Spaniel, or winning Siberian Goldie preferred.—Tailor, 22, Market-st., Hebden Bridge. x267

EXCHANGE three dozen phonograph records for pair of clear Yorkshire Canaries, or what offers? Also pair of green Yorkshires for two clear yellow Yorkshire hens.—J. Greenwood, 8, Back Millwood, Todmordeu.

FOR sale, four prize-bred Dutch rabbits, including brother and sister to 2nd prize winner at Dewsbury (Vince's Strain), or will exchange for Norwich Plainheads or Crested Canaries.—J. Forster, 1, Tin Mill-pl., Blackhill, Durham.

EXCHANGE splendid pair hollow-ground razors, in leather plush lined case, and pair good steel scissors, approval, for two guaranteed cocks, or six healthy hen Canaries.—Parkin, Cutlery Manufacturer, 229, Arundel Street, Sheffield.

PAIR exhibition Budgerigars, cock Bramblefinch, winner second, cock brown Linnet, hand-reared, vhc, exhibition Homer cock, 10/6 each; exchange Lancashires, Crestbreds; or offers.—Lanham, Walcot, Bath.

DAISY, handsomely marked lemon and white smooth-coated Spaniel Fox Terrier Bitch, ten months, excellent rabbiter, grand nose, make champion sporting dog, splendid guard, affectionate, 12/6; offers cock Goldfinches, anything suitable for boy ten years.—May, 5, Field-st., Ammanford.

SALE or exchauge, for a pair of good Crested or Norwich Canaries, Crests preferred, smooth coated Terrier dog, 7 months old, by Brickfield Cackler, highly commended at Blackpool Show first time shown, value £2 10/-.—S. Pilling, Hairdresser, Temple-st., Blackpool.

FOUR pairs of high-class racing Pigeons, bred by such well-known men as Jusion, Walrecens, T. B. Jones, and others, full pedigree sent, will accept £3 10/-, or exchange for high-class Yorkshires and Norwich Canaries; letters only.—C. Butler, Cutler, 9, High-st., West Norwood.

FOR sale, large black curly-coated Retriever dog, grand guard, very sensible, 30/-, or exchange Fowls or Canaries.—Jervis, 45, Upper-green, Newcastle, Staff.

HIGH-CLASS Bradbury's sewing machine, treadle (latest), rotary shuttle, splendid condition, on polished table, extending leaf, all applianees, instruction book; cost £10; sell £3 10/-; exchange Grey Parrot, Canaries; offers.—Wood, 190, Wornington-rd., N. Kensington.

MORTICE lock brass levers, cost 5/6, ½in. to ⅝in. screw augers 2/-, 4in. barrel bolt pair foot prints 1/6, 4in. double and single pulleys brass sheaves, stopped with hook, 6/6, 5 zincs electric bell; exchange for Sunlight wrappers or offers.—Brown, Alma-rd., Weymouth.

WHAT offers in Norwich Crested, Hartz Mountain Rollers, or breeding cages, for Jones' band cylinder shuttle sewing machine? Sell £3; "Aeol" American harp-zither, 10/-; gramophone, 10/-; five common hen Canaries, 10/-; mutual approval.—J. Baker, Kingsbridge, Devon.

EXCHANGE two grand black Dutch Does, six months old, slightly mis-marked, but are bred from winners, and are excellent colour; sell 5/6, or exchange for Dunlop outer cover, 28 in. by 1¾ in., and inner tube.—Samuel Hillier, 78, St. James, Shaftesbury.

EDISON'S Standard Phonograph, model C reproducer, cost four guineas recently, with 24 in. brass horn and tripod stand; also 90 Edison and gold-moulded records; only used few times, in two carrying cases; complete £7, or exchange; not Sundays.—W. T. Dane, 68, Alderbrook-rd., Balham, S.W.

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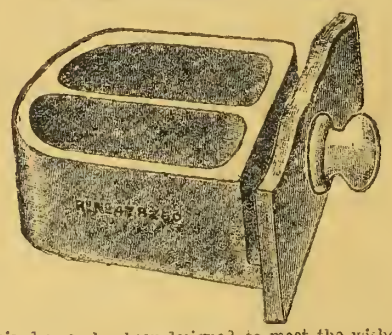

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FOR next season. If you require a good Greenfinch try Bathgate. The champion, now in the possession of Mr. Howe, also that great winner of Mr. Bald's, were both caught and supplied by me. Have some very good ones in stock at present, comprising Greenics, Redpolls, Chaffinches, Brambles, Yellowhammers, Reed Buntings, etc., at very reasonable prices.—D. J. Gardner, Jarvey-st., Bathgate.

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NOTICE to Bird Buyers.—Grand cock Goldfinches, 2/6 and 3/- each; hens, Goldfinches, 1/- each; cock Bullfinches, 2/6 each; hens, Bullfinches, 1/3 each; splendid cock Bramblefinches, Chaffinches, Greenfinches, Yellowhammers, hundreds to pick from, 1/- and 1/6 each; large and well-pencilled Linnets, fit to moult, winners, 2/- each; singing cock Linnets, 1/- each; cock Larks, in full song, 1/- each; hundreds of testimonials.—C. Knowles, Bird Specialist, Richmond-hill Aviaries, Blackburn.

PALACE WINNER.

My noted Waxwing, "Ambition," was the best at the Palace (see report); he is for disposal; also others, to moult champions, at 20/-, 25/-, 30/-; stamp reply.—Bailey Bros., 109, Gloucester-rd., Bristol.

B. McCORMICK, Deceased.

I have for disposal the whole of the late gentleman's stock; a good chance for a bargain. All winners. Chaffinch, 5/-; Bramblefinch, 5/-; two Linucts, 6/- each; Goldfinch, 7/6; Siskin, 6/-; also a number of selected non-moulted specnuens, cheap. Carrying boxes, baskets, and show cages to be cleared, by request of relatives; stamp particulars.—Gamage, Portia-ter., Swansea.

Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Linnets.

Beautiful cock Goldfinches, large selected, for showing and muling, 3/-, 3/6 each, three 6/-; hens 1/-, three 2/6; cock Bullfinch, 1/6, 2/-, three 5/-; hen Bullfinch, 1/6, 2/- each; singing cock Linnet, 1/-, three 2/6; selected, for showing and muling, 1/6, 2/-; cock Larks, 1/-; large cock Greenfinches, 9d. each; cock Redpoll, 6d., three 1/3.—Matt. Hopkins, Bird Specialist, 38 and 41, Fylde-st., Preston, Lancashire.

HARRY ALLEN.

Same as last week, still winning 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prizes this week. Gentlemen, if you want some big fine healthy Linnets, I can supply you, as I keep nothing but the best, and always do my best to satisfy my customers. Big fine well-pencilled cock Linnets, stand well, 2/- and 2/6; extra picked birds, sure mulers, and very tame, 3/- and 3/6 each, will soon make a name for their owner, either for muling or showing. Fine healthy cock Linuets, singing grand, in a polished singing contest cage, with a packet of my special mixture and instructions how to feed, 4/- the lot. Young house moulted Linnets, finger tame, singing hard, with cage, 7/6 and 8/6 each, no rubbish, real bargains, and taught by my champion; singing contest cages, 1/6 each, special ones, same as I keep my champions in 2/- each. I am selling the secret and management of Linnets, showing how to make them sing at one another with their wings down, at a very small price; send stamped envelope for particulars; all Linnet keepers should have this, especially novices. Four packets of my special mixture, 1/-.—"208, Brunswick-st., Sheffield. Dear Sir,—I received Linnet on Wednesday afternoou, and ran third at the contest at the week-end, beating seventeen birds for third place, twenty competing, so I need hardly say I am delighted.—W. Reynolds to H. Allen."—All orders sent receive prompt attention; no delay, no disappointment; send at once!—Harry Allen, 42, Brown Hill-eres., Harehills-lane, Leeds.

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Finest he ever saw.

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W. RUDD, The Bird Specialist, Norwich.

Don't miss Next Week's "C.B."

PALACE WINNER.

My Bramblefinch was 1st at the Palace (see report); he is for disposal; also others I have selected to moult out real champions next season; stamp reply.—Bailey Bros., 109, Gloucester-rd., Bristol.

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GOLDFINCHES, BULLFINCHES, LINNETS.

Beautiful English cock Goldfinches, 2/- each, three 5/-, six 9/-; special picked for singing, muling, 2/6, 3/- each. Cock Linnets, singing, and beauties, 1/- each, three 2/6, six 3/6. Cock Bullfinches 2/-, three 4/-, picked ones 2/6; hens ditto, 1/-. Cock Bramblefinches or Greenfinches or Chaffinches or Yellowhammers, 6d. and 9d. each, three 1/3. Cock Larks, 8d., 10d.; caged off, singing, 1/- and 1/6. Cock Redpolls, 6d. See back numbers for scores of testimonials from successful Mule Breeders. Established 1879.—J. Saudiford, Bird Specialist, Preston, Lancs.

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"Mr. Turnbull, Jedburgh. Dec. 8th, '06. Glad to let you know of my success with Goldfinches you sent me, winning 1st and 2nd Jedburgh, 3rd Selkirk, 2nd Hawick, 2nd and 4th Carlisle. Send me two more beauties and a show cage." "Mr. J. J. Brain, Glastonbury. Dec. 4th, '06. I must thank you for Goldfinch for prompt dispatch. I received him in the evening and I showed him next morning, and won 1st in a large class. Thanks for same." "Mr. Turnbull, Jedburgh. Jan., '07. Goldfinch has added another 1st to his successes." "Mr. Asburg, Hucknall Torkard. Sir,—Goldfinch you sent me stands 1st at our show in a good class." "Mr. Higgins, West Mallony, Kent. Jan., '07. Glad to inform you Bullfinch you sent me won 1st and special at Canterbury in a large class. Thanking you for such a good cheap bird." "Mr. Lee, Bandon, Cork. Glad to tell you I bred the light Mule, 1st and special Cork Show, from birds purchased from you." "Mr. W. Dyke, Longridge. Send a cock Goldfinch and hen Bullfinch. Pleased to see the Hybrid Goldfinch-Bullfinch I bred from the birds I bought from you has won 1st and special Leeds, Class 19, 3rd Halifax, 1st Leek, 2nd Hamilton, 2nd Hinckley, 1st Portsmouth, etc., etc."

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Magnificent cock Nutcracker, beautiful plumage (one of these birds won special for rarest British bird at the Palace), see report; stamp for reply.—Bailey Bros., 109, Gloucester-rd., Bristol.

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TWO 1906 cock Thrushes, 3/- each; two cock Greenfinches, house-moulted, 1/3 each; cock Redpoll, 1/3; cock Magpie, very tame, 10/-.—Hoddinott, 5, Alexandra-ter., Frome.

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SHOW specimen piping cock Bullfinch, very tame, 5/-; one singing cock Linnet, 2/-; pair Redpolls, 2/-; beautiful coloured cock Bramblefinch, 1/-; two cock Chaffinches, 1/6 each; two cock Skylarks, 2/- each, commencing to sing; pair Canaries, 9/-; two odd hens, 2/6 each; pair Ringdoves, 1/6; good, genuine offer.—Manning, 58, Pelham-rd., Wimbledon.

LARGE English cock Goldfinches, 3/-, 4/-, hens 1/6; Bullfinches, 2/6, hens 2/-; Linnets, 1/6, hens 6d.; Siskins 3/-, hens 2/-; white-legged cock Siskins, 5/-; Chaffinches, 1/6, hens 6d.; Yellowhammers, 1/6, hens 6d.; Bramblefinches, 1/-, hens 6d.; Greenfinches, 1/-, hens 6d.; mealy Redpolls, 1/-; hand-reared Thrushes, 5/-; Blackbirds, 4/-; healthy, splendid plumage, and steady; approval, deposit.—Watts, 5, Palace-st., Norwich.

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WANTED, pair typical Borders; exchange heavy silver verge watch, value 12/6.—Cowan, Wooler.

FEW good prize Borders, cocks and hens, cheap.—J. Logie, City-rd., Brechin.

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BORDERS.—Six pairs even marked bred, 1900, price pair, 10/6, 12/6; two yellow marked cocks, 7/6 each; exchange anything, provisions preferred.—Newbigging, Clothier, Duns.

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BORDERS.—Two yellow variegated cocks, two buff variegated cocks, 7/6 each; few odd hens, 3/ each, to clear.—George Walker, 21, Bridge-st., Brechin. x268

MR. WALLEY SEIRANAC has still for disposal, at suitable prices, some smart hens and matched pairs, with an extra hen free to Southern breeders starting in the Border Fancy.—40, Bessborough-gdns., Westminster, London.

BORDERS.—Two uneven buff hens, 4/- each; a few yellow and buff hens for feeders, 2/6 each to clear; also exchange yellow green cock for buff green cock; no rubbish; mutual approval.—Grant, Flora Bank, Haddington.

FOR sale, a few even-marked bred Borders, including buff pied. cock, first Sanquhar, second Scottish National; cocks from 4/6, hens from 4/-; approval, deposit.—Calderwood, 40, Irish-st., Dumfries.

BORDERS, grand strain, yellow cock, 7/6; buff hen, marked eyes and one wing, yellow hen, 4/6; yellow and buff variegated hens, 4/-; others cheap; cold room; approval.—Cairns, Saudridge, Innerleithen, Scotland.

STILL some grand hens left, several winners, half price to clear; one, 1st prize, yellow hen, a gem, 7/6; ditto, variegated, "even-marked strain," 4/-; ditto, self green, 3/6; Cinnamon, 4/-; clear Yorkshire cock, 7/6; approval.—D. Shearer, Thurso.

HIGH-CLASS Border Fancies, all bred from winners, good in type, feather, and colour; cocks, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, upwards; hens, 3/6, 4/-, 5/-; pairs matched for breeding, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, upwards; travelling cages, 3d. extra; approval; cash or deposit, as they are all great bargains, and cannot fail to please.—W. Rudd, The Bird Specialist, Norwich.

J. S. WILSON, winner of 56 1sts and 45 specials this season, has some grand Borders for disposal, including several of his winners (see latest winnings at Palace). Buff cock, 1st Whitehaven, 1st and club medal Barrow, 25/-; three-pointed buff cock, 1st Whitehaven, 1st Gateshead, 20s.; others equally good; stamp reply.—118, Harrington-rd., Workington.

HENRY BENNET, Border Fancy Aviaries, Kelso, whose Borders have again made a record win at Crystal Palace, four firsts, four specials out of five classes shown, in which is proof of superb excellence of this strain, can offer following good birds, same blood as winners:—Yellow cocks, 10/-, 20/-; buff cock, five firsts, medal, 25/-; buff foul cock, first, 20/-; other buff and variegated cocks, 8/-, 20/-; yellow and buff hens, 6/- to 20/-; approval.

Cinnamons.

SALE.—Cinnamon cocks, from 6/- upwards; pairs from 17/6.—J. Bexson, 17, Otter-st., Derby.

FEW prize-bred Cinnamon Canaries, prices very reasonable.—H. Fry, Alwinton, Godstone-rd., Purley, Surrey.

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1905 YELLOW Cinnamon cock, fed, 1906 buff hen, unfed, 15/-; good stock pair; approval.—J. Green, 256, Chapel-st., Leigh, Lancs.

GRAND pair of Cinnamons, 25/-; large buff Cinnamon cock, 12/6; approval.—Bairstow, 13, Tennyson-st., Lee Mount, Halifax.

CINNAMONS, yellow and buff, grand birds, from 15/- pair; also pure Norwich; approval.—Wheatley, 20, Melton-st., Leicester.

WANTED pair of large 1906 yellow birds, Norwich type, not colour fed, unrelated; on approval.—T. Storie, 119, High-st., Galashiels, N.B.

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CHAMPION Cinnamons, yellow cocks, buff cocks, and a few first-class pairs, all bred from my champions at Crystal Palace, Manchester, Nottingham, Derby, Edinburgh, etc., hearty, vigorous, and cheap.—F. Baker, 52, Queen Street, Shaw, Oldham.

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TWO large Crestbred cocks, 8/- each; approval.—Adams, 2, Sandycoombe-rd., Twickenham.

TWO Crested hens, 1906, 7/- each; on approval.—Hibbitt, Melton-rd., Oakham.

GRAND Green cock, winner first prize, 10s. 6d.—Robertson, 191, Links Street, Kirkcaldy. x267

WELL-MATCHED pairs, 30/- to £5; odd cocks from 10/-.—North, Chemist, Reading.

VERY good Crested hen, clear yellow, variegated crest, 10/6; approval.—31, Trinity-ter., Winchester.

LARGE 1905 clear yellow hen, 15/-; exchange unflighted variegated yellow hen.—Reid, Plantation-rd., Sunderland.

A GRAND pair of Crests for sale; cock in full song, ready for nest, 12/6.—Pimm, Icknield Park-rd., Birmingham.

HAVING selected my breeding stock, I have for disposal ten pairs of young birds, from 20/- upwards.—J. E. Ashby, 73, Chelverton-rd., Putney.

LARGE green Crested hens, 5/- each; variegated Crested cocks, 7/6, 1906 birds.—Jackson, 302, Kentish Town-rd., N.W.

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CREST and Crestbreds for sale, single or pairs, 15/-, 20/-, 30/- pair; approval.—Harris, 10, Ladysmith-st., Colwick-rd., Nottingham.

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FIVE Crestbreds, as bred, pinnes of feather, 7/6 each, or offers, exchange.—W. Settle, Taxidermist, 2 e., 3 h., Bond-st., Coventry.

WANTED, large Norwich Crested or Crestbred hen, also Coppy hen.—Thompson, 182, High-st., Deal.

CREST.—Matched pairs, from prize winners; stamped envelope for price.—Particulars, Mary Cooke, Wavendon, Bucks.

CREST and Crestbred, cold room, from 6/6 to 12/-, seen after 2 p.m. or on Sunday; stamps, reply.—W. G. Boulten, 32, Palmerston-rd., Kilburn, London.

HIGH-CLASS Crests and Crestbreds, 10/6, 12/6; approval, cash or deposit.—Rudman, 34, Danvers-rd., Tonbridge, Kent.

TWO good buff grizzle Crested cocks, 15/- each, good healthy birds, cold-room bred.—Geo. Bailey, Berghapton, Norwich, Norfolk.

CHAMPION Massive Crests and Crestbreds, 10s. 6d. each; ten days approval.—Wm. Powick, Eastfield House, Dewsbury.

FOR sale, six Crestbred cocks, 20/-, 40/-; sent to known fanciers on approval.—George Shillinglaw, Charles-st., Kilsyth.

CREST, Crestbred, same as my winners, 7/6; even-marked dark Crest cock, 25/-; exchange Crestbred hen; approval.—Wm. Reid, Falkland, Fife.

EIGHT good Canaries, Crest and Crestbred, from 10/6; hens from 5/-.—Wick, 80, St. John's-rd., Deptford.

A FEW Crests and Crestbreds for sale, from prize-bred noted strains, 10/6 each and upwards; approval three days.—Willis, 34, Clapham-rd., London.

LARGE green Crest cock, 15/-; do. Crestbred hen, 15/-; 1906 birds, approval.—Dunlop, 21, Bryson-rd., Edinburgh.

SPLENDID 1905 clear body grizzled Crested hens, buff, 4/-; large special quality yellow, 7/6.—Smithson, Sunnymede, Crossgates, Leeds.

TWO young almost green Crestbred cocks, 5/6, 6/6; small green Crestbred hen, 3/6, or three 14/6.—F. Roberts, South Creake, Fakenham.

MASSIVE Crestbred Norwich variegated hens; approval; exchange Cinnamon hens.—Coachman, 34, Northampton-rd., Clerkenwell, London.

PRIZE BRED 1906 Crested hens, variegated, 6/-; clear, 7/6, six for 30/-; approval.—Dawes, 79, Bradley-rd., Trowbridge.

TWO large yellow Crested cocks, 7/6 each, full song; Crestbred hen, 5/-, worth 10/-; approval.—Knight, 3, Lorne-rd., Northampton.

I HAVE some good Crests and Crestbreds for sale, from 15/- per pair, same strain as my winners; on approval.—William Scott, Mill-st., Oakham.

WARRANTED Barnett, Joyce, Tope, Roberts's winning strains; Crest and Crestbreds, from 10/- each; approval.—Burgess and Son, Bridgwater. x267

CRESTS and Crestbreds.—Good selection of high-class birds at very low prices to make room; approval; state wants; all letters answered.—W. H. Spicer, 118, Queen's-rd., Watford, Herts.

MASSIVE Crestbred cocks, for stock or exhibition, ticked, yellow, or buff, greens from 15/- upawrds.—Spicer. (See above.)

FIVE Crested hens, five Crested cocks, all 1906 hatched, from 10/- to 35/- each to clear; stamp, approval.—David Scott, 128, Atkinson-rd., Benwell, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

HIGH-CLASS cocks for sale, Crested and Crestbred, Jenkins' and Thomas's strain, 1906 birds, from £2 and upwards; approval, no rubbish.—H. Rombach, 28, Southmoor-rd., Oxford.

I HAVE some good Crests, Crestbreds, for sale; single cocks or well-matched pairs; single birds from 5/-; pairs from 30/-.—J. Clinnick, Alwyn-ter., Torquay.

HIGH-CLASS Crests, Crestbreds, no rubbish, 15/-, 20/-, 25/- pair; approval, deposit. Two 1904 green Crested cocks, 6/- each.—Alfred Hawkins, Burnham-on-Crouch.

GOOD Crests and Crestbreds, some winners at open shows, all reasonable; no better blood; approval. Norwich cocks, 5/6; stamp, particulars.—Campbell, Leishman-square, Alva. x268

G. GRANT, Crest and Crestbreds, giving up the Fancy; all my birds to be sold, prices reasonable; three days' approval; stamp reply; no odd hens.—20, Marney-rd., Clapham, S.W.

A FEW Crested cocks and hens, the same strain as we bred our winners from, and have won over 200 money prizes; approval; stamp.—Morley and Son, plumber, Scarborough.

HIGH-CLASS Crests, Crestbreds; few good birds for disposal, bred from and related to winners; also several cheap pairs on approval.—Orton, 33, Lcopold-st., Radford, Nottingham.

MR. GEO. E. RUSSELL, breeder of some of the finest Crested show birds, has a few for disposal for show and stock purposes.—26, Grenville-bldgs., Cherry-st., Corporation-st., Birmingham.

FOUR young part bred Crested cock Canaries for sale, good songsters, 5/- each; slow combustion stove, good as new, 7/-.—C. Parkin, Street-la., near Derby.

LADY'S handsome sterling silver watch, almost new, perfect timekeeper, exchange for pair of large Crestbreds or Crests.—James Wright, 19, London-rd., Glasgow.

CRESTS and Crestbreds (Barnett's direct), few good healthly stock pairs; also single birds, cheap; approval.—Bushell and Dewing, 56, Wodehouse-st., Norwich.

NORWICH Crested pairs, 15s., 20s., 25s. per pair; odd cocks and hens 10s., 15s., 20s. each; cold room bred; inquiries invited; approval.—S. Roberts, 39, Gloucester Street, Unthank Road, Norwich.

HAVING selected breeding stock, have a few pairs of Crests for disposal; Barnett's direct; good stockstock birds; cheap to clear; from £1 per pair.—Stokes, School House, Stocksbridge, Sheffield.

WALLACE'S champion Crests, Crestbreds, same blood winners Palace and leading shows last sixteen years; cocks, hens, from 15s. matched pairs from 30s.; approval.—115, Rosemount Place, Aberdeen. x264

PRIZE strain Crestbred cock, two Crest hens, three Crestbred hens, all young, healthy, ready for breeding; half price to clear; all on approval; stamp reply.—William Watt, 103, Appin-cres., Dunfermline, N.B.

CREST, Crestbreds, healthy young cocks, bred from or related to my winners, Crystal Palace, with four entries, one first, two seconds, vhc; approval.—H. Horton, 18, The Avenue, St. John's Park-rd., Blackheath, London, S.E.

FROM my well-known strain, large green Crested cock, large clear Crestbred hen, 60/- pair; green Crested cock, yellow Crestbred hen, 30/-; approval before payment to old customers; Crest breeder 24 years.—Clarke, Hainton-sq., Grimsby.

WINNING blood.—F. G. Bale, 66, Victoria-st., Barnstaple, winner of gold and silver medals, has a few large Crestbreds, cocks, 1906, cheap, to clear; lightly marked Crestbred hen, 1905, 25/-; clear ditto, 20/-; bred from winners; approval.

LARGE even-marked, 1906, Crest cock, 15/-; large green 1906 Crestbred hen, 10/-; very nice variegated Crestbred cock, 1905, 10/-; good ticked 1906 Crestbred hen, 8/6; approval.—Rev. Bernard Wilton, Bilsdale Vicarage, Middlesbrough.

MONSTER Crestbred cock, could win at Palace, 65/-; hen to match, 20/-; few Crest and Crestbred hens, 20/-; three entries Preston Crest Club Show, two 2nds, one 3rd; approval; deposit.—E. Walsh, 8, Withers-st., Blackburn.

I INVITE you to call and inspect my stock of Crests and Crestbreds, all at workmen's prices; any birds sent on seven days' approval.—Marsh, Freemason's Arms, Pereira-st., Bethnal Green, near Junction.

VERY large even marked dark Crest cock, 10/-; ditto nice Crest, 6/-; large yellow green Crest cock, 7/-; wing marked dark Crest cock, 7/-; all large, healthy birds; approval.—Hatton, Windmill, Belper.

CHAMPION green Crestbred hen and green Crested cock, from Mr. Cordery's champion unbeaten Crestbred, 1st C.P. 1905, ticked Crestbred hen and clear Yorkshire hen, all cheap.—Janes, 50, Carlton-grove, Peckham.

WINNING strain, Crestbred cocks, Crestbred hens, 1906, grand feather, yellows, buffs, variegated, greens, very forward, will nest at once, cocks from 20/-, hens from 15/-; approval; satisfaction guaranteed; stamp reply; 40 years a breeder.—J. Bale, 63, Victoria-st., Barnstaple.

BROKEN green Crestbred cock, 3 years, £1, ditto, 10/-; large green Crestbred hen, 15/-, 1 year; 1906 Crested cock, green, 25/-; clear grizzle-capped Crestbred cock, 1 year, green Crest hen, 15/- pair; Barnett's strain; approval.—Wm. Stoves, 21, Southend-ter., Sheriff Hill, Gateshead.

SPECIAL! Special!!—Still supplying with the highest satisfaction healthy, typical prize-bred Crests and Crestbreds; judiciously matched pairs, to breed winners, 12s. 6d. to £5, all cold room bred; odd cocks or hens cheap; enquiries invited.—H. Amiss, 69, Ashby Street, Norwich.

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GOOD Crested Norwich cocks, 12s., 15s. 20s. each; Crested hens, 7s. 6d., 10s., 12s. 15s. each; Crestbred cocks, 10s., 12s. 15s. each; Crestbred hens, 6s., 7s. 6d., 10s., 12s. each; stamp reply; money returned if not approved.—Stewart Brothers, Surrey Street, Norwich. x265

HIGH-CLASS Crests, Crestbreds, large healthy young birds, of the best blood, 25/- pair to clear, before I send them to the dealers, where you will have to pay 60/- or more; first come, first served. Approval; exchange.—Pennington, 87, Harrington-st., Grimsby.

J. RUSHMER, 70, Radford-rd., Exeter, has the following pedigree Crests:—One large Crestbred cock, 40/-, has his brows cut; two smaller, 15/-, 10/-, feather covers beak; one pair, grey Crest cock, green Crestbred hen, 25/-; heavy feathered green Crest cock from two Crests, 15/-; approval; exchange large cinnamon Norwich.

MR. BEESTON, Photographer, Ross-on-Wye.—Clear buff Crestbred, 10/6; ditto, dark Crested, 9/6; rich buff, grizzle Crested, 7/6; 1906 cocks, full song. Clear buff 1906 large, grizzle Crest, hen, 8/6; buff green Crestbred, 12/6; variegated buff Crestbred, 8/6, both 1905 hens; all typical birds and cheap; approval.

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BUFF variegated dark Crest cock, fist Birmingham and King's Heath, 45/-; green Crested cock, 30/-; buff variegated Crestbred hen, 15/-, or 40/- the pair (they took first in 40/- selling class at Bimingham, 20 entries); green Crested hen, well formed Crest, good centre, 15/-.—Alfred Smith, St. Ives, Chester-rd., Erdington, near Birmingham.

EXCHANGE large pair of heavily variegated Crests for good pair Lancashires, or sell £3; also green Crestbred cock and buff Crested hen for good pair Norwich Plainheads, or sell £2; both pairs bred from my winners; also house moulted Linnet, bred Mules last year, for Bullfinch hens.—Hart, 2, Derby-st., Leigh, Lancs.

CREST and Crestbreds, best blood in the world, winner of challenge bowls at Barnstaple, Bristol (four), Plymouth, Sidmouth, and £25 cup; among latest winnings, Nottingham, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc.; Cardiff, two 1sts, etc.; Gateshead, two 1sts; few to spare, single, from 30s.; pairs, from 60s.; state price prepared to give and enclose stamp.—Rev. G. W. Joyce, Wellington, Somerset.

AT London Provincial Ornithological Society, October 30th, 1906, with four entries, 1 won eight prizes including Crest Club Special, two medals and Championship Diploma for best Crest open classes; have several Crests and Crestbreds from 7s. 6d. upwards; approval; stamp.—Woollard, Sprowston, Norwich. Note, I am not a dealer; absolutely all my own breeding, cold-room. x264

HAVING selected my breeding stock, have the following high-class Crests Crestbreds, for disposal, Barnett and Joyce's strains. Monster variegated dark Crest cock 14/6; large heavy feathered even-marked dark Crest hen, 11/6; monster variegated variegated dark Crested hen, 14/-; large even-marked dark Crest hen, 11/6; mouster variegated Crestbred cock, £1, beauty; large heavy-feathered variegated Crestbred hen, 13/-; large heavy-feathered yellow green ditto, 11/-; large buff green ditto, 11/-; all grand stock birds, in perfect condition; approval.—Hatton, Windmill, Belper.

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Clear, 8/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, 40/-, 50/-.
Green, 5/6, 8/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-.

Crested-bred Cocks.

Clear Yellow, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, 40/-.
Clear Buff, 10/6, 12/6, 20/-, 30/-.
Ticked or Variegated, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-.

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Good Grizzle Hen, useful stock bird, 21/-
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Greens.

YELLOW Green Yorkshire hen, foul ditto, 7/6 each; buff Green cock, 10/-.—Eastoe, 12, Forestview, Manor Park, Essex.

VERY heavy marked Green Yorkshire cock, 7 in. long, 7/6; also clear yellow Yorkshire cock, 6/6.—Gilman, Church Institute, Buxton.

FOUL buff and self yellow cocks, rare stock birds, 20/- and 25/.—Walker, 197, Great Homer-st., Liverpool.

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshire and Norwich greens; matched pairs a speciality; also singles; approval. —Hadwin, 28, Pembroke Place, Liverpool.

H. HUGHES, 10, Huskisson Street, Birkenhead, breeder and exhibitor of Yorkshire greens, has few pairs for sale from 25s. pair; few single cocks from 8s. each; approval, deposit; stamp. x268

NO room, must sell, Yorkshire Green foul buff cock, 1st Liverpool Amalgamated Show, 20/-; another, same, second at Wallasey Old Show, 15/-; also a few others.—Carswell, 2, Clifton-grove, Egremont, Cheshire; approval, deposit. x268

THE finest collection of Greens living (see Altrincham show reports). I won outright 2 silver rose bowls, for 4 highest birds and best Norwich in show. I took 3 firsts, 3 seconds, 3 thirds, 1 fourth, 1 vhc; having 150 birds, can spare some grand pairs or singles, Yorkshire or Norwich, reasonable; cash or deposit, CAGE BIRDS; approval, stamp.—W. Thompson, 69, Pentou Street, Liverpool.

Lancashires.

YELLOW coppy hen, 12/6 to clear; approval.—Adams, 17, Baron-st., Rochdale.

SPLENDID pair healthy Lancashires, 25/-; buff cock, 10/-.—Davies, Steel Green, Millom.

ARTHUR WEST, Tweedale Street, Rochdale. High-class Lancashires from my winners yellows and buffs, Coppies and Plainheads; on approval.

YOUNG buff coppy cock, 12/6; buff Plainhead cock, 10/6, large birds, not rubbish; stamp, approval. —Fitton, 41, Laurel-st., Rochdale.

FIRST prize Crystal Palace, Burnley, Stockport, etc., etc., few high-class birds for disposal, same strain as my winners at above shows; stamp.—Law, 76, Mcrefield-st., Rochdale.

HIGH-CLASS Lancashires, 12 pairs for sale, grand young birds, from 25/- pair; buff Plainhead hens, from 10/- each; coppy hens 10/- and 15/- each; stamp.—West, Twecdale-st., Rochdale.

FOUR yellow and one buff coppy cocks, one yellow, two buff Plainhead cocks, two yellow coppy hens to match, 30/- pair, Barrass strain; approval; stamp.—Rushton, 102, Buxton-rd., Macclesfield.

SPLENDID young Lancashire Plainhead cock, 12/6; fine coppy cock, 15/-, both large feathery birds, clean plumage, healthy, ready to pair; cash, bargains.—Hawkins, Shalimar, Withdean, Brighton.

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WINNERS, stock birds, best quality, few for sale, including Palace winners; stamp.—John Dewsnap, 68, Princess-st., Glossop.

FEW pairs Lizards, 12/6 to 15/- per pair; odd cocks, 8/-, 10/- each; approval.—J. Green, 256, Chapel-st., Leigh, Lancs.

HAVING selected breeding stock, I have a few pairs good Lizards for sale, 12s. pair; odd silver cock, 8s.; also buff Lancashire Plainhead cocks and hens; approval.—Whipp, 13, Rushcroft Road, High Crompton, Shaw, Oldham. x265

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W. RUDD, The Bird Specialist, Norwich.

Norwich.

NORWICH Canaries, cocks, 6-; hens, 2/6.—Wharton, 5, Willesden-lane, Kilburn.

LARGE 1906 yellow green Norwich cock, 15/-.—Cook, 66, Kitchener-rd., Ipswich.

H. BAILEY, Tower Street, Launceston, has several Norwich cocks left for disposal, from 6s. each.

A. W. CURTIS, 8, Fabian-rd., Fulham, can spare good stock pairs at 20/-, 25/-, 3/- ner pair. x268

GRAND Crestbred hens, one ticked, two variegated, buffs, 3/6.—Dower, Penryn, Cornwall.

SIX good Norwich cocks, full song, 27/-.—Cave, 65, Benfard-st., Leicester.

FANCY Pigeons, prize winners, different varieties, exchange Norwich Canaries.—R. Bowie, Gusset House, Dunfermline.

NORWICH prize bred cocks or hens, separately, or from 12/6 pair.—Rorke, 50, Ringmer-av., Munster-rd., Fulham.

FRED BEARDALL, Sutton-rd., Hucknall Huthwaite, Notts, has a few odd cocks for sale, 7/6 and 10/- each, cheap to clear.

NORWICH, four 1906 colour-fed cocks, cold room bred, in full song, 5/6 each, or best offer for lot.—Towusend, Miles-la., Long Buckby.

TWO splendid colour-fed Norwich cocks, price 14/-, or 7/6 each; approval.—D. Metcalf, Norfolk-st., King's Lynn.

A FEW grand birds for sale, colour fed, cocks 10/6, hens 7/6; approval three days.—Willis, 34, Clapham-rd., London.

DOUBLE yellow cross-bred hens, for muling, 3/6 each to clear.—J. Harrison, 19, Ardgowan-st., Greenock.

CHAMPION Norwich, bred from winners, pairs from 15/-; single cocks from 7/6; approval.—Blockley, 51, Uppingham-rd., Leicester.

I HAVE a few typical Norwich left to dispose of, from 10/6; approval, deposit.—Allnatt, Butler, The Knoll, Kingston-hill, Surrey. x267

HAVING selected my breeding stock, I can spare a few matched pairs, from 15/- upwards, unflighted; approval.—Young, 80, High-st., Rutherglen, N.B.

FOUR young Norwich hens, healthy, 3/- each; approval; deposit.—Rev. Woollerton, Hinckley.

FOR sale, strong, healthy breeding stock of seven pairs of Norwich Plainhead Canaries; no reasonable offer refused.—Renshaw, Littlemore, Oxford.

TYPICAL Norwich, three well matched pairs, 40/-, 50/-, 60/-; few good hens from 10/-.—Holmes, 169, Fountainbridge, Edinburgh.

GRAND Norwich yellow cocks, also buffs, 5/6 upwards; buff hens, 2/6 and 3/-; cold-room bred.—Ashwell, Styvechale, Coventry. Stamp reply.

FOR sale, five Norwich cocks, some of them taken prizes, good stock birds, 7/- each.—Thos. Cleminson, 38, Hume-ter., Darlington.

GRAND hens, ready to nest, 3/- each, sure to satisfy.—Oakley, Mortuary, Warwick-pl., Whitecross-st., E.C.

NORWICH bred from my winners, 10s. pair; approval, deposit.—W. Allen, Witchford Aviaries, Ely, Cambs. x269

FIFTEEN pairs aviary bred Norwich, cocks 5/-, hens 2/6, clears, yellows, and buffs.—Bryant, 26, Stamford-rd., Kettering. x268

SELECT your breeding stock from my Plainheads, cocks from 6s., hens from 3s.—Denkin, 19, Rosedale Road, Forest Gate. x266

NORWICH cocks, in full song, from 7s. 6d.; seen any time.—J. Goodridge, 4, Cambria Road, Coldharbour Lane, Camberwell. x267

GOOD pairs, now breeding, to part with, 12s. 6d., 17s. 6d., 25s.; cocks from 8s. 6d.; hens 4s. 6d.; 1906 birds; approval.—Schofield, Saddler, Ipswich.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich cocks, 12/6; hens, 7/6, winning strain; approval; stamp reply.—W. McKail, 5, Hope-st., Withington, Manchester. x267

NORWICH cocks from 5s., hens 3s.; good birds, own breeding.—Robinson, 6, Barton-st., Egerton-st., Hulme, Manchester.

FEW good Norwich for sale, related to my winners at the Palace and other shows.—J. Pegg, Yew Cottage, Normanton-la., Littleover, Derby.

BUFF cock, commended Palace, 25s.; pair, commended, 27s.; heavy marked cock, Eckersley, 20s.; buff, 10s.; approval.—Gentle, Stanley-st., Bedford.

FORTY good Norwich hens, young, healthy, ready for breeding, buff 2/6, yellow 3/- each.—Roper, 134, Derby, Seven Kings, Essex.

GOOD Norwich cocks, full song, from 6/-, hens from 3/-; natural colour huffs, cold-room.—W. J. Jones, 28, Fort Crescent, Margate.

TWO green hens, 2/6 each; few buffs, 2/3 each; few variegated cocks, 5/- each.—Baldock, Sandrock, Hawkhurst, Kent.

LARGE evenly marked yellow cock, two buff variegated hens, 1906, cheap; approval.—George Mitchell, 118, Montrose-st., Brechin.

TWO 1906 Norwich hens, yellow 3/-, variegated 2/6, very healthy.—Mrs. Griffiths, Oak Cottage, Horsham.

NORWICH songsters, 1906 socks, full song, warranted healthy, 6/6; approval.—Foxen, 8, Aberdeen-bldgs., High-st., Bromley, Kent.

THREE buff cocks, variegated, buff hen, variegated, yellow hen; approval.—Steven, 215, Montrose-st., Brechin.

DOZEN good hen Canarics, £1; warranted healthy and breeding condition.—Sharpe, Holland-st., Loughborough.

TEN pairs of Norwich, some fit to show, from 8/6, natural and colour fed.—Miss Sawbridge, Lutterworth, Leicestershire. x268

LARGE typical buff variegated Norwich cock, 15/-; smart yellow hen, 6/-; approval, deposit.—Davidson, Bookseller, Montrose.

BEAUTIFUL plumage, variegated 1906 Norwich cock, magnificent songster, sacrifice 7/-, worth treble for stock.—Hawkes, Richmond-rd., Leytonstone.

TYPICAL colour fed 1906 bred variegated yellow Norwich hen, also buff, sacrifice, 5/- each.—Hawkes, Richmond-rd., Leytonstone.

SOME good hens, bred from winners, yellows and buffs, from 7/6.—W. McLaughlin, 87, Westbernhar, Harthill, Lanarkshire, N.B.

GOOD Norwich hens, ready to nest, 2/6, 3/-; clear yellows, 3/6 each; pairs at 7/6, cocks in full song.—Iliffe, 4, Grange-la., Leicester. x268

MR. HAWKES offers 1906 typical colour fed clear yellow Norwich hen, winner 2nd prize, sacrifice, 7/6, given away.—Richmond-rd., Leytonstone.

HANDSOME Norwich cocks, grand songsters, 5/-, 5/6; hens, 2/6, 3/-; pairs, 7/6, 8/6; typical prize-bred stock; approval.—Hatton, Windmill, Belper.

I HAVE about six pairs of good big healthy Norwich green cocks, 7/6, clear hens, 3/-; approval; stamp.—Pimm, Icknield Port-rd., Birmingham.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich, 7/6, 8/6 a pair; hens, ready to nest, 2/6; clears, 3/-; cold room; satisfaction guaranteed.—Staples, 19, Outram-st., Leicester.

MUST be Sold.—High-class Crestbred Plainheads, per pair from £1 upwards, Mackley's prize strain. —T. Lowe, 3, Gatton-rd., High-st., Tooting, S.W.

SEVEN hen Norwich Canaries, 1/6 or 2/6 each, marked and buff, 1906, healthy.—Hutson, Tangur-pl., Eton.

GRAND Norwich yellows and buffs, cocks from 8/-, hens 4/-, pairs from 10/-.—Dawson, 104, Cardross-st., Glasgow.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich, 1906, bred from winners, cocks 8/-, hens 5/-; approval.—Hughes, Danybank, Velindre, Hallan, Cardiganshire.

NORWICH.—Lot for sale, giving up Fancy, cold room, prize bred, cheap; approval.—Hunt, 55, Richmond-st., Gateshead. x269

HAVE got a few splendid hens left at 3/- each. —Oakley, Coroner's Court, Warwick-pl., Whitecross-st., E.C.

NORWICH cocks, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6; hens, 3/6; approval.—Smith, 6, Hartington-st., Moss Side, Manchester.

NORWICH.—Four large variegated buff cocks, 15/- to 20/- each, reliable strain; approval.—John Braidwood, 181, Glasgow-rd., Burnbank, Hamilton. x268

NORWICH.—Four clear buff cocks, price 10/- to 15/- each; two buff hens, price 10/- each; approval. —Thomson, 15, Gladstone-st., Burnbank, Hamilton.

GREATEST bargains ever offered in Norwich, eye ticked buff cock, 12/6, winner; clear buff cock, 12/6, winner; clear yellow cock, winner, 11/6.—Morris, Fancier, Ryde.

G. CHAPMAN, Haymarket, Leicester, has for disposal a splendid lot of high-class Norwich cocks, 5/-, 6/-, and 7/6 each; hens to match, 2/6, 3/-, and 3/6 each; matched pairs, 7/6, 8/6, and 10/- pair.

FOURTEEN pairs of large graud high-class Norwich for disposal; inspection invited; approval, deposit or order.—Jas. Tansley, Avon House, Stoney Stanton-rd., Coventry.

FEW good Norwich Canaries, cold room, yellows, buffs, variegated, cocks, in song, from 6/-, hens from 3/-; approval.—Mrs. Gaskin, 79, Commercial-rd., Dercham.

CHAMPION songster buff Norwich cock, clear yellow hen, 7/6; buff ditto, even marked eyes and wings, with variegated hen, 7/6, sound healthy 1906 birds.—Wm. Lanham, Ivy-grove, Ripley, Derbyshire.

YELLOW variegated cock, 1906, brother of my cup winner, 12/6, also parents of above, clear yellow hen, and buff variegated cock, 1905, £1 pair.—Blackie, 199, Fountainbridge, Edinburgh.

C. CARR.—Champion Norwich winning strain, ten matched pairs, 12/- pair to clear, to make room for breeding, not better blood obtainable, real hargains; on approval.—2, Wellington-rd., Walthamstow.

TWO pairs of Norwich yellows and buffs, 12/6 pair, matched for breeding; 1 variegated hen, 3/6; 2 yellow hens, 5/-; 4 buff hens, 10/-.—W. Higgins, Swan-st., West Malling, Kent.

OVERSTOCKED.—Choice Norwich, Iron's and Sandiford's strain, matched pairs, 12/-, 15/-, 20/-, or singly, well worth double.—Vernon, Shelbourne-rd., Bournemouth.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich, good strain, cocks from 7/6, hens from 3/6; also pair, bred winner last year, 15/6; cash or deposit.—MacVicar, 13, Springfield-cottages, Camden-rd., Tunbridge Wells.

NORWICH cock for sale, buff, variegated, 2nd Forfar, yellow, 3rd Brechin, clear buff cock, two clear yellow cocks, at reasonable prices.—Wm. Jaffrey, 142, Montrose-st., Brechin.

C. ROBERTS, 67, Whitegate Drive, Blackpool, offers matched pairs of his winning Norwich from 15s. 6d. to 90s.; single birds from 10s. 6d.; show birds; reasonable; all on approval.

LARGE Norwich cock Canaries, yellow or buffs, in song, 7/6, 8/6, 10/- each; hens, 2/6, 3/6 each, Mackley's prize strain.—W. Copeman, Gamekeeper, Toftwood Common, Dereham.

NORWICH Plainheads, colour fed, cocks, from 6/-; hens, 3/6, 4/-, 5/-; buff, 3/-, 4/6; pairs, matched for breeding, 8/- upwards; on approval.—Hewett, The Rose, Mariner's-la., Norwich.

NORWICH Canarics, for singing or breeding; pairs, 10s. 6d.; hens 2s. 6d.; all healthy; cold room reared; giving up breeding.—Bell, Fishmonger, Crouch Hill, Stroud Green. x268

COLOURED PLATE of Yellow and Buff Norwich Plainheads, artistic and lifelike, sent post free, carefully packed, on receipt of four penny stamps.—CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

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YELLOW marked cock, fed, two very large hens, natural colour, three compartment breeding cage, lot 14/-, worth double; approval, if all carriage paid. —Newson, Hairdresser, Fakenham, Norfolk.

MISS SNEYD, 48, Holland Park-av., London, has for disposal two buff cocks and one yellow cock, 10/- each; one yellow hen, 6/-; all Norwich, related to Palace winners: can be seen by appointment.

W. BERKSHIRE has some grand unflighted Norwich, also good stock pairs that will breed winners, for sale from £1; can be seen by appointment; approval.—3, Larch Road, Balham, London.

GRAND lot of Plainheads for sale, stock birds, cocks or hens, yellow or buff, single 10s. to 12s., pairs 17s. 6d. to 25s.—Carstairs, Stationer, 277, High Street, Perth. x269

T. IRONS, Ivy Road, Northampton. Champion Norwich pairs, 15s., 20s., 25s., 30s., single cocks and hens, 7s. 6d., 10s., 15s., 20s. upwards; approval; stamp. x267

NORWICH Plainheads, same strain as my winners, cold-room, single birds from 10/-, pairs from 15/6; approval; deposit.—Williams, Pharmacy, Ashbourne.

PRIZE-BRED Norwich, three buff cocks, three yellow hens, two yellow cocks, two buff hens, from £1 to £1 5/- pair; on approval.—R. H. Dean, 17, Backwater-st., Stockport.

CHEAP to clear, 2/6, Norwich yellow and buff, matched pairs, 10/-, 15/-, 20/- a pair; all bred from winners; approval.—Williams, 186, High-st., Cheltenham.

SEVERAL large stout yellow Norwich cocks, 1906, extra good natural colour, 10/- each, to make room for breeding; approval, deposit, with pleasure.—Cooper, Photographer, 304, High-st., West Bromwich.

TICKED yellow cock, 25/-; clear yellow cock, 10/-; buff marked hen, 12/-; clear buff hen, 10/-; Mason, of Burton, strain.—A. Stacey, 77, Seymour-st., Nottingham.

CANARIES, cold room bred, cocks from 5/6, hens from 2/6; matched pairs from 7/6; singing cocks from 5/6; state wants.—Ottaway, Great Melton, Norwich.

JOHN NEEDHAM can spare 20 good Norwich stock birds, cheap to clear, single or pairs; pairs from 15/-, single cocks from 8/6, hens from 7/6.—Myrtle House, Lytton-rd., Clarendon-pl., Leicester.

FOR Sale, some good stock birds, two even marked buff cocks, three yellow variegated cocks, one yellow cock, one buff cock, exchange any of the above for clear buff hen and yellow variegated hen; on approval.—Thomas Brown, Scott-st., Brechin.

TWO Hundred typical Norwich, Yorkshire, Crests, and Crestbred cocks and hens, cocks from 5s., hens from 2s. 6d.; inspection invited, any time.—Marsh, Freemason's Aviaries, 45, Pereira Street, Bethnal Green, near Junction. x266

CHUBBY Norwich cocks, buffs and yellow variegated, 5/6; hens, 3/-; white-legged cock Goldfinch, bred Mules last year for first, 5/6; house moulted cock and hen Bullfinch, 2/6 pair; approval.—Girling, 7, Yaxham-rd., Dereham.

NORWICH Greens, six large cocks, three buffs, three yellows, one Yorkshire Green, a few good hens; cocks 6/6 each, hens 4/-; also four good dark Crested variegated hens 4/- each.—Hall, 5, Holly-ter., Whetstone, London.

BAKER and GOOCH have a few typical Norwich left to dispose of, bred from Wade's winning strain; cocks from 12/6, hens from 10/-; seen after six o'clock, Saturdays one o'clock; approval.—18, Littleton-st., Earlsfield.

MUST sell to make room for breeding, 12 buff and 4 Norwich cocks, colour fed, healthy, bred from winners, 7/6 to 20/-; approval; or sell lot cheap.—Thomas Young, Provision Merchant, Avenue, Oldham.

SPLENDID quality Norwich, from best strain in England, cocks from 10/-, hens from 8/-, pairs 15/6 to £2; opportunity to secure winning blood at low price; approval with confidence.—Clarke, Chemist, West Bridgford, Nottingham.

YELLOW variegated cock, yellow ticked hen, three clear buff hens, all 1906 birds, large and typical, bred from birds direct from Eckersley, Mason-Burton, Irons, College, Vardy, Hampton, 40/- lot.—Harold, 51, Bowyer-rd., Saltley.

MR. HUKE has the yellow cock, 2nd Coventry, for sale, 50/-; unflighted buff, 3rd Cheltenham, 25/-, and a few others at 10/-, good size, quality, and colour; see Palace, Malvern, Cheltenham reports.—73, Chatsworth-st., Leicester.

PRIZE-BRED Norwich Plainheads, same strain as my winners at Norwich, all in open competition; grand cocks, 5s. 6d., 7s. 6d. upwards; matched pairs, 8s. 6d., 10s. 6d., to 40s.; hens, 3s. 6d., 5s. 6d.; approval.—Geo. Wright, 51, Silver Street, Norwich.

GRAND lot of colour-fed Norwich cocks, 6/-, 7/6, 10/6, yellows and buffs; also hens, cheap; bred from my winners; approval, deposit; inspection invited.—Edwards, 135, Sheridan, Knighton-fields, Leicester.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich cocks, 4s. 6d. 5s. 8d., 6s., 8s., hens 2s., 2s. 6d., 3s.; prize bred cocks, 10s., 12s., 15s.; hens, 4s., 5s.; guaranteed healthy; not suited, money returned.—Alfred Riley, grocer, Lower Church Gate, Leicester.

NORWICH Canaries, matched pairs, 10/-, 12/-, 14/-; also Cinnamons, 10/-, 12/-; Crest and Crestbred, same strain as my winner, Coventry, only time shown, 12/-, 14/-, 16/-, cocks 10/-, 12/-, worth double, all cold room bred.—W. Taylor, Station-rd., Hinckley.

POWICK'S Champion Norwich, the same strain as the winners at all leading shows, cocks 7s. 6d., 10s. 6d.; hens 5s. 6d., 7s. 6d. each; pairs, mated to breed winners, 10s. 6d., 15s. 6d., and 20s. per pair; no rubbish; ten days' approval.—Wm. Powick, Eastfield House, Dewsbury, Yorks.

HEALTHY Norwich plainheads, matched pairs, 7s. 6d., 8s. 6d., 10s., 15s., upwards; cocks, 5s. 6d., 7s. 6d., 10s. upwards; hens, 3s. 6d., 5s., 7s. 6d., upwards; special terms to dealers; inquiries invited; cold-room bred; approval.—S. Roberts, 39, Gloucester Street, Unthank Road, Norwich.

HAVING matched my Norwich together, I can part with two buff cocks, two yellow cocks, also one yellow hen, and buff cock to match, also one buff hen and yellow cock to match; the two pairs are winners, and can win; on approval anywhere; price moderate; stamp for reply.—William Twine, 8, Albert-st., Hucknall Torkard, Notts.

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GOOD Norwich cocks, in full song, 5s. 6d., 6s. 6d., 7s. 6d., 10s., 12s. 6d., 15s. 6d., 20s. each; hens, 3s. 6d., 4s. 6d., 5s. 6d., 7s. 6d., 10s. each; pairs, matched for breeding, 8s., 9s., 10s. 6d., 12s., 15s., 20s. pair; stamp, reply.—Stewart Brothers, Surrey Street, Norwich. x266

A. HATWELL, West Haddon, Rugby, after selecting his breeding stock, can spare unflighted clear buff cock, good size, and splendid feather, £1; unflighted ticked buff cock, good stock bird, 15/6, sound and healthy, bred from high-class birds; approval; stamp.

A GRAND lot of Norwich large birds, type quality, first Leamington, £1 10s.; do., Coventry, £1 10s., mostly unflighted, bred by myself. Don't miss this chance. I clear at once a few good Goldfinches, from 10/-.—Jeacock, 5, York-st., Coventry.

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Tick, yellow cock, 2nd Northampton, £2; ditto buff £1; 3 yellow hens, 3 buff hens, 7/6, 10/-, 15/-; good value; only want seeing; stamp reply.—69, Allen-rd., Northampton.

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Having selected my breeding stock, I have a few grand pairs to part with cheap, 10/6, 12/6 pair; odd cocks, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6 each; odd hens, 4/6, 5/6 each; Border hens, 2/6 each; Yorkshire cocks, 7/6 each.—Matt. Hopkins, Bird Specialist, 38 and 41, Fylde-st., Preston, Lancashire.

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Splendid 1906 cock Canaries, in full song, price 5/-, 6/-, and 7/- each, hens 2/6 and 3/- each.—J. Thorn, 37, Plumstead-rd., Woolwich.

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22, Alun-ter., Mold. February 7th, 1907.—I received the Goldfinch-Canary Mule quite safe and in splendid condition. He sings beautifully, and I am quite pleased with it.—H. Roberts to W. Rudd.

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10, Eve-pl., off Jack-la., Dewsbury-rd., Leeds. February 10th, 1907.—Birds arrived safe and sound. I think them fine for the money. If I want more shall send to you. You are a very straightforward man. There are so many frauds that advertise that one has to be very careful.—R. Emms to W. Rudd.

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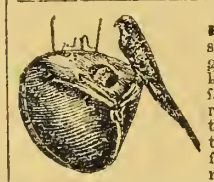

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Annual General Meeting, February 13th. Good number of members present, including Messrs. A. Grey, J. Brown, F. F. Hawkins, W. Longstaff, J. Little, J. Kirkpatrick, J. Grieve, H. Johnson, J. B. Hubbuck, G Logan, G. Buck, J. Smith, D. Hope, C. G. Petterson, R. Lowery, F. Hayes, N. Jerden, A. Lister, F. Sanderson, T. Taylor, H. George, J. Weatherstone. The minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed, one of these being to the effect that copies of the Cage Bird Union rules, received per Mr. A. Brown, he not forwarded to members, it being considered they were too much in the nature of an advertisement for certain advertisers. We are of opinion that rules of this description should be free from any advertisements whatever. The Committee having recommended that 9s. per class be paid as prize money in members' classes at 4s. 6d. first, 3s. second, 1s. 6d. third. This was accepted by the members, and paid to those present. The balance-sheet was read by the Secretary, and showed the income to be £159 19s. 11d., and the expenditure at £139 2s. 8d., leaving a balance of cash £15 5s. 3d. Assets, not including challenge cup, £5 12s., total. £20 17s. 3d., to be carried forward. The auditors, Messrs. F. F. Hawkins and J. Brown, reported that everything had been found in excellent order and correct. This was received with applause from the members present, and a vote of thanks was accorded to the Secretary and officials for their excellent management of the club's affairs. Election of officers for 1907:—President, Mr. A. Brown; Vice-Presidents, Mr. A. Grey (Morpeth), Mr. F. W. Latimer (Newcastle), Mr. J. Brown, Mr. R. Brewis, Mr. J. Joicey, Dr. Kapp, Mr. W. Clark, Mr. J. D. Philipson; Chairman, Mr. F. F. Hawkins; Vice-Chairman, Mr. J. Weatherstone; Secretary, Mr. Thos. Taylor; Assistant-Secretary, Mr. J. Grieve. Committee, Mr. J. Brown, Mr. W. Longstaff. Mr. J. Kirkpatrick, Mr. G. Logan, Mr. H. Johnson, Mr. G. Buck, Mr. H. George, Mr. Jas. Little, Mr. R. Lowery. Mr. F. W. Hayes, Mr. N. Jerden, Mr. A. Lister; Auditors, Messrs. Hawkins, Brown and Lister. The following were accepted as new members: Mr. R. Smith, 95, Woodhine Street; Mr. W. Mather, 122, Woodbine Street; Mr. G. Reed, 27, Clepham Street, Dunston; all of Gateshead. The Secretary intimated that he was unable to undertake the secretarial duties for the incoming year, as he was unable to attend the monthly meetings owing to business arrangements. The meetings were then arranged to take place once every six weeks, the first to be held on March 6th, 1907, and Mr. T. Taylor was then unanimously re-elected Secretary.—THOS. TAYLOR (Secretary).

PORTOBELLO C.B.S.

Meeting on Feb. 4th, 1907. Mr. W. R. Dunn (President) gave a very interesting washing exhibition, and explained the chief points of the process. In handling the birds he recommended members to take things calmly but firmly, as the birds soon submit to firm but gentle treatment. In soaping, brush as far as possible the way of the feather, the dirt round the eyes and beak being carefully removed. He preferred to wash underside of body first, as by doing this you softened the dirt on the flights and made it much easier to remove when the bird was turned. The whole process of soaping and rinsing should be got through as quickly as possible. After thoroughly rinsing and removing all traces of the soap, dry the bird with a soft, heated cloth; then carefully roll it up in a piece of old flannel cut to the necessary width, and leave it on its underside on a board in front of the fire for 10 to 12 minutes before putting it into the drying cage. He preferred to use brown Windsor or yellow soap made into a paste with a little water, and one drachm of horax to each ounce of soap. A little glycerine to be added to the rinsing water, as this serves to polish the feather. Birds should be washed five days before the show, and the first day after should be sprayed, and then brushed dry with a silk handkerchief—always being careful to brush the way of the feather. He would not advise members to wash their birds unless absolutely necessary. If the cages are kept covered during the moult with light muslin cloth, the birds should be in a fit condition for a number of shows without any hand-washing. The birds should be encouraged to take their bath at least twice weekly. Young fanciers were recommended to practice washing at first with Greenfinches, or any other hardy British Finch at their disposal, before attempting the handling of the more tender members of the Canary tribe. A feature of the exhibition was a drying apparatus, shown by Mr. Lamb, one of the members. One of the birds was put in this, but seemed to be longer in gaining vitality than those which were put in the drying cage made by Mr. Dunn. Two other members having successfully essayed the washing process, the meeting was brought to a close by a hearty vote of thanks being accorded to Mr. Dunn for his exhibition, and to the others for the part they had taken. Next meeting, first Monday in March, when Mr. John Bell will read a paper on "The Scotch Fancy Canary."—W. LECKIE and J. LEACH, Secs.

CARLISLE C.B.S.

The First General Meeting of the year was held in Mr. Bell's Refreshment Rooms, Botchergate, on the 29th January, but owing to the very wintry weather only a few members put in an appearance. The Secretary, also his assistant, Mr. T. J. Robson, resigned. The meeting was adjourned till the 12th of February, which resulted in a better attendance, The following officials were elected for the year:—Chairman, C. Cranston; Vice-Chair, Jas. McGuffie; Secretary, W. Thomas, 23, Pettril Street, Carlisle; Assistant Secretary, W. Wright, 17c, London Road, Carlisle, 71 members paid up. Room for meeting to be decided on later. Subscription 2/6.—JOSEPH J. ROBSON.

HULL C.B.S.

Syllabus for 1907.—March 4, Pair Show. Judge, Mr. F. Medley. April 1st, Discussion on Color Feeding and Rearing Young Birds. May 6th, Members' Nest Feather Show. Judge, Mr. Perkins. June 3rd, Members' Nest Feather Show. Judge, Mr. Brumby. July 1st, Classification for Open Show. July 13th, Half-Day Members' Show. Judge, Mr. Clews, Grimsby. Aug. 8th, Lecture on the Norwich Canary, by Mr. D. Hope. Sept. 2nd, Washing Competition. Judges, Messrs. Hope, Harland and Calam. Oct. 7th, Judging Competition. Judges, Messrs. Hope and Barwick. Nov. 4th, Specials and Stewards for Open Show. Dec. 2nd, Smoking Concert. Dec. 26th, Annual Members' Show.

PAISLEY & DIS. N.M.B. & F.B.C.

Annual Show, Painters Hall, Causeyside. A good turn out of pairs. Class I., Crest Pairs: 1, T. McCullock, an extra good pair, splendid entrance; 2, Skonce; 3, Bonar; 4, McLerie; 5, W. Elliott. Class II., Plainhead Pairs: 1, 2, J. Skonce, desirable pairs for breeding room; 3, 4, J. Sinclair, two good pairs to breed from; 5, T. Potts; 6, J. Sinclair. Class III., Yorkshire: 1, W. Elliott, fine pair, beautifully drawn, neat head, wings and tail; 2, R. Martin, a fine pair, not a feather out of place; 3, T. McNair; 4, J. Cowan. Muling Pairs: 1, P. Wylie, grand Goldfinch and lovely Yell. hen; 2, R. Campbell, must have given the judge some trouble to find first; 3, P. Wylie; 4, R. McLerie; 5, 6, A. Elliott. Hybrids: 1, 2, P. Wylie, Goldfinch and Bully, as steady as a rock; 3, R. McLerie; 4, T. Potts; 5, J. Cowan. The show was judged by Mr. Andrew Livingston, who gave every satisfaction.—R. MCLERIE, Secretary.

BORDER FANCY CANARY CLUB

Annual General Meeting held in Corn Exchange Hall, Edinburgh, Jan. 1st, Mr. Richardson (President) in the chair. Balance-sheet for 1906 showed, with balance from 1905, that club had a surplus of over £15, which was considered satisfactory. The new delegates were Mr. Wright (Carlisle), Mr. Dempster (Muirkirk), Mr. Lindsay (Motherwell); Auditors, Messrs. Duncan and Gilchrist (Coldstream); all other office-bearers re-elected. A motion by members in Brechin, seconded by Mr. Laidlaw (Hawick), that no member be allowed to win more than three club medals each show season. An amendment that medal question be left as before was put forward, but after some discussion the motion was carried by a large majority. Decided that, instead of guaranteeing novice classes, there be six medals given to different Societies for competition amongst members who have never won a club medal. A motion by Mr. Patterson, that green or cinnamon birds with white feathers in wings or tail be allowed to compete in green or cinnamon classes, was rejected. A letter was read from Mr. D. Smith saying there was a strong desire to hold a show of specialist clubs this year, and he moved that Border Fancy Club take part in it. After some of the members had spoken on the matter, it was decided that letter lie on the table. The President suggested that a small pamphlet be written on the Border Fancy Canary and sold to members to cover expenses of printing. This was agreed to, and Mr. Richardson, Mr. Bennet, Mr. Patterson and Mr. Arnot were appointed to carry it out. It was decided to have next general meeting at Edinburgh. A few new members were proposed and admitted. This being all the business, meeting terminated with vote of thanks to Mr. Richardson for presiding.—M. JAMIESON, Hon. Sec.

SWANSEA & DIS. C.B.A.

The adjourned general meeting, February 14th. A good muster of members turned up. Officers elected for ensuing year are:—Chairman, W. Robbins; vice-chairman, A.E. Taylor; committee, G. J. Rees, J. Evans, D. Jenkins, J. W. Ford J. H. Ford, J. E. Jeffries, E. M. Evans, R. Owen, W. T. Glover, J. Kirby, W. Bowen and W. Cheley; show managers, P. Jenkins and T. Gamage; C.B.U. delegate, D. Jenkins; hon. solicitor, J. Viner Leeder, Esq., auditors, J. Blackey and J. Gay. The secretaryship will be in the able hands of one of our most enthusiastic young members, Alf. Hitchings, 17, Treharne Road, Landore, Swansea, who, I am sure, will carry out his duties to the satisfaction of all. I regret I am unable to accept the office this year as I cannot spare the time, having recently gone into business, but I shall still be on the list of working members. I also take this opportunity of thanking all those who sent me letters congratulating us on the way we managed our last show. I am glad to say that our Society is looking in a very prosperous state, having, up to date, made 14 new members. We are also preparing our elaborate programme for the coming season in the way of lectures, table shows, washing exhibition, judging competitions, and also making a few attractive and educational experiments for new members, who are mostly young fanciers. We should be glad to receive the name of any young fancier who wishes to cast his lot in with us. Our annual show is fixed for our usual date, viz., November 6th and 7th.—J. EVANS (retiring secretary).

Dissensions in the Crest Club.

A Split over the Cage Bird Union.

Messrs. Clarke, Crisp, Greeves and Tyson resign on the spot.

This meeting was held on February 16th. Mr. R. L. Crisp occupied the chair and was supported by Messrs. King, Rhodes, Heath, Dobson, Barnett, Sands, Mills, Johnson, Greeves, Clarke, Pooley, Treasure, Lazarus, Broad, Prance, Robson, Stevenson, Dawn, Mennott, Crookes, Gale, Pearce, and Mr. J. Tyson, hon. sec.

Mr. Tyson read the report, from which we gathered that nothing of any great importance had transpired during the year, twenty-four new members had been elected, but on the other hand, thirty-three had not paid their subscriptions. £35 had been spent in supporting shows, which left a balance of £15 1s. 9d. in hand, and there were other assets of £60 value. The Novice question was still unsettled, but he hoped that some common decision would ere long be arrived at. He regretted to say that the members of the committee had not taken that lively interest in the club he would have liked, few had introduced new members, and none had sent suggestions, whilst some did not ever take the trouble to return the papers sent out to them. The question of affiliation to the Cage Bird Union had been considered by the committee, and 7 had voted against, 4 for, and 4 were in favour of the Annual meeting dealing with the matter. He drew attention to the trouble that might arise through their patronago being given to shows which had a different definition of a novice to that held by the Crested Canary Club.

Mr. Rhodes pointed out that in granting their patronage, the societies could easily be referred to the C.C.C. definition, and that must govern their classes.

Mr. Crisp said he was afraid Mr. Tyson was somewhat pessimistic; he was a croaker, and he should not be. He thought the balance-sheet most favourable, and quite the best ever issued by any specialist club. There certainly had been few members elected, but that was a mere nothing, every society had its ups and downs, and they must expect theirs. The result was good, and much credit was due to Mr. Tyson for the same. The club existed for the benefit of the variety, and he thought some of the balance in hand might go towards the cups which were not yet paid for. Mr. Rhodes proposed, and Mr. King seconded, that the report be adopted. On the motion of the chair, votes of thanks were given the auditors, Messrs. Heath and Clarke, and the hon. sec., Mr. Crisp saying that no man could have the interest of the Fancy more at heart than Mr. Tyson, no man could have worked so hard for it, and no man could have stood the reverses and rebuffs to which he had been subjected.

On the motion of Mr. King, seconded by Mr. Treasure, it was decided to take £5 15s. from the funds of the club to liquidate the debt on the cups.

Mr. Rhodes proposed, and Mr. King seconded, that the C.C.C. become affiliated to the Cage Bird Union. Mr. Rhodes said the Union had been formed for the good of the Fancy. If the rules were not all that could be desired, that could be amended. It should be the desire of every fancier to help whatever was brought forward for the good of the Fancy, in fact they could not do too much to help. The Cage Bird Union was not perfect at present, but improvement and amendment were sure to come.

Mr. J. S. Clarke expressed himself as in favour of the principle governing the Cage Bird Union, but he objected strongly to the manner in which it was being worked. He asked if the dualumvirate controlling the Cage Bird Union really represented the Fancy at the present time? The rules had been foisted upon the Fancy without proper discussion, and without the Fancy having a chance of expressing its approval or otherwise. It was an insult to ask a progressive Specialist Society like the C.C.C. to join a discredited rump like the Cage Bird Union.

Mr. Rhodes said, in London it only needed one society to favour a thing, no matter what its worth, for the others to oppose it. The Cage Bird Union was needed, and if they thought it was not doing right, they could, by joining help to make it right, and control its working.

Mr. Greeves was strongly against the proposal. The C.C.C. was formed to advance one variety, and it would be weakness on their part, and detrimental to their interest to join the Cage Bird Union. It would take their work out of their hands, and render them impotent. He thought the proposal came at a most inopportune moment, and it would look as though they could not manage their affairs.

Mr. Clarke: The executive of the C.C.C. is quite capable of managing its own affairs, whilst the Cage Bird Union is not competent.

Mr. Dobson thought they ought to join. If they disqualified and suspended a man, there was nothing to prevent him joining another club and showing, whilst there authority was only over the Crest Club; the Cage Bird Union exercised authority over the whole Fancy.

Mr. Treasure said union is strength, and they should have a voice in the management of the Cage Bird Union, and thus have a hand in pulling down the abuses which exist. On the vote being put, affiliation was carried by 10 to 8

Mr. Greeves: Shall I be in order in asking that this matter go before the members?

The Chairman: Unfortunately, it cannot. It is decided.

Mr. Clarke: Shall I be in order in asking you, Mr. Chairman, to accept my resignation.

Mr. Greeves: I also must resign.

Messrs. Clarke and Greeves then left the meeting.

The Chairman brought forward the question of registration and publication of breeders' names in show catalogues, saying that he desired to give honour where honour was due. If the proposal was carried it might make the price of good birds go down, but it would increase the price of the second raters, because of breeders getting the credit of breeding the champion birds thus sold.

Mr. Rhodes thought they should be careful as it might have far reaching results. It might affect the entries at shows. Could we give prizes to breeders so as to advance the idea a step, before committing ourselves to the fuller scheme?

Mr. Heath expressed himself as favourable to the motion, and suggested that rings should be purchased right away, so that all young birds bred this season could be rung and thus registered.

Mr. King spoke of the good registration did in the kennel world, and he thought it would do equal good in the Canary Fancy. At present the poor man breeds and sells. Is it right he should be debarred from the credit of being the breeder? Registration would be a good thing, and all would be gainers.

Mr. Rhodes said the man who showed and said he bred a bird he had bought, committed a fraud, but he thought the rules of the C.C.C. would reach him. He certainly thought they should proceed with caution.

Mr. Trance said old birds could not be rung.

Mr. Chairman; All good birds can be easily traced.

Mr. King then proposed, and Mr. Heath seconded, that the matter go before the members, for them to vote upon, and this was carried unanimously.

The Chairman said the Cage Bird Union were likely to bring out a rule governing the definition of a novice, therefore he thought it would be wise for them to do nothing at present, especially as their definition was likely to be the one adopted. On the motion of Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Broad, that in all classes for novices, there must be at least three competitors or the show would not count.

Mr. Stevenson asked if something better could not be formulated in the way of patronage to shows than the 5s. specials. He thought they were not much valued.

The Chairman thought that points cups might be substituted.

Mr. Rhodes thought that the arrangement of specials was best left in the hands of the chairman and secretary.

The Chairman said the meeting having decided to join the Cage Bird Union, he must resign. He objected strongly to Rule 17, and considered it was altogether wrong. It should be carried further, they only ought to accept entries from affiliated members. He had a great objection to anyone dictating to him when he should, and when he should not show.

Mr. Heath: Rule 17 will be altered, it cannot stand. No one need resign because of that. Rule 17 is unworkable in its present state, and no big show could be run under it, therefore it must be altered.

Mr. Rhodes: Rule 17 is being dealt with by the Cage Bird Union to-day, and it would be a great pity for Mr. Crisp or anyone else to resign. There is some good in the Union, let us try and find it, and put out the bad. In all things we can find something to object to, but these things cannot be altered, unless those who object stay in and see that they are altered.

Mr. Tyson: I shall resign too.

BARNSLEY & DISTRICT C.B.S.

A meeting was held at the Malsters' Rest, Feb. 16th, upwards of a dozen members present, when it was decided to make strenuous efforts to pull the society together. The society is in a sound position financially, having a balance in hand of about £5, but has been let down by members taking only a passive interest in its management. The subscription for 1907 has been fixed at 2s. 6d., and it is hoped that all fanciers in the district will be able to see their way to become members. Given half-a-dozen workers this society has a bright future.—T. Coward, 22, Blenheim Road, Barnsley.

CINNAMON MARKED YORKSHIRE CANARY CLUB.

Committee meeting, Saturday next, February 23rd, Market Tavern, Bradford, 5.30 p.m., prompt. Business to complete final arrangements for smoking concert to be held at the Market Tavern, on Saturday, March 2nd. Mr. D. Sunderland has kindly promised to present the prizes to the various winners in the competition. The winners in the Open Competition are as follows:—Messrs. Sutcliffe and Son, first prize, with 140 points; Mr. J. Wilcock, second, with 100; Mr. H. Dobson, third, with 80; Mr. J. Hartley, fourth, with 67 points. In the Novice Competition Messrs. Ogden Bros. first, with 73 points; Messrs. Halmshaw, second, with 54 points; Mr. E. B. Denton, third, with 42 points; Mr. S. Lingley, fourth, with 19 points. All Fanciers are cordially invited to attend the smoking concert on March 2nd, at 7 p.m., when the prizes will be presented to the winners.—R. Garnett, 17, Woodville Terrace, Windhill.

NEWCASTLE GOOD INTENT C.B.S.

A Highly Successful Social.

A most successful social was held Feb. 5th, in the Co-operative Hall. Members and friends to the number of nearly 100 were present. After supper the evening was spent in dancing, singing, etc. The programme included some of Tyneside's finest talent. The songs of Miss Currah and Miss Elliott were greatly appreciated. Amongst the gentlemen who delighted the audience with their music were Mr. R. H. Thompson, Mr. T. Robson, Mr. J. Macdonald (Chairman, Wallsend S.B.S.), Mr. Walton, Mr. Craggs, Mr. Riley (violin), Mr. Pocock (concertina). Our worthy Secretary, Mr. Hutchinson, quite split our sides with the laughter he provoked when singing "Our Neighbours Down Below" in the local dialect, and those who stayed to the last were well rewarded in hearing Mr. Slack sing his comic song. Mr. Currah quite excelled himself in his two (too) humorous recitations. In the "Quack Doctor" he had a hit at many of the officials, from the one who ate too much on the occasion of Blaydon Show to him who was kicked by his mule and him who was "blown to pieces" by an explosion at the barracks whilst seeking green food for his birds. His recitation about the two Frenchmen quite brought down the house, whilst one or two juveniles flushed with envy at his fluent mastery over the French language. We are greatly indebted to Miss Craig, Mr. Martlew and Mr. Thompson, who kindly gave their services as accompanists. Mr. Shepherd, as is usual, most ably filled his position as Chairman in the unavoidable absence of our worthy President, A. J. Haggie, Esq.; and in presenting to Mrs. Curry a silver teapot and hot-water jug, and to Mrs. Hutchinson a gold and diamond brooch and gold chain, expressed on behalf of the members their great appreciation of the secretaries' abilities, their kindness and courtesy. He believed the Newcastle Society is to be one of the leading societies in the Kingdom, as it is now the largest in the North. To the secretaries was largely due the great success of the first annual show, it being almost if not quite a record for a first show; and there was no doubt that, as we get more known and established, and with two such able secretaries at the helm, our next show will far eclipse the first. To which Messrs. Curry and Hutchinson briefly replied, expressing their thanks for the handsome presents and their determination to work harder than ever in the interests of the Society. At 12 o'clock a most successful social ended, and so much was it enjoyed that it is hoped to make it an annual event.—T. C. Crawhall, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer for testimonial fund and social.

DARLINGTON C.B.S

Annual general meeting at their new club-room, the Half-moon Hotel, Northgate, Mr. R. Todd presiding. The Secretary presented the report and balance-sheet for the year, and both showed satisfactory progress; and although there was a loss on the open show held in December, there was still a satisfactory balance of £4 to carry forward to the next account. Officers for the coming session were then elected. President, E. D. Walster; vice-Presidents, H. Pike Pease, M.P., T. E. Bates (Mayor), Councillors Leach and Young; Chairman, R. Todd; Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, E. Brunskill; Assist. Secretary, R. M. Carter; Auditors, P. M. Carter and W. Allan. Next open show, Saturday, Nov. 30th, 1907, and a series of members' table shows, lectures, washing exhibition, etc., were arranged for. Ten new members have joined since the commencement of the year. The office-bearers for the past year were thanked for their services.

GRIMSBY & DIS. C.B.S.

Second Meeting. February 13th, Slatter's Room, 160, Freeman Street. Considering this is only our second meeting, we think we are doing remarkably well; having brought together nearly 30 members. Several new members were enrolled, as well as three honorary members. After considerable discussion, it was unanimously decided to hold an open show, the date being fixed for October 16th and 17th. J. C. Barnes was then selected to adjudicate, if convenient for him. After the business a judging competition was keenly entered into by the members. Our chairman, Mr. H. E. Stubbs officiated as judge. The varied opinions expressed in the competition brought out some interesting discussions. Next month we are to have a table show for British birds.—Harry Emerson (Hon. Sec.), 2, West Parade, Grimsby.

METROPOLITAN ASSOC. OF CANARY, MULE, AND HYBRID BREEDERS.

Fortnightly meeting at "Crown Hotel," Lavender Hill, S.W., on Thursday last. A judging competition in pairs matched for breeding took place, with the following result:—Champion section: F. J. Marsh, 1st; G. Kearney, 2nd; C. Peck, 3rd. Novice section: A. J. Head, 1st; F. Rides, 2nd; A. Allison, 3rd. Mr. John Robson was judge, and, in a subsequent lecture, he pointed out the several good and faulty points the twenty different pairs possessed. Messrs. Cooper Bros., F. Rides, R. Brownlie, G. Hartley, S. Blum, C. Gray, T. Sawyer, F. S. Matthes, Mrs. Tisdall, Mrs. Gill and Mrs. Peck were duly nominated for membership. The Chairman, Mr. F. J. Martin, was unanimously elected delegate to the Cage Bird Union, and, in thanking the members for their vote, mentioned that he had, with Messrs. G. Kearney, A. J. Head, W. McGregor, G. Saitch, C. Peck, seceded and left the Battersea C.B.S. The meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. John Robson for judging and giving so interesting a lecture.—A. J. Head, Sec.

NATIONAL BRITISH BIRD AND MULE CLUB.

Annual General Meeting.

The Annual General Meeting was held at the Crystal Palace on Saturday last, and was attended by a good number of London and country members. The Chairman, Mr. John Robson presided, and amongst those present were: Messrs. Maxwell, Dewhurst, Vale, Sandy, Hathaway, Frostick, Trower, C. Cooper, Goodchild, Page, Fulljames, Rouse, Lott. The country members came up rather stronger than usual, and included Messrs. J. Wilson (Workington), W. Lowne (Yarmouth), Galloway (Reading), Walsh and Bentley (Blackburn), Mrs. Skey (Plymouth), Mrs. Frostick, Mrs. Plumbridge, J. F. Hills (Sudbury), W. T. Plumbridge (Orpington), and the hon. secs., Plumbridge and Carr.

The minutes of the last Annual General Meeting were duly passed. One of the important items at the meeting was the reading of the Scrutineer's report of the result of the voting for committeemen for the ensuing year. Members appeared to be pretty well satisfied with the late committee, all being re-elected, Mr. Dewhurst heading the list. It is clearly stated in the voting papers sent out to all the members that they should not vote for Vice-presidents who are ex-officio members of the committee, yet, in spite of the notice, many members voted for Vice-presidents.

In reading his report on the work of the club for the past year, Mr. Plumbridge referred to three very enjoyable events—namely, the first Annual Dinner, which took place last March, when a very pleasant evening was spent, and the success was very largely due to the untiring efforts of Messrs. Trower and Vale in organising the affair and getting together a number of first-class artistes. The next event he referred to was the presentation to their late hon. sec., Mr. W. A. Lott, who had done such good work in the interests of the club, and there again they were indebted to Mr. Vale, who was responsible for the musical arrangements. The Annual Outing, which last May took the form of a visit to Epping Forest, where numbers of the members and fancier friends were able to study many of the wild birds in their natural haunts. These outings appeared to be very popular, another London society joining in the ramble. The weather on each occasion has been anything but pleasant in the past, but it is hoped that better luck may prevail this year, at any rate on May 25th next, when he hoped a good muster would sally forth thirsting for knowledge of our birds when at large.

Other events which had helped to make the monthly meetings pleasant and instructive were entertaining lectures by Messrs. Silver, Goodchild, Trower, and Page. These lectures were greatly appreciated by those who had the pleasure of hearing them, and the country members hardly knew the treats they missed. He tendered his best thanks to the Hon. Treasurer for keeping the club's account, and the committee, who gave up their valuable time in conducting the club's affairs.

Why will they not Pay Up?

He had one grumble—that was the dilatory manner in which members paid their subscriptions. This was a bugbear which greatly retarded the good work of the club, and gave the Hon. Treasurer a lot of unnecessary trouble.

During the past show season 37 medals had been offered for competition at shows, besides three valuable silver cups, but the competition generally was very poor, some medals going for a very small number of points, and several being withdrawn for want of the three members competing, as provided by the club's rules.

Mr. Plumbridge thanked the Fancy Press for publishing the notices and doings of the club, and wound up by tendering the resignations of himself and his co-hon. sec., Mr. Carr, as they both felt that if a secretary more in touch with fanciers could be found he might be the means of increasing the membership. The resignations, we need hardly say, were not accepted.

Mr. Bentley, in moving the adoption of the report, said he was quite satisfied with the work of the club for the past year, and wished he was in a position to attend the monthly meetings; but as it was he usually managed to attend the annual meeting at the Palace. Mr. Sandy seconded, and the report was accepted as read. Mr. Carr gave full details of the winners of the club's medals and cups. Nine gold, 17 silver, and 11 bronze medals had been offered for competition, one silver medal being won with three points. New designs for the medals were on view, and seemed to be a great improvement on the former pattern. They are well finished and bear the National Arms in enamel. The cups were won by Mr. Cunningham, with 13 points in the Hybrid section; Mr. A. Howe, with 137 points in the Hardbill section, and Mr. R. J. Howe, in the Insectivorous section. The Hybrid cup was really a walk over for Mr. Cunningham, as Mr. John Williams had secured over 200 points, but had omitted to nominate his birds in accordance with the club rules. Mr. Trower spoke upon the financial position of the club, which appeared satisfactory, but would be far better if the subscriptions came in more readily. Various suggestions were made as to the best methods of increasing the club's membership, and Mr. Wesley Page offered a gold medal and Mr. Trower a silver medal for the members introducing most new members during the ensuing year. Four new members were elected, including Mr. Arrighi, of Edinburgh.

The Chairman briefly recounted the work of the club for the past year, and the meeting was concluded with a hearty vote of thanks to him.

THE CRYSTAL PALACE SHOW.

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A Good Entry, Fine Weather, Splendid Management, Exciting Scenes, over £300 in Sales, and a Record Attendance.

Held Friday, Saturday, Monday, and Tuesday, February 15th, 16th, 18th and 19th.

Another Palace Show has come and gone, and when the history of the fixtures held at the Sydenham "Glasshouse," comes to be written, that of 1907 will be referred to as one of the most interesting of the series. Every Palace Show, as it passes, has some particular feature or features to distinguish it from others, and the one just concluded was in no wise singular in this respect.

The task of managing such a venture as the Great Bird Carnival is a huge one, and the man who undertakes it needs to be a born organiser if it is to be carried through properly. This year we had two past masters associated as managers, and both having been trained in a good school, and having experience behind them, what appeared to the uninitiated a truly stupendous undertaking, and likely to tax the powers of anyone, however able, was carried through with the same admirable celerity and despatch, method and order, which have characterised all past shows having Messrs. H. Lambert Brown and J. W. Ramsden at the helm.

THE HEATING ARRANGEMENTS.

Upon the present occasion they had to meet a state of things without parallel in the history of the show, and that was the matter of heating. At the exhibition of the National Cat Club, held in the same portion of the Palace, in December last, there was no heat and little light, and this state of things having become pretty generally known, it made many Cage Bird Fanciers anxious; we can well imagine the Show managers were anxious, too. But Messrs. Brown and Ramsden are not easily dismayed. They knew that the Show arena must be warmed. Cats might stand the cold, but the choice and delicate varieties of Canaries, British and Foreign Birds likely to be entrusted to their care, could not do without artificial warmth, while the comfort of visitors to the Show also had to be considered. The matter was tackled most energetically, and as readers of CAGE BIRDS will have seen by the announcement made a few weeks ago Mr. Ramsden succeeded in making arrangements for the Show to be properly heated.

The heating stoves on order were not used, for Mr. J. W. R. discovered a more excellent way. On entering the show many visitors were surprised to see a huge black cylinder running down the centre aisle. This was a hot-air pipe which had been specially fixed up so as to keep the temperature right, and others were also arranged round the sides of the show. Now heat cannot be kept up without coal, so 18 tons of the best Welsh smokeless coal were got in for the sole purpose of heating the Palace Bird Show. Mr. Ramsden was not leaving anything to chance.

TWO PLEASING FEATURES.

The Show was favoured with most genial weather, so that the full capacity of the new heating arrangements had not to be put to the test. Still, the improvement on last year's conditions was most marked, and earned the cordial appreciation of visitors, both fanciers and otherwise, and no doubt the birdies, wee and big alike, would have added their meed of praise had it been possible. The list of casualties during the show constituted a record—not, mark you, in its length, but in its smallness. There was not even a single dead Canary, nor yet a British bird; only one or two small Foreigners departed from this "Vale of Tears." And the management rightly takes pride in the fact.

Another thoughtful innovation was highly apreciated, more especially by visitors of the gentler sex. "How nice these chairs are." "How thoughtful to give us chairs to sit upon in such a cosy place." "What a comfort are these chairs." Similar expressions of gratitude were to be heard on each day of the show, and they referred to the provision of a double row of chairs down the centre aisle, close to the main hot-air pipe. Even the sterner sex did not disdain to rest hereabouts, especially when congenial company offered itself. This certainly was one of the most commendable of the new arrangements, and we only regret our arduous Press duties prevented our taking fuller advantage of it.

THE COMMITTEE.

The show managers' efforts were backed up most ably by the members of the L. and P.O.S. Committee, who were to be seen taking a very active part in the work which had to be done. Amongst them were:—Messrs. Laskey, Matthes, Mortlock, Couzens, Oldaker, R. J. Pretty, Boaler, Day, Graves, Greenway, Hazell, Picard, Pycroft, Brooks, Tringham Leclair, Johnson, Richardson, and Hodson. These Fanciers worked many long hours, and to excellent purpose, the comfort of both visitors and birds receiving their special attention. Our old friends—very old friends, as reference to our supplement will show—Messrs. Small and Grutchfield, were the "professional feeders," and got through their duties in their usual able manner, it not being too much to say that they were unwearying in their attention to both the birds and their owners. And some of the latter need delicate handling and an angelic temper, for the different ideas entertained about the feeding of the birds would astonish the most ardent "food reformer" that ever dined at Eustace Miles' latest restaurant. "Jimmy," however, and his coadjutor, were equal to all demands.

THE GATE.

The attendance of fanciers and the general public can only be described as splendid—on the Saturday it was really astonishing. From all over the country bird-lovers found their way to Sydenham, and it seemed like a return to the palmiest days of the world-known fixture. We question, indeed, whether anything quite so good as the "gate" here achieved has ever been accomplished before. Our own memory goes back a goodly number of years now, and we can recall no show at which the same enthusiasm, good fellowship, and keenness were to be noted. The show managers put the attendance down as an easy record—and they ought to know! Our visitors' book tells an interesting story of the distance many fanciers travelled to be present. What is even more gratifying to record is the fact that everyone seemed thoroughly pleased with the exhibition and to spend an enjoyable time. Should the fates decree the end of the old Crystal Palace many a sigh of regret will arise from the devotees of the cage-bird hobby or we shall be much mistaken. It was a pleasure both to meet and shake by the hand so many old friends and to make the acquaintance of so many new ones. May we meet again under equally pleasant conditions for many long years to come!

THE JUDGES' LUNCHEON.

The Judges' Luncheon was one of the brightest and best-attended functions of its kind it has ever been our pleasure to attend. An attempt to photograph the gathering was made on behalf of CAGE BIRDS, with what result will be discovered on another page. Mr. Crabb, the L. and P.O.S. President was in his best form and presided over the gathering in his usual genial manner. When the "good things" had disappeared, and the judges (and others too) felt recuperated after their heavy morning's work, Mr. Crabb proposed "The Health of the Judges," and expressed the pleasure it gave him to place before them so good a show, and to tell them that they had drawn a record number of exhibitors—never before had so many people sent birds to the Palace. The toast was very heartily received, and Messrs. Hills, Mundell and Rhodes were called on to respond as "old," "middling-old" and "young" judges respectively. Mr. Hills, when returning thanks, mentioned the interesting fact that this was the 30th year in succession that he had visited the Palace Show, and that on 27 occasions he had been honoured by being appointed to judge. Mr. Mundell evoked roars of laughter by several topical sallies he indulged in, which, as "after-lunch" remarks are always privileged, we shall leave to linger in memory only. He said he felt like a suffragette—presumably likening to policemen the exhibitors who would shortly charge down upon the poor judges and "cut them up" with caustic comments and other pleasant things. Mr. Rhodes spoke of the consideration the judges always received from the officials, and raised a laugh when he wound up a neat speech by saying: "We can always count on your goodwill and on the goodwill of the winners; but with those who are behind we are not, as a rule, so fortunate." Before breaking up, Mr. Crabb said he would ask the company to drink the health of "The Visitors," with which he would couple the name of Mr. F. White, a member of the Victorian Canary Society, in far-away Australia, who had come over on a visit to England with, as one object, the intention of seeing the present show. No doubt he would give them his impressions of the Fancy here as compared with "down under." He was pleased to note that they had received entries this year from Australia. The toast, which included prosperity to the Victorian C.S., was enthusiastically drunk. In reply, Mr. White said he was no hand at speech-making, and that he had not had a fair chance as yet of looking round. He was very pleased with the hearty reception he had met, and should carry away extremely pleasant recollections of the Fancy and the fanciers of England. At some future time he might put his impressions of the birds before them.

THE SALES.

At the sales office all was bustle and hard work as soon as the time of opening drew nigh. What a crowd waited patiently for the shutters of the "peep-hole" to go up! What a pile of coin of the realm quickly accumulated at the rear! And what a heap of bargains the lucky ones picked up! Although no sensational prices were paid by anyone, the total value of the sales will, we believe, come out well over £300. The highest price realised was £8 for Messrs. Bailey and Swanger's winning clear yellow Yorkshire, that sum being paid by a well-known London lover of the lengthy ones. Messrs. Haigh and Son's third prize exhibit in the unevenly-marked class went for £5, and Mr. Hodgson's third prize clear yellow for £5 10s. No highpriced Norwich or Crests were claimed, but some dozens of the former and three of the latter changed hands out of the open classes. Two cinnamons, Mr. Nelson's, found new owners at £5. A Lancashire of Mr. Green's was claimed at £3. Throughout the Lizard, Border and Novice sections "sold" cards were not uncommon, especially in the last-mentioned. The Limit classes had a regular raid made on them, the sales in every variety being phenomenal. Hardly a pair matched for breeding remained unsold. Mr. Ramsden said he had never experienced anything like it before, the demand for really good couples being absolutely more than he could cope with. Considerably over 30 pairs of birds found purchasers out of class 88 (Plainheads, price limit 35s.) alone. In the extra stock class, which had 80 odd entries, close on 60 pairs changed hands, and a considerable proportion of single birds also found new owners. This speaks volumes for the popularity and prosperity of the cage-bird hobby to-day, and we understand that the great majority of the buyers were people anxious to enter upon it. The cage section was also practically emptied by purchasers. In the British birds the sales were unusually heavy. Mr. Gill's albino Bullfinch found a fair admirer, who planked down £6 for it; and the winning Siberian Bullie was claimed at £2. Mr. Maxwell's Magpie had a claimant at £3 15s., Mr. Robinson's un-noticed Hawfinch at £4 10s., Mr. Francis's Hawfinch at £2, two Nightingales fetched £2 10s. and £2 respectively, and other sales among the Goldies, Siskins, Greenfinches, Bramblefinches, etc., totalled about £15. Several Hybrids changed hands, but not at long prices. Quite a number of Foreign birds found fresh owners, among them the Black-headed Caique, Lineolated Parrakeets, Blue-bonnets, Golden-breasted Waxbills, Avadavats, Diamond Finches, Japanese Tits, and a number of Budgerigars and Love-birds. Altogether, things were decidedly rosy down by the sales' office.

THE STALLS.

At the stalls big business was also being done. Inside the show, Messrs. Carters had their usual tasteful stand of seeds and bird-foods, and attracted the inquiring attention of a host of bird-keepers. Mr. Roehl had a fine display of Rollers and appliances suited to them, also every description of requisite for the bird-room. Incidentally, he mentioned to us that the demand for his new catalogue and price-list was so heavy that over £20 worth were given away on the Saturday alone. Outside the show itself, Mr. Newley, the well-known cage-maker, had a splendid display of goods designed to meet every need, and a more tasteful display of high-class, well-made and thought-out cages has seldom, if ever, been on view. He was kept very busy by the fanciers present. Messrs. Trower and Co., the well-known seed merchants, put up a grand display of seeds, foods, medicines and appliances. They cater very thoroughly for the bird-keeper, and we understand that heavy business came their way, Mr. Trower and his indefatigable assistant, Mr. Silver, being kept going all the time. Messrs. Hydes, whose reputation as bird-food specialists is a very wide one, also had a handsome and striking stand on which to show their many customers the specialities associated with their name. With them, too, business was brisk and bright. Our own stand was besieged by crowds of good friends, and admiration at our display of plates, books and the like was pretty generally expressed.

Comments of the Judges on their sections will be found on other pages.

THE JUDGES.

The judges were Messrs. H. T. Camps (Foreign), S. R. Compston (Lancashires and Lizards), S. Cook (British), J. Dewar (Borders and Scotch), J. Dobson (Limit), T. Heath (Yorkshires, Yorks. Greens and Cinnamons), J. F. Hills (British), W. Mundell (Yorks.), J. H. Payne (Norwich and Nor. Greens), A. Rettich (Rollers), R. Rhodes (Crests), J. Robson (A.O.V. and Limit), J. H. Roe (Hybrids), W. Swaysland (Foreign and Cages), G. E. Weston (British, and Foreign Gold and Bullfinches). All these gentlemen had their judging "slips" completed in good time, and catalogues with awards were on sale at an early hour. Taken on the whole, their decisions seemed to meet with very general favour, as we heard very few "grumbles" that could be called in any way serious. They were favoured with an excellent light in which to get through their tasks.

CRITIQUE.

CRESTS AND CRESTEREDS.
Mr. R. Rhode's Classes.

CRESTS, YELL. (4): 1, Stanger and Herdman, the well-known "Cock o' the North," left wing marked, dark crest, a clinking good bird, excellent substance for a yellow, beautiful broad, leafy feathers, nice big, flat breastpiece, well arranged and shapely; 2, Howard and Son, lightly variegated, dark crest, lacks the spread of leader, yet by no means a bad specimen, neat, fair-sized crest, splendid quality throughout, stout frame, set on good legs; 3, Woodland, green, nice expanse of crest, just a little shield-shaped, but well built up and neat, good body substance, not much between this and the second; 4, F. J. Green, wing and neck marked, excels in quality of feather, stout, shapely, neatly-clothed body, carries a neat crest, which is somewhat on the small side. BUFF, CL. BODY, DARK (2): 1, Mills, extra good frame, stout and of fine shape, feathers of extra good quality, headpiece beautifully neat, though a shade oval in shape, well finished off at back, grandly drooped, and holds a rare lot of feather, fine frontal, altogether a very nice specimen; 2, Brotherton, another wonderfully good-bodied bird, carrying plumage of the right texture, splendid expanse of crest, inclined to be shield-shaped, and not so well groomed as leader, otherwise little separates them. A.O.V. BUFF (6): 1, Cairns, a beauty, wing marked dark, thick-set, shapely body, lovely texture of feather, large, well-rounded crest, thickly built and well laid, fine sweep of frontal, a very taking specimen, whose worst failing is a centre a wee bit too forward, and that is but a trifling defect; 2, Horton, wing marked dark, with one or two light feathers in the crest, sweet bird, with a headpiece as round as a daisy, and quite as neat, excellent size and frontal, A1 body for size, shape and clothing; 3, Woollard, lightly variegated, nice substance and shape, excellent quality, big, well-built crest, with an extra good frontal, put down in fine form, and well worthy of its place; 4, Radley, green, fine-chested, upstanding bird, heaps of feather, in fact rather too much for him to look neat, lovely texture and colour, apparently has a very expansive crest, which, however, is not in good form, still, as he is only a youngster he should make up a clinker next year, thickly-built headpiece, with a grand sweep at front; vhc, Horton, variegated, not quite the equal of his stable companion, yet has a grand body and an excellent crest, inclined to lift a little when we saw him; hc, Tope, wing marked dark, clinker for quality, good-sized, very neat crest, well-centred and drooped, let down a little in body substance. CRESTED HEN (3): 1, 3 spls, Cairns, "Lovely Lady," and a very fitting designation, she being indeed a charmer, wing marked dark, beautiful broad feather on a stout, shapely body, topped by a clinking crest for size, and radiation round as a two-shilling piece, and thickly built up of veiny feather, drooped to perfection, neat as possible and put down in rare form, a much-admired exhibit; 2, Horton, yet another gem, lightly variegated dark, excellent body properties, and the perfection of broad, leafy feather, carries a very large beautifully-drooped crest, made up of layers of grand feather, perhaps hardly so perfectly rounded as winner's, yet really first-class, a well-known performer on the show bench, and we thought she was hardly looking so perfectly dressed, if one may so term it, as we have seen her on previous occasions; 3, Howard and Son, lightly variegated dark, a very nice hen, not quite of the same class as leaders, yet much above the average, good body and quality of feathers, well-shaped crest, trifle out at centre. CREST-BRED YELL. (3): 1, Tope, variegated, perfect picture for richness of colour and quality of plumage, good size, rare chest and head, well domed and clothed, wide entrance, pronounced lashing; w.c., Gate, a very nice-looking buff—a pity to be wrongly entered; absent, Mills. BUFF (8): 1, spl, Horton, the noted green, a lovely specimen for feather properties, wealth of body feather of very silky quality, broad and leafy, head lashed and covered to perfection, grand entrance and rise, neat beak, deep, well-rounded chest, a rare handful in substance, a very taking bird; 2, Dobson and Son, well-known North-country winner, and a clinker too, very massive frame, carrying heaps of feather of A1 texture, wonderfully wide, domed skull, grand browing and turn-over, a fine exhibit, but a little down in condition, or would have made a closer race of it; 3, Cairns, green, grand length, hardly so thick-set as leaders, almost their equal in quality, carrying an immense amount of feather, which is hardly stowed away as neatly as it might be, extra good in head properties, fine entrance and cushion, well browed, a more than useful bird; 4, Brooks, very nice variegated, upstanding, and a little slimmer than those above it, bold head, well lashed, good in rise and entrance, feather of really fine quality, put down in right good trim; vhc, Calver and Son, upstanding, fine-chested bird, rare good head for rise and browing, splendid leafy feather, presumably beaten in the turn-over; hc, Mills, green, shade smaller, yet a bird of substance and shape, sweet head, well cushioned and browed, full of quality; c, Tope, clear, of lovely feather texture, good, broad, rising skull, nicely lashed, fine shape and substance of body. HEN (5): 1, Cairns, "Dusky Queen," another grand one from Scotland, lightly variegated, simply full of quality, broad silky feather, and any amount of it both on body and head, stoutly-built and well over perch, wide, rising skull, with grand entrance, and set off with a very neat, small beak, charming hen, well worth her place; 2, Adnitt and Driver, heavy variegated, a little slimmer got-up, yet shapely and by no means short of substance, has a heap of feather of excellent texture, nice width of skull and entrance, put down in A1 form; 3, Brotherton, variegated, a good one, though a shade weaker in back skull than leaders, good frame, well clothed, nice beak and entrance, fine cushion and lashing, wide chest, really taking hen; 4, vhc, Tope, fourth a handsome, clear, massive frame, very neatly clothed with feather which excels in quality, grand domed skull and wide entrance, very neat beak, beaten, we presume, in quantity of head feather, vhc wing marked, another taking bird, also of grand size and quality, a trifle weaker in back skull compared with its stable companion.

NOVICE CRESTS AND CRESTEREDS.
Judge, Mr. R. Rhodes.

What an example the novices set the champions in this section! So good were the birds, both in numbers and quality, that one could not but wish the executive had given the novice crest breeders a little more scope to show what was in them. There was nothing sensational in the two classes, but there was a very high order of general merit. They were indeed a level lot. So even were they, that Mr. Rhodes must have had some difficulty in separating, looking at them without handling; the task looked a big one, but handling does make such a difference, and Mr. Rhodes is just the man to appreciate that difference. The novice crests and crest-bred were two good classes, well judged.

YELLOW TICKED NORWICH.

1st, Diploma, Challenge Cup, and Specials—E. BAKER (Cowes).

NOVICE CRESTS.

NOVICE CREST (18): 1, 3 spls, Pooley, rattling good, lightly variegated, carries an extra big, well-shaped crest, neat to a fault, and thickly made up of nice-quality feather, beautifully drooped and radiated, fine frontal, body of excellent substance and shape, and well clothed with good feather, taking exhibit this, which would have "tied up" some in the open classes; 2, vhc, hc, Mason, highly creditable trio, light variegated leading, very neat and nice, good headpiece of excellent size and shape, well centred and built, fine body, all there for quality, vhc a green, with a wide spread of crest, hardly the texture of its stable companion, yet all round a good one, hc almost green, fine body, headpiece of good size, just a shade twisted; 3, Gale, grizzled crest, somewhat slimmer in body, yet of fine shape, and carrying a sweet round crest, thick, neat, and nicely drooped; 4, Mrs. Crow, saddle and wing marked, good bodied bird, plenty of feather of the right texture, fine spread of crest, round and well built up, yet somewhat untidy, if well groomed might have stood higher; vhc, Archer, green, excellent body, dense crest, with size and good texture, very good frontal, fine droop, close up; hc, Clark, green hen, splendid veiny feather, good sweep of frontal, neat body properties of no mean order, nice bird; c, Johnson, smart grizzle crest for quality and body properties, good crest for shape and size, but too open in centre. CRESTBRED (21): 1, Pooley, green, slasher for size, thick-set frame covered with grand feather, and topped by a splendid domed skull, wide, good at entrance and well browed, A1 quality, another real good exhibit; 2, spl, vhc (2), Mason, fine green leading, rare good body, stout and shapely, big, bold head, lovely rise and lashing, well thatched, full of health and vigor, not far behind winner, both vhc birds grand-bodied variegateds, very good in body, head and feather properties, a very nice trio; 3, Gale, green, rare width of entrance over a neat beak, good cushion head, plenty of feather of nice texture, excellent body and shape, a promising youngster; 4, Cullington, handsome clear yellow, fine chest and head, lovely quality, great width of skull, which, however, is somewhat flat, very neat and taking bird; vhc, c, Johnson, splendid-bodied green, full of quality, leading, excellent skull and feather properties, c a slimmer-built lightly variegated, good rising skull, nice lashing, very fair substance of body; hc, Mrs. Crow, heavily variegated, not quite so stout as leaders, and seemed inclined to be nervous, good texture of feather, nice width and rise of head; hc, Reeves, very shapely variegated, with a good domed skull, and nice body substance; c, Price, good frame, well clothed with excellent feather, appearance somewhat spoiled owing to being colour-fed.

NORWICH PLAINHEADS.
Judge, Mr. J. H. Payne.

CL. YELL. NOR. (21): 1, Baker, very deep, rich solid colour, well extended down flights, good shape and feather, full of quality, wings well braced and tail well packed, in rare bloom; 2, Bishop, grand size and shape, magnificent quality of feather, good head and neck, flights and tail well packed, not so deep in colour; 3, Walker, beautiful quality, nice head, good shaped body, clear cut, nice wings and tail, not so rich or so deep in colour; 4, Morris, grand shape and quality, nice colour, deep chest, a bit slack in left wing; vhc, Brown, grand shape and quality, nice colour, slack at root of tail; Sandiford, grand shape and quality, good wings, rare head and neck, had been washing when judged; hc, Shaw, good colour and feather, nice back, too much fat on chest; Edwards, good shape and feather, nice quality, bit long in tail and slightly soiled; c, Bishop, nice colour and quality, too flat on head. BUFF (17): 1, Miles, magnificent shape and quality, rare head, neck and back, good size, nice undercolour and topped with a nice distribution of frosting, wings well braced and close in tail, in rare pomp; 2, Baker, grand youngster, lovely quality, rich undercolour, which was set off with beautiful mealing, good shape, rare back and nice head; 3, Seed, very rich undercolour, which would be greatly improved with a bit more meal, grand feather, nice shaped body, might be fuller in neck; 4, Shaw, magnificent shape, rare head and neck, good feather and colour, nice back, wings and tail, a bit soiled, or we thought might have been higher up; vhc, Adnitt and Driver, fine shape, nice wings and tail, fails colour and polish; hc, Morris, beautiful colour and quality, nice back, a bit browy; c, Edwards, nice shape, colour and quality, slack at left side. TKD. YELL. (20): 1, diploma, medal, challenge cup, spl, Baker, ticked on neck, the shape, size and substance of a good buff, lovely short, soft silky feather, nice head and full short neck, well-packed wings and good tail, gets well over the perch, rich colour, not quite solid on back, one of the best yellow ticks seen for years, and put down in quite artistic style; 2, Sandiford, thigh ticked, lovely quality, nice head, good colour, not so full and round in chest as the winner and not so good in wing carriage; 3, Baker, cheek ticked, beautiful quality of feather, nice rich, level colour, good back, bit slack right wing; 4, Veale, thigh and wing ticked, wonderful colour and quality, rare head, nice neck, not enough substance in body; vhc, Bishop, grand colour, nice shape, bit slack at left side of waist; Wilcock, marked head and wings, grand colour and feather, fails chest and too upright in carriage; hc, Hayhurst, good shape, nice colour and wing carriage, pale in colour on throat; c, Beardall, grand type, not so good in feather, and a bit patchy in colour on back. BUFF (22): 1, Baker, grizzled on back, lovely colour and full of quality, short wings and tail, neat head, good-shaped body, and well cut away behind, well shown; 2, Evans, ticked on head, beautiful-shaped body, full short neck, well let into a good pair of shoulders, deep chest, well up in quality, inclined to cross wings at tips at times, and not quite so clean at the waist as the winner, still a close race; 3, Miles, eye ticked, fine shape, full of quality, rich colour, nice wings and tail, not so tight in feather; 4, Wotton, marked neck, wings and rump, as close as a Java in feather, very rich undercolour and nicely frosted, good back, neat, well-packed flights and tail, its general contour spoilt by having too much fat on chest, or we think would have been higher up—keep off the sunflower seed, Mr. W.; vhc, Morris, ticked on head, nice back, good colour and quality, a bit slack on chest; Baker, ticked on shoulder, wonderful colour and grand quality, but a bit horny; hc, Beardall, rare shape, nice colour and quality, fails in head; Hayhurst, grand shape, full of quality, but soiled, head and neck marked; c, Cawston, heavily marked, nice colour and feather, too long in tail; Brown, neck ticked, grand feather and quality, a bit up on the leg. UNFLI. YELL. (29): 1, Sandiford, wonderful colour and quality, good-shaped body, short, well-carried flights and close short tail, a shade on the small side; 2, Bishop, fine-shaped body, good head and neck, level colour, nice feather, a shade slack at root of tail on left side; 3, Trengove, grand shape, splendid colour, nice head, good wing carriage, beaten in softness of feather; 4, Spinner, grand colour, good-shaped body, nice full neck, short wings and tail, trifle horny; vhc, Evans, good shape, nice quality and colour, a bit unsteady; Seed, good-shaped body, nice wing carriage, fails on chest; Boydon, lovely colour and quality, nice shape, crosses wing a bit and shows just a bit too much daylight under him; hc, Baker, grand colour, nice back, a bit fat on chest; Veale, grizzle capped, nice quality and colour, too slim built; Matthes, grand colour and quality, neat head, lacks polish; c, Brown, nice colour and quality of feather, a bit slack on chest; Morris, left wing marked, good-shaped body, nice quality and rare head, patchy in colour; Sandiford, good shape and feather, fails in colour. BUFF (34): 1, Evans, ticked over beak, magnificent-shaped body, lovely quality, grand head and full short neck, good wide back, neat wings and tail, nice colour, just a shade slack at waist, a fine youngster; 2, Trengove, grizzled on neck, good colour, grand shape, nice feather, beautiful back and short full neck, nice wings, another gem; 3, Irons, grizzled cap, wonderful colour, and beautifully mealed, good head, neck and back, crosses wings a little at times; 4, Cameron, neck ticked, grand shape, nice feather and quality, short wings and tail, beaten in substance; vhc, Brown, good feather, nice, neat short tail; Twine, good shape, nice quality, gone in neck; Lawrance, marked wings and left eye, good shape and feather, a trifle browy; Irons, grand colour, nice feather and quality, same fault and a bit wild; he, Ellis, rare type, fails colour and bloom; Veale, Battison, Collings; c, Baker, grand one for colour, nice back, fails in depth of chest; Dent, Irons, Beardall. YELL. HENS, CL., TKD., OR UNEVENLY MKD. (21): 1, Whetsone, wing ticked, magnificent quality, rare shaped body, nice head and neck, good back, wings and tail, level but not hot in colour; 2, Hulse, ticked on head, splendid quality of feather, nice head, good wings and tail, not so deep in chest as the leader; 3, Wotton, clear, grand shape, deep colour, deep chest and wide back, gone a bit in neck; 4, Morris, marked cheeks and wings, good-shaped body, rare head, a bit slack at thighs and pale in colour, short wings and tail, a rare one for a breeder; vhc, Irons, unflighted, grand colour, a bit thin in neck; Silk, good colour, short wings and tail a bit loaded on chest; hc, Adnitt and Driver, good shape, fails in feather; Baker, nice shaped variegated, fails in feather; c, Baker, lovely quality, nice head, slim in body. BUFF (25): 1, Cameron, clear, rare shape, good head, neck and chest, grand undercolour, well mealed, beautiful quality and feathered to perfection, good wings and tail, we thought won well; 2, Evans, grand shape, short, full neck, good head, well mealed, but not the depth of undercolour as the winner, or quite so clean at thighs; 3, Baker, beautiful colour and quality, nice close-fitting jacket, well mealed, not quite so full in neck and chest; 4 Midgley, magnificent shape, grand feather, short, well-carried flights and closely-folded tail, one of the very best, but not well staged; vhc, Spinner, grand colour and feather, close up; Adnitt and Driver, good shape, nicely mealed, beaten in feather; Morris, good shape and colour, gone in neck; hc, Brown, nice quality, very neat; Baker, nice feather and quality, bit long in tail; c, Fox, even marked, nice feather and well mealed, beaten in shape; Campbell, grand-shaped body, bit horny.

NOVICE NORWICH.
Judge, Mr. J. Robson.

These classes were filled with a nice collection of birds, and, good though they were, they were not too good, and not a bit likely to raise suspicions as to their genuineness, there being no indication of that professional finish which has caused so much heart-burning in days gone by, but rather was there occasion to say, "These novices have something to learn yet in the way of staging," for many of the exhibits betokened amateurish handling. Amongst the exhibits were many which, had they been in the hands of some of the professionals, would have been equal to landing high honours in the more advanced stages of competition. YELLOW (10): 1, Welch, very shapely, plenty of rich bright colour, nicely feathered, and well shown, given a little more substance of head would be a stormer; 2, Coventry, rich, even colour, well built, and nicely carried body, but, like winner, needs a stouter skull; 3, Keech, very typical in body, well balanced wings and tail, plenty of colour, and nicely feathered, wants a trifle more rise of skull; 4, Lawrence, a charming bird, full of quality, very sound and even in colour, grandly feathered, capital style, and well shown, we liked very much indeed; 4, Woodward, very smart in feather, brimful of quality, nice even colour, very shapely body, but just a wee bit slovenly in wing carriage; hc, Day, a bird of good body properties, with nice colour and feather, but rather mean in head; c, Lang, junr., nice colour and feather, but not so chubby and compact in body as the rest. BUFF (11): 1, Day, big bouncing bird, fine bold head and chest, good back and shoulders, full of rich colour under a cover of beautiful frosting, feathered very nicely and stands well; 2, Richardson, another fine bold fellow, with plenty of size and colour, good in head and back, capital carriage of wings and tail, needs tightening up a bit underneath; 3, Coventry, very neat, typical body, clothed with tight-fitting feather of grand silky texture, rich, even colour and well finished, beaten in size certainly, but a quality bird; 4, Bateman, very smart in shape, nice head, shoulders and chest, beautiful feather, but not so hot as those above it, still a real good Norwich; vhc, Steele, beautiful of colour, a real hot 'un, high quality of feather, but longer and slimmer; hc, Lawrence, very comely in shape, nice even colour, not so hot as some, but hot enough, lovely quality of feather, well staged, had rather hard lines we thought; c, Welch, grand shape and quality, stands well, but not so much colour. TKD., ETC., YELL. (7): 1, Allen, thigh marked, of beautiful shape, colour and quality, really a bonny bird, shown well; 2, Welch, thigh ticked, big, bold, upstanding bird, with plenty of colour, good chubby body, but not quite so full in head as we like them, well covered with good silky feather; 3, Richardson, grizzled on tail and chest, beautiful shape, nicely feathered and shown in A1 form; 4, Scott, very hot head and wing-marked bird, grandly feathered, nice, neat shape, and shown in capital condition; vhc, Day, very hot, marked on eye, wings and saddle, nice quality of feather, but hardly so stout in chest as we like; hc, Keech, thigh ticked, nice colour and shape, well feathered, might perhaps be a trifle fuller in head. TKD., ETC., BUFF (14): 1, Munro, wing ticked, nice chubby body, with a rich bright tint showing through the glistening meal, grandly feathered, and staged in a worthy manner; 2, Tottle, ticked on tail and thigh, lovely colour and quality, beautiful shape, and served up in grand style; 3, Welch, good chubby thigh ticked, beautifully feathered, hardly so rich or bright in colour; 4, Males, cap and wing marked, plenty of colour, nicely mealed, full of quality, but would not stand for anyone to see his beauty; vhc, Allen, variegated, very shapely, nice colour and feather; hc, Scott, as a bird of beauty, grandly modelled and beautifully feathered, but most peculiarly variegated; c, Price, big, good coloured, variegated, loses in shape. HENS (19): 1, Coventry, neck, wing and tail marked yellow, very nice shape, brimful of quality, grandly fed and nicely staged, a most useful young lady; 2, 4, Woodhouse, second head, neck and wing marked yellow, grand colour, nice stamp of body, neatly feathered and well shown, fourth rather more heavily marked, a regular little swell, capital figure and style, very neat in feather and plenty of colour, the sort to keep in a breeding room if one wants to breed colour and quality; 3, Johnson, ticked-headed buff, good bold hen, of capital shape, beautifully feathered, well frosted on a nice, rich, even ground colour; vhc, hc, Lawrence, vhc yellow, a gem for colour and quality, modelled on correct lines, a charmer indeed, hc an equally good buff, not one of the largest in the class, but in other respects she could more than hold her own, we liked this pair immensely; vhc, Keech, a real bonny buff, full of quality, most typical, and of grand finish, this and Mr. Lawrence's pair might have stood a trifle higher; c, Biss, head and wing marked buff, not so rich in colour, but nice shape and feather. UNFLI. (17): 1, Coventry, buff, of grand shape, well furnished throughout, nicely frosted on top of rich, even ground colour, capital feather and well shown; 2, Steele, rich-coloured yellow, of capital shape and plenty of quality, just a shade weak in head; 3, c, Richardson, variegated buff, of capital shape and colour, good quality of feather, but not quite level in front, a very useful yellow, plenty of colour, good shape, but looked as though he had been dried a little too quickly; 4, Males, very neat shaped eye and wing-marked buff, a bird of nice quality and colour, and well shown; vhc, Johnson, buff, of good feather and colour, hardly chubby enough; vhc, Woolf, really a topping yellow, full of colour, grand silky feather, stout chubby body, neat wings and tail, and well shown, might have gone up a bit; hc, Welch, thigh-ticked buff, bonny little bird of nice type, sound colour, and well mealed, but had come through the wash a bit horny.

NORWICH GREENS.
Judge, Mr. J. H. Payne.

GREEN, YELL. SELF (7): 1, Davies, splendid shape, nice colour and quality, short wings and tail, a trifle horny; 2, Ryno, not so bright in colour, but longer in body, good head and neck; 3, Dormer, nice shape, not so sound in colour at thighs, trifle horny; 4, Thompson, nice shape and feather, not quite sound in colour at throat; vhc, Thompson; hc, Thompson; c, Ryno. BUFF (8): 1, Thompson, grand shape and colour, good head, neck and back, wings well packed, in grand trim; 2, Ryno, good-shaped body, nice head and neck, splendid colour, not in the form of the winner; 3, Ryno, nice size, shape and colour, not so good in carriage of wings; 4, Thompson, nice colour and feather, not quite so chubby in body; vhc, Hales, good shape and feather, fails colour, looks like a hen; hc, Davies, fair colour, nice feather, fails in shape; c, Walker, good shape and feather, beaten in colour. YELL. FOUL (10): 1, Ryno, grand shape, nice feather, rich colour, of the correct grassy shade, good head and neck, wings and tail well packed, in good trim; 2, Ryno, good shape and feather, not quite so good in colour, nice wings and tail; 3, Davies, nice colour, good head, not quite so high in quality; 4, Thompson, good colour and feather, loses in shape; vhc, Helliwell; hc, Walker; c, Thompson. BUFF (16): 1, Strachan and Stephen, pied tail, lovely colour and beautiful shape, nice size and full of quality; 2, Jenkins, pied tail, grand shape, good feather, not quite so good in colour; 3, Hales, nice shape and feather, rare head and neck, hardly so bright in colour; 4, Johnson, pied tail, lovely quality, nice feather and clean skull, good shape, close up; vhc, Stewart, good feather, nice colour and back, bit fat on chest; hc, Ryno, pied tail, good feather; c, Hales, nice shapely hen, good feather.

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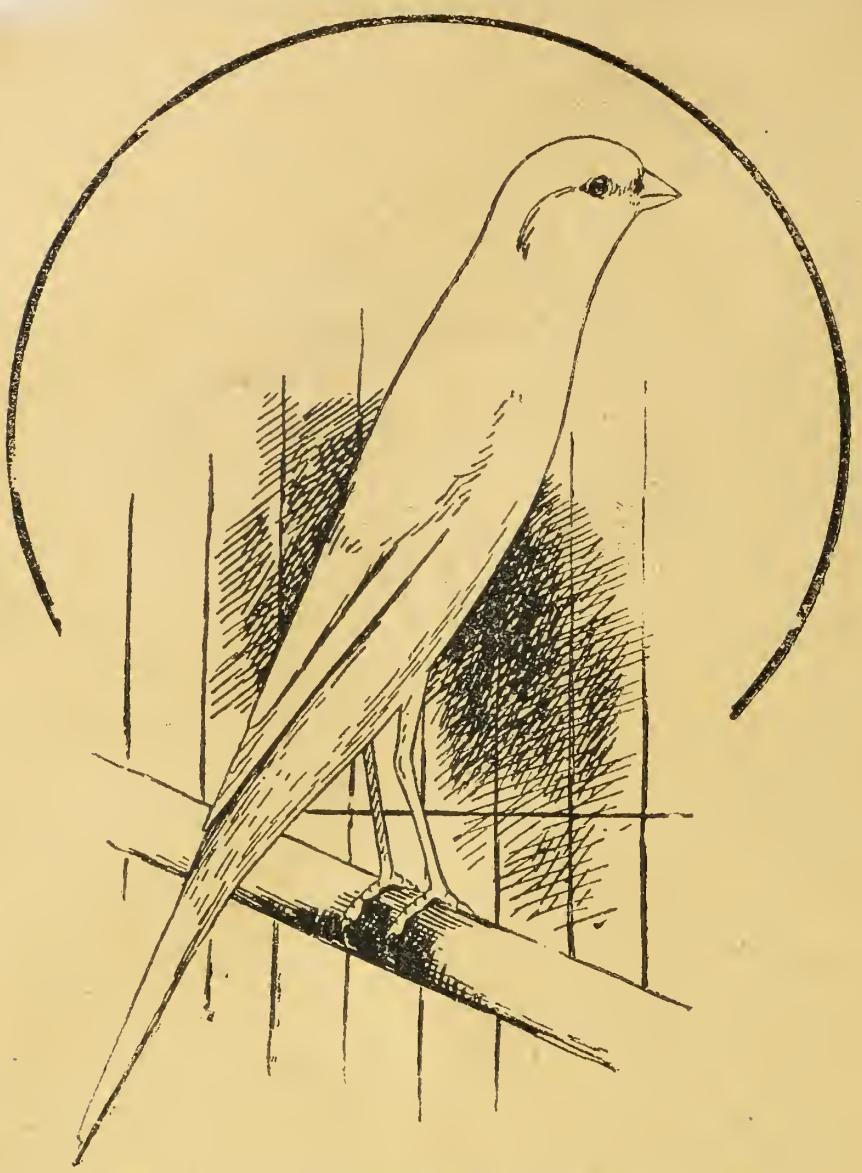

THE 1st PRIZE YELLOW YORKSHIRE AT THE CRYSTAL PALACE.
Shown by Messrs. Bailey and Swanger.

OPEN YORKSHIRES.
Judge, Mr. W. Mundell.

CL. YELL. YORK. (20): Fine lot. 1, Bailey and Swanger, with a stormer, red hot in colour, rich, silky texture of feather, wonderful length, stands like a guardsman, perfect back, flights, and tail, well on leg, and delightfully shown; 2, hc, Radley, with a brace of beauties, former very lengthy, wax-like in feather, lovely position, superb quality, beautiful back and wing carriage, very close up, hc straight as a rush, tight as a bottle, magnificent feather, shade shorter than above, yet possessing true Yorkshire characteristics, worth its place; 3, Hodgson, wonderfully slim and of excellent stand, feathered to perfection, nice colour and style, with just wee bit more length would want stopping, good third; 4, Cuthbertson, superior quality and colour, well up in position, full of nerve and style, smooth as glass, lovely wing carriage, worthy of the honour; vhc, Cooper, fine lengthy specimen, A1 quality, stands well, fails a little in wing carriage yet a most bonny exhibit; vhc, Hirst, slashing feather, as tight as a Java, very stylish and of good length, good enough to win at majority of shows; hc, Shackleton, neat unflighted, soft silky texture of feather, all there for type, teeming with quality, with another moult will be heard of again; c, Gill and Pickup, another charming youngster, slim and upstanding, full of quality and style, not overdone with length, still handsome. BUFF (16): 1, 2, Shackleton, with a brace of the very first water, winner of an almost unique brilliancy, appearing as though chiselled out of marble, grandly drawn and of exceptional position, fine length of side, perfect back, magnificent in wing carriage, well on leg, neatly-folded tail, made one most envious, second sweetly moulded youngster, neat and narrow, lengthy and stylish, type bordering on perfection, delightful feather, stands on clever legs, a bird with a future; 3, Halliday, again a specimen of exquisite character, regular wedge, choice quality, fine length, rare back and flights, lovely front and neat in waist, somewhat pale in colour between shoulders, yet a true Yorkie, well deserving its place; 4, Bailey and Swanger, lovely salmon-tinged colour, delightfully frosted, slashing quality, beautiful outline, fine length, well on leg, shows for all he is worth; vhc, Cuthbertson, A1 quality and colour, nice stand, good back and flights, shadows of stoutness in waist, yet a pleasing exhibit; hc, Philpot, nice slim bird, full of quality and style, well up, standing on clever legs, neatness itself; c, Mason, grand long-drawn-out specimen, excelling in quality, A1 position, opens somewhat in tail, which tells against it. TKD. YELL (10): 1, Walsh, marked left wing, ablaze with colour, rattling feather, better position no one could desire, rare length, grand sided, showing thighs nicely, winner on many occasions this season, and not far off being the best yell. tkd. known; 2, Bailey and Swanger, thigh ticked, soft silky texture of feather, good colour, fine upstanding bird, full of nerve and style, in the pink of condition, very close on the heels of winner; 3, Ware, thigh ticked, when taking notes appeared very much down, and efforts of coaxing were of no avail, hard lines, Mr. W., no doubt good one when right, hence its position; 4, Amblers, marked left wing and back of head, very prettily drawn, slim and of rare length, feathered like a Java, straight as a gun barrel, pale in colour, yet a beauty; vhc, Gibbons, thigh ticked, wonderful position, fine length and well on leg, showing breed, one we liked; hc, Barnwell, grizzled on cheek, rare feather, nice position, good length, neat all through; c, Priestley, thigh ticked, unflighted, rich quality and colour, rather on the small side, but all there otherwise, no doubt will make up well with another year on its back. TKD. BUFF (12): 1, 2 spls, Bailey and Swanger, with their noted grizzled wing, this specimen was awarded special for best Yorkie in show, fully deserving same, its equal we have not seen for many a day, it was trained to the moment, and the admiration of all who observed its splendour; 2, Wilcock, marked left wing and head, slashing position, teeming with quality and colour, neatly mealed, wonderful back and flights, plenty strong enough, yet a bird one is bound to speak well about; 3, Amblers, marked left wing, magnificent feather, as smooth as a bottle, straight as a pencil, perfect back, lovely carriage of flights and tail, must have pressed hard for second place, a true Yorkie in every point; 4, Cuthbertson, marked left side of neck, stands beautifully, with feather shining like silk, fine long sided, well-filled back, best of wings and tail, showing nice finish, capital specimen, good fourth; vhc, Wood, marked right wing, lovely feather, grand type, not one of the biggest, but one of the best; hc, Warr, thigh ticked, smooth as wax, straight as a rush, well on leg, a very pleasing youngster; c, Holroyd, marked right side of neck, very lengthy, straight up, A1 quality, shade open on breast, yet neat. UNEVEN (10): 1, 2, Murgatroyd and Sons, with a brace of eye-openers, winner yellow, marked left wing and both eyes, exceedingly warm in colour, superb quality feather, slashing position, lovely back and wing carriage, very lengthy, stands on clever legs, second buff, marked both wings and eyes, smooth as wax straight as a gun barrel, rare length and position, with plenty of daylight between his legs, and shows for all he is worth; 3, Haigh and Son, yellow, marked both wings, head and right cheek, wonderfully slim, fine length, rare colour and quality, stands beautifully, well worth its place; 4, Ware, buff, marked wings, lovely drawn specimen, of great length, A1 quality, straight as a rush and as tight as a Java, best of backs, with wings carried to perfection; vhc, Wood, buff, marked wings and eyes, grand salmon-tinged colour, superior feather, excels in position, rattling length, a bird we much admired; hc, Gill and Pickup, yellow-marked wings and about head, ablaze with colour, neat outline, lengthy and leggy, well up, shown in the pink; c, Wilkinson, yellow marked wings and eyes, smooth as glass, rare length, stands like a guardsman, well on leg, true Yorkie. UNFLI. (29): Really choice lot. 1, Bailey and Swanger, with their noted clear, thus making its ninth win, this specimen is a real knock-out, is full of character, was staged in magnificent trim, no details of toilet have been omitted, and drew forth words of the highest praise from all who know what a true Yorkie should be; 2, Wilcock, buff, thigh ticked, another real charmer, feathered like wax, grand outline, better position no one could desire, perhaps not one of the longest, but decidedly one of the smartest, well put down, and is a credit to its breeder; 3, Hosford, yellow, clear, soft silky texture of feather, good colour, delightful position, nice length, grand back, flights and tail, wee bit wanting in length of leg, yet a most pleasing exhibit, and well worthy of its honour; 4, Wadsworth, buff, thigh ticked, lovely salmon-tinged colour, tight in feather, as though chiselled out of marble, well-filled back, fine carriage of flights, closely-folded tail, a bonny bird; vhc, Philpot, buff, marked right side of face, capital colour and quality, A1 position, very lengthy and well on leg, full of style, good one; vhc, Fellows and Flyn; vhc, Binns, clear buff, sweetly moulded, good position, rattling quality, nervy, staged in the pink of condition; vhc, Halliday, buff, saddle marked, well known, often described, looking grand; hc, Spencer, yellow, cap marked, excellent quality and colour, stands nicely, lengthy and possessing good legs, inclined to pull slightly thin in neck when handled, yet very neat; hc, Cawston, Ogden Bros., with exhibits full of true Yorkie characteristics, well shown; c, Edmondson, yellow, thigh ticked, very neat throughout, possessing rattling feather, fine length and style, good legs; c, Gibbons, yellow, marked neck, slashing quality, narrow and sweetly drawn, a true Yorkie; c, Ware, quality all there, nice position, well on leg, in fine trim. YELL. HEN (23): Grand lot. 1, 3, Shackleton, with a brace of most bewitching damsels, former clear, magnificent feather, rich colour, slim and of delightful symmetry, bordering closely on the ideal, providing a study to those who swear by the birds of "Grace and Beauty," latter unflighted, ticked left eye, one of the most enchanting wenches describable, with another good moult is a lady with a great future, and will want beating, both these hens were staged in such a wonderful fashion that one could see quite well that a master hand had had the manipulation of same; 2, Wilkinson, unflighted, slight grizzle right eye, wonderful length, superb quality and colour, best of positions, fine, long sided, capital back and carriage of flights, another year, with luck, will no doubt be heard of again, claiming many victories, she is quite a "lady of the lake"; 4, Holroyd, clear, soft, silky texture of feather, great length, rattling stand, beautiful back, wings and tail, unfortunately opens somewhat on breast or would have been a stormer; vhc, Webb, slightly grizzled head, full of quality and style, nice length and position, a very pleasing maid; vhc, Cuthbertson, clear, unflighted, capital feather, very stylish, lengthy and of good type, shown in fine trim; hc, c, Amblers, former marked right cheek, slashing quality, neatly drawn, grand position, lengthy and leggy, latter clear, all there for type and quality, but is inclined to be rather short, yet a bonny lassie, and with time should improve; hc, Edmondson, unflighted, possessing true character, lovely quality, well shown; c, Gibbons, marked wings and eyes, teeming with quality, lovely outline, neat and narrow, wee bit wanting in length. BUFF (24): Rare collection; 1, Fellows and Flyn, grizzled right eye, possessing splendour of a most dazzling description, quite a Venus, and filled one with amazement when observing a thing so beautiful, take care of her, friends, she is a topper; 2, Halliday, clear, another exquisite model, lovely expression, teeming with quality, neat and narrow, very lengthy, stands beautifully, close on the heels of winner, a bird of rarity; 3, Ogden Bros., marked wings, eyes and cheeks, tight as boxwood, splendidly drawn, fine length and position, a bonny damsel, well worth her place; 4, Amblers, ticked right eye, wonderful length, straight as a pencil, A1 type, not quite the quality of above, yet a pretty hen, and shown in fine condition; vhc, Haigh and Son, thigh ticked, smooth as glass, delightfully frosted, capital stand and full of nerve, wee bit short on leg; vhc, Bailey and Swanger, clear, feathered to perfection, splendid position, good length, very stylish, shade thick in waist; vhc, Shackleton, with his noted ticked neck, fine, long-drawn specimen, rattling feather, A1 position, might have gone up one; hc, Pattrick, marked right wing and right cheek, full of quality, nice type, good back and wing carriage; hc, Webb, sweetly moulded, A1 quality, lengthy and well on leg, good one; c, Wilcock, marked right wing, rare feather, stands grand, beautiful back and wing carriage, plenty strong enough; c, Wadsworth, thigh ticked, nicely feathered, stylish and of good length, neat and narrow, well put down. CINN., TKD. YELL (16): 1, Wilcock, marked right wing and head, rare colour and quality, wonderful position, capital back and wing carriage, showing plenty of leg, a magnificent specimen, real 18 carat, and a well-known winner; 2, Sutcliffe and Son, marked both wings and eyes, ablaze with colour, another that has fought many battles and won many victories, must have pressed hard for premier honours, a gem of the first water; 3, Brayshaw and Jowett, marked wings, head and neck, long, slim-drawn bird, standing magnificently on a clever pair of legs, delightful feather, one we much liked, good third; 4, Couzens, marked wings and eyes, red hot, soft, silky texture of feather, capital position, well on leg, grand carriage of flights and tail, a beauty; vhc, Hirst, marked wings, left eye and root of tail, warm in colour, stands like a guardsman, nice length and quality, good enough to win most shows; hc, Wharton, marked wings and about head, lovely feather, slim, and of rattling position, grand legs, neat all through; c, Hartley, marked wings, eyes and cheek, soft, silky texture of feather, well up, nice style, would be better with a little more length. BUFF (19): 1, Crisp, marked right wing and eyes, rich quality, beautifully mealed, magnificent position, lengthy and well on leg, fine condition, a most lovely specimen; 2, Denton, marked right wing, eyes and right cheek, feathered grandly, rare length, well up, splendid back and wing carriage, not very far behind, a gem; 3, Cooper, marked right wing, eye and head, exceptional colour and quality, richly frosted, very lengthy and of lovely outline, grand legs, good third; 4, Brayshaw and Jowett, marked left wing, eyes and neck, fine, salmon-tinged colour, well mealed, wonderful length, but showing signs of wear, gone in neck somewhat, which told against it; vhc, Holroyd, marked wings and eyes, great length, slim and neatly drawn, nice feather and colour, lacks a little in position, yet very bonny; hc, Hirst, marked right wing and right eye, stands grandly, full of colour and quality, might have gone up one; c, Denton, marked left wing and about neck, red hot, good length and position, rather inclined to cross flights, which holds it back. YELL. HEN (13): 1, spl, Haigh and Son, marked both wings and left side of neck, soft, silky texture of feather, lovely colour, lengthy and of grand outline, A1 position, quite a charmer, and hard to find fault with; 2, Wilson, marked wings and eyes, feathered like boxwood, delightful position, slashing wings and tail, not overdone with length, but possessing many great points, and very close up; 3, Cook and Son, marked left wing, yet another magnificent damsel, wonderful length, clinking quality and position, perfect in wing carriage, one of the very choicest, well worth her place; 4, Ogden Bros., marked wings and head, superior feather, and of nice colour, best of positions, lengthy and leggy, grand back and flights, a gem; vhc, Sutcliffe and Son, marked wings and head, full of quality, nice colour, straight up and of good length, might be neater in waist, still good; hc, Bennett, marked right wing and about head, ablaze with colour, well feathered, upstanding, neat all over; c, Hartley, lightly variegated, stands grand, silky feather, good length, sweet expression, choice stock hen. BUFF (15): 1, hc, Sutcliffe and Son, with a couple of clinkers, winner marked wings, eyes and neck, teeming with quality and of lovely colour, long, slim, and of excellent position, one of the very first water, and staged in rare style, hc marked wings and eyes, rich salmon-tinged colour, mealed splendidly, rattling type, very lengthy and full of style, a good one; 2, Cuthbertson, marked wings and eyes, possessing rare length, and of lovely outline, grandly feathered and of rare colour, well on leg, put down in slashing condition, not so far away; 3, Hartley, marked wings and about head, neat and narrow, long and slim, straight as a gun barrel, not a feather out of place, a really grand hen; 4, spl, Priestley, marked left wing and eyes, slashing quality and colour, sweetly drawn and of rare style, not one of the longest, but one of the smartest, well worth her place; vhc, Kent and Son, marked wings and right eye, stands well, A1 quality, nice length, good back flights and tail; c, Cook and Son, marked wings and head, superior feather, rattling position, very stylish, not over long, still all there otherwise.

NOVICE YORKSHIRE CLASSES.
Judge, Mr. T. Heath.

Be it amongst the champions or the novices, the bird of the broad-acred shire maintains its popularity, and the seven classes here provided for the novices drew just over 100 entries. Not only was the entry good, but the average standard of merit in all the classes was of a distinctly high order. There is no doubt about the matter at all, that to win in Yorkshire classes at all to-day, an exhibitor must, as they say in Yorkshire, have "all his water on." Amongst these novices at the Palace were many that could give a very good account indeed of themselves in open competition. Excepting that he was rather merciful to some of the frilly-chested ones, Mr. Heath was most happy in his awards, and they seemed to give satisfaction to the great majority, and verily the novices are harder to please than the veterans.

YELLOW, CLEAR, ETC. (20): 1, 2, Edwards, first long, finely-drawn bird, of splendid shape and style, capital colour, very fine in feather, but just a bit inclined to open on chest, second again good length, capital head and back, good wings and tail, not so cleanly drawn in waist, stands nicely and shows plenty of quality; 3, Watmough Bros., neat head, capital back and flights, not so neat in tail, well up on leg, and beautifully feathered; 4, Stamford, plenty of style, well up on leg, body nicely tapered away; wings and tail well carried, capital feather; vhc, Thomson, fine sleek head, neat wings and tail, grand quality, plenty of style, but needs just a trifle more length; vhc, Wilson, good length and heaps of colour, not quite so stylish; hc, Keyes, but for his frilled shirt-front a real good Yorkie, plenty of length and stands up to his perch; hc, Picard, a rattling good bird, very shapely and nice feather, but not shown at his best; c, Stout, very smart thigh ticked,

long and well tapered away, capital legs, neat wings and tail, beautifully feathered, we should have placed this higher up in the list; 892, Harrington and Son, not one of the longest, but grand Yorkshire typo and style; 906, Downing, very neatly feathered, stands well up, and is nicely modelled; 909, Miss Blagg, most charming bird, full of style, grand shape and quality, hardly long enough. BUFF, CLEAR, ETC. (11): 1, Dyson, a gem, fine head, neck and shoulders, nice clear run from shoulders to tail, rare carriage and shape, grand quality, nice colour and well staged; 2, Harrington and Son, magnificent quality of feather, very fine head and neck, body nicely tapered away from shoulders to tail, rare style, hardly so long; 3, Wood, very nice quality and carriage, good head, back, shoulders and wings, hardly fine enough in waist and tail; 4, Shaw Bros., but for being a trifle short-sided, a real bonny Yorkie, splendid feather, shape and carriage; vhc, Farmer, nice head and back, stands well, very silky feathered, but rather heavy in flights; hc, Nelson, fine head, neck, wings and tail, capital feather, very stylish, a wee bit hollow in back; c, Couzens, grand littl cbird, full of quality, nice shape and carriage, but hardly long enough for Mr. Heath, we should say. MARKED YELLOW (7): 1, Parish, head, check and wing cinnamon marked, capital shape, plenty of style and full of quality; 2, vhc, Couzens, head and wing cinnamon marked, stands well up on his legs, beautifully feathered, nice long side and well shaped, vhc saddle marked, of good shape and style, and beautifully feathered; 3, Phillips, head, check and wing marked, very stylish and nervy, stands well up, good wings and tail, just a wee bit flat-sided; 4, Thomson, very slim, stylish, wing marked, grand shape, full of nerve and quality; hc, Forder, variegated cinnamon, nicely modelled and well posed. BUFF MARKED (6): 1, Forder, head and wing cinnamon marked, nice head, neck and shoulders, neat wings and tail, good shape, but could do with just a trifle more nerve; 2, Keyes, wing marked cinnamon, plenty of length and style, good shape and nice feather, not so neat in waist and tail; 3, Shaw Bros., eye, neck and wing ticked, splendid shape and carriage, well braced wings and tail, plenty of nerve and brimful of quality; 4, Halliday, neck and wing marked, nice head and back, capital flights and tail, handles well, and is good in feather; vhc, Riley, head and wing marked, stands well and is nicely feathered, but is not so finely drawn; hc, Roberts, neck and wing marked cinnamon, capital shape and carriage, rather pale in colour. UNFLIGHTED (23): 1, Cross, very smart buff, nice clean run from head to tail, stands up well, shows plenty of nerve and quality too, in grand fettle, a clever win; 2, Keyes, very racy, stylish yellow, plenty of length, stands well up, capital wings and tail, just a trifle too flat in head; 3, Roberts, head and wing marked yellow, very smart throughout, capital feather and shape, and plenty of nerve; 4, Dyson, beautifully feathered and nicely-shaped buff, of good style, but needs a bit more length; vhc, Robinson, yellow, of capital length, style and shape, bit open in front; vhc, Shaw Bros., very warm coloured, long, stylish yellow, nicely feathered; vhc, Edwards, stylish, nice shaped yellow, of good quality, inclined to spread his tail; hc, Potter, nice feathered buff, stands well, good wings and tail, hardly fine enough in waist; hc, Simpson, shapely, nice feathered yellow, of good colour, does not get up quite enough; c, Bentley, yellow, of capital feather and style, but not quite so finely moulded; c, Waterman, very neat and stylish, grand feather, only wants a trifle more length. HENS, YELLOW (14): 1, Keyes, neck and wing marked, fine long hen, of capital shape, full of nerve and style, handles splendidly, beautifully feathered; 2, Wood, neck ticked, not so long, but grandly shaped, full of style, lovely feather; 3, Bentley, very sweet little bird, fine head and neck, well braced wings and tail, and plenty of nerve; 4, Watmough Bros., just a real good Yorkshire fra' Bradford, slim and neat, finely feathered and plenty of style; vhc, Couzens, real good-stamp of a hen, but she was not put down in the best of condition, and wtih the washing lessons these London chappies have had they should be expert laundrymen; hc, Bennett, nice head and back, good wings, stands well, but is rather stout in waist; c, Potter, well feathered and nice carriage, but just a trifle wide in tail; w.c. 957, Robinson; 966, Cross; 963, Couzens, all buffs in Mr. Heath's opinion. BUFF (11): 1, Phillips, grand shape and style, well bound flights and tail, beautiful tight silky feathers, plenty of nerve, and well shown; 2, Males, just a nice bonny little swell, not one of the longest, but a Yorkshire all over, and well put down, too; 3, Picard, very neat-bodied, slim-waisted, wing ticked, grand style and rare quality of feather; 4, Wood, wing ticked, of most beautiful quality, grand head, neck and back, stands well up, and uses her wings and tail, as a high-class Yorkshire should; vhc, Cross, splendid carriage and feather, good flights and tail, not so neat in waist; hc, Robinson, very neat body, rather short in tail, nice feather and nerve; c, Wilson, most charming little lady, indeed, a beauty in all respects; c, Couzens, nice head and back, very shapely, but she does not handle her wings well.

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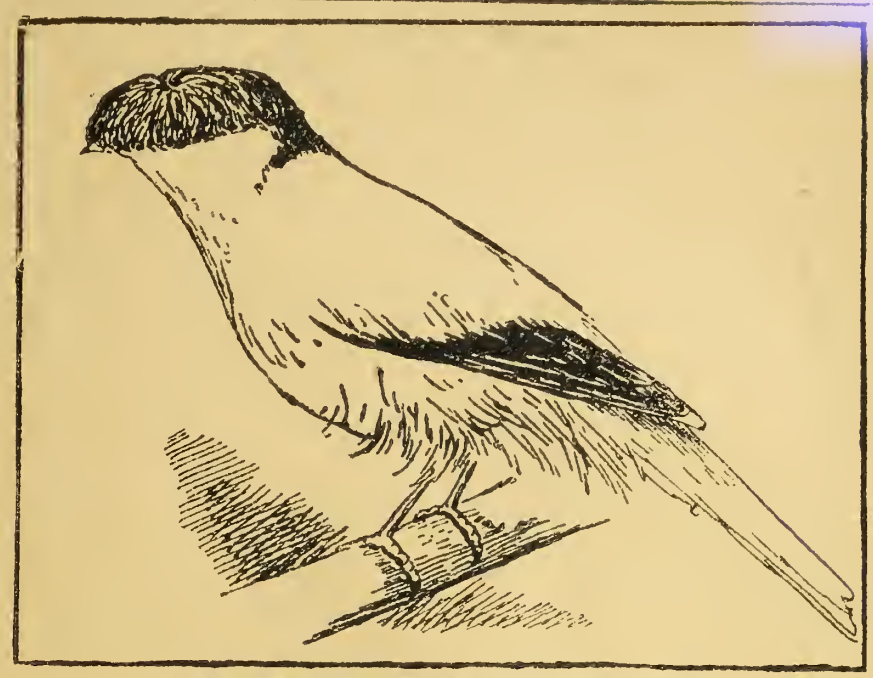
BORDERS.

Judge, Mr. J. F. Dewar.

These charming little members of the Canary family topped the century, and were without the shadow of a doubt, tho finest lot of the wee sma' birdies ever seen at the Crystal Palace. Typo! It simply ran all over the section, and there was not a single class in which could not be found birds of the finest. Birds embodying all that goes to make up a high-class Border were well to the front. Fine and slim in shape, very erect in carriage, and with feather like unto floss silk, and so neatly wrapped around them, that it was like unto polished marble. Finished indeed were the Borders. Of the judging, what shall we say? We have seen Borders with the prize cards on them before, but never have wo seen them so well judged as on this occasion. Mr. Dewar knows what a Border should be, and he knows also how to find them, and when found how to place them. Border men could not find anything to cavil at in the awards, for they, like the birds who bore them, were A1.

YELLOW, CLEAR, ETC. (15): 1, Bennet, as straight as a dart, sweet neat head, fine neck and shoulders, wings and tail braced well up, full of swagger, and feathered like unto glass; 2, Wilson, very smart and slim, rare head and back, wings and tail of nice length and well carried, handles very nicely, and as full of quality as an egg of meat; 3, Willison, beautiful shapo and finish, carries himself like a soldier, neatly clipped up flights, tail not quite so evenly folded; 4, Jenkins, beautiful shape and carriage, hardly so firm in feather, plenty of colour, in fact some said it might have been rubbing up against some of Ramsden's colour food tins, but then they were prejudiced; vhc, Sloan, charming bird for shapo and style, very tight in feather, but a little lacking in that bloom one likes to see on a Border; hc, Pearson, grand carriage and feather, just a trifle full in cheeks, rare wings and tail; c, Hislop, not quite the shape we like, carries too much chest, but all there in feather and style. HEN (17): 1, Bennet, one word would describe this charming little lady, but did we use it we should hardly give her wonderful qualities the prominence they deserve, a gem she is without doubt, she is as proud as "A Beauty of Bath," and as shapely as "A Sandow Girl," whilst her clothes fit with the perfection of a Camille Clifford; 2, Pearson, this young lass might be all that we have said of the last and more, but unfortunately she had forgotten to wash her face before she left home, or else the London smoke had quickly spoiled her delicate complexion, she posed like a Venus, and in figure could hold her own with the best; 3, 4, Brownlie, third did well to get so far up in such good company, a rare bonny hen of exquisite feather and style, but not quite so sylph-like in proportion as the leader, fourth very nicely modelled, handles well, and holds herself like the little queen she is, hardly so fine in quality of feather as her stable companion; vhc, Evans, splendid shapo and carriage, very light in feather, but her toilet had not been completed, a Border should be as clean as a new pin; hc, Farrer, neat head, splendid back, wings and tail, not so good in neck, nice feather, carries herself A1; c, Jenkins, splendid feather and carriage, fine head, level, well finished back, grand flights and tail, but looked as though she had been enjoying this world's goods too well. BUFF, CLEAR, ETC. (19): 1, 6 spls, Bennet, talk about fineness of feather and glove-like fit of tho same, one had it here in the highest degree of excellence, in shape one could almost imagine he had been carved from the Border Club model, he handled well, and stood like a Grenadier; 2, Wilson, again a wonderful example of quality and fit of feather, staged in the pink of condition, wonderful style, if anything hardly so finished in neck as the leader, but a tight race; 3, Pennington, said to be a three year old, if so, he has retained the grace and slimness of youth in a remarkable manner, whilst age certainly has not spoilt the cut or quality of his clothes; 4, Farrer, a little gentleman of rare swagger and style, holds himself well, feathered like a Java, but inclined to be a trifle chesty; vhc, Young, most charming shape, and rare quality of feather, but seemed a trifle tired and jady, and did not brace his flights quite so closely as a first-class Border should do; he, Jenkins, a grand little bird for quality and style, very neat in head and nicely finished in front, but not quite level on back; c, Hislop, quality and style just what one would ask for, but in shape he is just a trifle too chubby. HEN (11): 1, 2, Jenkins, gallant Little Wales stepped in here and broke the sequence of Scottish successes, Dan, we congratulate you, oft have we admired this little charmer, and much as we like the Scotch lassies, we can worship a sweet young thing from Wales when it has the beauty of form and lovliness of feature to be seen here, second another little gem, "how happy we could be with either, were the other dear charmer away," the owner ought to be a happy man to possess such buds of beauty, and he did put them down in their Sunday best; 3, Bennet, very sweet in outline and wonderful quality of feather, but she seemed just a bit dejected, that she had allowed the family flag to be hauled down by those girls from Wales, and did not brace her wings as she should have done; 4, Wilson, very smart in carriage, beautifully proportioned, but not quite so wax-like in feather, still she is a beauty; vhc, Jenkins, grand feather and carriage, but just a trifle too matronly in shape; hc, Bennet, grand shape, and most exquisite feather, capital flights, but doesn't bring her tail up quite so smartly as she should; c, Woodman, very shapely and well



STANGER AND HERDMAN'S "COCK O' THE NORTH."
First Prize, Crystal Palace.

feathered, not so quict in hand. EVENLY-MARKED (8): 1, 4, spls, Wilson, buff of most exquisite quality, full of that delightful sheen which betokens the little bit which lifts above the average, wonderful shape for a marked bird, handles well, and marked with an evenness which is seldom seen; 2, 3, Farrer, second six-pointed yelow, very slim and shapely, grand quality of feather, and very neatly marked, very quick in hand, third nicely balanced four-pointed yellow, slim and stylish, and beautifully feathered, both a trifle warm in colour; 4, Barrie, four-pointed buff, grand quality and style, not quite so neat in eye marking, and a shade stouter; vhc, McVittie, nicely marked four-pointed buff, good style and feather, buff not so neat in flights; hc, Arnot and Jamieson, four-pointed yellow, well balanced wings, grand shape, style and feather; c, Atkinson, four-pointed yellow, but blotchy on eyes, good wings, nice shape and style. UNEVENLY-MARKED (12): 1, Wilson, wing marked yellow, plenty of colour, grand quality of feather, very stylish, neat head, good neck and back, well carried flights and tail; 2, Pearson, eye, neck, and wing marked yellow, full of quality; beautifully moulded, plenty of nerve, and handles well; 3, Pennington, again an eye, neck, and wing marked yellow, very smart in carriage, silky, well fitting feather, neatly moulded all through, and grand flights and tail; 4, Simpson, eye, neck, and wing marked buff, very neat head, grand shoulders and back feathered like glass, rare carriage, pressed very hard indeed; vhc, Farrer, buff, very similar in marking, grand wax-like feather, neat wings and tail, rare shape and style; hc, Cape and Murray, three-pointed buff, rather heavily marked on eyes, grand quality and sheen, well modelled body, and grand carriage; c, Evans, yellow marked head, eyes, and wings, very shapely, full of stylo and grandly feathered. GREEN OR CINNAMON (21): wonderful class indeed; 1, Bennet, green wonderfully rich and bright in colour, grand neck, shoulders, and back, stands beautifully, very silky and tight-fitting feather; 2, Jenkins, another green, sound in colour, but not quite so bright and vivid, splendid shape, most lovely style, and as tight as wax; 3, Beaty, very bright, but light coloured green, wonderful style, well moulded, and clothed in a tight-fitting jacket; 4, Arnot and Jamieson, rather light coloured cinnamon, very nicely-modelled, and beautifully posed, grand quality of feather, given a little greater depth of colour, and it would doubtless have gone higher; vhc (2), Farrer, both greens of capital colour and style, the one fails a trifle in feather, and the other is just a shade inclined towards embonpoint; hc, Hocking, grandly coloured green, stands well, and is very tight in feather, but just a bit too large; hc, Woodman, green of splendid colour and nice quality, but seemed somewhat soft and out of sorts; c, Hay, grand shaped stylish green, failing a bit in quality; c, Arnot and Jamieson, described as the winner of twenty-nine first prizes, a real good Border, splendid shape, full of nerve, and very tight in feather, we thought him if anything rather dull and dead in colour, and doubtless this was why he was so low down in the list.

SCOTCH FANCY.

Judge, Mr. J. F. Dewar.

One might write Ichabod over the Scottish section of the Palace show, it really seems to go from bad to worse. Plenty of specials and specialist judges, some English, some Scotch have been tried, but nothing seems to stop the gradual decline of interest in this section. However, the lateness of the show is responsible for much of this lack of enthusiasm. Only 19 entries toed the mark in the four classes, which we should say is an absolutely worst on record. With such a poor entry there was not much hope for quality, still, amongst the birds staged were a few that deserved more extended competition. Mr. Dewar handled the birds in his usual capable manner, and we heard no grumbling.

YELLOW (7): 1, Harden, very quick, nervy pied, plenty of side, long drive and good top end; 2, Wright, another grand quick actioned pied, not quite so long in neck, gets well into position, and handles nicely: 3, Willison, a real good clear, full of nerve, grand length of side, nice head and neck, but shows signs of the work he has been doing this season: 4, Longden, foul headed pied, grand shape, gets quickly in position, but is not long enough, or stout enough: vhc, Summerhill, large, shapely clear, but fails in drive, and not in the best of condition: hc, Fortunato, stylish clear, but needs length and top end; w.c. Harrington, a good foul buff. BUFF (6): 1, Wright, a really first-class green, grand head and neck, plenty of shoulders, nice length of side, comes well to the perch plenty of style: 2, 4 spls, Harden, big, long sided, rough-feathered pied, grand shape, length and style: 3, Longden, very quick handling, pied, but beaten in length of neck, nice shaped body and good tail; 4, Ross, foul head, not so much length of side, nice style; vhc, 2 spls, Willison, nice shaped clear, moves well, but not well staged; hc, Summerhill, stylish, quick handling, clear, hollow in shoulders. HEN, YELLOW (2): 1, Willison, long, shapely clear, nice head and neck, good shoulders, handles well; 2, Harden, quick, shapely clear, not so long in side, handles well. BUFF (4): 1, Wright, foul head, splendid shape, very quick in action, brings head well down, and uses his tail nicely; 2, 2 spls, Harden, shapely, quick actioned green, firm head and neck, good length of side; 3, Ross, very nice shaped clear, but we could not get her to show, she seemed soft and out of sorts; 4, Lowe, well shaped clear, nice action, does not get head down so low as leaders.

LIZARDS.

Judge, Mr. S. R. Compston.

GOLD CLEAR CAP (8): 1, 3, 4, hc, Rukin, big work, in straight rows, good size, a fair cap, and shown in good form; 2, Dewsnap, well placed, work distinct, not in the best of condition, better cap; 5, spl, Ramsden's medal for best colour fed Lizard, very good in centre of back, fails on sides to winner; 4, in places well spangled, not as good on shoulders, best cap; vhc, Oliver, a good bird when finished; hc, nice quality and condition; hc, c, Hampshire, a very good hen, bold spangling; c, another nice all-round hen. GOLD BROKEN CAP (7): 1, 4, hc, c, Rukin, very solid, nice size, good underneath, and good back; 2, Dewsnap, not as distinct as the winner, well rowed, all round; 3, Lawton, good stamp, but not as firm in rows; 4, shown in good feather, not as steady, and not as distinct in spangling as the winner; vhc, Lawton, good in centre of back and good size; hc, very good down centre of back, not finished on sides; c, good type with bold work. SILVER CLEAR CAP (9): 1, 3, vhc, Rukin, nice soft colour with good black, the tipping might be more distinct, every line of spangling distinct, rows, and well rowed underneath, nice cap; 2, Hampshire, hardly at his best, but all over a good Lizard, and well worth his place; 3, big bold spangling, not as regular as some; 4, Dewsnap, plenty of size, nice soft colour, and good work, a tendency to open out in middle of back; vhc, shows a few nice rows of spangling; vhc, Lawton, good in cap, and good colour; hc, Fisher, bold spangling, good cap and good under; c, Oliver, spangling well in rows. SILVER BROKEN CAP (9): 1, 3, hc, diploma for best Lizard, Rukin, bold, distinct spangling, in well placed rows, and nicely marked underneath, good level colour; 2, Fisher, clear distinct spangling, in good rows; 3, nice soft colour, good quality, can do some winning; 4, Fisher, hardly at his best, but shows good straight lines of spangling, and has size; vhc, Dewsnap, hardly as distinct and firm, good underneath; vhc, hc, c, Hampshire, very good rows of work on top, not quite finished; hc, likely bird for stock; hc, does not show to the best adantage; c, well spangled hen, with nicely broken cap.

BROKEN CAP SILVER LIZARD.
C. E. Fisher.

BUFF LANC. COPPY.
J. Garner.

LANCASHIRES.
Judge, Mr. S. R. Compston.

YELL. COPPY, CLEAR OR TICKED: 1, bronze medal for second best coppy, hc, c, Green, grand type, stands up well, showing a good pair of thighs, nice mould, neat coppy, a well-balanced bird, all quality, and shown to the best advantage; 2, Vickers, more substance, clears the perch well, good front and good shape; 3, Howarth, good substance, well coppied in front, not as good behind; 4, vhc, Garner, loses by condition at present, vhc, ood, long-sided bird, standing well from the perch; hc, long casted bird, neat looking; c, one of the best in quality and condition. BUFF COPPY CL. OR TICKED (12), 1, diploma for best Lancashire, hc, J. Garner, shown very fit, good quality of feather, nicely whipped up, good coppy, long sided with good substance and good Lancashire shape and position; 2, vhc, Green, a very taking bird, well shown, good pattern all over, beaten in length; 3, Vickers, plenty of substance, good length of body, if shown at his best would go higher; 4, Haslam, nice length and substance, will improve; vhc, good in body and stands up well; hc, good shape, well filled up in neck; hc, Law, in good condition and nice substance; c, West, shows good type and length; c, Nelson, neat coppy, very useful bird. YELL. PLAINHEAD CL. OR TICKED (12); 1, c, Green, rare type for a Yellow Plainhead, good head, neck well-filled up, good round body, with substance and length, and shown in the pink of condition; 2, Green, good length and substance, plenty of quality, with nice head, and stands up clean; 3, G. and W. Adam, excels in head, loses in other points; 4, Oldham, good in shape and type, with good head points; vhc, Haslam, good head, in good feather; vhc, Garner, good position and shape with good head, when in form can get well in the money; vhc, West, good length and will mend; hc, Nelson, nice head, right shape; c, in good feather and shows type. BUFF (15): 1, Law, correct type, nice length, and good substance, good head and neck, and good quality of feather; 2, Howarth, good head and neck, might get better away from the perch; 3, Green, in good trim, good head, and well filled up, with nice substance; 4, Law, good substance, good stand; vhc, spl, for best vhc Lancashire, Green, rare length and substance, good back skull; vhc, Oldham, nice substance, with nice head; hc, Haslam, good mould, in nice trim; c, Garner, excels in head and neck.

CINNAMONS.
Judge, Mr. T. Heath.

Oh, what a falling off was there! Only 24 of the chocolate-coloured beauties in four classes. Why is this? It cannot be because of the judge. Mr. Heath can, and does, handle Cinnamons as well as any man, yet at the event of the year we find an entry which is, to say the least, both disappointing and disheartening. It was not only that the entry was small, but the average quality was not high. In each class there were one or two good birds, but the remainder were certainly not up to Palace form. There were no less than 10 Specials offered, and the show was under the patronage of the Cinnamon Canary Club. Why the result was so deplorable it is difficult to understand. It is a poor return for the work which the Cinnamon Club and its officials have been doing during the past few years. There was no room for fault-finding in the awards, which must have given satisfaction to all.

YELLOW (7): 1, 2, Dormer, first grand, chubby Norwich type, with plenty of size, yet without coarseness, capital head, and not the faintest suspicion of browing, sound, rich, even colour of a good cinnamon hue, coming well down from beak to tail, very tight and silky in feather, and deserved more extended competition, second another very high-class bird of splendid colour, capital shape and size, nice quality of feather, but showing the effect of the hard work which it has done this season; 3, Nelson, very sound and even in colour, not quite so stout in substance of body, nice head, looked as though it had been somewhat spoilt in the laundry; 4, Lawrence,, nice, shapely bird of good size and colour, hardly so tight in feather at thighs; vhc, Hargreaves, beautiful colour and quality of feather, stands well, not so stout in body. BUFF (4): 1, Dormer, not one of the largest ever staged, but a quality bird right through, grand head, well-braced wings and tail, splendid type, as tight and compact in feather as a Java and as shapely as a Bullfinch, very sound and level in colour, and well furnished throughout; 2, Nelson, a larger bird perhaps, but not so sweet in shape, and not quite so neat in head, splendid colour, very hot and even in colour, and carries his feathers in a compact and nicely-finished manner; 3, Hargreaves, plenty of size, nice shape, sound in colour, but not quite so bright, did not seem in quite such good form as the others, and this made it look dull and listless compared with first and second. UNFLI. (7): 1, vhc, Dormer, yellow, of splendid shape, plenty of size without coarseness, rich level colour, grand head, stands well, high quality of feather; vhc, stout, shapely buff, grand head and body, nice style, colour carried well through; 2, Howard and Son, not one of the largest, but for colour and quality was not surpassed by any bird in the show, shown in the pink of condition, with wonderful bloom and finish, given a bit more size it could beat the world; 3, Nelson, very shapely, close-feathered buff, capital quality, sound, even colour, nice carriage, plenty of size, and with care should moult out well next season; 4, Swingler and Blackwell, yellow, full of good Cinnamon properties, a bird that reminds one of what Northampton used to be in the Cinnamon world, it is sound, rich and even in its colouring, it is feathered like silk, its shape is splendid, but—bother these buts—its head is hardly stout enough; hc, Hargreaves, very neat, shapely buff, good in body, feather and colour, only needs a bit more substance all through to make it a topper; c, Lawrence, nice quality, sound-coloured buff of good shape, also on the small side. HENS (6): 1, Nelson, slashing, big yellow, plenty of colour, nice shape and carriage, well finished in feather, a few hens like this in a breeding-room should land anyone right slap-bang at the top; 2, 3, Dormer, second a beautifully-modelled buff, plenty of size, grand type, sound, even colour, nicely finished in feather, and shows well, third grand-coloured yellow, of splendid quality, nice shape and size, stands well, and only needs a little more substance of head to make her a topper; 4, Hargreaves, shapely buff of good size, nicely feathered and sound in colour, except just in centre of back, which seemed broken in its evenness; vhc, Wright and Son, small, shapely yellow, nice colour and feather, but outdone in size; hc, Hart, yellow, of capital colour, shape and size, not quite so smart in wing-carriage as she should be.

YORKSHIRE GREENS.
Judge, Mr. T. Heath.

These favourites of the distant North made a very nice show. The numbers were not so large as at some past fixtures, but amongst the birds shown were some very choice and beautifully-finished examples of these charming members of the Canary family. The writer of these notes has long been an ardent admirer of the Yorkshire Green, and has watched with the greatest interest its evolution from the old Liverpool Green. At Sydenham these birds always look well because of the splendid top light, and we heard many non-fanciers, as well as fanciers, expressing their delight and surprise over these classes. We missed the names of many leading lights in Green circles. How was this? If the Green is to become more popular, the men of the North must send their best and choicest specimens outside of the County of Lancashire. At the Palace men from near and far are gathered together, and more interest is taken in the exhibits than at an ordinary local show. This tells in the advancement of a breed. The self-coloured classes filled well, but those for the broken, or foul coloured birds were very meagrely supported, which is rather strange. We most carefully examined the birds, but we failed to detect few square-feathered birds other than those which Mr. Heath ticketed with the card which is not considered a desirable one. The disqualification of these birds was one of the sensations of the show, and is fully dealt with elsewhere.

SELF YELL. (17): 1, Clayton, long, well-drawn stylish bird, well up on legs, rich, bright, grassy green colour, beautifully-pencilled and free from bronze, neat wings and tail, rare shape, close, silky feather, staged in fine condition; 2, sp, Martin, splendidly even in colour, grandly pencilled, rare head, good, clear run from throat to vent, very shapely in body, but does not possess the smartness of wing and tail carriage seen in the winner; 3, Gill and Pickup, hardly so long perhaps, but grand shape and splendid style, rich, deep colour, grandly feathered, nice wings and tail; 4, Ryno, slashing, big bird, well feathered, stands well, sound and even in colour, but just a shade too dark, and lacks the brightness and finish of the leaders; vhc, Thompson, for shape, colour, feather, style and general all round characteristics, we liked as well as anything in the class, a really high-class green, and hard to find fault with, just a shade too small perhaps, but, what quality and colour! hc, Deacon, very shapely, nice style and feather, not so bright in colour as we like them; c, Mrs. Bacheler, capital colour and shape, not so tight in feather as it might be; No. 439, Deacon, a most shapely little bird of lovely colour and quality, we liked much, and thought it might have got a card of some kind. Disqualified, 443, Stewart.

SELF BUFF (17): 1, 2, Hughes, first a slashing bird of rare length and carriage of body, just a trifle over-done in wings and tail, capital colour, nicely pencilled, well up on leg, nice, silky body feather, second another slashing bird, plenty of length and far better carriage of wings and tail, this is a real, good, big one, plenty of colour which is carried well through, nice quality and fit of feather; 3, Benson, fine head, neck, back, wings and tail, but just a trifle too stout in waist, splendid colour and well pencilled, nice carriage, and good quality of feather; 4, hc, Thompson, splendid, rich, sound colour, capital back, well up on leg, and nicely-drawn body, beautiful quality of feather but loses somewhat in wing carriage, hc rattling good bird for colour, shape, feather and style, but is just a shade hollow in back; vhc, Clayton, splendid colour and feather, nicely pencilled well-shaped and nicely-carried body, good head and back, but is inclined to hold wings badly; c, Ryno, magnificent colour, shape, style and feather, well up on leg, a shade too large perhaps, but a good one; 446, Heginbottom and Riley, splendid shape, rich, brilliant colour, and very fine silky feather, and a Yorkie in every respect; 451, Martin, grand, grassy colour, well feathered, and plenty of style; 461, Walker, not one of the largest, but a gem for colour, style and quality. FOUL YELL. (11): 1, Clayton, grand in wing, very rich and bright in colour, fine, silky, close feather, well up on legs and shows off his well-drawn body to perfection, a bird which handles well; 2, Deacon, broken in body, very shapely and stylish, full of quality, and brimful of colour, well pencilled on back, and free from bronze; 3, Hughes, pied in wing, grandly tapered body carried on a well-set pair of legs, and covered with a close, silky coat of beautiful grass-green hue, this bird we liked as well as anything in the class, and, had it won, few, we think, would have been bold enough to challenge the award; 4, Helliwell, pied in tail, plenty of length, nice shape and carriage of body, beautifully feathered, and brimful of rich, grassy-green colour, a bonny bird in every respect; vhc, Thompson, pied in tail, neat head, grand back, wings and tail, stands well up on leg showing a well-modelled body, beautiful quality of feather, and sound, rich colour; hc, Walker, pied in flights and tail, capital colour and feather, nice shape but not so long in body; c, Benson, pied in wing and tail, very stylish and neat in body, grand colour and feather, rather short in tail; 466, Martin, pied in wing and tail, splendid shape, style and colour, grand quality of feather; 463, Clayton, disqualified. FOUL BUFF (9): 1, Ryno, broken in body, slashing bird, plenty of length and style, good wings and tail, capital quality of feather, sound, rich colour, and nicely finished throughout; 2, vhc, c, Deacon, not quite so long in tail as the leader, beautiful colour and pencilling, very shapely and full of quality, pied in tail, vhc pied in tail and wing, plenty of colour, grand quality, not quite so level in back, c pied in tail, very shapely, stylish, sound-coloured bird, with good wings and tail; 3, Halliwell, rather longer than second, splendid type of what a Yorkshire Green should be, full of quality, and most beautiful colour; 4, Hughes, nice shape and carriage, plenty of colour, not so tight in body feather; hc, Martin, capital shape and style, close, well-fitted, silky feather, bright grassy colour, and well shown, we liked much.

LIMIT CLASSES.
Judges, Messrs. Dobson and Robson.

NOR. COCK, 30s. (28): 1, Pegg, clear buff, unflighted, red hot, nice substance, good shape, well cut away, a cheap bird, claimed; 2, Wilkinson, clear yellow, wonderful size, grand colour and type, good carriage, rare good one for stock purposes, also sold; 3, Patterson, buff, marked right wing and eye, ablaze with colour, very shapely and of nice size, shown in the pink, a bargain; 4, Axe, clear yellow, a bouncer, rare colour and quality, good type, another grand one for stock purposes; vhc, Gibbs, Adnitt and Driver, Wright and Son, Payne and Bennett; hc, Woollard, Bishop, Twine, Wright and Son; c, Gibbs, Gentle, Spinner. HEN, 20s. (9): 1, Battison, clear buff, rich quality and colour, well mealed, round as a ball, well cut up behind; 2, Gilbert, clear yellow, unflighted, all type, full of colour and quality, rather on the small side, yet a sweet damsel; 3, Keech, buff, marked left wing, short and thick set, A1 quality, jaunty carriage, very bonny; 4, Axe, clear buff, wonderful size, rare shape, good quality, a grand one for the breeding cage; vhc, Jenner; hc, Lawrance; c, Howard and Son. CREST, £3 (21): Good class. 1, vhc, Jenkins, with a brace of good ones, winner buff, marked wings, d.c., nice feather, good substance and shape, crest round and of neat droop and centre, a bargain; 2, Gilbert, buff, marked wings, d.c., very similar to first, little divides them, a real cheap specimen; 3, hc, Payne and Bennett, green, pied tail, d.c., A1 quality, good shape, fair size, crest not large, but of nice formation; 4, vhc, Tipping, buff, almost green, d.c., good feather, nice shape, crest of fair droop, centre well placed, not dear at the price; vhc, Woollard, Dobson and Sons; hc, Hart, Radley; c, Pocock, Galloway. CREST B., 30s. (17): 1, Tipping, buff, marked wings and eyes, fine substance and shape, rattling width of skull, well lashed, a bonny exhibit; 2, Neave, green pied tail, lovely feather, wonderful skull properties, fine-shaped body, been a good one, and far from a waster now; 3, Crow, clear buff, rich quality, good Norwich type, nice head and brow, built on smaller lines than above, yet a pleasing exhibit; 4, vhc, Payne and Bennett, green, fine substance and quality, rare skull and lash, shown in rattling trim; vhc, Pooley; hc, Johnson, Radley; c, Lander. YORKIE, 30s. (27): 1, Haigh and Son, buff, grizzled left cheek, rich salmon-tinged colour, well up in position, lengthy and leggy, a beauty; 2, Warr, clear yellow, soft silky texture of feather, wonderful length, straight as a rush, grand back and wing carriage, must have pressed; 3, Wood, clear buff, teeming with quality, grandly drawn and full of style, not overdone with length, still a bird we much admired, good third; 4, Wilkinson, yellow, marked wings and head, straight up, slim and of neat outline, good length and well on leg, lovely back and flights, very bonny; vhc, Gibbs, Spencer, Mason, Parrott; hc, Brayshaw and Jowett, Pattrick, Howarth, Amblers; c, Cooper, Radley, Crisp, Brotherton. A.O.V., 30s. (22): Choice assortment. 1, Oldham, clear buff Lancashire, rattling feather, showing grand substance, very lengthy, lovely head points, fine-shaped body, a real bargain; 2, Rae, buff, Goldie-Can., slashing quality, rare size, and of excellent shape, lovely face and of beautiful colour, good enough to win at majority of shows in dark Mule classes, no douht would find a purchaser; 3, Hay, clear buff Border, as pretty as paint, full of action, magnificent shape and quality, tight as wax, a little gem, and a good third; 4, vhc, Marshall, yellow, dark Goldie-Canary, rich colour, nice shape and substance, put down in capital trim, a sweet specimen; vhc, Hibbert, White, Ross; hc, Phillips, Lawrance, Hingley; c, Pattrick, Mills, Howarth. PAIRS, 35s., (32): Rare class. 1, 2, 4, Midgley, with a trio of well-matched pairs, winners clear yellow cock, well up in substance and of grand colour and quality, and clear buff hen, tight as wax, lovely type, and of rare carriage, second clear buff cock, all type and quality, not over large, yet good, and grizzle-headed yellow hen, fair size, nice colour and quality, well cut up behind, fourth ticked buff cock and clear yellow hen, both of nice quality and size, good shape and carriage, looking capable of producing something worth looking at; 3, Welch, clear yellow cock, large, hot in colour and of good shape, and clear buff hen, all type, not over big, but as tight as a Java, good pair; vhc, Brownlie, Tope, Wright and Son, Matthes, Cooper Bros.; hc, Lawrance, Bexson, Payne and Bennett; c, Howlett, Parrott, Gentle, Wright and Son.

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Mr. W. H. Spicer (Watford) writes that amongst other pleasing experiences at the Palace Show, whilst partaking of tea, several sparrows, eager to secure the crumbs, came and alighted on his tea-table, and even took possession of the adjoining chair. The birds' instinct led them to believe they were for once in good company, and that all men were not their enemies, but they themselves the "friends of man."

Have Canaries Naturally Square Feathers?

Messrs. Heath and Mundell Say "No," Liverpool Says "Yes."

What are Square Feathers?

Square feathers, as they are generally known, are not really square. They are like a small salt spoon, the tips having just a suspicion of roundness at the corners, but as they grow in a bunch across the shoulders of a bird, they give a square appearance, partly on account of their shape, and perhaps more on account of the fact that they grow shorter than the other feathers, and so give a square appearance to the whole group.

Are these Square Feathers Natural?

There can only be one answer, and that an emphatic "Yes," to this question.

Are Square Feathers Confined to any Particular Variety or Breed?

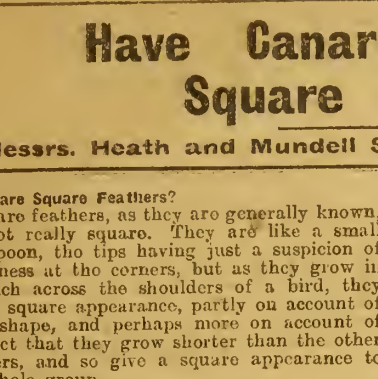
They are not. Specimens of all varieties show this defect, and in the same place. They are mostly noticeable in Greens on account of the fact that green or dark feathers finish with a lighter or brownish shade to the rest of the feather, and when a cluster of these lightly-shaded tips are thrown across the back of a bird, they give a decidedly square appearance, especially when it is noted that these feathers are the top or covering feathers, and that they grow short, giving the back of the bird an appearance of hollowness.

Causes of the Square Feather?

No doubt these square or short feathers are frequently caused by a slow, dragging moult. This has been proved by plucking the feathers and then putting the bird under conditions to grow them again quickly, when the result has been feathers of a normal length. Flight feathers frequently have this defect, and from the same cause. And, again, there is no doubt that these feathers have been grown into certain birds by careless pairing. Take two birds from a strain noted for producing these feathers and pair them together; it stands to reason that this defect will be bred into the birds, and so perpetuate.

Why Have these Square Feathers Led to Disqualification?

The reason is not far to seek. The cluster of short feathers, giving a square appearance, suggests clipping to the superficial observer. To the man who sees the fact that the feathers have a natural termination, would prove conclusively that the feathers had not been tampered with. Neither is the fact that an occasional jagged or broken feather has been found an argument that clipping has been resorted to, quite the reverse. If a man wanted to trim a feather, he would do it neatly, not give himself away by hacking at the feather as if it was a lump of wood. When superficialism and cheap notoriety-mongering is done away with, then may we hope to see a settlement of this vexed question, so far as the show bench is concerned, and the doing away with the dastardly suggestion of fraud which is being made against an honest Fancy run by honest exhibitors.—S. HADWIN.



One of the Alleged Trimmed Feathers.
Breeders of Greens say the square tips are a natural growth; the judges allege they are produced by cutting with scissors, presumably to remove "bronzed" edges.
(From Photo by Russell & Sons, Crystal Palace.)

"In Almost All Green-breeders' Rooms."

The question of square feathers has, I think, been practically settled by the Green Canary Association, their decision being "That square feathers are a natural defect in the Green Canary, and that they should be treated as such by the judges." From my own experience, they are hereditary, and helped on a great deal by a slow moult. They are to be found almost in all Green-breeders' rooms, I wonder whether the judges who have made so much bother over these square feathers have ever bred or studied Green Canaries, and would they disqualify a bird for having a square feather in the flights.—JOHN WM. METCALFE, 12, Drythen Street, Liverpool.

"No Advantage."

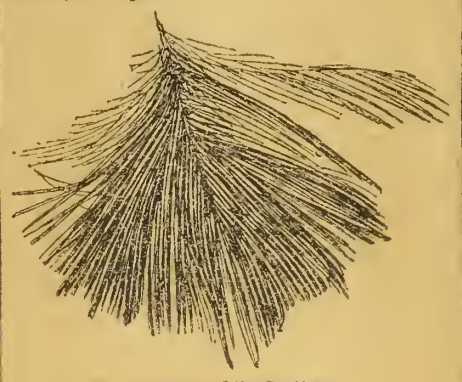
Having been disqualified for cut feathers in my bird, what advantage is it to me if I cut them? None. It would spoil the pencilling. The feathers on my bird are square and ragged, and therefore spoil the pencilling. That is the reason of my disqualification, in my opinion. They have grown naturally, and no instrument of any kind has been used to cut the feathers.—C. STEWART, 27, King Street, Liverpool.

"A Natural Blemish."

I am convinced that square feathers on the backs of Canaries are a natural blemish (which are most apparent in Greens), and should count against the bird the same as any other natural blemish.—JOHN WALKER, 197, Great Homer Street, Liverpool.

"Couldn't Trim if They Tried."

It is my firm belief that the square feathers are a natural growth, and that the gentlemen who are accused of trimming their birds could not do so if they tried. The best plan would be to get a pair of birds with these square feathers and breed them; then you would see the result. I myself have never been troubled with them, and I don't want to.—T. RYNO, 29, Toxteth Street, Liverpool.



Another of the Feathers.

"Through Weakness."

I have bred Greens for the past ten years, and my experience is that the so-called square feathers seen on Green birds are natural (not clipped). I have had them on youngsters four weeks old; some will moult perfect, others will not. If put under a strong glass the end of the feather will be found to be rounded off (not square), the quill comes to a natural point, the webb is very fine and sparse, and cannot be seen with the naked eye. Anyone using a glass on these feathers will see it is impossible to clip them. The defect, I believe, is through weakness.—W. THOMPSON, Liverpool.

"In Other Varieties."

The square feathers are bred in the birds. I find them in the Clear Yorkshires and Norwich as well as the Greens; they are mostly in the Yorkshires.—R. DAVIES.

"We Can't All be Rogues."

Are square feathers in Yorkshire Greens natural? I say *Yes*, and I think in justice to Messrs. Clayton and Stewart, who have been disqualified, that this matter should be properly thrashed out.

The members of the G.C.A. are unanimous that these feathers are natural, and not clipped, and I think all fanciers will agree, we cannot *all* be *rogues*.

Now the C.B.U. badly wants a job, let them appoint a committee to visit the Green Breeders' rooms, and I can assure you they will find plenty of square feathered birds, which have never been on the show-bench, but only used for stock purposes, and not all *young birds either*.—V. H. DEACON, 23, Central Park Avenue, Liscard, Cheshire.

"Caused Through a Slow Moult.'

With reference to Square feathers in Greens, I find from my own experience that this is caused through the birds having a slow moult, or being stuck in moult. I have birds in my own room which prove it. As everybody is aware you get Clears moulted with square flights through bad moults. Why not square feathers?—GEOFF. BENSON, 26, Wentworth Avenue, New Brighton.

"Cannot be Avoided."

I am pleased to give my opinion on the birds that have been disqualified in Green classes at the late shows. I have visited several Fanciers' rooms, and am convinced the so-called square feathers are a natural defect in some birds, and cannot be avoided when once in evidence. If the feathers are taken out, they will still show again. The same will be found in Clear birds if looked for. The subject was thoroughly discussed at our meeting, and I may say, as a member of the G.C.A., was also dealt with there, and I endorse the opinion of the two societies.—F. HANDLEY, Chairman, Liverpool Bird Breeders.

And Another.

"Result of Red-mite."

My opinion is that a bird, when in the moult, perhaps from the result of Red Mite, starts pecking itself, injuring the tips of the young feather, and causing it to be irregular but no signs of being cut.—W. CARRUTHERS, 48, Thorburn Street, Liverpool.

YORK C.B.S.

This enterprising Society held its Annual Members' Show of Canaries, British Birds, and Hybrids at Headquarters, All Saints' Room, North Street, on Wednesday last the 13th inst. The room is a capital one for the purpose, being well-lighted and free from draughts. Entries, though notso numerous as at previous shows, averaged eight per class in the twelve classes provided. Quality was well represented, many open winners being staged in both sections. The winning Linnet was a gem, and has already won 15 first prizes this season. Mr. Burnskell (Darlington) judged. It is intended to have monthly shows during the season with special classes for novices. CLEARS, etc., YELL. NOR. COCK (9): 1, Shorney, yellow tick, short, typical bird of good quality, spl for best Norwich; 2, Boyle and Young, little larger than winner, loose in feather; 3, Boyle and Young, similar bird, too long. BUFF (10): 1, Shorney, nice, big bird; 2, Boyle and Young, better head than winner, loses in body; 3, Wright, heavily marked, grand body; No.3, Boyle and Young, evidently missed, York open winner, and wins to-day. HEN (10): 1, Wright, grand hen, in fine trim; 2, Wright, good hen, fails to first in head; 3, Shorney, unflighted, will make a good one next season. UNFLI, CLEAR, etc., YELL. (6): 1, Pickering, grand bird, trifle long; 2, Wright, another grand bird splendid shape, our choice; 3, Wright, too long in tail, nice bird. This class was a treat for quality and colour. BUFF (9): 1, Shorney, eye and wing marked, grand shape and body, a gem; 2, Pickering, saddle marked, bit long, grand stock bird; 3, Wright, grand type carriage and shape. A.O.V. CAN.(4): 1, Richardson, buff cinnamon, rare size and feather, easy win; 2 ,Alderson, grand unfed. Norwich, rare type, little small; 3, Wright, cinnamon. YORKS., CLEAR, etc., YELL. (6): 1, spl, best Yorkshire, Chittenden, fine length, grand position and style, a good one, wins; 2, Warriner, fine quality and style; 3, Simeson. BUFF (7): 1, Simeson, fine, upstanding bird, nice pipe tail, presses hard for section special; 2, Simeson, nice stock bird; 3, Chittenden, foul wing carriage, other wise good. YORKS., NAT. COLOUR (6): 1, Campling, finely drawn, stylish; 2, Balmforth, not the quality of winner; 3, Alderson, too strong, nice stock bird. LINNET. GOLDFINCH, or BULLFINCH (10): 1, Boyle and Young, well-known Linnet, a picture, winner of 16 first prizes this season, looso in feather, over shown; 2, Simeson, Goldfinch, grand face and chest, weak on back and buttons; 3, Hunter, Bullfinch, nice colour, fails wing bars, bit small. A.O.V. BRIT. (12): 1 spl Best British, 2, 3, Dale, well-known winning Nuthatch; 2, Winning Bramble; 3, Chaffinch. MULE or HYBRID (5): 1, Doile, Yellow Goldfinch Mule; 2, 3, Boyle and Young, Gold-Bullfinch, well-known winner, lacks size; 3, Goldfinch, Siskin, nice bird, blaze not distinct enough.

BURTON-ON-TRENT.

The Annual Show of the Burton-on-Trent Fur and Feather Society was held in the large hall of the Staffordshire Knot, February 9th. Our section (local) was fairly well represented, and some really good specimens were staged, including some that have won a good many prizes for their owners this season in open competitions. J. N. Harrison judged. Messrs. Lithesland and Smith acted as secretaries, and with a good working committee had everything in hand in good time. All prize money has been paid, which, I think, speaks very well for the managers. YELL. NOR. COCK (6): 1, 3, Mason, a pair, clinking good birds, grand colour, smooth as wax and staged in splendid condition; 2, Shaw, his well-known clear needs no comment; 4, Smith, very nice clear, good quality; vhc, Shaw, a green; H. C. Hawkins. BUFF (5): 1, 4, Mason, leader a grand buff, plenty of size, good quality and colour, put down in good form; 4, a very smart, typical clear; 2, Shaw, a grand buff, has done a good bit of winning this season; 3, Hawkins, another rare good buff, very tight in feather, good quality. NOR. HEN (4): 1, Lea, a beautiful clear buff, splendid quality, wins easy; 2, 4, Shaw, leader a large marked buff, very good bird, fourth cinnamon-marked yellow; 3, Dicken, a good quality marked buff. 1906-BRED: 1, Mason, a grand, clear buff, nice colour, beautiful quality; 2, Smith, var. yellow, good colour and quality, minus tail feathers; 3, 4, Lea, two topping birds, nothing to choose between them, grand quality and colour. NAT. COLOUR (5): 1, Smith, a grand, clear buff, staged in splendid trim, takes special for best bird in show; 2, Mason, even marked buff, good quality, too small in head; 3, Bellamy, a nice-marked yellow; 4 and vhc, Hawkins, two fair exhibits. A.V. MULE or HYBRID: 1, 3, 4, Cameron, three fair birds, good colour; 2, Bellamy, a good buff, might have been first. LARK, SMALLER (5): 1, Hawkins, a good Siskin; 2, 3, Hakes, a smart Greenfinch and a nice Bramblefinch; 4, Smith, Bullfinch, a bit rough in feather or might have done better. LARGER (3): 1, 2, Hakes, his noted Hawfinch first, in grand style, second a good Blackbird; 3, Hawkins, a Blackbird, very moderate. SELLING, 10s. (9): 1, Shaw; 2, Lea; 3, Denny; 4, Smith; vhc, Smith and Hartshorne; hc Mason.

DARLINGTON CANARY & B.B.F.A.

The members held a Table Show of matched pairs of birds for breeding purposes at the George Hotel, Feb. 13th. Twenty-one pairs of birds were staged. Judge, T. Wright (York). YORKS.: 1, hc, c, J. Cuthbertson; 2, Black; 3, Wilcock; vhc, Metcalfe. NORWICH: 1, Black; 2, E. Cuthbertson; 3, J. Cuthbertson; vhc, O'Connor. MULE OR HYBRID: 1, vhc, hc, c, Wildsmith and Hawkins. Special for best pair of birds shown, R. S. Black.

NORTH LONDON C.B.A.

Annual Show of Pairs, matched for breeding, at headquarters, Public Library, Stoke Newington, February 13th, when 79 pairs were staged. It was very encouraging to note the great advancement made both in numbers and quality. This was very marked in the champion Yorks. and Novice Norwich Classes, there being 16 entries in the former, and no less than 33 in the latter. The Novice Classes in this Association are a special feature at all their shows, and competition is very keen. Several fine pairs for Mule and Hybrid breeding were staged. There was a good attendance of members and visitors throughout the evening. Mr. John Robson judged, and his awards were received with satisfaction. CHAMP. NOR. (7): 1, 2, 3, r, vhc, hc, c, Hodder. YORKS. (16): 1, r, vhc, Rennie; 2, A. B. Forse; 3, hc, Preeton; c, Sweetman. A.O.V. (3): 1, 2, 3, Mortlock. AMATEUR NOR. (5): 1, vhc, Reynolds; 2, 3, r, Pike. YORKS. (3): 1, 2, 3, Andrews. A.O.V. (3): 1, Pike; 2, 3, Reynolds. NOVICE NOR. (33): 1, Harper; 2, extra 3, r, Marley; extra 2, vhc, Hale; 3, Spiers; hc, Williams; c, Saugridge. YORKS. (5): 1, 3, r, B. Forse; 2, vhc, Penton. A.O.V. (4): 1, 2, Marley; 3, Woodman; r, Penton.

PARTICK AND DIS. C.B.C.

Monthly Show for breeding pairs, February 14th. A large turn out for such a stormy night. Mr. John Young (Ruthergien) judged, and his awards were well received. The following new members were admitted:—Messrs. W. Sanderson, R. Eastman, D. Graham, A. Murdoch, and W. L. Brown. CREST PAIRS (6): 1, 6, Henry; 2, McCormack; 3, spl, Mulholland; 4, 5, spl, Hamilton. PLAINHEAD (16): 1, spl, Simpson; 2, spl, Henry; 3, spl, Miller; 4, McRobbie; 5, Walker; 6, 7, Miller. BORDERS (6): 1, 2, Miller; 3, spl, Walker; 4, 5, Walker. A.O.V. (6): 1, 2, 3, spl, Todd; 4, McRobbie; 5, 6, Brown. Next show for moulting pairs. A hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Young for judging brought the meeting to a close.—ANDREW MULLER, Secretary.

BOURNEMOUTH AND DIS. C.B.A.

This Association held a Members' Pair Show, at their headquarters, the Quadrant Restaurant, Feb. 13th. Six classes provided. Unfortunately a keen north-east wind was blowing, consequently both Crests and Crest breeders were conspicuous by their absence. However, 19 pairs were staged, amongst them being some birds of real merit, the progeny from which, given a favourable season, should be heard of at the first feather show next June. Mr. W. Woods judged, and upon the whole his decisions were well received, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to him for his gratuitous services. Messrs. Leech and Jones carried out their secretarial duties in their usual able manner, aided by the Chairman and several of the committee. Miss Craddock handed the prizes to the successful exhibitors at the close of a very pleasant evening. NOR. (7): 1, 2, equal 3, vhc, Goodland; equal 3, hc (2), Brooke and Margrie. YORKS. (2): 1, Brooke and Margrie; vhc, Harris. A.V. FOR MULE BREEDING (5): 1, Crawshaw, Goldfinch-Canary; 2, 3, Witheridge, Linnet-Canary, Goldfinch-Canary; vhc, Gerrey, Bullfinch-Canary; hc, Mrs. Trowbridge, Goldfinch-Canary. A.V. FOR HYBRID BREEDING (5): 1, Miss Craddock, Goldfinch-Bullfinch; 2, hc (2), Gerrey, Siskin-Linnet, Greenfinch-Bullfinch, Goldfinch-Bullfinch; 3, Mrs. Trowbridge, Greenfinch-Bullfinch.—W. O. BROOKE, Chairman.

DULWICH AND PECKHAM C.B.S.

Fourth Annual Members' Show of pairs matched for breeding, February 7th, Herne Tavern, Peckham Rye. Entries totalled 82, this being an excess of 32 over any previous year. J. Robson judged. The Norwich Plainheads were a grand collection, the novices coming up close behind the champions. The Yorkshires showed a distinct advance, both in numbers and quality; some grand birds staged in both sections. Crests were a fine lot. Mr. Horton took special for best pair in show with his winning pair of Crests. The Hybrid section was very interesting. Six new members nominated, making a total of eighteen since the New Year. Specials were won by Mr. Horton, champion classes; Mr. Hodson, novice classes; Mr. Boydon, Hybrid classes; and Dr. Sidgwick, selling.

CHAMPIONS: NOR. PLAIN.: Boydon, 1; Dr. Sidgwick, 2; Brounlie, 2; Woolhouse, 4, vhc, hc; Martin, c. YORKS. (8): Tringhaus, 1, 2, 4, hc, c; Easterling, 3, vhc. CRESTS (6): Horton, 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, hc. A.O.V. CAN. (4): Brounlie, 1, 3, 4; Martin, 2. NOVICE: NOR. PLAIN. (10): Hodson, 1, 2, 4, vhc; Kates, 3; Richardson, hc, c. YORKS. (19): Wall, 1; Waterman, 2, 3, 4, hc, c; Richardson, vhc. A.O.V. (3): Johnson, 1, 2, 3. MULES: Brounlie, 1, Goldfinch-Canary; Johnson, 2, Linnet-Canary; Boydon, 3; Dr. Sidgwick, 4, Greenfinch-Canary; Richardson, vhc; Rees, hc, c. BRIT. BYB. (4): Lugg, 1, Goldfinch-Siskin; Boydon, 2, Goldfinch-Bullfinch; Richardson, 3, Goldfinch-Bullfinch; Johnson, 4, Bullfinch-Goldfinch. SELL.: Dr. Sidgwick, 1, 2.

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SHOW DATES FIXED.

To secure insertion in this column a guarantee that the show will be advertised in "C.B." to the extent of at least 25/- must be sent to our manager.
* Under the Rules of the C.B. Union.

*Oct. 4 and 5.—**Burnley.**
*Oct. 11 and 12, 1907—**Great Harwood.**
*Oct. 17 and 18.—**Dulwich and Peckham** (J.R., G.E.W., W.V.)
*Oct. 18 and 19.—**Rochdale O.C.** (C.A.H. & W.M.)
Oct. 18 and 19.—**Newcastle and District Good Intent.**
Oct. 18 and 19.—**Accrington & District** (J.R.)
*Oct. 25 and 26.—**Manchester and Northern Counties, O.S.**
Oct. 26 and 28.—**Cheltenham C.B.S.**
*Nov 1 and 2, 1907—**Mansfield.**
*Nov. 1 and 2, 1907.—**Blaydon-on-Tyne and District C.B.S.**
*Nov. 1 and 2.—**Blackburn.**
*Nov. 2 and 4.—**Leicester Hand in Hand C.B.S.**
*Nov. 6 and 7.—**Welsh National C.B.S.**
Nov. 6 and 7.—**Portsmouth.**
Nov. 6 and 7.—**Swansea and District C.B.A.**
*Nov. 7 and 8.—**Greenwich and Deptford.**
*Nov. 8 and 9.—**Hinckley** (J.R.)
*Nov. 8 and 9, 1907.—**Sheffield and District C.B.S.**
*Nov. 9, 1907—**Bo'ness.**
*Nov. 9.—**Stockton-on-Tees & District C.B.S.**
*Nov. 12.—**Cambridge and Cambridgeshire C.B.S.** (J.R.)
*Nov. 13.—**Luton** (J.R.)
Nov. 14.—**Merthyr Tydfil.**
*Nov. 15 and 16, 1907.—**Leeds**
*Nov. 16 and 18.—**Nottingham.**
Nov. 20 and 21, 1907.—**Margate** (J.R.)
*Nov. 22 and 23.—**Hull** (J.C.B., C.H.)
Nov. 22 and 23.—**Sunderland.**
Nov. 23.—**City and County of Perth.**
*Nov. 26 and 27.—**Bournemouth and District C.B.S.**
*Nov. 26 and 27.—**Derby.**
*Nov. 27 and 28.—**Cardiff and District C.B.S.** (J.H.P. & J.R.)
Nov. 30, 1907.—**Dundee.**
Dec. 6 and 7.—**L.C.B.A. (Westminster).**

More Results.

Kindly thank all inquirers for Bullfinches and Goldies I advertised last week in your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS. They are too numerous; I cannot answer them personally, so thank them sincerely through the medium of so valuable a paper as CAGE BIRDS.—H. SLATER (Bedale).

Accrington C.B. Show will be held on October 18th and 19th.—John Robson (London) will judge.

It is useful to note in the report of the Stratford F.S. that the committee consider posters on the G.E.R. stations and improved style of window bills greatly helped the gate.

Rochdale Good Intent are holding their First Feather Show on June 29th. Robert Barrass, judge. Open show, November 2nd. Mr. H. W. Battye will judge.—SAM. M. CLAYTON, hon. sec.

In the report of the York Cage Bird Society meeting you have got my Christian name as William. This is wrong. It should be E. CARDWELL, treasurer, York C.B.S., 70, St. Paul's Terrace, York.

I congratulate you most heartily on your birthday number. It cannot be surpassed, I feel sure, no matter how you try. The effort speaks volumes for your businesslike editorial capacity. With all best wishes for the future success of CAGE BIRDS.—CHARLES BOGG (Horncastle).

The fourth annual balance-sheet of the Birkenhead C.F.A. reaches me, showing a balance on the general account of £3 13s. 2d. A profit of 7s. 11d. on the nest Feather show and a profit of 9s. 6d. on the annual old show have to be recorded. Auditors, Messrs. Moss and Palmer.—Sec., J. T. HARDING, 8, Hinson Street.

The 18th annual report of the Stratford and East London F.S. lies before us, and tells a joyful tale of well-supported shows and renewed interest in Fancy matters. A profit of 8s. 4d. on the monthly show of cage birds was made. Mr. C. H. Cooper won the challenge cup for cage birds. The balance-sheet shows cash in hand £5 1s. 11d., and cup fund £5 1s. 6d.; a total of £10 3s. 5d.

The balance-sheet of the Dunfermline and West of Fife O.S. is an encouraging financial statement, and serves once more to show that an enterprising policy is the soundest. The balance has been increased from £8 12s. 3½d. to £11 14s. 10d., despite a considerable increase of expenditure in catering in a better style for the needs of the fancier; £24 4s. was given in prize money to the cage bird section. their good fortune still continue!

From the secretary of Bradford (East) O.S. a programme of members' shows, to be held at headquarters, Park Chapel Schools, West Bowling, during 1907, comes to hand. Three gold medals and upwards of £4 in money specials will be competed for at these shows. On Saturday, June 1st, a First Feather Show will be held; judge, W. A. Cowgill (Girlington). On Saturday, June 27th, another First Feather show, with judge, Mr. S. Dean (Great Horton). On Saturday, October 12th, will be held a show; judge, Mr. J. Wilson (Allerton); 4 champion classes; 6 novice classes. On Boxing Day, Dec. 26th; judge, Mr. J. Wilman (Great Horton); 4 champion; 4 novice; 6 extra novice classes (for those who have never won a money prize). All entries to be made to the the secretary, H. HILL, 31, St. Stephen's Road, West Bowling.

During the course of our business experience with Mr. Rudd, of Norwich, that enterprising bird specialist, has several times requested us to examine parcels of original testimonials received by him from grateful and enthusiastic clients who have expressed themselves delighted with his businesslike, fair, and even generous treatment of them. It is a superhuman task for any man, and least of all for a bird dealer, to satisfy the desires of all his customers, but Mr. Rudd may safely be said to come as near doing the impossible in that respect as any man now on the market. Such eulogiums as may be found in this latest parcel of tributes received by us this week would serve to convince the most sceptical that the bedrock of Mr. Rudd's extraordinary success as a bird specialist is his consistent honesty and fair dealing. They also serve to show how extensive and far-reaching has this once insignificant business become.

Canary Fancy in Boston, U.S.A.

I think CAGE BIRDS is a very interesting and instructive paper for those who keep Canaries or other birds for a hobby or otherwise. I am sorry to say there is not the interest taken around here for the fancy Canaries as there uesd to be; all the old-time fanciers are about dead and gone, and the only Canaries that take here at the present time is German Rollers, and a great many who kept fancy birds have sold out and gone in for Germans.—ANDREW H. GAMBLE (Charleston, U.S.A.).

Provost Mackie has kindly consented to become a patron of the Leith O.S. for this year.

Sheffield and Dis. C.B.S. have arranged their annual open show for Nov. 8th and 9th.

Kindly notify in your paper my regret that I am quite unable to answer the innumerable letters I have received in response to my advertisements last week.—(Rev.) BERNARD WILTON (Middlesbrough).

Mr. J. Garland (Bordesley), who has been out of the trade for some years but has now returned to it, writes:—I congratulate you on the success of CAGE BIRDS. I received twenty-two letters from one advertisement.

We have resigned the secretaryship of Rotherham C.B.S. through not having time to attend to it properly. All letters should be addressed to Messrs. Hayes and Oakes, 9, Florence Road.—DUCKER and TWIGG (late secretaries).

The Swansea and Dis. C.B.A. wish to inform the Fancy that they have no connection with the newly-inaugurated society in Swansea, and will continue to hold their show as hitherto, Nov. 6th and 7th. Secretaries and exhibitors, please note. ALF. HITCHINGS.

The City of Bradford O.S. annual dinner will be held on Tuesday, February 26th, at the Market Tavern, Godwin Street. Shall be pleased to see any fanciers and friends. Double tickets, 4s. 6d.; single tickets, 2s. 6d. Dinner, 7 p.m. Tickets on application to any of the committee.—P. STANSFIELD, sec., 1, Lonsdale Street.

The balance-sheet for 1907 of the Gateshead and Dis. C.B.S. has been received, a balance being shown in cash of £15 5s. 5d., and in assets £5 12s., a considerable improvement upon last year's figures. The document is signed by the auditors, Messrs. F. F. Hawkins and J. Brown, and by the secretary and treasurer, Mr. T. Taylor.

T. S. Moore (Cambridge), hon. sec. Cambridge and Cambridgeshire C.B.S., writes:—Finding that Luton C.B.S. had decided on November 13th for their Show, and that being the date we had fixed for ours at a meeting called for the purpose, it was felt by the members generally we had no desire to clash with same, so have altered ours to November 12th.

Edward Philpott (Oswaldtwistle), writes:—I beg to differ with D. G. Davis (Cardigan) with regard to his remarks on Durisco. Durisco is made by the Silicate Paint Company, Charlton, London, who are the sole makers. The wash made by Morsco, of Bristol, is calcarium and fresco. Durisco is obtainable from any first-class decorator. I myself keep it. It is by far the best wash on the market, being equal to paint if rightly used.

Guarantee your Show with "C.B."

The hon. sec. of that go-ahead society, the Newcastle and Dis. C.B., writes:—I received your guarantee form, which I have duly filled in signed, which entitles us to have our show in your Show advertisement column. I also hope to spend more than 25s., for I think it the duty of all societies to do so if their finances permit, as without a doubt it is through advertising in CAGE BIRDS that most of the shows are a success.—W. CURRY.

Items From the Palace.

The awarding of the special "for the rarest British bird" (vide schedule) caused considerable comment. Many said that as the winner, a grand Nutcracker, was a practically certain Foreigner—in other words imported to this country—it should have been passed over. But others thought this was simply begging the question, for are not many of the Tree Creepers, Wrens, Chats, Wagtails, Siskins, and Bullfinches which win in British classes imported from the Continent? And this list could be extended. Others said the Nutcracker was not a British bird at all. It appears, however, in the B.O.U. list, and in Howard Saunder's "Manual," so is clearly entitled to rank. The judges were simply told to pick out the "rarest" (taking into consideration, of course, its suitability as a cage bird), and this they endeavoured to do.

We got among a merry party of Scotchmen—time and place had better not be stated. And many funny yarns they told. One "all-round" judge (such are not liked ayont the Tweed), who knew little of Scots Fancies, when he had some classes to officiate upon simply drew the tip of his walking-stick along the cage wires, and gave first to the bird who got into position the quickest after that operation was over! This tale was capped by another concerning a poultry judge who was called upon to place the cards in one or two Yorkshire Canary classes. He went for the shortest and stoutest birds he could find. When someone took him to task afterwards, and pointed out the type of bird he ought to have gone for, he exclaimed: "What! Them long, half-starved de'ils!"

Sunderland Show will be held on November 22nd and 23rd next.

Mr. A. Sheppard has removed from 38, Hichisson Road, Peckham Rye, to 20, New Cross Road, S.E.

Cambridge Ornithological Society's show is fixed for November 27th and 28th. Mr. G. Gardner has been selected as judge.

The North Manchester C.B.S. have elected a new secretary, Mr. John Dewey, whose address is 34, Alfred Street, Harpurley.

Fanciers please note, Messrs. J. and F. Wildsmith and Hawkes have removed from 27, East Raby Street, to 32, Kingston Street, Darlington.

W. Richinson, 36, Cyclops Street, Grimsthorpe, has been appointed secretary of the Attercliffe C.B.S., and all business must be sent direct.

Rochdale Town Hall Show, as it is generally called, will be held on October 18th and 19th. The judges-elect are Messrs. C. A. House and W. Mundell.

I had 118 applications from my advertisement in CAGE BIRDS. Please thank all correspondents, as they are too numerous to answer.—J. SMITH (Horley).

Seeing in CAGE BIRDS results of painting competition that you give credit to a Mrs. E. Meeson, of Grimsby, do you mean Mrs. Emerson? If you do, kindly correct in next issue. —MRS. EMERSON.

The Welsh National Cage Bird Society is in no way connected with any other Cage Bird Society in Swansea.—Hon. sec., S. J. NICHOLAS, 9, Nicholl Street, Swansea.

Will bird dealers and others desirous of taking up an agency for picture postcards kindly write our manager for terms? They will find it remunerative to do so.

In the Y.C.C. of Ireland Club report, page 137, first word on third line should be "Devitt" and not "Dewitt." Second word on last line but one should be "several," not "serious."—W. C. SHOLEDICE.

Mr. F. W. Lockton, of 64, Castle Gate, Grantham, has bought Mr. C. Fuller's entire stock of birds and appliances. They include all his winning Yorks, Norwich, and British which have been got together at great expense.

Please accept my greatest thanks for the portrait of my birds on the front of your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS. I must congratulate you on the life-like appearance as a true copy, one of the best I have ever seen in my life.—W. JUDD (Leicester).

Lost.

At the Crystal Palace Show, a lady's grey fur muff. The finder, returning same to Mr. H. J. Hawes, 106, Liverpool Road, N., will be compensated.

Scotsmen on Staging.

The staging at the National Show did not quite fit in with the views of a few of the Scottish visitors, who held that it was a little too low to show the birds off to the best advantage. They like the benches to come up to a height which does not call for any stooping in order to examine the birds, and on this point believed that their Northern fixtures were in advance of Southern shows.

Collapsible Staging.

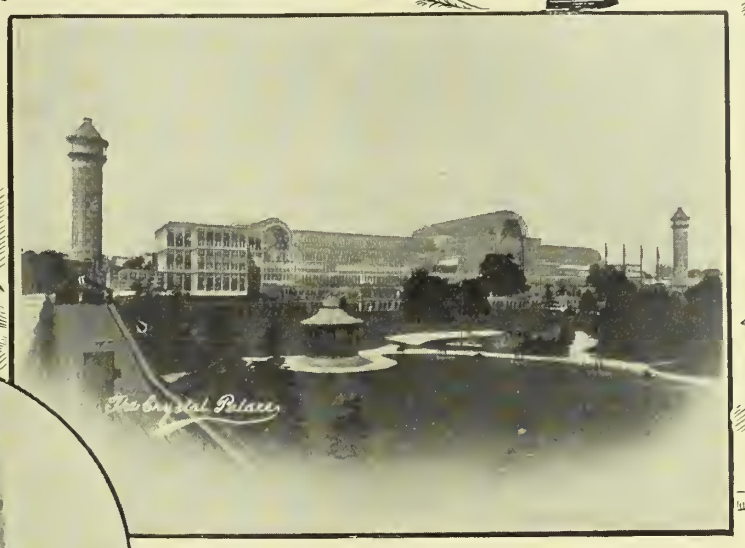
A model of the collapsible staging, invented by Mr. D. Kinlayside, of Edinburgh, was exhibited at the CAGE BIRDS' Stall at the Palace Show, and attracted a lot of notice from show secretaries and officials who were present. The question of reducing the cost is, we understand, being seriously considered by the patentee, and further announcements respecting same may be expected. Mr. Kinlayside travelled up to the show and expressed himself as greatly interested in it.

At the Palace.

The birds were fed during the Show upon seeds supplied by that standard old firm, Messrs. James Carter and Co., of Holborn, and from a close personal inspection of the provender provided by them we can safely declare that not only was it of the finest quality throughout, but it was scrupulously clean and of most wholesome and appetising flavour. The old song of "Would I Were a Bird," instantly occurred to us upon sampling the golden grains. Sound seed is a great boon to a cage bird, and in Carter's Seeds the Exhibition birds had it at their disposal, and relished it greatly.

There was a scare for the moment when it became known that two birds were missing. Everyone stared in puzzled surprise when they heard the lost ones were Green Canaries. Fanciers were immediately seen asking one another in the same breath: Have the disqualified ones skedaddled? Talk about "two minds with but a single thought!" But the hasty surmise was erroneous, for they were of Norwich and not Yorkshire type. The facts are that first thing one morning (Tuesday, we believe) the doors of the cages containing exhibits Nos. 487 and 517 were found open, and the birds were nowhere to be seen. Whether it occurred by accident or not no one had the faintest idea. Maybe the chubby Green ones are still disporting themselves amongst the wilderness of girders in the Palace roof; and maybe they are not. We must sympathise with Messrs. W. Thompson and W. Hales on the loss of their birds, which stood 4th and third prize, and were catalogued at £20 and £10 respectively.

THE CRYSTAL PALACE SHOW 1907.



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Mr. G. CRABB,
President of the L. P. and O. S.

The Forty-eighth Great National Show at the Crystal Palace, Sydenham.

AN EXCITING EVENT.

One of the most sensational and fiercely exciting cage bird shows ever held at the Palace came off last Friday, Saturday, Monday, and Tuesday, February 15th to 19th inclusive, in the Forty-eighth Great National Annual Show held by the London and Provincial Ornithological Society. The contests between the various exhibits were of the keenest possible description, and the personal conflicts, if possible, were even keener. Not that any of the disputants came to blows, thank goodness; but if a certain little crowd of Liverpudlian enthusiasts could have interviewed personally the judge of green Canaries, Mr. T. Heath, he would doubtless have had a very warm time of it. But the imperturbable Mr. Heath was busy enjoying himself in another turbulent quarter of the Palace, where "resignations" were fiercely fluttering in the air. But we anticipate. More of this anon.

The entry received, considering the time of year, was in almost every respect a highly gratifying one. Certain sections evidenced a distinct advance upon previous "National" shows, and as the rule about "no extension of entries" was, as usual, very strictly enforced, no whip up cards being sent out, and considering how late the show was this year, the total of 2,163 entries can only be dubbed a surprising one. The "popular" varieties of Canary made a magnificent display, and, taking them on the whole, the liking for birds of a good size was never more noticeable than it was here. How greatly the Canary Fancy has improved in the two respects of size and colour more particularly can only be realised by those "old 'uns" who remember the "weeds" of bygone years. Even the best birds of some ten or twelve years back would fail to approach in either size or colour the productions of the Canary cultivator of the present day.

The exhibits were staged, as last year, in the centre transept, and no more suitable spot in the Crystal Palace could be selected. Extra precautions were taken by the management to secure the exclusion of draughts, the noble drapery extending its massive sweep from the roof of the building in almost uninterrupted folds. There is ample accommodation for even double the entry and the twelve stretches of benching, making in all some thirty-six parallel rows of cages, relieved by the graceful palm and fern at frequent intervals, form as imposing and enchanting an array of feathered treasures as can be imagined.

There had been a very natural hesitation on the part of exhibitors to send their birds to the Palace in the light of recent happenings at other exhibitions of live stock recently held there, but the combined managements of the L. and P.O.S. and the Crystal Palace having put their heads together, any fear that a reasonable, even, and comfortable temperature would not be maintained was immediately dispelled. The L. and P.O.S. executive had voted the liberal amount of £50 towards the efficient heating of the exhibition, and Mr. Ramsden, securing the co-operation of the Palace people, spent no end of time and trouble in arranging for the erection of a large steam pipe right down the centre, and the grateful glow from this rendered the row of chairs on each side a popular resting place for the crowds of visitors.

While the management of this most important show rests for the greater part upon the shoulders of a solitary individual, Mr. J. W. Ramsden, the hearty and ungrudging support of a large army of brother workers is given him, and the cool presence of an ever courteous and diligent co-manager in the person of Mr. Lambert Brown, serves to pacify the unreasonable, irate, or impatient visitor. The committee of the London and Provincial Ornithological Society have had many, many commendations showered upon them in the past for their esprit de corps, and it is difficult for us to allocate to them higher praise this year than they have received on previous occasions. We refer to the names of those whose splendid help contributed so much to the consistently smooth running of the show in another part of this week's paper. Mr. George Crabb, whose portrait figures in our headpiece, is the genial President of the Society, and, despite the fact that he had not completely recovered from the effects of a severe indisposition, attended regularly from "early morn till dewy eve," rigidly supervising every detail of the arrangements. Of that monarch of show managers, Mr. J. W. Ramsden, it has now become almost superfluous to speak. By this time he must have become utterly satiated with laudatory fare, and though we would gladly provide him with criticism if we could he negatives our efforts to do so, and from start to finish makes us envy his passivity, his resource, and his business ability. Congratulations may certainly be showered upon everybody concerned in the arrangements, not even forgetting the humble sales clerk and assistant manager, Mr. Ramsden, Jun.

In our Show Supplement we give portraits of Messrs. Crabb, Ramsden, and Lambert Brown, and we are also privileged to introduce our readers to two ladies whose presence and influence on the mere male element in the show served to smooth off the corners and impart a finish to the executive, viz., Mesdames Ramsden and Lambert Brown.

The judges' luncheon was this year converted into a sort of combined show function and annual dinner of the L. and P.O.S., and the gathering left nothing to be desired as a representative and festive collection of fanciers. Mr. Crabb presided and toasted the judges and the visitors, calling upon Messrs. Hills and Mundell on behalf of the former, and Mr. White (a visitor from Australia) on account of the latter. These gentlemen suitably responded.

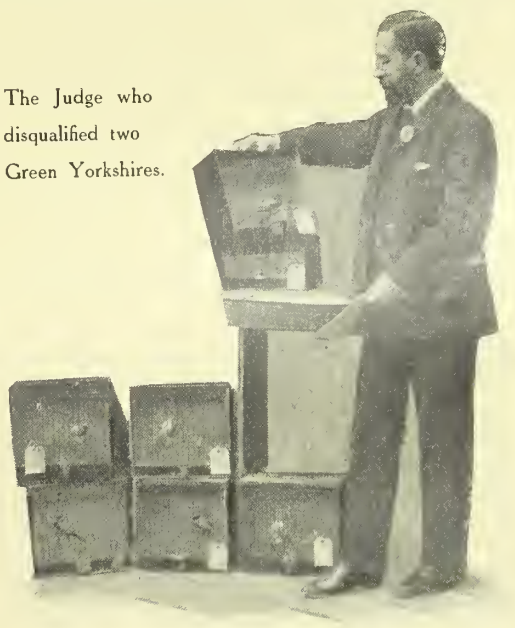
Never do we remember a Crystal Palace Show where the number of visitors was greater. Each day a tremendous crowd put in an appearance, and Saturday afternoon the aisles were so crowded that there was scarcely room to move along them. The contingent of visitors from Scotland and the North were critically examining every department of the exhibition. Fanciers from the Midlands vied for place with those from the West, while the East Coast men were not outnumbered by those from the South.

Recollections of the Palace Show.

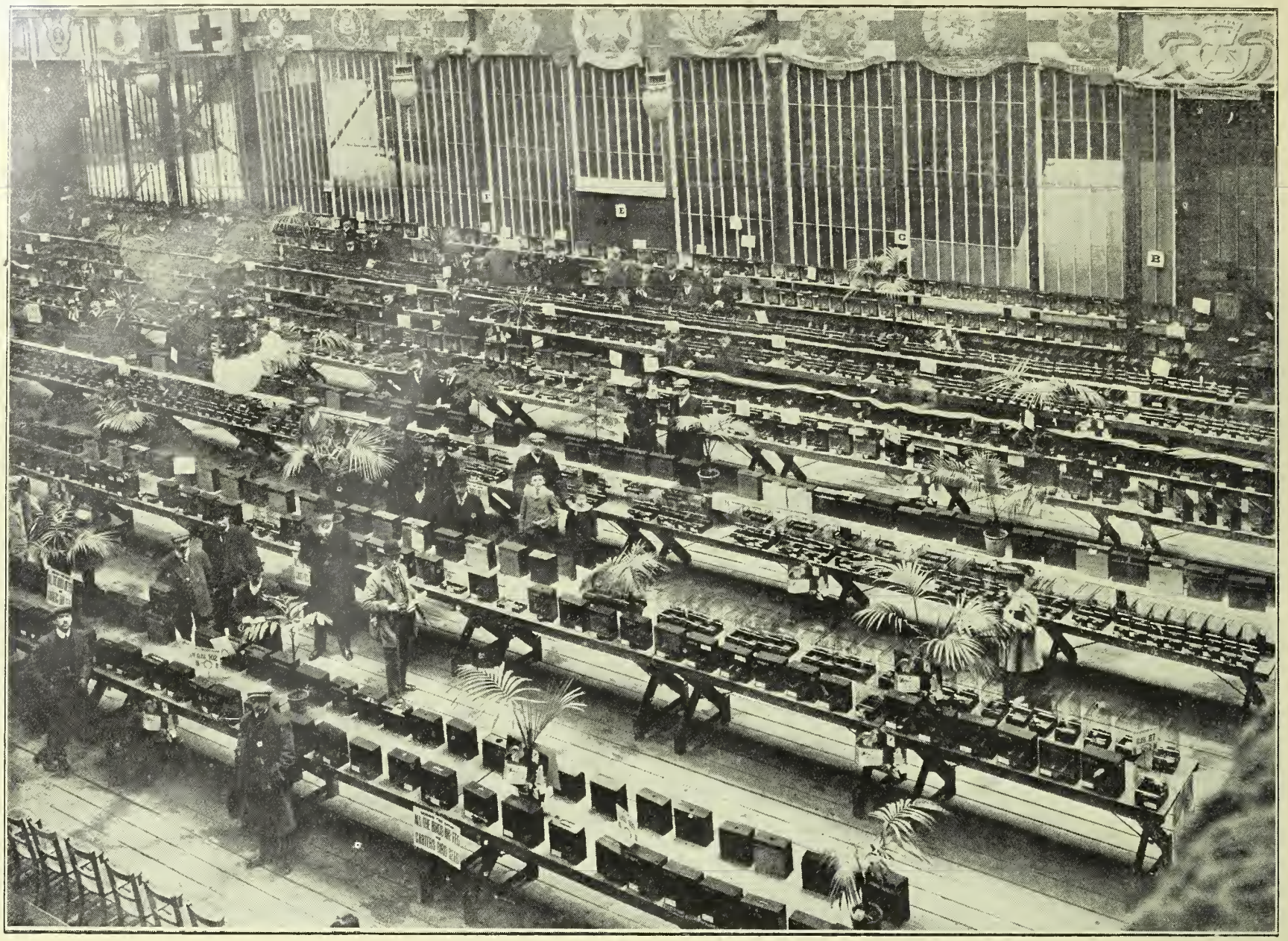
Twenty-two years ago I was in Sydenham and saw a poster outside the Crystal Palace announcing that a bird show was being held. I entered, and was immediately seized with a desire to make cage birds my hobby. I purchased a pair of birds (exhibited by Messrs. Mackley, I think) out of the Selling Class, and from that day to this have never been without birds, nor missed a National Show at the Palace. My first experience of a National Show, as regards management, was in 1899, when the Show was under the partnership of Messrs. Crabb, Fryett, Heath, and myself, with Mr. Heath as show manager. We had a capital entry, 2,424. This was the last year that the respected Judge, the late Mr. G. Barnesby, officiated.

In 1900 the Show was run for the first time by the London and Provincial Ornithological Society, with Mr. Heath as show manager, and Messrs. Crabb, Fryett, and myself as a show committee.

The Judge who disqualified two Green Yorkshires.



Mr. T. HEATH.
Formerly Manager of the Show, now a Judge.



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THE CRYSTAL PALACE CAGE BIRD SHOW.

The picture gives some idea of the imposing array of cages, etc., and the extent of the exhibition.

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In 1901 (and up to the present date) the National Shows have been held by the L. and P.U.S., with myself as show manager of the actual Show. In 1901 I had as partner the late Mr. Hardy, whose share in the work was the clerical work. We spared neither time nor expense to make the Show a record, and success was our reward. We had a record entry of 2,633. The Shows of 1902, 1903, and 1904 were managed entirely by myself, with an average entry of 2,100. In 1905, 1906, and 1907, Mr. Lambert Brown, Hon. Sec. L. and P.U.S. joined me in the management, he taking sole management of the clerical work, and I the sole management of the actual Show at the Palace. This arrangement has worked well, and we have had a higher average of entries at our last three Shows. I am proud to say that all the Shows with which I have been connected have been successes financially, though at times the balance has been very small. One of the Shows, with a turnover of some £500 to £600, yielded a profit of £1 5s. 3d. I heartily thank those kind friends throughout the country who have helped me so much to make these Shows so successful. My last Show (1907) has been a glorious success, good entry, record attendance, and, so far as I know, everybody satisfied. A new steam pipe had been laid for this Show, which kept the enclosure at a suitable temperature. One point is worth mentioning. The public are taking a greatly increasing interest in cage birds. My time at the Show was almost entirely occupied in explaining points and answering queries of would-be fanciers. Most of the enquirers became purchasers, and I hope in time will become exhibitors and members of cage bird societies. —J. W. Ramsden.

A COUPLE OF "ANCIENT LIGHTS."

In our illustrated supplement this week we give portraits of two almost historical characters, so far as bird exhibitors are concerned, in the persons of Messrs. Small and Grutchfield. These two men have been attending to the wants of successive exhibits at the Crystal Palace for years. With regard to H. G. Small, this is the 36th Great National Show he has attended. His first manager was F. W. Wilson, the second Mr. Venables, the third T. Heath, the fourth J. W. Ramsden. He has seen the Show gradually grow from 700 entries up to 2,600. In 1876 the entries numbered 1,480, the judges being Messrs. Harrison Weir, Jenner Weir, G. Barnesby, A. Wellmore, and R. L. Wallace. In 1879 the entries had risen to 1,551, in 1886 the entries had risen to 1,856, the chief prize winners being Messrs. Mackley Bros. and W. E. Greeves. In this year 95 classes were provided. In 1888 the entries numbered 2,109, in 1894 the entries numbered 2,214, and rose till they reached the record number in 1901 of 2,633.

In the earlier days deaths among the birds were more numerous than they are now, especially amongst the British. Birds were then sent to the Show in paper wrappers. Of late years a great improvement has taken place both in cages and travelling cases.

Mr. Small was the orignator of the system of attaching numbers to the cages (by the owners). Originally, the Crystal Palace Company used to number the cages after they arrived at the Show, and much confusion took place in so doing.

Mr. Small states that great strides have been made in the staging of birds by the exhibitors, and generally speaking the birds are much healthier and stronger than they were years ago. The Show often closed on the Thursday afternoon at four o'clock, and it was often as late as Saturday afternoon when the last bird was packed. This was before the days of travelling cases, and when all exhibits were sewn up in canvas for the return journey.

It is J. Crutchfield's 41st Great National Show. His first Show was held in the Terrace Dining Room in the year following the great fire at the Crystal Palace, in which the north transept was destroyed. The largest exhibitors in the early days were Messrs. Bemrose and Orme, and the best known Mule breeder and exhibitor was Mr. J. Doel, who afterwards became a judge.

The Judges on their own Classes.

Mr. R. RHODES.

Whilst the Palace Show still maintains its popularity with owners of many other varieties of the Canary family, the battles for supremacy amongst the Crests certainly seem to have to be fought out on other grounds. The reason appears to be reluctance—which increases every year—on the the part of their owners to send their birds away from home for so long a period, and at a time when they need to be in the best possible condition in view of the near approach of the breeding season, when, through any mishap, the use of valuable birds, most difficult to replace, may be lost for that season. So long, therefore, as the National Show is held at the present time of the year, I do not see any prospect of increased competition in the Crest section. From the above, it will be gathered that, in my opinion, the lack of keen competition does not arise because we have not the birds—I consider, in fact, we have more good Crests out to-day than at any period within my recollection. With regard to the exhibits now on view, they cannot fairly be said to adequately represent the Crest Fancy of to-day, though, nevertheless, there are individual specimens of very considerable merit in the classes. Lack of numbers and keen competition, however, tend to diminish the interest even in these really excellent exhibits. I find one gratifying feature, and that is the much stronger entry in the Novice classes, the quality, too, of the birds entered therein being of a distinctly pleasing character. It is important that this section of the Crest Fancy should be encouraged under proper conditions.—R. Rhodes.

Mr. H. T CAMPS, F.Z.S.

I was very pleased with the section of the Foreign birds over which I officiated, it being the best show of Parrots, etc. (in regard to quality) which I have seen for years. I recollect a year when we had Fiji Island Parrakeets and the Red Shining Parrakeet, and when there used to be three or four Great Salmon-crested Cockatoos on view. The display was very fine then, and I think that the present Show is but little, if any, behind. We have a lovely pair of Bourke's Parrakeets to look at, most interesting and rare exhibits—I do not, in fact, recollect at the moment having ever seen this species on the Show bench before. Then we have the Banksian Cockatoo once again, and looking better than ever I have seen it previously—quite a picture, in fact. The second prize bird in the large Parrot class is also a rare exhibit, of whose sex and species I am not sure at the time of giving these notes. The winning Sulphur-crested Cockatoo is a beauty. The Budgerigars I do not think come quite up to the average, though they contain a pair of Yellows which are as good as any I have seen since the days when Miss Howison exhibited these birds. The Blue Bonnet Parrakeets are very fine, and staged in pleasing condition. The favourite Grey Parrots are not strong, though one or two specimens are birds of above average merit. The Red and Blue Macaw is a striking exhibit. Altogether I can only repeat that this section is a strong one, and particularly attractive this year.—H. T. Camps.

For other Judges remarks see ordinary issue.

Mr. J. H. PAYNE.

Tho Norwich Champion Section was a grand one, both in respect to numbers and quality. I do not remember ever seeing so few "wasters," the quality throughout being most level. I thought the buffs generally were in advance of the yellows; still, curiously enough, the marked yellows were the best lot I consider had been seen in the big Glass House for many years. The weakest were the yellow hens, these being below last year's form. Still, the winners were good ones. The winning ticked yellow cock, which secured the special for best Norwich in the Show, was a real beauty, the best I think that has been benched for many years, and it was put down in grand trim. The winning clear buff cock, which was the runner up, is a real gem, having plenty of substance combined with quality. The leading unflighted buff is a topper having wonderful quality and feather for such a big one. The 1st prize unflighted yellow for colour, shape, and quality was also grand, but a wee bit on the small side. The buff hen class was splendid, the winner excelling in colour, shape, and feather, and being of good size. I might say there were several birds that would have been higher up had they been put down in good form; some were indifferently washed, and some were not washed at all. I must have a bird well shown, especially at such a fixture as the Palace. Greens were a nice lot, and I thought they were on the top grade as regards type and closeness of feather, but it struck me that the colour had not advanced so far, taking the birds as a whole. Still, there were several excellent in this respect. The winning broken yellow I thought the best in the section, the colour being very bright and pure. The winning buff self cock was a very typical bird, good in colour, and of grand feather and quality.—J. H. Payne.

Mr. W. MUNDELL.

The Yorkshires this year came up well, and the principal winners of the season all met. The special for the best bird went to Bailey and Swanger's buff tick, which was closely run by the same owner's young unflighted yellow. The hen classes were particularly fine, the yellow being a long drawn hen showing plenty of breed. I was pleased to see that our Welsh cousins were to the fore in buff hens, Messrs. Fellows and Flynn's (Cardiff) buff hen being a gem. In cinnamon marks some noted birds were shown. The buff of Mr. R. L. Crisp (London) I liked well. In the hen section the birds were of good quality, the yellow being a long drawn hen of true Yorkshire type. The buff, though not quite as long, was full of quality, and was one of the best of the season. Compared with previous years the section seemed to me to show a distinct advance, especially in position and quality. And throughout the classes the number of wasters was few.—W. Mundell.

Mr J. H. ROE.

This year's collection of Mules and Hybrids at the great National Show provided, as usual, a most beautiful and interesting collection. The entry was also very satisfactory. Never have I seen better specimens of the various crosses than those facing me on Friday last. The best teams of both the English and Scotch exhibitors were represented. Mr. J. Williams, the Mule king, exhibited a magnificent team. In fact, I never remember seeing our old friend put down a better. Other exhibitors sending forth teams, and sharing some of the honours, were Messrs. Duncan and Logan, E. J. Lamb, E. G. Wright, W. McInroy, Dr. Galloway, Mrs. Coffey, R. W. Jones, W. Mather, A. Shellam, G. Hesketh, D. G. Lewis, J. Taylor, and others. The clear or marked class, though not large, contained some lovely specimens. The winner was the champion clear owned by Mr. Williams, late the property of Mr. R. Colton, the best clear that has been seen out for some time, followed by a very smart wing ticked, not quite so large as winner, but of lovely shape and quality. In the uneven marked Goldfinch and Canary class, Mr. Williams again led the way with a very smart eye and wing marked, very nearly an evenly marked bird of lovely colour and quality, a buff, and a very nice wing marked yellow. Mr. Lamb also staged a very nice marked buff in this class. The eye marked buff put down by Dr. Galloway is a very promising youngster, and should make up well. In the Dark Goldfinch and Canary classes, the winning yellow of Mrs. Coffey's is a bird of grand size and shape, full of colour and quality. In buffs Messrs. Duncan and Logan's winner is of grand size and colour, with a splendid blaze. The Greenfinch and Canary of Mr. Taylor's is of lovely shape and quality of feather, but was hard pressed by a very nice yellow put down by Mr. Wright, though not quite so good in shape. The yellow Linnet of Messrs. Duncan and Logan is a gem, and will want beating. Mr. Hesketh's Twite and Canary, Mr. Lewis's Redpoll, and Mr. Williams Siskin are all birds much above the average. Of the seven Canary-Bullfinches entered only six turned up, four yellows and two buffs. The winner is a very grand yellow, owned by Mr. Williams, late the property of Mrs. Skey, last year's Palace winner, a real gem. The second, also a yellow of grand size and shape, not quite so clear in markings as winner; the third is a very smart buff of medium size, nice colour and feather (owned by Mr. McInroy), which looked like the Scottish National winner. Hard lines to run up against winners! The fourth was another yellow of grand colour, but smaller than leaders, put down by Mr. Ross. This was like an International contest, with honours rather in favour of the English team. The Bullfinch Hybrid class was a splendid one. The winner turned up in Mr. Williams' champion Goldfinch and Bullfinch, which also took special for best in Show. It is a gem of gems, and should be seen by all lovers of a good Hybrid. The second was awarded to a very fine Greenfinch and Bullfinch, staged by Mr. Shellam, and a well-known winner. The third was a good Linnet and Bullfinch, owned by Mr. Williams, followed by another grand Goldfinch and Bullfinch, put down by Mr. Mather. Several grand birds were out of the money, including a very fine Greenfinch and Bullfinch, staged by Mr. Wright, that had got a damaged wing, which kept it out, a grand one otherwise. The class for Small Hybrids between two British birds was a very interesting collection; the winning Goldie-Redpoll and Goldie-Siskin of Mr. Lamb's are two gems. The Siskin and Greenfinch of Mr. Shellam is also a grand specimen, also Mr. Webster's Redpoll-Greenfinch.—J. H. Roe.

G. E. WESTON.

My section was once again distinguished by very keen competition, the merest shade serving to separate many of the birds in the premier positions. A stinging class of Bullfinches opened the proceedings, and gave me many anxious moments ere the cards were finally allotted. There was really very little in it between the leading quartette. The condition in which the majority of the Bullies were shown pleased me very much, and in quality the class was in distinct advance on that of 1906, which was also left well in the rear in point of numbers. The palpably Foreign element was but little in evidence. One bird was very honest, however. I badly wanted to give him a card, but he would persist in piping right under my nose, a bar or two of some tune learnt, doubtless, out in Germany! How many of his brothers discreetly held their peace and got a card, I wonder? Every bird in the honour-list I thought a beautiful Bullfinch, and many real good specimens had to stand out in the cold. The Goldfinches were somewhat down in number this year, but were, all round, a high-class lot. The leading couple stood away from the others, perhaps, but third and fourth were grand ones, too, and a dozen birds followed which, to use a hackneyed phrase, were "fit to win anywhere" and took some sorting over. The winner upheld the prestige of Wales as a hot-bed for British Goldfinches. The runner-up held the same position, I believe, last year, and is a bird distinguished by remarkable wealth of chestnut "tanning." He found many admirers. The winning Linnet was also "in the money" last year, but has made distinct strides since then; for richness of colour, he stood well ahead, and he now carries the "bloom" esential to success. The first four, however, had a tough fight for their respective positions. The second is a type of Linnet—a mass of small, yet distinct pencilling—which appeals to me immensely. It is only fair to state, however, that the third found plenty of admirers. The "tail end" seemed more in evidence in this class than in the others, many birds being unsteady and lacking in polish. The Chaffinches were a warm lot, it being a "toss-up" almost between first and second, while third and fourth were equally close together. Several exhibits had extraordinary wings, so far as "whites" were concerned, and the chances of these birds were the reverse of improved thereby. The leading Foreign Bullfinch was in lovely trim, and stood well ahead of its class, several graud Goldies therein having apparently had quite enough of it for the present season, their condition telling against them. Taking the classes all round, I think they were well up to the mark for quality and interest.—G. E. Weston.

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DESPATCHING THE BIRDS HOME AT THE CLOSE OF THE SHOW.

Mr. White, of the Victorian Canary Society, gets a Lesson in Show Management.

The Comical Side of the Crystal Palace Show.

A Trio of Hard Workers.

MRS. RAMSDEN.

MR. H. LAMBERT BROWN.

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The Judges' Luncheon at the Palace Show.

TOP ROW, reading from left to right—Messrs. Lambert Brown, Crabb, Rhodes, Roe, Weston, Payne, Ramsden, White, Carl, Couzens, Boaler, Brooks, Sandiford, Veale, Tringham, Cobb, and the Manager of Lyons' Catering Department.

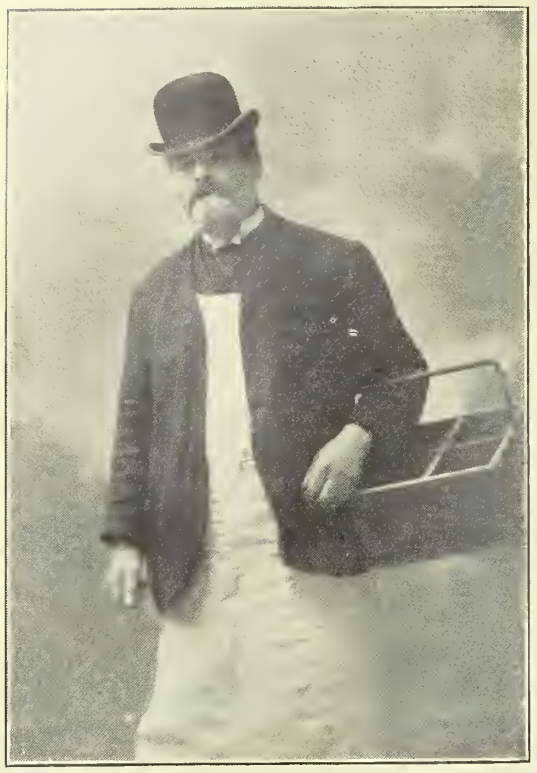
FARTHEST SIDE OF TOP TABLE, from left to right—Messrs. Mundell, Dobson, Heath, Dewar, Cook, Robson, Hills, Camps, Swaysland and Compston.

FROM END OF TOP TABLE ALONG NEAR SIDE, from right to left—Messrs. Rettich, Morris, Rennie, Mortlock, Harrison, Leclair, Arrighi, and Arrighi, jun.

TOP SIDE OF NEAREST TABLE, from left to right Messrs. Brown (Sudbury), R. J. Pretty and friend, Matthis, Ramsden, jun., and two visitors.

FROM END OF NEAREST TABLE, from right to left—Messrs. Day, Cooper, H. Broadley, Brotherton (Chairman Y.C.C.), Gibbs, Green, Colton and friend, and Fulljames.

J. GRUTCHFIELD.



A Feeder and Attendant for 41 years at the National Show.

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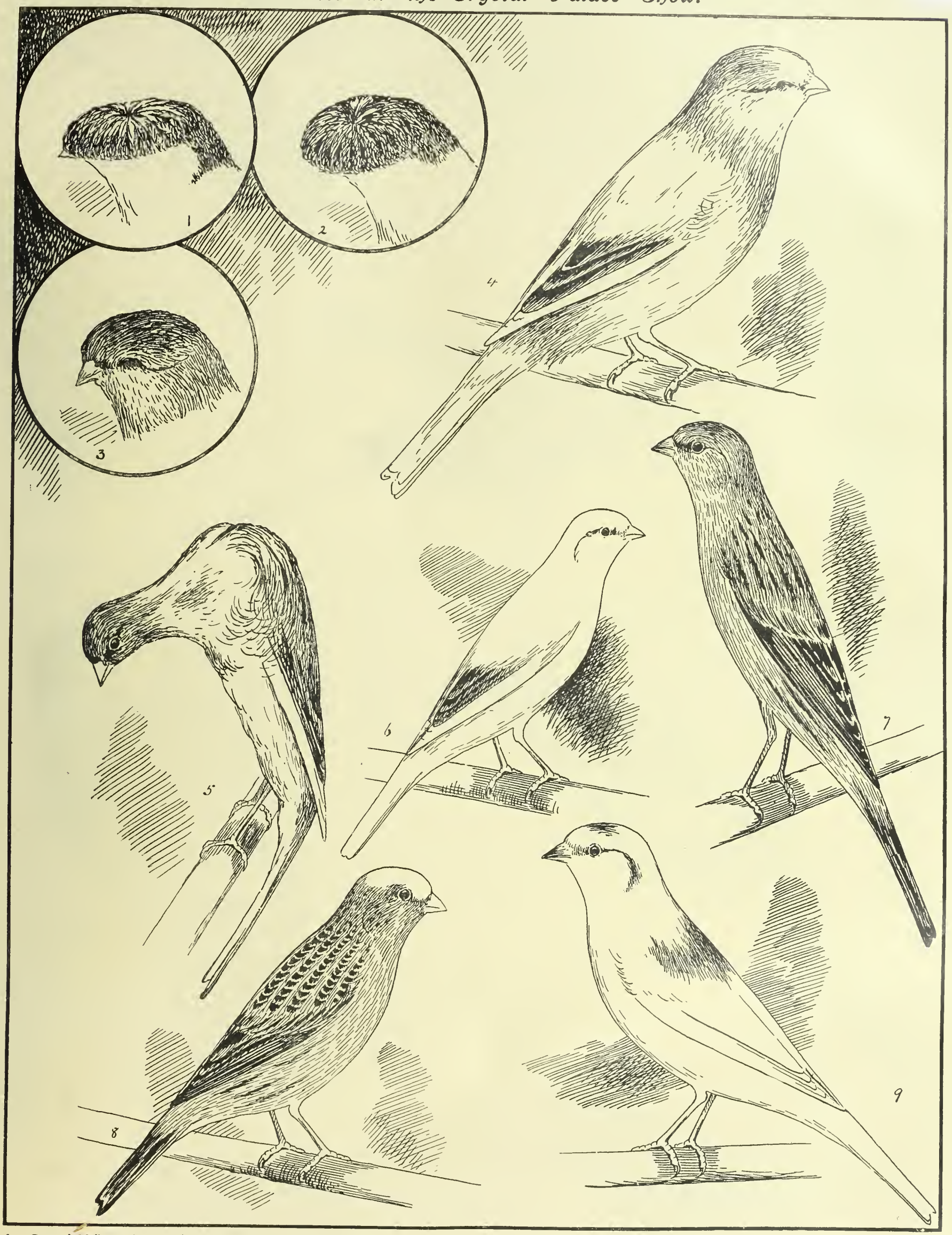
Canaries at the Crystal Palace Show.



1. Crested Yellow Norwich (Stanger and Herdman), 1st prize.
2. Crested Buff Norwich (H. Horton), 2nd prize.
3. Crested Bred Norwich (H. Horton), 1st prize.
4. Crested Bred Norwich (Dobson and Son), 2nd prize.
5. Yellow Scotch Fancy (E. Harden), 1st prize.
6. Unevenly Marked Border Fancy (J. S. Wilson), 1st prize.
7. Yellow Green Yorkshire (P. Clayton), 1st prize.
8. Silver Lizard (J. Rukin), 1st prize.
9. Linnet Canary (J. Williams), 1st prize.

A Few Fascinating Foreign Birds

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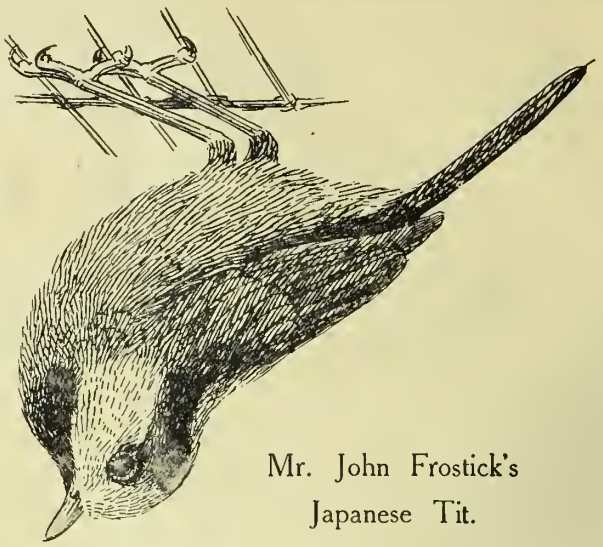

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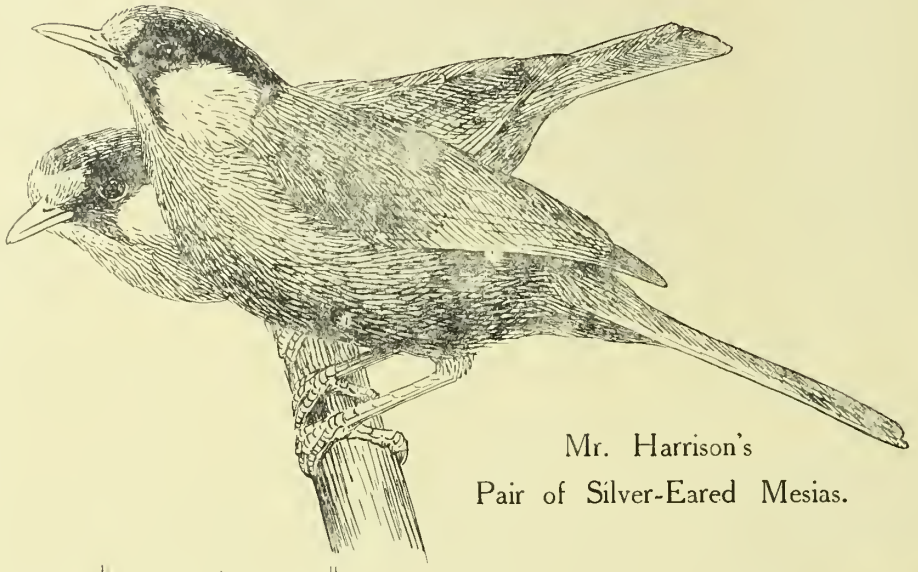

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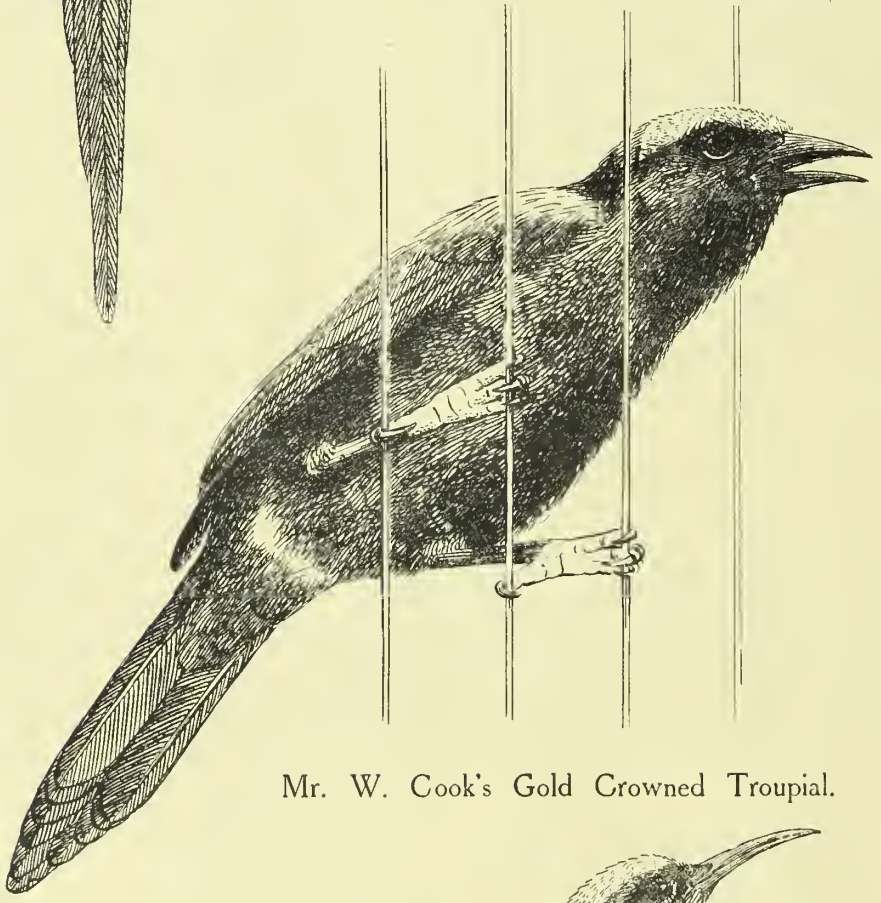

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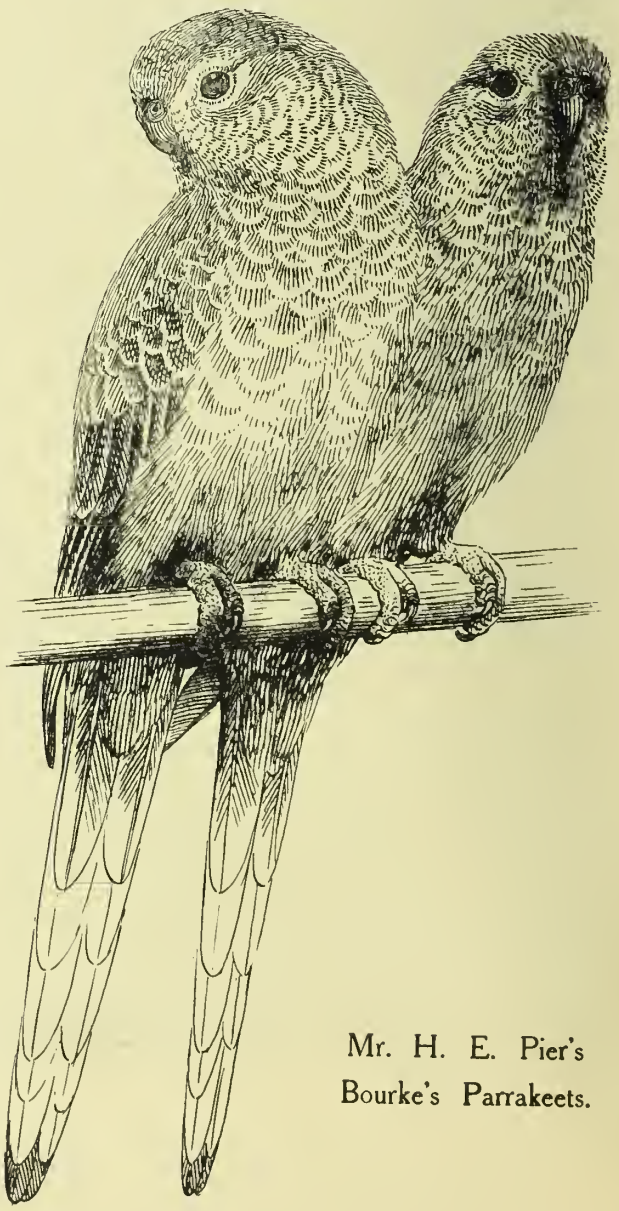

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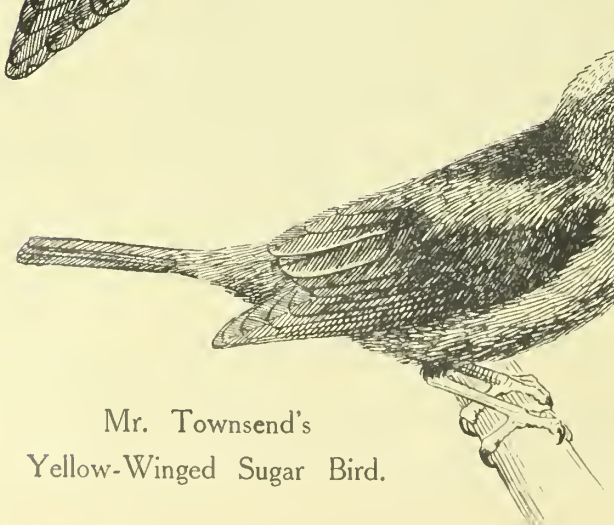

Mr. Townsend's
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L.C.B.A. DINNER.

Successful Social Function at the Holborn Restaurant.

With the Crystal Palace Show and the wind up of the show season, comes the 18th Annual Dinner of the London Cage Bird Association, which took place on Monday evening last at the Holborn Restaurant, when close upon a hundred members and visitors assembled and partook of an excellent repast. The gathering was the largest of its kind that the Society has ever had, some 90 covers being laid; and the genial President, Mr. R. L. Crisp, who makes an ideal chairman, must have felt highly pleased at finding himself surrounded by such an enthusiastic number of fanciers and their wives. The tables were tastefully decorated, and the event was one to be long remembered, for it showed that, independently of the members of the Association, there were many visitors who were in sympathy with its objects.

There were many old and tried members and fanciers present, including Mr. J. Dewhurst, accompanied by his daughter, Miss Kate Dewhurst; Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Clarke, and little Miss Dorothy Clarke; Mr., Mrs. and Miss Dawson; Mr. and Mrs. Trower, Mr. and Mrs. Mendel, Mr. and Mrs. Bayeut, Mr. and Mrs. Davey, Mr. and Mrs. Daintry, Mr. and Mrs. Maybank, Mr. and Mrs. Lazarus, Mr. and Miss P. Mariani, Mr. and Mrs. Cocks, Mr. and Mrs. Knight and Mr. P. Knight, Mr. and Mrs. Franz, Miss Double, Miss L. C. Hoar, Mr. and Mrs. Baker, Mr. and Mrs. H. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Winn, Mr. and Mrs. Savage, Mr. and Mrs. Bennett, Mr. and Mrs. Turner, W. H. and J. J. Mugford, Mrs. Robson and Miss Robson, Mr. and Mrs. Ward, C. T. Maxwell, Messrs. Pooley, Hazel, Wallington, Easterling, S. A. Sandy, Allen, Silver, Brown, Frank Green, Armour, Boxall, Stevenson, Wade (the new Secretary of the Association), Oake, Howard, King, Slade, Scaife, F. Boxall, Hazell, Godby, G. W. Smith, A. W. Bacon, Shepherd, Minvalla, Rush, Sargent, Webb, W. A. Green, Allwright, Pullinger, Honeysett, Miller, and a few others not known to us by name.

The programme commenced with the toast of "The King," the company singing the National Anthem, led by Miss Joan Astley. A little later the President, Mr. Crisp, in proposing the toast of "The L.C.B.A.," expressed the great pleasure it gave him to preside at such a gathering. The past year had, he said, been a very successful one for the Association. Both the Young Bird Show and the Annual Show held at the Horticultural Hall far excelled their previous records. The latter was a big undertaking, and he thanked the Committee for the excellent services they had rendered on those occasions, and particularly mentioned Messrs. Dewhurst and Daintry and their Secretary, Mr. Wade, who fairly revels in work. They had a number of "live" vice-Presidents, who were ever willing to lend a helping hand when required. Their balance had been augmented as a result of the Show. During the season they had had interesting lectures, including one by Mr. North on "The Evolution of the Green Canary," which proved most instructive and entertaining. They had also taken an important step in becoming associated with the Cage Bird Union, although doubtless there were many fanciers who did not approve altogether of that Union. He thought the governing body must be men of integrity and above suspicion in every way. The objects of the Union were, on the whole, commendable, but he was strongly opposed to anything which interfered with the liberty of the subject, and he was, therefore, opposed to Rule 17. He thought it was likely this rule would in time be deleted. He then asked the company to charge their glasses and drink to the prosperity of the Association. In responding, Mr. John Tyson, the Hon. Treasurer, said it was most gratifying to him to annually meet many of the same old friends, although some of them were not members of the Association, yet they found pleasure in attending their annual festivity, and he trusted that this occasion would at least equal, if not excel, any previous gatherings. He did not intend to inflict upon them a lot of statistics, which would not interest those who were not members. During the past year the Association had made 36 new members, which brought their total up to 117. The membership at present was not smaller than last year, yet it did not move forward at the rate he would like to see. The L.C.B.A. were noted for originality, and their movements were closely watched by societies throughout the country. The great venture of the past year was the show held at the Horticultural Hall, Westminster. When they first proposed holding their show there, the ruin of the Society was predicted; but fanciers rallied round them, and they were able to add a substantial sum to their balance, besides handing the Lord Mayor of London a donation of £10 towards his fund for crippled children. Some of the sections at that show did not come up to their expectations—notably the British and Foreign—but probably that was due to the early date on which the show was held. He was pleased to announce that they intended holding their next Annual Show on December 5th and 6th, at the same place. He thanked those present for the enthusiastic manner in which they had received the toast.

Mr. Wade, the Secretary of the Association, referred to Mr. Tyson's remark that all eyes were upon the L.C.B.A. at their last show. He thanked the President for his kind remarks as to his ability to undertake the duties of Secretary of such an Association, and he could only say that his success would be largely due to the hard-working staff, and his reason for saying that was that one could not help but notice the way in which the members worked hand-in-hand.

Another pleasing item on the programme was the presentation of the silver cups and challenge bowl to the successful winners, and in presenting a handsome silver loving cup, offered by Mr. Trower for the most points gained by six nominated birds in the British section, the President said he had much pleasure in presenting the cup, and was very sorry that Mr. Maxwell had since had the misfortune to lose the splendid collection of birds that had won it for him. One thing they must be grateful for was that it was the birds, and not their owner, that had perished. Mr. Maxwell thanked the donor for the valuable special he had been fortunate enough to win, and also the Chairman for his kind expression of sympathy with him in his recent loss.

By the way, we hear Mr. Maxwell has "laid the foundation stone" for a new aviary, and hope it will eventually contain as fine a collection as the one that he has lost.

Mr. Crisp received a beautiful silver challenge bowl, which he had now won for the third time for the best young Yorkshire Canary exhibited but not necessarily bred by a member. He had, however, bred the winner at all the three shows. The bowl now becomes the absolute property of Mr. Crisp, who, in returning thanks, said he did not wish the Association to be the loser by his win, and he presented them with a handsome cup for competition in place of the bowl, his gift being received with acclamation. Other winners were Mr. Lethbridge, who won the Amateurs' Cup; Mr. Lazarus, the cup presented by Mr. Grant; Mr. Shepherd won the silver watch given by Mr. Lazarus for the best Crest or Crestbred in 1906. The Chairman said this was an ominous win, as Mr. Shepherd had not been long in the Fancy, and he hoped it would enable him to keep time at the meetings.

Mr. J. S. Clarke, in proposing the toast of "The Fancy," said it gave him the greatest pleasure to see what was probably the most brilliant gathering in cage-bird history. To the true fancier, the Fancy was his first thought. There were, however, "fanciers" and "fanciers," and he was sorry there were not more like Mr. Tyson and Mr. Crisp, who were ever ready to give their time and money to advance the Association. Mr. Clarke referred to the Fancy Press and to those who called themselves fanciers, but who were not. There was the Cage Bird Union, a new combination, who had, he said, stolen the ideas of the L.C.B.A., but they at least could not steal the brains of its members. The C.B.U. was, he said, like a ship without a rudder—without a policy of any description. In proposing the toast, he coupled the names of Mr. Robson and Mr. S. A. Sandy, who was possibly not so well known as Mr. Robson, but was, for all that, much respected. Mr. Sandy, in replying, thanked Mr. Clarke for his kind remarks anent himself, and said it was no light task that the Press had to perform, as there were times when it was very difficult to hold an even balance where the interests of the different societies were conflicting; but it had, he felt sure, always been the policy of Mr. Carl, who he had the honour to represent that evening, to endeavour to give fair play to all, and he felt quite safe in saying that Mr. Carl would pursue that line in the future as in the past. He thanked them most heartily for the manner they had received the toast. Mr. Robson also responded, and said he was much obliged to Mr. Clarke for the kindly way in which he had given the toast. He thought the best way fanciers could further the interests of the Fancy was to assist each other as much as possible. When he first came to London from the North, he was three or four years before he knew a brother fancier, but when they came to look to-day there were societies in almost every district, which showed the marvellous progress that had been made. The Fancy Press was the great stay of the Fancy, and was a combination that could not be severed. In years gone by societies used to dread holding open shows, now a society would spring up and hold an open show all in a few weeks. He concluded his remarks by wishing the L.C.B.A. every success.

Mr. Dawson proposed the health of "The Ladies and Visitors," and said he was proud to see so many ladies present. If a fancier had a good wife or daughter who took an interest in his birds, he was almost sure to succeed. We ought to encourage more ladies to become fanciers, and he should like to see them rally round and join the L.C.B.A. Mr. Ward responded to the toast in a few well-chosen words, and said a more hospitable evening he had never spent. It had been a pleasure and a privilege to him to be present.

The President proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the artists and to Mr. Will Bentley, who had taken charge of the musical arrangements. The rendering of "Love's Coronation" by Miss Joan Astley was much appreciated, as also were Mr. Fred Wilden's Living Marionettes, who kept the company convulsed with laughter—"The Hielanders" being particularly amusing. We should also like to mention Mr. Will Bentley's "Jemmy Law" and "The Cook," and think that his fee (fixed by himself) of "Stewpanter" very moderate. A very enjoyable evening was brought to a close just before the bewitching hour of midnight with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne."—S. A. SANDY.

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The thought occurred to us whilst contemplating the comparative beauties of each Canary represented that perhaps a judging competition arranged in connection with them would be appreciated. Accordingly we requested one of our most esteemed judges of a Norwich Canary to place the birds shown in the same position of merit as he would were he adjudicating upon them in the flesh. Of course, this plan has its natural drawbacks, but, viewing the birds as shown, readers of CAGE BIRDS must form their own conclusions about each specimen, giving their special reasons for each award, and to the reader who correctly places the birds in accordance with the decision of the judge, and states his reasons therefore in the most explicit language, we offer **a prize of One Guinea.**

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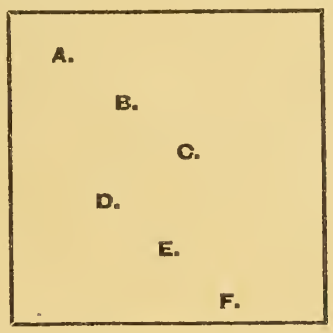

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Full reasons for awards to be written on a separate sheet of paper.

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We have fixed our show dates, July 20th, Nest Feather Show; November 9th, Old Show.—J. T. HARDING, secretary, Birkenhead C.F.A.

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Barnsley and Dis. C.B.S.—March 2nd, at Maltster's Rest, Barnsley, 7.30 p.m. Election of officers; all fanciers in the district are heartily invited to attend, as their active co-operation is earnestly desired.—T. Coward.

Barrow and Dis. C.B.A.—Feb. 27th, at St. George's Hall, 7.30. Important business.—E. E. Miller, sec.

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City and Suburban A.C.B.—Mon., Feb. 25th, at Church Institute, 60, Paddington Street, W., 8.15 p.m. Lecture by G. Gardner, Esq., entitled, "Items in the Cage Bird Fanciers' Curriculum"; all bird lovers heartily welcomed.—Victor Wynn, sec.

City of Bradford O.S.—Sat., March 2nd, at Travellers' Rest, Leeds Road, 8. Lecture on the management and breeding of Canaries, by Mr. J. S. Clarkson, Halifax; all fanciers welcome.—P. Stansfield, sec.

City of Perth O.A.—Mon., March 4th, at City Cafe, South Methven Street, 8 p.m.

Glasgow and Western Counties Norwich Canary, Mule, British and Foreign Bird Club.—Sat., Feb. 23rd, at 122, Ingram Street, 7 p.m. Show of Norwich or Crests, Borders, any other variety Canary, muling pairs, Hybrid pairs; five classes.—J. H. Adam, sec.

Goldthorpe, Thurnscoe, and Dis. F. and F.C.B.S.—Feb. 24th, at the Horse and Groom Hotel, 7 p.m. prompt. Special general meeting; business of importance.—W. Jackson, sec.

Gt. Harwood and Dis. C.B.S.—Mon., Feb. 25th, at Headquarters, Queen's Hotel, 7.30 p.m. Important business.—F. Sharples, sec.

Green C.A.—Feb. 28th, at Oldham Hall, Renshaw Street, Liverpool, 8 p.m. Pair Show and Judging Competition; classification—singles, one Yorkshire Greens, two Norwich Greens; pairs, three Yorkshire Greens, four Norwich Greens; entry fee, 6d., to be made at the show.—S. Hadwin, sec.

Huddersfield O.S.—Mon., Feb. 25th, at White Hart Hotel, 7.30 p.m. Paper by J. C. Barnes, Esq.; subject, "Pairing Birds for Breeding"; all fanciers cordially invited.—S. Lodge, sec.

Hyde and Dis. C.B.S.—Mon., Feb. 25th, at St. George's School, 8 p.m. Important business.—T. Allsop, sec

Larkhall C.B.C.—Sat., Feb. 23rd, at Miners's Hall, 6 p.m. Important business.—Geo. Kirk, sec.

Leicester C.B.S.—Wed., Feb. 27th, at Headquarters, 8 p.m. Entries close for Pair Show, etc.; Table Show, any variety Norwich buff hen (open), ditto novice; judge, Mr. J. W. Hartshorn.—J. Heighton, sec.

L. and P.O.S.—Thurs., Feb. 28th, at "The Raglan," Aldersgate Street, 7.30. Members' Pair Show; all fanciers welcome.—H. Lambert Brown, hon. sec.

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Metropolitan Association of Canary, Mule, and Hybrid Breeders.—Feb. 28th, at "Crown Hotel," Lavender Hill, 8.15 p.m. Nominations and elections; washing and staging exhibition; awarding medals. Fanciers note.—Eleven were nominated for membership at our last meeting; see club report.—A. J. Head, sec., 52, Broughton-st., Lavender Hill.

Morpeth and Dis. O.S.—Sat., Feb. 23rd, at King's Head, 7 p.m. General business after social and supper; all fanciers invited.—A. Dippies, sec.

National British Bird and Mule Club.—Thurs, Feb. 28th, at 25, High Holborn, 8 o'clock. To elect officers for the ensuing year.—Plumbridge and Carr, secs.

Northern Yorkshire Canary Club.—Wed., Feb. 27th, at Lockhart's Cafe, 65, Grainger Street, Newcastle, 8 p.m. Election of officers and other business; full attendance requested.—Thos. C. Crawhall, sec.

North Manchester C.B.S.—Feb. 26th, at new Headquarters, Christ Church School, Harpurhey, 8 p.m. New secretary, John Davey, 34, Alfred Street, Harpurhey.

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Pendleton and Salford O.S.—Feb. 28th, at Derby Arms, Oldfield Road, 8 p.m. Paper on Canary breeding, by Mr. Turner; all fanciers invited.—S. Skelton, sec.

Porth and Dis. C.B.F.S.—March 2nd, at Danix Temperance Bar, Hannah Street, Porth, 7.30 p.m. Lecture by Mr. Bishop, of Ton-y-strad, on his six years as a Yorkshire breeder.—John Challenger, sec.

Potteries and Dis. C.B.A.—March 2nd, at Red Lion Hotel, Stoke-on-Trent, 8 p.m. To discuss shows for 1907 and fix dates.—J. Simcock, sec.

Rotherham C.B.S.—Feb. 23rd, at College Inn, 8 p.m.—Ducker and Twigg, late secs.

Scottish British Bird and Mule Club.—Sat., March 2nd, at 142, High Street, Edinburgh, 3.45. Balance-sheet; presentation of medals, etc.; new members invited.—R. Farmer, sec.

Seaham Harbour and Dis. C.B.B.A.—Sat., Feb. 23rd, at Station Hotel, 7 o'clock. To fix Open and Members' Show dates; all members are earnestly requested to attend.—J. M. Nicholson, sec.

Shields and Dis. C.B.S.—Show will be held on Oct. 25th and 26th.—Wm. Duke, sec.

Stocton-on-Tees and Dis. C.B.—Feb. 26th, at Leeds Hotel, 7.30. Smoker; friends from Darlington, Hartlepool, Middlesbro', and district cordially invited.—J. W. Lowes, sec.

Swansea and Dis. C.B.A.—Thurs., Feb. 28th, at Oxford Coffee Tavern, 7.30. Matched Pairs Show for breeding Yorkshires, Norwich, Borders, Canary Mules, or Hybrids between two British birds.—Alf. Hitchings, sec., 17, Trcharne Road, Landore, Swansea.

Tamworth and Dis. C.B.S.—March 2nd, at College Lane School, 7.30 p.m. Members please attend; very important business.—J. E. Brown, sec.

Wallsend and Mid-Tyne C.B.S.—Thurs, Feb. 28th, at Station Hotel, Wallsend, 7.30 p.m. Annual meeting; election of officers; all members urged to attend.—John R. Evans, sec.

Weston-super-Mare C.B.A.—March 5th, at Star Coffee House, Meadow Street, 8 p.m. Fixing date of show and general business.—Geo. W. Read, sec.

Windhill, Shipley, and Dis. O.S.—Feb. 23rd, at Blue Bell Hotel, 8 o'clock. Lecture by John Broadley on pairing and breeding the Yorkshire Canary; all friends are welcome.—E. Broadley, sec.

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CANARIES.

NORWICH PLAINHEADS.

Answered by J. H. PAYNE.

Pairing (New Beginner).—As your Norwich cock last season broke the eggs as soon as you set the hen, then I should advise you to take him away this season, as he will in all probability do the same thing again. You need have no fear about the hen spoiling the eggs by coming off to feed, and she will if she is a good mother bring up her brood quite well. Some hens will feed better when left to themselves than with the cock. Give the hen you mention as being out of sorts a little egg food, to which add 5 drops of Parrish's chemical food. Let her have a half-teaspoonful three times a week, and put a piece of apple between the bars of the cage for her to peck at. Cock birds that are healthy should now be in full song. If you have any that are thoroughly healthy and they are not on song, you may reasonably expect them to be hens. No, I should not advise you to colour feed from the nest, but commence giving it them when they are about six weeks old. Do not rely on last season's colour food, but obtain a fresh supply of this season's. You will see some advertised in this paper a little later on.

Cross Moult (G.P.M.).—As you say your hen is so far advanced in the cross moult that she has only her head and neck to finish, I think you may quite reasonably hope to have her ready for Mule breeding. Do not remove her until she has finished moulting and the weather has opened, or the probability is that she will drop into moult again. Feed as you have been doing, as it is quite correct.

Long Claws (Bonny Hen).—I should advise you to cut the nails of your bird's claws. Do this with a sharp pair of scissors. If you hold the claws up before a light you will see a vein of blood extending so far down. Do not cut above this or you will make them bleed, and the bird will go lame. Use perches of good size, and you will then find that this will wear them down. Long toe nails in a bird generally denote that they have seen more than one summer, but not always. Your bird may be as described by the person you purchased it from.

Not Sung Since Moulting (T.R.R.E.).—Give your bird in its drinking water every other day for a fortnight ten drops of ipecacuanha wine and ten drops of glycerine well mixed. Let him have twice a week a little egg food, to which add five drops of Parrish's chemical food. Feed him and treat him as you have been doing. I should say you will have him fit for breeding by the time you want him. Let him have a few young dandelion leaves as soon as you can procure them.

Not Well Yet (Lump).—Give your Norwich cock ten drops of Gregorie with the glycerine instead of the syrup of tolu, every other day for a fortnight. You may then dissolve a little best honey in a little warm water, and let him have this to drink for a few days. (2) I expect what you describe as a lump on the chest of your bird is simply fat, as you say it has got smaller since you have ceased feeding him on mixed seed and substituted plain canary. Twice a week you may put in his drinking water just sufficient Glauber salts to make it taste slightly. Do this for two weeks. Do not give him anything but plain canary seed, and stop the bread and milk.

Nine Pairs (J. Barnes).—If your hens are excessively fat, it will, if not got down, most probably interfere with their breeding. Many hens are condemned as barren solely through this proneness to put on an abnormal amount of fat. Let your hens have a diet of canary seed, millet, and a little German rape. Keep them in as light a place as possible, and put a piece of sulphate of soda, about the size of a horse bean, to two tablespoonfuls of water, and let them have this to drink twice a week. Continue this for three weeks. Let them have a piece of apple between the bars of the cage for them to peck at, and also give a few sprigs of watercress twice or three times a week. No; the wild bird will not harm the hens you have with the Linnet. I presume you have some canary seed amongst it.

YORKSHIRES.

Answered by H. W. BATTYE.

Never Moulted (A. R.).—You say your two Yorkshire cocks have never moulted, and that you bought them in August, colour-fed. If they were early bred birds, and, as you say, colour-fed, they would very probably have practically finished their moult when you bought them. This I should imagine to have been the case. No. 1 you say starts chirping when you run him into the show cage and then falls over. Keep him as near the light as you can, and read reply to F. P. in this week's paper. You say you think he has the soft moult, and then you say both birds are in good condition and singing well. If this is the case, you need not be afraid of them being in the soft moult, and you may confidently expect to breed with them all right. Your 12-compartment cage that shows cracks at the back has very likely been made from wood that was not properly dried before being used. If the cracks are not above an eighth of an inch, fill them up with tallow; this will answer as a preventative of red-mite.

A Large Cage (A. C. E.).—To breed in the large two-holed cage you have, with two pairs, I should certainly advise you to cover the division so that the birds cannot see each other, but should prefer something more substantial than brown paper, as, if any of the birds are of a mischievous disposition, this would very soon be destroyed. Try and fit up a thin wood partition. (2) Yes, two Canaries that are brother and sister, that were bred last year, will breed this coming season. (3) Yes, it is too early to commence breeding; wait at least three weeks yet.

Too Forward (P. A. S.).—Probably owing to your birds being kept in a warm room and being fed on mixed seed, they are getting a little too forward in condition. This pulling and pecking at their tails is a common practice with young hens when they are coming proud. You do not say whether they are cocks or hens. Put them on plain white canary seed, and put just enough Epsom salts in their drinking water to make it taste, every other day, and make a strong solution of quassia by scalding a few quassia chips, and when cool hold the birds' tails in it for a minute or two; this will make the feathers taste bitter, and may break them of the habit.

Starting Breeding (Learned to All).—Keep your cock and hen separate at least one month from date, and give the cock a little egg-food on alternate days, and on the day you do not give egg-food give him half a teaspoonful of mixed seed, (½ lb. summer rape, and ½ lb. maw seed), and drop ten drops of Parrish's Chemical Food in his drinking water fresh every morning, and do not put him with the hen till he is in full song. Keep the hen on same food as you are doing at present till the cock is on full song, when you may put them together, about last week in March, having in the meantime prepared them a perfectly clean cage in which you have suspended a nest in such a position that the rim will be about 1in. above the perch. Give them some building material. Continue to feed as above for a week, and then substitute treacle in the drinking water for the Chemical Food. To prepare egg-food, get a small sheet of perforated zinc, coarse enough to let a knitting needle pass through; fix it on to a square wood frame, turn it over, and press the hard-boiled egg through, and then rub a slice of home-made bread an inch thick through; an ordinary loaf. Rub the bread and egg together and then pass both through the sieve again. Add a little moist sugar, and give to birds. When you see the hen carrying building material about and hear the cock in full song you will know they are going on all right.

Out of Sorts (Anxious).—Give your bird a little boiled milk-sop, just what you think it will eat up during one day, and mix with it six drops of syrup of buckthorn and a little moist sugar, and then sprinkle over the lot a pinch of maw seed, giving fresh every morning. Take away the bird's drinking water every night and give fresh each morning before you give the milk-sop, mixing well with the water four drops of the following mixture:—½ oz. oil of eucalyptus, ½ oz. oil of eajapat. You will get this of any good chemist for a few coppers. Treat as above for a fortnight, when I think you will see an improvement.

What Results?—The pairing of clear yellow cock (no Cinnamon blood in) with hen (green-marked), bred from Cinnamon-marked hen and clear, non Cinnamou cock. The cock I am about to pair is '05 bird. The hen is '06 one. Can I expect any clear young? If so, will they be cocks or hens?—F. M.

If you breed with the pair you describe in your query you will probably get both clear and marked birds, and if your marked hen is not very heavily marked or bred from heavily marked stock a majority of your youngsters should be clear or ticked or lightly-marked, and about equal in the number of cocks and hens.

Red-mite (T. C.).—Cover your bird up at night, and for six days treat as follows:—Take away its seed and give no egg-food, but give it fresh, daily, a little milk-sop to which mix eight drops of syrup of buckthorn; also sprinkle a little moist sugar and a pinch of maw seed over the lot; take its water away each night and give fresh each morning, well mixing ten drops of whisky in its drinking water. At the end of six days return the seed and substitute eight drops of Parrish's Chemical Food for the syrup of buckthorn on its milk-sop, and six drops of tincture of steel in its drinking water in place of the Scotch whisky for another week, when I think your bird will be all right, and, if so, go back to plain white canary seed and pure water as a staple diet, and give a little egg-food and a little maw seed twice a week.

They Agree to Differ.—I purchased a pair of above last February and placed them in an ordinary breeding cage. Can you tell me why they would not become friendly and have always fought over any tit-bit given them? They were given egg-food and bread and milk during the spring and summer, as I have seen advised by you. The cage stands on a table near the window of our sitting room, and I have another cock bird, aged seven years, hanging in the window. Both cocks are in good song. The pair have never been separated.—HOVA.

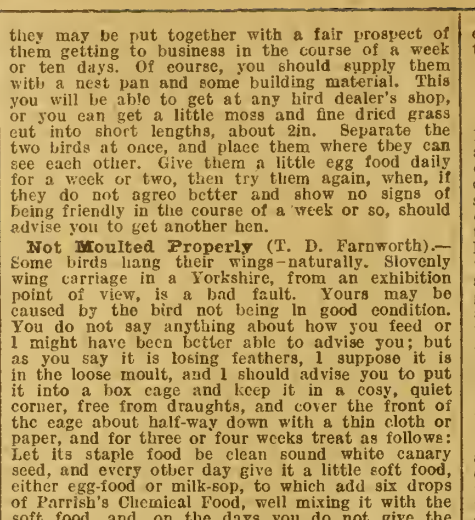
Perhaps both your birds are cocks, or the hen may be what is known as a barren one; or it might be that the birds may have been put together when one or both of them were not in breeding condition, and this would cause them to fight and be very disagreeable with each other. Cocks and hens kept for breeding purposes should be kept separate till the latter end of March or early in April, when if the cock is in full song and the hen jumping lively from perch to perch and flapping her wings, they may be put together with a fair prospect of them getting to business in the course of a week or ten days. Of course, you should supply them with a nest pan and some building material. This you will be able to get at any bird dealer's shop, or you can get a little moss and fine dried grass cut into short lengths, about 2in. Separate the two birds at once, and place them where they can see each other. Give them a little egg food daily for a week or two, then try them again, when, if they do not agree better and show no signs of being friendly in the course of a week or so, should advise you to get another hen.

Not Moulted Properly (T. D. Farnworth).—Some birds hang their wings naturally. Slovenly wing carriage in a Yorkshire, from an exhibition point of view, is a bad fault. Yours may be caused by the bird not being in good condition. You do not say anything about how you feed or I might have been better able to advise you; but as you say it is losing feathers, I suppose it is in the loose moult, and I should advise you to put it into a box cage and keep it in a cosy, quiet corner, free from draughts, and cover the front of the cage about half-way down with a thin cloth or paper, and for three or four weeks treat as follows: Let its staple food be clean sound white canary seed, and every other day give it a little soft food, either egg-food or milk-sop, to which add six drops of Parrish's Chemical Food, well mixing it with the soft food, and, on the days you do not give the soft food, give half a teaspoonful of maw seed. Are you sure whether your bird is a cock or a hen? You might get some experienced local fancier to examine it and give you his opinion on the matter.

Has It Fits? (F. P.).—Your bird is evidently of a very nervous temperament, and should advise you to get a Yorkshire show cage and hang it in front of the door of the cage you keep the bird in, and let him run in and out for a few days, and then get a thin stick or cane and gently drive him in and out a few times, and he will soon learn to go in when you want him; thus, when his cage requires cleaning you can run him into the show cage, and keep him in till you have finished cleaning it, and thus avoid disturbing him so much; also keep him where he has a good light, as near a window as you can, but not in a draught and where someone is frequently moving about him. This will be a means of helping him to get over his nervousness, and he may get all right again. As a weakness of the heart seems to be his failing, groundsel should not be given only in warm weather and when ripe, and watercress should be well cleansed under the water-tap and shaken as dry as possible again before being given to the bird; your feeding seems all right otherwise.

Wheezing, etc. (Anxious).—I have answered all queries that have come to hand to the best of my knowledge. Perhaps you have been overlooked, or your query get misplaced. However, as you seem to have done nearly all you could to relieve your bird, and still no improvement, it must be an obstinate case. Perhaps the following may be of service:—Six drops of tincture of aconite and four drops of tincture of lobelia in its drinking water fresh daily, and let its staple food be white canary seed with a little maw seed daily; stop egg-food and all other food for a week.

What Results?—Kindly tell me what result I may expect from the following pair of Yorkshires. I may say that I am putting them "up" for experiment.—J. D. (Liverpool).


Father. Pink-eyed, clear Buff.
Mother. Pink-eyed Cinnamon mkd. Yellow.
Father. Clear Yellow, deep colour.
Mother. Clear Buff Cinnamon, bred from Greens.
Father. Pink-eyed Clear Yellow.
Mother. Cinnamon marked Buff.
Father. Foul Buff Green.
Mother. Self Yellow Green. (Both these Birds are bred from Greens for some generations.)
Cock. Pink-eyed, heavily variegated Buff Cinnamon, showing a depth of Green.
Hen. Clear Yellow.

From the pair you send pedigree of I should expect to breed mostly variegated green cocks and variegated Cinnamon hens, with possibly a well-marked bird or two of either colour, and maybe an occasional clear. As you say your breeding with this pair is only in the way of an experiment, of course you have a right to please yourself. Personally, I would not care to breed with this pair, unless one or both were extra good in regard to type and I wanted to get some youngsters from them to improve the type of some of my stock, by using what was suitable for crossing purposes; as, for instance, the clear or lightly-marked hens for crossing with Cinnamon marks and the heavily-variegated birds, say, with the Greens; though, if I found it necessary to cross Cinnamon blood with green, say, for the sake of type, I should certainly prefer the hen for that purpose, as I am of opinion the hen has a greater tendency to influence type than the cock, and am equally strong in my opinion that the cock has a greater teudency to influence colour than the hen has; and thus, by using the hen, improve the type and at same time running least risk of weakening or injuring the colour from the cock's side of the pair.

Can't Understand It (B. H.).—(1) No, do not clean your cages every week during breeding time. After you have set the hen do not clean out the cage only to occasionally just lift out any little heap of droppings that you may happen to see at times when you are feeding, and do not disturb the hen more than you are bound to do until the young ones have left the nest. (2) Give the bath as often as you like, until your hens begin to sit, and while sitting give it at the end of the first week and three times during the last week, and give it the day before the hen is due to hatch. (3) A convenient size for single birds is 16in. by 16in. and 8 or 9in. from back to front. I much prefer single cages to having them made in groups or stacks. (4) Your hen that has laid four eggs has been much too forward, and has probably been fed on far too generous a diet. Put her into as large a flight cage as you have, and keep her on plain canary seed for two or three weeks before putting the cock with her. It is too early to breed yet.

CRESTS AND CRESTBREDS.

Answered by W. E. GREEVES.

Crested Cock Losing Feathers (A.E.G.).—Birds losing their feathers after moulting, in patches about the head and neck, unfortunately is of frequent occurrence, and is due to a variety of causes. In your case it would appear to be constitutional. I have known birds so affected to be equally as good breeders as others. I don't think treatment of any kind will be of much use. I have never found it any permanent good. The only thing to do is to rub the places over with a little sulphur ointment. Feed with plain canary seed, giving a little German rape every other day, and a pinch of hemp once a week; also give apple and watercress. Well damp the water out of the latter, and be particularly careful that it is not frosted. When you discontinue the sulphur ointment, give a tepid bath daily; if he won't bathe himself dip him in the water. Do this during the morning, and not after midday.

Crested Cock with Lump over Beak (D. Parsons).—Bathe the lump with warm water, using a small piece of sponge for doing it with for three or four days. Then take a sharp knife, and cut through the skin, if it is a hard lump under the skin it can be easily removed. If otherwise, it will disperse. Again bathe it well, putting a few drops of Condy's fluid in the water. If your bird is otherwise healthy, as he appears to be by being in full song, I see no reason why he should not be used for breeding.

BORDERS.

Answered by J. PATTERSON.

Both Hens? (T. Williams).—I am rather afraid that your marked wing birds, yellow and buff, will turn out to be both hens, if, as you say, they are doing well, which I take to mean in perfect health. If one of them had been a cock he would have been whistling more or less by this time. Perhaps you may not have them up to concert pitch yet. Feed as follows:—Canary seed as staple diet, with a third rape added every other day; give this twice a week, boiled. Put the required quantity on in a small pan and bring slowly to boil; let it boil about three minutes, then strain, and while still hot rub it in a linen cloth till dry; let it cool and mix with it one crushed Osborne biscuit, and give half a teaspoonful per bird, and twice a week the same quantity of egg-food, with a pinch of maw seed and three drops of chemical food mixed with it. (2) Should either the yellow or buff turn out a cock if paired together, I expect you will get both clears, ticks, and marks; but it greatly depends on how they have been bred. I think they must be both from a marked strain, seeing they are both ticked on wing. (3) The other bird you mention I take to be a green, and would advise you to procure a good mate of the opposite colour. From this pair I would think you would breed almost all solid greens, but could not definitely tell you without knowing the full pedigree of their predecessors. Regarding the fourth query, three eggs per nest all through the season is a fair average, although some have four, five, six, and even seven in a nest. I rather prefer a nest of three or four.

Ambitious (R. H. R.).—Your ambition is a very laudable one for to try and place on the show bench some exhibition Borders. I trust you will be able to do so, and also find an amount of pleasure. You have made one unfortunate mistake in not mentioning the colour of one of your variegated hens; if she is a buff also, I would say to pair the yellow cock to her; but should she be a yellow, then pair No. 2 cock to her, and No. 1 cock to No. 2 hen. (2) Regarding feeding, please look over answer to "T. Williams." (3) I do not believe in giving any forcing food to make them breed quickly; what we want to do is to keep them in good health and spirits during the winter months by rational treatment. A little egg-food twice a week works wonders. Let the two hens run together. Give a little inga with the egg until the time of pairing, about the beginning of April. (4) I think there must have been something wrong with your treatment, or perhaps your hens might be a little flighty, being young. I have no doubt but that they will be better this year. Please repeat query as to how you treated last year, and I shall be pleased to further advise you. Delighted to hear you think so highly of CAGE BIRDS.

Both Hens (Beginner).—The birds you mention, which are whistling very low and are in perfect health, I have no hesitation in saying they are both hens. I have seen many cases like this before. I would advise you to procure two robust mates, either in their place or for them, if you mean to have any young birds this year.

Not Much Wrong (Barrow).—You are a little meagre in your remarks re your Border cock. I do not think there is very much wrong with him, from what you say; if you had mentioned the nature and colour of the excreta, I would have had more to guide me. Although he eats to excess, as you seem to think, birds are like ourselves, very differently constituted; one bird may eat as much in a day, if in vigorous form, as another might eat in three. Therefore, no hard or fast rules can be laid down how much each should be allowed each day. Many cock birds before the breeding season commences have a nasty habit of just cracking their seed and leaving the kerne., which may often be attributed to pure mischief. I have found it a good plan to only let them have their seed thrice a day, taking it away each time after they have had a good feed; but you must be sure to be regular in your attendance if you adopt this method. If you neglect, the cure is worse than the disease. (2) Feed as advised "T. Williams" in this issue, and give the mixed seed in the bottom of cage among the grit, by way of a change, to take the bird's attention away from the seed; give a piece of bread soaked in scalded milk, with a pinch of maw seed sprinkled over it. Should your bird show any symptoms of disease, please give me fuller particulars in another query, and I shall be happy to further advise you.

LIZARDS.

Answered by BARKER CLEGG.

Cross Breeding for Size, etc (F. Smith).—(1) Certainly, by the introduction of Cinnamon or Norwich blood (hens) you would get size and quality of feather, with probably a fair representative of the Lizard, even on the first cross. (2) I do not doubt for a moment but that it is possible to regenerate the variety, following a specially designed plan of procedure and adhering strictly to it, though I must confess that my experiences in these matters have been very disappointing; and, moreover, I cannot tell you of any breeder who has ventured to claim success from the introduction of foreign blood. (3) I much prefer to advise you to follow the line breeding; this will combine pedigree, in-breeding, and selection. You would find it more reliable and far more interesting than ex-

permeuting. Of course, if you are particularly anxious aud well prepared to go in for the latter thoroughly and ou an extensive scale, I should be pleased to confer with you further on the subject.

LANCASHIRES.

Answered by S. R. COMPSTON.

Lancashire Hen with Bowel Trouble (G. M.).—If the weather has not affected your bird, possibly a remedy may be found in a change of diet. Some birds cannot do witb egg food, others will thrive o ɜ. Leave off the hemp seed for a time and try a small quantity of millet instead. In place of egg food try what a small piece of stale bread dipped in boiled milk will do. Be careful to remove any that is left after being in the cage a few hours.

GREENS.

Answered by S. HADWIN.

Green Cock Going Bald (Black).—You do not give very full particulars as to the state of the bird's head or style of feeding. In the absence of these particulars, it is difficult to deal with the matter. If the head has a whitish, scrofulous appearance, it is probably a touch of scurvy, brought on by overfeeding, and should be treated as follows:—Paint the head with equal parts paraffin and olive oil, and feed on half canary and half German rape seed; also add to one ounce drinking water 12 drops of liquid magnesia every other day for a week. Whether you see any scrofulous growth or not, try the above plan for a fortnight, aud if no improvement then write me again, giving full particulars as to feeding, etc.

Norwich Green or Greenfinch Mule (J.T.).—Your question is in the nature of a conundrum; but from your description of the bird's song I should vote for your bird being a Norwich green. You say the bird seemed to be in breeding condition three weeks ago, and that you lent it to a friend for breeding purposes. Now, in this fact seems to lie all the trouble. The bird, when you lent it to your friend was in very high condition, and the changing it from one house to the other when in this high condition, and probably the different temperatures of the two houses, have thrown the bird into a soft moult. See that the bird is kept free from draughts in a fairly roomy cage, and feed generously on a good mixture of seeds, say equal parts of all kinds of seeds used for Canaries, with a double proportion of canary seed. Give a teaspoonful of egg food twice a week, to which has been added 12 drops of Parrish's chemical food. As there are quite six weeks to elapse before you need trouble yourself about breeding, you may get the bird all right again by then.

ROLLERS.

Answered by F. A. LESTER.

Ringing Young Rollers (J.N.C.).—Your object in ringing the young Rollers would only be half accomplished if you did not join the B.R.C.C By joining the club you are enabled to compete for their valuable challenge cup and fine silver and bronze medals. The secretary's name and address are:—Mr. J. W. Norris, 31, Scylla-rd., Peckham Rye, London, S.E. Ring your birds about seven days old, and try and catch the hen off the nest.

Treatment for Wheezing Roller Not Successful (A.R.W.).—I am not surprised, as these cases are very difficult to deal with. Will you now try a piece of raw onion between the wires of the cage; renew about twice a week, and keep this up for a few weeks. I have known people buy many shillingsworth of remedies for this complaint, aud then not cure. It is nearly always an imported bird that is the sufferer. Keep in a cool temperature, say about 50 degrees to 60 degrees, as that appears to afford them most aid.

Cocks Not Moulting and Various Other Questions (Guidance).—If you find this room so very unsuitable for your birds you will have to risk the change. Try and change over during a spell of mild weather, such as existed during the beginning of this week. Your feeding is very good. The song of most home-bred Rollers would be deeper than the ordinary roller that you buy, and more mellow, but not so many changes. Your price (15/-) will purchase a fair bird for breeding. The Roller-Norwich cross would not equal the pure Roller, even if trained under a good bird. Keep your birds pure is my advice.

German Hartz Roller Suddenly Ceasing to Sing (German).—Your bird has doubtless been kept in a different temperature and fed differently. Write to the dealer you bought it of, and ask him the seed and temperature he kept the bird in. If he does not give you the information, I would alter the mixture to 2 parts rape, 1 part canary, and drop the egg food, as I do not suppose he has had much of that. It may not affect his breeding.

Roller with Dirty Feet (Siva).—Your bird will keep his feet clean if you give him some silver sand in his cage bottom; be liberal with it; and is his food and water inside or outside? If inside, that may be the reason, as he may get his feet damp, and the excreta then sticks to them. Some birds err in that respect very much, and nothing appears to cure them. If the water had the chill off, I should think we would bath now.

Roller Canary Hen with Bare Head (Roller).—I consider your feeding the cause of this unpleasant experience. You should feed the hen very plainly on 2 parts rape seed, 1 part canary, and ½ teaspoonful of egg food once a week until she has young. Drop all the other extras at once, and take the bird in your left hand with her head protruding between your thumb and forefinger, and gently rub a very small quantity of pure vaseline on twice a week, very sparingly. Yes, quite fit for breeding.

MISCELLANEOUS CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by J. NORTH.

Sand and Inflammation.—(1) If I get sand from a wharf, would that suit my bird? (2) Have a bird that sits very mopy. It looks very red under the stomach. Have given it milk sop with a little seed on it?—J.N.Y.

(1) By getting sand from a wharf I imagine you mean from the beach, and, as a rule, this makes a very serviceable "grit" for the sand trays. I think you would do well to have it washed in running water, and if there appears to be any impurities in it add a few grains of permanganate of potash, which will cleanse it. (2) Your bird would seem to have taken an inflammation of some kind, but whether it is of the bowels, lungs, or liver; I cannot say without seeing it. Anyway, I think a gentle aperient would do good, and should advise you to get a drachm of sulphate of soda from a chemist. Dissolve it in four ounces of water, and serve it to the bird in place of plain drinking water.

Rest Seed.—Which is the best seed to feed a Canary on all the year round?—S. GARDNER.

Canary seed may be looked upon as "the staff of life," and should be in constant supply. Rape seed, hemp, niger, and linseed may be given in addition, and as a change. Some sort of salad, vegetable, or fruit addition is advisable for the purpose of keeping birds in good health, aud there is nothing better for the purpose than sweet apple, banana, boiled carrot, groundsel, chickweed, watercress, or seedling rape or mustard and cress.

Brass Wire Cages.—I put a singing Canary into a new brass cage. The bird sang most splendidly for many weeks, but spent much time picking at the wires, and it has gradually left off singing. I can see nothing amiss with it, only it's a little mopy, and casts a feather now and again.—B.W.C.

If you tell me that you are using a brass wire cage I must accept your statement, although I know that as a matter of fact nearly all the cages that look like brass are made of iron wire and iron plates lacquered and coloured to look like brass. Again, I do not think that it is so much the material of the cage as its construction, which has upset your bird. In all probability you hang it in the window, aud the cold draught passes right through it and the bird as well. Perhaps before you had it it was kept in a close cage and in a hot room. It is a bad sign when a singing bird goes off song in the spring and casts feathers. Move your bird into a box cage, keep it in a warm room, feed it on milk sop and soaked seed, and cover cage over at night with a dark cloth.

Gone Off Song.—Have Canary which was in full song this time last year, but since moulting it has scarcely sung. Can you tell me what to do with it, and whether I can use it for breeding purposes?—OISEAU.

It is difficult to form an opinion of the nature of your bird's ailment without further particulars. It might be infested with red-mite, or perhaps its cage is too open to draughts. Examine the bird by candlelight for red-mite, and if found scald out the cage and pepper the bird with insect powder. Run the Canary into a snug box cage, and keep it in a warm room, give it a teaspoonful of egg food every day, on which you have let fall three drops of Parrish's chemical food. Give also salad or slice of sweet apple. As to your bird being suitable for breeding purposes, I do not consider him to be so at present, as his loss of voice and shedding of feathers shows him to be out of condition, while it is quite certain that none but the most healthy and strong should be expected to be successful in the breeding cage; but if you give him the teaspoonful of soft food with three drops of Parrish's chemical food every day he will soon improve.

Canaries, etc., in Greenhouse.—Would a greenhouse, 2 yds. wide, 2½ yds. long, and 2 yds. high at back, be a suitable place to keep my birds in for breeding this summer? I purpose wiring off one-third and putting in, to fly loose, one Goldfinch, one Bullfinch, and two Canaries, and to run two pairs more in cages. Should I cover the top to keep out some of the heat?—IGNORANT.

I do not consider a greenhouse, built chiefly of glass, at all the most suitable place in which to keep Canaries for breeding purposes, because the variation of temperature between midday and midnight is so great that it would be unreasonable to suppose birds could prosper in it. There is also nearly always a collection of moisture on the glass which is apt to drip and make the cages damp. If you house is a "lean-to," which I infer it is, you might cover the roof with wood or felt or thatch during the summer, but I don't consider that even then it would make good winter quarters. Your Bullfinch should be a hen; she might mate with the Goldfinch and rear a Hybrid, whereas if a cock Bullfinch were put in he would do nothing but quarrel with the Goldfinch and Canaries.

Long Claws.—Two hens with long claws, fear they will catch in nest and break eggs. Would you advise me to shorten them, and which is the best way? With scissors or nippers, and after cutting would it be advisable to take off the roughness with a small file, or allow it to wear off?—H. G. RHONDDA.

When speaking of claws one generally understands the fleshy toes to be meant, but in this case I take it that the toenails are indicated. These should at all times be kept from growing too long, thin, or pointed, and should occasionally be trimmed with either a pair of nail scissors or nippers, whichever the owner is accustomed to use. The nail scissors are generally provided with a file at the side, which you may find useful; but, as a rule, the blades can do all there is to do. Some fanciers are very clever at breaking off the excessive growth with their own finger nails, but I should not advise you to try this plan. If you hold the toenails up to a good light you will see how far the blood circulates in them, so be careful not to cut this, or the toes will bleed and soil the cage and bird.

Preparing for Breeding.—(1) Six pairs Canaries, cocks in one flight cage, and hens in another. How soon could I pair up, as if I begin late in March I fear it would be rather a trouble when I have my holidays, as I have no one who would understand them? (2) What would be the best food to bring them forward, as one cock has just got over "soft moult," and is not in song. The hens are all very fit, barring one, which gets puffy?—READER.

We are all in a transitory state, and the time may come when you may have someone to give a helping hand, but we cannot have everything we want, and it sometimes happens that holidays do not come to disarrange one's bird-breeding plans. Anyway, unless special facilities exist for warming a bird room, we must admit, as a result of experience, that as a rule no good is done by pairing up before the end of March. (2) Having very properly kept the sexes in two groups during the winter, it would be well now to run the cocks into separate cages, or they will be pulling each other about. You could then the more easily ascertain which were in song and breeding condition, and those that were not might have a little soft food, soaked seed, sweet apple, or boiled carrot. The one that has soft moult should be allowed three drops of Parrish's chemical food daily on his soft food.

Pairing and Rearing Queries.—(1) I have the following birds:—(i.) Clear buff Plainhead cock, good size and feather; (ii.) wing-marked dark Crested cock, large bird, but rough in feather; (iii.) good Roller, clear; (iv.) clear buff hen, mother of first-named; (v.) clear yellow Crested hen. Can you tell me how to pair for best results? (2) Is it too late now to purchase birds? (3) What is the way to feed from now until the young are separated? Do the birds feed through the wire division in centre of cage? (4) Is it best to cover cages over all day with white tissue paper when breeding?—VERY DOUBTFUL.

(1) If your No. 1 bird is a Crestbred Plainhead, he should make a suitable mate for No. 5 hen. No. 2 cock and No. 4 hen would do equally well together. No. 3 is odd; you do not even say whether it is a cock or hen. Anyway, you will require a German mate for it. (2) No; it is not too late to purchase stock birds, as a reference to our prepaid columns will show you a full selection at prices to suit everybody. Deposit the purchase money with Editor, insist on having young, healthy birds, and examine them before deciding to buy. (3) Egg food, salad and seed for the old ones when breeding, but no salad for young ones. When the latter are from two or three weeks old they may leave the nest and get fed through the wires. (4) This is quite unnecessary.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

Owing to unavoidable circumstances, Mr. Weston has had to leave many Queries unanswered this week, but hopes to attend to them all in our next issue.

What Bird is It? (E. W. O.).—It really is not possible for me to tell without seeing it what Hybrid the bird may be, which you say was bred "promiscuously" in your aviary last season. If it shows anything of the Bullfinch, then there can be no doubt about it having had a Bullie for one parent; the family imprint is quite unmistakeable. Should this be so, the value of the bird will be a few sovereigns, undoubtedly, but the exact number of "golden boys" no one could specify without setting eyes on it. Everything depends on its sex, size, shape, colour, etc.; in other words, whether it is fit for exhibition or not. The Canary-Bullfinch differs in shade of colour from the Greenfinch-Bullfinch, while the latter has a quite plain (unmarked) back, whereas the former has distinct pencillings (markings) in that region. This is well shown in the coloured frontispiece to No. 2 (January issue) of the "Bird World Magazine."

A Variety (Young Novice).—I should certainly think the large, very white-looking Goldfinch you bought in New York is a foreigner—using the term, that is, to show that it is not what is known as a "British" Goldfinch. I explained how to feed and treat these birds only the other week, and no doubt you noticed and read my remarks. If a cock bird (you say it has a large, square blaze, so this seems assured), I know of no reason why it should not breed with a hen Canary this coming spring. Blackcaps are very easily sexed by their caps alone. The cocks have very distinct, glossy, jet-black caps; the hens indistinct (comparatively) rusty or rusty-brown caps. For staple food, see reply to "A. F." this week. Blackcaps, however, must always have some ripe fruit, both minced in amongst their soft food and placed in the cage. Young cock Mules are very precocious, and commence to "record" their song almost as soon as they are really able to feed themselves. They seldom sing out stoutly, however, until the moult is over, and they have got over its effects.

Linnet Moulting (Novice).—One cannot always tell what it is that starts birds into cross moults. The more general cause is the shifting of them from heated into unheated rooms, or vice versa. Sudden severe changes of temperature, however, sometimes serve to send Canaries into cross moult, though British birds are not usually prone to be affected by such; exposure to draught is also dangerous from the same reason. Your Linnet will by now be deep in cross moult, and you can do nothing to stop it; indeed, it would not be advisable to try. Simply keep the bird in an equable atmosphere, and feed it well on the lines recommended "Contrary" the other week. You could with benefit add half a teaspoonful of Parrish's Chemical Food to every two tablespoonfuls of drinking water until the bird recovers, giving it fresh daily.

Show Points, White Legs, and a Non-Moulter (Novice).—Really, you ask far too many questions for one attempt. I should have to devote a whole column to you to answer them fully. Both space and my own time are limited, and I have very many querists who need attention. Briefly, the show points of a Greenfinch are size, shape, and depth of rich grass-green colour, with plenty of gold (yellow) in the wings and tail. A broad back, deep, well-rounded chest, and wide, bold head are essential. The Lesser Redpoll must be a shapely, well-proportioned bird (size is not so very necessary a point, though valuable), rich deep brown in colour, well pencilled on head, back, and flanks, and carrying a dense black bib (throat mark) about as large as a smallish pea. The wings should be cleanly and nicely marked. A white-legged (house moulted) cock Linnet ought to be worth from 4/6 to 7/6, if anything of a bird. If really a proved mule he would be cheap at 7/6, and far from dear at 10/6. Show specimens, of course, are worth a good deal more. For wild seeds for the above birds, read the reply to "Contrary" the other week. It is not unusual for a British bird to miss a moult, and you will be ill-advised if you try to force your Redpoll to cast its feathers at this late period of the year. We can send you post free for postal order value 1/2, a little booklet which deals with the better-known British Finches in a very helpful way.

Greenhouse for Bird-keeping (V. Williams).—I cannot imagine worse conditions for keeping birds under than those you describe in your letter, and I cannot with honesty recommend you to make the attempt. A hot greenhouse facing south, with roof covered with a vine, and flowering plants kept in it which require copiously watering, and even to stand in water, resulting in heavy moisture falling when the sun strikes the place, can hardly be said to be suitable for housing either Canaries or British birds; whether any Foreign birds would thrive in such an atmosphere I cannot say. In my opinion the conditions would prove much too enervating; the birds would always be more or less "soft," and without sufficient energy to rear young, while bronchial troubles would probably sooner or later put in an appearance. Make the experiment if you like, but take out the birds at once if they shows signs of going wrong. If they prosper, then write and tell me so, and put me to confusion. I can assure you of this, I know several bird lovers who have tried and failed.

Wild Seeds (G. Heaton).—The sample of seeds from the thresher which you send is a very good one, and quite fit to give to British Finches for them to pick over. I could not pretend to name the different kinds of seeds of which it is composed; a seed expert would jib at such a large order. The majority are of the genus Brassica, and go by the general name of "bird rape," being practically undifferentiable away from the plant itself.

Thrush Off Song (G. A. Brighton).—You should feed your Thrush as recommended "C. A. L." the other week. If you feel sure he has a touch of cold, you cannot do better than try the following bronchial syrup:—1 oz. each of glycerine, ipecacuanha wine, and oxymel of squills. Put half a teaspoonful in every two tablespoonfuls of drinking water. Let me know in a fortnight's time should a course of treatment over this period have no effect for good. The bird should be given six or seven mealworms every day.

A Muling Question (Hopeful).—The food for a Greenfinch was given in reply to another querist last week; kindly refer thereto. A little prepared packet egg-food, if made by a good firm, is quite suitable for use with any caged birds which show a liking for it. During the breeding season I personally always use egg and biscuit or egg and bread prepared fresh every day. You must please yourself what course you will pursue. The food for Linnets was gone into at length in the reply to "Contrary" the other week; it is impossible for me to keep repeating the same information, for I have too many querists needing replies. The Canary hen of "good length, with plenty of leg, and racy," I should say is a Yorkshire, or, at least, of Yorkshire type. She will do quite well to pair with your Linnet, especially if she is a yellow. Young bred from hens of Yorks. type, however, generally come somewhat slimmer in build to young bred from hens of Norwich type. If good singing Mules only are wanted, however, one kind of hen is quite as good as the other. To get the Linnet into high breeding condition, give it on different days in the week pinches of hemp, niger, maw, and dandelion seeds. You must look out for early tender dandelion leaves and the flowering and seeding heads, and give the bird a free supply, seeing they are never in a frosted condition when offered. Dandelion is invaluable as a "conditioner" for breeding birds. For early supplies, look on sheltered banks (railway embankments for instance) which face south. Also let the bird have sprigs of seeding shepherd's purse, and chickweed and flowering groundsel tops, looking out for the earliest possible supplies. The hen Canary does not want forcing, or she will go to nest before the Linnet is fit, and the result will be disappointment, in the shape of clear eggs. Let her have good, sound canary seed only, with a little summer rape every second day, and a "nip" of hemp and niger twice a week. A small feed of egg-food once a week will do her no harm; plenty of time to give it oftener when the month of March is drawing to a close. In these matters, however, all fanciers must use their judgment according to the breeding condition or otherwise of their birds.

Hybrid Breeding (Hybrid).—A cage 30 by 14 by 12 is a nice size for a Hybrid couple, though another 6 inches on the length would be a decided improvement. Feed your Bullfinch as advised another inquirer this week. Some hen Bullies will sit on their own eggs and hatch them; and a few successfully rear their young. Most fanciers, however, prefer to transfer the eggs to good feeding hen Canaries. If you let the hen Bullie undertake the job, be prepared to step in at any moment and finish it for her by hand-feeding the youngsters, as may be needed. I could not say whether your pink-eyed Norwich, which is like a large Lancashire (what a curious description!), is Sib-bred or not Sib-bred. Only its breeder really knows that. At any rate, she should be a useful muler.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S.

Oryx Weaver (Plœcus).—There is a great deal of variation of demeanour with this species, some individuals being quite harmless in an aviary such as yours, and others very spiteful during the breeding season, even though this species seldom attempts to do more than weave a nest. However, judging from the behaviour of such individuals as I have kept, and others at the Zoo, I should have no hesitation in keeping them with the birds you name; however, you must keep a watch on them at first, but I have mostly found that it is their own kind that their spitefulness is directed against. I do not suppose they will do more than occasionally chase the other birds about; but they usually ignore the smaller fry.

What Bird?—Can you tell me what kind of bird the enclosed sketch represents? It was bought at Malta for a Siskin.—FOREIGN BIRD.

It is impossible for me to give an absolutely definite reply, your sketch being so very rough. It might possibly be one of the Singing Finches, which strongly resemble Siskins in form and plumage, but usually have more and brighter yellows about same. At the same time, I believe your sketch represents a European specimen of the common Siskin.

Birds for Aviary.—My aviary, 18 by 4 by 6½ ft. high (photo enclosed), contains two pairs of Cockatiels and a number of Budgerigars. What others could I keep for variety, and how many, without overcrowding? No address on query.—P.R.E.

I was much interested in the photo of your aviary, which appears to be a well arranged construction. Providing you keep your flock of Budgerigars to proper limits (say 20 to 25), you could keep a pair each of Red and Mealy Rosellas, and White-eared Conures with your birds, but if you have all three I should advise you to reduce your Cockatiels to one pair. The above would all thrive on the same food as you are now giving, and would make a grand display of colour in comparison with your other birds. For these you would find nest boxes with concave bottoms, say about 8 in. square, or 8 by 10.

Another Feather Puller.—My bird is almost bare; it is washed weekly. I used to give meat, but have stopped same; it has toast every morning, table food, and Parrot mixture. How can I remedy this?—THOMAS FORSHAW.

Cease your present diet, and do not at any time give Parrot food, slops, fats, or any kind of animal food whatever—no table scraps, please. Prepare your own mixture, equal parts canary, wheat, dari, rice in the husk, oats, hemp, and sunflower seeds; also give, to vary the diet, ripe fruit, green food, nuts, boiled potato, plain biscuit, and continuous supplies of grit, cuttlefish, and water. As the bird is accustomed to it, you can give a little dry toast, but no buttered foods, tea or coffee, etc. Give your bird a dose of Tinneford's magnesia as necessary to keep its bowels moving freely, *but not loose*. Put it on a course of Parrish's chemical food (see other replies in this and recent issues). Soak the bare parts with quassia solution every other day. You must persevere with this treatment; cure, or even improvement, is never rapid in such cases.

What Parrakeet?—Length about 7 in., of which tail measures 3 in., face, throat, and breast dove-grey, rest of underparts yellow, upper parts bright green, bill, horn, feet, light flesh.—SOUTH-WEST.

You are the fortunate possessor of a pair of Senegal Parrots (*Pœocephalus senegalus*), very beautiful and uncommon, though well-known birds. For some reason they are not often on the market. They are really desirable, and at the present time valuable birds. Diet: Canary and millet, with a few oats, wheat, dari, and hemp, as a change occasionally; green food, grit, cuttlefish, and a little ripe fruit should be regularly given. Keep a supply of water for drinking in its cage. If you have been dieting differently, do not make a sudden change, let the transfer to above diet be a gradual one. Hope you will have luck with them.

Aviary Queries.—Sketch of aviary herewith; floor is boarded. (1) Will bricks grouted in with cement or boards be best for the flight? What birds would you suggest, to include Green and Yellow Budgerigars, that would breed?—R. L. F. S. BENTLEY.

(1) The brick floor well grouted in with cement will be best for the whole aviary; it is far better than wood, and is a great protection against rodents. The floor should have a gentle slope to drain off any moisture that gets in after gusty rain; a piece of perforated zinc at the lowest point will let same drain to the outside. There should be a good thickness of gritty sand over the brick floor, and the

flight and shed well furnished with branches as perches for roosting, etc. See other replies re Budgerigars. If you have these, I recommend you to keep to Parrakeets, and not mix them with Finches, etc. A nice selection, which would give a beautiful variety of colour, is as follows:—Green, 6/-, and Yellow Budgerigars, 12/-, Cockatiels, 10/- to 12/6, Red Rosellas, 30/-, Mealy Rosellas, 60/-, and White-cared Conures, 20/-, one pair each; the prices given are approximate, and per pair. Husks for the Budgerigars, and concave bottomed nest boxes for the Parrakeets of suitable size. If you elect to take the risk of mixing Budgerigars and Finches, write again for list, but carefully note this week's replies to other correspondents.

Cutthroats with Skin Disease.—One of my birds has some kind of yellowish beads, just under the skin, round its neck; it seems to irritate the bird much. I now notice another developing the same complaint. How can I treat?—DOROTHY WHITE.

If you have a clean cage, put the healthy ones in that at once. At any rate, they must be separated from their infected companions at once. If the birds were mine I should destroy the infected ones, and thoroughly disinfect and clean their cage. Possibly you will not care to do this. It is a step one is loth to take. Twice a week, or say every third day, put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's magnesia in their drinking water, and in addition to their seed, let them have a little of some good soft food mixture daily. If possible, bathe the infected parts with warm water, wipe or lightly dab dry with a soft cloth, and then anoint the parts with spermaceti ointment. The cage should be cleansed daily, and while out of draught, yet where the birds can get fresh air. A little green food daily, fresh tender lettuce is best at this season. A couple of mealworms per bird daily would be helpful at the present juncture. Your cage, or aviary cage in which they have been kept ought not to be used for healthy stock till it has been well scalded out and thoroughly cleansed. It would be a help to put 4 drops of Parrish's chemical food in their soft food daily, grit and cuttlefish, and a bath should be given daily.

Birds for Cages.—I have two aviary cages, 48 in. by 18 in. by 30 in. high. What others can I keep with those I already have (list enclosed) and breed? I have two cock Cutthroats, and intend getting two hens. Will they breed?—NEW BEGINNER.

(1) If you get a hen to mate with your Madagascar cock, this will be sufficient for breeding purposes in your cage; though two or three pairs of Budgerigars usually settle down to breeding quicker than a single pair do; yours will settle down and breed in due course. For breeding purposes, I consider the pair each of Budgerigars and Lovebirds will fully occupy your cage. It is not safe to keep other types with them, and though there is a risk, I think the Pekin Robins would be safe with them, and as they are not likely to even attempt to nest, you could keep them with the others. However, note there is a risk, and you must take that if you keep them together. Two pairs of Cutthroats might agree in a large aviary, but in a cage they certainly will not during the breeding season. Part with one of your cocks, get a hen and pair of Zebra and Green Singing Finches, put up four or five nest boxes, and they are all possible breeders. If you put the Pekin Robins in with the Finches, they will most probably eat the eggs of the other birds as fast as laid. Re soft food: Game meal, fine crissel, crushed Osborne biscuits, ants' eggs (eoeoons), and dried flies in equal parts, mix the game meal and crissel together, and keep in a separate tin from the others, calling them 1 and 2 respectively; take a portion of No. 1 (game meal and crissel) and pour over it as much boiling water as it will absorb, let it stand to swell, then knead in sufficient of No. 2 to leave it crumbly moist. "Favourite Foreign Birds" (Greene), 2/9, post free from "C.B." office.

Budgerigars Dying.—I bought two of these birds a week ago, and was surprised this morning to find them both dead. What could have been the cause? They were kept in the kitchen in a large box cage, and fed on millet and oats. There is a gas stove in the kitchen.—BAD LUCK.

It is "hard luck" losing your birds so soon. At the same time I can give you no definite reply as to cause from the details you supply. Can only surmise that they were diseased, but that this was not apparent at time of purchase, and that it developed during the few days they were in your possession. On the other hand, their supply of food may have given out. I have had many bodies sent to me whose empty crops testified eloquently to the cause of death. The internal economy of most small birds is such that a very few hours without food is fatal. When you get others, diet them on canary and white millet in equal parts, give a few oats once a week, also give green food, grit, cuttlefish, and water. As a precaution, you had better scald out your cage with boiling water before using same for other birds. If the cage was hung up close against the ceiling, the fumes and heat from the gas stove would certainly conduce to, if it did not exactly cause, their early decease.

Indoor Aviary.—In a recess in my garret I have an aviary 7 ft. by 3½ ft. by 7 ft. high; it is well lighted. Would the following agree and breed? Budgerigars, Zebrafinch, and Grey Java Sparrows? What is their diet, and could you name a few more, cheap ones and free breeders?—CONSTANT READER.

Budgerigars and Zebrafinches are free breeders, but Grey Java Sparrows are not, i.e., the imported wild caught birds, but aviary bred specimens breed almost as readily as Canaries. It is risky keeping Budgerigars with Finches, etc., though many do so with a fair amount of success. At the same time it is risky. In a large garden aviary I have had several annoying losses which I know were due to this cause, though sometimes you get through several years without mishap. You must decide yourself as to the Budgerigars. Re others, get pairs of Zebra and Cutthroat Finches, Bengalee, Silverbills, and a cock Grey Java Sparrow, and a white hen. These are all probable breeders, and cheap, as also are Avadavats and Green ditto, Zebra, Grey, and Orange-cheek Waxbills; this latter group would not, I think, breed, but they are very beautiful, small, would agree with and make a pleasing variety with the other birds. Diet: Canary, white, and spray millet, rice in the husk, green food, grit, cuttlefish, and water for drinking and bathing. When breeding they would require a little of some soft food mixture (see advertisement columns).

Lemon Crested Cockatoo.—My bird pulls out its feathers, as you will see by photo enclosed. It is fed on mixed Parrot food, occasionally a bone to pick, boiled potato, and about a teaspoonful of porridge every morning. What is the remedy?—J. HOGAN.

I should omit the bone, also the porridge if it is made with milk. Prepare your own mixture, equal parts of maize, wheat, oats, dari, hemp, and sunflower seeds. Give in addition plain biscuit, little boiled potato, raw carrot, green food, grit, cuttlefish, and water ad lib. Just colour its drinking water with Parrish's chemical food for the next month, and give a little Dinneford's magnesia as often as necessary to keep its bowels moving freely, *but not loose*. Get some quassia solution, and once or twice a week well soak the parts he is in the habit of picking with same; you must persevere with this treatment, it may take some months to break it of the habit and get its plumage into condition again. Note: Though a robust and hardy species, it must be carefully kept out of draught while its plumage is wet.

What Others?—In an aviary 4½ ft. square I have one pair each Green and Yellow Budgerigars. What others could I keep with them that will breed?—J.P.

It is a little difficult answering your query, as you do not give me any particulars as to whether aviary is in or out; if outside, I am assuming you have proper night shelter for them. You could put a pair of Cockatiels with your Budgerigars, and they would ultimately breed, but they do not always do the first season. They would thrive on the same treatment as the Budgerigars. Of course, with this addition, you would have to get rid of the young, as they were able to fend for themselves. You would have to make a nest box for the Cockatiels, 8 in. square, with concave bottom.

Outdoor Aviary.—Many thanks for your reply. The idea of attaching flight to revolving summer-house was that, in this bleak county, it could be turned to avoid either extremes of heat and cold. I have enclosed builder's sketch. Do you think it will answer for the purpose?—"QUAIT."

Your suggested sketch makes a very handsome aviary, and if you can, arrange the floor of loft inside summer-house so that it will give a height of 12 inches in its lowest part, lining it all round with twiggy branches (pea or bean sticks answer admirably); it must be the whole width of summer-house and be made 3 ft. wide; this will give you a floor space of 8 ft. by 3 ft., 12 inches high at eaves, and about 3 ft. at ridge. In lieu of zinc trays, I advise a narrow flap, to open in three sections the whole width of loft, and that peat moss litter be used (2 inches) on floor of same. Once a fortnight would be often enough for scraping out. The loft must be lighted by a good sized square of glass, in the end of loft inside summer-house. Instead of having one large opening from the flight to loft, have three smaller ones with a small ledge or shelf in front of each. As your situation is bleak, I incline to the opinion that it would be best to have only the front of flight covered with wire netting (½ inch mesh), the ends to be of wood and glass. All glass must be covered with wire netting on the inside. The floor of flight to be of one-inch boards, and covered with, say, two inches of loam, and gritty sand on top of this. If you can carry out the above arrangements you can utilise your summer-house, and the aviary and its inmates should supply you with much pleasure and interest. Do not, however, keep Budgerigars with your Finches, etc., or sooner or later you will have to deplore the loss of one or another of your pets.

Grey Parrot Ill.—My bird frequently falls from its perch, but does not appear any the worse for it; he immediately climbs up again. Also for some time past he has been much addicted to feather plucking. What can I do to remedy this?—J. FINLAY.

Most cases such as yours arise from an improper diet. You give me no particulars as to how you are dieting and treating it, and I can give you no satisfactory reply till you furnish same. In the meantime diet your bird as advised in this column, and do not give tea, milk, or coffee slops, fats, or animal food of any kind whatever. Give for one day only six drops of tasteless castor oil on a piece of sponge cake, plain biscuit, or any other absorbent food that the bird will eat. For the next month well colour its drinking water with Parrish's chemical food. Give a liberal supply of cuttlefish, and keep the bird warm, quiet, and out of draught. Soak the bare parts of its skin with quassia solution. You must persevere with this; it is a work of time remedying this annoying and depraved habit of feather plucking. Also try the collar and chain which has been described in this column several times recently. While your bird continues to fall from its perch, take the grating out of its cage, and fill tray with peat moss litter; you must, of course, supply grit in a hopper, or mix a little with its seed while doing this.

Red-faced Lovebirds.—(1) Thanks to your reply, my bird is quite well again; the cough and panting have quite disappeared. One of them is losing its head feathers. Is it moulting? (2) Though tame, they appear frightened when the door is opened and food is offered by hand. How can I overcome this?—A.B.

(1) Am glad to note your bird has recovered. I should imagine the bird is in the moult; this is always very erratic as to period during their first year or so in this country. Keep them warm and out of draught, a piece of clean cuttlefish always in the cage, a leaf of fresh and tender lettuce every other day. For a month or longer, colour their drinking water with Parrish's chemical food every other day. Treated thus, and with the diet you are now giving, they should do well, and in due time be in fine feather again. (2) Your method is not gradual enough. Get them used to taking food from your fingers through the wires first. When they do this readily, then try them with the open door, but do not force them at all, and if fear is exhibited close the door again, and then try again the next day. Only patience and kindness, combined with quietness of manner when attending to them, will accomplish your desires in this respect.

Nest Birds?—Green bodies, with darker green wings, dark stripe across tail, beaks and ceres are light grey; the head of one is lighter green than the other. Can you tell me name and sex?—"FOREIGN BIRDS."

Your birds are either female Madagascar Lovebirds or Passerine Parrakeets, commonly known as Blue-wing Lovebirds. It is impossible for me to say which from your description. Madagascar Lovebird: The male has the head lavender or French grey, the females are plain green, with darker wings, beaks, and ceres, greyish cream. Blue-wing Lovebirds: The male has the lower back or rump ultramarine blue, other parts various shades of green; female mostly all green and lacks the blue areas of the male, with her head and neck slightly greyish.

Golden Crowned Conure.—(1) What is its habitat? (2) How must I feed it, and what are its attractive qualities? (3) How can I tell age and sex? (4) What is the approximate value? (5) Can it be taught to talk?—C. MACABREY.

(1) Also known as the Half-moon Parrakeet; it ranges over Brazil, Bolivia, Guiana, Paraguay, and the Amazon Valley. (2) This is the simplest. Canary, millet, oats, and sunflower seeds; fruit, green food, grit, and water for drinking and bathing; dry biscuits will do no harm, and are appreciated by this and several species. This is a very teachable and confiding species when once properly tamed. The late Dr. Russ says of this bird: "It became tame without trouble on my part, and would fly upon my shoulder or climb upon my finger whenever I entered its aviary. It may, I think, take precedence of all its confreres for teachableness and gentleness." (3) I do not think this species has yet bred in captivity, and I am not acquainted with the plumage of the young. The sexes are outwardly alike, but the male is slightly larger than the female, and the upper mandible of the female had a longer point than the male in such specimens as I have seen. (4) This is variable—10/-, 15/-, or 20/- each, according to number or market. (5) The Conures are not talking Parrots, but nevertheless many of the species do speak a few words; and this species would be as likely to do so as any of this large and interesting genus.

Pekin Robins.—Are they good songsters, and what kind of song have they? Are they better kept singly or in pairs for singing purposes? What is their food? Is it possible to breed from a pair?—H.C.

The Pekin Robin is a very variable bird in the matter of song. Some undoubted males that I have had have scarcely had any song at all, or, which is much the same thing, made no use of it; others have equalled our "Robin Redbreast," and some few the Blackcap. I have only kept them in the aviary, but should say a couple of males, kept in the same room where they could not see one another, would yet soon become aware of one another's presence by muttered notes, and sing one against the other. I have this so with many species of birds. Diet: Some good soft food mixture (see advertisement columns), ripe fruit, insects (three or four mealworms per bird daily if you cannot get spiders, beetles, etc.), and about a teaspoonful of white millet twice a week. These birds are very fond of bathing, and should have an opportunity of doing so daily unless weather be very inclement. I only know of one record of their having done so in this country, and this pair were flying loose in a greenhouse. I do not consider there is any prospect of their doing so in a cage.

Birds for Aviary.—In my aviary, 4 ft. by 6 ft. by 7 ft. high, S.E., I have a pair of Zebra Finches. I want another pair, free breeders, that will live out of doors all the year round. What kind do you recommend?—"ELLIOTT."

I do not know of any bird that are as free breeders as Zebra Finches and Cut-throats; but Silverbills, Spice Birds, and Bengalee would all be possible breeders in your aviary, as would also Java Sparrows, grey cock and white hen. Why not try all four kinds? You have ample room, and they all would thrive on the same treatment as the Zebra Finches, and add interest and variety to your aviary. If you elect to have only one pair, try the Silverbills; they have a sweet and pleasing little song.

Grey Parrot Ill.—My Grey, which I have only had three weeks, has two lumps over the left eye the size of a pea. It also gapes. What is the remedy? It will not eat the small seed; can I give sunflower only?—ELLIS.

It is really a case for a vet.; it is difficult to advise in such cases without seeing the bird. I can only suggest fomenting the swelling with a hot decoction of camomile flowers, to give it for one day only six drops of tasteless castor oil on a piece of household bread, biscuit, or sponge cake, and to repeat this as may be necessary to keep its bowels moving freely, not loose; also to put in its drinking water sufficient Parrish's chemical food to make it the colour of pale port. Do not give sops, slops, or any kind of animal food. As yours is a newly imported and possibly young bird, you might give, say, a good tablespoonful of boiled maize daily for about a couple of months, and then gradually wean it from same. No; sunflower seed will not do for a staple diet. Try the following in equal parts:—Canary, hemp, oats, sunflower, and small Indian corn. Keep the bird warm, as warm as possible, but not in too dry a heat, quiet, and out of reach of draught. Put a screen round its cage, leaving only about one-third of its circumference, or one square side open, but do not cover the top. It appears to me your bird is tainted with Septicæmia, the results of conditions during voyage to this country. Boiled maize only keeps fresh one day.

Nutmeg Finches.—One of my birds has lost its feathers round its beak, and it scratches the part a good deal. How can I remedy this? Is my diet correct, and do hen Avadavats sing?—E.W.H.

Anoint the sore part with spermaccti ointment, not, however, using sufficient to make the surrounding plumage greasy. For one day only make its drinking water just saline with Epsom salts. Diet: Canary, white and spray millet, green food, grit, cuttlefish, and water for drinking and bathing. Some hen Avadavats sing more than others, but their song is seldom anything like so sustained as that of the male, mostly only consisting of the call note very rapidly and almost incessantly repeated. Diet: As above. When you can get them, sprays of rose and fruit trees, and vegetable growths covered with green or black fly will be a valuable addition to their diet; also a small spider or two; these last being a valuable "pick-me-up" if a bird is a little out of condition.

Amazon with Cold.—How can I cure my bird of sneezing, which has been going on for four or five weeks? I feed as you direct.—"ACHEE."

Till you have got rid of the cold, keep a cover two-thirds of the way round its cage, but not over the top, so as to exclude draught. Spray its nostrils twice daily with diluted glyco-thymoline, also with a small camel-hair brush wipe them with the same solution, a fresh portion of which should be used on each occasion. Get from your chemists the following mixture:—Ipecacuanha wine, oxymel of squills, and glycerine in equal parts. Put one teaspoonful of this into the bird's drinking water, say two tablespoonfuls of water to one teaspoonful of the mixture. Do not leave water in cage, but let it satisfy its thirst three times daily. If it appears at all weak, put half a dozen drops of Parrish's chemical food on a piece of biscuit daily, till it is in condition again.

What Birds?—(1) In my outdoor aviary I have a pair of Zebra Finches, and I want another pair of sure breeders to go with them. What do you suggest? (2) Would Saffrons or Bronze-wings answer the purpose? (3) Which would be the best to pair with a St. Helena Seedeater, a green or yellow hen Canary?—F.E.H.

Your query was answered last week, but expect with others it was unavoidably crowded out of that issue. (1) There are very few sure breeders, in the same sense as we apply that term to Canary breeding. The most likely are Cut-throats, White Java Sparrows, and Bengalese. (2) Saffron Finches would also be likely breeders, and Grey Singing Finches are fairly ready to reproduce their kind in captivity, and are also very sweet singers. Bronze-wings would also do well, but only occasional broods of these birds are reared in captivity. (3) It is really a matter of choice, and I should say that a large and bright yellow Norwich would throw the more handsome Hybrids; but, while not wishing to discourage you, Hybrid breeding is accompanied with many disappointments and needs much patience. However, seeing that your bird has already paired with a Canary, you should have reasonable prospects of success.

Java Sparrows, etc.—(1) My white Java appears to have a lump of dirt on its foot. Will it eventually go? It will be difficult to catch in the aviary. (2) Am about painting the outside of my aviary white; will the fumes injure the birds? (3) Will White Javas nest in a husk?—E.H.P.

(1) It would be better if you could catch it, and soak its feet in warm water, and seek to clear the dirt away, but do not use sufficient force to cause a wound. Unless the bird is very lame, and it is some malignant growth, it should come right with the warmer weather. The more frequent bathing should get rid of the trouble, unless there is a wound of any kind; if so, you must cleanse it, and then anoint with spermaccetti ointment. (2) The fumes will do no harm if the greenhouse is properly ventilated. What you will have to watch, if you are using white lead paint, is that no paint dribbles down and hangs through netting in small beads. (3) Java Sparrows mostly choose a husk for nesting purposes, but I have known individuals make use of boxes only; you had better supply both.

Cockatoo with Broken Beak.—(1) Will this grow again? (2) Its feathers are getting very dirty; is there any way of cleaning him?—J.B.

(1) It depends on the extent of the injury; if the bird can eat freely, you need be under no anxiety, it will be gradually replaced, though this will be a fairly lengthy proceeding. (2) It depends to what extent the bird will permit you to handle it, if it is quite tame, simply wash it and keep it out of draught near the fire till dry. If it will not permit you to handle it, then spray it twice weekly, unless weather is very severe, and adopt same precautions as to draught. If the bird's beak should be so badly damaged that it cannot eat properly, then you must give it boiled maize (only keeps fresh one day) till it is able to take the seed mixture again.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. J. North, 455, Oxford Road, Reading, will examine cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for a reply direct 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post-mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to J. North, with fee. Any sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

Nutmeg Finch and Waxbill (E. and G. W.).—No atom of food could be found in either bird. Both showed congestion of liver and lungs, commonly called "a chill." The first-named was a cock and the latter a hen.

Canary (Temple).—Your bird's liver was in an enlarged and softened condition, giving rise to feverishness and congestion of the lungs. The bird's body and internal organs showed signs of over-stimulation by food and heat.

Yellow Green Canary (W. Rivett).—This bird died of inflammation of the lungs, which I think was caused by feverishness, consequent on softened condition of liver. The scurfiness of the skin is also attributable to same cause.

GENERAL.

Answered by the EDITOR.

Looking Forward (Lancashire Coppy).—Sorry cannot oblige this time.

Congratulations (C. P. Smith).—Glad you liked the appearance of our stall.

Postcards (Nature).—Seventeen in all; ten Canaries, two British, the rest Hybrids; price, 1d. each.

Egg Bread (R. E. Parry).—Congratulate you on your success. Cannot report on same this week.

Awards at Palace (P. Clayton, Jesse Pegg, and several others).—Don't mention it; always ready to oblige.

Article and Sketch (A. H. C. L.).—Yes, both safely received, and now in our artist's hands for purpose of illustration.

Report (H. Dales).—Much obliged for report, which will appear at first opportunity. Sorry we missed you at the Palace.

Drawings of Yorkshires (J. Ferguson).—They are resting in the Editorial drawer waiting a suitable occasion for their reproduction.

Illustrations Required (R. S. H.).—As soon as there is a little less pressure on our space we will have the pictures you ask for prepared.

Llanelly Club Notice (W. Lewis).—Received too late for insertion last week. Kindly note, Tuesday first post is latest time for receiving club notices.

Report (H. S. D.).—Many thanks, sir, for sending us this report. We generally rely upon the courtesy of either secretaries or readers for reports of members' shows.

"A Big Lie" (J. B., junr.).—It is considered by many people to be justifiable to tell untruths for trade purposes. The circular you refer to does not interest us, though we are obliged to you for your comments upon it.

Glasgow and West of Scotland Norwich Club (R. A. Brown and several others).—We cannot, under the law of libel, publish such letters as yours. If the facts are as you allege, we regret we cannot give them publicity; but we are not disposed to fight a costly legal action on such an account.

Suggestion (W. B. Horncastle).—Unfortunately, your idea, though desirable, cannot be carried into effect. The number of query pages is continually varying, and the time of receiving queries from different experts cannot be regulated to permit of such an arrangement as you suggest. We would gladly fall in with your views if it were possible.

Report of Members' Show (J. C. Birch).—Do you think it fair to us, sir, to ask us to write out a prize list of your show during such a week as the Palace Show week? At any time it is unreasonable to expect us to compile a prize list of a show confined to members. How much more so at a time when we are simply inundated with work. We forgive you on this occasion, but please send in future reports written out in the same style as they ordinarily appear.

Dispute Over a Special (J. S. Walker).—According to your statement, you held a show at which seven open classes were provided, and a special was offered "for the exhibitor who makes the most entries in the open classes." One exhibitor (Mr. S.) makes ten entries, another (Mr. F.) makes eight; but owing to cancellation of three of the classes, Mr. S. can only stage seven of his entries, while Mr. F. stages eight. You want to know which wins the special. In my opinion the special must go to Mr. S., because of the wording in the schedule. Mr. S. "made the most entries," and the fact that some were afterwards returned to him by the committee does not affect him in his claim to this special. We feel complimented at the confidence reposed in our judgment by both disputants.

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MULES AND HYBRIDS.
Judge, Mr. J. H. Roe.

CLEAR, ETC. (5): 1, spl, 2, J. Williams, leader apparently the noted Clear, late Colton and Jackson and Bond, a clinking good Mule, having both size, quality and colour, big shapely body, grand head and warm blaze, waxlike in plumage, put down in good trim, and wins comfortably, second has a slight tick on the left wing, otherwise clear, not quite so big or so good in colour as its companion, yet a splendid specimen, full of quality and bloom, both buffs, and of the Goldfinch-Canary persuasion, and showing the parentage distinctly; 3, Hamblyn, sweet 6-pointed yellow Goldie-Canary, lengthy, somewhat slim, yet of fine shape, good head, rare good colour, teems with quality, very well marked, real nice Mule; 4, Andrews, ticked both eyes, buff, on the small side, but good in shape, chubby and neat, little weak in colour, still, being only a youngster, he should make great improvements; w.c., Messrs. Clark, Staples and Hodge, presumably entered as a six-pointer, and we believe it was thrown out because the dark feathers on each side of the tail were uneven in number. VARIEG., ETC., GOLDIE-CAN. (17): 1, 2, Williams, almost six-pointed buff leading, good one for size and shape; excels in quality, very nice colour, fine head and chest, second red-hot yell, mixed wings and eye, beautiful quality of feather, close and waxlike, and brimming over with colour, fine blaze, two taking exhibits staged in good style; 3, Lamb, almost six-pointed yell, very nice size and shape, good head and blaze, well rounded chest, stylish, and shows the cross splendidly; 4, Galloway, mixed eyes and rump, grand feather properties very good shape and style, has promise of a fine blaze, real good youngster, which should make up into a grand exhibit; vhc, Lander, almost six-pointed yellow, good one for size and shape, very tight in feather, lovely colour and quality, nice flush on face, looked a wee bit soiled, and needing a tub; hc, Lewis, big, shapely, lightly variegated, excellent blaze, good body, teeming with quality; c, Weedall, lightly variegated yellow, of nice size and shape, and real good quality and colour; No. 1254, Jeffereys is a promising young Mule, should improve with a moult, and a little color-feed. LINNET OR GREENFINCH, AND CAN. (5): 1, 2, Williams, two well-known warriors leading, the noted head and saddle-mkd. Linnet being assigned premier position, he was looking in grand form, even more waxlike than ever, for size, shape, and style, this bird wants some beating, second came the noted lightly variegated Greenfinch Mule, a wonder for colour and quality, of good size and style, a bold and pleasing bird, two grand specimens, nothing in the class to seriously challenge their supremacy; 3, Buchanan, Junr., nice head and wing mkd. Linnet Mule, fairly good size, splendid quality and shape, free of style, staged in excellent manner; 4, Dr. Galloway, heavily variegated Greenie, taking bird of quality and colour, somewhat thin as yet, still only a baby, so should thicken out at the next moult; w.c., Roe, and rightly so too, we thought, for the bird is simply a lightly-marked Canary, looking not unlike a Crestbred, the exhibitor possibly has had some "mixed eggs" during the season. D.C. YELL. GOLDIE-CAN. (11): 1, Mrs. A. Coffey, an exhibit with both length, substance, and shape, well-rounded, deep chest, bold, shapely head, good, rich expansive blaze, beautifully marked wings, rare good quality and condition, dense colour throughout, heads a hot class; 2, R. W. Jones, handly the same size or substance, yet very good in these points, exceptionally rich in colour, and simply shimmers with bloom from head to tail, finely marked all over, in fact shows the cross even better than the winner; 3, Ridley, another Mule with a coat which shines like satin, fine big, shapely body, good square head, carrying a rich blaze, nice depth and tone of colour throughout; 4, Duncan and Logan, a regular red-hot costumer, beautifully marked, finely polished, slimmer got up than leaders, yet a really nice-shaped bird, must have been close up; vhc, E. G. Wright, romping big one, rare good chest, splendidly marked, and a grand bird of colour, beaten in tightness of feather, being a shade out at neck and thighs; hc, McQuiston, beautiful hot-coloured, well-polished bird, just behind in size; c, Marshall, well beaten for colour, yet a bird of fine size and shape, with a grand chest and head. BUFF DITTO (12): 1, Duncan and Logan, the well-known winner, a real topper, and will be very difficult to beat anywhere, this bird has an exceptionally large body, with a rare good chest and head, beautiful shape all over, deep, fiery blaze, perfect wings, and finished off with a bloom which could hardly be excelled, takes the leading position with something to spare; 2, Dale, very shapely specimen, of fine size and lovely quality, rare silky feather, broad head, carrying a good blaze, paler in colour than leader, and has a distinct white break below the under mandibles; 3, Wright, grand size, substance and shape, bold, well-rounded chest, wide head, with an expansive, rich-coloured face, excellent colour all through, except for a light shading which shows round the neck, and seemed a trifle out in neck feather, which may have kept it back, otherwise we preferred it to the second; 4, Hingley, well behind in colour, yet a clinking good one in other respects, grand head and blaze, very shapely body of excellent size, taking quality of feather, in good form; vhc, hc, Best, two well-known Metropolitan winners, beaten in this company, yet certainly not disgraced, both of very nice size and shape, well proportioned, sleek and fit, lack the hot colour of the leading trio; c, Taylor, good bold bird, excellent chest and head, well polished, nice face; No. 1281, McQuiston, struck us as a smart Mule. DK. GREENFINCH AND CAN. (15): 1, Taylor, bird of splendid size and shape, deep, round chest, bold, well-proportioned head, very soft, silky texture of feather, nice clean tone of colour throughout, though of a somewhat light shade, a good bird, yet hotly pressed by, 2, Wright, trifle slimmer in build, but excelling in richness of colour, of a beautiful tone, deep and pure all over, good wings and tail, nice head, sleek and shapely bird; 3, Todd and Son, great depth of colour, almost too dark in fact, full of bloom, very good size, rare good shape, bold, neat head, good in wing and tail, well worth its place; 4, Stark, red-hot one, but dull in plumage, needs sheen, otherwise a grand Mule, good in size and shape, very closely feathered, and a rare deep tone of colour; vhc, Smith, a bird we liked, though looking a trifle horned, maybe in remembrance of the wash, very good size and substance, nice shade of colour, rich and clean throughout; hc, Dr. Galloway, very decent cinnamon-feathered specimen, beautiful pure colour, fair size, very well proportioned, apparently only a baby; c, R. W. Jones, good bird of shape, hardly so big as those above, very sound in colour and well polished. DK. LINNET AND CAN. (14): 1, Duncan and Logan, a stormer, and no mistake, immense size, and rare good substance with it, too, splendid chest and head, plenty of white on wings and tail, lovely polish, deep, rich colour, as sound as a bell all over, excellent markings, a remarkably stylish bird, showing the parentage to perfection, we thought the best dark Mule in the show, excepting, of course, the Canary-Bullie; 2, Parker Robinson, another grand specimen, extra good in size, very prominent chest, shapely and full of style, beautiful deep colour, shining like satin, a wee bit short of markings, yet a bird which needs a deal of beating; 3, R. W. Jones, red-hot yellow, really marvellous colour and polish, fairly shimmers with bloom, well up in size, perfect shape, staged with not a feather out of place, very good in markings, an exhibit to be proud of; 4, Mrs. Coffey, rare good one for size and shape, neat, bold head, good wings, well marked, nice quality, very stylish, but well beaten for colour; vhc, Williams, whopper, rare size and shape, big, bold head and chest, very nice, sound colour, well marked, must have pressed, though looking a trifle out in neck feather; hc, Wright, deep, sound-coloured Mule, very decently marked, good wings, full of style, excellent bloom and quality; c, Hingley, smart bird for style, shape and quality, somewhat dark in colour, excels in polish. SISKIN ETC., AND CAN. (20): 1, Hesketh, quite one of the nicest Twite Mules we have seen for a considerable time, a bird of grand size and sweet shape, exceptionally rich and sound in colour, beautifully pencilled all over, not a feather out of place, and carrying a bloom like a peach, rightly heads a fine class; 2, Lewis, splendid Siskin-Canary, gem for right beautiful tone, hot and pure, grandly marked wings and flanks, one of the best-defined caps we have seen, big, cobby body, clothed with silky, well-polished feather, earns its position; 3, Williams, another rattling good Twite-Canary, not quite so sound and deep in colour as winner, but equal in most other respects, splendid frame, well modelled body, neatly clothed, nice pencilling, good head and wings, in excellent condition; 4, Stone, another Siskin-Canary, great size, fine round chest and broad head, sound, even rich colour, good wings, very stylish bird, neat to a fault, beaten in density of markings by second; vhc, Maxwell, very pure coloured non-fed Siskin, excellent shape and style, should make up into a good one, being apparently only very young as yet; vhc, Marlin, we unfortunately overlooked, by some means or other; hc, Lamb, fine Twite for size, nice shape, excellently pencilled, trifle duller in plumage than leaders; hc, Wright, about the biggest Siskin in class, rare size and shape, good colour, but has not the exquisite finish and bloom of leaders; c, Mrs. Coffey, rare big Twite, excellent shape and colour, was looking rough when we saw him; No. 1328, Brown and Arrighi, nice light (heavily variegated) Twite Mule, somewhat of a rarity, and worth a mention; No. 1335, Massey, a good Redpoll-Canary, if not over-large, smart colour and condition, could have stood in somewhere. A.O.V. CAN HYB. 7; All Canary-Bullies, and a truly grand lot; 1, 2, vhc, Williams, the noted jonque, bred at Plymouth by Mrs. Skey, looking as well as ever, marvellous size and shape, great depth of colour, rich and lustrous, very dense cap, well defined markings all over, a real gem, second and special, the old yellow, beaten for size and density of markings, yet a topping specimen in all other respects, in rare bloom, vhc the well-known buff, the winner and hc being "Plymouth Brethren," a romping big one, has not the colour of leaders, yet a massive, bold, taking bird; 3, McInroy, another beautiful example, very close on second's heels, fine size, splendid shape, very dense, rich colour, polished to perfection; 4, Ross, shade smaller, yet a gem for colour, very hot, deep and level, beautiful head and back, carries a rare bloom, a taking bird; hc, Lamb, very large and massive, nice tone of colour, unfortunately is hardly tight and sleek enough in plumage; absent, Whiteford. A.O.V. BULLIE HYB. (14): 1, 3, vhc, Williams, a wonderful trio, that "star of stars," the champion Goldie-Bullie leading, he has been described at many shows during the season, and we can add little to what has already been said concerning him, he captivated all onlookers, being in most fascinating condition, for size, colour and shape he is streets ahead of all competitors, third came the well-known Linnet-Bullie, a grand example of the cross, extra good in size, and of beautiful shape, if it had a trifle more breast colour would be a gem of the first water, vhc the noted Greenfinch-Bullfinch, a splendid specimen, but meeting his match to-day in, 2, Shellam, one of the grandest Greenie-Bullies seen for years, and only a baby, so its future should be a bright one, it is of lovely size and shape, and possesses magnificent colour and markings, rich tone all over and shining like glass; 4, Mather, another Goldie-Bullie, out-classed by winner, yet a clinking example of the cross, real good size, beautiful shape and style, fine rich face, deep and well-contrasted in colour throughout, beaten, but far from disgraced; hc, Maxwell, yet another very nice Goldie-Bullie, has size and substance, and is full of quality and colour, very taking style; c, Lamb, really excellent Greenie-Bullie, as also was the same owner's Linnet-Bullie "crowded out"; No. 1352, Wright, a well-known Scottish winning Greenfinch-Bullfinch, and undoubtedly a grand bird, left cardless by the judge, on account, we believe, of an alleged hipped wing, which is somewhat cocked up over the bird's back; No. 1354, Carter, is a sweet Goldie-Bullie. A.O.V.HYB. (13): 1, 2, Lamb, two well-known Metropolitan winners here set the seal of their season's work, and thoroughly deserve their honours, the noted Redpoll-Goldie leads, a gem of shape and style, polished like silk, grand expanse of blaze, of pure, rich colour, second the small well-known Siskin-Goldfinch, shows the cross to perfection, good size and shape, neat to a fault, grand face, well polished, both staged in rare style; 3, Shellam, extra good Greenfinch-Siskin, large and shapely, beautiful colour and markings, shows both parents distinctly, very fine silky feather, deserves its place; 4, Webster, clinking Redpoll-Greenie, close on the third's heels, for size and colour is a beauty, well marked, very shapely, steady and stylish; vhc, spl, Mrs. Coffey, hot-coloured Goldie-Greenie, shade small, splendid bloom and colour, very shapely, very nice face; hc, Dr. Galloway, very smart Goldie-Redpoll, good shape and colour, nice size; c, Boyle and Young, Goldie-Siskin, fails in colour to leader yet by no means a bad one, being good in size and shape; w.c., Williams, said to be a Bramble-Chaffinch Hybrid, but we believe the judge passed it as being a hen Chaffinch.

MR. HESKETH'S TWITE CANARY MULE.
First in a Class of 20 at the Palace.

BRITISH BIRDS.
Mr. G. E. Weston's Classes.

BULLFINCH (43): a wonderful fine class, not a bad bird in the tickets, and must have taken some sorting out; 1, 3, vhc, R. J. Howe, a splendid trio, the leader we heard is the bird who has secured for its owner so many winning brackets this season up and down the country, and he rightly headed the class to-day, we understand he was moulted in an aviary, and he certainly came through in lovely condition, for lightness of feather and peach-like bloom he is perfection, while his breast is a very rich bright even colour all over, magnificent jet-black glossy cap, lovely tone of back colour, well-defined wing-bars, just above medium size, he has a bold, wide head, a cobby, thick-set, well-cut body, and shows to perfection. His two stable-companions have been runners-up on many previous occasions at other shows, and, while grand Bullies, are not quite his equal for size, type and colour. The third is a black-legged specimen, a shade smaller, and with hardly the width of cap, yet a charming bird, teeming with quality and bloom, rare hot colour, very typical in shape, and in grand trim, steady as a rock, the vhc is just on the small size, yet a most pleasing Bullie, deep, rich lustrous colour throughout, nicely rounded chest and head, though the latter is not so bold as leaders, fine back and wings, a little uneven in tail feather, also an aviary moulted bird, three much admired exhibits; 2, Lovell, said to be the "Western King," and we do not doubt it, in fact he came near to being the "Weston King" as well for we believe the judge found it difficult to place him behind the winner, the greater depth of breast colour possessed by the latter just deciding the issue against him. This bird has one of the finest caps we ever saw on a Bullfinch, wide, well-cut, beautifully rounded, and shining like polished ebony, broad blue back, splendid bars and wings, cobby, shapely body, lovely quality of feather, carried with war-like closeness, altogether a charming bird, beaten, but by no means disgraced; 4, hc, Parker Robinson, another clinker, perfect shape of body, stylish, neat to a fault, lovely round glossy cap, rich back and bars, deep, lustrous breast, beaten only by the merest shade in substance and width of head, completes a grand quartette, the hc bird is a good typical Bullie, built on the right lines, and well set on his legs, has not quite sufficient polish to get higher up; vhc, S. E. Jones, "Bath Gem," might well be termed the "Beauty of Bath," for he will always be among the first flight, and if he were only a little more thick-set in shape, would want some pegging back, very fine colour and sheen all over, rare head; vhc, White, not over big, but a gem for type, grand wide chest, deep even breast colour, fine head, just a little dull in plumage in comparison to winners; vhc, Dickie and Smith, rattling good one for shape and style, very neat in plumage and shines like glass, is just a little flat on the head, which keeps him back; vhc, Jeffreys, another beauty for type, thick-set, well across perch, fine bold, rounded head, nice colour all over, except for running a trifle pale round the beak and throat; vhc, Mrs. Coffey, bold, shapely, stylish exhibit, excels in quality and neatness of feather, just a shade "bricky" in colour, the trouble of so many house-moulted Bullies; hc, Crockatt, good stamp, wide, well-rounded chest and head, a little loose underneath, full of colour; hc, McQuiston, on the small side, and none too well polished, yet a sweet one for shape and style, well proportioned all over, deep, sound colour; hc, Mrs. Frostick, we were inclined to question its nationality, the bird behaving like a hand-reared German, got the benefit of the doubt, however, and anyhow, it is a smart, shapely little bird, very tight in feather, and of good colour; hc, Carter, a red-hot black-legged Bullie, just a wee bit unsteady, but a fine all round specimen; c, Jupe, also black-legged, grand wide glossy cap, rich, hot breast, thick-set, smart and shapely, a little "chipped" over beak; c, Henderson, "Little Billee," a wee gem, not a big one by any means, yet good in shape and lustrous in plumage, nice bars and colour of breast and back; c, Watson, lovely shaped body, very fine cap, pleasing tone of colour, a little "gone" in neck feather; c, Andrews, good size, nice shape and colour, grand wide head, which is just a little flat. The majority of these birds were put down in excellent style. GOLDFINCH (44): 1, spl best Hardbill, D G. Lewis, a noted West-country winner, of just about medium size, this bird

takes a splendid position on the perch, as though he knew he had beauty beyond the ordinary to show the onlookers, and a little gem he is too, every colour rich, clean, pure, and beautifully contrasted, grand chestnut, plenty of gold in the wing bars, buttons and moons of the best, nice chest, good cheeks, dense, well-cut hood, and, above all, one of the most expansive, squarest-cut, and purest coloured blazes ever seen on a British Goldie, lovely bloom on the feather, which supplies the finishing touch to a little picture; 2, Hurst, larger Finch, more upstanding in type, very stylish and shows for all he is worth (and that is a good deal), wonderfully wide expanse of blaze, which is very correctly cut, very deep and lustrous in colour, yet not so pure as in the leader, fine wings and grandly marked all over, for extent and richness of tanning, we never saw its equal, and herein lies the bird's chief fault, for one can have too much of a good thing, and the chestnut tanning spreads everywhere, spoiling the colour contrasts, and lending the "Pride of Liverpool" a somewhat dirty look, he will, however, always find plenty of admirers, being a right down good Goldie; 3, Carter, possibly the best bodied Goldie of the trio, very stylish, stands well across the perch, and has a grand, wide, well-rounded and tanned chest, just a wee bit smaller in blaze, yet nicely cut, deep in colour, pure and well polished, splendid wings for bars and buttons, a smart, taking Finch, just a trifle weak in neck, which may be due to the many shows he has seen, for we took him to be the well-known winner, late Andrews, in new hands, beaten here, but not disgraced, as the old saying has it; 4, A. Howe, another notable performer during the season, the worst fault we have to find with him is a slight lack of polish, which his travels may account for, yet he is a lovely Goldie, with a grand style, and cobby, shapely body, excelling in quality of feather, very neat and well marked all over, not particularly square-cut in under blaze, but with a very wide, expansive, rich-coloured face, a beautiful bird; vhc, Porteus, has everything which goes to make a clinking good Goldie, but is a little soft and lacking condition to-day, claimed at catalogue price, £2 12. 6d., and should do his new owner good after a moult; vhc, he, c, Richards, a trio of Welshmen hard to shake off at any show, leader has a wonderfully good under-blaze, and is very correct in colour, but unfortunately his head is very flat at top, which detracts from his otherwise fine appearance; the he is a size smaller in face, but a grand one for colour and condition; the c bird has the same fault, especially on the crown, but is also in lovely condition, and teeming with colour; vhc, Clark. Stapler and Hodge, grand width of blaze, deep colour, beautiful polish, a little short on top, yet a lovely 4round Finch; vhc, Kershaw, another bird distinguished by boauty of condition, rare good colour and sheen throughout, fine blaze, grand amount on top, lacks a little in width under; vhc, Vincent, really fine Goldie, big and shapely, good tanning, well contrasted in colour all over, large, pure blaze, could do with being screwed up a little in tightness of feather, the perches, too, are somewhat short for a bird to show properly on; he, Mays, has a very fine under blaze, nice and clean in colour, good, shapely body, grand stamp of bird, little duller in plumage compared with leaders; he, Elkerton, another clinking good Goldie, just beaten for polish and depth of blaze colour, rare good body, wide, well-cut face; he, Greenway, in fine condition, nice body and blaze, the latter, however, a wee bit too dark; c, Simpson, stylish, polished, and shapely, large grand cut blaze, but has just a trifle too much black in it; c, Lewis, some way behind same owners winner, all there, however, for colour and style; c, Elwell and Booth, a bird of nice colour and bloom throughout, good, wide blaze, a little untidy in feature at times; No. 1457, Howard and Son, bird with a remarkable blaze, round, and with a break underneath, yet extra expan-size, not in condition; No. 1443, Bull, looked decidedly "queer" when judged, but pulled round towards the close of the show, and looked as though he could have secured a ticket. LINNET (32): 1, Lovell, "Joe," winner, according to the catalogue, of 40 firsts. This is not his first appearance at the Palace, but hitherto the laurels of victor have not fallen to his share, lack of condition having been his stumbling-block. This season, however, Joseph has got some colour into his coat, and finished it off with starch-glaze, with the result that he scores somewhat easily. For richness of colour and sheen the bird stands well ahead. Sound as a bell all over, well marked on head, back and breast, good in size, perfect in whites, beautifully coned in shape, steady and stylish, "Joe" is all out a grand Linnet; 2, Bull, the Norwich type this time, medium size, well across perch, wonderful width of chest, well proportioned, bold head, nice back, very neatly-fitting wings, carries plenty of white in the flights and tail, rightly-named "Browney," for the bird is a grand, level, nutty colour throughout, and one mass of fine pencilling from head to tail, particularly fascinating in style and wealth of breast marking, and as sleek and shiny as any "topper," we took to be the Cardiff, etc., winner; 3, R. J. Howe, another beautiful Linnet, large, shapely, well-coned body, nice wings and tail, bold, neat head, rich, sound colour throughout, very well pencilled all over, might be a trifle more distinct on breast, a very fine specimen, however, carrying a lovely bloom, in the pink of condition; 4, Henderson, a wopper, "Big Ben," rare chested bird of the Norwich type, stands well across the perch, and moves with style, very sound colour of a nice shade, good whites in wings and tail, very bold, well-rounded head, staged in good form, with plenty of quality, loses to winners in quantity and distinctiveness of pencilling; vhc, Misses Hunt and Ride, sweet bird, sound nutty colour, fairly-well marked, good size and shape; vhc, Prior, on the small side, but equal to any for finish, style and markings, a taking exhibit; vhc, McInroy, we thought him the best-shaped bird in the class, bouncing Norwich type, rare head and chest, massive right through, yet as sprightly as possible, beautiful tone of colour on feather of the silkiest quality, if only this bird were well pencilled, what a stormer he would be! vhc, Boyle and Young, rare good Linnet for size and condition, moulded on the right lines, not at all badly marked, runs a trifle pale under the throat; he (2), Parker, Robinson, both grand ones for type and colour, but beaten for bloom by those above, evidently the show season has tried them badly; he, Jeffreys, should be a good one with another moult, has size, shape and style to recommend it, and is beautifully pencilled, but lacks depth of colour and bloom; c, Porteous, bouncing big bird, splendid chest and head, somewhat short of pencilling and polish; c, Ramsay, lovely shape, colour very rich and nutty, fair pencilling, good whites, unfortunately has a bad break in feather on the throat; c, Hurst, fine exhibit for shape, colour and bloom, a little too dark for our liking, pencilling all bidden.

CHAFFINCH (28): 1, R. J. Howe, a charming bird, such size, shape and colour are rarely seen in combination, while we have never met with a more stylish Chaffie., he moves with confidence and grace, and shows off his points to the best possible advantage, beautiful shape, prominent, well-rounded, extremely rich-coloured chest, big, broad head, lovely wings for whites and markings, plumage covered with a peach-like bloom, if one may be so particular as to look for a fault, we should say it lays in a slight lack of colour contrasts, and a not too well-defined blue cap, this being due, doubtless, to the extremely rich ground colour he carries, a very well-known winner, on this occasion he was hard pressed by, 2, Withers Bros., a bird excelling in colour contrasts, and the correct shade of colour, too, besides being of beautiful shape and good size, great width of chest, wide, bold head, distinct blue cap and black bar over beak, really grand wings, clean as a new pin—and shines like one, too—a bird we were very sweet on, but he has an irritating habit of backing up against the cage back, instead of taking the perches gracefully and letting you see his beauty, whether from shyness or through being too tame we cannot say, but he should certainly be broken of this failing; 3, Hurst, another wonderfully fine exhibit, extra good in size and shape, grand chest and head, nice blue cap, deep, rich, lustrous plumage, very stylish mover, all over a gem of a Chaffinch, yet had apparently been marred in the washing, the feathers round the neck, especially at the back, looking coarse (as though matted with soap), and this naturally handicapped him in the race for premier position, the Manchester winner, we understand; 4, Clarke, Staples and Hodge, just a size smaller than leaders, otherwise a bird bad to beat for quality and bloom, very fine, shapely body, rich and well contrasted in colouring, good cap, nice wings, takes the perches in free style, and carries a pleasing polish on its plumage; vhc, Swinger and Blackwell, very nice size and shape, well contrasted colours, if improved in polish should make a good one; vhc, Francis, very big and bold, good shape and colour, a little coarse in feather; vhc, Dale, nice bird, excellent chest and head, good sheen on the feather, a wee bit on the small side; he, Mayes, grand style and quality, good bold chest and head, a litle bit too reaching in neck, nice colour; he, McNay, lovely chested bird, finely polished, if it had a bolder head, especially on the crown, which runs narrow, it would want a deal of beating; he, Weedall, likewise a shade fine on skull, very nice exhibit in other points; c, Withers Bros., grand wings, good throughout, in fact, but badly needs steadying; c, Paul, we liked very much, for size, shape, colour and markings a very nice bird, but for broken tail would have stood higher, needs quieting down a trifle. We noticed one or two birds in this class which looked suspiciously as though their owners had stepped beyond legitimate bounds when "preparing" them for the show bench.

FOREIGN GOLDFINCH OR BULLFINCH (11): 1, 3, c, Brown and Arrighi, a really magnificent Bullfinch leading, we were told was the Scottish National winner, romps home here, for size and substance a revelation, hottest of hot breasts, grand back and bars, bold, wide cap, in the pink of condition, was claimed by some fair admirer to take home as a pet; third is another grand Bullie, house-moulted this time, lacks the astonishing colour of winner, but a real clinker in other respects; c, a nice Goldie, fine colour, good face, all three staged in masterly manner; 2, Cairns, we were told is the Scottish National third, a rattling good Goldie, extremely chubby in body and wide in chest, expansive blaze of great width, very cleanly cut and pure in colour, nice wings and buttons; 4, Craig, also a very smart Goldie, fine, big, good-coloured blaze, well tanned body, excellent wings, not quite the timber of second; vhc, Goodfellow, the Scottish National winner, a bird with a really wonderful blaze, especially underneath, but slim in body, and palpably out of condition to-day, struck us as having been over-washed; he, Andrews, fine Siberian hen, great size, dense colour, good cap, nice bird. Though there were a few grand specimens in this class, it was certainly not at all what it might have been in numbers, and several good birds had "gone off" which did well earlier in the season.

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Mr. S. COOK'S Classes.

LESSER REDPOLL OR TWITE (22): 1, Mrs. Coffey, very fine Twite leads, a most stylish specimen of this graceful bird, in ground colour it will be hard to beat, being of a rich, clean tone, while it is splendidly pencilled on the head and back, also on the breast, though hereabouts we have seen them marked with greater distinctness, very tight in feather, and polished like a mahogany table top, a really sweet bird, takes the special for best lady's exhibit in the section; 2, Osborne, whacking big Redpoll, what a head and chest, stands well across perch, full of life and go, very neatly marked and carried wings, perhaps not over rich in ground colour, nor too dense in bib, but put down in winning form, and very suitably staged; 3, Simpson, another grand Twite, a size smaller than leader, yet chock full of pencilling all over, rare good breast, fine wings, steady and stylish, nice colour and polish, staged in faultless condition; 4, c, Prior, another exceedingly pretty Twite, very rich in brown, grand whites, one mass of marking, put down in proper style, if a trifle larger would be a topper; vhc, Rouse, really fine Redpoll, fails a shade in bib, but is extra good in other points, grand size, colour and condition; vhc, Livingstone and Sinclair, a well-known Scotch face, rattling good Twite for size and shape, steady and shows very nicely, good pencilling and whites, beaten, for a wonder, in richness of colour; he, Pretty, good, shapely Redpoll, deep, sound colour, has a very nice bib; he, Weedale, lovely Twite for quality, rich shade of colour, nicely marked, a nice bib, thin in neck; c, Ross, typical, well-marked Redpoll, in field plumage; No. 1542, Penrice, was a bird we liked as also was 1535, Robinson, a grand Twite, but a little gone in neck feather. SISKIN (38): 1, Kilner, a beauty, has plenty of size, is of rare good shape, possesses a deep, bold chest and wide, well-rounded head, very rich in colour, having been well and judiciously fed, clean and nicely defined in markings, glossy, well-laced cap, plenty of lacing on flanks, really good bib, a grand Siskin, undoubtedly, we thought, however, he had knocked away (or had them pecked away) some feathers on the upper breast, near the butt of left wing, as a more or less bare place seemed visible; 2, Dickie and Smith, a grand non-fed one, large, chubby, and wonderfully sleek, fair bib, well-defined, dense cap, beautiful wings, excellently carried, very tight in feather all over, has been got into fine form, and is put down in a manner which shows him off to the fullest advantage; 3, Mason, slashing big, well-built bird, particularly good in chest and head, fed a red-hot colour, beautifully polished and sleek in plumage, well laced and marked, except that it has no bib worth mentioning, shown in pleasing manner; 4, Mays, clinking non-fed Siskin, rare good size and shape, about the best laced cap in the class, grand wings, nice bib, a beauty, soon claimed, and cheap at catalogue price (£1), we fancy must have run second and third a hard race; vhc, Lyle, sweet non-fed, real good bib and lacing, splendid polish, a little short of size; vhc, Bowker and Cliff, hot coloured, shapely and well polished, fails in bib, otherwise very nicely marked; vhc, Carter, large rare-headed bird, teeming with quality, well-marked all round, not far behind leaders; he, Irons, nice non-fed, good lacing and quality, trifle fine on head; he, Elkerton, good-headed little chap, smart shape, clean colour, lacks bib; c, Moffat, a wee one, but grand for colour and polish; c, Birchley, fine stamp of bird, good colour and markings, a shade too "necky." No. 1548, S. E. Jones, we thought a very taking Siskin, likewise No. 1546, Marlin, catalogued as the Scottish National Show Winner, a big, well-built, rich-coloured bird, with well-contrasted markings, very steady and sleek, worst fault a solid black cap. BRAMBLEFINCH. (20): 1, Bailey Bros., "Pride of West," and well earns the winning bracket here, for richness and wealth of colour we have seldom seen a more fascinating Bramble, and it possesses plenty of size and a lovely shape, with a grandly spangled head and back, dense and glossy blue-black in ground colour, fine wings and lacing, the bloom on the plumage a treat to see, while the bird moves with confidence and grace; 2, Prior, another beauty, a trifle smaller than winner, yet equally fascinating in colour and spangling, splendid dense well-cut hood, moves in typical Bramblefinch fashion, and is as steady as could be; 3, Mrs. Coffey, grand one for quality and colour, very big and well-proportioned, finely spangled and laced, good style, nice head, put down in excellent form; 4, Massey, shade smaller, yet another grandly coloured Bramble, beautiful spangle and markings; vhc Brown, nice bold bird, hot colour and quality, runs a little in back markings; vhc, Sharp, rare good bird all round, a shade duller in plumage; vhc, Hurst, red-hot one, splendid colour and shape, close on leaders; vhc, R. J. Howe, grand, big, shapely specimen, well marked all over, worst failing a trifling lack of polish; he, Longden, big, fine bird, beaten in distinctness of spangle; he, Francis, very taking bird for style and markings, little broken in breast colour; he, Ellis, paler tone of colour, big and typical; c, Overend, shapely, greyer shade of ground colour; c, Mrs. White, rare big bird, very nice colour and markings; c, Birchley, grand stamp, needs warmth of colour; c, Mason, beautiful colour, a wee bit small. GREENFINCH (37): 1, R. J. Howe, the well-known champion, stands well ahead, a topper for size and shape, grand chest, bold head, lovely wings and tail, in colour a charming even shade of green, very silky feather, steady and tight as wax, a much admired bird, not spoilt by colour-feeding; 2, 3, Taylor, two clinking good ones, remarkably tame, lovely tone of colour throughout, silky quality of feather, very tight and neat, plenty of yellow in wings and tail, both were singing away like Canaries, and evidently enjoying themselves, really good in size and shape, and also not overdone with artificial colour; 4, Pennells, hot-fed specimen, grand tone of colour, though rather deep, full of bloom, very shapely bird of excellent size; vhc, Leavers, non-fed, even, nice tone, good shape and style; vhc, Treharne, fine substance and shape, little smoky in colour; vhc, Misses Hunt and Ride, darker colour, full of polish, stylish and good in shape; vhc, he, Francis, hot-fed, good stamp of bird, trifle cloudy in colour on top; he, Gunnell, slightly fed, a wee bit small, good in other points; he, Howard, grand silky feather; c, Halliday, small one, lovely grass-green colour; c, Ellwood and Walker, rare big one, good shape, hardly clean enough in colour; No. 1635, Goodfellow, a grand one; Nos. 1626 and 1627, A. Howe, two real clinkers all round, well-known winners, hard to understand why they were left out; No. 1628, fed out of all resemblance to a Greenfinch, "Red" finch would be better. NIGHTINGALE, etc. (9): 1, 3, R. J. Howe, two very nice Nightingales, good in size and shape, leader the better in this respect, and also excelling in colour, trifle damaged in feather over beak, third good Nightingale, sweet singer and soon claimed, both in lovely condition; 2, Frostick, beautiful Blackcap, great size, very rich and pure in colour, dense, glossy cap, staged in beautiful condition; 4, Mylic, another very neat Blackcap, staged in an elaborately velvet-decorated cage, sang sweetly as we took our notes, a really excellent specimen; vhc, Ford, very pretty Nightingale; he, Hathaway, good Blackcap for colour and condition, shade small. c, Lean & Son, Nightingale, nice size and shape; also soon claimed. LARK, etc. (20), a splendid class: 1, Potts, big, upstanding Skylark, very wide chest and head, good colour, profusely pencilled all over, yet a trifle indistinctly on the breast, beautifully staged, a massive, grand feathered bird; 2, Withers Bros., very dainty Tree Pipit, beauty for bloom and quality, steady as a rock, lovely markings, well shown; 3, Birchley, really grand Shorelark, good size and shape, very tame, beautiful colour and markings, and shows the "horns" on the head very nicely, in exceedingly fine condition; 4, Shirley, another charming Tree Pipit, very little behind second either in colour, size or markings, full of bloom; vhc, McVay, a grand Skylark, has size and shape, grandly marked; he, P. Walsh, grand upstanding Lark, very distinctly pencilled, we liked well; c, King, another bold Lark, very big, stylish and taking. A.O.V. RESIDENT (23): 1, 3, spl, including cup for best British bird, Mays, with undoubtedly one of the finest Tree Creepers ever staged, a gem for feather, rich, well-mottled back, charming silvery-white breast, in wonderful condition, and staged in grand style; 2, Lowne, Bearded Tit, no question about its nationality, very deep and rich in colour throughout, dense, well-defined moustachial streaks, in perfect plumage, and exhibited in one of the Yarmouth enthusiast's specially decorated cages, certainly very artistic; 3, Galloway, one of the nicest Gold-crested Wrens seen for a long time, a gem for condition and colour, very prominent and rich-coloured crown, excellently staged; 4, Senior, very fine Crossbill, well behaved, sleek and tight in feather, and a lovely even ruddy tone of colour all over, it is not often one is seen like it in this respect; vhc, Mrs. Matcham, very pretty Grey Wagtail, nice size and shape, beautiful condition, shade pale in colour; he, Ford, another very nice Tree Creeper; c, Lyle, Blue Tit, what a handsome exhibit it made, too; vhc, Patterson, Nuthatch, which persisted in losing itself in the tunnel of bark within its cage; vhc, Brown and Arrighi, a real champion Missel Thrush, we preferred it for fourth position; he, Hingley, also a pretty Tree Creeper; c, Shirley, Longtailed Tit, looking a wee bit dull. We had a Bearded Tit in this class (1785), shown in much too large a cage, and a Longtailed Tit (1787), who looked decidedly queer. A.O.S. MIGRATORY (15): 1, Birchley, Great Grey Shrike, a beautiful exhibit, it is seldom one sees a specimen so steady and perfect in plumage, for they are bad to get used to captivity, lovely colour, very dense and well-defined markings, must have pressed for the best bird cup; 2, R. J. Howe, a very handsome Wryneck, grand size and shape, excels in conditiou and colour, staged in good style, well worthy of its place; 3, Francis, the well-known Wheatear, charming example for depth of colour and condition, beautifully marked, a gem of a bird, pity he should have a trifling defect in one leg; 4, Bailey Bros., handsome Waxwing, exhibits the remarkable beauty of the species to perfection, lovely colour and condition, perfect wings and tail, a strikingly attractive bird; vhc, R. J. Howe, Blue-headed Wagtail, fair size, beautiful condition, very nice colour; he, Burrows, clinking good Ring Ousel, exceptionally well-marked wings, good crescent, fine colour and bloom; c, Crockett, another charming Waxwing; No. 1,813, a Crossbill in the wrong class; No. 1,811, Cook, a magnificent Nutcracker, with whose appearance readers of our recent Birthday Issue will be familiar, takes the special for the rarest British bird; 1,822, Shirley, a fine Willow Wren, but off in condition, unfortunately. FINCH SELL. A.N., 20s. (22): 1, Mrs. Frostick, grand Russian Bullie; 2, Hunt and Ride, really fine Russian Goldie; 3, Mays, British Goldie, splendid value for the money; 4, Rouse; vhc, Wootton, Staines, (2); he, Withers Bros., White, Hedges; c, Francis, Howe Greenaway.

Mr. J. F. Hill's Classes.

HAWFINCH (14): 1, Hakes, a wonder for colour, takes Ramsden pepper special for hottest British bird, excellent size and shape, wide, well-cut bib, undoubtedly a fine bird; 2, Levett, big, bold, cobby fellow, shade small in bib, very nice condition; 3, vhc, Francis, very hot colour, beautiful polish, latter, real, fine bird, too, grand bib; 4, A. Howe, the noted "Bobby," a champion all over, paler in colour than winner, but hard luck to be down so low; he, Forster, very bold and stylish, paler over back; c, Young. BUNTING (23): 1, Mather, tip-top Yellowhammer for size and colour, rich and well-polished, grand chestnut, nicely-marked on head and cheeks, well-known winner and a genuine bird; 2, Stone, Corn Bunting, a wonder for size, colour and pencilling, well staged, steady as a rock; 3, Boardman, attractive Snow Bunting, shade lacking in purity of colour, yet for shape, size, steadiness and condition very hard to beat; 4, Raine, the noted Cirl Bunting, very steady, grand condition.

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excellent colour and markings; vhc, Cooper, very tame and taking Yellowhammer; vhc, Henderson and Kilner, two real, good Meadow Buntings; hc, Hunt and Ride, McVittie, McVay, two really good Yellowhammers and a Lapland Bunting; c, Martin, Tonks, a couple more fine "Hammers." BLACKBIRD (10): 1, 3, vhc, R. J. Howe, trio of grand Blackbirds, leader an out-and-out champion, lovely bill and ceres, dense, glossy body, exceptionally good size and shape, third also a beauty, hardly so bold in skull, all in perfect condition; 2, c, Penrice, a magnificent specimen leading, for size and shape hard to beat, fed so heavily as to show a distinct brownish sheen, which tells against it, very nice bill and ceres; 4, Lowne, again of good size and shape, glosy jet black colour, clear, but somewhat paler bill and ecres; vhc, Lean and Son, very good dense coloured exhibit, beaten a shade in bill and ceres. SONG THRUSH (11): 1, 4, hc, R. J. Howe, fine trio of "speckled beauties," the champion hen leading, almost an ideal bird, excels in size, shape, and colour, fourth a good one, hot colour, little frayed at tail and flights; 2, Pearce and Son, exceptionally well spotted down flanks, fine size and shape, nice colour; 3, Elias, bold, well-rounded bird, fine colour and polish, little broken in mooning; vhc, Cullington, raro big, fine-chested bird; c, Axe, last year's winner, and unaccountably low down to-day; No. 1,698 Birchley, and 1,699, Penrice, were two Thrushes we also liked well. STARLING (14): 1, 2, R. J. Howe, cock and hen of the heavily-spotted variety, beauties for size, shape, and coudition, lovely metallic sheen on plumage; 3, Crockatt, smaller ticking, a fine bird, grand size, shape and polish; 4, Lean and Son, smaller, but a very taking example; vhc, Hunter, grand condition and size; hc, Birchley, we liked immensely, medium, well-defined ticking, very big and shapely; c, Axe, another grand one, which took our faucy. MAGPIE, etc. (10): 1, Bond Bros., the noted Eureka, a great winner, exceptional size, grand shape, very tight plumage which, however, is hardly blue-black enough for our liking, medium rich back and legs; 2, Bussey, a grand Jay, rare good body colour, fine wings and head, very distinct moustachial streaks; 3, Maxwell, very fine Magpie, one of the survivors of the disastrous fire, a grand bird for colour, very distinct whites; 4, Crockatt, Chough, an old friend, well-named "Veteran," lovely colour and sheen, exceptionally rich legs and bill; vhc Stone, another nice Jay; hc, Miss Walker; c, Maxwell. ALBINO (11): 1, Gill, very charming white Bullfinch, showing a crimson flush on the breast and, curiously enough, crown of the head, wins easily; 2, Welch, the well-known white Blackbird, and a gem of its kind, very pure in colour; 3, Lamb, sweet little cinnamon Redpoll, lovely tone of colour; 4, Wright, good example of the cinnamon Greenfinch, in fine condition; vhc, Andrews, partially white Goldfinch, taking bird; hc, Raper, fino black Bullie, made a delightful contrast with winner; c, Hakes. HENS (22): 1, Eyes, very cobby and shapely hen, Bullie, deep colour, good cap; 2, vhc, Misses Hunt and Ride, Bramblefinch, leading, which we thought a cock, if a hen, then it is a gem; vhc, a sweet hen Goldie; 3, Richardson, very smart Hawfinch, good bib; 4, Ellis, splendid Siskin, grandly marked and sleek; vhc, Hawes, hen Greenie, good size and shape, very fair colour; hc, Mather, very large hen Bullie, almost too good to be true; hc, Miles; c Howe.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Judges, Messrs. Camps and Swaysland.

BUDGERIGARS AND A.S. OF LOVEBIRDS, ETC. (6): 1, Underwood, Yellow Budgerigars, very fine, good size, colour, and very tight; 2, Wright, Lovebird, very nice specimen, rich colour; 3, Leach, Green Budgerigars, very fine, tight, good size, absolutely perfect; 4, F. Howe, Yellow Budgerigars, nice and tight; vhc, Mrs. Cooper, Lovebirds; hc, Thorne, Budgerigars; C. Gardner, Lovebird. This class does not call for special comment, the species exhibited being all well-known birds; however, they were mostly in noticeably fine condition, good size, and rich and pure in colour. A.S. OF PARRAKEETS, LORIES, ETC. (13): 1, Pier, very fine pair of Bourke's Parrakeets, well marked, tight, and rich in colour, a rare and grand exhibit; 2, H. Cooper, another fine exhibit, pair Red-vented Blue Bonnet Parrakeets, in perfect condition; 3, Miss Conway Gordon, Crimson-wing Parrakeet, colours very rich and pure, tight and sleek plumage; eq. 3, Mrs. Cooper, Varied Lorrikeet, very richly coloured, and in fine and sleek condition; 4, Frostick, Lineolated Parrakeets, good condition, and very tight; eq. 4, Mrs. Cooper, well-known and beautiful Barnard Parrakeets, in faultless condition; vhc, F. Howe, King Parrakeet; hc, Hawkins, Red-vented Blue Bonnet Parrakeet; c, Nesbit, Crimson-wing Parrakeet. A very hot class, and must have given the judge some trouble, but one fails to understand such an absolutely rare and unique exhibit as Mr. Pier's Blue-banded Parrakeet not catching his eye. Also exhibited in this class a nice specimen of the Black-headed Caique, which rightly received a we card. Mr. Hawkins also exhibited a fine pair of the lovely Tin (Tinincat) Parrakeets, which a season or so ago would have certainly been in the money. A.S. PARROTS, COCKATOOS, ETC. (14): 1, Mrs. Anningson, well-known Banksian Cockatoo, in very fine condition (an adult female); 2, Sir C. Lawes Wittenwrange, Bart., pair Banksian Cockatooes, an interesting and unique exhibit; 3 Burrows, very handsome and loquacious Red and Blue Macaw; 4, Merrington, Grey Parrot, very tight, and finely marked plumage; eq. 4, Mrs. Cooper, Senegal Parrakeet, very tight, richer in colour than when last shown; vhc, Barrow, Red and Blue Macaw; c, Mrs. Cooper, very fine, Blue-fronted Amazon, in faultless condition; hc, Mrs. Snoddon, very fine and well-coloured Red-sided Eclectus. Handsome Port Lincolns and an immature Blassom-headed Parrakeet were exhibited in this class, and rightly awarded we cards.. Another very strong class, and the judge must have found the allocation of awards a very difficult one, the uniquo exhibits being the Banksian Cockatoos, said to be a pair; these birds caused much speculation as to sex, and also species of one of them. I am of the strong opinion that the bird without marking was an adult male, and the other either a female or immature male. However, previous to writing this, I have been unable to verify same, by comparison with plates, etc., but believe them to bo as above; the well-known specimen of several show seasons, which is an adult female, and a fine and well-developed specimen, added one more first to its many laurels. Mrs. Cooper's Senegal and Amazon Parrots were noticeable for their fine condition, the first-named being also quite uncommon, though well-known. WAXBILLS, FINCHES, WEAVERS, ETC. (18): 1, Mrs. Warren Vernon, Golden-breasted Waxbills, quite a picturesque exhibit with shell nest, very richly coloured, and faultless condition; 2, Mrs. Cooper, White Java Sparrow, good size, very tight, and pure in colour; 3 and 4, F. Howe, Diamond Sparrow, one of the finest specimens I have ever seen on show bench; St. Helena Waxbills, perfect, very tight, and sleek in feather; vhc, Miss Bromwich, Java Sparrows, Beaty, Parson Finches, Hawkins Diamond Finches; hc, Thorne, Orange-cheek Waxbills, Frostick, St. Helena Waxbils; c, Mrs. Cooper, Diamond Finches. Good specimens of Avadavats, Tri-colour Mannikins, Bib Finch, and Mrs. Cooper's abnormal Yellow-rumped Diamond Sparrow, were exhibited, all of which weer mostly noticeable for richness of colour, tight and sleek plumage. GRASSFINCHES, WEAVERS, ETC. (16): 1, 2, and 4, Hawkins, Violet-eared Waxbill, one of the best I have seen, faultless; Vinaceous Fire Finches, exquisitely beautiful, and without a flaw; Red-faced Finches, good, but showing signs of age, a grand team; 3, Beaty, Black-headed Gouldian, perfect, very tight and sleek; vhc, Townsend, very rare Rufous-backed Mannikins, in spotless condition, in my opinion should have been third, and I believe this to be its first appearance on the show bench; hc, Mrs. Warren Vernon, Red-collared Whydah, rather rough and imperfect in plumage; c, Watts, lovely pair of Lavender Finches. Also exhibited, Grey Waxbills, Cordon Bleus, Ruficandas, Tri-coloured Parrot Finches, Pin-tail Nonpareils, and Golden Sparrow. The judging here, after the allocation of 1st and 2nd, appears to me to be very faulty, the placing of a Gouldian Finch, however perfect, in front of the rare Rufous-backed Mannikins (first time exhibited), and in spotless condition, appears quite incomprehensible, as does also the passing of Tri-coloured Parrot Finches without a card, even though slightly rough. A.S. GROSBEAKS, BUNTINGS, CARDINALS, ETC. (8): 1 and 3, Hawkins, Cuba Finches, spotless condition, Quail Finches, nice exhibit but wee bit rough; 2, Townsend, very rare Rock Bunting, an interesting exhibit, which has been exhibited this season for the first time, in my opinion should have been first; 4, Mrs. Cooper, Black-headed Siskin, an uncommon but well-known exhibit, wee bit rough; vhc, Lawson, good Virginian Grosbeak; hc, Miss Bromwich, and c Barron, Red-crested Cardinals. Also exhibited a pair of Black-head Siskins under the name of South American anary; as a pair this is quite a unique exhibit, the hen being very rare; tho male was not as bright as some specimens I have seen, but should have received a card. A.S. TANAGERS SUGAR BIRDS, ETC. (9): 1 and 2, Townsend, Yellow-winged Sugar Bird, a beautiful exhibit, but not yet in full plumage, and the now well-known Black-backed Tanager, in my opinion these positions should have been reversed, a grand couple; 3, Dewhurst, rare Banana or Cuban Tanager, rather loose in feather, and poor in colour; 4 and vhc, Harrison, an absolutely perfect Magpie Tanager, should have been higher, Blue and Archbishop Tanagers, both uncommon exhibits, and nice and tight in feather, a fine trio; c, Dewhurst, good Superb Tanager. A gorgeous and beautiful array of exhibits, though not so much variety as we remember to have seen in the past. A.S. NOT COMPRISED IN ABOVE (16): 1, vhc, Harrison, Silver-eared Mesias, a grand pair of these beautiful and much-admired birds, very sleek and tight, White-throated Ground Thrush, a beautiful and uncommon exhibit, in finest condition; 2, 3, Burrows, Touraco and Toucan, both interesting and beautiful exhibits, but not so rich in colour as some we have seen; 4, Townsend, Glossy Starling, very sleek and tight; vhc, Dewhurst, South African Coley, an uncommon but wild exhibit; hc, Frostick, Japanese Tits, a rare and interesting exhibit, well shown, and in good condition; hc and c, Mrs. Foss, Siamese Hill and Ceylon Mynahs. A strong class of fine and interesting birds, including among those which failed to catch the judge's eye, both uncommon and fine exhibits of Gold-crowned Tronpial (ought to have had a card), Ruddy-shouldered Cowbird, and a nice couple of melanistic Pekin Robins. A.S. FOREIGN MULE OR HYBRID (7): 1, vhc, Hawkins, lovely Red-mantled Parrakeet, faultless condition, and nico tight specimen of Bicheno-Zebra Finch, parentage of both species well and equally brought out in both of above; 2, hc, Seth Smith, Song Sparrow Hybrids, much resembling hen Bramblings, very tight, but rather wild, and Long-tailed-Masked Grassfinch, very tight and sleek, plumage about equally indicates both parents, a handsome Hybrid; 3, 4, Mrs. Cooper, Red-rump-Rosella, wee bit rough, clearly shows both parents, and Alario-Canary (?), nice and tight specimen, but if parentago is correctly given, it should have been wrong classed. Also shown, Zebra Finch-Indian Silverbill (?) which appears to be simply a Combasson. A disappointing entry as to numbers, but all are interesting exhibits, the 1st prize winner being ono of the most beautiful birds in tho Show.

CAGES AND APPLIANCES.

Judge, W. Swaysland.

SHOW OR STOCK CAGE (price not to exceed 6s. 6d.) 15: 1, 2, vhc, c, T. F. Reece, an excellent lot of show cages all well conceived and made in first-rate style; a fine Norwich blue pattern cage leads the way, priced at 1s. 6d.; Yorks cage with detachable wire top and flat bars, price 1s. 8d., second, another with wrapped bars, price 1s. 4d., vhc, and a travelling Finch cage, with sliding-shutter to cover the wire front, price 3s. 6d., stood c; 3, vhc (2), hc., J. Walsh, a wonderfully light Thrush show cage leading, price 3s. 9d., well suited to its purpose, vhcs good small Foreign bird, and Norwich Club pattern cage, price 2s. 7d. and 1s. 6d. respectively, latter neat and useful stock cage for Canaries, fitted seed hopper, egg drawer, and tin sand-tray, very cheap at 2s. 7½d.; vhc, hc, c, Newley, former show cage for Gouldians, or similar foreign Finches, with seed trough inside, hc a Plainhead show-cage, termed the Southern Norwich pattern, enamelled an electric-green shade, c another show-cage for Foreigners, with inside swing-in food and water vessels of glass, price 5s. 6d.; all are exceedingly well-made; hc, Hogg, another Norwich cage, of the accepted pattern, a good one, too, price 1s. 9d.; hc, Burnet, a Yorks show cage, with an ingenious showcard-holder, price 2s. 3d.; No. 2,117, Moore, a Linnet show-cage, fitted with a safety-door, we thought a good idea. BREEDER (13): 1, 2, 3, Newley, trio of excellent cages in every way, thoroughly practical, made in high-class style and well-fitted, single breeders for Yorks, Nor. and Crests, price 3s. 9d., 5s., and 6s. 6d. respectively; vhc (2), hc, Linsey, the "Cambridge" breeders, also made in splendid style, and fitted with every requisite, single-breeder, with nesting-board and nursery under, price 5s. 6d., a fine double cage, price 10s. 6d., designed for Crests, and a double for Plainheads, price 2s. 6d.; c, Walsh, very light and well got up, single breeder, price 4s. 6d. A.O.V. CAGE (14): 1, 2, vhc, hc, Stelling and Son, splendid exhibits, the best Parrot cage we remember seeing stood first, complete, up-to-date in every detail, price 20s., and cheap, too, close mesh, 26ins. waggon-cage was second, very suitable for a drawing-room collection of small Foreigners, price 30s., a 14 ins. waggon-cage, and a gorgeous brass Parrot followed; 3, hc, c, Newley, show cage for Cardinals or birds of similar size, beautifully finished, price 8s. 6d., hc a stock cage for a Nightingale, price 10s. 6d., and one for Thrush or Blackbird at the same price, all three distinguished by good workmanship and knowledge of the requirements of tho birds; vhc, Roehl, very nice metal drawing-room aviary for small birds, price 12s. 6d.; Mr. Hathaway had three excellent stock cages for British and Foreign birds on view, while Mr. E. J. Clark exhibited his "grips" for holding nesting material, etc., a very ingenious little device.

PALACE NOTES.

A certain Cockatoo proved distinctly ungallant, putting a fair lady to blush, and being the reverse of complimentary to himself. A quite charming member of the fair sex leant over towards his cage, and said: "Pretty boy, you are a beauty." In painfully distinct tones, Cocky replied, "Liar, liar, liar!" (N.B.—It may be well to add that the above is truth unadorned).

Sometimes at the Palace on the Saturday one might have imagined themselves at a Yorkshire bird show, so great was the congregation of our friends from the county of the White Rose. Jimmy Bailey, of course, was there, and rejoicing more than ever in the possession of his crack young yellow. Early in the season Jimmy sent this bird on approval to a south country Yorkshire fancier, the price being £4. The bird was returned; he was not good enough for southern shows—not big enough was possibly meant. Jimmy, however, thought he would give him a run at Sandy Lane Show. Since then he has gone out nine times and brought home the coveted first prize card, and, moreover, by his great wind-up of the season, has proved himself to be the best youngster of 1906-7.

The great sensation of the Show was the disqualification of two Yorkshire Green Canaries, by Mr. T. Heath, for alleged trimming, the said trimming being the cutting off of the tips of certain feathers on the backs of the birds. The two Greens concerned were Nos. 443, Mr. C. Stewart (Liverpool), and 463, Mr. P. Clayton (Halifax). Seeing the interest aroused over this question of "square-feathered" Greens (breeders of the variety say such feathers are natural to this bird) through the correspondence proceeding in our columns, we reproduce in this issuo the drawings taken from photographs of the feathers alleged to be trimmed, the said photographs being taken direct from tho birds.

We were pleased to once again see and shake hands with Monsieur Ruhl, of Ensival, Belgium. He has been far from well of late, and it was doubtful until the last moment whether the long journey to the Palace could be undertaken. What a rare lover of a good British bird he is, to say nothing of Siberian Goldfinches, of which he has twenty-four fine house-moulted examples. Last year, it will be remembered, M. Ruhl won well with these birds at Sydenham. A love of birds is evidently a family trait, for an excursion after egg-cabinets, and specimen nests and eggs, was on the tapis on behalf of a son.

Last year we had occasion to comment on the superlative condition of the Yorkshires put down by Messrs. Bailey and Swanger. This year "Jimmy" was noticed once again receiving congratulations on the same score, and we overheard him saying that the winning clear yellow had visited fifteen shows with success, and had been hand-washed no fewer than thirteen times. How's that, ye who hold that much "tubbing" ruins show birds? Or is it the *way* in which they are washed?

Several Foreign birds found themselves "wrong classed," and evidently there are not a few exhibitors who fail to understand the class headings as now given in show schedules. Mr. Camps told us he was very sorry to have to throw out the Black-headed Caique, which was a really fine bird.

We spent a pleasant half-hour in company with Mr. J. Exton, of Leicester, years ago a force to be reckoned with in Cinnamon Canary circles, and we learned that there is every prospect of him taking up with his old love again shortly. Let us hope he may find the time; there is room and to spare in the Cinnamon Fancy to-day.

The colour feeders and the anti-colour feeders among British bird men got to grips again over this question. The former had distinctly the better of the argument on this occasion, for the winning Linnet, Chaffinch, Twite, Siskin, Hawfinch, Yellowhammer, Song Thrush, and Blackbird had of a certainty tasted of the pepper that is sweet; probably the leading Greenfinch and Bramblefinch had also made its acquaintance.

Another curious, and somewhat more appropriate, printer's "bloomer" found a place among the British, where Mr. Howe's Blue-headed Wagtail figured as a Blue-headed Long-tail. Quite an accurate error, this! In the Foreign section the Tui Parrakeets found themselves christened Tin Parrakeets; but, then, the Foreigners have always provided pitfalls for the poor printers.

The Norwich fanciers at the Show seemed to think the type is being neglected in favour of colour and size. At Manchester there was also much talk on similar lines. Cannot the Norwich Plainhead Club take some action in the matter? they asked. We heard Mr. White, of Melbourne (whose impressions of the Show will be found in this issue), utter some very scathing remarks about the type of the Norwich birds to be seen at the Crystal Palace.

Tick, or no tick, which? Mr. Collings sent the Norwich Canary, which was "wrong-classed" at Hayle Show, to the Palace. It was again examined by Mr. House, who officiated at Hayle, and the tick was found. But it is not easily seen. It is in the neck, and very faint indeed. On the slight ticking of the feather being pointed out, Mr. House at once agreed the bird was ticked, and that his decision at Hayle was a wrong one.

Little Jimmy Thornton was in hot dispute with a well-known southern judge about the relative value of the birds of the North and the South. This particular judge does a bit of platform work, and the grievance was that he had told an audience that they had just as good birds in the South as there are in the North. Jimmy said it was not right, but Mr. Judge maintained it was, and said that if some of the South Country birds could go North to be put through the "laundry" by some of the experts in the Bradford district that they would beat the Northerners easily. But, though Jimmy is small, he holds strong opinions.

On Saturday morning one of the policemen on point duty at Ludgate Circus held up the traffic, and with a smile beckoned to the President of the Cage Bird Union, little Tom, of blanket fame, and two Southern pressmen, as they stood on the kerb, and said: "This way to the Crystal Palace." Now, how did that policeman know the quartet were bound for the C.P.?

Can yellows be produced from double buffs, and buffs from double yellows? This was a question we overheard Mr. Brotherton and a Southern fancier (whose face is known to us, but whom we cannot name) debating in front of the Crests on Saturday morning. He of Northern fame answered both in the negative, and the Southerner in the affirmative. As umpire, a well-known judge was called in, and he agreed with the man of the South, but qualified it with: "It seldom happens either way." What have readers of CAGE BIRDS to say on the subject? It would be interesting if one could arrive at what the odds are against such phenomena.

Is Cinnamon blood of any value in Crest breeding? We overheard Mr. Heath and Mr. King discussing this momentous question with another gentleman, and both agreed that in the production of feather properties in Crests the Cinnamon blood was most useful. Thomas, of Eaton Place, and Thomas, of Cheltenham, should both know something about the subject, and there must be something in their view.

The judge of Foreign birds—or, rather, one of them—Mr. Russell Humphreys, was prevented by business pressure from attending, and his place was filled by the versatile and able Walter Swaysland.

The Mule judge, Mr. Roe, would have none of Mr. J. William's Chaffinch-Bramblefinch Hybrid, said to be a well-known winner, but "wrong classed" it as a hen Chaffinch pure and simple.

A curious controversy arose over the hen British bird class, Mr. Hills putting a Bramblefinch second which most of the cognoscenti present considered was in reality a cock. This incident illustrated once again the difficulty of accurately judging a class such as this.

THE PALACE SHOW SEEN THROUGH AUSTRALIAN EYES.

By F. WHITE,
Victorian Canary Society, Melbourne.

When I landed on the shores of the Mother Country in the closing days of 1906 one of the sights which I had determined to see was the great Bird Carnival at the Crystal Palace. Each year since CAGE BIRDS made its bow to the public have I read the reports which you have given your readers, Mr. Editor, and also gazed admiringly upon the splendid pictures which your artist, Mr. Norman, has given us of some of the great winners, and as I have studied these portraits and read the description of the birds they represented, I have often thought how I should like to be present at the world's greatest show of Cage Birds. My visit to the Old Country has given me the opportunity at last, and now you ask me to give your readers my opinion on the show. Fully sensible as I am of the honour done me by your request, I yet hardly know how I am to convey to the many thousands of cage bird lovers in this country the impressions which the show made upon me.

First of all I will ask you to bear in mind that all I can offer you is my honest opinion, given for as much or as little as it may be worth, but formed after going carefully through the show on the two first days in the light of my own Australian predelictions and preferences. My ideas may, perhaps, not coincide with those of English breeders, and may appear, perhaps, somewhat crude and unjustified to those who have the advantage of seeing such shows in frequent succession. If my criticisms are thought by anyone to err upon the side of severity (a fault I sincerely hope to avoid) I will remind your English readers that unless these impressions of mine are faithfully recorded they will not possess the value which every honest fancier will desire they shall. Further, may I say at this juncture that though I have seen several points that seem to me open to criticism, I have also seen a great deal to commend and praise, and in these notes my approbation of such will be as freely expressed as my condemnation of that which does not strike me as being worthy of praise?

Dealing with the birds first, I must at the outset, if I tell the truth, confess myself disappointed with the Norwich. But, in a measure I was prepared for this, because my friend, Mr. Cooper, of Melbourne, who has often visited your great show, told me how it would be, and yet I could not believe it. Had I not read the graphic descriptions of the great English winners, and gazed upon their outlines in the pages of CAGE BIRDS? Although somewhat in doubt as to which to place reliance upon, I leant more to CAGE BIRDS and its pen and pencil descriptions than I did to the oracular testimony of my friend. Hence the greater has been my disillusionment. It is not my wish to hurt the feelings of my brother fanciers in England, but in all sincerity I must say that the Norwich birds at the Crystal Palace were not, taking them as a whole, and viewed, mind, according to our lights and standards of excellence, as good, I believe, can be seen upon the benches of one of our shows in Victoria. To my Colonial eye these English champions fail in shape. Type is the first thing we look for in our Norwich down under. Our birds are shorter and more cobby in body, deeper and broader in the chest, and much shorter in flights and tail. Many birds at the Crystal Palace failed in their breadth of chest; they were narrow sided. Colour and size there was in abundance, but not type. With us type is forty-five points out of the hundred, and type is our chief anchor. We like size, but we want it in fullness and shortness, not in length. In head many of your birds seem to me to have an inclination to be narrow and flat, not round and chubby as we wish them. They are not cut away clean enough underneath to suit the Victorian ideal, whilst the carriage of flights leaves much to be desired. Smartness is a point of the greatest value, and the clean cut away underneath, with short, well braced wings and tail, give that great desideratum. Another point, I thought many of the birds were too short in leg; we like more leg than your birds show, because the leg has much to do with the correct pose of the body, and shows the shape off to advantage. A Norwich should not be too close to the perch. Then the feather of your birds is not equal to that seen on our Victorian cracks. It is coarser in texture, and does not fit so well. We consider it a great fault when birds drop their clothes about their thighs.

This is hard criticism, but I honestly think in Norwich that could a battle be arranged between Old England's best, and those of Australia, that it would be another case of "the ashes" leaving your shores. I say this with great respect, but from a sincere belief in my opinion. My remarks are, of course, general, and refer to the birds as a whole. There were birds at the Palace quite equal to our Australian birds, if not superior, but the general average of merit was below our standard. One bird I would especially like to mention, and that is Mr. Baker's first prize unevenly-marked Yellow. That bird I should like to take back with me when I leave for home.

Crests, like the Norwich, were not up to my expectations. They were not so broad or long in feather as our birds, neither do they approach us in type and substance. I was told that the best Crests are not now seen at the Palace, and that had I been able to see the birds staged at Nottingham, Newcastle, Bristol, or Cheltenham earlier in the season I should have been in a better position to estimate the state of the English Crest Fancy. During my visit I have seen one of your most famous breeder's stock, so that I know there are better birds in England than those shown at the Crystal Palace. I may say, in passing, that Barnett blood is known and valued in Australia.

The Yorkshires: How can I express myself concerning them? They were a revelation to me; a surprise in every way. Such numbers, and such quality! Type, style, feather, and colour, they had them all. Long did I linger over them, charmed by their matchless beauty, and not a bad one did I see in the whole lot. Such uniformity says much for the careful manner in which they are not only bred, but also judged. I envy no man the task of judging such a collection as I saw at the Crystal Palace. The happy moments spent amongst these Yorkshires will live with me in memory for years to come.

Cinnamons: I expected something much more choice. Truer to Norwich type, and with finer quality of feather are the Cinnamons in Australia. I happened on a lean year, the leanest, I am informed, ever known at the Palace. I can only speak of those things I have seen, and the Cinnamons did not impress me favourably.

Lancashires: These interested me greatly. We have, I think, Plainheads equal to those at Sydenham, but the Coppies we have fail to the English birds in spread and formation of coppy.

The Lizards also attracted me, and much as I admired their colour and spangling, I thought them hardly up to our birds in size.

A new variety to me I found in the Borders. Like the Yorkshires, they pleased me greatly, but they were hardly so uniform as the Yorkshires; whilst some were very slim and smart, others were stouter, evidence of there being two types. The beauty and wax-like character of their feather afforded me intense pleasure.

Scotch Fancy Canaries are almost unknown to us, and I must confess the birds at the Palace were superior to anything I have ever seen.

The British Birds were a splendid collection. We have some very fine Blackbirds, Thrushes, and Goldfinches in Australia, but your birds are larger than ours. The greatest revelation to me were the Foreigners. Never have I seen such wonderful and charming birds as those staged in the Insectivorous classes. Marvellous indeed was the manner in which they were shown, their beauty being only equalled by their wonderful condition. Of what love for the Fancy does this speak!

The show as a whole to me was wonderful; a surprise and a delight. The few disappointments were tempered with pleasure unknown and unthought of. When I go back again to the Land of the Southern Cross I shall think not only of the grand display of birds, but of the splendid arrangements governing the show, of the many kindly words of greeting given by the number of good fanciers whom I met, of our discussions on the different points, of the generous reception given to my views, and the hearty reciprocity shown by those I met, in giving me the lines upon which the English fanciers are working. Your artist, Mr. Norman, has, from my instructions, sketched a bird approximating to the standard which prevails in Australia. It is, I venture to suggest, truer to the Norwich type than many at the Crystal Palace. But there, after all, is not type an elastic quantity in every variety, and under any judge, and who shall constitute himself the final court of appeal? Surely not a "darned outsider from Kangaroo Land."

My task is finished, and to you, Mr. Editor, I tender my thanks for allowing me to say something about our Australian Canaries to English fanciers, and I will in all seriousness ask friends in England to turn their attention to the type of the Norwich bird. There seems to me to be room for improvement. And you know the old saying about the looker-on. I should feel flattered could I but think these notes tended to some improvement being effected. When I return to Australia I shall carry away with me many pleasing recollections of the Crystal Palace Show, and of the many good and true fanciers whom I met thereat. To them, and the British Fancy generally, I wish success.

ROLLERS AT THE PALACE.

Judge, A. Rettich.

The Palace Show has come and gone, with all its hopes, expectations and disappointments. The Roller section was well to the front again, and with 59 entries in the three classes, compares well with any other variety in the show. The judge had a most difficult task before him to find the winning birds, where nearly all were stars. The Open Class, 30 entries, revealed some of the best birds in the kingdom. The Young Bird Class, with 8 entries, was a disappointment, but we think it arose by a misunderstanding that the birds must be bred by the exhibitor. The Limit Class came up to its usual strength, and among the birds exhibited were some that we thought cheap. Open Class (30), 1st and 3rd specials and silver medal, J. W. Norris. This bird well-merited his win, and delivered his hollow roll, 8; hall bell, 4; schockel, 4; gluck, 4; flute notes, 2; delivery and purity, 4; total, 26 points—with a very pleasing effect; 2nd, special and bronze medal, Lyons, in this award we could not agree with the judge, and his bird's total of 22 points, not coming up to the fourth, which we fancied in that place; 3rd, Merrick, another fine songster, with a total of 20 points; 4, Wilsdon, this bird gave a fine display of the hollow roll and schockel, his rising and falling and depth of tours giving him an easy second position; extra 4th, Randall; vhc, A. Percival; vhc, J. W. Norris; vhc, Steigart; hc, Lyons, hc, Randall; c, Merrick; c, A. Percival. Young Bird Class (8): 1st and silver medal, Walton, a nice youngster of good depth and tone; 2nd and bronze medal, Steigart, another good bird; 3rd, Hughes; 4th, Haywood. We believe the best birds in this class, No. 1,201, Oldroyd, and No. 1,206, Wilsdon, did not sing before the judge, or the awards would have been different. Limit Class. £2 (21): 1st, Roehl, a very nice bird, and quickly claimed on its 24 points; 2nd, W. Evans, rather loud, but a very free singer; 3rd, Walter Bros.; 4th, Lester; vhc, Walter Bros.; hc, Steigart; c, Steigart.—F. A. LESTER.

THE BRITISH ROLLER CANARY CLUB.

A Presentation to Mr. Norris.

The attendance in the Roller Canary room at the Palace was tremendous, and it was quite uncomfortable trying to listen to the birds during the greater part of the show. There can be no question but that this variety is becoming more popular every year.

During the evening of Saturday the British Roller Canary Club held a meeting in a room of the Palace, with Mr. F. A. Lester in the chair, supported by the Secretary, Mr. J. W. Norris, Mr. Lowes (of Wortley, Leeds), Mr. Wilsdon (of Oxford), and other London and country members. The first subject that came up for discussion was an improvement on the present uniform show cage. After many suggestions and much discussion, it was submitted to the meeting that it be left to the committee to deal with. The next matter debated was the issuing of closed rings to non-members of the B.R.C.C.. It was unanimously agreed that the B.R.C.C closed rings should be issued to members of other Roller societies through their secretaries, thus preventing the issuing of two or more rings of the same number. There was also an argument as to the advisability of having a team contest in the near future, but owing to the close approach of the breeding season it was thought to be practicable next show season. But the chief object of the meeting was to take advantage of the presence of the country members, and make it the occasion of presenting the secretary, Mr. J. W. Norris, with a very handsome testimonial in the form of an English lever watch and gold chain and an illuminated address, as a practical appreciation of the magnificent work he has done for the B.R.C.C. and the Roller Fancy in general. Mr. F. A. Lester, in the absence of the President (H. R. B. Tweed, Esq.) in presenting the testimonial, referred to the worthiness of Mr. Norris, and the energy he has displayed in the interests of the Roller Fancy. Mr. Lester also referred to the great pleasure it gave him to be able to present Mr. Norris with such a token of respect in the name of some 30 or 40 members of the B.R.C.C. Mr. Lowes (of Wortley), Mr. A. Foulds (of Manchester), Mr. Wilsdon (of Oxford), Sergt. Latter (late Kings' Royal Rifles), and others also spoke very highly of the courteous treatment they had always received at his hands, and one and all thanked him for the splendid manner he had conducted the business of the club. Mr. Norris, in replying, said he had only tried to do his best, and he was extremely pleased that the members showed such marked appreciation of his past efforts, and he said such a token of their esteem would spur him on to do all he could in the future to further the interests of the Roller Fancy. The officers of the Society were unanimously re-elected, and three fresh members enrolled. The meeting was then brought to a close with a hearty vote of thanks, moved by Mr. A. Foulds (of Manchester) to Mr. F. A. Lester for kindly taking the chair.—F. A. LESTER.

LEICESTER C.B.S.

Annual Show of Norwich pairs, matched for breeding, at headquarters, Feb. 15th, some very good birds being staged. The judge, Mr. G. Lander, after a hard task in placing the winners, gave general satisfaction. OPEN CLASS (23): 1, E. B. Hunt; 2, S. c, G. Edwards; extra 3, vhc, H. Marriott; hc, T. West. NOVICE CLASS (5): 1, A. Lowe, 2, G. Harrison; 3, vhc, hc, J. Adams. It has been decided to hold a members' show on Saturday, March 2nd, of pairs matched for breeding, of Canaries, Mules, and Hybrids (10 classes); judges, Messrs. W. Stevens and T. Ride.

CRESTED CANARY CLUB.

The voting for Committee resulted as follows:—Mr. F. W. Barnett, 44 votes; Mr. W. Glasscock, 42; Mr. T. Heath, 39; Mr. R. Rhodes, 37; Mr. J. Robson, 35; Mr. W. E. Greeves, 32; Dr. Galloway, 31; Mr. R. L. Crisp, 31; Mr. J. Tyson, 30; Mr. G. Crabb, 29; Mr. G. Colledge, 29; Rev. Joyce, 29; Mr. J. S. Clarke, 27; Mr. T. J. King, 27; Mr J. H. Scothern, 27; Mr. E. Godley, 22; Mr. H. Mills, 22; Mr. J. Dobson, 19; Mr. E. Jones (Jones and Crest), 19; Mr. R. B. Tope, 19; Mr. C. Roberts, 19; Mr. T. R. Ind, 21. Voting papers counted, 52; unsigned, six; arrived too late, two; voted for too many, one; total received, 61. The following is the result of the election of judges:—Messrs. T. Heath, 45; W. E. Greeves, 42; J. Robson, 42; F. W. Barnett, 40; R. Rhodes, 38; J. H. Scothern, 38; J. Tyson, 35; W. Glasscock, 34; Rev. G. W. Joyce, 31; T. J. King, 26; D. R. Thomas, 19; R. B. Tope, 19. Auditors, Messrs. Heath (30) and Clarke (29). Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, J. Tyson, practically unanimous.—Signed, T. HEATH. J. S. CLARKE.

Election of President.

The following is the result of the voting for President of this club, viz., Mr. R. L. Crisp, 11; Mr. G. Crabb, 3; Mr. T. Heath, 3 (one of these is unsigned); Mr. R. Rhodes, 2; and Mr. J. Robson, 1. Mr. Crisp is, therefore, the elected President for 1907.—JOHN TYSON.

CITY OF BRADFORD O.S.

A smoking concert was held at the headquarters of the above Society, Saturday evening, February 16th, to give one of our members, Mr W. Helliwell, a hearty send-off, as he is about to leave for Canada. During the evening a presentation was made to Mr. Helliwell by our worthy president, Mr. T. Fortnam; he also spoke of the good work he had done for the Society. Songs were rendered by Mr Walton, Mr. Clarkson, Mr. Roe, and Mr. Helliwell. Mr. Billington kindly brought his gramophone, and a very pleasant evening was spent. We all wished our departing friend good luck and success, and we hoped he would do as well for Toronto society as he had done for Bradford. F. RHODES (Assist. Sec.).

CINNAMON CANARY CLUB.

The Annual General Meeting was held Feb. 16th. Present: The President (Mr. W. A. Bladon), Messrs. A. Bentley J. Dobson, G. Dunford, R. Howarth, L. Roberts, J. H. Roe, J. Walsh, J. Wilson, J. Wones and R. J. Pretty. The minutes of the last meeting being read and passed applications for the Club Show were considered from Barrow, Accrington, and Manchester. After some discussion, Manchester was decided upon. Means were then discussed to produce a better entry at the various shows, and Mr. Wones suggested that four good prizes be given as points, specials for the most gained during the season, one for the most, one for the second, and so on for the fourth most points. Mr. Bentley moved that Mr. Wones's suggestion be adopted, Mr. Roberts seconding; it was carried. Mr. Dobson's resolution on the status of a novice was left over to see what the Cage Bird Union decided. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the President, and the same to the Hon Sec.

PENDLETON AND SALFORD O.S.

This Society held their Annual Washing Competition on the 14th. There was a very good attendance of members and friends. The birds were soon put through the washing process, and Mr. Skelton won the medal with a nicely-washed yellow Yorkshire. February 28th Mr. Turner will give a paper on "Canary Breeding." March 14th, our annual smoking concert will be held. Nest Feather Show, June 29th; Mr. S. Cook will judge. It was decided to send out circulars to all members, asking if they were in favour of an open show this year.—S. SKELTON.

BRIGHTON F. & F.A.

Second monthly show, Unicorn Hotel, Brighton, Feb. 16th; 21 classes realised 94 entries. A.V. CAN. OR MULE: 1, 2, Gravett; 3, Roast. BRIT. BIRD: 1, Bishop; 2, Goldsmith; 3, Gibb. Next monthly business meeting, February 18th, 7.30.—W. GREGORY.

WALLASEY AND DIS. C.B.S.

Annual Pair Show of Canaries in St. Mary's Schools, Liscard, on February 7th. Mr. W. Hales was the judge. This show being the final show of the season for the competition of the Wilkinson Challenge Cup. Mr. A. Coffey was again the winner, with 139 points; Mr. W. Young, the runner-up, with 109 points. YORK. YELL. COCK, BUFF HEN: 1, 2, vhc, A. Coffey; 3, W. C. Carswell; hc, C. Stewart; c, A. Alston. BUFF COCK, YELL. HEN; 1, 2, A. Coffey; 3, S. S. Holford; vhc, C. Stewart; hc, W. Young. CINN. MARKED: 1, 2, A. Coffey; 3, vhc, W. Young. GREENS, A.V.: 1, c, W. C. Carswell; 2, A. Coffey; 3, S. S. Holford; vhc, hc, C. Stewart. NOR. YELL. COCK, BUFF HEN: 1, A. Coffey; 2, W. Hodgkins. BUFF COCK, YELL HEN: 1, A. Coffey; 2, W. C. Carswell. BORDER FANCY, A.V.: 1, 2, W. Young; 3, T. G. Woodman.

GREAT HORTON O.S.

First monthly show of the season, February 9th. In the absence of Mr. A. Jowett, from illness, Mr. A. W. Hartley officiated as judge. OPEN CLASSES, CL. YELL. YORKS.: 1, W. Cruise; 2, S. Dean; 3, W. Blakey; 4, J. Waterworth. CL. BUFF YORKS.: 1, F. Self; 2, W. Blakey; 3, J. Waterworth; 4, A. Sykes. YELL. YORKS HEN: 1, W. Blakey; 2, F. Self; 3, A. Lister; 4, A. Sykes. BUFF YORKS HEN: 1, W. Blakey; 2, 3, S. Dean; 4, J. Waterworth. NOVICE CLASSES, CL. YELL. YORKS.: 1, 2, J. Kay; 3, R. Hainsworth; 4, F. Richardson. CL. BUFF YORKS.: 1, 4, F. Gelder; 2, W. Gudgeon; 3, M. Barraclough. YELL. YORKS HEN: 1, R. Hainsworth; 2, W. Oliver; 3, F. Richardson; 4, W. Gudgeon. BUFF YORKS HEN: 1, R. Kitchen; 2, F. Richardson; 3, W. Oliver; 4, W. Gudgeon. —S. DEAN, Sec.

(Many Reports crowded out.)

C.B.U. DELEGATES MEET.

Is Rule 17 to Stand?

All Affiliated Societies to Vote on the Point.

The First Annual Meeting of the delegates to the Cage Bird Union, appointed by the various districts, was held at the Crystal Palace, on Saturday, February 16th.

Before the meeting of the delegates, a meeting of the Executive Committee was held, at which Mr. Bladon, Chairman of the Union, presided.

The minutes of the last Council meeting, held at Nottingham, having been read and confirmed,

The HON. SEC. (Mr. Lythgoe) reported as to the suspension of a member of the No. 1 District for staining a bird. He said he had written to know if the exhibitor had been notified of his suspension, and the reply was that he had been personally notified. The offender had not appealed, so the suspension held good. He (the Secretary) asked that the suspension should be advertised in the usual way.

Mr. HADWIN (Liverpool) inquired of the Secretary if it was his opinion that he required the consent of the Council before he advertised the suspension, seeing there had been no appeal.

The SECRETARY replied that he did for his own safeguarding. The suspension would hold good as far as the District Committee was concerned, but he did not want to advertise that a man had been suspended without the sanction of the Executive Committee.

Mr. HADWIN moved that in future the Secretary be given power to advertise suspensions made by the District Committees or the Show Committees where there was no appeal.

THE CHAIRMAN: Do you intend that resolution to apply to all cases that may arise?

Mr. HADWIN: Yes.

Mr. COBB (Leeds) said that similar cases were so seldom that he thought it would be safe to have them confirmed in the usual manner.

Mr. HADWIN thought that the cases need not come before the Council. The rules empowered the Show Committees to deal with such matters and if the offender was satisfied, then the Committee itself should advertise the suspension. If he was not satisfied he could appeal to the District Committee, who could deal with it unless an appeal was made to the Executive Council, who would then deal with it. He believed the present case took place in November last, and it was only now brought up. If it was to have been of any good, it should have been dealt with there and then. He took it that the President and Secretary were, in the interim of Council meetings, their Committee, and he thought that if the President and Secretary consulted when such a case arose, they could decide to advertise if necessary. Personally, he considered such matters should be dealt with by the particular Committees concerned; they should not come before the Council unless there was an appeal.

Mr. RAMSDEN (L.P.O.S.) thought the Secretary should have the power to advertise suspensions, but he thought that before doing so he should be satisfied that the person should have had proper and legal notice of the suspension. Otherwise that person could take action against the Council and against Mr. Lythgoe personally.

The SECRETARY said that was why he wished the Council to authorise him to advertise. If he advertised on his own responsibility he would be getting into hot water.

Mr. HADWIN suggested that the Secretary might notify a man that his suspension had taken place, and ask him if he was going to appeal. He might give the man three or four days in which to reply, and then, if he did not do so, the Secretary could advertise.

Mr. RAMSDEN said that that would be all right if the letter was registered and a copy kept.

The Council agreed to the suggestion.

The SECRETARY reported that a letter had been received from Mr. Riseborough, of Sunderland, asking for the re-instatement of Mr. Whipp, of Oldham, who had been suspended for staining Lizards at Manchester. The writer explained that, in his opinion, Mr. Whipp was not dealt with in a proper manner, and he also asked that in future no member should be disqualified without a fair trial, and that the member should be allowed to be present when the matter was heard.

The SECRETARY said that the part of letter dealing with the attendance of a member at the hearing of his case had been dealt with at the Nottingham meeting, and the only question before them was that of re-instatement.

Mr. HADWIN said that as the suspension was only until the next Manchester meeting, that it had better stand. It would be no hardship.

Mr. RAMSDEN asked, if the offender was guilty, why should he be re-instated? He had not appealed, and he had said nothing. He proposed that the matter should stand as it was. The member had every opportunity of coming before the Council and submitting any statement, but he had never moved in the matter.

The motion was seconded and agreed to.

The SECRETARY next mentioned a recommendation from the Wales district that the Llanelly Club should be suspended for two years. The Secretary explained that it was alleged that the Llanelly Club held their show and that, in letters which were written, the Secretary intimated that it was to be held under Cage Bird Union rules, although they did not apply for a licence. Under that statement, several Union members exhibited, although they were not strictly entitled to do so. It was, therefore, recommended that the Llanelly Show should not be allowed a licence for two years. Mr. Lythgoe added that he had written to the secretary of the show, who denied that the show was to be held under the Union, and, as far as he (Mr. Lythgoe) could make out, that was true. It seemed to him that the Secretary of the show had not said that it was to be held under the Union, but that exhibitors had taken it for granted that it would be so. He thought the exhibitors were more to blame than the secretary. The delegate for Wales had drawn particular attention to the schedule which said on the back: "Yes, we belong to the C.B.U." When the secretary of the show was questioned as to that, he said he was not responsible for it, and that some one else must have done it.

Mr. HADWIN said he did not think they had sufficient evidence on which to convict the show in any way.

The CHAIRMAN: There does not seem to be anything definite.

Mr. HADWIN moved that no action be taken. —Mr. RAMSDEN, in seconding, said that if anybody did say what the secretary of the show was attributed to have said, it made no difference. A case had been fought and carried to the Court of Appeal, where it was laid down that a show was held under its advertised rules alone.

Mr. FREESTONE (Norwich) agreed, and the resolution was carried.

The SECRETARY said that, arising out of the matter just discussed, they wanted a little addition to the rules so that exhibitors should not take it for granted that a show was being held under the Union rules unless it was so advertised in the newspapers or the schedule. Perhaps the matter need not be mentioned in the rules, but it should be mentioned in the Press or in the schedule. He moved accordingly.—Mr. RAMSDEN thought that if the matter was mentioned in the Press it would do.

Mr. HADWIN suggested that an advertisement should be inserted in the Fancy papers just before the commencement of the show season—say at the end of September.—The Chairman and the other members of the Council agreed that that should be done.

The question of the holding out of special inducements to Specialist and Yorkshire Clubs to join the Union was next discussed. The SECRETARY read a letter from Mr. Wilson, of Leeds, on the subject, and he added that Specialist Clubs were holding aloof from the Union. At the meeting at Nottingham it was stated that those clubs were hard hit in joining the Union because they were almost all members of other clubs.

Mr. HADWIN thought it was "hard lines" that Specialist Clubs should not be considered in some way. It was practically impossible for local committees to deal with such clubs, and it was only the patronage they gave to shows that enabled special classes to be held. There was hardly a show, except Manchester and a few other big ones, which could give classification for "Greens" and the like, if it was not for the patronage of Specialist Clubs. It was the first duty of a Specialist Club to advance the class in which it specialised, and speaking for the "Green" Club he could say that they would have joined the Union last year if special terms had been given. That was, if they had been allowed to give their patronage to outside shows. He thought they ought to come to some working arrangement with the Yorkshire Union by which each Union would recognise the other's suspensions. All Specialist Clubs would join the C.B.U. if their own particular work was not interfered with. At present their rules prohibited them advancing their own classes. He moved that Specialist Clubs be not liable to suspension by showing at a purely patronage show, and only in those classes in which the Specialist Club was working. He was quite sure that the 'Green" Club would join this year if they were given this privilege.

The CHAIRMAN inquired if there would not be an element of danger in opening the classes to members who were not members of the Green Association

Mr. HADWIN replied that not twenty Greens in the whole of the patronage shows held last year were shown by members outside the Green C.A.

The CHAIRMAN remarked that at Nottingham it was said that a number of the Specialist Clubs did not belong to any other club.

Mr. HADWIN, replied that as far as the "Green" C.A. and the E. and W. Border Clubs were concerned, with a membership probably of 200, he did not think there were four who were not members of some local society.

No seconder was found for Mr. Hadwin's motion, and the matter dropped.

A long letter was received from a federation of clubs in Oldham, Ashton and other towns. —The SECRETARY said that as far as he could understand the matter, it was a federation of clubs who had a cup, which they competed for amongst themselves, and it was kept exclusively amongst the clubs in the federation. Three or four of the clubs were in the Union, and some were not. The latter were mostly very small clubs which did not care about taking out a licence. Strictly speaking, the affiliated clubs could not show at the unaffiliated shows where the cup was competed for, and he gathered they wanted special treatment in the matter. He thought the matter might be left over, and he would see the secretary of the federation, and hold a personal conversation with him, and see what they really wanted.

Mr. HADWIN thought that it was just a little fun amongst the clubs themselves, and he also thought that they might be told that they would not be interfered with.

The SECRETARY said he understood that the shows which were not affiliated did not have open classes.

Mr. HADWIN thereupon moved that the clubs should be allowed to have their little bit of fun amongst themselves.

The CHAIRMAN agreed. The matter was trivial, and seemed to be like a family affair. The idea of the affiliated clubs in writing was to place themselves in a proper position.

Mr. COBB seconded Mr. Hadwin's motion, and it was agreed to.

THE GENERAL MEETING.

Mr. BLADON presided at the general meeting of delegates which followed the meeting of the Executive Council.

The HON. SEC. (Mr. Lythgoe) read the annual report which was as follows:—

The Council beg to submit their first report of the Cage Bird Union. It will be remembered that the Union was inaugurated on April 21st, 1906, at a meeting called by the Manchester and M.C.O. Society, at which meeting a provisional committee was formed to continue the formation of the Union. Rules were drawn up and adopted at a meeting of the Provisional Committee, held at Manchester on June 16th, 1906. These rules were published in the Fancy papers, and copies, supplied gratis by the respective editors, were sent to all affiliated societies for their approval, as well as to a number of other societies that have since joined. A set of show rules also were drawn up, and published in the papers. Both these sets of rules were generally approved, very little comment being made against them. In accordance with the rules, the affiliated societies were divided into districts, the delegates forming the district committees. Voting took place for the election of the Executive Council, one member being elected for each district committee, and a president and secretary also were elected. The number of societies that have affiliated is 118; one has since withdrawn, and one other has not paid its subscription; and 57 more societies have been granted licences, making a total of 175 societies under the control of the Union. Two or three more societies have intimated their intention of joining at the commencement of the New Year. These societies have contributed £40 15s. 4d. in subscriptions; licence fees amount to £14 5s.; other receipts making a total of £56 3s. 11d. The expenses amount to £28 10s. 4d., leaving a balance of cash in hand of £27 13s. 7d. This does not include the show rules, which it has been arranged shall pay for themselves; 127,000 copies of these rules have been printed, at a cost of £12 6s. 2d., postage on same being £2 19s. 4d.; £12 11s. has been received for rules sold, leaving a balance on the debit side of £2 14s. 6d. Against this 19s. 4d. is still due for rules supplied, and there are 19,000 copies in hand, so that there will be a small profit on these rules. All shows held under the Union's rules have been advertised in the papers, and representatives of the Union have attended most of the shows and generally reported on same. Shows held under the Union's rules have been better supported, and it may be accepted as satisfactory proof of the approval of the Union that so many societies have affiliated, and others are willing to join. The Union may claim to have been a success; it has brought all the best societies into line, to hold their shows under one set of rules, and many awkward points have been settled by the district committees without reference to the Council. Two suspensions have, however, been made for faking, and no doubt the Union has acted as a deterrent to other dishonest exhibitors.

Mr. HADWIN thought the report was very satisfactory, and he moved its adoption.

Mr. BOYLE (York C.B.S.) seconded, and the resolution was carried.

The SECRETARY next presented the balance-sheet, which he explained was up to date. The year did not expire until February 20th. The items on the credit side of the general account were as follows:—To subscriptions, £40 15s. 4d.; one Associate, 2s. 6d.; Licence fees, £14 5s.; balance from rules, 18s.; bank interest, 3s. 1d.; total, £56 3s. 11d. On the debit side:—postages and stationery, £10 5s.; cheque book, 2s. 6d.; council and delegates' railway fares, £12 8s. 10d.; advertising shows, £4 13s.; fee for settling show rules, £1 1s.; balance and cash in hand, £27 13s. 7d.; total, £56 3s. 11d.

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The SECRETARY added that £24 19s. 1d. was the net sum in the bank after deducting the loss on the show rules.

It was agreed to publish the complete balance-sheet at the end of the year, and in the course of a discussion which followed, it was suggested that if a copy was sent to each delegate, it could be put up in the clubs which he represented. Another delegate thought it would be enough to publish the balance-sheet in the "Fancy" papers.

The CHAIRMAN said he was rather in favour of the first suggestion and in order to settle the matter, he would ask for a resolution that they should send the report and balance-sheet to the various delegates, and then they could put the copy up in the club-rooms.

Mr. DEWHURST (West London) proposed that every affiliated society should have a balance-sheet and report.

Mr. TURTON (Bury) seconded, and it was agreed to.

The CHAIRMAN, having called for the nomination of two gentlemen to act as auditors, Mr. HADWIN proposed the delegates representing Bury and the Norwich Plainhead Clubs. Mr. DEWHURST suggested that a public auditor should be appointed, but the chairman and other members thought the cost would be too great.

Mr. SPOWAGE (West London) expressed dissatisfaction with two representatives from the North being appointed, and thereupon Mr. HADWIN proposed Mr. Brown, of Newcastle and Mr. Hodgson, of Dulwich, but the latter gentleman declined to act.

On the suggestion of Mr. SPOWAGE, Mr. George Crabb (Southern Norwich), and Mr. Brown (Newcastle), were appointed.

The SECRETARY announced that nominations and voting cards had been sent to each delegate for the election of a president and a secretary. Mr. Carl and Mr. Robson had acted as scrutineers.

Mr. CARL announced the result of the voting to be as follows:—

FOR PRESIDENT.

Mr. Bladon	52
,, Crabb	7
The Rev. W. Rickaby	7
Mr. Tyson	8

FOR SECRETARY.

Mr. Lythgoe	63
,, Brown	6
,, Tyson	5

Mr. A. BROWN (Gateshead) said the secretary had done much hard work, and he thought they ought to remunerate him for his services. He thought that if the Union went on, and turned out in the way they expected, and as they supposed it would, some recognition of the Secretary's service ought to be made. He proposed that he be paid a yearly salary of five guineas.

Mr. HADWIN said he was glad Mr. Brown had moved in the matter, for it had been his intention to have done so. He did not think they should ask any Secretary to work for nothing for them. The sum mentioned was not anything like the payment for the work Mr. Lythgoe had done, but it was some slight acknowledgment that they did appreciate his services. He seconded the granting of an honorarium. It was not at all paying, but merely a recognition and for out-of-pocket expenses.

The motion was agreed to.

Mr. LYTHGOE, in reply, said he must say that the work had been very hard; harder than he had anticipated. Really, the Union Secretaryship had been put on to him from his having been Secretary of the Manchester Society, which brought up the subject, and they naturally appointed him Secretary of the Union. He, however, would be very pleased to continue in the post, but he would like to say that the work was very hard, and if there was going to be any humbug, and fighting and calling names, he should retire. Life was too short to put up with all those little worries. He wanted fair criticism, and so did the Council and the Delegates, but if there was any backbiting he should retire immediately.

Mr. HADWIN: You refer to outsiders I presume; I take it you have had nothing but courtesy from the Delegates?

The SECRETARY: That is so.

Mr. E. PRETTY (London and Counties) asked if the five guineas was intended as a donation. He would suggest that the Secretary should have 25 per cent. of the yearly subscriptions.

Mr. BROWN said his resolution was that the Secretary should receive the sum yearly, and the meeting concurred.

The CHAIRMAN having called for suggestions from the delegates, the question of the definition of a novice was introduced, a resolution upon the subject being upon the agenda.

Mr. CURTIS (City and Suburban), thought that the question should first have been discussed by various clubs. It was not right to spring it upon members. It was a wide question, and would influence thousands of fanciers, and he thought they ought to have an opportunity of placing the matter before the various Societies.

Mr. BRADSHAW (Sheffield and District), said that as far as his Society was concerned, they accounted every person a novice who had not won two prizes in members' shows, or one first in open shows. They did not include British birds, but they included Mules and Canaries.

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Mr. HADWIN said the question was to define a novice for open shows, not for local societies. What was to govern the status of a novice in open competition? The meaning of a novice at a members' show was governed by their own local conditions, and nearly all societies had a rule that a novice should be one who had not won a first prize in open competition or at a members' own show. That naturally governed them in their own show. He would suggest that a novice should be one who had never won a first prize at an open show. He thought that quite clearly defined a novice; or they could make it either a first or second, and they could make an amateur one who had never won two firsts.

Mr. CURTIS thought that any rule they might make should govern the whole of the affiliated societies, whether at members' shows or not. They would never make any headway with the novice question until they made it universal. The same rule which governed members' shows should govern open shows.

Mr. BRADSHAW (Sheffield) said he would make the proposition that a novice should be a novice until he had bred a first prize winner (Laughter.)

Mr. RAMSDEN: Will you want an affidavit with it? (Laughter.)

The CHAIRMAN: Do I understand that you let your people be novices as long as they showed in the novice classes only?

Mr. BRADSHAW replied that they could win first in the novice section for two years. They would then go to the amateur section and pass from there to the champion section. A novice might breed one good bird and might enter it at a show not knowing its value and wishing to win a prize. It might be catalogued at 30s., and somebody might claim it at the price. That bird might be the only good one the novice possessed. They wanted to give sufficient time for a man to be able to judge a bird. They must not try to draw hard and fast lines or they would cripple the Fancy.

Mr. CURTIS expressed the opinion that the question should not interfere with the members' shows. They should be left to do their own business in the way they liked. It should only affect open shows. If a member showed in open shows and won a first prize, then he should cease to be a novice, or want to be one (Hear, hear).

Mr. RAMSDEN: Take the case of a big show where a number of specialist clubs give their patronage, their definitions of a novice being various. What was to become of it? He maintained with Mr. Curtis, that the definition should apply to the whole Fancy. In the catalogue that day at the Crystal Palace show they had about five definitions of a novice (Hear, hear). He had had considerable trouble in the past over the latter, and he maintained that one definition should govern the whole Fancy.

Mr. BRADSHAW asked what was a novice under the Cage Bird Union? The rules said that in case of dispute the Union definition should come first. He had made a proposition that had been ridiculed, but he still maintained that if a man showed a bird in the novice class, he should have bred that bird and not bought it.

Mr. HADWIN moved that a novice should be one who had never won a first or second in open classes, or three firsts in novice classes.

Mr. BROWN seconded.

Mr. DEWHURST: Do you mean open shows?

Mr. HADWIN: Certainly; we cannot deal with members' shows.

Mr. WILKINSON (Crewe) moved an amendment that a novice in a local show should remain a novice after he has won a first prize in open competition. Mr. SPOWAGE seconded.

Mr. FREESTONE (Norwich) said that in his part of the country they termed a novice one who had not won a prize at any show.

Mr. RAMSDEN thought a man might have a little better run than that. He thought Mr. Hadwin's motion was the better of the two. Mr. CURTIS thought that the question should apply to birds that members had bred themselves, and not to wild birds at all.

Mr. SARGENT (Northampton) thought the question ought to be left open to be well discussed in all the societies.

Mr. RAMSDEN thereupon proposed that the Secretary should take the definitions of a novice of two or three of the best known societies in the kingdom, and send them to the affiliated societies, and ask them to vote upon them. Then take the definitions the societies selected.

Mr. CURTIS, who seconded, thought it was an easy way out of the difficulty.

Mr. HADWIN did not see why they should keep on postponing this question. It was not a new thing, but had been discussed time after time, and he thought it should be settled once for all that day. It was no new point they were raising, and it was simply shelving the question. Let them settle it now.

Mr. SARGENT said it was the first time the matter had been discussed by the Cage Bird Union, because it was their first meeting. The thought the matter should be talked over and put on the agenda for the next meeting.

Mr. ROSLYN (Mansfield) entirely agreed with Mr. Ramsden's motion.

The CHAIRMAN ruled that Mr. Ramsden's motion was the only one which had been properly seconded, and it was agreed to by the meeting.

THAT "HATED" RULE 17.

The next motion on the agenda was to alter Rule 17, so that affiliated or licensed societies should not accept entries from exhibitors not members of the Union.

Mr. HADWIN asked for a ruling on the matter. Would not the amendment carry them back to the original Rule 10?

The SECRETARY said the suggestion had been made by four or five societies, including Leeds, Pendleton, and Salford.

Mr. SPOWAGE: If we get 100 entries from people not members of the C.B.A., are we not to accept them?

The SECRETARY: Apparently not (Laughter).

Mr. RAMSDEN: Laugh it out of the room, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. BROWN: Supposing a society joins the Union under protest against Rule 17, does the C.B.U. hold that society to the strict letter of the law?

The CHAIRMAN: I suppose that is the proposition?

The SECRETARY: If they join, they join.

Mr. BROWN: But if they join protesting against Rule 17, do you take notice of the protest? The SECRETARY: I don't think we should.

Mr. BRADSHAW (Sheffield) said he had been sent to the meeting to move that the werds after "Judges" in Rule 17 should be deleted, and he moved accordingly. In doing so he did not think it right that many members who had birds should be compelled to send to one set of shows because they happened to belong to the Union. He also did not think it right that non-unionists could come into their shows and take prizes and prize money, and they could not go into theirs and take their prizes and prize money. If his society had received the present rules a fortnight sooner than they did, they would never have been members of the C.B.U. They read them hurriedly, and a few enthusiastic people got them to join. The rule at present was a great stumbling block (Hear, hear).

The SECRETARY said he was taking the rule up because he was on the first committee to draw it up. The proposed amendment was to do away with inconsistencies. They had practically all the societies in the kingdom in the Union, and they would be no hardships at all if they passed the rule that affiliated societies should not accept entries for non-union exhibitors and vice versa.

Mr. DEWHURST inquired how many societies there were outside the Union. If rule 17 stood, they would not get half the societies. He asked that each affiliated society should have a voto on the Rule to see if it agreed with it or not. Three parts of the members in each affiliated society were against Rule 17.

Mr. RAMSDEN: We have 140 exhibitors showing here to-day, most of them residing within a short distance of the Palace, and mostly people who only keep one bird. Unless those people become associates or members of the C.B.U. were their entries not to be accepted?

The SECRETARY: That is so.

Mr. RAMSDEN: I say this, that it is impossible to run a National show unless you get the Crystal Palace to agree with you, for the conditions under which a National show is to be held, is that it is open to all; and as long as I have anything to do with it will be open to all (Hear, hear).

Mr. HADWIN seconded that the words after "Judges" should be deleted. The same thing applied largely to every other show that was held in a large town. They might strike out all Rule 17. The Secretary said it would not do to strike out the whole rule, because the first section of it said that affiliated societies should not accept entries from suspended individuals.

Mr. HADWIN: I mean after those words.

Mr. DEWHURST: It will be the only salvation for the Union in the London district.

Mr. ROSLYN said that in his district a large number were in favour of the rule.

Mr. BROWN said, that speaking for two of the oldest and largest societies in the North of England he did not think there was one member who was in favour of Rule 17. He agreed with Mr. Dewhurst's proposal, that each affiliated society should vote on the subject.

Mr. SPOWAGE then seconded Mr. Dewhurst's proposition.

Mr. BRADSHAW said, that if they followed the suggestions they need not have meetings of delegates, but simply send them voting papers. Before he came away he had got to know what the members wanted him to do, and if other delegates had not done the very same thing, it was their own fault. He had come to vote on the particular question before them, and he had come pledged on behalf of the Sheffield and District Cage Bird Society.

The CHAIRMAN: Your proposition is to leave out all the words after "Judges"?

Mr. BRADSHAW: Yes, Sir.

Mr. RAMSDEN emphatically protested against it. They were not eligible to do what they were doing. Every delegate should have had proper notice of the matter, and he did not think they were in order.

On voting being taken, Mr. Bradshaw's motion was carried, and it was further agreed to submit the altered Rule 17 to the various affiliated clubs for their opinion upon it.

This concluded the meeting.

BRADFORD (EAST) O.S.

An interesting Washing Exhibition was given by Mr. W. Cruise, Vice-President, at the headquarters of the above Society, on Feb. 5, 1907. There was a good muster of members and their friends, and the process of tubbing the birds was watched with keen interest throughout. Four birds were put through by Mr. Cruise in the short time of twenty minutes, and he explained several of the different methods of washing, "so varied that we never hardly see two alike," in a very clear and instructive manner. Three different dishes of water were used for the process; in the first he made a good lather and the other two were for rinsing purposes. Having put a pinch of borax into all three waters he proceeded to wash the bird, using a good sized badger hair brush for the first water and sponges for the other two. After putting it through all three waters, he took a nice soft cloth and partly dried the bird in his hand, afterwards rolling it into another cloth and laying it before the fire to dry for about ten minutes. The birds came out looking first-class and none the worse for the process, the speedy and efficient manner in which they were put through their facings winning admiration from all the company present. Mr. C. Cowgill afterwards put three birds through in somewhat the same manner, varying this method by wiping the lather off the bird before putting it through the second water; he also used three brushes instead of the sponges, and believes that less accidents are likely to happen by putting the birds straight into the drying cage, than by rolling in cloths and laying before the fire. A hearty vote of thanks was afterwards proposed by Mr. Greenwood and seconded by Mr. White to the two gentlemen who had provided the evening's enjoyment, and was carried with enthusiasm. After making two new members the meeting was brought to a close, everyone having thoroughly enjoyed themselves.—H. HILL, Hon. Secretary.

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General meeting, held at Mrs. Adam Kelly's, St. James Street, Feb. 1st, Mr. Wm. Urquhart presiding. The chief item was the report from Secretary anent subscription from members to clear off deficit of late show. This was very satisfactory, and it was agreed that next year's show should be held October 5th. The office-bearers and committee were elected. A proposal was submitted to the meeting to introduce Norwich and Border Fancy into the show. After discussion, it was allowed to stand over for further consideration. Next meeting April 5th.—JOHN KELLY, Sec.

MANNINGHAM C.B.A.

The members held their annual supper at headquarters, the Mowbray Arms Hotel, on February 16th, when an excellent repast was served. A large company of members, their wives and friends assembled. The after-proceedings took the form of a smoking concert. The chair was taken by the President (Mr. G. Wellock), whilst Mr. G. Kay proved himself an able musical director. A splendid programme was rendered, each contributor being heartily applauded. Among the singers were Messrs. G. Wellock, G. Kay, F. Western, J. W. Dennison and M. Robinson. A cornet solo, by Mr Wood, was much appreciated. During an interval in the never dull proceedings, the Chairman presentd Mr. A. Grange with the silver cup and gold medal for most points throughout the members' shows, 1906-7; Mr. G. Wellock, silver medal, for second most points; and Mr. W. Normington, silver medal, for third most points. The usual vote of thanks to the artistes and host and hostess brought a most pleasant and social evening to a close.—E. KEMP (Secretary).

YORKSHIRE UNION O.S.

The final meeting of the Yorkshire Union delegates was held on Saturday, February 16th, 5 p.m., at the Oddfellows' Hall, Thornton Road, Bradford. There was a good attendance of delegates, although there was the great counter attraction at the Crystal Palace. Mr. M. Broadley, president, in the chair.

Business:

1. The minutes of previous meeting passed as a correct record.

2. That Mr. J. Butler (Pudsley and Stamingly) be appointed auditor vice Mr. Watmough, absent at the Palace.

3. That the four societies not having replied re New Rules and Regulations, be asked to do so on or before Tuesday, February 26th, or they will be void.

4. That the action of Sub-Committee in awarding contract for novice gold medals to Mr. A. Uttley as per previous resolution was approved.

5. The balance sheet having been read by treasuror was approved and adopted.

6. It was unanimously voted that the balance, together with other small donations, be presented to Mr. J. Thackray, a famous old fancier, who is unfortunately in reduced circumstances.

(Signed) F. ARMSTRONG, Secretary.

NEWCASTLE C.B.S.

A meeting was held 65, Grainger Street 7th inst.; Mr. J. Shepherd presided. Seven new members were elected. It was decided to hold our annual show on the 18th and 19th October, 1907. Mr. Shepherd gave a few practical hints on cage-making. He had the necessary tools with him, viz., shooting board, cutting gauge, smoothing plane, tenon saw, which, he said, were practically all the tools that an amateur cage-maker required. It seemed to afford Mr. Shepherd a great deal of pleasure to see all present so deeply interested watching him in his work. I am sure he would simplify to a good many present, myself included, what had on many occasions been found difficult. He also described the various kinds of wood that could be used for cage-making; he himself preferred yellow pine, as it was a very clean wood to work, although now that canary wood was easy to procure ready dressed and of any width, it was perhaps, better adapted for the amateur's purpose. Mr. Shepherd preferred the three-ply wood for the backs, it does not twist like canary wood, and it can be got any size and is also very cheap. Mr. Shepherd said that well-made cages have a great tendency to keep down the red mite pest. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Shepherd for the able way in which he had imparted such useful information.

J. G. HUTCHINSON, Sec.

[The above notice was overlooked last week.—Ed. "C.B."]

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By T. Heath,

One of our most experienced Fanciers and the Pioneer of London Societies.

In response to your wish to let you have a few of my reminiscences of the Crystal Palace Cage Bird Show, I must only give you a few or I should occupy far too much of your space. On my return home from the Palace after seeing you, I thought I would look up a few of my birdie papers to refresh my memory, and to my utter astonishment I find in newspaper cuttings they commence in 1874, or 33 years ago, and some of these are very interesting indeed; but for age and interest in Cage Birds in the early days I have a book published in 1718, and they had many varieties of Canaries even in those days; but all this has nothing to do with the Palace.

Well, the first that I can recollect at the Palace was some 40 years ago, when it was held in the Sub-tropical Department, at the north end of the nave, and a most perfect place it was for a bird show, filled as it was with palms and sub-tropical plants, it made a very pretty show indeed. I had almost forgotten to mention the Parrots and Cockatoos they had standing about chained to stands, and several aviaries full of Canaries and Foreign Finches. The drawback was that the temperature was rather high. At this time my visit to the show was always on Sundays, shareholders only being admitted on that day, so we used to have very few people in the show. I also very well recollect that Victoria Station in those days used to be on the Surrey side of the water, where the Battersea goods station of the L.B. and S.C. Railway now is. There has been a very great improvement in all items as regards show matters, and the birds in them since those days. Then the majority of classes only had two prizes, viz., first prize, £1; second prize, 10s.; Norwich Plainheads had four classes, Crested Norwich three classes, Belgians five classes, London Fancy two classes, Lizards two classes, Cinnamons two classes, Mules four classes, British Birds twelve classes, Birds of Passage and Migratory Birds eight classes, Foreign Birds thirty-two classes. The last three lots, viz., the British, Migratory, and Foreign Birds only had one prize of 10s. in each class then.

The Plainhead Norwich classes, especially in the clears, were very strong, over 50 in a class and competition very keen; also in the two classes for Clear Yellow and Buff Belgians they had 38 entries, and 51 entries in the two classes for Jonque and Buff Cinnamons. As you will notice there is not a single class provided for Yorkshires, but there were two or three in the show in the Any Other Variety Class and Selling Class; neither do we see any mention made of the Border Fancy, Scotch Fancy, or Lancashire, but I rather fancy some of these latter birds were shown in the Any Other Variety Class and called Crested Yorkshires. The birds in those days had to arrive at the Palace on the Thursday. All day Friday was taken up with the judging, and the show opened on Saturday morning at 12 o'clock, when there used to be fine sprint races to the sales office to buy birds from the catalogue unseen. The first day (Saturday) admittance to the Palace was 2s. 6d.. The show was continued up to the Friday afternoon following; even if all the birds were picked up and handed to the railway company by the Saturday some of them would not be in their owners' hands before the Sunday. I wonder what exhibitors would say now to their birds being away for 10 or 11 days for one show. The repacking in those days used to take a great deal longer, as travelling cases were practically unknown, the cages arriving either stitched up in canvas wraps, or tied up in brown paper, an endless job to repack in a large show. The entries in those days numbered about 800.

The show was held in the Sub-tropical Department for a good many years after 1867; certainly until after this portion was destroyed by fire. The show was then—as a rule—held in the nave at the north end, under a tent, with the roof of same rather too low down, which made the light for judging very indifferent, and the Palace Company had numerous complaints, but without much effect. The judging was also far from satisfactory and badly managed. They usually had four or five judges, and instead of giving them the varieties they had made a special study of, the judges would take the classes in rotation—for instance, suppose the judges to be A, B, C, and D, A would take Class 1, B Class 2, C Class 3, D Class 4, and then A Class 5, and the exhibitors did not know either before the show or afterwards which of the four judges judged their section or class.

I think I have said enough about the early shows. We will now drop back and try and recall a few exciting incidents in later years. First, in the latter part of the '70's, when Mr. Bemrose brought out—what at that time was considered stained birds—those K.N.-fed Norwich, and after having a protest lodged against them at the Norwich Show of that season, they simply walked through all the shows and swept the decks, and many, many fanciers would not even then believe it possible that the birds were genuine, after the secret was known by a good many, and the following season there were a large number of K.N.-fed Canaries on the show bench.

The next exciting incident occurred at the show of 1885 or 1886. It arose over some of the Yorkshire Classes, and the judging. The argument, or dispute was between the late Mr. W. A. Blakston and Mr. Wilman, at that time the leading exhibitor in Yorkshires—showing as Messrs. Wilman and Dawson. The argument was as to what a Yorkshire should be. W. A. B. was an ardent admirer of this variety, and, in fact, was the leading light in bringing those birds into prominence, and saying what they should be judged for. He was a splendid fellow to argue, and a most charming writer, and was a very great loss to the Fancy. He rated poor Wilman terribly, but the dispute—which commenced in the centre of the show—waxed so hot and exciting, and gathered such a crowd round us, that they had to call in the police and remove us out of the show into the nave of the Palace, where it continued for some time, when the police finally broke the crowd up and dispersed us.

The other exciting incident, which took place about 16 or 17 years ago, and which many fanciers will recollect, was the Crest Conference held in the Concert Hall at the south end of the Palace. The late Dr. Bradburn was the chairman. The meeting was called by certain fanciers with the notion of forming Crests into two sections or type, one to be called the Norwich Crest and the other the Crested Lancashire. It was without exception the most stormy meeting I have attended, birdie or otherwise, and I have attended a few. A certain leading fancier in those days had brought a very strong contingent up from his part of the country to back him in his propositions to have two varieties for Crests. This was the largest meeting of fanciers that I ever saw brought together at one time, and I am quite sure I am not overstepping the mark when I say there were quite 300 there, if not more. But the fanciers would have none of it. The chairman was anything but neutral in the matter, and strongly favoured the two type section; but it did not matter, the other side would be heard, and the climax was arrived at when Winskill jumped right up on the table and said he would be heard, chairman or no chairman. Poor old Bradburn! He did have a lively time of it. He had a big stick with him. This he used as a hammer, and thumped the table for all he was worth, and the more he thumped the more Winskill and his partisans and opponents yelled at one another. Finally the meeting became lost in a regular uproar, some of them nearly coming to blows; but wiser cousels prevailed and no damage was done, and no result or conclusion arrived at. I said no damage was done. In this I am wrong, for poor old Bradburn, in his excitement and endeavours to keep order, had thumped the table so hard with his big mallet that he injured the surface, and was mulcted into paying for the damage to the tune of 10s. 6d. From this day we have not heard any more about the small type and large type of body for the Crested. With this I will close my few reminiscences.

CITY OF BIRMINGHAM C.B.S.

General meeting February 6th. Balance-sheet presented for 1906 showed a cash balance of £11 7s. 5d., an increase of £2 12s. 6d. Lectures, etc., have been arranged as follows:—March meeting: Members' pair show, special prizes for each variety. April meeting: Lecture by Mr. Paddock on the breeding and exhibition of Yorkshires. May meeting: Leeture by Mr. J. A. Eekersley on the breeding and exhibition of Norwich. June meeting: Lecture by Mr. Jones, of Dudley; subject, "British Birds, Mules and Hybrids." July meeting: Lecture by Mr. G. E. Russell on "Crest and Crestbred Canaries." The above meetings will be held at the club-room, Crown Hotel, Station Street, first Wednesday in each month, at 8 p.m. Fanciers and friends cordially invited. Officers elected for 1907:—President, Mr. J. Griggs; vice-Presidents, Messrs. Bexson, Butler, Russell, Sharp and Webb; Chairman, Mr. Broadhurst; vice-Chairman, Mr. Dawes; Treasurer, Mr. Harvey; Auditors, Messrs. Eekersley and J. H. De Maillet; Committee, Messrs. Wells, Cowley, Burke, Smith, Richardson, Shaw, Silvers and Clements; Secretary, H. C. Wilkins, 7, St. Martin's Lane.

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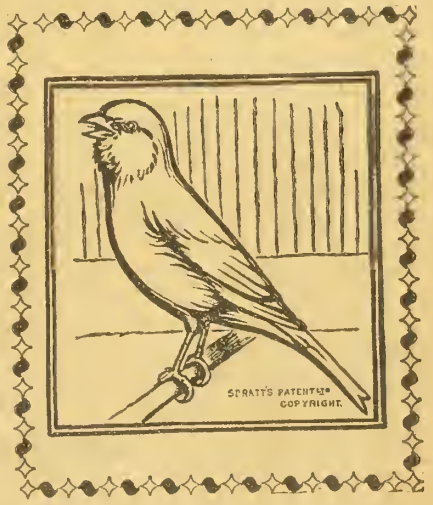

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SOME REMINISCENCES.

SIR,—I have a distinct recollection of my first pet bird, although I was only then about six or seven years old. It was only a common Sparrow, which I had caught in the garden. I took it to my father and asked to be allowed to keep it; he simply laughed, and said it was not worth its keep. However, I had my way, and it turned out to be a very great pet, not only with me, but also all the members of my family, and all the school children—my father then being a village schoolmaster. It was exceedingly tame, and had its liberty very frequently in the day time, but I had only to call out "Jim," and it would come at once and settle either on my head or shoulder, when, of course, it was rewarded with a tit-bit. It lived for some time, and died one bitter cold Xmas Eve, for I remember the first thing I heard when I came down on Xmas morning was Jim was dead, and I fancied I detected a tear in my father's eye as he told me the sad news. He was, indeed, a great pet, and I was very sorry to lose him.

The next pet I have a vivid recollection of was a Starling, as cunning and clever a fellow as I have ever seen. His powers of mimicry were remarkable; he would chatter away, ring the bells, whistle "Cheer, boys, cheer," and was well known in the village for his cleverness. An amusing incident occurred one day when Bobby was hung out on the front of the house. A pedlar had come down the garden walk, with a view, of course, of offering his goods for sale; just, however, as he was passing Bobby (who was going through his morning's performance) he was simply amazed as the bird rattled on "Pretty Bobby, pretty dear, kiss, kiss." "Well, you are a pretty dear, and no mistake," said the pedlar. "Is this bird for sale?" he asked. "I'm not a rich man, but I don't mind giving a good price for him; I never heard its equal." Still the bird rattled away, whistling and talking, and the poor old man quite forgot to ask my mother if she required any of his goods. I need scarcely say the pedlar's offer to purchase was politely refused. It was the custom then, as indeed it is to-day in many country places, to feed soft-billed birds on crushed hemp seed and bread. This was Bobby's chief food, supplemented, however, with tit-bits from the table; and he lived to a good old age, being sadly missed when he was gone.

I remember about this time trying my hand at raising a young Cuckoo and a nest of Kingfishers, both of which, however, turned out failures. I next came into possession of a young hand-reared Bullfinch, which I taught to pipe "Not for Joe." He was of a very sociable and affectionate disposition, as indeed I have found most Bullfinches are, and as a "ladies' pet" I do not know any bird to equal them in this respect; in fact, they have been known to pine away and die when their owners have been from home some time—say, for their holidays—so great is their attachment to them.

I once possessed a very fine Nightingale, which I bought in London (they tell me that the best of everything goes to the big city). It was a very handsome bird, and won me several prizes, but its premier merit was its magnificent song. About ten o'clock every morning, and occasionally in the afternoon, it would pour forth its delightful melody, when numbers of ladies and gentlemen who had never heard a 'Gale before would come and listen with amazement and delight at its wonderful powers of vocalisation. I have listened to many in their native haunts, but never heard one to beat mine. About this time I put up a large aviary in my kitchen; in this aviary I put among other birds a very fine cock Blackbird, which had also won me several prizes. Having at this time a nest of young Starlings, which I was bringing up by hand, these I also put into the aviary, when to my very great surprise the Blackbird, after eyeing them very carefully, commenced to feed them, and it was simply side-splitting to see those Starlings chasing him all round the aviary with their mouths wide open, when occasionally he would jump right over them in order to get out of their way. However, he made a splendid foster parent, and continued to feed them until able to do for themselves.—J. C. WILMOT.

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CAGE BIRD SOCIETY FOR LEYTON.

SIR,—A meeting was held at No. 8, Grange Park Road, Leyton, on February 15th, to form an Association for the district. It was decided to call it, "The Leyton and District Cage Bird Association." A radius of ten miles was fixed, Leyton being the centre. Entry fee 1s., and 2s. 6d. subscription. Rules were passed, and officers elected as follows:—Chairman, F. Williamson; vice-chairman, S. B. Leclair; treasurer, H. Ovenden; auditors, T. Hamilton, F. T. Smith; hon. assistant secretary, H. Burbidge; committee, C. H. Cooper, A. J. Marley, C. R. Carr, J. A. Bartlett, T. A. Griffen, A. Morris, E. Morris, F. R. Handscombe. All fanciers desirous of joining the above association, please communicate with B. F. FORSE, hon. sec., 31, Thornhill Road, Leyton.

BORDERS v. COLOUR.

SIR,—As an admirer of the Border for a long time back now, I have been grievously disappointed this last show season or two in noticing from reports in your excellent paper, the very poor support, as regards entries, this section as a rule now gets. This is not confined to this district (Cumberland) alone, but is apparently spread all over wherever Borders are scheduled. I remember the time well when the classes could command large entries. This was the rule, not the exception, as now. Whether it would help the Border to again open out the question of colour feeding, is open to doubt. Personally, I don't think so. I think the committees of some shows are partly to blame in the matter in selecting judges. You cannot expect to get an entry in Borders, or any other section either, unless you have a very strong local following of exhibitors, where your judge has officiated at three or five shows previous to yours. A few of the winners may be there; the others, knowing it is no use, stay away. A little more variety is wanted in the judge, for one thing. There are plenty of good local men everywhere. Give them a chance. Like some of the medicines recommended, if it did no good it most certainly would not make them worse.—JOS. B. MOORE, Whitehaven.

CAGE MAKING: THE ART OF SOLDERING.

SIR,—As I make all my own cages I am always interested in reading anything appertaining thereto, and I read the "Remarks delivered before the Oldham F.A.," on "Cage Making and Painting," with my usual lookout for wrinkles, many of which I have gained through the perusal of your paper. Now I should like to call attention to soldering. Allow me to say that soldering was for years my bete noir. I read, and read, "Get some spirits of salts," which I did, time after time, but always with the same result. Bear in mind I put the spirits of salts on with a brush in the same state as I procured it, and the time, temper, and material I lost was enormous. I was continually putting away my soldering-tools in utter disgust, only to start again with similar results. When anyone says, "Get some spirits of salts," and does not go into particulars, it gives me the "hump" when I think of my experience. If anyone will follow these particulars, then soldering will be a pleasure to them, and they will be able to make fronts and doors as firm as if made of cast iron. To use the old, familiar words, "Get some spirits of salts," put in an open-mouthed bottle, and drop into it sufficient small strips of zinc until it stops effervescing; let it stand overnight, then add a little water, and let it stand again; then add some sal ammoniac (this is a powder), and let it stand again overnight, when it is ready for use. Get about a pennyworth of the spirits, and a pennyworth of sal ammoniac, and add as much water as you now have of the mixture. Keep the cork off the bottle while mixing, and your mouth away from the fumes arising when you put in the zinc; keep the bottle afterwards well corked and out of harm's way, as, of course, it is a poison. When using, heat your soldering-iron, which must be already tinned. (I can tell you how to do that, but I am afraid my remarks are already too long). Hold the tool upright slanting (a bit Irish, but expressive), and press your thin stick of solder near the bottom of the iron, which, we will say, is resting on the wires, and near the punched bar; as soon as the solder commences to run draw your iron backwards and forwards, and your joints are made. I am getting on too fast; you must first get a bit of stick, and wherever you wish to make a joint you must wet it with some of the diluted spirits of salts.—THOS. SOAR.

SCOTCH FANCY MATTERS.

SIR,—I have been looking over all the Fanciers' papers for a long time; could any of your readers kindly inform me what has come over three of our Scotch Fancy leading lights, namely, "Anxious to Learn," "Constant Reader," and "The Irishman"? I hope they are not stuck in moult.—ANXIOUS TO KNOW.

EARLY MULES.

SIR,—Having read Mr. Gillivray's letter re "Early Mules," I thought it might interest your readers to know that I paired a Linnet and Norwich hen the end of September, and she reared two after having hatched all the four eggs. She nested again and brought out four young, but being from home at Christmas they all died from inattention (sorry to say). She has again nested, and hatched all four eggs on January 27th. One of the young ones died after it was a week old; the other three are doing well, being now three weeks old. I give this information in reply to the question asked by the writer in the letter referred to.—J. A. GIBSON.

BEAUTY, CONDITION, RARITY, WHICH?

SIR,—Referring to the above question, put by a correspondent in your last week's issue, having visited many shows for some years, I consider the judging of British birds, etc., is far from satisfactory. We have standards laid down which I am sorry to say are not followed by the greater portion of our present-day judges. Colour feeding has now reached such a high standard that in many cases other good qualities are often overlooked, and a bird of good type and condition, but with not quite so much colour, has to take a back seat, although perhaps the best specimen in the class if he had been compelled to eat more colour feed. The tasteless colour feed I consider is good in a limited quantity, but the hot feed is a liver burner, and it is absolutely cruel to compel them to eat it. Observe the short reign of many noted birds. The extent to which they have been fed on hot feed without doubt, in most cases has shortened their days. I shall be pleased to hear what others have to say on this most important point.—CHAS. WARD.

THE FANCY IN AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND.

SIR,—CAGE BIRDS is getting popular here. Our breeding season is well in, but it has not been a very good one for most of the fanciers, one man, who has 13 pairs up, has had about 40 clear eggs and only reared about seven young. Some average about one per pair, a few are doing splendidly. One young fancier last season averaged 3½ for every nest, and lost nearly all a few months later. This year he started well, with about eight pairs up. then, I think it must have been the fever in his room, 18 young ones and about 12 old ones died. That is very discouraging, but, he says, "I'll try again," and has already ordered some stock for next season. I had intended sending you a short account of our shows here, but thought perhaps someone else would. We had record entries both at Auckland and Newton (suburb). A novice (breeding for 12 months) won the North Island Championship, with a bird he had bred a season before the show, for Yorkshires, beating several birds imported from England; this coveted honour carrying a cash value of £3 3s., but I believe it has to be won twice to get the cash. The fanciers here are spending money in good stock, and the quality of birds here now is a credit to them.—BEN LEE.

A COUPLE OF PETS.

A lady reader and her feathered friends.

SIR,—I have taken the liberty of enclosing a sketch I have made of my song Thrush, which has taken several first and special prizes at recent shows. I showed him the sketch, and he greatly complimented me by assuming a fighting attitude, ruffling up his feathers, and spreading his tail, and, when he got a chance, pecking at the supposed enemy fiercely, singing, at the same time, in a subdued fashion. He is very fond of me (and my meal-worm tin), and when he has his bath, which is taken out of his cage in a large basin, he flies to my hand for a meal-worm. Directly he has bathed, he always goes into his cage of his own accord. He sings beautifully, like a wild bird, though I hand-reared him. I have had him 3½ years, and during this time he has always been in fine health and plumage owing to the advice given in your splendid paper. I once had a very tame Greenfinch. It was my custom to let her out of her cage every morning in the bedroom while the children were dressing, and she would amuse herself by running on the floor after the children's bare feet, and doing her best to drown herself in the wash-hand basin. Her favourite place was on my head, where she delighted in pulling my hair as hard as she could; she eventually gained her liberty by opening her cage door, when hanging outside one day, and to our great grief was never seen again.—(MISS) M. PALMER.

THE SILVERBILLS.

Cheap and easily kept finches

SIR,—Although very common species of foreign birds are generally to be procured at a very modest price, the two varieties of Silverbill possess a great amount of interest for the aviarist. It is not only as cage or aviary birds wherein their interest lies, but they may well form the basis of many interesting experiments in breeding, either amongst themselves, to produce various hybrids, or even to experiment with a view to establishing new varieties. It is well known among naturalists that the late Mr. Abrahams was strongly of opinion that that domesticated type of mannikin known as the Bengalee was a manufactured variety, in the making of which the Indian Silverbill played a prominent part by being crossed with the Striated Finch—this union of a Grass Finch and a Mannikin resulting in a fertile hybrid if such it can be termed—and forming a connecting link between these genera. Aviculturists have before now tried to establish the truth of this theory by producing over again a fresh race of Bengalees by inter-breeding the two species mentioned, and, assuming the theory to be correct, it certainly offers an interesting field for many amateur aviarists to experiment in, and, perhaps, secure the honour of substantiating the theory with reliable evidence.

But I was going to describe the Silverbill for the benefit of the beginner who may not yet be sufficiently conversant with the subject to know these comparatively common birds on sight. As it is the Indian Silverbill which has just been referred to, as a probable progenitor of the Bengalee, I will give it first place. In size it is one of the minute types of foreign Finches—perhaps a trifle larger than the domesticated Bengalee. The upper surface is a light ruddy brown, rather darker, and showing a slight moulting on the head; the lower part of the back white barred with brown, and the upper tail covert white, with the outer edges of the feathers black; the tail itself is black with brownish margins. The under surface, including the face and throat, is whitish, tinged with buff and with darker bars on the sides; the larger flights are black, and the secondaries brown with whitish edgings. The beak is grey, and the feet light flesh colour. The female bears a general resemblance to her mate, but is a little smaller, and whiter on the under parts. It is a native of India and Ceylon, where it is said to breed nearly all the year round, and frequently occupies the deserted nest of a Weaver for this purpose, sometimes two pairs of birds occupying a common nest when as many as twelve or fifteen eggs may be laid. The usual number, however, for a single pair is from four to six or eight. It is much less commonly imported than the next species, and is, consequently, dearer to buy. It is also rather more delicate, and decidedly more susceptible to cold or changes of temperature, but in other respects it agrees very well with its near relative, the African specie.

The African Silverbill is widely distributed over Africa, occurring in North Eastern Africa, Western Africa, and as far south as Zanzibar, and in the south of Arabia. It is much more freely imported than the Indian species, and is also hardier and longer-lived. In colour the upper surface is a hoary, or greyish, brown, which deepens in hue on the head, where it becomes suffused with a golden tint, the plumage generally having a little paler margins to the feathers; the under surface is of a whitish brown, with yellowish tinge, and here the feathers have a whitish outer margin and grow paler until it becomes white on the belly and under tail coverts. The wings and tail are blackish, and the latter is a little pointed in shape, and the bird has a curious habit of jerking it from side to side.

The beak and legs are grey. The males possess a pleasant little twittering song, which Dr. Russ likened to the rippling of a little running brook. This species is also said to utilise the deserted nests of Weavers in a wild state as nesting receptacles, and to lay four or five eggs, which are white in colour. In captivity it shows a decided preference for the box type of nest, and breed very freely but not always successfully, as the hens are very prone to suffer from egg-binding. Both these species have, however, been successfully bred in confinement, and are said to rear the young entirely on partly-digested seeds, so that only the usual seed diet is absolutely necessary whilst breeding is going on. Still no harm could be done by supplying the parents with a good variety of seeds, and giving them the choice of plenty of seedy green stuff, and a saucer of crushed biscuit or sponge cake as an extra inducement to feed the young well.—G. L.

Several letters crowded out.

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THE C.C.C. AND THE CAGE BIRD UNION.

SIR,—At a badly attended meeting of the C.C.C., held at the Crystal Palace on the 16th inst., it was decided by 10 members out of a total of 130, to affiliate to what is known as the Cage Bird Union, eight members (including myself) voting against the inept proposal. That a specialist club so well organised and officered as the C.C.C., should become the thrall of the discredited and incompetent Cage Bird Union simply transcends belief, and I trust the members will at once convene an extraordinary general meeting and rescind the unfortunate resolution that degrades the C.C.C. from the proud position it has held in recent years under the able guidance of its popular and hardworking hon. sec., Mr. John Tyson. Unless this is done I fear the club will be badly shattered. For the benefit of C.C.C. members I would point out that the subject came under discussion through a letter written by a gentleman who, I have reason to believe, does not now keep Crested Canaries, and his interest in the C.C.C. will be appreciated at its true value when it is known that he could not attend the C.C.C. meeting because there was a meeting of the Roller Canary Club held at the same time. I invite members of the C.C.C. to consider for one moment the performances of Messrs. Ramsden, Lythgoe and Co., during the past year, and then ask themselves what possible benefit can accrue to the C.C.C. by affiliating to what is euphemistically called the Cage Bird Union. Having done that, let them consider what it means to lose R. W. Crisp, Esq., as president, Mr. John Tyson as hon. sec., and in addition a large percentage of members. Then ask yourselves the question: Is the game worth the candle? At the annual general meeting the president was unable to elicit either reason or agreement from anyone of the 10 that were in favour of affiliating. In conclusion, I beg to thank the members of the C.C.C. most sincerely for having elected me for many years as auditor and committeeman. It is an honour I have greatly prized, and I have endeavoured at all times to the best of my ability to assist in maintaining the dignity and pushing forward the work of the C.C.C. As a protest against the action of the 10 gentlemen in lowering the C.C.C. from the proud position it has hitherto held, I have placed my resignation as auditor and committeeman and member in the hands of the hon. secretary. I decline to share in the smallest degree the degradation that I consider attaches to the C.C.C. through the ill-advised action of 10 of its 130 paid-up members.—J. S. CLARKE.

SIR,—The members of the Crested Canary Club have carried it at their annual meeting that they become affiliated to the Cage Bird Union. Why? The only apparent reason being to assist the Union. In my opinion, some of those members so anxious to assist another or governing body, might well expend time and consideration in bringing the Crested Canary Club more into prominence and begin by charitably furthering its immediate interests. As the Crested Canary Club during the past five or six years has increased both numerically, financially, and influentially without any governing body other than its own endeavours, so I maintain it can continue. Beyond which a very large majority of members are already affiliated through some society or other. I am very sorry to admit it, but I ventured to comment on it in my report that the apathy of the members is so apparent and is now practically exposed. Matters of the utmost importance do not receive equivalent consideration.

No one has any right to complain. The agenda was submitted to all members, and a request for communications on any of the subjects invited, and which I promised to lay before the meeting, and out of those not attending only two complied with the request, and to crown all only eighteen votes were recorded out of a membership of 130, or just under 14 per cent., ten voting for affiliation and eight against it. Personally, I contend that all specialist clubs are outside the pale of the C.B.U., and it is in the interest of exhibitors and societies holding open shows only that it can benefit.

The Crested Canary Club has its own rules dealing with any fraudulent practice committed by any of its members, and whether or not there has ever been occasion for them being exercised, I am not prepared to say, but I can certainly say not since I took over the office of secretary. Would the C.B.U. financially assist any fallen society or specialist club? If the C.C.C. had by some mismanagement or other unfortunate circumstance had an adverse balance, would the executive council or the elected delegates have advanced a similar argument in its favour, namely, of assisting it? As an affiliated member, I will do all in my power to further the interests of the C.B.U., and use my utmost endeavours to see that it is conducted impartially, a qualification at present foreign to its conduct. Partiality seems to be its motto, and if not shaken will eventually spell its ruin. Another movement which appears to me a greater hardship is this voting of from £5 to £6 from the funds, accumulated under trying circumstances and effected by the strictest economy to shield a mean and miserly section from subscribing a small amount towards the deficit still required before the two ten-guinea bowls can be purchased. The amount being originally intended should be obtained by donation. Even in larger and more important assemblies the same process applies. Vast sums of money are inconsiderately voted from funds in hand, whereas greater consideration would be given if they had expended only a little time, trouble, and thought towards its accumulation. But what need they care about such things? The money is there, and might as well be squandered. I would, however, venture to predict a sorry time from these very people if an officer dared to spend a coin without being able to account for it. As the C.C.C. have decided to adopt in their wisdom two such drastic, and to me objectionable measures, I have determined absolutely to sever my connection with the club so long as it is affiliated to the C.B.U. It has been my desire for some time to find a favourable way of escape from the office, and I gladly avail myself of the present opportunity. The president also tendered his resignation, but, according to rumour, his objection has been removed by the deletion of a portion of Rule 17, and what influence that may have upon him I am not prepared to say; but even the removing of objectionable portions of rules does not appeal to me. I object to specialist clubs becoming subordinate to any other governing body, believing they are—if not they ought to be—quite capable of dealing with their own affairs. Considerable arguments were advanced at the meeting respecting differences of opinion existing between two London societies. It is to my mind questionable whether such arguments were permissible. The meeting was composed of members of the Crested Canary Club, and as such should have been conducted without the introduction of matter with which it was not directly concerned, and although I am inclined to the belief that the origin of the report respecting differences of opinion (it might have been better to have referred to it as a difference of opinion of some members of the respective societies) emanate from the same source, and are used merely as a lever to obtain sympathy. Even the secretary of the C.B.U., in my opinion, was, to say the least, lacking in discretion when he alluded to the same thing a few weeks ago in the Fancy Press, and consider any such allusion ill becomes one endeavouring to create a union, scarcely consistent with the title, and inclined, on the other hand, to accentuate rather than diminish any differences. Would such puritans mean to infer that no differences exist in other places than London? Surely he forgot himself when stating that rivalry and cliquism was so rampant in London, and yet he associates himself so intimately with the major portion. Possibly we Southerners are not so inquisitive, or so well informed about such matters in Manchester or other places, or quite so readily gulled by every little pettifogging story which comes our way, especially if perchance it is against someone from whom our opinions differ. May we not consider it is well there should be a channel by which to expose cliquism, a privilege possibly not enjoyed by many kindred societies; and as for rivalry, what better or more healthy sign can be advanced to obtain an improvement? Some years ago when it was rumoured there should be an amalgamation of the two societies, Mr. Ramsden hoped such a thing would never be accomplished (and I am inclined to the belief that it never will happen) as he considered the rivalry that existed then (and it is quite as true to-day) augured for nothing but good and advancement. So long as I am connected with one of the societies concerned so long will I endeavour to use every legitimate means in my power to obtain superiority over any other, and I take it the same feeling exists in the minds of everyone connected with all others interested in any particular society.

We cannot all hold the envied position, and if the L.C.B.A. is deprived that honour we will content ourselves to hold whatever position our merits deserve, but still strive for the coveted goal.—JOHN TYSON, 169, Sloane Street, London, S.W.

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THE CAGE BIRD UNION.

SIR,—Allow me to thank Mr. Tyson for his confirmation of my suspicion vented the week before last that it was not quite a fact that 36 members of the London Cage Bird Association had resigned solely upon account of its affiliation with the C.B. Union. His letter is a sufficient answer to that of Mr. Neal, who falls over himself in a vain endeavour to support Mr. William Reid and lick your boots, Mr. Editor, in one and the same act. Reporters are not gramaphones, and without wishing to discredit your journal or its representative, it is surely open to me to doubt such a sweeping assertion as first appeared in print, and which is now qualified by Mr. Tyson to the extent of confining the resignations through the C.B.U. to a large majority. What I want to know is of how many exactly does this large majority consist? And why is not the exact number stated? Such an important question calls for exactitude, not generalities. And if other reasons were given for resigning, what were they? For expressing my doubts and uttering my protest against the ravings of this blackleg namesake of mine, I am called "bully" and "crank." The last word is simply an echo, so I can let that pass. Mr. Neal may take the opening sentences of W. Reid's letter to heart. I mean the one where he talks high about the "natural aptitude" some people have for abusing others, and then promptly exemplifies it by himself abusing me for all he's worth for disagreeing with him. Isn't it laughable? Let me ask W. Reid this: If he had a sickly child, but one that perhaps only wanted plenty of good food and fresh air to blossom out into a bonny specimen, would he advocate strangling it in its infancy? That seems to be the method he wants fanciers to adopt with the C.B. Union. I said in my last letter this Union is not perfect. It is far from it. But give it a chance, William Reid. Be fair, man, and don't howl it down first round. Get the delegate of your local society to be your mouthpiece to get altered anything you don't approve of. Don't cry when you can't get your own way, and bleat out, "I shan't play," and for heaven's sake stop "ratting on" week after week about a Union with which over a hundred and fifty societies, I believe, have associated their names. There are some working men who don't believe in trade unionism, but they are in the minority and have to lie low.—JAMES REID.

[The tone of this correspondent's letter is not an edifying one, and if he wishes a further extension of the courtesy of these columns he will have to exercise greater restraint in his language. With his arguments, as arguments, we have nothing to do; but his mode of expressing them (though lacking nothing in vigour) leaves much to be desired from the standpoint of ordinary courtesy.—Ed. C.B.]

A CONUNDRUM OF THE CRYSTAL PALACE SHOW.

SIR,—I trust you, and also my fellow-readers, will not think me premature in any criticism on the judging of any section of this last Palace Show. But there is one class in particular on which I should like some enlightening, and that is Class 107, Lesser Redpoll or Twite. Although the bird I shall refer to is my property, I had the pleasure of having a rather complimentary remark passed by a well-known judge on the comparative merits of a typical Redpoll right out of the cards, and the Redpoll in the money. Here is a conundrum, "When is a British bird not a British bird?" Working on the Palace schedule, the birds stand for prizes for purity of breed, beauty of plumage, quality, and high condition. Yet a bird, chock full of artificial colour, stands before a bird naturally as near an ideal bird as I contend a British bird should be, as near a specimen in a cage as it should be in the green fields, and as that is shown colour-fed. Knowing you would always give both sides of an argument. I should thank both sides of an argument, I should thank you to insert this letter in the next issue of CAGE BIRDS, in the hope of provoking friendly controversy among my brother fanciers on the merits of colour or non-colour feeding British birds. I claim that the field-moulted specimen should have been in front of the second, and a long way in front of a Twite, for why on earth a Redpoll should be amalgamated to compete against a Redpoll puzzles me just as much as the query, "Why not let a common sparrow compete against a typical Yorkshire?"—QUERIST.

NEW NORWICH SOCIETY FOR GLASGOW AND THE WESTERN COUNTIES.

SIR,—Seeing Mr. J. H. Adam is secretary of the above society, will he please inform your readers if he is the same Mr. J. H. Adam who was secretary and treasurer of the Glasgow and West of Scotland Club, who had to take legal proceedings against him to recover their books less than a month ago?—YOUNG FANCIER.

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A CAGE BIRD SOCIETY FOR JARROW-ON-TYNE.

SIR,—At a meeting of fanciers, held at Lockhart's Cocoa Rooms, Ormonde Street, Jarrow, on February 13th, it was decided to form a society to be known as "The Jarrow and District Cage Bird Fanciers' Society." A good number of members were enrolled, and a committee elected. It was agreed that the annual subscription be 3s. 6d. per member. The next meeting will be held in the same place at 7.30 p.m., on Wednesday, March 6th, when anyone wishing to join will be welcome. —HY. BINNS, secretary (pro tem.)

THE SONG THRUSH.

SIR,—Now that the season is coming on for the singing of birds one is apt to be continually on the look out for their beautiful nests—some built like a mansion, even past the work of man's hand, some very rough and common, but nevertheless they all go to make houses for some of our prettiest British birds. What is more interesting than to find a nest being built, and follow it till the young are just about ready to fly? One can hardly conceive how so small a nest is able to hold such a brood comfortably. Take our much-loved friend, the Song Thrush. What a filled nest! When they are ready for life's journey, say five in one nest, and as full as an egg, and all looking pretty and on the alert; also the old hen very savage looking. I once came upon one nest with six young ones in it; it was really a grand sight to watch them all, and it was with difficulty that we got near it to take one of the young ones out, for the old bird came flying round our ears, and by the noise she was making this is almost likely what she said to us, the fussy old girl: "I am sure a great fellow like you ought to be ashamed of yourself for frightening a poor little creature like that; lay it down and not hurt it." And when we left how pleased she seemed. Now, who does not know a Mavis nest, that trim and neatly plastered nest with a warm coating of dried grass-roots, etc.? They build from February, and as late as September, amongst thick bushes, clustering ivy, holly, bank-sides, hedge-roots, and undergrowth; they lay five blue eggs, with spots of black and sometimes brown, and feed on worms, snails, slugs, insects and berries, and it is difficult to describe its song, its variety is simply charming. What does the old song say about it? Well, this:—

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That hail the nicht far,
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NARROW AVIARIES.

Sir,—The expression "your aviary is too narrow" is used as applying to outdoor aviaries only; though I have found narrow aviaries in my birdroom, while successful for a limited number of birds, not by any means so when the aviary had its full complement of birds commensurate with its capacity. My first outdoor aviary was a sheltered one, 7 ft. long, 1½ ft. wide, and 5½ ft. high, with a small shed at either end. This was very successful, and in it I bred Cutthroats, grey Java Sparrows, Zebra Finches, Bullfinches, and Canaries. But in spite of its sheltered situation, in wet weather the floor and back wall for half its height were in a shocking condition, and often took a couplo of days at least to dry after a thorough day's rain; and after the birds had been hopping about in it a little it was simply a sea of slush for the time being, though I had made good provision as to drainage. Again, in such a narrow aviary, in spite of double netting, the birds get badly scared by cats. I may say that the said aviary was fitted with flaps and doors, so that everything could be attended to without going inside. To those unable to spare more space I certainly advise folding doors (half-glass), with top ventilating holes, to close up the front at night, both winter and summer. In spite of the success and pleasure I got from above, I still say, if at all possible, give 6 ft. as the minimum width for an outdoor aviary. If you cannot do this, mitigate the evil by adopting some such devices as those hinted at above, according to the circumstances of each individual case. I was much interested in "Pennyworth's" experience, but I may say that nearly the whole of the birds in my garden aviary (30 ft. by 10 ft. by 7 ft. high) are practically finger tame, and take but little notice of my presence in their midst.—Wesley T. Page.

BELATED AND SHORT PRIZE MONEY AT BONTNEWYDD SHOW.

Sir,—I entered a bird at Bontnewydd, N. Wales, on September 22nd, 1906. It won first prize, 5s., and I waited about six weeks for the money, so wrote to the secretary three times. To my surprise I received 2s. on Monday, February 18th, 1907, as my first prize. The following is the report of tho above show in "C.-B." on September 22nd, 1906: "Bontnewydd Show was held on the above date and proved one of the best shows seen in N. Wales for a long time. There was a record entry." Has any other brother fancier been treated in such a manner? I think, Mr. Editor, it is very unfair for any fancier to be treated in such manner.—T. Evans, Millom, Cumberland.

ALBINOS IN THE CARLISLE DISTRICT.

Sir,—I often read in the popular Cage Birds remarks on albinism, so thought it might interest you to know that my friend Robert Hogg, the Carlisle taxidermist, has had the following specimens in hand this season, all of which have been obtained in the locality:—Creamy white Starlings, House Sparrow, with white body and ordinary coloured wings; pied Blackbird, a perfect, even-marked specimen; also a pied Starling, the most beautiful specimen I ever saw, which was bought for the Tullie House collection. Sparrows and Blackbirds, the latter especially, seem very liable to variation in colour. In our locality I have seen many specimens; in fact, I seldom go out for a ramble but I come across some specimen. One Blackbird I often saw had many white feathers on back and wings, which gave me the impression that they were snowflakes. Another one had perfect white cheeks, which made it look headless in the distance. A white Sparrow was also seen near the village; but, after many attempts to capture it, the chase had to be given up, so where this white specimen of Passer Domesticus got to I don't know.—"Corbie."

CANARY AND MULE BREEDERS OF THE ISLE OF MAN.

A Year's Retrospect.

Sir,—The progress and standing of the Manx Canary and Mule breeders affords both disappointment and complacency. The past show season has been one of disorder, its record is one of the more or less successful efforts of the societies on the Island to get in touch with each other (the keynote being expansion). These societies ought to do better with their splendidly-equipped committees, but still the old cry of "Failure" is heard, and the poor exhibitors have to suffer. There is also a note of sadness in the history of the past year, for "Old Pete," a veteran fancier, has passed away. A very well known Manxman was he, and many an exhibitor owes his success to him. Wonderful was the command he had over the wild birds, and many a happy hour we spent together on a Sunday with our favourites. He was always highly delighted to read to you out of that ever green paper, Cage Birds.

I have been paying a flying visit to the Shows of this season, and was pleased to see an improvement, especially in the Norwich section, one or two toppers putting in an appearance. Being of good type and quality they took premier honours. I overheard a whisper at one show, that some of the cracks were on the hire system; if so I must say they did execution. Although there were some very good home-bred birds which might have got up a notch or two, I think these Norwich fanciers have taken the hint that I gave last year in Cage Birds. The Yorkies were a very nice lot, especially the winners; true to type and splendidly staged. I was glad to see so few hinge tails and slip-heels in this section. I fancy one would have to put his hand down pretty deep for one in hopes of winning. The Cinnamons were only a moderate lot all through. Take a dip in the Norwich during the coming season, friends. For shape and colour this Fancy seems to be dying out a bit. The Cinnamon Club should offer a cup as an inducement here for competition. There was nothing startling in Mule or Hybrids, only a few old faces turning up, a bit worn out. I really did expect to see an eye-opener or two after the advice given in Cage Birds. I have no doubt that the Mule breeders have made a brave effort to solve that vexed question: how to breed the clear mule. I hope the solution will be found out during the coming season. My advice to the fancier who has served his apprenticeship in the Canary room is that the habits he would acquire would not be much use for Mule breeding. The Goldfinches made a nice display, British and Foreign, moulted and non-moulted, fighting for honours. I would like to see them with a more square cut blaze and better tan for a show bird. Still, with a good moult some of them ought to turn out a Manx pride. The Linnet seems to take the lead here among the working class; one or two exceptionally good birds standing out with something in hand. I would strongly advise British bird fanciers here to go in for better birds and not so much for wood, paint, and gold. Have a uniform cage. The variety British were very poor throughout. Surely you ought to have made a better display with so many varieties at hand flying at large. Where are the Northern exhibiters—once the backbone of the British—gone? I hope to see them yet again on the warpath.—Pat McCluskey.

INHUMAN BIRD CATCHING IN CORNWALL.

Sir,—St. Ives, like Falmouth, is one of those idyllic Cornish health resorts, where thousands of invalids and visitors flock during the year for pure air, cooling breezes, clear skies, frolic of the waves, and stimulating influences. And what is more refreshing to them than to hear the harmonious note of the Thrush and other songsters, which is sent for the delight of man, and not for such barbarous treatment as described by your correspondent, Mr. Pease. It is excusable for those Wild Westerners. The fact is the lower classes in that part of the county are simply steeped in religious bigotry and ignorance; and had it not been for John Wesley introducing Methodism in this county they would be just as wild as the savages of Central Africa. I consider it would be far more to the credit of the ministers in that neighbourhood to instil common-sense and humanity into the minds of their congregations, than permit them to commit these barbarous depredations.—Thos. Burton (Falmouth).

Sir,—If your correspondent, Mr. Wm. Pease, knows where these alleged cruel acts take place he should inform a police-constable, who would take the offenders in custody, and charge them, under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (including birds) Act. A severe penalty will be enforced by the magistrates in such a barbarous case.—Geo. Cooper.

Sir,—In answer to the letter written by Mr. William Pease re the capture of the thousands of Thrushes and Blackbirds in the neighbourhood of St. Ives, Cornwall, I am more surprised to think that a man who takes an interest in British birds should be an onlooker to such cruel brutality, and should not inform the police of the shameful treatment the birds have received. There is what is called the open season, but the law has the power to protect any brutality in any form of this kind whatever. I should think from experience these birds would not be all Thrushes and Blackbirds, but that most of them would be Redwings and Fieldfares, which come to the British Isles during the winter months from Norway and Sweden in large flocks.—J. Stockman.

Sir,—I notice a letter in your valuable paper, Cage Birds, from Mr. William Pease, for which I thank him, and I heartily agree with him that something should be done to protect them. If the law does not, then we must appeal to the conscience of any persons who use them as a table delicacy, and must vehemently protest against such a practice. The birds mentioned by him, as well as the Skylark and Starling, are caught in thousands annually, and sold to be consumed by man, who ought to be their protector, consequently they are robbing the countryside of some of its sweetest joys, and depriving us of the pleasure of hearing them sing their charming, delighting, and soul-inspiring song. After hearing their music how can any thoughtful person eat and enjoy them? It makes one wonder where the manly courage ends and the animal-passion, thirsting for blood, enters into us. Our national bard, Burns, says that "man's inhumanity to man makes countless thousands mourn," and we of to-day may add useful and contented birds, which, indeed, may be counted among man's constant and instructive friends. When we are a little low-spirited and out of sorts, perhaps by some mean action of our fellow man, how soon we forget such cares when out in the fields and haunts of the birds.

"Their song can melt the human heart,
And charm the soul by speechless love;
How true and noble is their part
'Twixt man below and God above."

I hope many more may take the subject up, and try to protect our songsters. I am sure that if it was not for table purposes they would not be so largely or inhumanly caught.—J. Patterson.

Sir,—I have read Mr. Pease's letter re the above, and have sent the cutting of it to the Royal Society for Protection of Birds, Hanover Square, London; but if Mr. Pease wishes to put a stop to this rascally snaring of birds he simply has to see Mr. W. H. Hudson, of St. Ives, Cornwall. No doubt that gentleman, who is a leader of the above society, will do his best to prevent the alleged cruelty. If I had been in the place of Mr. Pease, I would have taken the matter into my own hands, and destroyed the material belonging to those gentlemen of the bird-catching tribe (excuse me if I call them gentlemen), or else ambushed myself behind a bush with a powerful air gun, and by mistake shot the wrong animals. No doubt this will bring against me a loud cry; but in my humble opinion such vermin don't deserve to live, and they ought to be wiped out.—P. A. Vaucher, Birmingham.

WILD HYBRIDS.

Sir,—I was recently shown a fresh-caught bird that the owner considered to be a cross between the Blackbird and Thrush. The plumage was dark and somewhat mottled, and at first glance that bird closely resembled a hen blackbird, but upon closer examination it was seen to have marked characteristics of the Song Thrush. The fact of the bird being a songster was proof that it was not a hen Blackbird; the song (so I was told) closely resembled that of the Thrush. In size he was less than the average Blackbird, the head was flattish and broad, with a good bold eye, the legs and beak rather dark, the tail about the same length as that of the Thrush, which, as we all know, is shorter than the Blackbird's. After careful examination one could only come to the conclusion that the bird was simply a cock Thrush, very dark in colour (possibly possessing in its blood slight traces of melanism).

From time to time these wild-caught hybrids occasionally crop up, and one hardly feels inclined to say positively that such crosses do not exist. We have had reports of the nesting and rearing of these birds, but, unfortunately, in nearly every case the evidence to hand has not been strong enough to prove the case up to the hilt; in fact, the only real evidence has been the freshly-caught offspring, but then they do not prove anything any more than the shooting of a Tanager, which I heard of last summer, was evidence of this beautiful bird having been bred in this country. Hybrids are bred in captivity, and no doubt occasionally escape as we know other cage and aviary birds do. Curiously coloured eggs from both the Blackbird and Thrush are occasionally found during the nesting season, and have been put forward as the product of the union of these two birds; but bird lovers who, season after season, follow the delightful pastime of nesting and not destroying, know that abnormal eggs of both species are frequently found. Quite blue eggs are not uncommon in the Thrush's nest, and eggs not typical of the Blackbird are occasionally seen. When one considers the number of nests of these two birds that are constantly destroyed in the season, it is not at all unreasonable to expect the hen bird will sometimes drop an egg in any nest that may be handy.—Carshalton.

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By S. W. Birchley.

A Lecture delivered February 20th before Swindon C.B.A.

Brother Fanciers,—It gives me the greatest of pleasure to meet you all here this evening, and before I proceed to read the paper I have endeavoured to get together to read to you to-night, I wish to thank you one and all for the honour you have done me this day.

I sincerely hope that the awards I have made in the Classes put before me have given you satisfaction, and that you can follow me in the placing of the cards.

I would also like to say a few words with regard to our society, just started here. As to the society itself I firmly believe that it has filled a long-felt want in this great centre of industry, and what I should so much like to see is a few hundred of those hardworking mechanics from yonder workshops come to these meetings and catch the delightful fever we have all fallen victims to.

I am very much afraid that there are many young men in those "works" who spend their spare cash in useless pursuits that have no idea that such a pleasing, inexpensive, and healthy hobby as ours exists, and I should greatly like to see some effort made on every-one of your parts to make the Swindon Cage Bird Society one of the strongest, if not the strongest, Cage Bird society, in the Kingdom; I am willing to do everything in my power to help you, and I fail to see why, instead of some fifty members as we have to-day, we cannot have at least two hundred and fifty before next fall.

We have most excellent papers, that are within the reach of all, published every Friday, not forgetting one moment that grand little magazine, the "Bird World." In the mediums now catering for us we get all the information one could wish for relating to every branch of our hobby, so that really although no one can justly say that the work of exhibiting cage Birds to-day is not an art, and a great one, too; still when one has that great feeling towards their little prisoners that everyone does have, half the battle is won, and a man who may not know a Chaffinch to-day if he saw one, in a very short space of time, providing a certain amount of his energy was put in this direction, may hold an impregnable position on the show bench next season.

But in my opinion there is a great deal of precaution to be taken by the novice in answering advertisements which appear in various papers offering certain birds for sale, and describing them to be "the best specimen living," "sure Palace winner," etc., at 1s. 6d. each; this is the kind of thing, my friends, to guard against, as I can assure you, you will be absolutely disgusted when you come to learn from one who knows that the merits of the bird are not sufficient to qualify him for a "commended" card in a small show, let alone a higher award. In my own mind, when I read them all call them a swindle, and think it is a pity the novice should be gulled by such advertisements.

If you take my advice you will have your birds from a reliable source, or, in other words, from one who knows what constitutes an exhibition specimen, pay a fair price for the same, and the result is not far to seek.

I do not wish to occupy the whole of the evening on such items as these, but I think it is wise to mention them as a guide to young beginners.

While I am dealing with this matter I will just give you an illustration of some attempted smart practice tried on me by this artful sort of gentleman in my younger days of the Fancy. The man in question advertised certain birds after the form I speak of, only not at that figure, and I replied to the advertisements, and, as the result, he sent me some two or three lots of birds on approval, but they were useless to me, and I wrote and told him not to send me any more as they were only putting himself and me to needless expense of carriage. I heard no more until about a week before Christmas, when I suppose our "learned" friend, like a good many more of us at this time of the year, required a little more "wind," so he sent me two fresh-caught blackbirds, with one of the slickest notes you could possibly read, requesting 7s. for them, following with a postscript that if they didn't suit to return them carriage paid. According to his version they had been caged "weeks," and I am sure they had never been caught one week. I, however, wrote and told him that unless the carriage which I had had to pay, together with 6d. for keep, was sent me within three days I should liberate them at once; the total of these two amounts was only 1s., and he valued the birds at 7s. Believe me, I never heard from him from that day to this. The one bird I liberated, and the other died the day after arrival, it not having taken kindly to cage life.

This is just an example of the humbug I allude to in these swindling advertisements. I want you to understand I am condemning no one individually, but this one man. I only mention this as a few words of caution, as there are undoubtedly good and bad dealers in the bird traffic as in every other line of business.

Well, gentlemen, time is going on, and I must get to work on my paper relating to Hardbilled British Birds, and I trust that those members who are old hands at the rearing and managing of these species will not be bored by my remarks, as no doubt many of the facts I am going to place before you may be well known at least to some of you.

As far as time will allow I will deal with the various species, giving my opinion of what constitutes a show specimen and the feeding of the same, but before entering directly on the birds themselves, a few words on the caging and management would, I think, not be amiss.

With regard to the matter of cages, I am afraid many fanciers lose a great many birds each year through these not being of sufficient dimensions, as when wild the whole of our feathered friends are continually hopping and flying from one place to another, which, of course, it cannot do when behind the bars of your cage, and the consequence is that unless the cage is of reasonable size a great many of the organs and muscles of the body lie absolutely dormant, which is greatly detrimental to the health of the bird. With regard to the stock cages for these birds, they should never be less than 18 in. long—24 in. is far better—and deep enough to allow him to expand his wings fully when he so desires to do, the cage having punch-bar front, with door, and also a door in the side of the cage; the latter will be found most useful in running the bird from the stock to the show case and vice versa.

The bottoms of the cages should be lined with sharp sand, and cleaned out at least twice a week.

The matter of steadying a bird is one of importance, and I strongly advise everyone not to use a small cage for this purpose, as it is one of the cruellest acts you can do for the poor thing, for in its efforts to get away from your presence it will very often beat itself nigh past recogniton; use a full-sized cage and don't worry your bird, but when near the cage offer him some tit-bit such as a meal-worm; at first, of course, he will be shy, but you will find later he will almost look for your coming—say nothing of taking a meal-worm from your fingers.

A particularly good place, in my opinion, is in a living room or kitchen, when the housewife is following her domestic duties, as the continual movement of anyone in sight of the cage is the greatest advocate in steadying a bird.

I advise you to cover your capture up at night for the first week or so, and then gradually remove the covering from the bottom of the cage, a little each night until ultimately he is quite used to the artificial light.

GOLDFINCH.

In popularity, there is no doubt that the Goldfinch heads the list; therefore, I will endeavour to deal with him first.

It is caught in large numbers in the autumn and winter months in the unprotected areas, and in some of the latter by our most daring catchers, and I consider it a thousand pities that the law does not protect them further into the autumn than it does, as very few of the young that fall an easy prey to the catcher survive, unless they are in well experienced hands. If they were protected till the first of October it would be far better for everyone concerned.

It is a very good plan to crush the whole of the seeds that are given to these delicate youngsters, as their bill is not strong enough to manipulate the hard shells.

I am sure it is a most pitiful sight to go into the bird dealers' shops in some of the large cities and see these poor little mites absolutely crammed into the small cages, only to linger there and die, or await a purchaser. I have myself seen as many as four dozen in a box not more than 30 in. long, 14 in. deep, and 6 in. high, in a dealer's shop in London, and how the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty can ignore cases of this sort I really cannot think.

I have found the Greypate thrive on the crushed mixed seed, and a very small quantity of egg flake, not forgetting, of course, well dried groundsell and other wild seeds, such as plantain, thistle, and burdock.

Coming to the adult birds of this variety I don't think we can speak too highly of our house-moulted friend, for, take him all the way round he excels anything in the way of hardbilled Britishers. A good show specimen is very hard to obtain, and a good price has to be paid for one if you are to have a "flyer."

The principal points in an exhibition cock Goldie are a good square cut blaze of the richest crimson, extending well down under the throat and behind the eyes as far as possible. The skull should be broad with a jet black clean cut cap; white cheeks very slightly tinged with brown. The wing covers and shoulders should be a rich brown. Butts of wings jet black. Secondary and primary flights yellow chrome and black, the chrome portion forming a bar; each of these feathers should be tipped with white, which are commonly called buttons. The breast should be pure in colour, and richly tanned with the richest chestnut brown. Tail, black and white. But, after all, condition and steadiness are two of the most important items in a show Goldfinch. The bird when in good show form is as smart and as tidy as a Guardsman at Whitehall.

He is particularly fond of good sound teazle seed, also sunflower (white preferred); the latter should be slightly cracked with a flat iron as it greatly helps him to reach his quarry—the kernel.

On no account forget the bath, at least twice a week, and feed him on a good stock mixture which consists of only a small quantity of hemp seed.

The Goldfinch is a first-class mule, and will also breed with other varieties of wild birds; some of his good work we can see at almost all our shows to-day in Hybrids and Mules, showing the most distinct parentage.

Hybrid Breeding: Preparations for the Coming Season.

By T. H. KINCH.

(Continued.)

SECOND ROUND: CANARY AND BULLIE.

The Canary and Bullie pair in the second round showed great promise, for the Bullie built a beautiful nest in the neat box and lined it well. The birds were pairing continually, although they were so close to me (not a yard away), the Bullie being so tame that it used frequently to come out of the cage and have a fly round and go back of its own accord, and then go straight to the perch and call, which led me to believe that pairing had taken place, and he very anxious for her time to come to lay. My patience was rewarded by four eggs, which she laid in four days in her nest, and then began to sit close.

The Canary never attempted to feed her, but would go repeatedly to the nest and look at her. I got her all the blighted pieces of plum shoots, and other tender shoots with green fly on, that I could, and as soon as I put them into the cage she would come off the nest at once and feed, and then go straight back again. No Canary could go on the same as she did with good results. I had no feeders of any kind to transfer the eggs to, but that, in my opinion, was not necessary at that time, unless for safety's sake; but, perhaps, had I had them I should have been rewarded for all my years of trying this cross. On and off for over twenty years I tried setting full eggs on several occasions, though not one single egg hatched out, whereas others, quite novices, at the first attempt have produced this handsome cross. Such is the glorious uncertainty of Mule Hybrid breeding. Well, I do not begrudge them their success, on the contrary, I give them every credit, and most heartily congratulate them on their luck.

My patience at the end of ten days was quite exhausted. I required no Rontgen Rays to tell me that two eggs were full and two clear. Thought I, I shall yet arrive at this Mecca of muling, my patience will be rewarded at last; but I was doomed to disappointment. I gave the hen full grace to sit her time out, and then looked to see the result. Alas! they had died during the spell. I showed them to several friends, and at last preserved them in spirits as evidence of the truth of my statements.

MY BAD LUCK.

Speaking from memory I believe this is the fourth time I have had fertile eggs during twenty years, but none to hatch. I sometimes think that had I placed them under Canaries the results would have been different, but no one could have wished for a better sitter than my Bullie. In years gone by I did transfer the eggs to Canaries, when the results were the same, so I suppose I must conclude it was only my bad luck. Still, I shall not be satisfied until I can produce the object of my ambition, i.e., a Canary and Bullie Mule (or Hybrid, which?) This cross I believe is the most feasible, for I cannot yet believe in the Bullfinch and Canary. I have never yet known the Cock Bullfinch to breed in confinement, but I may be mistaken, both as regards the Canary as one parent, and other Finches. Although I have so far failed I hope my ill-success will not deter others from trying. How many Mule and Hybrid exhibitors of the past years have bred their own exhibits? Well, I won't judge lest I should be judged.

My second pair was of the same cross, and in the first round had no eggs. Now, singular to relate, this Canary did feed his mate, the Bullie; the other pair did not, nor showed any signs of feeding. Both these Bullie Hens were caught this year, and had they been cage-moulted I should not have been surprised at their feeding; but from long experience in Muling, and Hybrid breeding, I find they do not feed so freely as one would think, and are, in fact, quite different in this respect from Canaries. The Canary, as a rule, will feed, but the Hens frequently refuse the food thus offered to them, probably through the thought—if they do think—they are not Nature's mates. This is a problem to think well out, with a view to assisting Nature; for, although we cannot improve upon Nature, we can assist her in many ways.

At last my hen laid two eggs, which I quite ignored, for I had seen no pairing take place. Still, she sat her full time, with a little grace, i.e., sixteen days, but without any result. I was not surprised. The two eggs were of the perfect Bullfinch type and colour, not at all like the eggs of the first pair, which were of such a pale colour as not to be recognisable by collectors as Bullfinches. Now, how is one to account for this varying colouration of eggs under similar treatment? The food was the same, the birds confined in the same way, and, in fact, all the circumstances corresponded. The cock cannot influence the colour of the eggs, when no pairing has taken place, in my opinion, nor does it then with Mules or Hybrids. But this question I must leave for the present; but anyone who has had eggs from the Bullfinch will find in most instances that they are not like those of the wild Bullie. I had built a nest for my hen in the box on several occasions, but this she refused, and pulled to pieces. She did build in her own way in the cocoanut shell, but always ended by pulling it to pieces, and at last laid on the felt lining which I had provided in case of accident. The next nest I will speak of later on, the way she built it, and the hope I had of her for the final round.

GREENFINCH AND BULLIE.

Now for the Greenfinch and Bullie Hen. This round I had great hopes of, for the pair had been on the most friendly terms towards one another. The other pairs were friendly enough and got on well when put together—in fact, I saw less quarreling with them than I ever did with Canaries. The hen made no good nest this round, nor even attempted to do so, but the Greenfinch carried the material about, and in his way tried to make one, but it was all soon pulled out again. This was repeated daily, and did not move the hen in the least, or cause her to show any signs of nesting or mating. Her favourite green food was dandelion flowers, pieces of which she would carry about in her mouth, but she did not take any to the nest. Lettuce leaves and groundsel she was also fond of, but she did not care for young shoots of plum, or rose, with green fly upon them like the other Bullies. The third round (of which I will speak later) she started in earnest to build.

THE CHAFFINCH AND BULLIE.

The second round ended in their continually quarrelling with one another, though in the first they got on so well together. Now, this Chaffinch cross I have tried for over twenty years in various ways, and I have not as yet done with it, and shall not be done until I am fully convinced that they will not breed in confinement. I have been laughed at frequently for my pains (say patience), but I do not at all mind that.

This Cock Chaffinch was, as I explained in the first round, caught in a butterfly net. Of the first nest I had hopes, but no eggs came. The second was made in the box, but only to be pulled to pieces by one or the other, but which one was to blame I could not say. The same process was repeated for several days. Why these two were always quarrelling I could not at first understand, as they were so friendly during the first nest, but I soon found out the cause.

(To be continued.)

The Evolution of the Yorkshire Canary. What it may come to.

The Yorkshire Canary.

By JAMES HOPKINS.

A Paper read before the Bolton & District Progressive C.B.S.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,—Having been asked by your Vice-President, Mr. Leach, to say a few words to you on the Yorkshire Canary, a bird which is a great favourite of mine, and which I have exhibited with success for some years past, I have much pleasure in being with you to-night and giving you my experience, which I hope will be received favourably by both champions and amateurs, and may be of some use to all. If at the close of this paper you desire to ask any questions I shall be happy to answer them to the best of my ability.

SELECTION OF STOCK, Etc.

In the first place the purchaso of stock birds is a very important matter. What you want to do (in my opinion) is to buy birds from someone who breeds his own winners and not from someone who breeds Yorkshires but always breeds stock birds and never bred a winner, as it is no use making a practice of breeding all stock birds. Some people seem to breed stock birds to the end of time, and never have a show bird unless they buy one. You will also find that you will get on a great deal better if you will get all your birds from one strain, and not buy one here and another there. You may get on in time with that practice, but you will first of all have to mix the different blood, which will take you some years, whereas if you get all your birds from one strain you are on the job immediately. I should particularly like to warn novices to be careful about picking up birds at shows, as, firstly, there are many Yorkshires shown which are carefully trimmed about the breast, thighs, etc., and which are no use whatever to the novice who cannot get them up; and, secondly, the Yorkshire show bird is very often an indifferent stock bird; that is, not very likely to throw out another winner. I have seen many a bird that could never win a prize at a show which was invaluable for breeding purposes. In short, the Yorkshire show bird is not always a stock bird. The great point in breeding Yorkshires I find is knowing your stock thoroughly, and how each individual bird is bred. I will now give you my idea of what sort of stock birds I think you require to turn out a first-class show bird.

The cock, in my opinion, should be a good long bird, with plenty of Belgian blood in him (I have no objection to one which shows it), thin, leggy, neat head, good long wings and tail, well filled in back, and good quality of feather.

The hen should be what I consider a good show bird in all points, except size. I want her to be extraordinarily straight, well filled in everywhere, and as good in position, feather, and type as she can be, as shape and style comes from the hen. I do not care how small she is scarcely, but want her teeming with quality. Of course, I should prefer a medium-sized hen to a small hen if good in other points, but should not discard a hen because she was on the small side. The small hens I find as a rule are the best breeders, and I have bred some of the best birds from small hens. In fact, a well-known Yorkshire breeder once told me when I was asking him for a hen for stock purposes, that the larger the hen was the cheaper it would be. If you breed with a pair like those I have described I should think you would get what I consider a good Yorkshire show bird, that is:—

A bird about 6¾ in. long (I have no objection personally to a bit more length if it carries itself well and is good in all other points), slim, with a nice round chest, and body tapering away gradually to the root of the tail, nice round narrow head without the least suspicion of eyebrow, small beak, good bold eye, neck good length, and well filled in from shoulders, which should be narrow, back nicely rounded, and long wings closely packed, and good long pipe tail. From head to end of tail to be carried perfectly straight without the least shade of bulkiness at waist, to stand on fairly long legs, with feet well set back, and not like some you see at shows with the ball of the foot on the front edge of the perch. I also prefer one which shows what is called "breed," that is, one which can work himself into a position and is not sluggish like a Lancashire. Of course you want him to stand like an officer, and to be as free from frill as possible, and to have feather of the best possible quality.

Now that I have given you what I consider the good points, I will give you a few of the bad ones, and which should be avoided as much as possible. A bird with a broad, coarse head, or a long flat head, hollow neck, or one that appears to be broken off at the shoulders, a pointed chest, broad shoulders, hollow back, badly carried, or crossed wings, or one which drops its tail, or carries it open and, above all, a coarse feathered bird which is rough at the thighs, etc. Of course, when you go to buy birds you will have something to do to find them without any of these faults. Birds without them we are all wanting.

DOUBLE YELLOWING AND DOUBLE BUFFING.

I have tried breeding with two Yellows and two Buffs many times for experiment, but I have never bred anything worth mentioning from two Buffs. The young ones have turned out too strong and too chesty. I have, however, bred several very nice birds from two Yellows, having at the present time a Buff hen bred that way, which I consider one of the best I have, and which will take some beating for quality of feather. I have also bred several Yellows the same way, which, although not much to look at, being inclined to be scanty feathered and not over good in carriage, have in turn bred some grand quality birds when paired up again in the usual way (that is Yellow with Buff); but the Buffs bred from two Yellows are generally the best birds.

INBREEDING.

I have never produced anything for the show bench from close inbreeding. The youngsters always seemed inclined to be bent, and don't possess the style and nerve necessary for an exhibition Yorkshire. I think cousins plenty close enough to pair together, and I would advise you to use only the strongest and healthiest birds, as Yorkshires generally are not as hardy as some of the other varieties.

POSITION.

You will all know, of course, that in Yorkshires more than in any other variety, position is essential, so that I think it would be as well to say a few words on the training of the Yorkshire. We will suppose that you have got some young birds about a month or six weeks old. Now is the time to train them. Now is the time when they will take to it better than any other time, and if properly trained at this stage they will never forget it. Hang the show cage on to the front of the breeding or flight cage and get them to run into it; then play with them and let them have confidence in you. Do not handle them more than is absolutely necessary, as I think it spoils them. The best and simplest way I think to get them to stand straight and show themselves off to the best advantage is to place a piece of paper round the show cage up to, say, the top bar. The majority will then stand on the top perch and stretch themselves to look over it, especially if you will scratch the bottom of the cage gently with the finger. This done several times the birds will get into the habit of standing up immediately they are run into a show cage. Some people, however, seem to think that if a bird is left in a show cage for a time it will train itself, but I find that it is not the length of time it is in the cage which does the trick but the constant handing and humouring. If a Yorkshire, however good it may be in all other respects, does not stand it does not show itself off, and, consequently, has not half the chance it would have if it had good position.

MOULTING AND TAILING.

I should also like to say a few words with reference to moulting. I pick out the likely looking birds and put them up in pairs, and of course get as much colour in them as I can in the usual way. There is just one point I should like to mention, and that is, "tailing young birds." This should be done when they are deep in the moult, about four feathers at a time, and it will hurt them very little, if any, as at this period the feathers are loose. Of course there are some which do not require it, or which I think would not carry a second tail correctly, so these I do not tail. With regard to flighting, this I do not agree with, as there is many a good bird ruined through it, and it is quite unnecessary, as a great number of shows now provide unflighted classes.

In conclusion, whilst advising you to wash your birds about five days before a show, and syringe them well each day afterwards up to two days before, running them for this purpose in a show cage, and thanking you one and all, gentlemen, for your kind attention, and also for the opportunity you have given me of expressing my opinion on what I consider the King of the Fancy, let me assure you that I shall always be glad to help you in any way that I may be able to, both for your own interests and for the interests of the Yorkshire Fancy generally.

A Feather 57½ inches long.

The head and tail feathers of an extraordinary cock Pheasant were found during the farmers' shoot at Earnsfield Wood last week, the longest feather measuring no less than 57½ inches from end to end. It is supposed that the bird had been wounded, and that a fox had eaten the body, leaving the head, which was white, and its extraordinary tail.—"North Herts Mail."

A Note on the Snipe.

We have only one Snipe that nests in these Islands—this is, the common Snipe. The Jack Snipe, a smaller bird, comes here in large numbers, so that, as a matter of fact, it is at times much the commoner of the species. It is only of recent years that anything has been known about the nesting of this bird; like its congeners it breeds on the marshes. The first nest was found as far North as Lapland, since when others have been noted in Siberia.

The Migration of Birds.

Fascinating in the extreme was the lucid lecture delivered by the Rev. F. L. Blathwayt on "The Migration of Birds," in the Lecture Hall of the Church House, Lincoln. There was a good attendance. The lecture was in aid of the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds. Beautiful and realistic lantern slides, lent by the society, illustrated the lecture in splendid style, and the manipulator of the lantern was Mr. C. W. Martyn. The lecturer gave the definition of birds, and referred to the different varieties, stating that in the British Isles there were 15 different orders of birds and 400 different species. Regarding the migration of birds, the lecturer said this was no new discovery, as it was known to the Ancients, but they did not know what happened to birds when they went away. He believed nearly all the birds in England migrated, and the question arose why did they migrate? The theory was put forward that in past ages the country had been much warmer than it was at the present time, and then came a great glacial period, and the birds were driven in a southerly direction by a great ice sheet. This was followed by the ice going back, and the birds endeavoured to get back to their ancestral homes. The lecturer next dealt with the marvellous speeds of migratory birds, and how they found their way. He thought they were helped by wind, and had good memories for land marks. They also had extraordinarily good sight, and could see long distances ahead.

Kindly show this copy of "C.B." to your friends.

My Aviary and its Construction.

By W. Roslyn.

A Few Reminiscences of Forty Years in the Fancy by the President of the Mansfield C.B.C.

The request of the Editor that I should give a short account of my aviary fills me with diffidence. To write about one's-self seems to require more courage than to write about any other subject, but when the request is couched in such courteous terms it would be unmannerly to refuse.

Before building my present residence, my birds were housed in a conservatory 25 ft. long by 11 ft. wide and 9 ft. high, and although the light was very fine for the birds, particularly in the dark days of winter, the hot days of summer left much to be desired in the place as an ideal aviary, and I made up my mind that when building a house I would build an aviary at the same time which should possess all the advantages of sunlight and air, with as few as possible of the disadvantages of my then existing aviary.

I therefore instructed the builder to put up a good, substantial brick building 24 ft. long by 8 ft. wide by 19 ft. high at the top of the lean-to, and 7 ft. high at the low side of roof, and to put in a brick partition wall 8 ft. from one end, to give an ante-room 8 ft. square. This gives me a place to keep seeds, etc., and it prevents the birds escaping, as it serves as a porch for entrance and exit.

This ante-room is fitted with door and window in the side, and water is laid on to a sink, and shelves are fitted in to place sundry odds and ends on. In the brick partition wall is a half-glass door leading into the aviary proper, and at the right of the door, let in flush with the wall, is a "horse-shoe" boiler to supply a double row of 4-inch hot water pipes running from end to end of the aviary near the back wall. This boiler is seldom used except for driving out the damp, as I do not believe in coddling my birds with a warm atmosphere, but damp is such an enemy to the well-being of birds that I prefer to place the enemy outside.

The roof is just an ordinary slate one, lined with matched boarding.

This inside aviary is not shown in the photo except just a corner of the slate roof, but it will be easy to understand its position when I say that it runs at right angles to the outside flight.

Entering from the ante-room, on the right is a narrow bench running from end to end, on which are placed the cages containing the exhibition stock, consisting of Thrushes, Blackbirds, Starlings (British and Foreign), Cow-birds, Mynahs, Hawfinches, Larks, Nuthatches, etc. I have adopted this method because the birds are then in a position almost identically the same as when at a show, and so get accustomed to people passing before their cages.

On the left are three small aviaries, 3 ft. square, reaching from floor to ceiling, and one 3 ft. by 7 ft., which serves as inside shelter for those birds flying in the outside flight, which is entered by a door leading out of their inside shelter.

This leaves a fairly wide passage between the birds in cages and the small aviaries, and the whole is well lighted by two large top-lights, which also open for ventilation, leaving the outside walls unbroken.

The builder had done the outside work very well, but as he knew nothing about the requirements of birds—and cared less—I took the matter in my own hands, and being fairly well used to handling simple joiner's tools, I constructed the internal fittings and the outside flight myself.

This is really simple in design, and not so difficult to construct as might appear from the picture.

It will be observed that it is composed of a series of arches from front to back, and to form these arches the requisite bow was cut from a solid 1-inch board and morticed into the turned upright posts, which were in turn morticed into the wall plates. These wall plates are, one on the top of the boundary wall at the back and the other on the front stand on four courses of bricks, both being firmly bedded in mortar.

This gave me the skeleton of the structure, and all that remained to be done was to make the frames to stretch the ½-inch mesh wire on and to cover the roof from arch to arch with wire of the same mesh. The frames were made and screwed to the inside of the turned posts, and so made to solidify the whole.

The floors, both inside and out, are of cement concrete, to keep out rats, which are not unknown in this vicinity. This floor-laying was beyond my powers, but a builder fancier—from whom I have received much kind assistance—came to my aid, and laid the floor for me, and made an excellent arrangement for a bath by fixing in the floor an ordinary stone kitchen sink. This bath is connected with a drain, and is one of the best things I have seen for this purpose.

The bushes are of the ordinary common gorse, which grows close to me in great profusion, and when it gets soiled it is taken out and burned, and a fresh supply fetched in.

In the picture the maid is holding a long wooden tray full of shepherd's purse, seeding grass, etc. This tray plays an important part in the general management. Having the care and supervision of large works, my time is valuable, and must be economised as much as possible, and when at home I am in my office at about 6.20 every morning. Before I go, I take the tray and put into it all the food and water pots, and I may say *en passant* that I do not use tins, as I believe that food and water keep better in pots or glass vessels. I then carry the tray into the kitchen. I am at home again for breakfast at 7.30 sharp, and whilst making my morning meal the maid washes all the pots and refills them, and they are then ready for me to carry in and place in their respective positions. I imagine I hear some fancier saying, "Lucky man to have such a maid!" I acknowledge this, and I do not forget it when the birds win. Probably no fancier ever had a better maid in this particular respect, and her attention to this matter ensures perfect cleanliness.

The outside flight, it will be seen, has five of the wire frames, and as these are made each 3 ft. wide to save waste of wire and trouble of cutting, they make the flight 15 ft. long and 5 ft. wide by 7 ft. high.

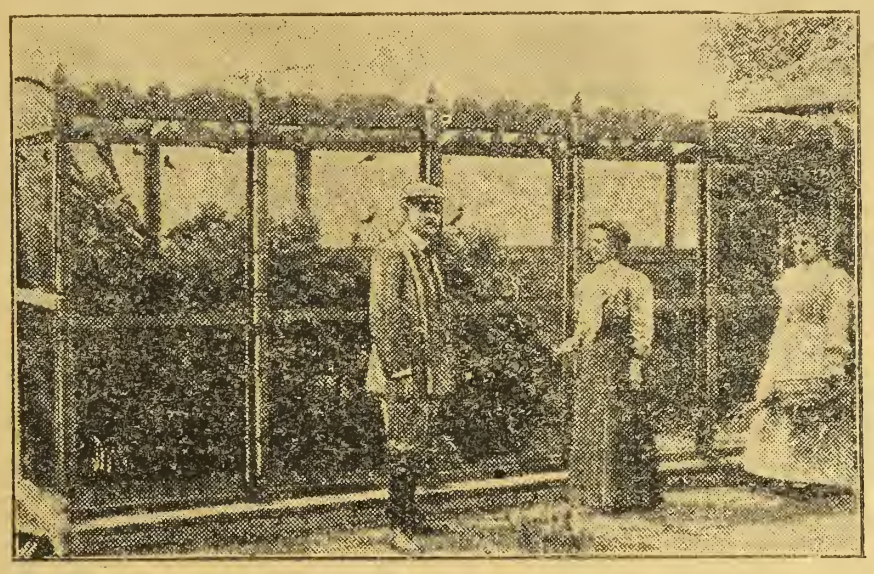
Coming as this flight does within a few yards of the drawing-room window, it is most interesting to watch the doings of the birds, and as I write this some Canaries are trying to break the ice in the bath to get a wash. The cost of the whole, including heating apparatus, has been about £35.

Before leaving this part of my subject, I should like to advise all fanciers who are thinking of making an aviary, either indoors or out, to make it large enough, if possible, to get in and walk about amongst the birds.

Under these conditions the birds will become very tame after a time, and will take mealworms or other dainties from their owner's fingers.

My British Starling, which has been very successful this season, will follow me all over the place for a mealworm. When one is thrown to him he will catch it like a dog. He can thus be left at liberty until the time arrives for dispatch to a show, and he is quite steady in his show cage. This means that he can have the free use of the bath, which, as a conditioner, has no equal.

Flying in the outside flight are Cockatiels, Bullfinches, Goldfinches, Greenfinches, Siskins, Linnets, Zebra-finches, Nuns, Cardinals, Nutmeg-finches, etc., and although some of them are now old, they keep in good hard feather and condition.



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The West Riding County Council propose to make application to the Home Secretary for an order as follows:—

To add the under-mentioned birds to the Wild Birds Protection Act, 1880:—

Hedgesparrow, Raven, Tree Sparrow, Twite, Marsh Harrier, Hen Harrier, Montagu's Harrier, Rough-legged Buzzard, Sea Eagle, Gadwall, Pintail Duck, Tufted Duck, Scoter Duck, Goosander, Turtle Dove, Pallas' Sandgrouse, Quail, Landrail or Cornerake, Spotted Crake, Waterrail, Golden Plover, Kentish Plover, Terns—Black, Sandwich, Roseate, Arctic, Common, and Little Tern.

That the following may be added to the list of birds protected from the 12th day of August to the 1st day of March, thus extending the protection to the whole year:—

Hedgesparrow, Raven, Tree Sparrow, Twite, Marsh Harrier, Hen Harrier, Montagu's Harrier, Rough-legged Buzzard, Sea Eagle, Turtle Dove, Pallas' Sandgrouse, Spotted Crake, Waterrail, Terns (as above), Bee Eater, Stone Curlew or Thick-knee, Dotterel, Black-headed Gull, and Kittiwake.

That the shooting of any wild bird on Sundays be prohibited (thus putting wild birds on the same footing as game birds).

That the eggs of all wild birds included in the schedule to the Wild Birds Protection Act, 1880 (as extended by the Home Secretary's Order), be protected.

That the close time for Plovers' eggs be as from the 15th April, instead of as from the 1st April, for a period of five years.

THE SCOTCH FANCY CANARY.

By Sr. Bride.

The Scotch Fancy Canary for the past half a century has been looked upon as the "king of cage birds." In Scotland, in days gone by, breeders had a special delight in cultivating the neck and humph, but of late the interest has abated. Thirty years ago the Palace Cage Bird Show of Scotland could command an entry of over a thousand Scotch Fancy Canaries, as against about a fourth of that number in 1906—a sad state of affairs; but the statement can be verified by figures. Various reasons have been assigned, no doubt many of them imaginary, but some of them real. The multiplicity of club shows has had a prejudicial effect upon breeders without doubt. Many of them content themselves with an annual show, which their forefathers would have been ashamed to have patronised. I regard this as anything but a healthy sign. Scotsmen are losing their Scotch Fancy breeders. I fear they have lost the ambition they once possessed for the Scotch Fancy Canary.

High Prices.

The ridiculously high prices at which this class of bird is exchanged is the greatest drawback of all; specimens which are considered quality have got into the hands of a few breeders, and they carefully study to keep the best for their own purposes, and by that means keep far ahead of others, for a time. Happily no one can have a monopoly of quality. Your readers know, as well as I can tell them, that quality disappears where it has reigned supreme, and reappears elsewhere, frequently in unexpected quarters.

Winners can never be guaranteed to produce winners; and this fact has probably kept the Fancy alive. Still the truth is that, at this moment, the Scotch Fancy languishes in comparison with the great activity displayed in other sections of the Canary Fancy.

The rough feathered type has had too much encouragement on the show bench, and that is responsible for a great deal of the widespread dissatisfaction with breeders. We have only to look at the question to realise the injustice which these shaggy monsters inflict upon birds, which by their smoothness in feather display the qualities they possess. A rough or shaggy feathered Scotch Fancy may be anything in point of quality. The long, rough, loose feather hides the contour and shape of the exhibit, and leaves the judge to imagine that it possesses properties which do not exist, and once such gets a footing on the show bench, it goes on unchallenged. The writer recollects a rough feathered Scotch Fancy which won many first prizes, and which in point of fact had little to commend it. It may be argued that if rough feathered specimens are to be put aside it will encourage plucking or trimming, and that it is preferable to recognise the roughness to plucking with all its attendant evils. The reply to that is that rules are in operation for dealing with these irregularities, and that they ought to be put into operation. By all means give us a bird in its natural condition, but it should comply with what is commonly recognised as the type or standard. There are various types, but they are all smooth in feather.

Rough Feather.

It is well known that a young bird, bred from rough Scotch Fancy Canaries, at a given stage in the moult, scores against all comers at the early shows, but as the season advances the winning powers diminish; but the opening successes have a bad effect upon the ordinary exhibitors.

Many of the best and most successful breeders have abandoned the Scotch Fancy Canary, and have gone over to the Norwich or Border, or given up the Fancy entirely, for reasons best known to themselves. The exhibiting of Canaries does not pay so well as it did a quarter of a century ago. The prize money has become so reduced that it is scarcely worth while entering upon competition; further, the activity on the part of railway companies in exacting the carriage of boxes in charge of the owner or a friend has had a bad effect upon the entries. Fanciers compete to win. Few have the inclination to gain a first prize for the simple honour of dropping shillings on the transaction; that idea is fast dying out. If the Scotch Fancy Canary is to recover its lost position there must be compensation for the trouble of exhibiting; how that is to be brought about is for managers and members of associations to determine, but the monetary aspect cannot be lost sight of.

Edinburgh to the Fore.

Edinburgh has taken a very prominent part in fostering the Scotch Fancy Canary. Breeders in that city were at one time famed for producing solid stock, and supplying fanciers in all quarters with Scotch Fancy Canaries at reasonable prices, but that is changed. High figures are demanded and obtained to day

ILLUSTRATED IDEAS

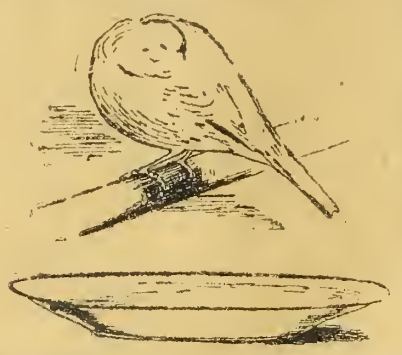
Under this heading we shall illustrate weekly some idea useful to the bird-keeper. Readers are invited to send us particulars of any novel and practical appliance of use in our hobby, either in cage, birdroom or aviary, with a rough sketch of same where possible. Every "Illustrated Idea" used in this column will entitle the sender thereof to a postal order for two shillings and sixpence.

No. 77.

RED MITE CATCHER.

Sent by F. DODD, Victoria Street, Braintree.

Mr. Dodd writes:—I enclose an illustrated idea, called Red Mite Catcher, as used by me every season with great success. Although stopping up cracks and using turpentine, etc., decrease their numbers, yet I generally get a fair amount. If the following is carried out I will guarantee that it will keep them down. At night time place a vessel of water directly under the perch of bird or birds; the bird will be in this position all night. As soon as the Red Mite attacks the bird the bird shakes



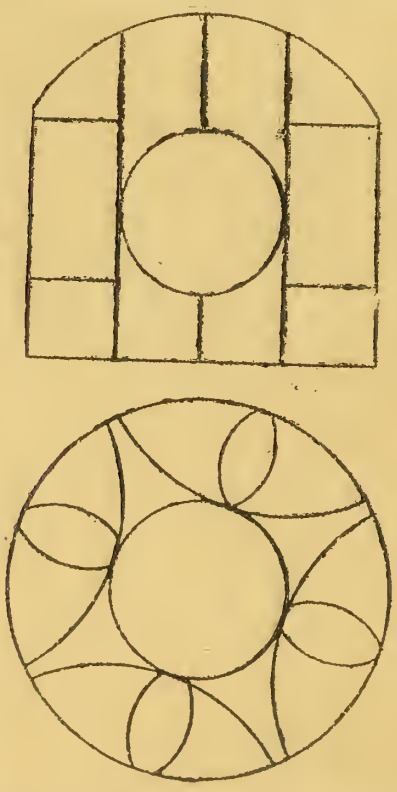
its feathers, and of course the mites fall into the water, where they are helpless and cannot get out. First thing in the morning remove the vessel and throw away the contents, cleaning the same. This is very simple, costs nothing, and if carried out as these instructions are given, red mite will be caught in hundreds. This is a fatal trap. I have taken vessels out covered with them. The idea is my own, which I always adopt, and, especially now the breeding season is approaching, would be of some use to some fanciers. This is the first time I have sent anything (besides advts.) to your valuable paper, though wishing it great success. I never miss my CAGE BIRDS.

No. 78.

WIRE GUARDS FOR FOUNTAIN.

Sent by W. EARP, Remenham Hill, Henley-on-Thames.

I have to use glass fountains a great deal in my aviaries and flight cages. I used to find that the birds were always bathing in the zinc bottoms, so I had these wire guards made to my own pattern, which are easily placed on, or taken off. The birds can still reach



the water, but cannot soil it by bathing in it, which soon empties a fountain. They are made of fine wire, soldered together, and cost about 4d. each. No. II. in sketch requires a small piece of wire in each corner to keep it in position. Fanciers who use them will find them very efficient in every way. They save time and trouble, besides keeping water clean. —W. EARP.

THE YOUNG NATURALIST.

Prizes of 1s. and two of 6d. each will be given for respectively the best and two second best cuttings or original bits about birds. Competitors must be children under sixteen years of age. All efforts must be briefly and clearly written, and ON ONE SIDE OF THE PAPER ONLY.

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There are two very well known and beautiful pheasants which Uncle Peter's nephew has not mentioned in his list. He must have seen the birds, but perhaps he did not recognise them as pheasants, although Uncle Peter hopes that every young reader of this column is trying to remember how all the birds he sees and hears about are arranged in systematic groups. Without some such arrangement it would be impossible to recollect all we learn about the many different kinds of birds. Well, the two pheasants Uncle Peter means are the Peacock and the Guinea Fowl, both handsome and striking birds, though the Peacock, in his brilliant metallic coat of many colours, is very different from the Guinea Fowl, in his plain grey, beautifully spotted with white. Both birds have strange voices; the Peacock's is loud and wild, and is said to predict rain. The Guinea Fowl seems to call out, "Come back, come back, come back." Like the common Pheasant of our preserves, both these birds are very good to eat. They are not indigenous in this country, though they are acclimatised and domesticated and breed freely with us. The Peacock was imported from India, and the Guinea Fowl from Africa.

*Our Polly.

In August, 1903, my father purchased three young Blue-fronted Amazon Parrots. These birds inhabit Southern and Central Brazil, Paraguay, Argentina. They are the most freely imported of all the Amazons, and are very long lived and excellent talkers, in fact, they can nearly equal the Grey Parrots. Well, these three Parrots came in a very low, oblong cage, with a slated bottom. When they arrived two birds emerged from the packing-case, into the required space, but one was very wild, and would not move from the corner. My father then put his hand in to move it, and succeeded in doing so, but received a very severe bite on the finger. Two of them were very strong, but one was rather delicate. We fed them at first on boiled maize, fruit, dry canary, hemp and sunflower seed, and they all progressed well. After some time we disposed of two of them, keeping the weakly one for ourselves because she became the tamest. You cannot imagine how tame she is. She will take food from our mouths, perch on our finger, or anything. When she was thoroughly tame she was allowed her liberty all day during the summer, until she began to bite the bark off the fruit trees. When the fruit is ripe she will come to anyone who will take her to the currants, and, when she is put in the bushes she will bite anyone who tries to take her away. She can now call us all by name, and say almost anything.—Sent by HAROLD RUDKIN (aged 13), Belton, Uppingham.

*Birds in our Aviary.

We have eight birds in our aviary. There are three Missel Thrushes and two Song Thrushes. There are also two Blackbirds and a Starling. The Missel Thrushes are a great deal like the Song Thrushes only very much larger. They are a rich brown on their back, and cream, with very dark brown spots, on their breasts. The old Blackbird is quite black, but the young one is a dark brown. The Starling is very pretty indeed, for its breast is black and covered with beautiful white spots, and it also sings very sweetly, and papa likes it very much. I have also a Lark of my own. It is only a young one, but it is very pretty. We have also a Jay, and papa sometimes lets it into the aviary, but it does not interfere with the other birds.—I am, yours truly, MAY IVES (aged 9), 15, Dartmouth Road, Bournbrook, Birmingham.

*Flight of Birds.

Few people have any idea of the remarkable power of flight which birds possess, or the speed which some of them attain. Swallows fly at an average speed of 100 miles an hour, but they soon grow weary, and it is among ocean birds that one sees the most wonderful exhibitions of sustained flight. Sea-gulls frequently accompany a ship the whole distance across the Atlantic, though they drop down, now and then, to take a nap on the heaving surface of the tumbling sea. All birds which have great power of flight have long wings with sharply-pointed ends.—ERNEST WHITE (aged 13 years), Leigh Terrace, Park Road, Cowes, I.O.W.

Cuckoo.

Here is a bird whose mellow voice we are all glad to hear. It makes us feel very joyful when the Cuckoo calls out his own name, as if to say, "Here I am again! Winter is gone, and a good time is coming. Be merry like me!" He calls out as he is flying sometimes, but oftener he sits on a branch to make his pleasant music, and as he shouts aloud he turns his head and body from side to side, so that the sound he makes is thrown to the right and left. You cannot tell where he is sitting, and often you would guess quite wrong, although you may hear him crying "Cuckoo, Cuckoo," quite near as it seems. It is wise of him to do this, for he wishes to be hidden.—Sent by ELSIE HUMPHRIES (age 11 years), 74, Cedar Street, Bootle, Liverpool.

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A COUNTRY WALK IN WINTER TIME.

By JOHN S. CRAWFORD,
A Well-known Glasgow Naturalist.

I started early, with the intention of walking in a circle of about fifteen miles area. How cold it was that morning as I stepped out of the house into several inches of snow, and I was nigh turning back into the warmth of the house again, but, drawing my coat tighter about me, I plodded on, determined to see how it fared with my feathered friends.

LITTLE TYRANTS.

Shortly after I came across a small company of Sparrows, making a meal from a handful of crumbs, which some kind friend of the little tyrant had placed on their doorstep, and which I feel sure was greatly appreciated by that common, but nevertheless beautiful, little chirper that morning. Angry though they compel one to feel at times with their endless depredations, I somehow felt compassion on them that morning; it was so cold, and they seemed so hard set for a meal, and yet through it all they prove themselves hardy little nippers, and multiply two-fold year by year, and perhaps a word or two here as to Sparrow clubs would not come amiss. It is believed by farmers, and shared by others, that it is owing to the Wild Bird Protection Acts, and the Gun License Act, that Sparrows, Rooks, and other birds which harry the fields and do so much harm in orchards multiply, and do more damage year by year, but in this they are wrong, and I would point out that it is owing to the mildness of the last three or four winters that these pests have become so numerous, and that if a severe winter be encountered they will soon be thinned down to reasonable numbers. One cannot deny the damage these feathered pests do, but to include such birds as the Lark, Rook, Chaffinch, and some others, is altogether wrong, and should be thoroughly dealt with; and it is not our residential Woodpigeons, Rooks, etc., which do most damage, but Foreign birds, and if farmers would only take the advice of experienced naturalists on the matter it would go better with some of our so-called bird vermin. But, to return to my story. Shortly after passing the Sparrows I came across a Song Thrush dead, and, to all outward appearances, from sheer starvation.

HARDY BOB.

While looking down on the dead songster I heard a sharp, cheery note, and, looking up, espied a few yards further on, perched on the stump of an oak, a little Robin singing cheerily. What a contrast! One naturally wonders how this large, strong-looking bird, measuring, as it does, 8½ ins. to 9 ins. in length, should be lying dead and this perky little Redbreast, whose size is only about half as many inches, should be there singing so cheerily. This is not an individual case, but is only too true that if severe winter weather be encountered you may find many of these beautiful and handsome musicians lying frozen among the snow. How very sad it seems, yet it is Dame Nature who thus allows the Thrush to so fall a victim to Giant Winter, and blesses our little redbreasted friend with a more plentiful store of its necessities of life.

THE PRETTY LITTLE SISKIN.

A little later, while passing a small belt of trees, I caught sight of that small, trim, yellow-breasted songster, the Siskin. This is a very pretty little bird, and much in demand by keepers of British birds as a cage bird, being very docile and having a pleasing ditty, and may be seen at a good many bird shows throughout the country. It is a winter visitant to this country only, returning to its arctic home in the summer to breed, but its nest is often found in the north of Scotland, and I have seen its nest there on a few occasions, containing eggs, both of which (nest and eggs) resemble those of the Greenfinch, though smaller in size. I also came across a few Redwings. This is a very shy visitor, generally found in the company of Fieldfares, Missel Thrush, and the like.

THE BIRDS THAT WERE NUMEROUS.

A flock of Chaffinches also flashed past me, and appeared to be males. Redpolls, Twites, Linnets, and Bramblefinch, or Bramblings, were also numerous, but the latter bird only visits us in numbers when severe winter weather drives them south in search of food. Crows and Rooks were in numbers too, and I happened to see a Pied specimen, which is occasionally met with. Of Lapwings there were many, twisting and curving in mid-air, all the time giving out their mournful cry "Pee-weet," so familiar. As to the Waterfowl, while passing a small pond, then under Jack Frost's icy hand, I observed huddled together a small company of Waterhen or Moorhen, and it is, indeed, strange that these birds, which are mostly found singly, should be standing banded like this. Weather as we are having, when the ground is covered with snow, is of service to gamekeepers and others, as they can easily trace stoats and other vermin who have been harrying their beloved game to their hidden homes by means of the tracks they leave in the snow, and while passing along that day I could make out many lines of tracks made by rabbits, and it needed no Redskin to lead one to their warrens.

BIRD FROLICS.

On my return journey I called on a friend, and spent quite a time watching the antics of the Tits, Sparrows, Starlings, and similar garden visitors, round a large nut hung out in the lawn for their benefit, and while sitting with my friend the scarcity of the Landrail or Corncrake came up, and one reason my friend heard was owing to the introduction of the sowing machine, but it would be interesting to hear from other naturalists what their opinion was, and we may come to the reason by that method. Swallows I have noticed have been a little scarce also this summer.

Bidding my friend good-bye, I hurried home and was soon enjoying a hearty repast after my cold, though not uninteresting country walk. In penning these few lines my object is to point out that, though winter may be cold and dreary, there is plenty to see and interest one in a good walk into the country, if they only be prepared to face the cold and the blast.

Notes and Queries.

The Birds which Visited our Garden.

During the late severe weather, when the snow was on the ground, our garden was visited by a large number of birds. I then made up my mind to save all the eatable bits I could get hold of for them. I was able to get a good many, and fed the birds twice a day. They were always ready for the food I gave them, and some of them would wait on the ground for it. Among the birds which visited our garden was a Chaffinch (a bird which is very rarely seen in the middle of the town). The Chaffinch came for two or three days, and then I never saw it again. There were also several Robins among the rest, and a few Thrushes and Blackbirds were to be seen. One day three Seagulls came, but they did not have a peaceful time, for the other birds chased them away. The Seagulls were very graceful, and it was quite a treat to watch them glide up and down and feed. Those birds have a great many hardships to go through during the snow and the frost, and they are nearly starved to death. They are ready to pick up a crumb anywhere. As the warm weather comes they begin to build their nests and lay their eggs. It is very interesting to see them gathering bits of straw, etc., for their nests, and they are very busy during the breeding season. If people were to study the birds instead of stealing their eggs it would be far nicer for them and for the birds too!—WALTER E. HALSALL.

The Golden Crested Wren.

Whilst in my garden this morning (Feb. 4th), about ten o'clock, I saw, very busy amongst the fruit trees, a golden-crested Wren. I have been in Hessle over 30 years, and this is the first time I have seen this little stranger. The last one, and the only one I ever saw alive, was on the borders of Brocklesby Park in 1866. It will be interesting to know if this, the smallest of British birds, is common in any part of Yorkshire. JOHN STOW (Hessle).

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WANTED, Norwich Canaries, will give 6/- pair; approval; in large or small lots.—H. O'Hagan, 73, Auchentoshan-ter., Springburn, Glasgow.

WANTED, breeder or fronts, exchange two dozen plates; dress coat, vest wanted, two songsters.—Cook, Pembridge.

WANTED, Crestbred hen, exchange phonograph records; stamp for list.—Houghton, Market-st., Morecambe.

WANTED, Canaries, for Parnall's marble top box scale; particulars.—Thomas and Co., Portmadoc, Wales.

WANTED, African Grey Parrot, give rare young Amazon and cash for good bird.—Thomas and Co., Portmadoc.

WANTED, any quantity large tame rats; also British birds, for cash.—Collins, 16, Fleshmarket-close, Edinburgh.

WANTED, strong, healthy cock Canaries, Norwich and Yorkshire; must be in song; give quantity and price; approval.—Jinks, 2, Bramall-la., Sheffield.

WANTED, Waxbills, in exchange for pair good Yorkshires, ditto Plainheads, one good Crested green hen.—Vernon, Toddington Park, Beds. x267

WANTED, any quantity of Goldfinch Mules or Linnet Mules, for cash; no rubbish wanted.—Wm. Shaw, 97, Essex Road, Islington, London, N.

WANTED, birds, exchange hand camera, £2 2s., flute, 12s. 6d., melodeon, 18s., watch and chain, £2.—Curtis, Industrial Dwellings, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

WANTED Canaries, Crests, Yorkshires, Norwich, Linnets, Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Thrushes, Parrots.—Baker, Herbert-st., Bedminster.

WANTED, offers in Canaries for phonograph value 25/- and 49 records.—John Matheson, 9, Victoria-st., Ayr, Ayrshire, N.B.

WANTED Canaries in exchange for pedigree Flying Homers, Barker, Gits and Stanhope, etc. strains.—E. Eyre, 62, George-la., Woodley, Cheshire.

WANTED, Yorkshires or Norwich, exchange gentleman's ring, value 30/-, fronts, 18 by 12 for Linnet.—Muir, 24, Guilford-rd., Southend-on-Sea.

WANTED, hen Goldfinch Mules, give 1/- each. Any kind of birds bought.—Perks, 294, East-st., Old Kent-rd., London.

WANTED, two Yorkshire cocks and three hens; must be good and reasonable, cash.—F. Wren, Halfway House, Belvedere, Kent.

WANTED, fresh-caught female Merlin Hawk; exchange pair flying Homers, or cash; approval.—P. Higson, 17, Denye-st., Weaste.

WANTED, good stock buff 1906 Crestbred hen, with long dense head feather.—W. Jeffrey, Bamburgh, Northumberland.

WANTED, any variety cage birds for prize winning Pigeons, different varieties.—R. Bowie, Gussit House, Dunfermline.

WANTED, good cock Goldfinch, exchange 74 numbers of "Boer War," illustrated.—Warner, 30, Lancashire-st., Melton-rd., Leicester.

WANTED, Canaries, cash, or exchange cage fronts, any size.—J. R. Barlow, Wire Worker, 105, City-rd., Hulme, Manchester.

WANTED, cock Canaries or Mules, full song; exchange massive pen young barred Rocks to value.—Tracey, Connah's Quay.

WANTED, offers in birds, for mandoline, with tutor, worth £1; Borders or Budgerigars preferred.—Birchenshaw, 132, Ray-st., Heanor, Notts.

COCK Germans wanted, exchange tea or cocoa, field-glasses, silver butter cooler, or cash.—111, Albert-rd., Blackpool.

WANTED, Canaries, British and Foreign birds, any quantity, small or large.—Manning, 58, Pelham-rd., Wimbledon.

WANTED, offers in Norwich or Yorkshires, for lady's silver watch and chain, going order.—Harvey, Faith-st., Maidstone.

WANTED, Cassell's Book on Small Foreign Birds (coloured illustrations); exchange high-class Norwich.—J. Riley, Bradley-fold, Little Lever.

WANTED, two hen Canaries; exchange pair real stag-handled carvers; approval.—Herbert Marsden, 175, St. Phillip's-rd., Sheffield.

WANTED, your surplus stock you don't want; will exchange it for stock you do.—Live Stock Exchange, Greenwich.

WANTED, cock Canary, or three hens, for pair exhibition Magpie Pigeons, winners, Warner's direct; sell 10/-.—Pearson, Greenwich.

WANTED, large house moulted Twite, steady, good colour, and pencilling; state price.—Hornby, West View, Beeston-hill, Leeds.

WANTED, Canaries; give Colombia graphophone, 25/-; muling Goldfinch, 7/-; two hen Bullfinches, 3/6.—Westrope, North-st., Bumpstead, Haverhill.

WANTED to purchase, any quantity surplus stocks of Canaries cheap for cash.—Hambley, Butcher, Colnebrook.

WANTED, Mice, Rats, Cats, Ferrets, Parrots, Birds, Monkeys, any quantity, price no object, £1 to £1,000.—Wilson, 247, Argyle-st., Glasgow.

WANTED, Roller cock, day and gaslight songster; exchange large cock Goldfinch, grand blaze, sure muler; also two large, yellow cock Greenfinches.—F. Simonds, Upper Houghton, Dunstable.

WANTED, yellow Norwich cock; exchange for buff cock in full song, and two 1906 prize-bred Bantams, cockerels.—William Bowes, 4, Duchess-st., Shiremoor.

WANTED, pair of 28 in., 1¾ in. Palmer tubes and covers, wired, exchange Partridge net, new, 25 yds. long, 18 ft. deep, worth £3; also pair wading stockings, size 9, or Canaries.—26, Manor-st., Cardiff.

WANTED paired Yorkshires in exchange for new joiner's tools, squares, bevels, gauges, spokeshaves, etc.; state size of tools required; on approval.—A. Wood, 49, Prospect-rd., Heeley, Sheffield.

COCK Canaries wanted, for cash or exchange, all kinds of flight, breeding, show, box, or fancy cages, or wire fronts, at wholesale prices.—Pimm, Cage Maker, 229, Icknield Port Road, Birmingham.

WANTED, pair Yorkshires in exchange for melodeon, value 12/6, new condition, two bass, ten treble, three stops; approval, deposit.—Cheesman, 4, Howard-rd., Dorking.

WANTED, Norwich cocks, in exchange for lovely black rose-comb Bantams, three pullets and two cockerels, Purdon's strain; must be good birds.—Isaac Lawson, Kirkby Stephen, Westmorland.

WANTED, Canaries, British or Foreign birds; will give finest Siberian Goldfinches, Bullfinches, cocks and hens; also Budgerigars, in exchange.—Pearson, Greenwich.

WANTED, Canaries, Britishers or Foreigners; will give Siberian Goldfinches, Bullfinches, cocks and hens, or Budgerigars, in exchange.—Pearson, Greenwich.

WANTED, 1906 green Crestbred cock; exchange variegated Crestbred cock; no rubbish wanted or given; cold-room; value 25/-.—Roylance, Alexandra-st., Cheltenham.

WANTED, common hen Canaries for cash, cold room birds; state quantity and lowest price.—J. Brewerton, Canary Dealer, 5, Norton Hammer, Woodseats, Sheffield.

WANTED, good Norwich muling hen; exchange Cassell's "Illustrated Boer War," complete, unbound; approval (or offers).—Pickett, 11, Kilnhouse-la., St. Anne's-on-Sea, Lancs.

WANTED, cock Andreasberg Roller (full song), exchange black-and-white buck rabbit, cock Goldfinch, hen Bullfinch, quantity "Farm and Garden."—Lloyd, Newland, Witney, Oxon.

WANTED, any number of Canaries, Larks, Linnets, and Chaffinches, cheap, for resale; write stating lowest price, J. Thorn, 37, Plumstead-rd., Woolwich.

WANTED, good Crestbred or first cross coppy hen, for really handsome white Spaniel bitch, even marked head, 18 months old, unbroken, affectionate companion, clean in house, and good guard, sell 20/-.—Peters, 28, Eccleston-sq., London, S.W.

WANTED, Canaries, 1906 songsters; joiners' tools; exchange following articles, or sell: American scythe, 8/-; money collector's leather bag, 9s., worth double; Parrot stand, 7/-, brass worth more; 685 stamps.—Towers, Perkensville, Chester-le-Street.

WANTED, cash offers for 25 pairs good Crests and Plainheads, winners, two Crested and three yellow Plainhead Cinnamon cocks, 30 show and breeding cages, cheap; approval; stamp reply.—Edwards, Raglan-st., Lowestoft.

WANTED for cash, surplus stocks of Norwich Plainheads, Crests, Crestbreds, Cinnamons, Lizards, Mules, large or small lots.—State particulars and price to Taylor, 36, Airedale-rd., Frizinghall, Bradford.

WANTED, yellow Norwich hens, in exchange for bird net, 15ft. by 4ft., complete with poles, lines, etc., quite new, sell 7/6, also excellent wire Fox Terrier bitch, 11 months, perfect guard, clean indoors, sell 10/—Argyle, Grove-st., Wantage.

WANTED, a very large Lancashire Plainhead cock, also a good hen; will exchange singing cock Canaries, or sell.—Mr. W. Jordan, Belb, Cullompton, Devon.

WANTED, two typical unflighted yellow Norwich Plainhead hens; must be good quality; exchange yellow cocks, 1906, or sell 20/-; approval each way.—A. Jones, 148, Institute-rd., King's Heath, Birmingham.

WANTED, prize Canaries; give in exchange pen Partridge Wyandottes, pullets, breeders, 60-egg incubator, or reading lamp; offers wanted for either the above.—E. Clifford, 9, Howgate-rd., Mortlake, S.W.

WANTED, for export, any quantity hen Bullfinches, white-legged cock Goldfinches, and hen Canaries; also talking Parrots; state particulars and price; prompt cash paid; bankers, Lloyd's.—Gore, 131, Gooch-st., Birmingham.

WANTED, a Crest or Crestbred hen, or offers, for green Crested cock, 12/6; lady's bike, 24in. Eadie throughout, £3 10/-; half-plate camera, three D.D. slides, Beck lens, latest pattern, £3; Cassell's "Popular Educator," leather back and corners.—Driver, 33, Cornish-st., Waterloo, S.E.

WANTED at once, two really good hen Siberian Bullfinches; deposit if desired; approval.—Burns, 37, Denmark-rd., Whitworth-pk., Manchester.

SALE OR EXCHANGE.

Mainly British
To be Sold or Exchanged

COCK Goldfinch Mule, pure Goldfinch song, sell 10/-, exchange pair Norwich Canaries.—Christopher Nock, Overend, Cradley Heath, Staffs.

1906 COCK Goldfinch, Canary-reared, 4/-, exchange 1906 yellow Norwich hen.—Kearl, Woodstock, Ringwood, Hants.

HOUSE moulted cock Goldfinch, 5/-; or exchange 1906 cock Linnet-Canary Mules.—W. Day, Dunstable.

COCK Bullfinch, on approval, winner, only time shown, 32 in class; sell 15/-; or exchange yellow Norwich hens; offers.—Burn, Old Talbot, Malton.

LARGE variegated cock Goldfinch Mule, Goldfinch song, one hen, 10/6; exchange Yorkshire cock.—Stubbs, 23b, Well-st., Winsford, Cheshire.

HIGHLAND Linnets, special cocks, three for 2/6; wild seed, 2/- per lb.; exchange Canaries.—Fraser, Catcher, 35, Bracheads, Fraserburgh.

EXCHANGE, Greenfinch-Canary Mule, 1st and 2nd only times shown, and Bullfinch cock for Borders, Yorkshires, or offers.—Clues, Kirkcudbright.

FIVE hen Goldfinch Mules, make good feeders, 5/- lot; or exchange yellow hen Canary, large.—Jackson, Parcmain, Carmarthen.

COCK exhibition Bullfinch, Thrush, Goldfinch; exchange Yorkshire hens.—Jeffrey, Stourbridge-rd., Bromsgrove.

EXCHANGE two cock Thrushes for cock Goldfinch; or offer in small Hardbills.—Gaydon, Strand, Barnstaple.

EXHIBITION cock Crossbill and cock Snow Bunting, 7/6 each; exchange small yellow Border cock or small British birds.—J. Crearie, Castle Douglas.

EXCHANGE, for good Yorkshire Terrier, a cock Goldfinch Mule, cock Goldfinch, two cock Linnets.—8, Broad-st., Barry.

GRAND cock and hen Bullfinch, caged August, 5/-; approval; exchange cock Canary or Goldfinch.—Tebany, Town End, Sedbergh.

WILL exchange grand pair of Bullfinches for Canaries or breeding cages.—Duggins, Two Dales, Matlock, Derbyshire.

THREE steady cock Bullfinces, sell 2/- each, hen 1/-; exchange cock Canary, Goldfinches.—E. Watson, Kirbymoorside, Yorks.

EXCHANGE two cock Blackbirds, one cock Thrush, for yellow hen Norwich Canary.—W. Thompson, 2, Rock-rd., Sittingbourne.

COCK Blackbird, in full song, with cage, 7/6, or exchange British birds or Canaries.—Harvie, Basket Maker, London-rd., Sheffield.

COCK Greenfinch Mule, good songster, grass green, 10/-; or exchange for small travelling bag, camera, Canaries; offers.—Jones, Renwick-ter., Walsall.

LARGE Hawfinch, steady, well defined bib, wax-like plumage, 25/-, exchange Hardbills or good Waxwing; approval.—Gamage, Portia-ter., Swansea.

CLASS exhibition Goldfinch, moulted, unshown, rare face and bars, 20/-, or exchange Hardbills.—Gamage, Portia-ter., Swansea.

BRAMBLEFINCH, 3rd Swansea, open, red hot class, 7/6, or exchange Corn Bunting; approval.—Gamage, Portia-ter., Swansea.

GRAND exhibition Goldfinch, 3rd Preston, will exchange for pedigree Terrier of any description; approval; name the breed, and apply, Jackson, Joiner, 15, May-st., Burslem, Staffordshire.

TWO hen Bullfinches, caged with Greenies through winter, 2/- each; 1905 Linnet, steady, in song, 4/-; cock Bullfinch, good call bird, 2/-; Yorkshire hens, 1906; wire netting.—Booth, Edward-st., Grantham.

WILL exchange two cock Blackbirds, one cock Throstle, three cock Greenfinches, one cock Chaffinch, 1 cock Bantam, for Canaries.—Apply, J. Hill, 3, Norton-ter., Wood-st., Norton Malton.

LINNET, Greenfinch, and Goldfinch, three genuine healthy cocks, suit Mule breeder, or exhibition, 12/-; exchange Canaries, cocks or hens; approval.—Letters only, 30, Guy-st., Ardwick, Manchester.

COCK Thrush, two cocks, three hen Greenfinches, cock and hen Chaffinch, all hand-reared, 1905, exchange anything, sell 7/-.—Dunsford, Calder-grove, Crigglestone, Wakefield.

THREE cock Linnets, one Greenfinch, two hen Linnets, one Mountain Finch, one Chaffinch, two Canaries, for Cinnamon Yorkshire cock; or sell 20/-.—Phimester, Bridge-st., Wick.

COCK Bramblefinch, cock Bullfinch, house moulted, cock Greenfinch, cock Bramblefinch, any offer Canaries.—Reuben Hunt, Shutford, near Banbury.

EXCHANGE good cock Bullfinch, Greenfinch, and Bramblefinch, for good muling cock Goldfinch; all good clean birds; no rubbish given or accepted.—Harrison, Ingleton, Gainford, Darlington.

BULLFINCH cock, two Chaffinch cocks (singing), two Chaffinch hens, Redpoll cock, two years housemoulted, and have bred in aviary; exchange Pullets or Border hens, value 15/-.—Crawley, 112, Radford-boulevard, Nottingham.

EXCHANGE cock Goldfinch, 3rd winner, for pair of unflighted Plainheads and one cock; two hen Goldfinches for two unflighted yellow Plainhead hens; approval.—Haggett, Upper Coxley, Wells, Somerset.

EXCHANGE two 1906 Canary-reared exhibition cock Chaffinches and pair hand-reared Linnets, which bred in cage last season, for yellow Norwich cock or large yellow muling hen or big muling Goldfinch, or sell 10/-; or offers; approval.—Corteen, Orrys Mount, Laxey, Isle of Man.

WILL exchange Finches for Yorkshires or Canaries; also house moulted, two-year-old cock Goldfinch.—John Sworbrigg, Bridge-st., Cootehill, Co. Cavan.

PAIR clap nets, 12 yards long, 5 ft. deep, poles, pegs, pull line, everything complete, three cock Goldfinches, two twice house-moulted, cock and hen, Linnets, house-moulted hen Goldfinch, Redpoll, four call cages, two breeding cages; exchange gent.'s pneumatic; offers; or sell; no rubbish offered or wanted.—E. Humphries, 29, Whitworth-rd., Wellingborough.

SALE or exchange for good Norwich, light yellow Goldfinch Mule, 12/-; ditto buff, 20/-, can win; two dark yellow Goldfinch Mules, one buff, yellow Greenfinch Mule, two Linnet Mules, all large cocks, 7/6 each, 1906 bred; four hen Goldfinch Mules, 1/- each; cock Bramblefinch, can win, 1/-; pair Chaffinches, 1/-; hen Goldie, 1/-; house moulted cock Goldfinches, 3/6 each; four large Crested hens, 30/- lot; on approval.—Lay, 65, Norwich-rd., Lowestoft.

Mainly Canaries
To be Sold or Exchanged

WHAT offers Goldfinches or cages for pair good Norwich?—17, Seaside, Eastbourne.

YOUNG buff Coppy cock, 15/-, exchange singers.—Jesse Cryer, Wardle Fold, Rochdale.

NORWICH cocks, in full song, exchange Goldfinch cocks, or offers.—383, Berridge-rd., Nottingham.

PAIR Yorkshires, winners, 15/-, exchange ladies' boots, 4's, china, offers.—Crowson, Swaby, Alford.

EXCHANGE Yorkshires for house-moulted British, anything.—Putner, Hairdresser, East Greenwich.

EXCHANGE three pairs good Norwich; Minorcas, anything useful, offer.—Miller, Airmyn, Goole.

FOUR grand large hen Canaries, 1905 bred, good stock birds, 2/6 each; bargain.—F. Simonds, Upper Houghton, Dunstable.

LIZARD hen, good strain, exchange cock Canary, singing, sell 5/6; Chaffinches, 2/-; Brambles, 1/6; bargains.—Banks, 56, Hazledon-rd., Brockley.

YOUNG St. Andreasberg Roller, splendid songster, day or gaslight, 10/-, exchange yellow hen Canaries.—Roper, 134, Derby, Seven Kings, Essex.

WILL exchange a good buff Yorkshire cinnamon hen for good clear yellow Yorkshire hen.—Barker, Dale-ter., Lingdale, Boosbeck.

R. BONNEY, St. Columb, Cornwall, will exchange high-class Yorkshires for up-to-date plumber's or tinsmith's tools.

YORKSHIRE, Norwich cross buff hens, 1906, four, for yellow Norwich or Yorkshire cock, sell 2/6 each.—Scales, 8, Regent-grove, Harrogate; approval.

EXCHANGE Norwich hen for yellow Yorkshire hen, must be good bird.—Fowler, 8, Frederick-rd., Walworth.

EXCHANGE Canaries for scrap copper and brass, minimum 20lbs.—Henry Leah, Earls Barton, Northampton. x270

WANTED, white Leghorn pullets; exchange high-class Yorkshire Canaries.—Pickles, 5, Wardman-st., Keighley, Yorkshire.

GOOD buff Norwich hen and breeding cage, 6/-, or exchange for cock Mule.—H. Purle, 64, Wyhford-rd., Barnsbury, N.

GOOD Norwich dark Crested cock, 1905, for two good Crestbred hens.—Glover, Buriton, near Petersfield, Hants.

BELGIAN hen, yellow ticked, 1906, from my winners; exchange for Norwich or sell cheap.—Baker, Grove-rd., Chichester.

CLEAR yellow cock, large buff hen, 8/- pair; clap nets, complete, 8/-; approval; exchange cutlery.—Bridgeford, 27, Barnabus-st., Wellingborough.

CLEAR Scotch Fancy cock, 20/-; grand cock Thrush, singing, 4/-; exchange above for Crests, or anything.—Nobbs, Cromer-rd., North Walsham.

EXCHANGE pair Yorkshires, pair Norwich for cycle tyres, poultry or Crestbred hen; or sell 30/—104, Arlington-st., Stockton-on-Tees.

FIVE Norwich hens, good healthy birds, 10/-, or exchange for two good songsters; pairs, 8/6.—R. King, 6, Addington-st., Ramsgate.

WHAT offers in cross-bred laying fowls for six healthy pure Roller hens, in breeding condition, sell 15/- lot.—Burchill, Terrace-st., Blackheath, Staffs.

CLEAR Crested hen, 1st 10/6 selling class, 7/6; ditto, large yellow cock, 10/-; exchange Border cocks.—D. Shearer, Thurso.

HIGH-CLASS cold-room bred Rollers, two cocks, four hens, 20/- the lot.—Roberts, 11, Union-st., Macclesfield.

YELLOW, Cinnamon, and buff Yorkshire hens, exchange two for good Norwich cock.—Hooper, Waterloo-rd., Barnsley.

THREE 1906 Norwich cocks, loud full song, large hen Mule, grand feeder, lot 12/-.—Duckworth, Tennyson-st., Mansfield.

GRAND buff Yorks cock, 20/-; exchange large clear yellow Coppie cock; mutual approval.—Wilson, 80, Westgate, Guisborough, Yorks.

WANT large yellow Norwich hen in exchange for nice yellow Yorkshire cock; mutual approval.—A. W. Lewis, Pembroke Dock.

EXCHANGE pair of Yorkshires for anything useful; no live stock.—Halsall, 20, St. James'-st., Southport.

LADY'S watch, little gem, sell 15/-; exchange for two yellow and one buff Norwich hens, clears preferred; offers.—128, North-st., Halstead, Essex.

EXCHANGE brown red cock and hen for best offers in Crested Canaries.—John Shaw, 97, Shore-st., Gourock.

LARGE 1906 first cross Crestbred Lancashire; sell, or exchange Crest or Crestbred hen; approval.—Green, 256, Chapel-st., Leigh, Lancs.

YORKSHIRES.—Two cocks and two hens, buffs, 20/- lot; exchange for two good long yellow hens to value.—G. E. Dakeyne, Cheadle, Staffs.

EXCHANGE Yorkshire hen for Norwich hen, yellow, or two Roller hen Canaries; approval.—J. Taylor, Old Fallow, Cannock.

PAIR Yorkshires, breeding and nursery cages, fittings, sell 20/-; exchange good 17-fret banjo; offers.—C., 33, Pardoner-st., London, S.E.

LARGE variegated Crestbred cock, 7/6; or exchange two Norwich hens; approval both ways.—J. Henshaw, Victoria-rd., Portfield, Chichester.

LARGE 1906 cinnamon-marked yellow Yorkshire cock, fed, unflighted; sell, or exchange yellow hens or yellow Norwich cock; no rubbish; approval.—Green, 256, Chapel-st., Leigh, Lancs.

GOOD clear yellow hens, two Norwich, one Border Fancy, self green Yorkshire hen, all 1906, sell or exchange either for good songster.—Clarke, 82, High-st., Sydenham.

I WILL buy or exchange Norwich, Yorkshires, Borders, etc., and wild or moulted birds; state price and description.—William Wilson, 247, Argyle-st., Glasgow.

EXCHANGE 21 genuine Edison gold-moulded records, in case, nearly new, for Canaries, aviary, flights; or sell 24/-.—Young, 10, Villiers-rd., Willesden-green.

EXCHANGE high-class Crestbred cock, for two large typical Norwich cocks (yellow and buff), and buff hen; or sell 35/-; approval.—Cranston, North Wall Quarters, Pentonville Prison, London.

MAINLY CANARIES - continued.

I WILL give opera glasses, in case, for Goldfinch Mule, hen Goldfinch, twice hen [illegible] Belted, and Linnet, proved mules, for Yorkshire [illegible], and two hens; must be good.—H. Roberts, Cwm Hill cottage, Bagillt, N. Wales.

1906 SMART buff Yorkshire cock, 7/-; yellow hen, 4/-; variegated buff Norwich, 5/-; 1906 buff Yorkshire, 3/6; large buff Norwich, 3/6. Blakesley, Hinckley.

SIX 1907 Canary hens, good feeding strain, exchange good yelow Yorkshire cock or pair of Norwich, or nearest offer.—James, 205, Court-st., Tonypandy, Glam.

WANTED, useful exchange for four prize-bred Border Fancy hens, Bennet and Young's direct strain; or sell 5/- each.—Briggs, Lamb-n, Berwickshire.

EXCHANGE one yellow Green, marked, two clear buff hens, 1906, bred from even-marked Yorkshire, for long buff pink-eyed Yorkshire cock.—J. Hacking, 102, Bold-st., Accrington.

WHAT offer in Yorkshire or Norwich Canaries for stuffed Fox in case, standing, or pair of English Partridges, cased, good preservation? Approval.—Ambrose, Naturalist, 71, Berners-st., Ipswich.

THREE Squirrels, mounted on shields or glass-fronted case, Barn Owl, true pair Golden Crested Wrens, mounted ditto, sell cheap; or exchange cock Canaries.—Nash. See British Bird column.

GRAND pair Crested Norwich, 20/-, for two good Cinnamon hens; also two good buff Norwich hens for good plump yellow Norwich hen; offers.—Davis, 43, Concrete-st., Haverigg, Millom, Cumberland.

COCK Goldfinch Mule, pure Goldfinch song, 10/6, exchange Norwich hens; Roller cock Linnet, and Sib hen, guaranteed Mule breeders, 10/6, offers Norwich.—Tutty, 22, Smith's-bldgs., Mitcham.

WINNING Yorkshires, yellow cock, 3rd Cambridge, 25/-; ditto, 3rd Oakham, 20/-; a few grand stock birds from 10/-, or exchange. See "Wanted."—Cocks, Eastfield, Peterboro'.

CANARIES, in full song, Hartz and Yorkshire cross, cold room bred, cocks, 6/6, hens 2/6, or useful exchange.—Nisbett, Navigation Inn, Black-rd., Macclesfield.

TURLE large cock Canaries, two foul greens, 10/- each; one buff wing marked green Crest, 15/-; three hens, 5/- each; would exchange a good talking Parrot.—Roston, Bruskin-st., Wolverhampton.

EXCHANGE, two pairs good Norwich Canaries, guaranteed cock and hen, 1906 birds, for good phonograph and records, or sell 25/-.—Cooper, 207, Clayton-ter., South Shields.

FEW real good Norwich for disposal, high-class birds, cocks and hens, from 5/-, exchange for Norwich type Cinnamon or anything useful.—R. Willoughby, Decorator, New Hampton-rd., Wolverhampton.

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires.—Can spare three champion cocks, uneven marked, yellow variegated, yellow clear buff, 18/- each; buff hen, 12/-; three days' approval, cash or deposit, or would exchange pullets.—Middleton, Croft, Thwaites, Keighley, Yorkshire.

GRAND buff Yorkshire cock, cinnamon marked yellow hen, well matched pair, exchange 1906 clear yellow Norwich cock, or two clear Norwich hens, sell 12/6; approval.—Hughes, 3, Newton-st., Llanberis, North Wales.

EXCHANGE two large typical Norwich cocks, clear buffs 8/6, variegated 6/6, two large deep yellow hens, match, 5/- each, cold room bred, bargain; phonograph, offers.—Brown, 40, Osborne-rd., North Evington, Leicester.

HIGH-CLASS typical Border Fancies, a few pairs, even-marked and even-marked bred, matched to breed even-marks, from 17/6; or exchange Goldies, Siberian or British, or Hawfinches.—Robert Dyer, Haystoun Farm, Peebles.

THREE cocks, three hens, Goldfinch Mules, young cock Goldfinch, Canary-reared, two long yellow Yorkshires, two yellow Norwich hens, all healthy, 1906, cold room bred, cash offers, or exchange large young Crests preferred.—Apply, Giddings, 40, Kingsbury-rd., Berkhamsted, Herts.

Mainly Foreign
To be Sold or Exchanged

AFRICAN Grey Parrot, in good condition, and strong cage, 35/-; or would part exchange.—95, Tithebarn-st., Liverpool.

GREY back red-breasted Parrot, show condition, with cage, 20/-; exchange anything useful.—Mackved, Hairdresser, Bradford-rd., Keighley.

SELL or exchange, blue Macaw, for a Yorkshire Terrier dog; must be good; or sell for £3.—W. Leahirn, 5, Castle-la., Dundee.

EXCHANGE 113 numbers "Model Engineer" for two pairs Budgerigars, what offers in Foreigners? Sell 12/-, clean; approval.—C. Parke, Park-hill, Awsworth, Notts. x265

AFRICAN Grey Parrot, 30/-, worth £3; another, 12 months in country, £2, or exchange Canaries or Mules or house moulted birds.—Harvie, Wholesale Basket Maker, London-rd., Sheffield.

Miscellaneous
Sale or Exchange

GOOD old Violin, 20/-, exchange 27/- Canaries, anything.—C. Harnden, Island, Salcombe.

EXCHANGE, lady's or gent's silver Geneva watch for two cocks or five hen Canaries.—Marsden, 17a, &c., Phillips-rd., Sheffield.

TOY Bull Terrier bitch, four months, sire champion Bloomsbury Young King, exchange Yorkshires, &c., 40/-.—Gratton, 114, Mansfield-rd., Derby.

EXCHANGE gent's massive solid gold signet ring, never worn, for two cocks, in full song, or four hens; approval both ways.—Algar, Victor-st., Sunderland.

SEVEN pairs good Flying Homers, 15/-, or exchange anything useful; approval.—Tanner, 19, Dickenson's-la., Woodside, S.E.

CAVILS.—Splendid pen Abyssinians, boar, four sows, winners, cost £3, from Rocket Pugh, take 15/-, or exchange.—Pearson, Greenwich.

NOTICE. What offers in Canaries for new palace shaped aviary, or sell 25/-, or breeding cages?—Hogg, Cage Maker, Carlisle.

EXCHANGE pair hollow ground razors, in silk lined case, for one cock or three hen Canaries.—Joseph Rogers, 200, Beet-st., Sheffield.

EXCHANGE gold watch, 25/-, two Foreign bird books, 7/6, morning coat and vest, 10/-, cornet, 15/-.—Westrope, North-st., Bumpstead, Haverhill.

WHAT offers in Canaries, either sex, for 7 lb. bird lime? Best possible price.—62, Celtic-st., Stockport.

GOOD Dutch Doe; exchange two hen Canaries or Bantams.—Gibson, Leeds, Maidston.

RETRIEVER bitch, make good foster, due March, for breeder.—Wheeler, Road, Bath.

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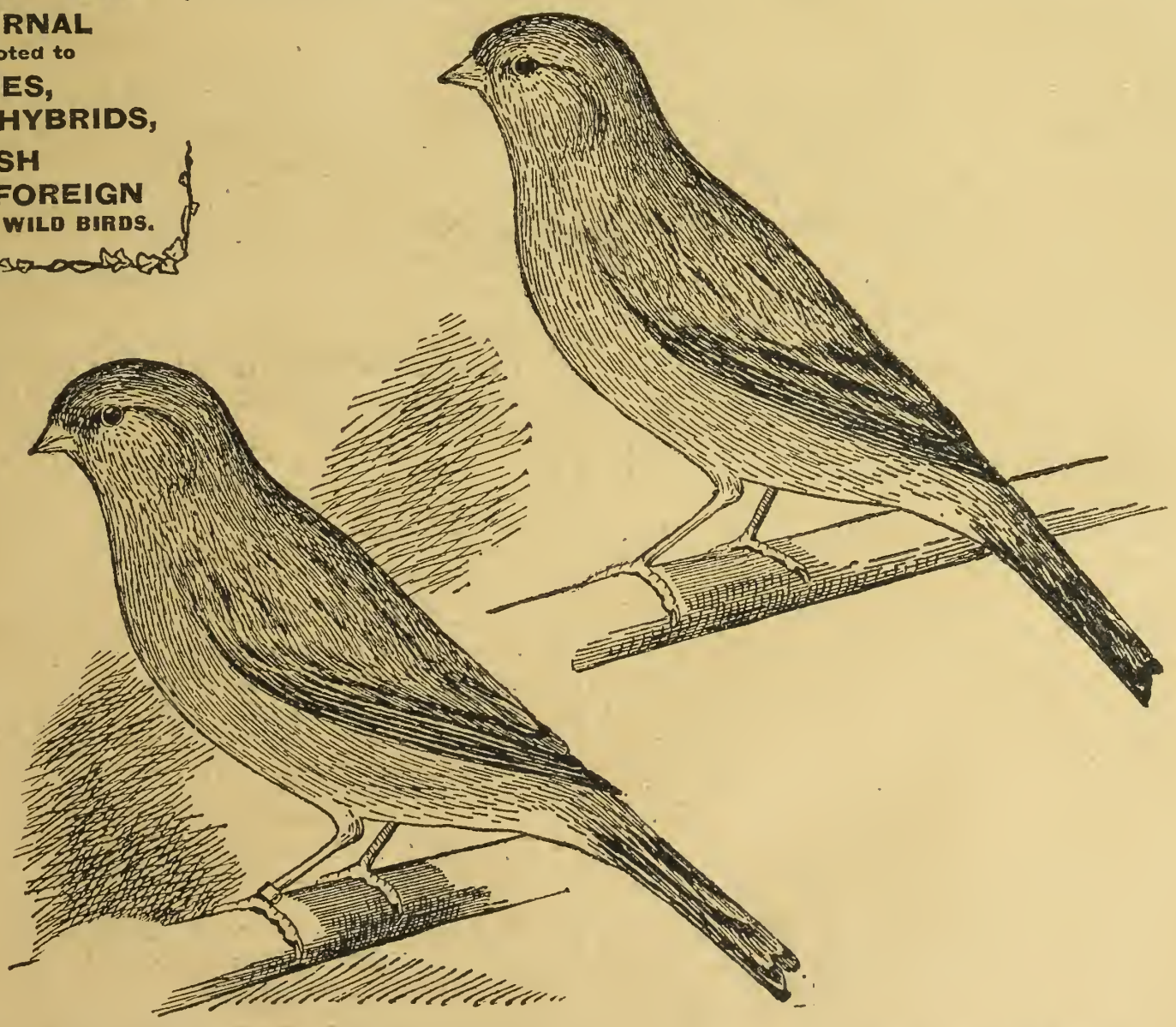

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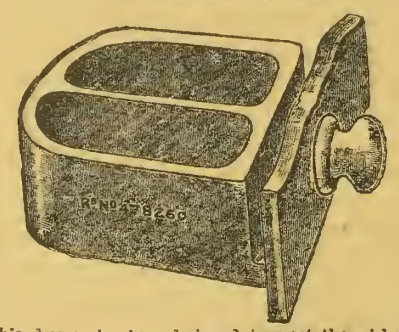

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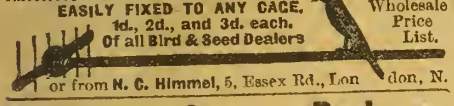
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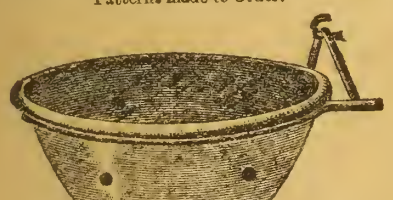

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Clear Yellow, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, 10/-, 15/-, 20/-. Clear Buff, 3/6, 4/-, 5/-, 6/6, 8/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-. Ticked or Variegated, 3/6, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, 10/-. Cinnamon Ticked, 4/-, 5/-, 7/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-. Pairs properly matched for breeding Yorkshires, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 21/-, and upwards.

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I can supply you with either Yorkshires or Norwich Plainheads, for either stock or the show bench, all bred from my winners at all the leading shows, no better blood in the Fancy, pairs from 12s. 6d., 15s., 20s., 30s.; cocks or hens, from 7s. 6d., 10s. 6d., 15s., 20s. each; 3 days' approval.—14, Chapel Street, Eccleshill, Bradford, Yorkshire.

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I earnestly ask you for trial order to prove I give satisfaction; sent on week's approval at my own risk, cash or deposit. I claim to have best collection in West England, and sold some most prominent on show bench, which wins challenge cup and medals; this strain winners 200 prizes; Yorkshire cocks, standard length, feather like wax, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-; hens 3/6, 4/6, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6; clears or ticked pairs 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-; Sib bred cocks or hens, for light muling, same price.—C. Baker, Herbert-st., Bedminster.

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[Now should not this also be good enough for all who read it.—W.R.]

Treasury, St. George's, Grenada, West Indies, Jan. 24/07.—I beg to acknowledge receipt of the Cage with 14 Canaries. They ARRIVED IN EXCELLENT CONDITION, and give full satisfaction to all concerned. I hope to send you another order soon, as there are lots of my friends desiring to get birds after seeing these you have sent me.—J. Braithwaite to W. Rudd.

24a, Rosehill-ter., Swansea. February 24th, 1907.—I received the breeding cage safe, and am very pleased with it. I think it very cheap.—W. H. Orchard to W. Rudd.

43, Sehert-rd., Forest Gate, London. February 25th, 1907.—Birds arrived in good time and in perfect condition, and give every satisfaction. Quite up to the standard.—E. Davis to W. Rudd.

2, Cross-st., Marston, Cheshire. February 23rd, 1907.—Kindly send a tin of Eggertine. If it had not been for your Eggertine my bird would have been dead by this.—T. Southern to W. Rudd.

Mytholmroyd. February 22nd, 1907.—Birds arrived safe, and give satisfaction, coming high above expectations, and in grand condition.—J. Dugide to W. Rudd.

41, Vine-st., Bishopthorpe-rd., York. February 22nd, 1907.—The Parrot safe to hand. It is a very fine bird, and wonderfully tame. We are delighted with it. I did not expect such a large bird.—R. Dempsey to W. Rudd.

36, Grove-rest, Beechen-grove, Watford. February 20th, 1907.—Please forward a 2/6 tin of Eggertine, as I have quite run out, and I find there is nothing to equal it for my birds.—A. Rowe to W. Rudd.

32, Stavordale-rd., Highbury Hill, London, N. February 21st, 1907.—I am pleased to say birds arrived safely, and in splendid condition. I am simply delighted with them.—J. T. Watcheson to W. Rudd.

8, Hamilton Back-land, Overtown, By Wishaw. February 19th, 1907.—Birds arrived safe. The cock was singing when I went into the station for them. They are a pair of gems for the money.—R. Wyper to W. Rudd.

25, Alma-pl., Cowley-rd., Oxford. February 21st, 1907.—I am very pleased to tell you the Parrot arrived safe, and I am very pleased with it. He commenced talking and whistling before we could get the box open, and has been talking and whistling all the afternoon.—M. Emmanuel to W. Rudd.

4, Salisbury-rd., Nocl Park, Wood Green, London, N. February 22nd, 1907.—I received the Yorkshire cock safely, and I am very pleased with it. It is similar to the one I had from you two years ago. I consider your birds well up to guarantee in point of value, far superior to birds offered at double the price by local fanciers.—H. Effingham to W. Rudd.

2, Stanhope-ter., Hyde Park, London, W. February 22nd, 1907.—I received the Canary quite safe, and am very pleased with it. He is the best I have ever had.—L. Stimpson to W. Rudd.

9, Achilles-rd., West Hampstead, London, W. February 20th, 1907.—The birds arrived safe. I must say I am very pleased indeed for your fair dealing. They are much better than I expected.—F. Moore to W. Rudd.

31, Tait's-lane, Dundee. February 21st, 1907.—Kindly send me a tin of Eggertine. I had some from you before, and I think it is a splendid egg food. I have given my birds nothing but your Eggertine, and I have now four healthy young ones.—J. Nicholson to W. Rudd.

Highland-villas, Khartoum-rd., Inswich. February 23rd, 1907.—Received the two pairs of Canaries. I am very pleased with them. Had I have paid the money for the two cocks I could not have been better satisfied, as by 7.30 the next morning they were "raising the roof." I think you have charged me for two songsters, and thrown the hens in. This is my first order to you, but it will not be my fault if it is the last.—T. Wild to W. Rudd.

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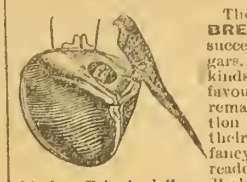

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THE L. AND P.O.S.

At a special committee meeting of the London and Provincial O.S., held Tuesday evening, Mr. George Crabb, the esteemed President, following up his frequently-expressed intention to retire from the office he has held so worthily for about a decade, firmly intimated that he could no longer see his way to retain office, and, very reluctantly, the committee had to accept his decision. Mr. Crabb feels that his tenure of the Presidential position has already exceeded a fair limit, besides which he cannot afford the time for the constant attendance at committee meetings. The question of selecting a fresh President was deferred. It was suggested that Mr. T. Heath should be elected to take his place, but that gentleman declined the honour. The Society has decided for the future to have a Chairman and Vice-Chair, and elected as the first Chairman Mr. J. W. Ramsden, Mr. J. H. Couzens being voted to the position of Vice-Chair. In the course of a month or two, steps will be taken *re* the election of a new President.

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A.O.V. CANARY.
Judge, Mr. Robson.

A nice class of a dozen with a large percentage of even-marked Norwich, although the winner, Helliwell, was one of those great but most beautiful of varieties, a four-pointed yellow Yorkshire, and it was a Yorkshire, too, as well as being nicely balanced in marking; 2, Adnitt and Driver, grandly shaped four-pointed yellow Norwich, plenty of colour and quality, and not at all badly marked; 3, Brooks, very shapely Dutch Frill, plenty of length and size, carries a wealth of feather, which is well put on; 4, Pegg, neatly marked four-pointed yellow Norwich, not so much substance, but very neat and natty, and well balanced in markings; vhc, Silk, another four-pointed Norwich, Charles, you do like them, but we have seen your show even-marks with more true Norwich character than this bird possesses; hc, Mason, pied yellow Cinnamon, capital shape, colour and quality of feather; c, Gilbert, another very nicely marked Norwich.

NOVICE A.O.V.
Judge, Mr. J. Robson.

CANARY OR MULE (14): 1, Davies, very rich-coloured Linnet-Bullfinch Mule, beautifully feathered, capital shape and size, very nicely marked; 2, Pitkin, three-pointed buff Goldfinch-Canary Mule, capital shape, beautifully feathered, nice blaze and bar, put down very fit; 3, Fisher, large, well-spangled gold Lizard, rare shape, colour and feather; 4, Ross, well-marked, rich-coloured Goldfinch-Bullfinch Mule, in capital feather; vhc, Ninners, variegated buff Goldfinch-Canary Mule, nice shape, colour and feather; hc, Ramsden, very fine Goldfinch-Greenfinch Mule, well marked, grand feather, shape and colour; c, Johnson, neat little buff Border, shapely and stylish, and full of quality.

The exhibits were received in good time on the whole, though one or two exhibitors erred in both directions, some birds coming to hand a full day earlier than they need have done, and some not arriving until well on in the Friday morning, in an odd case or two being too late for competition.

The celerity with which the Show was cleared at the close was a veritable eye-opener. Before four o'clock struck the way for a quick clearance was being quietly engineered. The cases for the long distance birds had been looked out, and they were got away in record time, all the Scotch exhibits actually being in a through van on the express which leaves the Metropolis about six o'clock. By ten p.m., out of all the vast array of birds not a single one remained, either local or otherwise. This is indeed good management.

The only serious mishap to incoming birds happened to two Linnets belonging to the well-known North Country exhibitor of these birds, Mr. Kearton, of Cleator Moor. The case containing them evidently met with rough usage en route, for one bird was taken out dead, and the other seriously ailing. Those who know the quality of the Linnets he puts down will sympathise with Mr. Kearton in his misfortune.

It is a few years since we had such a nice lot of Lancashires at the Palace. One or two could not (or would not) agree with Mr. Compston's awards. They said he had not considered size enough. Mr. Compston's contention is, that valuable as may be the slashing, big, long, feathered birds, as stock birds, they are not show birds. On the show bench he wants the finished article, and of the two he thinks size without carriage should give way to carriage with less size.

Did those Green men find the judge on Saturday? Whilst they were breathing thunder against T.H., he was enjoying the Irish scene in the House of the Crested Canary Club.

JUDGES OF CAGE BIRDS.

The attention of Show Secretaries is directed to the following list of gentlemen willing to act as Judges. Terms for insertion on application.

A. AMBLER, 17, Lytton Road, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Life experience. 11 years reporter to the Fancy Press.
H. W. AXE, 55, Market Place, Doncaster. Judge of Canaries and other Cage Birds. Practical experience (Norwich and British speciality).
W. O BARLOW, The Aviaries, Malpas, Cheshire. Judge of Canaries, British Birds and Mules. Terms moderate
J. C. BARNES, 149, Duncombe Street, Walkley, Sheffield. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Long practical experience. Terms moderate.
W. P. BARNES, Judge of Canarics and Cage Birds. Life practical experience. Breeder and exhibitor. Reporter for Fancy Press. Commercial Road, Grantham.
GEO. BENNETT, 46, Wonlock Street, Luton, Beds. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Thirty years' experience. Terms moderate.
W. A. COWGILL, 115, Washington Street, Girlington, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Over twenty years' experience. Terms moderate.
A. G. DAVIS, Judge of all Classes of Cage Birds. Long practical experience. Terms moderate. 110, Tib Street, Manchester.
T. DIXON, Pioneer Terrace, Bedlington Station Northumberland. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Life experience.
J. DOBSON, 14, East Road, London, N. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds.
J. W. DRIVER, (Adnitt & Driver), Gladstone Street, South Normanton, Alfreton. Judge of Cage Birds.
GEO. GARDNER, 11, Haverstock Road, London, N.W. Judge of all kinds of Cage Birds.
C. A. HOUSE, 82, Upper Walthamstow Road, Walthamstow Judge of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds.
W H. LINDLEY, 4, Summer Lane, Wombwell, near Barnsley. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds only.
E. A. LOVELL, 19, Islington Road, Southville, Bristol. Judge of Cage Birds (all varieties). Life experience.
F. MARWOOD, 1, Barnard Street, Thornaby-on-Tees, Mules, British and Foreign, a Speciality. 17 years exhibitor. Terms moderate.
W. R. MILES, The Aviaries, Chichester. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Life experience.
W. MUNDELL, 6, Carlisle Place, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds.
J. NORTH, 435, Oxford Road, Reading. Canaries, British and Foreign Birds. Author of "The Common Sense of Canary Rearing."
J. PATTERSON, Chirnside. Judge of Cage Birds. All varieties. Wide practical experience. Specialist Border Fancy Judge.
J. H. PAYNE, 17, Northgate Street, Gloucester. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Cage Birds.
PARKER ROBINSON, N.B.B. & M. Club, 1, Back Hartington Street South, Barrow-in-Furness. Cage Birds, all Varieties.
J. H. ROE, 167, Clarence Rd., Derby. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Twenty years' practical experience.
WILLIAM J. ROSS, 19, Haulgh Road, Inverness, N.B. Judge of Pigeons, Canaries and Cage Birds. All varieties. Life experience.
A. E. SILK, The Aviaries, Whitstable. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Practical experience. Terms moderate.
C. E. SILK, The Aviaries, Emsworth, Hants. Judge of Canaries and all Cage Birds. Life experience.
HENRY TAMS, Orchard Place, Longton, Staffs. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Birds. Twenty-five years Breeder and Exhibitor.
R. B. TOPE, Hoe Street, Plymouth. Judge of Cage Birds, Rabbits, Cats, and Cavies. Twenty-five years' experience.
J. WILCOCK, 14, Chapel Street, Eccleshill, near Bradford, Yorkshire. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. 25 years Breeder and Exhibitor leading shows.
J. C. WILMOT, 17, Sandhurst Road, Bedford. Judge of Canaries & British Birds. Thirty years' experience.
J. H. WINN (of Winn & Hinde), Freehold Aviaries, Lancaster. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds.
H. WRIGHT (WRIGHT & SON), 84, Heath Road, Norwich. Judge of Cage Birds. Life experience.

SHOW DATES FIXED.

To secure insertion in this column a guarantee that the show will be advertised in "C.B." to the extent of at least 25/- must be sent to our manager.
* Under the Rules of the C.B. Union.

*Oct. 4 and 5.—**Burnley.**
*Oct. 11 and 12, 1907—**Great Harwood.**
*Oct. 17 and 18.—**Dulwich and Peckham** (J.R., G.E.W., W.V.)
*Oct. 18 and 19.—**Rochdale O.C.** (C.A.H. & W.M.)
*Oct. 18 and 19.—**Newcastle and District Good Intent** (T.H., J.C.B., C.H. and J.P.)
Oct. 18 and 19.—**Accrington & District** (J.R.)
*Oct. 22 and 23.—**Plymouth W.C.O.S.**
*Oct. 25 and 26.—**Manchester and Northern Counties, O.S.**
*Oct. 26.—**Middlesborough Tee-side C.B.S.**
Oct. 26 and 28.—**Cheltenham C.B.S.**
*Nov 1 and 2, 1907—**Mansfield.**
Nov. 1 and 2, 1907. — **Blaydon-on-Tyne and District C.B.S.**
*Nov. 1 and 2.—**Blackburn.**
Nov. 2.—**Bramley and District** (J.C.B.)
*Nov. 2 and 4.—**Leicester Hand in Hand C.B.S.**
Nov. 5 and 6.—**York C.B.S.** (J.H.R., H.W.B.)
*Nov. 6 and 7.—**Welsh National C.B.S.**
Nov. 6 and 7.—**Portsmouth.**
Nov. 6 and 7.—**Swansea and District C.B.A.**
*Nov. 7 and 8.—**Greenwich and Deptford.**
*Nov. 8 and 9.—**Hinckley** (J.R.)
*Nov. 8 and 9, 1907.—**Sheffield and District C.B.S.**
*Nov. 9, 1907—**Bo'ness.**
*Nov. 9.—**Stockton-on-Tees & District C.B.S.**
*Nov. 12.—**Cambridge and Cambridgeshire C.B.S.** (J.R.)
*Nov. 13.—**Luton** (J.R.)
*Nov. 14.—**Merthyr Tydfil.**
*Nov. 15 and 16, 1907.—**Leeds** (P.R., J.R. & H.W.B.)
Nov. 16. **Consett.**
Nov. 16.—**Morpeth.**
*Nov. 16 and 18.—**Nottingham.**
Nov. 19.—**Wishaw and District C.S.**
Nov. 20 and 21.—**Margate** (J.R.)
*Nov. 22 and 23.—**Hull** (J.C.B., C.H.)
*Nov. 22 and 23.—**Sunderland.**
Nov. 23.—**City and County of Perth.**
*Nov. 26 and 27.—**Bournemouth and District C.B.S.**
*Nov. 26 and 27.—**Derby.**
*Nov. 27 and 28.—**Cardiff and District C.B.S.** (J.H.P. & J.R.)
Nov. 28 and 29.—**Y.C.C. of Ireland** (H.W.B.)
Nov. 30, 1907.—**Dundee.**
Dec. 6 and 7.—**L.C.B.A. (Westminster).**
Dec. 7, 1907.—**Cupar-Fife.**
Dec. 13 and 14.—**Gateshead and District.**
Dec. 13 and 14.—**Scaham Harbour & District.**

I notice in your critique of Palace Show, Yellow Crests 3rd, Woodland, should be Woollard. Please correct.—A. WOOLLARD.

Mr. H. Norman has been elected to judge the London and Counties Show of British Birds, on Saturday, March 16th, at "The Bay Malton," Gt. Portland Street.

We have done business all over England with three advertisements in CAGE BIRDS, and, as a consequence, have had to take larger premises to cope with the business.—T. LEACH AND SON, 41 and 42, Market Place, Keighley.

The London and Counties smoking concert will be held at "The Bay Malton," Gt. Portland Street, W., on Thursday, March 7th next. There will be a good array of talent, and some well-known artists will appear. The concert commences at 8.

Mr. John Wenham, 443, Langside Street, Winnipeg, Canada, writes:—I received the splendid Birthday Number, and, thanks to good packing, not damaged in the least. Extremely obliged, too, for insertion in Christmas Number, re parties who would bring out birds. I had quite a host of replies.

The Scottish British Bird and Mule Club has a balance in hand of £4 0s. 5d., as a result of last year's working, this being a slight increase over the previous season. A fine lot of medals were put up for competition amongst its members during the show season, and the club would seem to be in a very flourishing condition, 85 subscriptions having been received.

The balance-sheet of the Northern Crest Club for the past year is a very satisfactory document. Duly audited by Messrs. Currah and Crawhall, it shows a balance in hand of £4 7s. 9d., and a paid-up membership of 46. This is in addition to two £5 5s. silver cups. Crest fanciers in the Northern counties should put themselves into communication with Mr. T. Robson, the hon. sec., 41, Shield Street, Newcastle-on-Tyne, who will explain to them the advantages of membership.

One of the most handsomely printed advertising booklets we have seen in connection with the bird trade has been sent to us by Messrs. Payne and Wallace, of the Little Zoo, Lyncombe Hill, Bath. These advertisers claim that they are not "ordinary backyard or stay-at-home naturalists," one member of the firm regularly visiting Australia every year to collect birds, etc., bringing them to Europe. The trade has been carried on by them for thirty years, but until last year as a wholesale business only. They claim that their birds and animals are kept under the best sanitary conditions. Much readable and instructive letterpress, and many well-taken photographs, make up a particularly good production.

Overheard.

I took two Lancashire and Lizard fanciers for organ-grinders the other day, writes "Mutual Friend," seeing them with what I took to be an organ. I overheard the following conversation:—Said A. to B.: "How long have you taken 'C.B.'?" B.: "Since the first copy." A.: "How about this week's issue?" B.: "It's all right. What struck me most were the Lizard and Lancashire portrayed on page 166, as I remember the same two exhibitors staging their birds side by side 30 years ago! I was pleased to see them so honoured after 30 years' breeding and exhibiting. What do you think about our Australian cousin's remarks about the Lizard?" B.: "Well; let him come into Derbyshire, and I think we will surprise him for size." As I got closer to them, I found that what I took to be the organ was a seed mill on a huge scale.

Bradford (West) C.B.A.

A good and interesting syllabus for the Season 1907 reaches us from the Secretary, Mr. T. Clegg, 55, Lupton Street, Bradford. The first show will be held on March 2nd; judge, Mr. J. Wilkinson (Gt. Horton). The members' tea and social on March 9th, at 5.30 p.m. On Saturday, March 23rd, there will be a discussion on "Pairing and Breeding," chair to be taken 8 p.m. prompt. Second show, July 6th, for birds in their first feather; judge, Mr. W. H. Shackleton (Girlington). Cricket match with Windhill, date to be arranged. Third show, September 28th; judge, Mr. J. Wilman (Gt. Horton). Fourth show, December 26th; judge, Mr. R. Sutcliffe (Windhill). All these events will be held in the club-room at the Red Lion Hotel, Four Lane Ends.

H. Preece (Chesterfield) says:—I consider your "Bird World Magazine" a masterpiece with a future.

All prize-money has been paid in respect of the Queen's Park and District Matched Pair Show.—J. C. BIRCH, Hon. Sec.

Mr. J. T. Keyes (Hanwell) writes:—Re Crystal Palace Show Report, you credit me with a 1st in Novice Yellow Hens; the bird I exhibited turned out to be a cock, and was very properly disqualified.

Part I. of CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL to hand, with thanks. It's the handiest book I have had for a long time—so full of interesting notes; kindly forward No. II. as early as possible.—WM. STOVES (Sheriff Hill).

The well-known names of Messrs. T. Heath J. C. Barnes, Chas. Houlton and James Patterson appear on the judges' list for Newcastle and District Good Intent Cage Bird Show.

Owing to the limited time at the disposal of Mr. W. Hodson, Hon. Sec. of the Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S., and in anticipation of a much larger autumn show, the Committee have appointed Mr. G. F. Woolhouse to act as show manager for the year.

Spen Valley C.B.S. will hold their last show of the season on March 2nd for pairs best-matched for breeding, when Mr. J. Wilman, of Bradford, will judge. Entries close first post on Saturday morning, same day as show.—A. WHITEHEAD, Hon. Sec.

The 1907 balance-sheet of the Leigh and District C.B.S. shows a balance of £4 8s. 4d., writes Mr. A. Parks, the Secretary, despite a considerable increase in expenditure in catering in a better style for the needs of the fancier. The balance makes a rosy beginning for the coming season. Auditors: Messrs. R. Davies and T. Wilkinson.

A satisfactory balance-sheet for the year ending January 26th, 1907, is that presented by the Bramley and District O.S. In spite of a small deficit on the Open Show, the finances of the society are in a flourishing condition, a balance remaining in hand of £5 11s. 11½d. An attractive syllabus has been prepared for the present season.

Accept my heartiest congratulations on the Palace Show number, and for the typical sportsmanlike criticism. I was very surprised to see the first portion of the paper that I read before the Swindon fanciers in type so quick; it speaks volumes for your excellent management and your excellent paper. With best wishes for "Mother" and "Child"—CAGE BIRDS and the "Bird World Magazine."—S. W. BIRCHLEY (Churchdown).

"Bird Notes," for February, has a beautiful coloured frontispiece of that very beautiful bird, the Superb Tanager. It is the work of Mr. J. G. Keulemans, and Mr. C. Castle-Sloane, F.Z.S., supplies the instructive accompanying letterpress. Dr. Cresswell draws to a close his paper "Concerning Rooks," a very thoughtful and interesting discourse on those intelligent members of the avine family. Mr. Pengelly writes on the "Crows of the Fen Country," while Mr. Castle-Sloane has a further article and plate on the "Concave-casqued Hornbill." Mr. J. D. Murray writes interestingly concerning the Grey Parrot, and mentions incidentally that he does not believe in the "repetition method" of teaching them to talk, but believes in letting them hear constant and varied conversation; also that hen Parrots are usually better talkers than cocks, and that the latter prefer ladies (*genus homo*, of course), and the former gentlemen, thus making it possible to easily sex them. The next issue (March) commences a new volume, and the editorial duties, we note, then pass into the hands of Mr. W. T. Page, F.Z.S., etc.

Old Friends.

It gave me much pleasure, on opening the Palace Number, to see the lifelike reproduction of my broken-capped Lizard, alongside of my old friend, John Garner's famous Lancashire Coppy. I well remember, although it is 29 years last October, going over the hills with the late Joseph Wrighley, to Whalley Bridge Show, fully expecting to get four firsts. On arriving we saw our friend, John Garner. We then knew our hopes were blighted, and that we were down! We had to play second fiddle, to the tune of four seconds! I have taken your paper from the "first" issue, and with pleasure noted the strides it has made. I wish you future success. I consider your report of the Palace Show is very good, and very fair.—C. E. FISHER (Glossop).

We have to record a gratifying increase in the list of shows who deem it advisable to be represented in our

DATES FIXED COLUMN.

Will Secretaries and Committees kindly run their eyes over this feature? It is practically the only safeguard against clashing, that frequent cause of so many disastrous shows.

The congestion of cage bird shows increases every year. Take time by the forelock, and guard against disappointment.

A reference to the file of CAGE BIRDS for the past show season proves that practically every show of any consequence thought it worth while to be represented in this list, and the advantages we offer to a show which guarantees to spend not less than 25s. with us in advertisements are so many that the popularity of the feature is not to be wondered at. A guaranteed show is entitled to be included on our Fanciers' Map, issued at the start of the show season; it is entitled to the free insertion of the date, name of show, and initials of judges from the time of guarantee up to the date of the show; we indicate in the column whether the show is held under Union Rule or Licence; we give either a handsome bound volume of CAGE BIRDS or two framed coloured plates, at the committee's option, as special prizes; and we do our best to see that every guaranteed show is given a proper report in our columns.

We are, however, pleased to review show schedules free of cost, whether the show is guaranteed or not, and we especially draw attention to the very great convenience afforded to show committees by our features "Entries Extended," "Entries Close," and "Prize Money Paid."

To the executives of Scotch shows we make a special appeal in view of our Scotch edition, which enables us to report with great thoroughness the many interesting Scotch exhibitions.

In conclusion, we would remind committees that by guaranteeing their shows with us they effect a considerable saving, as our tariff for guaranteed shows is one shilling per inch less than it is for non-guaranteed events. Moreover, the wins of shows guaranteed for our "Dates Fixed" column are inserted in our annual register of wins free of cost, thus completing a series of advantages of which we feel sure committees will see the full force.—The Manager, CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet Street, London.

AN INTERESTING FACT.

Mr. LAMBERT BROWN, Joint Manager of the CRYSTAL PALACE SHOW, informed his Committee at their last meeting that about

95 out of every 100

applications for Schedules came through "Cage Birds."

Show Secretaries, make a note of this!

"Health and Strength Magazine" for March has been received. All physical culturist readers of "C.B." should make a point of obtaining this really wonderful two-pennyworth.

At the next monthly meeting, on February 7th, of the Bristol fanciers, at their headquarters, the Crown and Dove Hotel, Mr. J. Payne, the well-known cage bird judge, will give a lecture on "Cage Birds." Fanciers in the district are invited.

Cocks Among the Hens.

It was current gossip at the Palace that several masculine birds—the naughty things—had found their way into classes intended solely for the ladies. We saw two 'cute fanciers laughing over the Norwich huff hen class, and in the novice yellow Yorkshire hen class the winner was generally held to have a very "cocky" look about her.

The Disqualified Greens.

At a special committee meeting, held on February 26th, the London and Provincial O.S. decided, in connection with the recent disqualification of two Green Yorkshire Canarics at the last Crystal Palace Show, to uphold the decision of the judge. We understand that the exhibitors concerned had a special representative present in the person of a Mr. Fisher, and this gentleman, we are told, admitted that the feathers were of an unnatural appearance, but submitted that there was no proof that the tampering had been done by the exhibitors. It might, he argued, have been done by other birds in the flight. Certain expert testimony was placed before the Committee and the exhibitor's representative. This testimony left no shadow of doubt that while there are naturally "square" feathers in a Canary, the particular feathers upon which the disqualification had been made certainly were unnatural, and had been made so by some such instrument as a small forceps or pair of nail clippers. Mr. Ramsden will shortly visit Liverpool, so we hear, to confer specially with the Green Canary Association on this point.

WILL YOU HELP?

Ten Specimens for each Reader.

Our Palace Show Number of 1907 promises to be remembered as one of the most successful issues ever sent out from this office. Owing to the work involved in getting out this tremendous 48-page issue, with its beautiful plate and show photographs, we were rather later than usual in publishing, but, despite that fact, as soon as the paper appeared on the stalls, repeat orders came flashing over the wires from every direction. Messrs. W. H. Smith, the well-known wholesale newsagents, for their London houses alone had to be refused no less than thirty additional quires (lots of 26), and the Palace Number of "C.B." was out of print the same day as it was published. We are now in a position to guarantee advertisers a minimum weekly circulation of 42,000 actual copies, and we are calling for the assistance of our readers to convert this total into 60,000.

We suggest that each reader make himself responsible for the circulation of ten specimen copies, with the idea of getting their friends to take up the hobby of birdkeeping, or send us the names and addresses of ten friends to whom we can post copies of CAGE BIRDS. We will send the ten copies carriage paid to you, or post free direct to your friends. By helping us, remember you are helping yourselves and your hobby.

Thanks for the treat you have given readers of CAGE BIRDS this week. Your plates, and also your "comie side," of the Crystal Palace Show are good. I enjoyed my trip to London; sorry to have to go home so soon. Our Annual Scottish National Meeting, held last night, was a splendid gathering. All old officials elected again. Great hopes of a record show.—D. KINLAYSIDE (Edinburgh).

I have had this week's coloured plate framed. I think it a nicer plate than "Stars of the Season."—F. COCKERILL (Stockport).

[This reader is doubtless a Norwich fancier. —ED. "C.B."]

I think your plate a treat, and also your supplement; we always have plenty for our money. CAGE BIRDS is the best paper that has come before the public. Every success to you and your staff.—W. J. EDWARDS (Abertillery).

Your Palace Number and plate are excellent. —W. SCHOFIELD (Ipswich).

W. White (Cowes, I. of W.) says: I noticed my case (one with a strap round it) in your photograph of the Palace Show. I thought the report of the show was splendid.

Just the plate I have been wanting for so long. I hope you have another one you can let me have. I have taken your paper since it first started.—G. JEFFS (Northampton).

After reading CAGE BIRDS this week, I feel as if I had been at the Palace; everything seems so minutely described. CAGE BIRDS has done its best.—H. TAMS (Longton).

Your Palace Number is grand, and quite a surprise, the photos. being so well reproduced that it is easy to recognise all. Mr. Norman is to be congratulated upon his blaze of colour and beauty.—R. J. PRETTY (London).

Many thanks for excellent report of Palace, also coloured plate. The report simply carried one right through the show.—W. B. SMART (Loanhead).

Allow me to heartily congratulate you on the splendid Palace Number you gave us—a most interesting Number from start to finish.—J. H. ROE (Derby).

Allow me to congratulate you on your Palace Number. The plate, "A Blaze of Colour," is worth the price charged for the whole lot. How can you afford to give us such a lot for the money? Have got you another new reader this week.—F. W. PICKARD (Wakefield).

A Disclaimer.

Mr. R. A. Newley (having been informed that a man has visited suburban shows representing himself as R. A. Newley) wishes us to state that he has no representatives—that no one has authority to use his name—and that he has no other address than 24, Stockwell Green, London.

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CLUB NOTICES.

No charge is made for notices of forthcoming meetings, but they can only be inserted once. Should secretaries desire to secure immediate insertion of their announcements **exactly as written** they can do so by prepayment at the rate of three words a penny.

Amalgamated Yorkshire O.S.—Mon., March 4th, at Market Tavern, 7.30 p.m. Adjourned annual general meeting; all members are eligible to attend. —Fred Hammond, hon. sec.

Battersea and Dis. C.B.A.—March 6th, at Duchess of Devonshire, Lavender Road, Clapham Junction. Mr. J. Robson on preparation for breeding; all fanciers welcome.—F. Easterling, hon. sec.

Bermondsey and Dis. F.A.—March 5th, at Samson's Castle, Grange Road, S.E., 8.30 p.m. Radius extended to 20 miles; four sections; fanciers please note; subscription, 4/- year.—A. Lupton, sec.

Bingley and Dis. O.S.—March 7th, at Co-op. Rooms, 7.30 p.m. Important business; members attend.—A. Livesey, sec.

Bolton and Dis. O. and R.C.S.—March 4th, at Headquarters, 8 p.m. Date of first Feather Show, and to consider the annual Old Bird Show.—J. Stringer, sec.

Bolton and Dis. Progressive C.B.S.—March 5th, at "Silver Grid Cafe," Bridge Street, 8 p.m. Lecture by Mr. Bancroft on Norwich Plainheads; bird room novelties for inspection and discussion.—John W. Bancroft, sec.

Bradford (East) O.S.—March 5th, at Park Chapel Schools, 8 p.m. Mr. C. Cowgill on the breeding and rearing of Yorkshires; all cordially invited.—H. Hall, sec.

Bradford (West) C.B.A.—March 2nd, at Red Lion Hotel, 2.30 p.m. Members' Show; judge, J. Wilkinson; birds staged at 2.30 p.m.—T. Clegg, sec.

Brighouse and Dis. C.B.S.—March 5th, at Headquarters, 7.30 prompt. Important business.—A. Morton, hon. sec.

Broughty Ferry C.B.S.—March 6th, at Baker's Rooms, King Street, 8 p.m. Date for Open Show; enrolment of new members; radius 25 miles.—C. Muir, sec.

Carlisle C.B.S.—March 26th, at Viaduct Hotel, 8 p.m. General meeting; date of show; election of judges; members attend.—Wm. Thomas, hon. sec.

Chester and Dis. C.B.S.—March 5th, at The Boot Inn, 7.30. British and Pair Show, postponed from last meeting; entrance fee, 3d. per cage; three prizes; birds staged by 7.30.—Alfred J. Red, sec.

Cinnamon Marked Y.C.—March 2nd, at Market Tavern, Bradford, 7 p.m. Smoking concert; the competition prizes will be presented by Mr. D. Sunderland; all fanciers invited.—R. Garnett, sec.

City of Birmingham C.B.S.—March 6th, at Crown Hotel, Station Street, 8 p.m. Members' Pair Show; fanciers and friends invited.—H. C. Wilkins, sec.

City of Bradford O.S.—March 16th, at Travellers' Rest, 8. On account of C.M.Y.C. prize presentation and smoker, Mr. Clarkson's lecture is postponed till this date.—P. Stansfield, sec.

City of Hull C.B.S.—March 4th, at Oddfellows Hall, 8. Pair Show; cups, etc.; members please attend.—Potter and Stamford, secs.

Coventry O.S.—March 6th, at Sydenham Palace, Ford Street, 8.30 p.m. Annual general meeting, election of officers, etc.; programme for the year.—E. Turrell, sec.

Crewe O.S.—March 5th, at "Swan," Victoria Street, 7.30. Annual general meeting; election of officers; receive all moneys from Members' Show.—A. Wilkinson, sec.

Dalkeith and Dis. C.C.—Sat., Feb. 2nd, at Ship Inn, 7 p.m. Amendment of rules; last night for acceptance of new members.—T. Briggs, sec.

Darlington C.B.S.—March 6th, at "Half Moon," Northgate, 8 p.m. Paper on Linnets, Goldfinches, and Bullfinches, and exhibition birds, by Mr. F. Marwood (Thornaby).—E. Brunskill, sec.

Dundee, Lochee, and Broughtyferry C.B.A.—Wed., at Cutler's Hall, 8 p.m. Members are requested to attend; Open Show date fixture; new members are very cordially invited; yearly subscription, 4/-.—Jas. D. Rae, sec.

Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.—March 7th, at the Herne Tavern, Peckham Rye, S.E., 8 p.m. Lecture, illustrated by lantern slides, on British birds, by W. Hodson and A. E. Butler.—W. Hodson, hon. sec.

East Bowling and Dis. B.F.A.—March 9th, at Barley Mow Hotel, 7.30 prompt. Important business.—T. E. Higgins, sec.

Eastern Dis. O.S.—March 4th at Free Gardeners' Hall, Abbeymount, Edinburgh, 8 o'clock. Selecting judges for Annual Show.—A. Robinson, sec.

Eccles and Dis. C.B.S.—March 6th, at Grapes Hotel, Pecl Green, 8 o'clock. Address, Mr. Lythgoe, On joining Cage Bird Union.—A. Wheatley, hon. sec.

Eccleshill C.B.A.—March 2nd, at Fountain Inn, 8 p.m. Important; all members are requested to attend.—W. Ashworth, sec.

Edinburgh Norwich and M.B.S.—March 7th, at 142, High Street, 7.45. Large attendance requested; lecture on the Goldfinch, by Mr. Cochrane.—W. Dunlop, sec.

Edinburgh Western O.S.—March 7th, at Riego Street Hall, 8 p.m. Important; large attendance requested; members enrolled at this meeting.—J. Thomson, sec.

Exeter and Dis. C.B.A.—March 5th, at Oddfellows Hall, 8 p.m. Monthly meeting; paper by Mr. W. H. Cummings, "British Birds and How to Feed Them."—R. H. Folley, hon. sec.

Gateshead and Dis. C.B.S.—March 6th, at Newton and Skeen's Cafe, 7.30 p.m. Arranging meeting dates instead of second Wed. in every month; election of judges, etc.; members' subscriptions now due.—T. Taylor, sec.

Gt. Horton Good Intent O.S.—Sat., March 9th, at Co-op. Cafe, 5 o'clock. Annual tea and social; will all members and friends please attend?—A. Holden, sec.

Greenock, Port Glasgow, and Gourock O.S.—Wed., March 6th, at Victoria Hall, 7.30 p.m. Very important business.—Charles Holland, sec.

Greenwich and Deptford C.B.S.—March 7th, at the Two Brewers, Church Street. Members' Annual Table Show of British and Foreign birds, Canary, Muling and Hybrid pairs; all birds to be staged by 7.30 o'clock; judge, J. Dewhurst.—J. Fishwick, hon. sec. (pro. tem.)

Guisborough F.S.—March 2nd, at Headquarters, 7 p.m. Important business.—W. T. Simpson, hon. sec.

Halifax O.S.—March 2nd, at Griffin Hotel, 7.45 p.m. Annual Pair Show and monthly meeting; judging at 8 p.m. prompt; entries close 7.45 p.m.—J. F. Thackray, sec.

Hartlepools C.B.S.—March 5th, at Y.M.C.A. Rooms, Whitby Street, 8 p.m. Annual General meeting; report and balance-sheet, etc.—E. Woodhead, hon. sec.

L. and L.F.A.—March 2nd, at White Lion Hotel, Corporation Street, Manchester, 6 p.m. General meeting; most important.—H. Oliver, sec.

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Laisterdyke B.F.A.—March 5th, at Royal Oak Hotel, 8 p.m. Dinner, concert, and business; members please attend.—J. Pownall, sec.

Leeds C.B.S.—March 2nd, at Lockhart's, Briggate (next Hope Bros.), 7.30. Pair Show; all fanciers invited; admission free.—Stephenson and Hornby, secs.

Leeds R.C.C.—March 3rd, at Lockhart's, 55, Briggate (corner of Commercial Street), 7.30 p.m. To discuss invitation from Leeds C.B.C., re amalgamation, and other important business.—C. Towes, hon. sec.

Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S.—March 6th, at White Swan Hotel, 8 p.m. Table Show, Norwich buff hens, any variety, open; ditto novice.—Chas. Draper, sec.

Leigh and Dis C.B.S.—March 5th, at Railway Hotel, Leigh, 7.30. Discussion; friends invited.—A. Parks, sec.

Leith O.S.—March 9th, at Labour Hall, Smith's Place. Fixing date of show; enrolment of members.—George Brown, sec.

Loanhead and Dis. C.B.S.—Sat., March 9th, at Volunteer Hall, Loanhead, 7 o'clock. Classification booking of hens; fanciers interested in Scotch Fancy, Norwich, Borders, Mules, and British invited; rules ready.—Walter B. Smart, sec.

Loughborough and Dis. C.B.A.—Wed., March 6th, at Charnwood Coffee House, 7.30 p.m. Table Show British birds; judge, Mr. Judd (Leicester); entrance fee, 3d.; entries close Monday, March 4th; birds brought after 6.45 will be too late for judging.—E. Thorp, sec.

Lowestoft and Dis. C.B.S. (radius, five miles from Lowestoft Central, G.E.R.).—Mon., March 4th, at the Fox and Hounds, London Road, 8.30 p.m. Important business; also fill vacancy on committee. Now fanciers, give us a look up. Anybody wishing to become a member will be heartily welcome. Please turn up in large numbers.—George Francis, hon. sec., South Wharf, Lowestoft.

Manchester and N.C.O.S.—March 4th, at Deansgate Hotel, 7.45 p.m. sharp. Pair Show; classes Norwich, Yorkshire, and A.O.V. and Mule; prizes awarded; 6d. entrance, 5d. sliding scale.—E. H. Jones, asst. sec.

Manningham C.B.A.—March 2nd, at Mowbray Arms, 8 o'clock. Important business.—E. Kemp, sec.

Middlesbrough and Teeside C.B.S.—March 9th, at Crown Hotel, 7 p.m. General meeting; balance-sheet.—Arthur Wake, sec.

Newcastle and Dis. C.B.S.—March 7th, at Lockhart's, 65, Grainger Street, at 7.30. Members and intending members attend.—Curry and Hutchinson, secs.

New Mills and Dis. C.B.S.—March 4th, at the L. and N.W. Railway Hotel, Albion Road, New Mills.—T. Forrester, sec.

Nottingham and Notts O.S.—Mon., March 4th, at Cobden Hall, 8 o'clock. Lecture by Mr. J. H. Scothern on "Crests."—G. E. Wilkinson, sec.

Preston O.S.—March 5th, at Tokio Cafe, Fishergate, 8 p.m. Novice Table Show of matched breeding pairs Yorkshire and Norwich; judge, W. Sherrington.—R. Seed, hon. sec.

Queen's Park and Dis. C.B.A.—March 7th, at Windsor Castle Hotel, Harrow Road, W., 8. To elect judge for Annual Show, and other important business.—J. C. Birch, sec.

Queensbury C.B.S.—March 5th, at Granby Hotel, 8 o'clock. Important business; all members attend. —S. Jagger, sec.

Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.—March 2nd, at Temperance Club, 8 p.m. Essay by Mr. J. Lees, on management of the Yorkshire.—Sam M. Clayton, sec.

Rochdale O.C.—March 2nd, at Club Rooms, 8 p.m. Important business; Town Hall Show on March 11th; discussion on the Canary, breeding, pairing, and rearing of young.—J. Butterworth, sec.

St. Helens O.S.—March 4th, at George Inn, Water Street, 8 o'clock. Amateur Judging Competition; all members earnestly requested to attend.—Thos. Vose, sec.

Sale O.O.S.—March 11th, at Sale Hotel, Marsland Road, 8 p.m. Passing of rules; "Shall we join C.B.U.?"; and other business.—G. F. Hardcastle, sec.

Scottish British Bird and Mule Club.—Sat., March 2nd, at 142, High Street, Edinburgh, 3.45 p.m. Annual general meeting; presentation of medals, etc.—R. Farmer, sec.

Scottish National C.B.S.—March 9th, at Rooms, 142, High Street, Edinburgh, 7 p.m. Adjourned general meeting; classification and judges.—Jas. Winter, sec.

Sheffield and Dis. C.B.S.—March 7th, at Wentworth Cafe, Pinstone Street, 8 p.m. Table Show; matched pairs Yorkshires for breeding; champion and novice classes; judge, W. Oxley.—Bishop and Pilley, secs.

Shipley O.S.—Tues., March 5th, at Victoria Hotel, 8 p.m. Balance-sheet, etc.; a lecture by Mr. R. Halliday on Yorkshires, pairing, etc.; all fanciers cordially invited.—H. Dobson, sec.

South London C. and F.A.—March 13th, at Royal George, Tanner's Hill, Lewisham High Road, S.E., 8 p.m. Pair Show; annual report, etc.; birds staged 7.30 p.m., J. Robson, judge; fanciers invited.—G. A. Jeffreys, sec.

South Metropolitan F.A.—March 7th, at Headquarters, 8 p.m. General meeting.—A. Maddison, sec.

South-West London C.B.S.—March 14th, at Plough Hotel, Clapham Junction, 8.30. Mr. J. Robson has kindly consented to give a very important lecture, the title will be a suitable one, "Canaries for Beginners"; fanciers from every district cordially invited.—Lilley, hon. sec.

Stockton-on-Tees and Dis. C.B.S.—March 7th, at Leeds Hotel, 8 o'clock. Important business.—J. W. Lowes, sec.

Wallasey and Dis. C.B.S.—March 7th, at St. Mary's Schools, Liscard, 8 o'clock. To discuss scheme for improvement of the Fancy in Wallasey district; discussion on pairing, to be opened by S. Hadwin.—Wm. Mallinson, sec.

Wath and Dis. C.B.S.—March 3rd, at Cross Keys Hotel, 7.30 prompt.—H. H. Bramham, sec.

West London F.A.—March 7th, at Bush Hotel, 8 p.m. Annual Show matter.—J. Dewhurst, sec.

Wimbledon and Dis. C.B.S.—March 4th, at The Broadway, 8 p.m. Lecture on Crest and Crestbred Canaries, by Prof. Selkirk; all fanciers welcome.—W. H. Colman, sec.

Wishaw and Dis. Canary Show, Confined.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, March 2nd, at Watson's Hall, Young Street, 7 o'clock. Fanciers residing within four miles of Wishaw wishing to become members communicate with Wm. Robertson, 6, Brown Street, Wishaw.

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CANARIES.

NORWICH PLAINHEADS.

Answered by J. H. PAYNE.

Cock Dropping Feathers (E.W.).—Your bird is no doubt casting a few feathers through being kept in the kitchen, but as you say he still sings well and is in good health, I think you will get him into breeding condition by the time you will want him. I should advise you to wait until the first or second week in April. Keep him below the level of the gas, and cover over at night with a warm cloth. Let him have a little egg food three times a week (about a half-teaspoonful), to which add 5 drops of Parrish's chemical food. Give twice a week a good pinch of maw seed. You will soon be able to procure young dandelion leaves. Give him two or three of these twice a week; be sure they are free from frost.

Seed Samples (S.L.).—The samples of Spanish canary are all very good indeed. There is not much difference between No. 1 and No. 3, but I think the former is a little better ripened and just a shade the bolder. They are equal in sweetness. Your members may consider themselves lucky that they can always procure such excellent seed.

Out of Song and Losing Feathers (New Reader).—Your Norwich cock does not sing owing to the fact that it is in a soft or cross moult. You have probably been keeping him huug up in the window. If this is the case, take him away at once, and put him in a cosy corner away from draught; hang the cage below the level of the gas. Cover him over at night with a warm cloth. Let him have in his drinking water, on alternate days for a fortnight, 10 drops of tincture of quinine. Three times a week give a piece of sponge cake, over which drop a small quantity of best sherry. Give occasionally a good pinch of maw seed.

Sample of Seed (W.R.R.).—The sample of canary seed is a most excellent one, being large, full, and very clean, and quite reasonable at the price you name. Your Norwich should do well upon it. I think you would have great difficulty in getting better.

Cock Husky and Squeaky (W.R.P.).—I expect your bird caught a cold on the journey, and as you say you only had him last week, you have not had time to tell whether your treatment will prove effectual or not. Give him another week or ten days, and if not better then write again, and I will advise you. Keep him away from draughts, and cover over at night with a warm cloth.

Pairing Query (R.N.E.).—Pair up your ticked yellow cock with the clear buff hen No. 8; the large buff cock No. 2 with the small marked yellow hen No. 7; the large buff green cock with the lightest marked buff hen you have; the small yellow green cock to the largest and lightest marked of the other buff hens, and the small yellow variegated to one of the two remaining hens. You will get a lot of greens and heavily marked young. You really want to introduce some more clears into them, but I presume you wish to make use of the material you have at hand. As you are going to turn your Britishers into an aviary, you can only let them pair up as they choose. This, in your case, will make no difference, as no matter how they pair should you be fortunate enough to rear any youngsters from them they will be valuable.

Blister Under Wing (W. James).—It is a difficult matter to tell what is the actual cause of these blisters arising in Canaries. I have seen them in young ones a week or two old. Your not being able to tell under what conditions the bird has been kept, and how it has been fed, somewhat handicaps me. In the first place give it a little egg food three times a week, to which add about half as much carbonate of bismuth as would stand on a threepenny piece. Continue this for a fortnight, and should this not cause an improvement give instead in the drinking water every other day, for eight days, 3 drops of tincture of capsicum.

Norwich Cock Not Singing (A.D.).—Your bird may breed although not in song, as you say he is in the pink of condition, and very lively. He is probably an old bird, but still, if he is as sprightly as you say, I see no reason why he should not fertilise eggs. I cannot recommend anything better than you have been giving. When you can procure a few young dandelion leaves let him have some of these, but be quite sure there is no frost on them.

Soft Since Last Season (Constant Reader).—Your hen evidently wants toning up a bit. Give her in her drinking water, for a fortnight, ten drops of tincture of quinine. Twice a week give a little egg food, to which add five drops of Parrish's chemical food, and as a change now and again give a piece of sponge cake, over which drop a small quantity of good sherry.

Paper Nest Pans (Reader 18 Months).—I should not recommend you to use the nest receptacle which you say you have moulded out of paper and glue. In the first place, they would be quite impervious to air, and would not be ventilated in any way unless you made holes in the sides or bottom, and this would considerably weaken such a frail structure. Then again, in the heat of the summer, with the additional heat of the sitting hen's body, I fancy you would find the glue would soften, and thereby cause some catastrophe. It seems to me like courting disaster to attempt to use them. Far better use the old-fashioned wooden boxes with perforated zinc bottom, or some of the nesting pans which are now put upon the market.

Hen Out of Condition (J.B.).—Give your hen, in two tablespoonfuls of water, a piece of sulphate of soda, about the size of a horse bean, twice a week for two weeks. Instead of using the mixed seeds, give only plain Spanish canary for at least six weeks, after which give twice a week a half-teaspoonful of the following mixture:—Hemp, German rape, and niga, with occasionally a pinch of maw seed. Give a spray or two of watercress twice a week, and occasionally put a piece of sweet apple between the bars of the cage.

Hen Dull and Lifeless (W. Munt).—Give your Norwich hen, in her drinking water, every other day for a fortnight or three weeks, fifteen drops of syrup of tolu and ten drops of glycerine. Keep in a cosy corner away from draughts, and take the precaution to cover over at night with a warm cloth. You may mix a little demerara sugar with just sufficient fresh butter to make it stiff, and put a little of this at the end of the perch for her to peck at, twice or three times a week. I think you are wrong in attributing the illness to the colour food.

YORKSHIRES.

Answered by H. W. BATTYE.

Canary Seed (Seed Sample).—The seed you send is a fairly good sample of Spanish canary seed, good in taste, and it seems clean and bright, fit to feed any kind of Canaries on. The price is reasonable.

Wheezing and Chuckling (W. H. Hunt).—Instead of the egg food, give your bird a little boiled milk sop, just what you think he will eat during one day. Mix with it six drops of syrup of buckthorn and a little moist sugar, and sprinkle over the lot a pinch of maw seed, giving fresh every morning. Take away the drinking water each night, and give fresh each morning, adding to it six drops of tincture of aconite and four drops of tincture of lobelia. Treat as above for ten days, and after that, instead of the syrup of buckthorn and milk sop, give a little egg food, and mix with it six drops of Parrish's chemical food, and sprinkle it with maw seed. Keep the bird in a cosy warm corner, free from draughts, and cover up at night.

Sex and the Bath (One of Your Readers).—Are you sure the bird you have is a cock? You do not state its age. If, as you say, he is in good health, he should be singing by this time of the year. From what you write I should fancy it is a hen. But if you are sure it is a cock, feed as follows:—Staple food, canary seed, with a little egg food. Mix with egg food six drops of Parrish's chemical food, and sprinkle on it a pinch of maw seed. Give this fresh every day. To get it to bathe put it in the same cage as the three hens you have, and I think when they bathe he will do the same. When he has got a start he will probably continue of his own accord. I have many times found this answer with individual birds that have seemed to be afraid of the bath. You might, if you doubt the sex of this bird, get some experienced local fancier to examine it, and give you his opinion. You must send your other query re Linnet to Mr. Weston; he will probably advise you on the matter.

Asthma (P. M. Cavendish).—Your two birds seem to be in a bad way, and will not be likely to improve much, I am afraid, until we have better weather. Many birds when they get the age of yours curl up and pant more or less when the weather is so cold and changeable as we have been having it since Christmas. The mixture you have been using is undoubtedly a good one, but in chronic cases only has a relieving effect, and sometimes a change to a remedy of a different character has a good effect. You might try the following treatment. Take the bird's drinking water away every night, and give fresh each morning, adding four drops of the following mixture:—½ oz. oil of eucalyptus and ½ oz. oil of cajapat. Stop the hemp, and give maw instead, along with summer rape. Give no green food for some weeks yet. Give a little mutton suet between the wires. Cover up at night and keep free from draughts until the more genial weather of spring arrives, when they will no doubt greatly improve.

Improvement of Colour (Cage Birds).—You may consider you have done fairly well at your first attempt as an exhibitor. A first, second, vhc. and c, along with a special for best bird, with seven entries, is not at all bad. What you require to improve the colour of your birds (which you say are practically all clear) is variegation, and this can be obtained by using a self-coloured green or Cinnamon bird, as the case may be, and mating it to one of your clears. The following season keep any lightly marked birds you may happen to breed, and again mate them with clears. One of the best ways to maintain the colour blood in a stud of birds is to make a practice of generally having one bird of any pair you breed with either ticked or marked. By this system you keep up the colour, with a chance of breeding a nicely-marked bird, and you avoid at the same time having a lot of heavily variegated young birds, and these are not required by an exhibitor.

CRESTS AND CRESTBREDS.

Answered by W. E. GREEVES.

Crestbred Hen With Stiff Claw (F. W. L.).—Your bird has what is termed a nerveless back claw, with which it has no power to grip, and never will have. This is not an uncommon complaint either with Crests or Crestbreds, but will not affect its breeding. Provide a round perch of medium size. Some prefer one with three edges, placing the perch in a position that one of the edges is uppermost; mind that the edge is not too sharp.

Crested Cock Losing Feathers in Crest (Green).—Crest feathers will drop out frequently at this time of the year, and unfortunately at other times as well. I do not consider a bird that loses his feathers in this way to be of a robust constitution; at the same time it would not affect his breeding. Feed on canary seed daily, German rape every other day, hemp once a week, egg food once a week; no other mixtures. Add to the drinking water a small quantity of sulphate of iron, just sufficient to colour the water. Do not throw the seeds on the bottom of the cage; put them in a separate pan. Feed the Crestbred hen as advised for the cock; but no green food, apple, or carrot in either cases. Give lime water to drink (which can be purchased at any chemist), fresh every morning for a week. If the droppings are then natural, give sulphate of iron in the water, say two days, then miss one, for a week.

BORDERS.

Answered by J. PATTERSON.

Various (Admirer).—I am delighted that you appreciated the charms of the wee Borders at the Palace. I have every confidence in recommending them to you by way of entering the Fancy again. They are undoubtedly the best variety to take up from a novice point of view. They are good songsters, very hardy, and very free breeders, easily managed during the breeding season, and are not very expensive. The time they will require most of your attention is while they are going through the moult, when they must be kept scrupulously clean. I shall be happy to advise you at any time.

Hen Unwell (A. G.).—Keep her in a quiet warm corner of your room. Be sure to cover her over at night, and keep her clear of all draughts. Give her as much milk-sop twice daily as she will eat, throwing away any stale left. Let fall on it every morning five drops sherry wine, and sprinkle a pinch of maw seed over it. Give scalded rape seed every other day. To prepare it see answer to "T. Williams" in last week's issue. A little egg food twice a week will be beneficial. Get from some bird-seed merchant a 3d. box of "Tibb's Quinella," and follow directions on top of same. Let her have this fresh every day for a week. After that replace with a piece of sulphate of iron the size of a split pea, in drinking water. Renew it every other day. She should come all right again. Are you sure your mixed seed and gravel are quite fresh and free from any musty smell? If you have any suspicious of the gravel, place it in oven in an old baking tin, and let it remain till thoroughly baked through. If of the seeds, either throw them away or pass through a sieve in a warm room. I have known many cases of illness resulting from above.

Unsatisfactory Moult (T. Dunn).—I should imagine that you kept him too long in breeding cage last year, and therefore his strength is run down and he has not been able to thoroughly throw off the effects of the moult. Keep him in a warm corner of your room, as advised "A. G." Let him have plain canary seed as his staple food; add a pinch of German rape every other day. Give this occasionally scalded, as advised "T. Williams" last week. On the days you do not give the rape seed let him have half a teaspoonful of egg food with a pinch of maw seed over it, and mix well through it three drops Parrish's chemical food. You might give (say, twice a week) a little hemp seed, and occasionally a piece of bread, soaked in scalded milk, and with five drops of sherry wine on it. Put a few shreds of saffron in his drinking water. I intend you to vary these three things, of course, when he may soon come all right. (2) From particulars, I should not say he would be in breeding form before the latter end of April. Whenever you see a few shoots of young dandelions, give him one or two leaves daily, first seeing that they are well washed and free from frost. Should this relax the bowels, a small piece of sulphate of iron will counteract same.

LIZARDS.

Answered by BARKER CLEGG.

Hen With Injured Leg and Weak Claws (A. E. P.).—Pleased to hear there is a decided improvement, and that your Lizard hen can now use the leg. You may discontinue the use of the iodine tincture. You say she does not properly grasp the perch with the hind claw. Well, I should say this is from the effect of the injury to the joint above. It will take a little time for the power to get in the claw. You may with advantage use a bath that is wired over, or a cage that would hold water half-inch deep, and allow the bird to walk in it. This is much better than holding the bird in the water. Give this bath morning and evening for a week. Have the water as hot as you can hold your hand in comfortably to commence with; add a little salt or brine on each occasion; or it would do warmed up again for a time or two. This will strengthen the claw. Change the perches and notice which appears to be most comfortable. Then you might cover them with cloth, which would prevent any slipping. I have known this treatment to be very successful with cases of this description. I think your hen will recover sufficiently, even if not perfectly, by the time for breeding, particularly as you say the bird is in good health.

GREENS.

Answered by S. HADWIN.

Green Cock with a Cold (One Year's Experience).—Add equal parts glycerine to your ipecacuanha wine and squills, and give regularly fresh each morning. You say your bird is improving, so you are on the right track. There is no doubt that as the weather gets warmer your bird will improve still more, and very likely, before the breeding season comes round (say the first week in April), he will be in full song and breeding condition. Continue feeding as at present, but add to egg food 12 drops of Parrish's chemical food.

ROLLERS.

Answered by F. A. LESTER.

Wanted, Probable Results of Breeding (Silliw).—There are several conditions that will have to enter into your calculations as to the result of your breeding with the cock bird you mention. First, to get youngsters as good as the father your hen, or hens, will have to be as good. Secondly, your progeny, if any, will (as all others do) have good, bad, and indifferent birds among them. Thirdly, When the youngsters are eight to ten weeks' old they require caging off and keeping fairly dark, to ensure getting a quiet level song from them.

Feather Eating, etc. (Novice B.).—You do not give me any information regarding your feeding, and this, and being pestered with red-mite, are the two usual causes of feather eating. Give the hen a good spraying with some water in which some quassia chips have been boiled and allowed to cool. Feed very plain on two parts rape and one part canary. Give as much Epsom salts as will cover a threepenny-piece in drinker, for one day only, and see how things go on. The other hen is evidently ready to breed, and should be mated up at once.

Breeding Condition (F. Hughes).—The growth you imagine is on the vent is simply that extension of the vent which in the male bird shows very prominently as he comes into breeding condition. Do not be alarmed; it is not dangerous in any way.

Presumably Indigestion (Oiseau).—I think your bird is suffering from indigestion. Discontinue the soft food (whatever that is) and give him two parts German rape and one part canary. Discontinue the Parrish's, and give instead a teaspoonful of the following mixture:—Pennyworth of simple syrup, pennyworth glycerine, pennyworth ipecacuanha wine, and one tablespoonful of whisky. Shake well before putting in drinker. Give him a breeding cage to fly in for a time, if possible.

General Ailments and Questions (W. Clayton).—Your Roller cock that twists his head about is possibly suffering from some kind of nervousness, that may go away with time; but it is certainly not catching. I do not know of anything that will cure it. Your results were very good indeed. A young cock would have shown some sign of song ere this. You should cage up all the known cocks, and then you will almost be able to commence breeding at once, as your hens appear ready. Change your feeding. This mixture will be more suitable: Two parts German rape seed, one part canary. Discontinue hemp and egg food.

Breeding in Outdoor Aviary and Separating Youngsters (My Golliwog).—Yes, the compartments the size you mention will be large enough; 11ft. by 4ft. by 4ft., divided in two parts, the cock and three hens each side. Divide by boards, as the cocks will pay more attention to the hens if they cannot see each other. You will not be able to put them out till the second week in April. A nursery cage, 1ft. square, will do nicely, and the parents will feed through the wires; bang a perch conveniently for them. Give the youngsters a supply of crushed seed and egg food when about four weeks' old.

To Mate for Beauty, etc. (Reader).—The young Roller cock will breed, I should think, and when buying a hen get one slightly variegated, and you should breed some pretty birds. I daresay the gentleman you mention will serve you properly. Yes, the Norwich breeding cage will be very suitable. When the birds commence to breed and have youngsters they will need some egg food and crushed hemp seed.

MISCELLANEOUS CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by J. NORTH.

Quassia Chips.—Can I put quassia chips in the bath for Canaries. Will they drink it and take any harm? How strong can it be made?—STRETFORD.

Yes, certainly; I have often advised this, and it is a valuable aid to keeping birds free from red-mite. There is no harm in it, but it is intensely bitter, and birds are not likely to drink much of it. A few chips that can be taken up with the finger and thumb are enough for half a pint of bath water. Perhaps a concentrated infusion might be of service. It can be made by steeping one ounce of the chips in one pint of hot water. Strain it off, and preserve in well-corked bottle. Mix a tablespoonful of it with half pint of cold water for bath. It will not keep long, especially in summer time.

Some Kind of Growth.—Year old Canary has growth at tail root, which looks like fat and is very yellow. A fortnight ago the centre contained matter, which I got out by pricking it with a needle. It seems in pain when excreting.—J.W.S.

From my point of view I cannot see that there is much amiss with your bird. The enlargement at root of tail is certainly a normal growth, being nothing more nor less than the oil-gland which secretes a fatty substance which the birds use in the repair, polishing, and general upkeep of their plumage. It certainly is not wise to interfere with it. As to the bird "straining and panting," that indicates liver trouble, and may in the early stages be remedied by the diet. Let the bird have a slice of sweet apple or boiled carrot, and some green leaves of dandelion, watercress, groundsel, or chickweed.

"A Twirler."—Cock Canary clings on cage wires, and turns its head and body backwards. Will this do him harm? How can I stop him? Am afraid it will affect his brain in time?—E.W.C.

Your bird is what is called a "twirler" or "twister." Some fanciers very much dislike this kind of deportment in their birds, while others derive pleasure from seeing their birds actively engaged in any direction. If you dislike it, arrange the top perch so close to the roof that the bird cannot easily perform the evolution. Another way is to make the uppermost spur of tobacco pipe or any other hollow tube, fixed so that it revolves on a wire passed through it. I do not think you need fear that the bird's brain will become affected. Give plenty of salad or sweet apple.

"Breeding Diarrhœa."—Hen Canary, when breeding, gets diarrhœa badly. It seems that the egg food disagrees with her. Is there any other food I could substitute to rear young? She reared one young—last year; forsook other nests.—TENBY.

This nesting diarrhœa is in many ways obnoxious, and often denotes a diseased state of the liver and kidneys. I should not advise anyone to try to breed again with such a hen. It is only "buying trouble." The only medicine that is at all likely to do any good is a crystal of sulphate of iron, the size of a split pea, in two tablespoonfuls of her drinking water. If you withhold egg food, I do not think this hen would cease to be troubled. But it is quite possible to rear young without egg food, and you would do well to get Dr. Creswell's book, "The Hygiene of Bird Keeping," to learn how it is done.

Breeding Queries.—(1) One cock, two hens. Is it better to run all together in double breeding cage, or to let him have one at a time? (2) What cock to put to Cinnamon hen for colour? (3) Have German hen. Could I expect any songsters by putting Yorkshire cock with her? (4) Two hens reared no chicks last season, though they hatched all right. I account for it by them sitting too close. Would you advise me to try again and let the cock stop with them?—J. H. WIDDOW.

(1) Two lady Canaries are not likely to agree together in one cage, and if it is necessary for the cock to have more than one mate let there be more than one breeding cage, or a cage with a centre partition. The best plan when breeding high-class stock is to have one cock to one hen in one cage for one season. (2) You cannot do better than pair a Cinnamon cock to a Cinnamon hen. If she is buff, he must be jonque (or yellow), and vice versa. (3) Yorks with Yorks, and German with

German would be better. (4) Every fancier is apt at finding excuses for the failing of his pets; but some dispose of such hens. I think you show the better fancier's spirit by giving them another trial. Let it be under different surroundings and circumstances, as advised to another querist.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

A Corn Bunting (Weekly Reader).—The best style of cage to keep a Corn Bunting in is the Finch stock cage, illustrated and described in the 1906 ANNUAL. It is of box pattern (wired in front only), and a suitable size for your purpose would be, length 18in., height 12in., depth 8in. There should be doors at the front and in the end, a seed-box running from front to back inside, outside water vessel, sand-tray, and two perches resting on the wood-work at front, which is made exceptionally deep, at least 4in. Most cage makers now stock cages of the pattern here described, and they are the most useful for all British Hardhills, being varied in size according to the intended inmate. If enamelled outside black and inside very light (electric) blue or green, they look very nice, and may be easily cleaned, especially if the front is, as it should be, a detachable (flat-bar) one. The principal food for a Corn Bunting is good sound canary seed. This should be varied with lightly-cracked hemp, shelled and smashed sunflower, groats, small wheat and oats, crushed, if necessary, summer rape, maw, etc. The bird must also have live (insect) food three or four times weekly; meal-worms in the winter, flies, smooth caterpillars, spiders, and anything similar in the summer, or as obtainable. If the bird will eat a little good insectivorous food, containing plenty of ants' eggs, as often as you like to give it, so much the better for its chances of thriving. Damp it with a little summer rape, which has been soaked in cold water until just beginning to sprout; or a very little grated raw carrot or finely-minced lettuce, or other green food. A good diet is needed, as many Buntings are apt to go off in a "decline."

Unduly Moist Excreta (L. H. C.).—There is probably very little, if anything at all, the matter with your Linnet. I have had many which acquired the habit of emptying their water-tins every day. They were always busy taking up the water in their bills, and then scattering it all over themselves and their cages, afterwards picking the drops off the wires of the latter and appearing very interested and amused by the pastime. Get a small quantity of tincture of gentian from a chemist, and make the drinking water taste just bitter of this. It will do the bird no harm, and may keep him away from the water-tin at such times as he is not really desirous of drinking. Write me again if necessary.

Blackbird and Canary (Cymro).—There is nothing at all unusual in the fact of a Blackbird, previously dense black in colour, assuming white flight and tail feathers. Such cases of partial albinism are, indeed, often met with. I doubt if anyone could tell you exactly why the bird chooses to turn himself into a freak. I can say this, however: your manner of feeding is singularly poor, and may quite likely have something to do with the case. Substitute finely-crushed puppy biscuits (or game meal without grit) for the bread-crumbs. Let him bathe freely, and put in his drinking water (every two tablespoonfuls) for two or three weeks a half-teaspoonful of Parrish's Chemical Food. This should enable him to pull round in decent plumage and form again. If you will read the rules you will note that queries for different specialists should not be mixed together. I do not answer Canary queries. Keep your bird cosy and out of draughts, and he will come through the cross moult in time. Give a little egg-food daily, and the Parrish's as recommended above.

What Birds to Try (New Beginner).—It really is quite impossible for anyone to advise you without seeing the birds. One has to judge of their disposition, and this cannot be done from a letter. Providing the birds are steady and in high condition (incessant vigorous song is a good guide to this), there is no reason why a Goldfinch, a Siskin, and a Linnet should not breed with hen Canaries. Usually they will do so quite freely. Singing hens are not looked upon with favour by the majority of fanciers; some will not have them at any price. Personally, I have used one or two without any hitch; they were German hens, kept for feeding purposes. As she produced only unfertile eggs last season, with a Goldfinch, I should try her this coming season with the cock Canary for a nest (or even two), and if she then proves unproductive of anything other than eggs, you can put her down as worthless for breeding purposes. I don't think, if I were you, I should keep the cock Canary in the same room as the muling couples. Generally speaking, it is very inadvisable so to do, though on certain occasions the temporary presence of a cock Canary is often found helpful—for instance, to try and induce a hen to "call" for the attentions of the cock bird. Then Mr. Finch, who, of course, is with her, gets his chance, and usually proceeds to take it. Many hens are shy at "calling" to a male British bird. But you need to be watchful afterwards, for when it is all over the hen frequently turns round and goes for the Finch with considerable vigour, and unless one interferes the feathers may fly. Probably she is annoyed at the deception, or he, poor chap, fails to really—but I must not waste time in idle speculation.

Right Class for a Crossbill (A. W. Smith).—In my own opinion the judge at the Crystal Palace Show (Mr. Cook) was quite right in accepting the Crossbill in the resident class, and passing it in the migratory one. Certainly the bird figures as a winter migrant in the N.B.B. and M.C. list. But this, I should fancy, is a slight error. It is generally accepted now that the Crosshill breeds with regularity in the pine forests of Scotland and Ireland. It is a winter visitor to the southern counties of England.

Food for a Starling.—Will you please state the correct food for a Starling? Any hints concerning them would oblige. Have looked up back numbers, but don't come across what I want.—W. CLARK.

What a treat to find a reader who looks up back numbers! Starlings are somewhat coarse-feeding birds, and many of the remarks made to an enquirer on Jays, etc., in this issue are applicable to these birds so far as concerns the use of table scraps. On the mixture of crushed dog biscuits (or puppy cakes, or game meal) with fine crissel (meat meal) they would thrive excellently. The Starling is fond of a little scraped raw meat, hard-boiled egg, fruit, finely-chopped green stuff, berries, worms, snails, beetles, and, in fact, most forms of suitable live food. You will have no difficulty in providing him with a good varied diet, on which he will live in health for a long period. When steadied down they make very nice, intelligent pets, and some learn to talk a few sentences, as the sayings of several Starlings accomplished in this respect which have been recorded in our columns go to prove. Their one fault (a fault shared in common with most large soft-billed birds) is their dirtiness when kept in a cage, owing to the copiousness and watery nature of the excreta. This necessitates constant supervision in the cleansing line, or an offensive smell will quickly arise, especially during the warmer weather. As a preventative of this I know of nothing better than a thick layer of peat-moss litter as a covering for the floor of their cage. It may be had from most corn dealers. Get it fine, if possible.

Concerning a Yellowhammer.—I have got a nice cock Yellowhammer. What is the proper food for same? Is it possible for it to pair with a hen Bullfinch for breeding?—SNODGRASS.

Yellowhammer Hybrids have yet to be seen; in fact, the Yellowhammer has never yet produced Hybrids with any bird, so far as I know from personal observation. It has certainly been recorded to have bred, but an accepted Hybrid has never, to my knowledge, put in an appearance on the show-bench. I don't know that a Bullfinch hen would be quite the most likely mate for him. If the mating were only successful, however, you would have put up a notable achievement, and have bred something worth a good few sovereigns. You can try your luck, certainly, if you feel inclined that way. I will say this—a cross between Yellow and Reed Buntings ought to be nice, and worth looking at; further, a cross between two Buntings seems more feasible than the other, theoretically considered. You are not at all likely to succeed in a cage; you need a large flight or small outdoor aviary to breed in. The Yellowhammer only shows any particular liking for canary seed when in captivity; consequently that must form the staple diet of the bird you have. I believe myself they find a difficulty in shelling most of the other seeds. Try your bird also with small wheat and oats (crushed if you like), groats, cracked hemp, shelled and crushed sunflower seed, maw seed, wild seed mixture, etc.; he may be tempted to take a little of one or the other, and the change will do him good. Rape and sunflower seeds, soaked in cold water until just bursting, likewise tempt many birds. Your bird should also have a little good insectivorous food every other day or so, and a meal-worm or two daily, with other insect food (flies, etc.) in season. Live ants' eggs are a great treat, and would be the most likely food to get him into breeding condition.

No Luck.—Hen Canary, two years old. Last season had no luck with her. She laid eggs on the floor, although she built a nest. Will she do any good this season? How can I bring Canary into breeding condition?—VERY ANXIOUS.

Female Canaries are not always consistent, and it does not follow that this coming season's work will resemble that of last. Perhaps we can re-arrange things for her ladyship, as, for instance, if she had a round tin nest pan last year, let her have a square wooden one this; and if she prefers the cage floor as a nesting place, let the box he placed there. As to bringing Canaries into breeding condition, they should naturally come so if properly fed and attended. Give a little egg food twice or thrice a week, and salad as it may be got, such as young dandelion leaves, sprouting rape, watercress, etc.

Treatment of a Nightingale.—I have a Nightingale which was brought from Italy, and has been fed on meat and crushed maize mixed. Could you tell me of food more suitable for it? I have tried a well-known insectivorous mixture, but it will not eat it. It will eat mealworms.—A.F.

Meat and crushed maize seem curious foods for a Nightingale to keep in health on. Still, some birds can be got to live on what sounds like an extraordinary diet. And, curiously enough, once thoroughly used to the latter, it is very difficult to break them from it. This fact probably accounts for your bird refusing the insectivorous mixture you mention, which I know to be an excellent stock food for Nightingales. You ought to have mixed just a small quantity with its old food at first, gradually increasing the amount until it entirely displaced the maize, etc. My own methods of keeping 'Gales and similar small insectivorous birds are as follows. As a stock mixture you cannot beat:—Powdered Osborne biscuit, three parts; best ants' eggs and dried flies, two parts each; meat meal, half part, by measure. Take the quantity required of this, and mix it just crumbly moist with grated raw carrot, or finely chopped lettuce, watercress, or chickweed (use young leaves only), or cold boiled potato, varying it frequently. It is necessary, of course, to give, in addition, all the live insect food (flies, spiders, wood-lice, earwigs, small beetles, smooth caterpillars, green fly, live ants' eggs, etc.) one can possibly obtain; mealworms given regularly are indispensable. To the above stock mixture I occasionally add, after damping, a teaspoonful or two of preserved egg-flake, or part of a hard-boiled fresh egg, finely minced, and, more occasionally still, a little finely scraped raw lean mutton or beef. Good cream cheese is a splendid food, too, given finely chopped, and mixed, of course, in suitable proportion with the above biscuit food. Ripe fruit should also enter into the menu, either grated or shredded, and mixed among the soft food, or stuck between the cage wires; banana, very ripe pear and apple, strawberries, grapes, elderberries, blackberries, etc., are all more or less appreciated—you will soon find out you bird's likes and dislikes. I had a Nightingale passionately fond of privet berries; I used to squeeze out the stones, and give him the fleshy outer covering.

Information Wanted about Bullfinches.—What is a good stock seed mixture for Bullfinches, both fresh caught and old cage birds? What green food and what wild seeds? What about the much-abused hemp seed—should they have any at all, and, if so, how much? I never found my Bullies care for privet berries, though brambles were, of course, ever welcome.—BULLFINCH.

A good stock mixture for Bullfinches at present would be:—Canary and teazle three pints each, linseed, and summer rape one pint each. In a finger drawer (or separate dish), however, the following would need to be given, in addition, to provide the necessary variety:—A small dessertspoonful of sunflower seed every day, except when giving hemp, of which each bird may have a teaspoonful once a week, say for a Sunday treat. In a tin you could keep a mixture of niger two parts, maw one part, and give a pinch twice or thrice a week. Then you have thistle, dandelion, and wild seed mixture, small feeds of which may also be occasionally given. Thus your bird can be provided with a "grateful and comforting" change in the menu almost daily. Hemp is a seed often very unjustly abused. Still, it is quite true it should not be given too freely to Bullfinches. For green foods give any of the following, according to season:—Shepherd's purse, dandelion, groundsel tops, chickweed, flowering grasses, watercress, lettuce, rape, or canary seedlings, etc. The seeding kinds may be freely given. Bullies are very fond of many berries. I don't remember ever having one which refused privet berries; on the contrary, they taxed my collecting capacity. Charlock, dock, thistles, hard-heads, etc., these birds are also very fond of. A little bit of apple and fruit likewise does not come amiss. Fresh-caught birds should always have offered (in addition to afore-mentioned stock mixture), soaked rape and sunflower seeds, if just sprouting so much the better. Further, lightly cracked hemp, niger, and maw seeds should be plentifully offered, gradually weaning them off the two former.

Linnet-Canary Mule Breeding.—Seeing you say Linnet Mules are such sweet singers, I am going to try to breed some. Have steady house-moulted Linnet and big yellow hen. How am I to treat them?—H. OWEN.

You seem to be starting in good fashion, and ought to experience little difficulty in achieving your aim—that is, to breed some good Linnet Mules. The best mixture for a Linnet now is: canary and teazle four parts each, summer rape two parts, charlock one part, and linseed one part. Give a pinch of hemp one day, maw the next, and inga the next. You should gather shepherd's purse, flowering groundsel, chickweed, dandelion, etc. All these are very valuable in getting one's birds into high breeding condition. Note other replies this week. The hen Canary ought not to have the same mixture as the Linnet. Plain canary seed should he given her, with about a teaspoonful of summer rape on alternate days. When not giving the rape let her have half a teaspoonful of hemp; then the same quantity of maw and inga mixed (equal parts). This will give variety, and he quite "foreing" enough. A little egg food twice or thrice a week can be commenced about the middle of March. But be guided by the condition of your Linnet; you don't want the hen to commence laying eggs before he is "rank," or they will of a certainty be clear. His beak will be blue-black, and his song very vigorous and free when he is in right breeding condition.

Jay and its Management.—After my visit to the recent Palace Show, I have the intention of keeping a Jay and Magpie. Put me on the right method of feeding them, please.—GARRULOUS.

It is not a difficult matter to keep a Jay in health, providing he is kept very clean, housed in a very big cage, and well fed. See the perches are of suitable thickness (about like a broom handle), varying them a little in size, and give the bird a long jump from top to bottom of cage. When quite tame, let him out for brief excursions in the house (not necessarily in the drawing room). The best and cheapest way to feed is to utilise table scraps largely. As a stock food, you could use broken-up dog biscuits or puppy cakes (or game meal), with coarse grissel—say two parts of either of the former to one part of the latter (by measure). Moisten with hot water, giving it crumbly moist, and mixing with it table scraps, cooked meat, and potatoes, greens, gravy, etc. Give a few trapped mice, young Sparrows, and the like (even young frogs, if you can capture them), but not over much raw meat. You will find them very accommodating in the matter of food. Eggs (raw and cooked), acorns, beechmast, nuts (cracked) of various kinds, peas, berries, fruit, worms, beetles, grubs, and butter are other things they will eat. Peat moss litter is very good stuff indeed for the floor covering of the cages of large soft-billed birds.

Feeding a Goldfinch Mule.—Have just come into possession of a good singing Goldfinch Mule, and I want to feed him properly.—W. JAMES.

A good seed mixture for a Goldfinch Mule (or Linnet or Greenfinch, for that matter) at this season of the year is:—Canary two parts, teazle one part, hemp and summer rape half-part each, maw and linseed quarter-part each. In the hot weather reduce the hemp and linseed, and increase the teazle. Any of the special Finch or wild-seed mixtures advertised in our columns will make a good and acceptable change, given twice or so a week. A little sunflower seed once or twice a week would also be sure to be appreciated. Any of the usual green foods may be given, flowering groundsel (not coarse leaves), chickweed, shepherd's purse, dandelion, lettuce, watercress, etc. The three first mentioned may be given practically ad libitum. All Mules are very fond of shepherd's purse.

Clipping a Bird's Claws.—I believe my Mule's claws want cutting; they look very long and curved, and seem in its way. Is there any difficulty in doing it?—ANXIOUS.

Catch the bird and place it on its back in the palm of the left hand, holding it gently but firmly, taking care not to squeeze it. Let the thumb fall over its throat, and the third and little fingers (or middle and third, as most convenient) each side of its legs, the latter projecting between them. It will then be easy to get at the bird's feet and claws. The latter should not be cut too close to the toe, or they will bleed, and likewise hurt the bird. Roughly speaking, a tiny blood vessel runs into the nail from the toe for about a quarter of an inch (in a small bird), and one needs to always cut outside this. If a bird has white nails (like most Canaries) this blood vessel can be plainly discerned on holding the foot to a good light. Use a pair of sharp scissors, cut quickly and firmly, and this often times necessary operation is easily performed. It is not at all difficult, in fact, and quite painless, when properly done.

The Waxwing, and Some Points Concerning It.—(1) What are the principal points to consider in selecting a Waxwing for exhibition, and what class are they usually entered in? (2) What is its chief food, and how should it be treated generally? (3) What time of the year are they usually imported, and why are they called British?—AUCKLAND.

(1) The first points are size and shape. The bird must be as large as possible, and be well proportioned. The most general failing is to have a head and neck too fine (not bold enough) for the body. The next point is colour, which must be rich and dense; some birds are very "ashy" in this respect. As regards markings, the "bib" (throat mark) should be large and well-defined, and dense, glossy black in colour; the waxlike appendages on wings and tail must be as conspicuous and bright as possible; the crest large and perfect. I think written descriptions are never of much value, however, and you would do well to see a good specimen or two at one of our large shows. Then you would get the "ideal" fixed in your "mind's eye." And Waxwings vary astonishingly. They must go into the insectivorous classes, but precisely which one has to be determined from the schedule, most shows differing in their classification and its wording. (2) The Waxwing requires feeding on a good insectivorous mixture. A suitable food is made of game meal (without grit), or finely crushed puppy cakes, six parts, ants' eggs and dried flies two parts, meat meal one part, by measure. Damp with a little water, cold boiled potato, grated raw carrot, finely chopped watercress, lettuce, chickweed, etc., varying them frequently, and according to the season. Add half a hard-boiled egg to the daily food portion occasionally—or a teaspoonful of preserved egg flake. Give a few mealworms daily, and any other insect life as in season (see other replies this week). They are enormous feeders, and being indolent and neglectful in the matter of taking exercise, usually manage to get as "fat as pigs." A mild dose of sulphate of soda is useful occasionally; also a fly round a good-size aviary or room. Fruit, such as banana, sweet orange and apple, grocer's currants, raisins, etc., chopped figs and dates, is much relished, and should be frequently given mixed with the stock food. Berries, too, the bird is passionately fond of, and black, privet, elder, haw, etc., should be freely given whenever obtainable. Plenty of variety in the diet is absolutely essential. I remember a well-known exhibitor of this species saying he gave his birds crushed canary seed and coarse oatmeal. I have never done so personally, but should not hesitate to try, and should add maw seed too—mixed, of course, among the soft food. Let it bathe freely. (3) The winter is the time they are most freely imported, though odd lots are frequently on sale at other times. Why are they called British? I give it up. Plenty of Waxwings visit Britain, however, and are no doubt caught here. It is a winter migrant.

Feeding Muling Couples.—I have Goldfinch and Greenfinch and Canary muling couples, and shall be glad if you will tell me how I ought to feed them until breeding time comes round.—A. OLIVER.

If you are keeping cocks and hens together, it is always somewhat difficult to suit the needs of each. As I have often said, muling hens, when a first round of Canaries is not being taken, want keeping back in condition as long as is possible. To give them the run of the Finch's stimulating diet tends, of course, in the reverse direction. It is for this reason that the double breeding cage is so advantageous to the Mule-breeder. However, the Greenfinch-Canary couple is not difficult to cater for. They will do well on canary and teazle, equal parts, and a little summer rape, which seeds will not hurt the wife. Give a little maw, inga, and hemp now and again in a finger drawer, or throw on the clean sand. The Greenfinch will have to have some sunflower daily. He will shell the latter easily enough, whereas the Canary will experience some difficulty in doing so, and so is not likely to overgorge herself on it. I do not care to keep Goldfinches without a free supply of hemp, and, of course, his mate is certain to help herself freely to this. The best plan, if one can manage it, is to give canary, teazle, and a little rape (as mentioned previously) in the hopper, and twice or thrice a day give a feed of hemp in a finger drawer. Mr. Goldie is sure to go to this at once and fill himself out with it, when there will be but little left over for his wife. Of course, you will give him also maw, inga, etc., now and again. Look out for dandelion heads and young, tender leaves—a free supply works wonders in getting all muling Finches into prime condition. Give also flowering chickweed, groundsel, and shepherd's purse—these should be freely used, taking care to remove all traces of frost from them, if any. If cock and hen are kept separate, then the Canaries simply want the plain diet mentioned in other replies this week.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S.

Java Sparrows, etc.—What is their correct diet, and how can I tell sex? What Foreign Birds can I keep with Gold, Pied, and Bullfinches, Canary, and Redpoll?—"BIDOBA."

Canary, millet, oats, and paddy rice (rice in the husk); green food, grit, cuttlefish, and water. A little of some good soft food mixture must be given when they have young to feed. The sexes are very alike outwardly, the only difference being that the hen has a slightly narrower and more pointed beak than the male, fairly easy to discern when you thoroughly know the species, but not easy at first; it is most distinct when the birds are viewed in profile. You have one bird which is dangerous for a mixed series, viz., the Pied Finch, or rather Chaffinch. The Javas would agree well enough with the others, as would also Zebra, Cut-throat, Spice, and Ruficauda Finches, Silverbills, Bengalese, Mannikins, etc., which would all thrive on treatment given above.

Sex of Cockatiel.—My bird was sold to me as a young male out of colour; the underside of tail is mottled and handed with yellow, and its head plumage is the same as the hen; it is about a year old. Can you tell me which sex it is?—M.R.R.

The young of Cockatiels resemble their mother while in immature plumage, but even in this stage the crest of the young males is generally much yellower than that of the young females. It appears to me that your bird is a female, though it is possible that it is a young male, but this will be fully apparent after the next moult, and you ought to be able to ascertain this even at the present time by a comparison of the bird's crests. They do not breed till they are two years old.

Parrakeets as Pets.—(1) Which of the following: King, Pileated, or Blossom-headed Parrakeets, will make the nicest cage pets? (2) Can these birds be kept in a healthy state without boiled seed?—"DONALD."

(1) It is a matter of taste. Taming some Parrakeets is a work of time. However, there is this redeeming feature, that they are sociable birds, and sooner or later return, kindly, patient care by their confiding and fearless demeanour, and also by taking liberties with you. Perhaps the Blossom-head would suit you best. Get young birds, and they will then become tame more readily. (2) None of these birds need boiled food. Diet:—Canary and white millet two parts each, and one part each of wheat, dari, and white sunflower seeds, also green food, grit, cuttlefish, and water regularly. The other birds you name are also very handsome and showy birds, and either would fully meet with your requirements when properly tamed.

Grey Parrot Pulling its Feathers.—My Grey, otherwise healthy, and talks well, picks itself bare round the neck and breast. How can I remedy this?—M.I.

The ground of your query has been fully covered in replies to other correspondents. Note same carefully, both queries and replies, compare with your own case, and you should be in no doubt as to treatment. You must bring your diet into conformity with advice given. If there should be anything you do not understand, repeat query, and give full particulars as to your dietary.

Breeding Parrakeets.—Please state what species you think would breed in my aviary 22 by 10 by 10 feet high, half of which is the shed portion? What is their food and general treatment?—E.S.B.

Do not overcrowd or attempt to fill up your aviary at once. Pairs of the following:—Red and Mealy Rosellas, Blossom-heads, Red-rumps, White-eared Conures, Cockatiels, green and yellow Budgerigars, and Madagascar Lovebirds. You must put up cocoa-nut husks for the Budgerigars and Lovebirds, and concave bottomed nest boxes, say 8 by 10 by 8 inches high, for the larger birds. You must have at least double the number of nesting receptacles that you have pairs of birds. You must not put

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out your birds till May, unless you can get some which have been out of doors all the previous summer. It would be better to have two mixtures, each in a separate hopper, and to prevent quarrelling have several food hoppers in various positions about the aviary. Mixture 1:—Canary and white millet in equal parts. Mixture 2:—Oats, hemp, wheat, dari, rice in the husk, and sunflower seed in equal parts. You must also give green food, ripe fruit, and continuous supplies of grit, cuttlefish, and water for drinking and bathing. Note.—Some of the larger Parrakeets do not settle down to breeding during their first season in the aviary, but usually do so during the following one.

Budgerigars.—(1) What is the right time to breed? (2) What size cage is required for breeding? —H.E.

(1) Say from April onwards if the season be an early and genial one. (2) The minimum size should be 24 by 18 by 18 inches high; it should be of the box pattern, and have a husk fixed at either end. I have given minimum size, but it would be much better six inches higher.

Grey Parrot and Biscuits.—(1) I feed my bird as you advise in CAGE BIRDS, and it has contracted quite a liking for biscuits. How many can I safely give him? (2) I suppose "Osborne" or "Oswego" are the best to give him?—"RED-TAIL."

(1) A couple of biscuits daily may be given without any fear of harm; in fact, all my Parrots and Parrakeets are very fond of same, and thrive upon them. It is messy slops, table scraps, buttered bread and toast that works mischief with these birds. (2) Any make of plain biscuit would answer the purpose, but the first of those you name is perhaps as good as any. Hope your bird will continue to do well.

What Bird, etc.?—(1) From description herewith, what kind of Parrot is my bird? (2) Will letting it have a fly round interfere with its talking capacity in any way? (3) It has lost a lot of feathers, but others are coming in their place. Must I give special diet at this time?—C. E. SWINMERTON.

(1) It is the Indian Ring-necked Parrakeet (*Palæornis torquata*). (2) Letting it having a fly round your room will not interfere at all with its talking capacity; it will certainly help to keep it in health and condition, by supplying needful exercise. At the same time I do not suppose he will make much use of his talking powers while at liberty—will be more likely to sample your furniture and wood fittings. (3) Your bird is in the ordinary moult, and as it is freely reproducing its feathers you have no cause for anxiety. Let it have a continuous supply of cuttlefish, and it would be a help while the moult lasts to slightly colour its drinking water with Parrish's chemical food. I should not give the spirit of nitre daily, only occasionally; neither should I give the sopped bread even though it appears to relish this; it will soon become accustomed to a dry crust or biscuit. I find several of my birds very fond of a small piece of dry toast at teatime; it is just slightly browned and prepared freshly for it, but no butter or anything is put upon it. The bird likes it, and it certainly does no harm, though perhaps not quite orthodox.

Perch for Grey Parrot (J. Finlay).—In my previous reply the advice I gave you covers all details save that of perch. The width of your perch is absurd for a Grey Parrot. Take it out, and put in its place one only threequarters of an inch thick. When you have rectified the perch, the trouble with your bird should soon disappear, your present perch being too thick for the bird to get any grip on. The bird will not starve while seed is on the sand tray, so only fill its hopper daily, and if it scatters some leave it to pick up its food from the cage bottom for the remainder of the day.

Excessive Excreta, also Grinding of Beak (A.S.).—You will have to send me full particulars as to how you are feeding and treating your bird, also how long you have had it, before I can give you any material help. In the meantime, look back through our last two issues, and compare Parrot queries and replies with your bird's condition, and treat accordingly. I can only advise you to keep it warm and strictly out of draught. Give it, for one day only, half a teaspoonful of tasteless castor oil on a crust of bread, piece of sponge cake, or any other absorbent food the bird eats. If it is at all weak, put two or three drops of brandy or whisky in its drinking water.

Young Grey Parrot Eats Only Canary Seed (J.D.).—Your dietary is a very safe one, and so long as you do not give it table scraps, tea, coffee, milk, or animal food, it should continue to do well. Do not "coddle," but keep the bird out of draught. Canary seed is a very safe and wholesome diet for a Grey Parrot if they eat sufficient of it; at the same time, I should continue to put a few oats, hemp, etc., with the mixture, but let the mixture be composed of two-thirds canary, and one-third oats, hemp, dari, and wheat. Limit your "everything" to boiled potato, ripe fruit, plain biscuit, green food (lettuce in winter), nuts; with cuttlefish and water continuously. Let it have a bath, or spray it once a week while the winter lasts; guard carefully against draught till dry. In case of constipation make its drinking water just saline with Epsom salts; one dose should give relief; otherwise do not give drugs to a healthy bird.

An Elucidation (Sheffield).—I am interested in learning what your birds are. It was the length you named that stood in the way of naming them. The Orange-flanked Parrakeet is fully eight inches long. Glad to know you have made a good sale. They are not at all rare, though there are fairly long intervals in which none come to hand. Habitat: Peru and Ecuador. They soon become tame, and are interesting birds, but have a very noisy and almost continuous chatter. The head of the Orange-flank is bluish-green, not opal blue; possibly yours were immature birds.

What Parrakeet? (Adelaide).—Your bird is the Adelaide Parrakeet (*Platycercus Adelaidæ*), and is somewhat similar to the Pennant, but not nearly so rich or intense in colouring. It is, however, a very handsome and beautiful species when in good condition. It is distributed over Central and Southern Australia. Diet:—Canary, millet, dari, hemp, and oats, pea nuts, ripe fruit, and green food, such as grass in flower, chickweed, etc. Most of the Platycerci are fond of insects and mealworms, and such may be given to this species without fear of ill effect when kept in an aviary; when confined in a cage such should only be given occasionally. At moulting time a few should be helpful. They are hardy, and may be kept out of doors all the year round.

To Catch Java Sparrows in an Aviary (F. L. Hill).—(1) Construct a light framework of wood, with a door which you can drop by a piece of twine from a distance. It must be covered with wire netting, and large enough to hold the food vessels. Leave the door tied up for one day that the birds may feed undisturbed. Afterwards there should be no difficulty in dropping the door upon them while they are feeding. (2) I prefer the distemper; but for the unpainted wall am of the opinion that limewash would be the best. The distemper has the better appearance, a light olive-green being very effective.

Cockatoo with Rough Plumage (C. Mason).—To the advice I gave you some months ago I can only add:—Give it a little boiled maize daily (it only keeps fresh one day), and drop on to same ten to twelve drops of Parrish's chemical food. Also see that its bowels are kept freely moving, not loose, by an occasional dose of Dinneford's magnesia. A little green food (fresh lettuce is wholesome) should be frequently given, also liberal supplies of cuttlefish. A bird that has been in the condition of yours for two years will require lengthy and patient treating as above, and by all means, in addition, treat with quassia solution, as per communication you refer to. If there are any sores, first wash with chilled water, and then anoint with spermaceti ointment.

Another Feather Plucker (A.D.).—As you give me no details as to diet, etc., it is impossible for me to say more than that you must keep its bowels freely moving, not loose, by an occasional dose of Dinneford's magnesia. Also put it on a course of Parrish's chemical food (see other replies), and give it daily supplies of cuttlefish, or rather keep a piece of same continually in its cage. If you are not dieting your bird as advised regularly in this column, while not advising any sudden change, it should gradually be accustomed to same. Do not on any account give bread or toast and butter, tea, coffee, or milk slops, or any kind of animal food whatever. Spray the hare parts regularly with strong quassia solution. This must be persevered in; improvement is always slow in these cases.

Cordon Bleus.—My hen is losing her feathers, in fact, becoming quite bare. Is this likely to be infectious to the cock, and what is the remedy? —FOREIGN BIRDS.

Keep this bird as warm as possible, and just colour its drinking water with Parrish's chemical food. Diet:—Canary, white and spray millet, green food, grit, and, if they will eat them, one or two mealworms each bird daily. Also give a little soft food, and well dust same with flour or flowers of sulphur. The soft food should consist of equal parts of ants' eggs, crushed Oshorne biscuits, and sponge cake, made crumbly moist. The male may be pecking his mate, or there may be mites in their cage; this you can ascertain by observation. If the male is plucking her, you will have to cage her up separately till her plumage is grown again; and if there are mites about the birds spray them with quassia solution. If you can do it without unduly scaring the bird, catch it and rub in a little clean vaseline. This will prevent her skin getting too hard; at the same time, it ought not to be what you would call greasy. Tender lettuce is the best green food at this time of year. Let the birds have their bath regularly, but see that the chill is taken off the water, and that their cage stands in a warm position and is out of the way of draughts.

Bulbuls, etc.—Please give food and treatment for Indian Bulbuls. Please name a good book on Foreign Birds. How must I treat Cordon Bleus—I have lost ten out of twelve?—Q.

You do not say what species. They are not common birds in the English market, the White-cheeked being perhaps the more common; but the Red-eared, Red-vented, Black, and White-eared, all come to hand occasionally. They are handsome birds with a fair power of song, varying from a mellow chirrupy warble to a fine and rich melody in White-eared (Persian variety). Diet:—Some good soft food mixture, ripe fruit, live insects, and a little seed mixture (canary, oats, millet, and sunflower). Greene's "Favourite Foreign Birds," 2/9 post free from CAGE BIRDS office, I think you would find helpful. Cordon Bleus are unfortunately notorious for their delicacy on arrival in this country, and many losses with new purchases are the common experience of all, but such as survive become hardy and long-lived. You are treating correctly. Pekin Robins will not harm your plants, neither your other birds. There is one solitary instance of their having bred in this country, and the said pair were flying loose in a conservatory, building their cup-shaped nest in a large growing bush.

St. Helena Waxbill, etc.—(1) How can I sex St. Helenas? (2) Will a hen Zebra pair up with any foreign Finch?—C.G.P.

(1) The outward sexual distinctions are not very striking, but when adult the ben has less rosy-crimson on the abdomen than the male, she has a shorter and more pointed beak, and is also slightly smaller than her mate. (2) You would stand a good chance with either of the following:—Bicheno Finch, Bengalee, Silverbill. Why not try the Silverbill? It is a cheap bird, and the resultant Hybrid should be a handsome one. Though odd foreign birds frequently pair up, but few Hybrids are really reared (this should, however, add spice to your endeavour), several such unions in my aviary the past season only resulting in eggs. Probably if they had less company they would have actually reared, several of the eggs being fertile.

Mice in Outdoor Aviary.—(1 and 2) I have found a nest of mice in my aviary, and several birds with claws bitten off and otherwise mutilated. How can I get rid of them? (3) What is the smallest size cage Budgerigars will breed in? —R.L.C.H.

(1 and 2) It is the Budgerigars and not the mice that have been responsible for the mutilation of your birds. But the mice should be kept down as far as possible. Make use of the "Virus" advertised in our pages, using same according to makers' directions; it is quite safe. These pests find their way into almost every outdoor and indoor aviary sooner or later. In your case get some half-inch wire netting and let it into the ground so, L; it should go in 18 inches, and extend outwardly for 12 inches. This, combined with an occasional use of the "Virus," should keep you free from the pests. (3) I should not advise a smaller cage than 24 inches long, 14 inches from back to front, and 18 inches high. It should be of the box type, furnished with two cocoa-nut husks, and should have a metal draw tray.

Collar for Grey Parrot.—Where can I get one of these? My bird has always been in good health, though it picks its feathers and is somewhat bare. Diet:—Boiled Indian corn, bread and butter, and cayenne pepper on a chicken boac. How can I cure it?—"ANXIETY."

Any of the Parrot cage makers advertising in our columns will supply you with one. It must fit your bird's neck loosely, and should be of hollow zinc, all edges being rounded off so that there is no chance of it chafing the bird's neck. It must have some kind of secure fastening, and from the front must dangle, say, six inches of light steel chain. Personally, I have always avoided the use of these things by giving a proper diet. Give your bird the dry seed mixture regularly advised in this column for Greys, as well as the boiled maize, and when you note it eating of the mixture freely, gradually discontinue the maize. Stop at once the bread and butter and chicken bone. Do not give slops, buttered foods, or any kind of animal food whatever. Persevere with the quassia solution, and give Dinneford's magnesia and Parrish's chemical food, as advised to several other correspondents in this issue.

Maimed Birds.—In my aviary, 18 by 10 by 6 ft. high, I have 28 birds, as per list enclosed; are there any dangerous ones among them, as I have several birds with broken legs? What others can I add up to 40?—G.R.M.

The dangerous birds in your list are as follows:—Budgerigars, White-headed Lovebird, Chaffinch, and Bramblefinch, and I should remove all these. The Budgerigars are the culprits as to your maimed birds; possibly the Lovebird helped. These birds are never safe for long together with other birds. Put in another hen Canary, and possibly you may get Hybrids from your Bullfinch, Siskin, and Linnet. Zebrafinches, Silverbills, Diamond, Pectoral, Yellow-rumped, and Long-tailed Grassfinches; Zebra, Orange-cheek, St. Helena and Grey Wagtails; Common and Green Avadavats. You would have room for pairs of each, the last five species being very small. Or, if you preferred them, you could substitute Bengalese, Bronze-wing, and other Mannikins in place of any of the above. But you would find the first-named a very handsome selection.

Rosella Ailing.—My bird appears to have "stuck" in the moult; its feathers hang loosely, and it is often picking at them.—F. M'DONALD.

Your bird is in a thoroughly bad way. Cease your present diet, and feed as follows. Get one quart canary seed, one pint oats, half-pint each dari, hemp, sunflower seeds. Well mix, and let this be your staple diet. Give in addition ripe fruit (apple is appreciated), green food, grit, cuttlefish, and water ad lib. for drinking and bathing. Still continue to spray with quassia while the bird picks itself; if it has any sores anoint these with spermaceti ointment. Give the bird three doses of tasteless castor oil, with a seven days' interval between each—half-a-teaspoonful in its drinking water. Put it on a course of Parrish's chemical food; just colour its drinking water with same, but not on the days you are giving the castor oil. You must only use a glass or china vessel while giving drugs. Continue the above treatment till in condition again, which will be some little time with a bird in the condition yours is.

GENERAL.

Answered by the EDITOR.

Items of Interest (R. J.).—Thanks for cuttings, of which we are making use.

Illustrations (M.C.K.).—A full page was held over through pressure of other matter.

Photo (P. McKenzie).—Pleased to receive excellent photograph of yourself, birds, and cups.

Bury St. Edmunds (George Master).—Two words.

Can Only Use a Tar Brush (Sidney Stubbings).—Will bear your observations in mind.

Jealousy (Harvie).—Don't distress yourself unduly over such an incident, and don't waste your money paying for any more unstamped letters.

Challenge (G. E. L., Bath).—Certainly. Challenges are regarded as advertisements, and must be paid for as such.

Judges' Initials (C.R.S.).—No; the feature has not been dropped. As soon as the judges for each event are decided we should be advised of same.

Plate (Mayhull Linnet).—No, we have no such plate as you require, but we have a plate of Goldfinch and Bullfinch we can send you on receipt of sixpence.

"Bird Made Well" (W. H. Cook).—We are delighted to know that our Mr. Lester's advice proved so effective. May your bird continue in good health to the end of its days.

Licence for Bird Medicines (F. Cockerill).—We know of no special licence required for vendors of patent medicines for birds. The same licence as covers the sale of one patent medicine would cover the sale of another.

Rollers at the Palace (James Marsh).—It is against our rules, which in this respect coincide with every other Fancy paper, to allow criticisms on show reports. Reporters, we fear, are very human people, and therefore liable to err. We cannot believe that our reporter made the indiscreet observations you attribute to him.

BURY AND DIS. C.B.S.

Usual Montbly Meeting, February 12th, Textile Hall, Bury, a good number of members attending. A lecture was given by Mr. Bancroft, of Bolton, on the Goldfinch, and was accorded a hearty vote of thanks, on the motion of Mr. Wolstenholme, seconded by Mr. Ramsbottom.—W. P. TURTON (Sec.).

BRAMLEY AND DIS. O.S.

Monthly meeting at headquarters. The balance-sheet was presented, which showed a balance in hand of £5 11s. 11½d., which, considering the slight loss which we had on the Open Show, owing to the bad weather, we consider very satisfactory. A Pair Show was held, Mr. W. Richmond (Rodley) judging. Norwich: 1, 2, J. R. Cave; 3, Arthur Tate. Yorksbire: 1, B. H. Wilson; 2, H. Parker; 3, Thos. Robinson.—JAS. METCALFE.

INVERNESS O.A.

Annual general meeting, Washington Hall, on February 9th, Mr. Murphy (President) in the chair. Annual show report proved very satisfactory, the drawings amounting to over £81 14s. 6d., expenses £1 3s. 5d., balance, as per credit account, being over £80. After all being cleared off, a substantial balance was recorded for ensuing year. The Society is in a very flourishing condition. Three new cage bird fanciers, viz., G. Mackenzie, Mr. Douvard, and J. W. Mackenzie, were added to the Committee. Mr. Sanderson was elected President, G. Macalpine Vice-President, and A. Urquhart re-elected Secretary.—A. URQUHART, Secretary.

DERBY C.B.C.

Summoned meeting, Derwent Hotel, February 23rd. There was a good attendance of members, over which Mr. W. H. Eley presided. The meeting was called to make arrangements for the "Jubilee" show of the club. Members' classes were considered first, and 17 were agreed to, after which 38 classes for open competition were decided upon, subject to additions. Members evidently seemed bent on doing their best to bring the show to a successful issue on November 26th and 27th. Mr. J. Harlow was elected a member of the club, after which a discussion arose anent the meeting of C.B.U. at the Palace, Rule 17 coming in for severe criticism. The secretary was instructed to summon a meeting for March 9th, to consider the Rev. Lawton Platt's offer.—W. H. BAMSEY, Hon. Sec.

Y.C.C. OF IRELAND.

Committee meeting, held at 24, Gardeners Place, Dublin, on 21st inst. Mr. Devitt, Chairman, presided; present six members. Mr. Duiguán, Treasurer, submitted the accounts and balance-sheet for year, which had been audited and found correct by Messrs. Lambert and Emoe. It was carried that the accounts be adopted, and that same be printed and sent to members. A balance to credit of the Club of £1 10s. 2d. was shown. It was proposed by Mr. Hennessy, and seconded by Mr. Duignan, and passed unanimously, that the club advertise their show in CAGE BIRDS. There was a general conversation about a cup for non-fed classes, and it was agreed to get the opinion of the country members on the matter of a subscription list to get a new challenge cup. It was proposed to let the present cup go to the non-fed classes. The meeting adjourned until Thursday, 28th inst.—W. C. SHOLEDICE, Hon. Sec.

SCOTCH FANCY CANARY NATIONAL DERBY O.A.

The executive have commenced the business of the year by issuing to last year's members (and others) membership tickets for the current year. The annual subscription is 3s., which entitles each member who joins before May 31st, 1907, to exhibit eight Scotch Fancy Canaries, as specified in the rules. The cup having been won by Mr. McLennan in 1906, a movement is on foot to have a new cup. An encouraging start has been made, and our appeal is addressed to the Fancy for additions to the fund. Each giving a little would enable a cup to be secured worthy of the great national event in the Scotch Fancy Canary arena. The Association commends itself in many ways to owners of the "king of cage birds," the subscription is moderate, and the advantages numerous. All devotees of the Scotch Fancy are welcome, and any overlooked in the distribution of the membership tickets will oblige by communicating with the secretary. R. Wright, President; Councillor Hogg, Vice-President.—THOS. SMITH, Secretary, 446, Victoria Road, Glasgow.

S.Y.C.C. COMPETITIONS.

Trophy Competition. Champion Section Sandiford's Challenge Cup, most points on his Feed: winner, F. Easterling, 81 points. Special 21s., by Messrs. Coffin Bros., most entries by champion member: winner, F. Easterling, 50 entries at the six shows. 1st, F. Easterling, 81 points; 2nd, R. L. Crisp, 75; 3rd, A. E. Patrick, 57; 4th, W. J. Webb, 38; 5th, W. Gladwin, 35; 6th, Fellows and Flynn, 22. Special 21s., by Mr. W. G. Elsmore, for most entries by country member: winner, W. J. Webb, Westcliffe-on-Sea, 31 entries. First Year Novice Competition: 1st, R. H. Roberts, 39 points; 2nd, G. Thomson, 34; 3rd, G. J. Warley, 24; 4th, F. Smith and T. W. Adams tie for fourth place with 23 points. The following members having won three firsts at three separate shows, will be presented with a teapot, value 21s., and will henceforth show in the Champion Section of the club:—T. Burton, J. Best, L Daintry, J. Hawes, H. T. Jones, H. Smith. All members joining the S.Y.C.C. now, their subscription will carry them up to March 25th, 1908. All members not paying subscription for year now ending (1906), their names will not appear in the book of rules for next year. This will be the final notice.—R. P. BROOME, Hon. Sec.

HALIFAX O.S.

Presentation to Mr. J. F. Thackray.

The Society held their Third Annual Tea and Social at the West Ward Liberal Club on February 23rd, which proved a great success. Tea was served to over 100 members and friends. In the unavoidable absence of the President (Mr. Ross), the chair was taken by Mr. Greenwood. The chief event of the evening was the presentation of a gold chain, subscribed for by members, to the esteemed Secretary, Mr. J. F. Thackray, who has served the Society so well for the past five years. After a few complimentary remarks, the chairman called on the oldest member (Mr. R. W. Sutcliffe) to make the presentation. The latter referred to the rapid progress the Society had made during Mr. Thackray's term of office, and Messrs. Sweeting and Walsh also spoke highly of the courtesy and abilities of their Secretary. Mr. Thackray feelingly thanked the members for their kind appreciation of his services. Afterwards a very pleasant sociable evening was spent. Messrs. J. Sweeting and Hartley played for dancing, and Messrs. W. S. Sweeting, Benton, and Dunn officiated as M.C.'s. Songs were contributed by Mrs. Whitaker, Mr. Crabtree, and Mr. Thomas. Every item on the programme was well received, and encores were numerous.—H. WHITAKER, Assistant-Secretary.

NOTTINGHAM & NOTTS O.S.

The members of the above Society turned up in good numbers at the Cobden Hall, Nottingham, on the 18th inst. to witness a Novice Washing Competition, organised for those who had not before the 4th inst. washed a bird. On the last named date, Messrs. T. Barker and James Bertie gave an exhibition of washing, so that novices had fourteen days in which to prepare themselves for the competition. That they had made very good use of the time was evident by the masterly manner in which they went about the business. The methods employed by the competitors conveyed the impression to many present that they had come "to do or die." Fortunately however, competitors and birds all survived the ordeal, three of the former securing prizes, provided by Messrs. Rhodes, Ley and Chick, and the latter all looking very much better for their "spring cleaning." After the competition, Messrs. T. Barker and James Bertie, who acted as judges (both clever and experienced washers), in a very kindly and acceptable manner, pointed out the good and bad points exhibited by the competitors, and then proceeded each to wash a bird. The distribution of prizes won, and a vote of thanks to the judges, which was duly acknowledged, brought a most enjoyable evening to a close. The awards were as follows:—1, J. C. Caunt; 2, William Cottingham; 3, J. W. Kerry; 4, J. W. Rowson; 5, Alec. Onion, Junr.

NORTHERN CREST CLUB.

Annual general meeting held in Newcastle on February 20th. The following were present:—Messrs. Lister, Inglish, Dobson, Mole, W. F. Swan, Riseborough, Farrar, Walker, Hands, Currah, Almond, Stanger, Brown, Dixon, Graham, Crawhall, W. J. Taylor, Hutchinson, and Robson. Mr. T. Daglish, Blaydon, took the chair in the absence of Mr. Robert Swan. The Hon. Secretary read his report, which included the following interesting items. The membership in 1906 was 46, and is now 45, owing to the death of our esteemed member, Mr. F. J. Kuaggs. The actual income was £11 17s., and expenditure £14 3s. 1½d., which was £2 6s. 1½d. more than the income. This was caused by purchasing another cup, and giving prize money as well as medals in the young classes. The Annual Show was a great success. Our members entered 49 birds in the two young classes alone at Gatesbead. The following new members were elected:—Mr. and Mrs. Pearce (Newburn), W. J. Taylor (Newcastle), Tom Brown (Newburn), J. G. Hutchinson (Heaton). Officers for 1907 were elected as follows:—President, T. E. Davidson (Sunderland); Chairman, R. Swan (Sunderland); Vice-Presidents, Messrs. R. Swan, A. Brown, and A. Lister; Committee, Messrs. W. F. Swan, Farrar, Riseborough, Currah, Almond, Dobson, Dixon, and Stanger; Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, T. Robson (Newcastle); Auditors, Messrs. A. Brown and T. C. Crawhall. Annual Show to be held in 1907, in conjunction with the Sunderland C.B.A. After arguments for and against, it was decided that we remain affiliated to the Cage Bird Union. The Hon. Secretary was appointed to represent the club. The following judges were added to our list:—Geo. Gardner (London), W. Cairns (Edinburgh), and Mr. McLay (Kirkintilloch). It was decided to guarantee a yellow crested-bred class at the Annual Show, also to award a silver medal, or its value, at each of the following shows:—Newcastle, Gateshead, Shields, Blaydon, and Wallsend for the best (1907-bred) Crest and Crested-bred, shown by a member, no single bird to win more than one of these medals; but one exhibitor can win two at one show with a Crest and Crest-bred respectively. Medals, or their value, will also be given for the best bird, any age, at all shows within a fifty mile radius, where six classes are provided for one variety. At the Annual Show the two £5 5s. cups will be competed for, also four gold and eight silver medals in the two (1907-bred) classes, with extra prize money as last year: 1st 5s., 2nd 4s., 3rd 3s., 4th 2s., 5th 1s., in each class, also a silver medal in each of the other classes for the best bird shown by a member. Last day for paying subscriptions, March 31st.—THOS. ROBSON, Hon. Secretary, 41, Shield Street, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

THE C.C.C. AND THE C.B.U.

SIR,—Taking a keen interest in the Crested Canary and the Crested Canary Club, I cannot allow to pass the result of the voting on the question of the affiliation with the Cage Bird Union at the annual meeting of the club, held at the Crystal Palace on February 16th, without making a strong protest against that resolution being carried into effect. I have nothing whatever to say against the objects of the C.B.U., nor do I take it that any right-minded man has. There is probably a need for such a body; but such must and should be representatively constructed. Until April 21st last, may I ask who conducted affairs in the Cage Bird world—if it was not the specialist clubs? And have they so badly managed affairs that a newly-formed body is needed to put them right? Had a conference been held by delegates from every specialist club, and a committee formed consisting of representatives from the governing body of each specialist club, then I should have considered such a representative body, with some hope that the difference of opinion on technical points might have been adjusted, and with some amount of success. Instead of this they have been completely ignored. At the present time the C.C.C. is both numerically and financially a decided success, due to its energetic and hard-working secretary, Mr. J. Tyson, who has shown a superior business ability in dealing with matters connected with the club that few would care to challenge. And now, at a thinly-attended meeting, in about ten minutes, and with only a majority of two, the birthright of the C.C.C. is to be given away! What a reward for Mr. Tyson, after the years of successful hard work that he has put in! What an inducement for another to take up the end of a snapped thread with the probability of the same fate in store. Members of the C.C.C., I ask, are you going to allow this resolution to stand?—for, I say it fearlessly, that once the tentacles of the C.B.U. are fastened round you your freedom is gone. Those in favour of affiliation argue that it will strengthen the hands of the C.B.U., that its objects are the same, and, further, if it is found unworkable the C.C.C. can withdraw. Dealing with these points in the order named, I should imagine, from the number of societies that have already affiliated, the Union would be strong enough for anything it cared to undertake. It would be interesting reading if the secretary of every society affiliated would give their reasons for doing so. I must say that those I have heard given savour very much of fear. Whether its objects are the same may or may not be. Why in the name of all that's just and fair should a club give itself up without discussing this point? Without this understanding or agreement the C.C.C. comes under the rules of the governing body, and itself becomes a nonentity. How can it then withdraw, being non-existing? It is much easier to jump in the mud than it is to get out. I repeat, that if the affiliation of the C.C.C. with the C.B.U. takes effect, the C.C.C. from that time ceases to exist; the fact that both the president and the secretary intend to resign points in this direction. This letter is written without prejudice; I am not concerned with the C.B.U. other than the affiliation of the C.C.C. with it. If other members think with me will they send their names to the Secretary, Mr. J. Tyson, 169, Sloane Street, London, S.W., asking him to call a special general meeting to rescind this resolution? One-fourth of the members are required to do this. I would also appeal to those who voted in favour to allow this to take effect, after which the pros and cons might be satisfactorily argued out. I would like to take this opportunity of thanking those members who have voted me on the committee for several years past. My interest in the bird and the club is purely for the love of the thing. For this year I remain a member, but have resigned my position on the committee until this resolution is rescinded, for I will not be a party for lightly giving away what Mr. Tyson has so hardly earned for us.—W. E. GREEVES.

SIR,—I was at the badly-attended meeting at the Crystal Palace, and do not think it ought to count as a meeting at all, as only 18 members voted on the question of joining the Cage Bird Union, and quite another 18 there did not vote at all. I am of the same opinion as Mr. Tyson, that all specialist clubs are outside the pale of the C.B.U. I think it will be a great shame to see such members of the C.C.C. as the four that resigned at the meeting, leave the club, and I think there will be more to follow. Now, fellow members, are we going to let 10 votes spoil one of our finest specialist clubs, which I think our officers are quite capable of managing? I shall appeal to all the members to write to Mr. Tyson convening an extraordinary general meeting, and hope that all members of the C.C.C. that wish the club to stand, as it has stood for a number of years, as a specialist club, will write Mr. Tyson at once. I think about 40 members' signatures will be required to convene the meeting. Write to-day, and let the whole of the members have a word in this particular question. —H. MILLS.

THE KEYSTONE OF THE C.B.U.

SIR,—There has been some astonishing correspondence under the heading of the Cage Bird Union that was anything but creditable to the writers. It seemed to me to be so full of spite or jealousy, but having little bearing on the Union. Why is there so much opposition to what has been the most successful attempt to form a society that could look after the interests of the whole Cage Bird Fancy? Fourteen years ago there was a Cage Bird Club in existence composed of influential and well-meaning fanciers, with E. A. Derbyshire as hon. sec. In 1900 there was another with J. S. Clarke as hon. sec. Why have these two clubs dropped out of existence? Simply because they died of starvation, not having that hold upon the Fancy that the present Union has got in a few months. They had both the same field of operation before them, with hardworking secretaries to carry on the work. In 1901 Mr. Clarke writes to the press deploring the fact that the club had "not received the support that it ought to have done," and makes a strong appeal to "Let the entire Cage Bird Fancy of the United Kingdom take up the question of establishing the Cage Bird Club in powerful and effective condition." Now, as soon as a body appears with power, he, with others, derides it and denounces that very article in its constitution that gives it the power—Rule 17, the keystone of the entire fabric. Also, "Whether the centre is in London or elsewhere matters but little, so long as the club enjoys the confidence of fanciers, and does the work it was intended to." Here, again, we have an exhibition. Ye men of the North you are thieves, you have "stolen the ideas of the L.C.B.A." Fellow fanciers, has the Union had an opportunity to gain your confidence or to do the work it has before it? Can you get railway concessions such as reduced rates, or free passage for your birds when accompanying them, or a reasonable price for killed or lost stock, without money? No, and you all know it and grumble about it; and yet you will kick the men who put it within reasonable reach of accomplishment. The impotency of the other two clubs arose through their lack of funds, a state of affairs that the present Union has guarded against; and because the fund was kept intact and the rules paid for by a few who benefit by the existence of the Fancy, the officials of the Union (with Mr. Ramsden and Mr. Lythgoe in particular) are held up to ridicule. Can you not see it was in your interest that the rules were printed by advertisement, and that all the fire is on account of CAGE BIRDS having such a prominent display; and can any one of you deny the fact that it deserves far more than any single fancier can accord it for coming to your help when it was greatly needed, and for catering to your wants and tastes as was never attempted or thought of by those in the position to have done so a few years ago? I see Gateshead has followed the bad example of one of the Southern clubs. That, too, is the result of the distant explosion. There are some of the finest men in the North of England in that society, but they have been misled. Come all you fanciers who want quality, you exhibitors who want justice, and you ministers who want a high moral standard pervading the cage bird world, and restore Rule 17.—G. W. MACPARTLING.

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SUPPOSED SUBSTITUTION AT THE PALACE.

A Remarkable Allegation.

SIR,—May I ask that you will kindly give publicity to the following:—I bought a pair of Norwich Plainheads at the late Crystal Palace Exhibition, No. 1,167, Class 88; but between the time I saw them on Saturday night at 10 p.m., and when I received them on Wednesday morning, they had been stolen and a pair of duffers substituted. They have, in my opinion, been taken by someone familiar with the internal arrangements of the show, as the following, I think, will prove. I first selected pair No. 1,168 at 30s., which were a pair of clear birds, and as I had insufficient money with me to make the purchase outright I paid a deposit on them; but, looking over the birds again, I thought pair 1,167, which was a clear yellow cock and a variegated buff hen, the better pair and well worth the other 5s. asked; and so, on sending the cheque for the balance, I stated it was the balance due on my purchase of pair 1,167, and got the receipt for 1,167, and so I formed the opinion that someone who was aware of how the birds were purchased, and thinking that I was under the impression that it was a clear pair of birds I had bought took advantage of that fact to make the exchange. I offer the sum of £1 reward to anyone who will give information that will lead to the conviction of the guilty party.—W. ADCOCK, 4, Aldergate, Tamworth.

CRYSTAL PALACE SHOW.

SIR,—Kindly permit me to say that the Crystal Palace Company were solely responsible for the heating of the above show. That they carried out their agreement and promise in the most admirable manner was obvious to all visitors to the show. The L. and P.O.S. and myself were, perhaps, over-anxious on this point, and made independent arrangements for heating, as mentioned in your report, but these were not put in force, owing to the splendid arrangements made by Mr. J. H. Couens, the manager of the Crystal Palace, and his able engineers, Messrs. Carr and Wright. To these gentlemen are due the thanks of the exhibitors, and—J. W. RAMSDEN.

A CONUNDRUM OF THE CRYSTAL PALACE SHOW.

SIR,—Someone who signs himself "Querist," is anxious to know when is a British bird not a British bird? I presume he thinks a British bird ceases to be a British bird when it is colour fed. Why that should be I leave for a more able pen than mine to answer, but I feel quite sure the Redpoll in the money at the late Palace Show has never tasted colour feed. I know the owner, Mr. Osborn, well; this is his first season as an exhibitor, and I am pleased to say he has had some success. His Redpoll has been in the money several times this season, in competition with larger seed-eating birds, and has never been behind another Redpoll. Perhaps "Querist" is one of the gentlemen whom my young friend has had tempting offers from previous to the Palace Show; at any rate, let him take his beating like a man, and if he does not expect to compete with Redpolls and Twites, why enter when the schedule says "Lesser Redpoll or Twite"?—F. HOWES.

SIR,—In CAGE BIRDS' last issue I came across a letter headed as above. In answer to "Querist," on the comparative merits of a typical Redpoll right out of the cards, and the Redpoll in the money: I think "Querist" is trying to make believe that my Redpoll in the money is nothing in comparison with his ideal one, which stood cardless. I will leave it to my fellow readers to judge for themselves. This same bird has won this season prizes under the following prominent judges: Messrs. Payne, Houlton, Roe, Russell, and Cook, and has never yet been beaten by a Redpoll. Then "Querist" runs away with the idea that my bird is colour fed, as he says it is chock full of artificial colour. Now this I positively deny; my Redpoll has never had any colour food whatever. Then, again, he claims he should have been in front of the second just because his bird is a field-moulted specimen. I contend that more credit is due to a good house-moulted bird. It would be a very difficult task for a judge to please everyone.—G. OSBORNE.

BRITISH BIRDS AT THE PALACE.

SIR,—These lines, I would like it distinctly understood, are not the wail of a disappointed exhibitor, but for the good of the Fancy at large. A special prize is given for the rarest British bird, and it is awarded to a German Nutcracker, and I am open to lay great odds that the gentleman who owns this bird cannot prove him to be a bird bred in these Islands. Of course, I am not blaming him, but the one who awarded the prize; I consider that it was entirely wrongly placed, and, further, it was one talk at the Palace on Saturday, this striking award. Then, again, the Cup, etc., was given to a Treecreeper, a really good one, I admit; but I have beaten him with mine under the self same judge this season. This time mine is passed, but why I don't know, and the Cup is handed to our good friend, Mr. Mays, whom I have always found a gentleman and a good fancier. But why a Treecreeper, which is fairly easy to keep and very easy to steady, when my Great Shrike is put down in absolutely the best form possible? The latter is far harder to rear, and a thousand times harder to steady than the Treecreeper. I must say that I heard this award criticised again and again on the Saturday I visited the Show. Probably our good friend the judge will say he doesn't like Shrikes; this has got nothing to do with it. Is it encouragement, Mr. Editor, to rear the rarer species of British birds? I say no, it is not; and I should be glad to see some other fanciers' opinions on the subject. —S. W. BIRCHLEY.

HAVE CANARIES NATURALLY SQUARE FEATHERS?

The Green Canary Controversy.

SIR,—Having been a breeder and exhibitor of the Green Canary for the past ten years, I may, perhaps, be permitted to give fanciers my opinion of the so-called clipped feathers at the recent Crystal Palace Show, which some of our qualified judges have condemned. I have gone through my stock to-day, and have found several feathers like those found on the disqualified birds, illustrated in last week's CAGE BIRDS. To further convince myself, I later paid a visit to a novice breeder of Greens, and found similar "clipped" feathers in both his Greens and Variegated Norwich birds. I enclose feathers taken from the above mentioned birds, which I hope you will photograph and publish in your valuable paper. Those interested in this square-feather controversy will be able to pass their own opinions on the matter. My confirmed opinion is that these feathers are a natural growth, and more pronounced in one Green than the Clear Canary. I might say that I have known Mr. Clayton for a number of years, and have always found him to be an honest fancier, and one who would not, in my opinion, stoop to such a dishonourable practice as faking birds for exhibition.—R. E. HELLIWELL, member G.C.A.

[A reproduction of the feather's sent by Mr. Helliwell will appear next week.—ED.]

Natural or Faked?

SIR,—The above has come to the front with a vengeance, and Lancashire Lad will be pleased that another "Strong Judge" has arisen who will exercise his own will and judgment. How judges, who admit they have never bred Greens, can put their "will and judgment" against the experience of the majority of the members of the G.C.A. I cannot understand. I admitted that when I first saw the square feathers I thought they had been trimmed, but I was open to conviction, and when I found my own birds with square feathers, I must believe my own eyes, and say that square feathers are a natural growth. I wonder if Mr. Clayton, of Halifax, knew before the Palace show what a square feather was. We know that before the Liverpool Show Mr. Deacon did not know what a square feather was. The opinions given on page 167, February 23rd, should convince anyone who is open to conviction, but the strange part of the affair is that all this was gone through years ago, before CAGE BIRDS was hatched, and fanciers were not so ready to stand up for the truth in the Fancy press. Now it is suggested "pluck the square feathers, and see if the new feathers grow square"; to my mind that will not prove whether those plucked out were cut or natural, for if they are caused by bad moult, the new feathers may not be square. The plucked feathers should be kept; remember they were the feathers the birds were disqualified for, not any that may grow after, square or otherwise. In this matter the experience should count, and this should be settled by those who breed Greens. Mr. Clayton's experience proves that they do not all come from the Liverpool district.—H. BARRATT.

Why they were Disqualified.

SIR,—Yes; certainly Canaries have square feathers. The birds disqualified at the Palace Show have plenty of them. They were not disqualified for having these natural square-ended feathers, but for having a few square feathers that the judge alleges are not natural.—J. W. RAMSDEN (show manager).

"A Common Thing."

SIR,—The first bird I had with square feathers, the web looked as it was cut, and was all jagged on the web, and square across when it came back from the show. A friend of mine pulled them out for me, and seven weeks after it was shown again, under the same judge, and he gave it third. It was never trimmed for the first show as it was a natural defect. The bird I have at present with square feathers is not a show bird. I have pulled some out at the back of the neck, but there are a few left in that are square at present. The feathers are a natural defect, and this bird was not trimmed for show purpose, and it is a common thing to find square feathers in Green birds.—JOHN DIXON (Edge Hill).

MORE NEW SOCIETIES!

SUGGESTED SOCIETY FOR WEST BROMWICH.

SIR,—Kindly allow me a small space in CAGE BIRDS with regard to a Cage Bird Society for West Bromwich and district. I know there are scores of fanciers in the town by the great call for CAGE BIRDS every week. I hope this will catch the eye of some of them, and bring them together to see if a start can be made. Hoping someone with an abler pen than mine will take up the matter. —A LEWIS.

ORMSKIRK AND DIS. C.B.S.

SIR,—A large and interesting gathering of fanciers was held at the "Roper's Arms," on February 25th, to take into consideration the formation of a Cage Bird Society for the district. It was unanimously decided that a society be formed with the above title. Officials were elected, and a strong working committee formed. Fourteen members were enrolled, which promises well for the future. The committee decided to meet at the "Horse Shoe" on March 4th, to prepare rules, etc.—T. H. TIFFEN, Hon. Sec.

SALE OPEN O.S.

SIR,—A meeting was held in the Sale Hotel, Sale, Cheshire, on Feb. 25th, when the above society was formed. It was decided to hold the meetings on the second and fourth Mondays in each month, at 8 p.m., when all fanciers will be made welcome. Subscription, 5s. per annum. A sub-committee, consisting of Messrs. G. F. Hardcastle, J. Fletcher, T. Ellingham, and C. Smith was appointed to draw up rules for next meeting. Mr. Hardcastle was elected Secretary, and Mr. Jas. Fletcher Treasurer. It was unanimously decided to make the Sale Hotel the headquarters. Twenty-two gentlemen gave in their names for membership.—G. F. HARDCASTLE, Sec.

SOCIETY FORMED AT ENNISKILLEN.

SIR,—A meeting was held at East Bridge Street, Enniskillen, on February 14th, to form a Fanciers' Society for the district. It was decided to call it the Enniskillen and District Cage Bird Society. Rules have been drawn up by the committee, to be placed before the general meeting which will be held at the committee room of the Town Hall on March 14th at 8 p.m. All fanciers desirous of joining please communicate with J. McQuade, Hon. Sec., 1, Alma Terrace, Enniskillen, who will supply full particulars. The society hopes to hear from a large number of fanciers, as at present we are a small body, all working men, and the whole thing rests of the shoulders of one or two fanciers. The first annual show is fixed for November 1st, 1907.—YOUNG FANCIER.

BEAUTY, CONDITION, OR RARITY, WHICH?

SIR,—Your correspondent, Mr. Ward, has opened a most useful debate, that is, if, after hearing the various decisions on the matter, any good comes of it, as my experience is that a lot of these "confabs" end in smoke. As far as colour feeding is concerned, I don't think this will ever be stopped, as it is now looked on as a necessary evil. But our friend has omitted what I consider our greatest trouble, and that is, the judges themselves of British birds. I openly admit some of our judges are a lot better than others, but there are great mistakes made at our shows to-day, through the judge not knowing the points of the birds he has before him, to say little or nothing of the hardships in the taming and conditioning of these birds, which I consider is everything. As an example, at one show held quite recently the judge took not only the cage birds, but nearly the lot (a mixed show), and what was the result? Why, the Britishers were simply scanned over, and most glaring mistakes were made. Take the Palace Show, again, look at the judging in some of the classes. I would ask Mr. Cook (the owner) if he could prove his Nutcrackers to be an English-caught bird, or even a British ditto. Of course, at the same time, I am not for one moment blaming this gentleman, but as a fancier and a sportsman, I feel sure he will oblige me. My contention is that it was a German bird, and can any of your 40,000 readers ever recollect one being caught in these islands? One gentleman, who will doubtless read this letter, said it was a disgrace to the Fancy to award a German bird the special for the Rarest British Bird, and my contention is the same. (I would like here to add, my Shrike is a Britisher, and I have seen three that have been caught in these islands lately.—S. W. BIRCHLEY.

[Certain other suggestions originally contained in this letter we would commend to our correspondent as being better to make direct to those who have the arranging of the Palace Show, rather than to voice in print.—EDITOR.]

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THE CAGE BIRD UNION.

SIR,—I am pleased to see the discussion now going on in your columns re Cage Bird Union, but regret the tone adopted by one of your correspondents. I need not mention the name as I feel sure your readers will have no difficulty in selecting the party meant. Discussions carried out in a gentlemanly and reasonable manner are productive of much good, and of the greatest benefit to fanciers in general. In reply to one of your correspondent's opening questions as to "Who is this tub-thumping William Reid?" my impression is, judging by the tone of his correspondence, that he is a gentleman in no way averse to discussing his opinions in a proper manner, opinions, may I suggest, shared by a great many. I don't think the C.B.U. will thank James Reid for comparing it to a sickly child. Perhaps J. R. thinks the comparison appropriate, but would it not be more politic to keep that to oneself? Does he suggest that because 150 societies have associated themselves with the C.B.U. that fair discussion should be suppressed? I suggest, had these 150 societies known as much before joining as they do now the greater majority of them would have held aloof. Many of them were coerced into joining by false impressions; and let me tell J.R. there are working men who don't believe in Trades Unionism and don't lie low as he puts it; and if this has to be taken as another comparison, there are working men (and hundreds of them) who don't believe in the C.B.U., and who will give the Fancy up altogether before they will submit to many of the rulings of that self-raised body. Now for Mr. Lythgoe's contention that shows held under the C.B.U. rules have been better supported. From my observation in this district I have no hesitation in contradicting that statement, and have no doubt show secretaries can support me. I think the C.B.U. has taken too much upon its shoulders. How many of the good things that were promised have been attempted, far less realised? Of one thing they can be certain; far from being the success they claim, they have caused a great amount of uncertainty and dissatisfaction amongst societies and fanciers alike, and I would like to see all fanciers and secretaries of societies step in and give their opinions upon this question. Review the past year's working of this self-constituted body. Look at the number of genuine and good men who are leaving their societies on account of the C.B.U. I think J.R.'s "sickly child" is going through a serious surgical operation, and is losing many of its members.—JOHN FERGUSON.

SIR,—Your correspondent, James Reid, must have been very badly hit by my reply to his first letter, at least he has not modified his language, rather the reverse, for, finding that the names he used in abusing me in his first letter took no effect, he has reverted to the cowardly methods usually adopted by such people as himself when they get the worst of an argument. I refer to the expression "blackleg namesake" used by him in his last letter. What a mean, despicable sort of fellow he must be, to use such an expression to a man he does not even know, and probably never even heard of until this correspondence appeared! And this is the man who poses as a "fair man," and is continually crying out "Give it a chance!" "Give it a chance!" James Reid also alleges in his letter that "some working men don't believe in trade unionism." I will answer this paragraph and the expression referred to above at the same time, and for the benefit of any of your readers who may have been misled by the cowardly expression used by James Reid, I may as well say at once that I happen to have twelve years' continuous membership of the Amalgamated Society of Engineers—that is, from the time I was twenty years of age until the present time; in other words, a highest possible: first year, a non-free member joining as an apprentice, and the last eleven years a full member entitled to all benefits. "No need for James Reid's expression, Mr. Editor, eh?" Now, James Reid, with all your big talk about trade unions, can you beat this, years of membership according to age, or are you really what you are trying to prove yourself to be, a loud-mouthed windbag, a mere mouthpiece for someone else? Apply your own words to yourself, "Be a man," and withdraw your expression; it will do more to raise you in the opinion of fanciers than anything else you can say, and for the future make sure of your man before you begin abusing him, for your own sake. Surely a body of men forming a Cage Bird Society are capable of managing their own affairs without employing others to do it for them. Now, James Reid, don't bounce so much about the fact that 150 societies have affiliated to the Union. How many of these societies joined in the same manner as the Crested Canary Club? How many societies voted on the question simply by a show of hands, with only a small percentage of their members present? You cannot prove that this Union is the popular Union that you would make it appear to be. On the contrary, there is every indication that it is unpopular. Referring to my "ravings," as James Reid puts it, the fact that the two principal causes of my "ravings" have been removed, should prove that I was not alone in my "ravings," and that they were not unreasonable. I refer to my desire to "allow a man to be present when he is being tried for any offence," and the objectionable part of Rule 17. James Reid talks loudly about giving the C.B.U. a chance. If *he* was *convinced* that the C.B.U. was detrimental to the best interests of the Fancy would he give it a chance? Judging him by the tone of his two letters I think that most of your readers would say that he would be one of the first to "howl" it down. The question re the sickly child I will answer by asking another. Is it not a fact, James Reid, that a healthy child can be made into a sickly one by improper food and impure air; in other words, bad management? And is it not a fact that the Cage Bird Fancy is in a better condition at the present time than it has ever been? If so, what need is there for this Union when the Fancy is thriving so well? What causes this Union to come forth at a time when things are going on so well? Is it because there is something to be made out of it, or is it pure unselfishness, pure unadulterated love of the Fancy, that causes this Union to take the Cage Bird Fancy under its wing, "or thumb"? Which is it, James Reid? We often hear the remark expressed that the working man is the backbone of the Fancy. Then, why is it that when a working man should happen to object to anything that, in his opinion, is not right, another working man should be so ready to abuse him because he does not happen to hold the same opinion? Surely he can criticise him without abusing him. One is almost inclined to think that the Fancy would have been better off, if (to use another of James Reid's expression) such men *had* been "strangled in their infancy." Now, sir, I am sorry to have to write in this strain. I did my best to avoid personalities, but there is a limit to all things, and you will admit that your correspondent, James Reid, has been "asking for it." The only result of this sort of correspondence is to have it rejected, and this is, no doubt, the reason why James Reid persists in it, his idea being to have all adverse criticism of the C.B.U. stopped as soon as possible. "Very fair, sir, isn't he"? Now, James Reid, keep to the point, and, as I said in my last letter you shall have every attention. You can be accommodated with pleasure on any question concerning either trade unions or the Cage Bird Union by —WM. REID (Sunderland).

[A large portion of the above letter dealing with trade unionism and the Masters' Federation (which are not fit subjects for discussion in this paper) had to be deleted. ED. "C.B."]

BELATED AND SHORT PRIZE MONEY AT BONTNEWYDD SHOW.

SIR,—With regard to the letter on the above subject, which appeared in your issue of February 23rd, I consider that I should be doing the Fancy an act of injustice were I to let it pass without relating my experiences in connection with this show. Although the prize-money was only 5s., 3s., and 2s., I was tempted to enter three Yorkshires in the one class, my aim being to try and win the cup for the best exhibit in the Cage Bird Section. The birds were taken to the show by a friend, and you can imagine my delight when I met him at the railway station on his return, to learn that I had taken first and special (silver medal), second and vhc. awards, also winning the cup. I read with great admiration, the account in CAGE BIRDS the following Friday, which gave a splendid report, and the comments on the Yorkshires were unsurpassable, and set me eagerly waiting for my winnings. Weeks passed, and I was still waiting for them. I wrote to the Secretary, but failed to get a reply, notwithstanding that I enclosed stamp for reply. It was not until I threatened legal proceedings that he wrote me a postcard informing me that the show was a financial failure, and referring me to one of the gentlemen on the committee for the special prize. I received 2s. 11d. (instead of 7s. which I was entitled to) on February 18th, 1907. The show was held on September 22nd, 1906. I am now given to understand that the person who is presenting the silver cup is a sailor, and at present at sea. So I shall have to wait until the "ship comes home" ere I can proudly gaze upon my long-looked-for trophy. I hope this will catch the eye of those fanciers who are not in favour of the C.B.U.—R. N. WILLIAMS (Chester).

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OBITUARY.

J. WOODHOUSE (Portsmouth).

Mr. Arthur T. Jupe writes:—It is with regret that I have to write and tell you of the death of our worthy Hon. Sec., Mr. J. Woodhouse. He has been the backbone of the Portsmouth Fanciers' Society for a great number of years. It is a great blow to us all, and a loss which we shall never replace.

CRYSTAL PALACE SHOW.

Address of Buyer Wanted.

SIR,—If this meets the eye of Miss Barraud, who purchased Exhibit No. 1,955, I shall be much obliged if she will kindly send me her address.—J. W. RAMSDEN, Show Manager.

A CAGE-WIRE STRAIGHTENER WANTED.

SIR,—I ask some kind reader how to make a cage-wire straightener. I have tried all different ways to make cage wire straight, but fail to do it. Could someone help me, or can I buy such a thing? Thanks for information which I have received before out of CAGE BIRDS.—WALTER WILLIAMS.

LLANELLY SHOW AND THE C.B.U.

SIR,—I have learned from your last issue that my name and the Llanelly Poultry, Pigeon, and Cage Bird Society were brought forward at the meeting of the Cage Bird Union, held at the Palace Show, and that there was a recommendation from the Wales district to suspend the Llanelly Society, or rather to prevent them having a licence for two years from the C.B.U. The reason of same is that I have been accused of writing letters to exhibitors stating that our late show was held under C.B.U. rules; also that I wrote on the back of one schedule, in answering some exhibitor, "Yes; we belong to the C.B.U.," which was mentioned by a delegate from Wales. I hope he will keep it as a memento of the visit. I consider it a trumped-up case by a few who bear malice towards our old-established show, with an intention of doing them out of the Cage Bird Section, as there is a new C.B.S. sprung up in the same town. It distinctly shows I am accused of obtaining entries under false pretence. Allow me respectfully to inform the delegate and his co-workers that I have been in office too long to commence to do such dirty actions as to mislead exhibitors for the sake of a paltry entry. I am prepared to send you, Sir, £5 for any charitable institution, if any reader of CAGE BIRDS can furnish you with a letter or schedule sent from me, stating that our show was held under C.B.U. rules. Now it stands to reason that it would be better for us to join and pay up the 5s. for a licence than go to the trouble and expense of writing letters; and, further, a secretary with 105 classes to attend to can't afford time to write false statements. I may inform readers that we have never professed, intended, nor advertised in any fanciers' journal or daily paper that our show was under C.B.U. rules; neither was a single word included in our schedule. I express my thanks to Mr. Lythgoe (sec. of the C.B.U.) for asking me for an explanation concerning same, as I was not aware that the false accusation would be brought on at the Palace. However, I find by the result of the meeting that the committee "had not sufficient evidence" to prevent us having a licence if applied for. I consider they have acted wisely, honest, and just, although it matters very little to us regarding the licence, the most important question being the untrue statement made. In future, I hope whoever the delegate may be attending a national gathering, that he will have sufficient proofs before accusing a well-known society of 15 years' standing, as, in the end, "the truth will pervail."—D. GRIFFITHS, hon. sec., Llanelly P.P. and C.B.S.

LINES ON THE L.C.B.A. DINNER.

By One Who Enjoyed It.

Last Monday we went to our Annual so gay,
The yearly "blow-out" of the L.C.B.A.;
We were "Birds of a Feather" who'd oft met before—
I think in round numbers we mustered four score.
We were all "V.H.C.'s," and that's something, you know,
But to grasp matters well, read "C.B." on the Show.
The tables were graced by the feminine gender,
Says Dawson, "We can't do without them, remember!"

Our President's toast we all gucs'd would be crisp;
Mr. Tyson replied, without stumble or lisp.
We heard of our Show, the Lord Mayor's kindly grace,
The predictions of ruin: we hands down won the race!
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DOUBLE BUFFING & YELLOWING.

SIR,—Re the discussion by Mr. Brotherton and a Southern fancier in your wonderful two-penn'orth last week—Can Yellows be produced from double Buffs, and Buffs from double Yellows? About the former, I can say nothing, but with regard to the latter I say yes, because I have in my bird room a Buff hen bred from double Yellows, two years ago. This bird was bred from a clear Yellow pink-eyed cock and a heavily-marked Green-Yellow hen (both Yorkshire). How the Yellow cock was bred I cannot say. The Yellow hen was my own breeding, and was produced in the usual way from a green-marked Yellow cock and a clear, dark-eyed Buff hen. Now, I only took one nest from the double Yellows—four birds, all Buffs, and all hens, one clear, which I afterwards lost sight of in the flight, two cinnamon ticks, and one variegated cinnamon marked. The last bird I kept, and paired up last year to a green cap marked Buff, and the results from these have indeed been very peculiar. In the first nest two birds were hatched, one green-marked youngster, and the other nearly a whole green. In the second round, four birds were hatched, one clear, two cinnamon marks, and one nearly a whole cinnamon with the exception of the outside feather in each wing, and two white feathers in the tail, and all these six youngsters are Buffs. Now, when pairing up the double Yellows I quite understood that it was possible to obtain a good Buff from the progeny, but what strikes me as being most strange is the fact that the four birds from the double Yellows were all hens, and that the young (six of them in all) from out of these hens should also turn out to be all hens. I should also like to know, how does it come about that when the double Yellow (Buff) hen is paired to a clear bodied, capmarked Buff cock, the progeny should be green marked, cinnamon marked, and clear Buff. Perhaps some of our older breeders will kindly explain, for I am sure it would make very interesting reading to all those who intend this season to try their hands at either double Yellows or double Buffs. This year I shall pair the hen to a clear Yellow, and also her daughters of last year, two of which I am keeping to mate with Yellows, and will give you my results at the end of the breeding season.—E. J. BANKS.

SIR,—The following appears in your Palace Notes :—"Can Yellows be produced from double Buffs, and Buffs from double Yellows?" I herewith send you my notes of four pairs, and let them speak for themselves; they are taken from my pedigree book. No. 1 Pair.—Yellow ticked cock and clear yellow hen. The cock of this pair was double Yellow bred, and the hen in the usual way. First nest, five eggs, all hatched; one clear yellow, one ticked yellow, one yellow green, one clear buff, and one buff ticked. Second nest, six eggs, four hatched, and two dead in shell; one ticked yellow, one variegated yellow, one ticked buff, one variegated buff. No. 2 Pair :—Yellow green cock and yellow green hen. The cock bred in the usual way, and the hen double yellow bred. These two did not pair readily at first. First nest, four eggs, three hatched, and one dead in shell; one clear yellow, one yellow green, and one buff green. See you make no mistake in these three. Second nest, laid seven eggs, left her with six; five hatched out all right, and one dead in shell; one clear yellow, one variegated yellow, one variegated buff, one yellow green, and one buff green with clean tail. No. 3 Pair :—Clean buff cock and cinnamon-marked buff hen. First nest, five eggs, all hatched; two clear buffs, one buff ticked, one clear yellow, and one yellow ticked. Second nest, four eggs, all hatched; one clear buff, one ticked buff, one variegated buff, and one clear yellow. I do not know how this pair of birds were bred, as I bought them from strange fanciers, and did not inquire about their pedigrees, as they looked suitable for my purpose, but did not turn out as wished. No. 4 Pair :—Nearly even-marked buff cock and even-marked buff hen. The cock bred in the usual way, and hen double yellow bred. First nest, five eggs, all hatched; two variegated buffs, two yellow greens, and one buff green, with foul tail. Second nest, six eggs, all hatched; two suffocated in nest; one buff variegated, one yellow variegated, one yellow green, one buff green, with light tick on back of neck. These four pairs are all Border Fancy Canaries, and were being bred in this way for the purpose of getting stock birds with certain points. I have for the last twenty years been in the habit of breeding double yellow and double buff, and have never seen any injurious effects from it, but the reverse. —WM. MCMILLAN.

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O! WHAT A SURPRISE!

SIR,—Seeing the note in CAGE BIRDS regarding breeding, it might surprise your many readers a little to hear that last season I put a pair of unrelated Buffs together, and results were youngsters yellow variegated. A couple of these youngsters were very heavily marked, almost pencilled like a Lizard, and seemed to be extraordinarily big birds. I was very much surprised, for neither of the parents had a mark on them.—ISAAC OLDCORN.

AN EDINBURGH SCOTCH FANCY BREEDER'S PLANS.

SIR,—Being in Fountain Bridge, Edinburgh, on business, and having half an hour to spare, I dropped in the fire station and asked if Mr. Allan was in. "Up stairs, sir," was the reply. I knew what that meant, the bird room. So up I went, and found my friend busily cage cleaning. After the usual friendly greeting, he hands me the first pair in the City Show, a grand, hard up yellow cock mated to the large buff ticked hen he got from Mr. McLennan as a cock last season. I noticed he intends running the young buff ticked hen he bred himself, first in her class at the City Show, with same cock. Second pair, the old champion last year, yellow hen with a good, heavy buff cock. I was sorry to see the hen looking very dry in feather; am afraid it will be well on in the season before she comes away. Third pair, grand hard up, heavy-backed crossed ticked yellow hen with his young buff cock, second at City Show; this bird greatly improved going through the moult; not the same bird as seen last autumn. I must congratulate my friend on having the best-balanced small stock I ever had the pleasure of looking over, and, with a fair season's breeding, he will be a hard nut to crack on next season's show benches.—RAMBLER.

EARLY BUDGERIGAR BREEDING.

SIR,—I have read with pleasure the success attending some fanciers lately in breeding young mules so early. These mules evidently have been subjected to artificial heat; but I should like to ask if this is not very early for young Budgerigars in a cold outdoor aviary? On paying a visit to Mr. J. C. Barnes (Derby), a few days since, I was surprised to see his hen Budgerigar feeding two young ones about twelve days old. I may say that the place where the husk is hanging in the aviary is very exposed, and the erection contains no heating apparatus.—W. H. BAMSEY.

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GREAT HORTON GOOD INTENT O.S.

First of a series of members' shows, Feb. 23rd, at the Church Schools. There was a good entry. Mr. T. Mountain (Baildon) judged, and gave every satisfaction. At the after meeting three new members were enrolled. YELL. COCK: 1, 4, Kaye; 2, Riley; 3, Styles. BUFF: 1, Schofield; 2, Atkin; 3, Holden; 4, Brook. YELL. HEN: 1, 3, Newell; 2, Holden; 4, Firth. BUFF: 1, Brook; 2, Newell; 3, Atkin; 4, Holden. CIN. MARKED COCK: 1, Holden; 2, Firth. HEN: 1, Firth; 2, Schofield; 3, Holden; 4, Styles. STOCK BIRD: 1, Holden; 2, 3, 4, Oldfield. A.V. CLASS: 1, Firth; 2, Schofield; 3, Holden; 4, Atkin.

EAST BOWLING AND DIS. B.F.A.

Second members' show of the year, Saturday, Feb. 23rd, at the Barley Mow Hotel. Seventy birds of splendid quality were staged. Mr. H. J. Chittenden placed the cards, and gave every satisfaction. His awards were as follows:—CL. YELL. YORKS.; 1, Thompson; 2, 4, Bleazard; 3, Hudson; vhc, Lambert; hc, c, Birkett. BUFF: 1, 3, Firth; 2, Bleazard; 4, Lambert; vhc, Hudson; hc, Varley; c, Woolmer. TKD. YELL.: 1, Cowell; 2, Varley; 3, Clark; 4, Thompson; vhc, Crowther; hc, Sharp; c, Higgins. BUFF: 1, 2, hc, Bottomley; 3, Varley; 4, Hudson; vbc, Higgins; c, Firth. YELL. HEN: 1, Crowther; 2, Varley; 3, Woolmer; 4, Firth; vhc, Thompson; hc, Sharp; c, Hudson. BUFF: 1, Thompson; 2, Bleazard; 3, c, Hudson; 4, vhc, Crowther; hc, Firth. CINN. COCK: 1, Warhurton. HEN: 1, 2, Bottomley; 3, Warburton. SELL. COCK, 15/-: 1, Lambert; 2, hc, Bleazard; 3, c, Bottomley; 4, Firth; vhc, Varley. HEN, 12/6: 1, Varley.—T. E. HIGGINS, Sec.

HATFIELD AND DIS. F.A.

The fifth annual show was held in the Public Hall on February 7th. Cage birds were staged at the warmest end of the hall, and were well tended by the committee, all of whom are experienced fanciers. The hon. sec., Mr. C. Sunderland, and committee, all worked with a will, and, on comparison with other years, the show was a complete success. The Canary classes were deplorably weak, but the British filled up well. Mr. A. E. Enfield, of Gravesend, judged, and his awards were well received. CAN., BUFF OR YELL.: 1, spl, Bassett; 3, r, Greenham; 4, Young. CAN., TICK OR VAR.: 1, 3, Bassett. MULE 1, spl, Tucker; 3, Draper; r, Young. BULL OR GOLD FINCH: 1, spl, Mrs. Sunderland; 2, Hill; 3, Freeman; r, Palmer; vhc, Hills; c, Young. A.O.V. BRIT. SMALL: 1, spl, vhc, Freeman; 2, Weightman; 3, Savage; vhc, Greenham, Osborn; hc, Smith. BRIT. LARGE: 1, spl, Freeman; 2, Nott; r, Payton. FOREIGN: 3, Cooke; r, Chatman; vhc, Freeman. CHILDREN'S PET (FEATHER): 1, Master Greenham; 2, Master Sunderland; 3, Master Dover; r, Miss C. Austin; vhc, Masters Lovell and Nicholas.

SWINDON AND DIS. C.B.A.

Monthly meeting, February 20th. A large number assembled, and a thoroughly enjoyable and instructive evening was spent. In the unavoidable absence of Mr. Sendell, through illness, Mr. Allsopp was voted to the chair. The first item was a table show of British Hardbills, Mr. Birchley judging. There were three classes, and the quality of the birds was most excellent, especially in the Goldfinch class, which contained birds of very high merit. The following were the awards:—GOLDFINCH OR BULLFINCH (8): 1, 3, 4, vhc, Hopkins and Allsopp, grand team, first a real gem, teeming with quality and finish, excellent blaze, nicely tanned, and very steady, third smaller than winner in head and body, still a very nice Finch; 2, Poole and Ottery, nice Finch, good blaze, bars, and buttons, a little soft in feather; vhc, Dodd. LINNET, ETC. (9): 1, Edmunds, well marked Twite, not one of the largest, but in nice feather, well shown; 2, Dodd, Linnet (a hen we thought), nicely laced on breast, good body colour, and well shown; 3, Leavers, Siskin, good colour and markings, but void of bib, which put him back, otherwise a nice bird; vhc, Pinnel; hc, Hopkins and Allsopp; c, Leavers. A.O.V. HARD. (8): 1, 2, 3, Leavers, Hawfinch leading, in nice form, good bib, nice colour and markings, second Greenie, fine yellow, in A1 form, should be heard of again, third Chaffinch, good size, colour, and markings, showing plenty of white in wings, good condition, and well staged; 4, Brewer; vhc, Poole and Ottery; hc, Hopkins and Allsopp; c, Edmonds. After judging the birds, Mr. Birchley read a paper entitled, "Some observations on Hardbilled British Birds," which was full of interest. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Birchley for his services in judging the birds, and for his excellent paper. Mr. Birchley, in responding, said that he was pleased with the reception accorded him, and trusted that the members of the society would pull together, and make the Swindon C.B.A. one of the strongest associations in the West. Five new members were proposed, bringing up the membership to 51.—JAS. T. EDMUNDS.

BAILDON C.B.F.A.

Members' show, held at headquarters, Bull's Head Inn, on Saturday, Feb. 9th. This was the last of the series of members' shows for 1906-7. Over 70 birds were staged, quite a compliment to this young society, whose membership is rapidly increasing. Mr. James Wilson, Sandy-lane, judged. The special, 12/-, for most points was won by Mr. Wm. Fawcett; 8/-, second most points, Mr. Jesse Halliday; 6/-, third most points, Mr. James Tidgwell; 4/-, fourth most points, Mr. J. Greaves. Specials for best and second best bird in show was won by W. Fawcett, who also won special for best vhc bird. Messrs. Hudson and Dawson won special for best fourth bird. CL. YELL. YORKS.: 1, spl, vhc, Fawcett; 2, 3, Greaves; 4, Hudson and Dawson; hc, W. Tyler. BUFF: 1, spl, 3, Fawcett; 2, hc, Rhodes; 4, Tidgwell; vhc, Halliday; c, W. Tyler. TICK. YELL.: 1, spl, 3, Greaves; 2, Atkinson; 4, Fawcett; vhc, Tidgwell; hc, Halliday. TICK. BUFF: 1, spl, Tidgwell; 2, Jennings; 3, Halliday; 4, Fawcett. YELL. HEN: 1, spl, vhc, c, Rhodes; 2, Tidgwell; 3, Fawcett; 4, Holmes. BUFF HEN: 1, spl, Halliday; 2 vhc, Atkinson; 3, 4, Tidgwell; hc, W. Tyler; c, Rhodes. NOVICE CLASS: 1, spl, Atkinson; 2, 4, Hudson and Dawson; 3, Holmes; vhc, Taylor. A.O.V.: 1, spl, Tyler, Green Yorks; 2, W. Tyler, Norwich; 3, vhc, Fawcett, Norwich and Lancashire Plainhead. A.O.V. BRIT.: 1, spl, Rhodes; 2, 4, hc, Tyler; 3, Halliday; vhc, c, Fawcett. SELL. CLASS. 10/6: 1, spl, Laithwaite; 2, Tidgwell; 3, Fawcett; 4, vhc, Tyler. SELL. CLASS HEN, 10/6: 1, spl, Fawcett; 2, Halliday; 3, vhc, Tidgwell; 4, Laithwaite; hc, Jennings.—FRED TYLER, hon. sec.

GATESHEAD & DIS. C.B.S.

Everyone was in the best of spirits at our last meeting, as the result of balance sheet, showing a cash balance of nearly £16, and assets value £5 12s., etc. The committee extended the classification last year, and added ten more classes to the open, including four classes for Belgians, and the result was most gratifying. The entries came up far above our expectations, and a fresh record was established.—T. TAYLOR.

[Some of this report indecipherable, on account of being a defective carbon copy.—Ed. "C.B."]

QUEENSBURY C.B.S.

Members' show, Feb. 25th, at the Granby Hotel, when about 50 birds faced the judge, Mr. J. S. Clarkson (Halifax), whose awards afforded general satisfaction. CL. OR TKD. YELL.: 1, Jagger and Ackroyd; 2, Waterhouse; 3, Tomsett; 4, Myers. BUFF: 1, Myers; 2, Fowle; 3, Pratt; 4, Craven and Son. UNMARKED OR FOUL YELL.: 1, Bramfit; 2, Myers; 3, Craven and Son. BUFF: 1, 4, Craven and Son. YELL. HEN: 1, Smith; 2, Hartley; 3, Wilkinson. BUFF: 1, Bramfit; 2, Craven and Son; 3, Pratt; 4, Myers. UNMARKED OR FOUL: 1, H. Jagger; 2, Myers; 3, Craven and Son. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Smith.—S. JAGGER, Sec.

[Kindly note that unless your reports are sent us clearly and distinctly written out, we cannot undertake to print them in future.—Ed. "C.B."]

WARRINGTON C.B.S.

Members' Show, held at Blue Boar, February 14th, Mr. A. Hirst (Accrington) judged. YORKS. (10): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Knowles; hc, Dukes; c, Birchall. PAIRS (10): 1, 3, Knowles; 2, Badger; vhc, P. Cowell; hc, A. Stout; c, Cowell. NOR. (3): 1, Houghton; 2, Walters; 3, Emmett. PAIRS: 1, E. Smith; 2, Emmett; 3, Smith. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, Johnson; 2, Billington. A.O.V. PAIRS: 1, Knowles; 2, 3, Johnson; vhc, Hampson. PAIRS FOR MULE OR HYB. BREEDING: 1, Walters; 2, Birchall; 3, Hampson. LINNET, SISKIN, REDPOLL OR TWITE: 1, Billington; 2, Hampson; 3, Houghton. A.O.V. BRIT. SEEDEATER: 1, Billington; 2, 3, Hampson; vhc, Huggett; hc, c, Houghton. After judging, Mr. Hirst gave a washing exhibition before a large number of members. After this was finished, a hearty vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Hirst, and several members asked him questions concerning their birds. The following officers were also elected for the ensuing year:—Mr. Knowles, President; Messrs. Huggett and Walters, Vice-Presidents; Mr. Emmett, Secretary; Mr. J. D. Leigh, Treasurer.

QUEEN'S PARK AND DIS. C.B.A.

Annual Show of Pairs, matched for breeding, held headquarters, the Windsor Castle Hotel, Harrow-rd., W., Feb. 14th. Ninety cages staged speaks well for the society's future, especially as several of the prominent members do not send exhibits to pair shows. The Yorkshire sections were well patronised, especially the Novice Class, twenty-three cages facing the judge, the quality being excellent. Some well-matched pairs were there. The Norwich Plainheads also contained some fine specimens, and the Hybrid Classes were nothing lacking, and made a good muster. The birds were well staged by the stewards, Messrs. Daintry, Harris, Hodges, and the chairman, Mr. Lawrence, who were very painstaking, and attended well to the wants of the exhibits. A good attendance crowned a very successful show. Mr. John Robson judged. The successful exhibitors were Messrs. Battison, Lethbridge, Roberts, Buckman, Churchard, Laurence, Giles, Hawes, Rogers, Thornton, Lewis, Menhenett, Holmes, Batchelor, Birch, Maisey, Monger, Wynn, Bassett, Thorpe, Green, Harris, and Hawes.

THANET F.S.

At the Bull's Head Hotel, Margate, the members of this society held their first table show of cage birds, and the venture was a success in every way. There were over 70 entries, and the stock exhibited was certainly of a very high quality, some really splendid birds being shown. The arrangements were admirably carried out by a small committee, consisting of Messrs. S. C. Boncey, T. W. Brown, A. Hoghen, A. G. Moore, S. Marten, and W. J. Jones (hon. secretary). Mr. F. J. Gibbs (Canterbury) did the judging, and also gave a brief lecture on the general routine of breeding and feeding of Norwich Canaries, and also replied to several questions put to him by interested owners. In Class II. Mrs. A. W. Bayly showed a magnificent bird, judged to be the best in the show, but it had to be overlooked because wrongly classed, as it was what is technically known as "ticked." NOR. CL. YELL.: 1, 3, hc, Bayly; 2, Moore; hc, Jones. BUFF: 1, hc, Brown; 2, Moore; 3, hc, Jones; hc, Hills. TICK., ETC.: 1, 2, 3, Jones; 4, Bayly; vhc, Kew; c, Moore. PAIR: 1, Bayly; 2, Moore; 3, Hill; 4, hc, Boncey; vhc, Brown; c, W. J. Jones. BRIT. (not larger than a lark): 1, 4, Kew; 2, 3, Matthews; vhc, c, Bayly. SELL. CAN.: 1, Jones; 2, Moore; 3, 4, vhc, Boncey.

Hearty votes of thanks were accorded to the judge and the committee, and the hope was expressed that similar encouraging shows would be held.

STOKE NEWINGTON PAIR SHOW.

The Annual Pair Show of the Stoke Newington Fanciers' Association was held in the Devonshire-square Church Schoolroom, on February 19th. The entries only came up moderately well, and owing to the unpropitious state of the elements the attendance was far from good. Mr. Dowden and his committee, as usual, had everything very nicely arranged, and the venture passed off well. Mr. C. A. House judged.

YORKS. CHAMPIONS (3): 1, 2, 3, Preston, very nice trio, first cinnamon yellow marked cock and a clear buff hen, a useful looking pair of nice shape and style, second wing marked yellow cock, and variegated cinnamon hen, shapely and nice feather, not so stylish, third two good bodied clears, but fail in style. NOVICES (8): 1, 2, vhc, Penton, the leaders a quality pair of clears, yellow cock and buff hen, good in shape and style, second cinnamon marked yellow cock and a buff hen, very close run indeed; 3, c, Turner, yellow cock and cinnamon marked hen, capital shape and style, not so good in feather; vhc, hc, Wells. NORWICH AMATEUR (4): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Pike, first yellow cock and buff hen of most excellent shape, with nice quality of feather, second buff cock and yellow hen, shapely, but not so good in feather properties, third buff cock and yellow hen, not so well matched, both failing in type. NOVICE (3): 1, 3, Dowden, first green cock and buff hen, third two useful clears, very nice type; 2, Morris, larger, and drop their tails a bit. MULES (6): 1, Pike, very bright coloured well marked Goldfinch, and a grand yellow Norwich hen, a very likely looking pair; 2, 3, vhc, Mortlock, second very shapely, good coloured steady Greenfinch and a fine bold Norwich hen, third a Cheverel Goldfinch, and a good one too, and a long stylish Yorkshire hen; hc, c, Dowden.

SINGING CONTESTS.

OLD BIRD HOUSE, LEEDS.

The quality Linnet singing brigado were treated to some very good singing at the Old Bird House on Saturday. Sixteen selected birds competed for three good prizes given by the landlord, Mr. J. Booth. The birds were in splendid condition, and gave a good account of themselves. Judges, T. Crane and W. Naylor. On Sunday, at noon, the usual contest took place, 23 recent prize-winners competing for four good prizes given by the landlord. Result of Saturday's contest:—1st, H. Hayes; 2nd and 3rd, J. Clark. Sunday's contest:—1st, C. Whitaker; 2nd, Sam Hardcastle; 3rd, J. Clark; 4th, T. Stead. Judges, J. Melia and W. Naylor.—J. MELIA, Hon. Sec.

SKINNER'S ARMS, LEEDS.

A Linnet singing contest was held February 24th at the Skinners' Arms (better known as the "Old Treacle Pot"), Buslingthorpe Lane, Leeds. The landlord, A. Fishwick, gave three prizes for which 15 good birds competed. Awards: 1st, J. Grainger; 2nd, G. Reed; 3rd, H. Kibler. Judge, Tom Crane.—C. HUNT, Timekeeper (Sec.).

FORTHCOMING CONTEST AT LEIGH.

An all-England Linnet singing contest will be held at the Colliers' Rest, Westleigh Mill, Leigh, on March 9th, for time singing only. The landlord, Mr. Joseph Edwards, will give the following prizes:—1st prize, 12s. 6d.; 2nd, 10s.; 3rd, 7s. 6d.; 4th, 6s.; 5th, 4s. Entrance fee, 1s. per bird. Twopence will be charged to hear the birds sing, to be returned in refreshments. Singing to commence at 2 o'clock prompt.—J. EDWARDS.

BRADFORD.

Sixteen birds competed at the week-end contest held at the Exchange Inn, Wakefield Road, when C. Tarlton judged, and F. Burton was timekeeper. Results: 1st, A. Smith; 2nd, D. Lyles; 3rd, Corporal Simmonds. All Linnet fanciers are cordially invited to visit us.—F.

SKINNINGROVE AND LOFTUS LINNET S.S.

At the second Cup Contest of the season, on February 25th, some splendid singing was heard. Six good prizes and a cup were sung for. 1st and 2nd, C. Rawson; 3rd, M. Dobson; 4th, R. Burnett; 5th, J. C. Havelock; 6th, W. Womack. Judge, F. Deadon; Timekeeper, J. Hart. The usual week-end contest was held at Staithes, when some wonderful singing was heard. There were 21 competitors, the winning, second, third, and fourth birds belonging to M. Dobson. F. Canby judged. A table show was held for Brownies the same night, when eight birds were placed for judging, F. Canby and F. Deadon making the awards. First prize, C. Rawson; second and third, M. Dobson; fourth, J. C. Havelock.—M. DOBSON, Secretary.

ELLERBY, LANE BANK, LEEDS.

At the Fisherman's Hut, Ellerby, Lane Bank, Leeds, a Linnet contest was held, open to all Yorkshire, when Mr. C. Tobin gave three splendid prizes. The large company present were delighted with some real good singing. The judges, Messrs. Jackson and Towers, awarded the first, second, and third prizes to Mr. H. Allen. His birds were in splendid condition, and were acknowledged by all to be a credit to him.—J. DAVISON.

HULL.

Linnet singing contest, North Bridge Hotel, Feb. 16th; 22 picked birds competed for four good prizes; 1st, S. Saul; 2nd, R. Dearlove; 3rd, R. Dearlove; 4th, W. Davison. Judges, E. Mawer, R. Booker. The company heard some classical Linnet singing. Thirtieth Annual Linnet singing contest, Whit. Monday. Anyone wishing to join our society can do so by applying to E. MAWER, Secretary, 14, Eastcheap, or North Bridge Hotel.

PRINCE ALBERT INN, NEWTOWN, LEEDS.

We had, as usual, a week-end contest, held at the Prince Albert Inn, on Jan. 13th, when 21 birds sang for three special prizes, given by the landlord, Mr. J. R. Saynor. Judges, S. Green and B. Jackson. Result: H. Allen, 1st, 2nd and 3rd. Also a contest, Feb. 10th, when 17 picked birds sang for three good prizes, given by the above landlord. Judges, J. Binner and B. Jackson. Result: H. Allen, 1st and 2nd; F. Allen, 3rd. Contest, February 17th, when 12 birds competed for three good prizes, given by the above landlord. Judges, E. Wood and J. Binner. Result: H. Allen, 1st, 2nd and 3rd. —E. WOOD, Hon. Sec.

WARRINGTON L.S.A.

A grand contest was held at the Alexandra Inn, February 16th, when 18 of the best birds in town competed for four good prizes, which were given by the landlord, Mr. R. Thompson, the singing being a real treat, everybody present being well satisfied. The winner being a credit to the owner. The birds were in charge of Messrs. S. Leigh and J. Archer (judges); timekeeper, Mr. J. Ball. 1, T. Crawford; 2, W. Leah; 3, C. Turner; 4, T. Armitage.—G. TRYNER (Hon. Sec.).

Wake up, Dorset!

Why not a Cage Bird Society for this district?—a correspondent, "Durnovarian," writes to ask. We are all behind. There are plenty of fanciers in this town (Dorchester) alone. Cannot some more able pen than mine give them a waking up?

CANARY NOTES IN BRIEF.

BY CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

MATING UP MENTALLY.

This term might fittingly sum up the proper work of the Canary breeder at the present time. To mate the birds in actuality just now, strong though the temptation may be at times, is still to be discouraged. But to go over the stock and carefully weigh the points of each prospective pair mentally should form a very valuable and instructive exercise for the next week or two. In this way all the pros and cons concerning each bird can be very fully considered, and thrashed out, and if one has, in addition, a well-kept breeding register and pedigree-book, with notes referring to the breeding of the birds, and any particular feature they may appear to transmit strongly to their offspring, they should be able to match each pair so as to work the greatest improvement possible amongst the young that are bred. It is by such careful plodding work as this that the fancier with a lean purse may ultimately breed the highest-class stock from cheap and mediocre originals. Naturally, one should use only the best stock available for mating; but, after all, the very best stock is of little avail if injudiciously mated. Brains and a good judgment count most in these matters.

ITEMS OF DIET.

It will be time now to commence to feed up the cocks prior to mating. This does not imply that they should be crammed with heaps of rich and stimulating food. A small teaspoonful of egg food, once or twice a week —or when one wishes to experiment without the use of this highly dangerous (?) food, a piece of bread dipped in hot milk and sprinkled with maw seed will make a very good substitute—will suffice. A pinch of niga once or twice a week will form a valuable addition for the hens. Another very valuable item, though not exactly a food, which often gets thrown away as waste, are the shells of the eggs used in feeding the birds. These should always be preserved, dried in an oven, pounded or crushed fine, and given to the hen birds with the sand or grit all through the spring and breeding season. They are greatly relished, and provide excellent material for the shells of the eggs the Canaries are expected to produce themselves.

IS RAPE SEED LOWERING?

Writing of food brings this question in mind. Here is an extract which gives the general opinion about rape seed:—"Birds which are too fat can be brought again to their normal condition if you give them rape seed only, and a piece of apple. . . and green food." This gives the sum and substance of what practically all authorities on bird-feeding have said. And yet, beside this, we have chemical analyses of various authorities to show that rape contains very high feeding and fattening properties. Then there is the fact that rape is largely used as a food for fattening cattle. In my own experience I have seen birds which have been fed for a time solely, or nearly so, upon rape, which were literally blocked up with fat. Therefore it becomes an interesting question whether science, backed by the practical experience of stock breeders, or the unwritten traditions of the bird fancier are correct. Personally, whatever may be the experience of others, I have long been forced to the opinion that a rape seed diet, far from being a starvation diet, is an exceptionally nourishing one. But perhaps others would like to give their experience with a rape seed diet.

ILLUSTRATED IDEAS

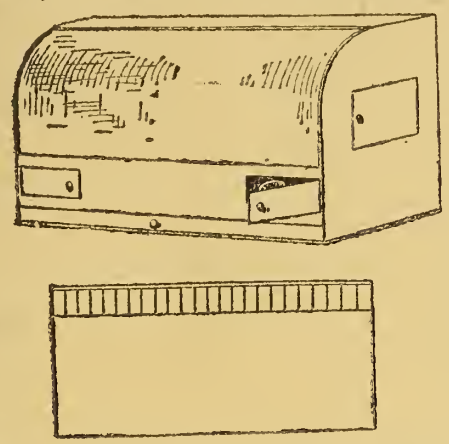
Under this heading we shall illustrate weekly some idea useful to the bird-keeper. Readers are invited to send us particulars of any novel and practical appliance of use in our hobby, either in cage, bird-room or aviary, with a rough sketch of same where possible. Every "Illustrated Idea" used in this column will entitle the sender thereof to a postal order for two shillings and sixpence.

No. 79.

A "MEATING-OFF" CAGE.

Sent by W. C. H. Whythe, 23, Montefiore Street, Queen's Road, Battersea, S.W.

I herewith send you my idea of a "meating-off" cage for Softbills, which has this advantage, it can afterwards be used as a stock, or house cage for any of the smaller species. It is especially useful to the amateur. The length is 24 inches, width 14 inches, height 15 inches. It has three or four perches, all on a level, a tin-bottomed sand-tray, and two swing



in or out feeding vessels. The height of front-piece (which carries the feeders) is 8 inches over all. The door should be of good size; from 4 inches square, to 6 inches by 5 inches. The low front is covered with canvas (or other suitable material), fixed with drawing-pins, or tacks. The lower figure in my sketch shows the back of the cage, which is wired to 1½ inches from the top, so the fancier can always see how his birds are going on without at the same time disturbing them.—W. C. H. WHYTHE.

No. 80.

A NOVEL FLOWER POT NEST.

Sent by F. Pawson, West View, Garstang, Lancs.

I herewith enclose you a rough sketch of a novel, and, at the same time, most useful nesting receptacle for Foreign Birds,

such as Zebra Finches, Ribbon Finches, etc. I have used it with success for a number of years, both in cage and aviary. Procure some flower pots 6 inches deep; then chip the hole at the bottom with a small hammer until it is 1½ inches in diameter. They are then ready for use. Fig. 1 shows the wire for hanging up the pot. Fig. 2 shows the pot in position, either in cage or aviary. All that is required is to place a handful of hay or moss inside the pot before hanging it up.—F. PAWSON.

THE YOUNG NATURALIST.

Prizes of 1s. and two of 6d. each will be given for respectively the best and two second best cuttings or original bits about birds. Competitors must be children under sixteen years of age. All efforts must be briefly and clearly written, and ON ONE SIDE OF THE PAPER ONLY.

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Many tales are told concerning the marvellous intelligence and sagacity of birds, especially of those which are, to a certain extent at least, gifted with the faculty of human speech. One of these, a Magpie, whose owner kept a toll-gate, learned to shout out "gate ahoy," whenever his mistress, in preparing a meal, had placed any particularly appetising food upon the table. The woman, thinking a traveller called, would run out to open the gate, and while she was gone the clever bird made off with the dainty morsel.

Uncle Peter knows a green Parrot who will sing and dance in perfect imitation of the Swiss peasants with whom he lives, and whenever anyone goes to the house the Parrot always offers to shake hands with them. "Touche la patte, touche la patte à Jacquot," he says, "Shake hands with Jacko," holding out his right foot in the most enticing manner. But woe betide those who accept his invitation. His sharp beak is through their fingers in an instant, and it is by no means easy to make him let go. He is a South American bird, but Parrots are found also in Africa, Asia, and Australia. The Continent of Europe alone has no native Parrot.

** Clever Crows.

There is an amusing story told about some crows. An officer was lying ill in a house which stood near an immense banyan tree. In this a colony of tame crows had made their home. Whenever the nurse of the officer left him alone, his bird neighbours would leave their perch, and visit him by the dozen. Nothing escaped their notice; what they could not eat they destroyed, if they could. "They tore my towels," says the officer, "bored holes in my uniform, stole the buttons from my coat, and smashed my bottles. They stood in rows on the window sill, and they drank from the bath, all the time quarelling together and making a frightful din. When the nurse came in the air would be darkened with the wings of the impudent creatures, hastening beyond his reach." As the officer got back to health and strength the crows grew more respectful. At last their visits became a source of amusement to him, and the crows found in him a friend and teacher.—Sent by ROSE POON, aged 15, 81, Chalk Farm Road, N.W.

* The Siskin.

This little bird has been known in several instances to breed with us in its natural wild condition, but its nesting home is in Russia, Germay, and north-western Europe. It has been known to build in furze bushes, and also close to the trunk of a fir-tree, where a projecting bough afforded support for the structure. The nest is composed of similar materials to the Chaffinch's, and the eggs present a good deal of resemblance to those of the Goldfinch, with a little inferiority in size.—Sent by J. CURD, age 10½ years, Westeria Villa, Wateringbury, Kent.

* Jack.

We took a young Jackdaw from a nest when only a few weeks old; he was not at all pretty, as he was covered with little blue quills, and his beak seemed out of proportion to the rest of his body. He grew rapidly; in fact, one could almost see the difference from day to day. We fed him chiefly on soaked barley meal, and occasionally a little finely chopped meat or hard boiled egg mixed with biscuits. When he was old enough to look after himself he was allowed the run of the garden, but for safety's sake one wing was clipped. He never went outside the garden, keeping very close to the house. At first he had one or two very narrow escapes from the cat, but he soon learnt to avoid it by keeping to the trees and roof of the house. When any of the family were with him he was not at all afraid of the cat, and even used to stand on it and pull its fur and tail. When about ten months old, Jack began to talk, and soon said "Come on" and "Jack" quite plainly. Although he never concealed anything, like most Jackdaws, he would climb in at bed-room windows and drop things out; also he was somewhat mischievous in the garden, digging up bulbs and seeds and destroying labels. He was very particular as to his friends, and would only go to members of the family, being especially fond of his master. He was extremely tame and liked sitting on our shoulders and pecking our ears. After we had had him about 15 months we went away for a holiday; he disappeared just before we returned, and we never saw him again.—E. A. H. (No name or address given.)

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AN OUTSIDER'S IMPRESSIONS OF THE PALACE SHOW.

By F. Finn, B.A., F.Z.S.

The Palace Show may be taken as the great annual avicultural festival, and I hope that those who attended it, or who read of it in "C.-B.," will not be too hard on the reflections of one outside the exhibiting fraternity. For I must admit that the only experience of exhibiting I ever went through was to enter a Java Sparrow in a selling class at a small —very small—local show in the days of my youth. The drinking-hole of the cage was too large, and the show was out-of-doors in a tent; but time heals all wounds, and I have always solaced myself for the bitterness of the memory by hoping that Mr. Java enjoyed his freedom. This by the way.

The Canaries, especially at the show, I looked upon with awe, as matters for experts; I can tell the "bent-pin" shapes from the straight ones, and make shift to discriminate between a Norwich and a Yorkshire, but I don't aspire to criticise form.

WHY NOT BRITISH SONG CANARIES?

One thing, however, I would like to say. I strayed into the little room set apart for the Rollers and their admirers, and, as I listened to the dreamy, drooling, dithering productions of the minstrels of the Fatherland, and contrasted it with the bluff, if somewhat boisterous, melody of the British Canaries outside, a thought struck me. After all, the big public does like "more singers," and why should we not have our British style of song for British-bred birds, and not borrow everything from Germany? I don't say we should not eliminate some of the crudities from our birds' performances—such as that note which is so strikingly reminiscent of an infant chicken which has wandered round to the back of the coop and feels all too sure that it will never see home and mother again—and, I suppose, they ought not to be allowed to "schnitter," "schnatter," and "aufzug," whatever these weird expressions may mean. But what I mean is that an uncultivated British Canary sings like a bird, while the high-and-well-born Teutonic gentleman is—well, a musical box. Of all the German Canaries I have heard, the breed procurable in the East End at 4s. 6d. a time, commends itself to me as well as any, and I find my non-fancier friends are astonished at its excellence. I don't want to poke fun at the outcome of the praiseworthy patience of the breeders across the water, exercised for a hundred years, but I think we can do with a line of our own as well.

SOME POINTS OF COLOUR.

Musing on such heresies I wandered round among the Britishers. Here there was much to cheer and edify, especially in the fact that the Greenfinches were green, and not bronze Finches, as one sometimes sees them. Not that I mind colour-feeding when this only carries the colouration of the bird to its logical conclusion, so to speak; a colour-fed bird often reminds one of the remark that Turner made about one of his sunset pictures. "I don't remember ever seeing a sunset like that," said a friend. "No," said the artist, "but wouldn't you like to?" A world where all the wild birds were as bright as some of our friends can get them in a cage would be a gay place indeed. Talking of brightness, why are not Starlings judged for gloss? The point that takes all judges' eyes is evidently spangling. But the best spangled birds are hens, and though "ladies first" may be all right in our dealings with our own species, it is rather unusual in our treatment of birds. I could not help thinking this as a beautifully glossed, albeit scantily spotted, old cock pecked in a friendly way at my finger, and then started off in the "variety entertainment" style of song characteristic of his species, as gaily as if he were on his native chimney-pot. I suppose Parrots have driven out Starlings as pet birds and talkers; but some are even now trained occasionally. I heard of one in Derbyshire the other day which talked as plainly as a person.

Talking Jays turn up now and then, too, but a Jay has disadvantages as an indoor pet that a Starling does not share, being so much smaller.

THE HEDGE SPARROW FOR THE BENCH.

I never can understand why the Hedge Sparrow does not turn up on the show bench unless he happens to be "rare-feathered" like the Cinnamon one that appeared this time. Why not have a class for Hedge Sparrows? They are as good as Twites anyhow, and would have a difficulty in being as "ordinary" as Corn Buntings. They sing; they have the delicate shape and pleasing outlines of a Softbill, while easier to keep than a good many Finches, and some, at any rate, are phenomenally steady. They really deserve a chance, and I hope some day they will get it. Perhaps then people will realise that they are not really Sparrows, but poor relations of that born aristocrat, Cock Robin, and respect them accordingly. If ever a Softbill is to be crossed with a Finch, I think the Hedge Sparrow would be the most likely one to try, as he lives so much on seed.

I found the "Foreign Bird in British Class" difficulty still provoking much discussion. There seems to have been a mighty immigration of Meadow Buntings of late to allow five to appear. I don't know who put a small German travelling-cage on top of the abode of one of these birds, with a ticket inscribed "just come over," but the allusion was appreciated.

It is surely time some painstaking fanciers gathered together with a standard British bird book and settled what Britishers could be called "casuals"; then it could be ordained that such could have a class to themselves. It seemed to me that one aviculturist present put the limit very fairly when he said you could fairly call a bird British when you knew you could find it to a certainty somewhere at some season in any year.

A DEMOCRATIC VIEW OF FOREIGN BIRDS.

I never go to the Foreign section nowadays without feeling that the glory has departed therefrom. Not that there were not a lot of nice things on view at the Palace this time, as there always are, and one species at least, the Rufus-backed Mannikin, graced the show-bench for the first time. But it is not rarities that keep a show alive; what we want are classes for the cheap and hardy birds that everyone can buy and keep. The rare birds interest me most, I must admit, from a scientific point of view. But from that of personal taste give me the common ones, I would say, in many cases. Where will you find a Parrakeet to equal the Budgerigar among the rarities? What Finch is such a model of wax-like condition as the humble Java? And what Softbill is so hardy, bright, and musical as the Pekin? Give all these classes to themselves; the rarities will benefit by increased entry fees and gate-money. It is true that, as Mr. Seth Smith suggested to me, so many people keep their birds in aviaries nowadays, and, of course, don't care to catch them up for showing, for which, of course, such birds would be too unsteady. But the cheap birds I advocate are just the ones for people who haven't got aviaries, while if a man has a really rare thing he is likely to show it, aviary kept or not.

I have always had much sympathy with the Irish Socialist who said that "one man is as good as another—in fact, a great deal better!" Apply this to birds, and you see my point. Let Foreign bird keepers give the common birds a chance, as British bird men have done, and everyone will benefit.

SCRATCH BIRDS.

The Foreign bird people need to learn, however, that one cage isn't as good as another, whatever one may think of the inmates thereof. Why some people apparently send their birds to show in their living cages is a problem not easy of solution; but it only shows that Foreign bird showing is not taken seriously, so to speak, as is the exhibition of Britishers, with their various requirements so carefully thought out.

That the Foreign birds take the fancy of the general public is beyond question, especially when there is anything large and sensational, such as the Satanic-looking black Banksian Cockatoos on this occasion. Here again is a type of bird to be encouraged. I don't know whether black Cockatoos ever talk, but the Parrots and Cockatoos that do should be encouraged, and prizes should be given for talking. The Foreign bird Fancy might be the most popular of all after the invincible Canary, and I hope some day to see it so yet.

BRADFORD (EAST) O.S.

First show of the season at Headquarters, Park Chapel Schools, February 23rd. Three gold medals and £4 in money specials were competed for at five shows during the year, which caused entries to turn up well, and some real good Yorkshires were on view. Five new members were made at the last meeting, which brings the total up to 36, a grand achievement for four months' work on the part of members, each of whom seems to be desirous of doing his best for the welfare of the Society. Everything passed off well, keen competition being the order of the day both in champion and novice sections, providing Mr. R. Halliday, the judge, with a stiff afternoon's work. His awards were well received. There was a good sprinkling of visitors during the afternoon. Points were gained in the champion section by W. Cruise, 1st (most points); C. Cowgill, 2nd; J. Farrar and H. Hill, tie for 3rd. In the novice classes, 1st (most points), O. Priestley; 2nd, W. Stables; Messrs. Chapman and Bateman and G. White tie for 3rd (most points). The entries reached the respectable total of 166, every class but one being well filled.

CHAMPION CLASSES.—YELL. YORKS.: 1, Cruise; 2, hc, Cowgill; 3, Mann; vhc, Hill; c, Farrar. BUFF: 1, Cruise; 2, Mann; 3, vhc, Rushworth; hc, Cowgill; c, Gelder. YELL. HEN: 1, Cruise; 2, c, Farrar; 3, Cowgill; vhc, Cruise; hc, Hill. BUFF: 1, 3, Cruise; 2, Hill; vhc, c, Farrar; hc, Rushworth. NOVICE CLASSES.—YELL. YORKS: 1, hc, Wilkinson Bros.; 2, Chapman and Bateman; 3, c, Priestley; vhc, Northrop. BUFF: 1, White; 2, vhc, Stables; 3, Stewart; hc, Chapman and Bateman; c, Northrop. YELL. HEN: 1, White; 2, Chapman and Bateman; 3, c, Wilson; vhc, Stables; hc, Peacock. BUFF: 1, 2, Priestley; 3, Stables; vhc, Walker; hc, c, Laycock. SELL. A.V. YORKS, 12/6: 1, Rushworth; 2, Stewart; 3, Priestley; vhc, Gelder; hc, Cowgill HEN, 10/6: 1, Greenwood; 2, Gelder.

FOREIGN BIRDS AT THE PALACE.

By Wesley T. Page, F.Z.S.

The Foreign Bird Section, if not abnormal, was certainly ahead of recent years, and the management could not very well have been improved upon, the one drawback, if it could be counted such, being possibly the elaborate precautions against draught, which shut off the light from some of the exhibits, and while on the management topic it would certainly conduce to the comfort of visitors, if the birds were staged a foot higher in this section, as during the congested state of the aisles on Saturday afternoon, viewing this section was a most uncomfortable proceeding, for it was impossible in the crowd. Again, one could not light without stooping, and this was almost impossible to see the side which was against the avoid noting, that birds which only comparatively recently were in the money, found their places taken by more uncommon species, and themselves left out in the cold. Yet few of the new kinds surpass those now called common (it seems almost heresy to term the bejewelled gems that now come under this designation, common), either in beauty of form or resplendent plumage. It is rather difficult to separate the notables this year, very few standing prominently out from the rest; perhaps the Banksian Cockatoos should receive first notice. Our old friend (an adult female), which has emerged so successfully through many Show seasons, again came out with flying colours and carried off the premier prize; but the birds which claimed most attention were a reputed pair of the same species, which carried off second prize; possibly they are a true pair, and though some seem to think the almost self coloured bird was a different species, there is little doubt but that it is an adult male (*Calyptorhynchus banksi*), and a very fine and handsome specimen, and that the other bird is either an immature male or adult female, possibly the latter. In this the male, when adult, entirely lacks the whitish tawny spots of the female. Another year should decide the point, and if they turn out a true pair, it is to be hoped their fortunate owner, Sir C. Lawes Wittewronge, Bart., will make an attempt to breed these unique and striking, if sombre coloured, birds. In same class were found fine specimens of the uncommon Senegal Parrot, Red and Blue Macaws, Sulphur Crested Cockatoo, Blue-fronted Amazon Red-sided Eclectus, etc., all attracting much attention by their resplendent plumage and sleek condition, and some also by their loquacity. In the class for Parrakeets there was quite a galaxy of talent. A lovely pair of Bourke's (see plate) being rightly first, altogether one of the best pairs I remember to have seen, their soft and chastely-coloured plumage attracting general admiration; this rare species was bred last season by that successful fancier, Mr. Fascy. Another absolutely unique exhibit (which I believe to be a first appearance on the show bench), was the rare Blue-banded Parrakeet (*Neophema venusta*), and though a wee bit rough, it is hard to understand how such an exhibit could have been passed without a card. Its description is roughly as follows:—Prevailing colour, lightish olive-green; forehead crossed by a narrow band of rich blue, bordered above by lighter blue; lores, abdomen, and under tail coverts, yellow; tail, central feathers, blueish-green, outer apparently blue but have their inner webs black; total length, 9 inches. Other uncommon and beautiful exhibits were the Red-vented Blue-bonnet Parrakeets, in perfect condition, and lack of space alone prevents a description. In the class for Waxbills, etc., there was quite an array of the commoner species, all being very beautiful, and in finest condition, Mrs. Warren Vernon's first prize Zebra Waxbills making quite a pretty picture cuddling in their cocoanut nest. In the class for Grassfinches, etc., Mr. Hawkins' Violet-eared Waxbill secured premier honours, and one does not wonder at these lovely birds being described as a "perfect dream of beauty," it was certainly one of the most perfect specimens I have seen. Another exquisite exhibit by same owner was a pair of the uncommon Vinaceous Fire Finches, their chaste beauty being simply beyond description in space at our disposal. Mr. Townsend's rare Rufous-backed Mannikins were in faultless condition—a first appearance on the show bench—and were certainly very hardly treated in only getting a vhc. In the class for Grosbeaks there was an exquisite pair of Cuba Finches taking premier honours, and uncommon exhibits of Quail Finches, very rare African Rock Bunting, and a pair of Black-headed Siskins, the female of which I do not remember to have seen before. In the class for Tanagers there was the usual array of gorgeous plumage, Mr. Townsend's well-known and lovely Black-backed Tanager being to my mind the most beautiful, though the same owner's beautiful, but not full-plumaged Yellow-winged Sugar bird (see plate) was placed above it. Mr. Harrison's Magpie Tanager was certainly a treat to look at, its spotless condition, striking contrasts of silky white and black plumage fixing attention at once. The rare Cuban Tanager (in rather rough condition) was also exhibited in this class by Mr. Dewhurst. In the class for All Species, Mr. Harrison's lovely Silver-eared Mesias (see plate), in faultless condition, caused me to break the tenth commandment straight away, but space only permits me to most inadequately describe them as a sort of glorified Pekin Robin. The other beautiful and uncommon exhibits I can only mention in White-throated Ground Thrush, Japanese Tits (see plate), Tonracco, Toucan, Mouse bird or Coley (see plate), Glossy Starling, Gold-crowned Troupial (see plate), hardly treated, and others. The last class in this section being that for Any Species of Mule or Hybrid, did not call forth as many entries as one would expect, considering the Hybrids and rumours of Hybrids we have had during the past year. The first prize winner, the Red-mantled Parrakeet (or rather Rosella-Pennant), a wild-caught Hybrid, was certainly one of the most beautiful birds in the Show, the purity, richness, and transparent colouring of its plumage being quite beyond word-painting; perhaps it would be best described as a glorified Rosella. The American Song Sparrow Hybrids, were in fine condition, and handsome, if sombre plumaged birds, somewhat resembling a hen Brambling. The Long-tailed-Masked Grassfinch, and Bicheno-Zebra Finch Hybrids were both handsome birds, in which the parentage of both species was pretty equally brought out in the Hybrids. Mrs. Cooper exhibited a Hybrid said to be an Alario-German Canary, if so, it should have been wrong classed; but there appears to be some doubt as to its actual appearance. Messrs. Elwell and Booths' exhibit appeared to be simply a Combassou; it certainly was not produced from Zebra Finch-Indian Silverbill. The social, and not least pleasing feature of the National Show, was fully up to past years. Again we witnessed the usual and enthusiastic "gathering of the clans" from far and wide. On Saturday the greeting of old friends and birdy acquaintances, and the making of new ones, was quite a task. The National Show of 1907 appeared to be voted by one and all as a huge success. Mr. Camps judged classes 124, 125, and 126, and Mr. Swaysland the remainder of Foreign Bird classes.—W.T.P.

WILD BIRD LIFE.

Thrushes—Wild Hybrids.

The Thrushes and Blackbirds, in size, structure, and mode of feeding, closely resemble each other, but are not by any means equally distributed. In some districts there will be found an abundance of one species and hardly any of the other. I know an isolated farm in Kent where the Blackbirds are so plentiful that they are a perfect nuisance to the occupiers of the land. All kinds of garden produce is raided by them, and the smaller fruit, such as strawberries and currants, are eaten wholesale. Thrushes are scarce, especially song Thrushes, and the big storm cocks only gather in flocks during the autumn, and as the spring advances they pair off and move to quarters more to their liking. It is very difficult indeed to say why some of the Thrushes should not stay and nest in the neighbourhood, for nearly all our resident birds do so, and many of the migrants, including Wrynecks, Nightingales, Whitethroats, &c. Here in this district the Thrushes are very plentiful, and comparatively few Blackbirds are seen. Our birds are big, bold fellows with the most regular spotting imaginable, but very pale in colour, even in the spring months when most birds put on their gayest attire. Further south the birds are smaller, but they make up for this deficiency by being very richly coloured. There is evidently something in the locality (possibly the food supply) which governs this. We do not get many Bullfinches here, but those that we see are splendid specimens, whereas the Goldfinches are the most miserable, dirty, little birds imaginable, so it is evident that the Goldfinches do not thrive upon the same wild diet as the gorgeous Bullfinches. As a general rule the best coloured birds of any species are bred and reared in a country where the atmosphere is humid and moist.

A One Time Common Bird.

During the last half-century we have lost several birds from our list of British birds. The Bittern and the Great Bustard are no longer to be found, neither is the Ruff and the Reeve, but these birds were only common in the country places, on the wild downs and marshes. Another bird, the Kite, was, like our common Sparrow, a dweller in our towns and gardens, and was constantly seen in the streets feeding upon the refuse from the horses. We know this was so, as these birds are constantly mentioned in the writing of other times. Gradually the birds were driven out, until now there is only a pair or two left; the secret of the locality is guarded as closely as possible. Although they may manage to exist a few more years, it is very unlikely they will ever again become numerous —much less common—in this country.

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WANTED, large cobby Norwich cock (yellow or yellow marked); exchange winning Yorkshire cock to value of 30/-; mutual approval.—Murrell, Stationer, Spalding.

WANTED, good pair Norwich or Cinnamon; exchange nine Yorkshire hens, surplus birds, bred from winners, or would sell 3/6 each; some good ones among them; approval.—Cherry, Peel-st., Luton.

WANTED, two pairs Norwich Canaries as feeders, also three steady large hen Bullfinches, will exchange exhibition Flying Homers, Red Chequers, and Mealics, Walton's strain, or sell 5/- pair; bargains.—J. T. Hodgson, Snaith, Yorks.

PAIR bigh-class Norwich Plainheads, clear buff cock, clear yellow hen, bred 1906, 15/-; variegated buff cock, splendid songster, 7/6; seven days' approval, deposit.—J. Evaus, 19, Gloucester-rd., Croydon.

WANTED, two pairs of Yorkshires and one hen, 1906 birds, in exchange for a new brass cage, cost 21/-, only used once; also a good toned auto-harp and two "Pears' Annual," including the six plates; also 38 CAGE BIRDS and 37 "Feathered World."—Vale, 7, C Block, Rye-bldgs., Peckham Rye, Loudon, S.E.

WANTED, singing cock Canary; exchange new Parrot cage, or sell 5/-. Wanted, house-moulted Goldfinch; exchange hand-reared cock song Thrush, singing; hand-reared Magpie, says "Polly," "Next," "What," "Maggie," coughs, laughs, etc.; sell 15/-; or exchange Canaries.—Mackwell, Hairdresser, Bradford-rd., Keighley.

WANTED, cock and two hens, typical Norwich or Yorkshires, unflighted; give two grand Whippet pups, three Greenfinches, two Chaffinches, grand Blackbird, Linnet, all cocks, hen Bullfinch, large Magpie cage, "Flag to Pretoria" (unbound), lot value 38/-.—Wakefield, Taxidermist, Boston, Lincolnshire.

I WILL pay 10/- per bird to any party who will undertake to bring me out 25 good singing Norwich cocks at an early date as possible (must be Norwich). I am willing to deposit with CAGE BIRDS, or any reliable firm on this side, or pay half cost of purchase; remainder to be turned over immediately on delivery to Winnipeg. None but bona-fide persons need apply; references exchanged.—Wenham, 443, Langside-st., Winnipeg, Canada.

NOTICE TO GOLDFINCH MULE BREEDERS.

Buyer of all kinds of birds. Good price given for cock and hen Mules; also cock and hen Canaries. Birdcatchers wanted.—Hardy and Barron, established over 20 years, 63, Sclater-st., Shoreditch, London, E.

JOHN GARLAND

wants to buy any quantity of either Yorkshire or Norwich Canarics, hens or cocks; state lowest price; if satisfactory will deposit money with Editor of paper; all letters answered.—64, High-st., Bordesley, Birmingham.

WANTED CANARIES.

All kinds Bullfinches, Goldfinches, cocks and hens, Linnets, Redpolls, and all kinds live stock; state quantities and lowest prices.

ZOO, 18 Fleshmarket Close, EDINBURGH.

SALE OR EXCHANGE.

Mainly British
To be Sold or Exchanged

COCK Goldfinch for muling, 4/-, exchange yellow Norwich hen.—Ernest Butler, Bunbury.

EXHANGE, Goldfinches for good Whippet, or offers.—J. Drew, Duke-st., Padstow.

COCK Bullfinch, two hen Siskins, two pairs Redpolls, all house moulted, sale or exchange.—Yorks, Gardener, Cuthbert-st., Wells.

EXCHANGE cock Blackbird, song Thrush, 28 CAGE BIRDS, for cock Canary or green hens.—Humphrey, 34, Stanhope-rd., Stroud.

ONE Linnet Mule, one Siskin Mule, full song, 6/- each, exchange hen Canaries, fishing requisites.—Salmon, Kilgerran, Pembrokeshire.

ENGLISH cock Goldfinch, very tame, and Norwich hen, paired, will exchange anything useful.—John Lovatt, 30, Hope-st., Bignall End, Staffs.

SIBERIAN Goldfinch cock, 7/6; Siberian Bullfinch cock, 6/-; no better birds imported.—Pearson, Greenwich. Or exchange Canaries.

COCK Blackbirds, Thrushes, 1/- each, hen Blackbirds, 6d., exchange Redwings for anything useful, or sale, 6d. each.—Wright, 76, Lytham-rd., Southport.

THREE large house moulted cock Greenfinches, bred Mules, 4/- each, exchange British or Yorksbires.—A. Underwood, 65, Wellington-st., Kettering.

BEAUTIFUL cock Thrushes, in full song, sell 4/- each, three 10/-, exchange Foreign birds or Canaries.—Julius Grosser, 25, Elmsdon-av., Eastbourne. x269

GRAND muling cock Goldfinch, cock Bullfinch, fit for show; exchange hen Canaries; approval.—G. Pawlett, Braunston-rd., Oakham.

EXCHANGE Linnet-Mule, Linnet notes, for two cage-moulted Linnets or hen Canaries.—Statham, 74, Siddow-common, Leigh, Lancs.

ONE Goldfinch-Canary Mule, cock, one Linnet-Canary Mule, cock; exchange pair 1906 Borders.—Low, Well-pl., Cupar.

CHAMPION Bramblefinch, first special Oswestry, 20/-; or exchange buff Yorkshire cock.—George Potter, Broscley, Shropshire.

EXCHANGE, extra good pair field glasses for one or two exhibition British birds; or sell 10/-.—Capstick, Melrose-st., Lancaster.

EXCHANGE four new call cages, store cage, net, and 52 numbers CAGE BIRDS, for birds; offers.—Marvin, South End, Northallerton.

GOOD cock Greenfinch and hen Bullfinch; exchange British Hardbill; sell 3/6; offers, anything.—Davies, Builder, Narberth.

THREE cock Goldfinches, 3/- each, cash or deposit; exchange cock Goldfinch Mule, Goldfinch note.—Henry Thomas, 2, Glanant-rd., Carmarthen.

NOTICE! Notice! Wanted to sell, few grand giant Hawfinches, all in fine feather, should take prizes in any show; these birds are real Siberian birds; I will take 8/- each for them, or will sell the lot for 30/-, or exchange for Norwich or Yorkshire Canaries, hens; must be colour-fed.—Miss H. Rowsell, 37, White-st., Bethnal Green, London, E.

RAVEN, 1906 bird, healthy, one wing partially cut; cash offers; or exchange British Finches.—F. Greenwood, Albert-chambers, Hebden Bridge.

EXCHANGE large cock Linnet-Canary Mule, good songster, for good large yellow Norwich hen; or sell 7/6.—Outram, River Cottage, Heanor.

EXCHANGE cock Linnet Mule or Goldfinch Mule for hen Canaries or cages.—48, St. Mary Abbotts-ter., Kensington.

LARGE cock Goldfinch Canary Mule, for good buff Norwich cock; or sell 10/6.—Outram, River Cottage, Heanor, Derbyshire.

THREE cock song Thrushes, one cock Blackbird, 2/- each; cock Goldfinch, two year old breeder, 5/-; exchange any cock Canary.—Wood, 29, Terminus-rd., Brighton.

EXHIBITORS.—Grand trio, cock Blackbird, Song Thrush, and Starling, real gems, lot 7/6, or two Yorkshire hens.—Cornwall, Lincoln-rd., New England, Peterboro'.

EXCHANGE, three cock Greenfinches, Twite, Lesser Redpoll, for large yellow Norwich hen, or British cock Goldfinch.—Russell, Insurance Agent, Bathgate, Scotland.

EXCHANGE, cock Linnet and cinnamon marked hen, bred Mules, for Seifert cock, must be good, sell 15/-; approval.—Robson, 47, Perth-st., West Hartlepool.

EXCHANGE, two large hand-reared Westmorland hen Bullfinches, will feed from finger, exchange good singing house moulted cock Goldfinch, or offers.—W. H. Airey, 5, Main-st., Kirkby Lonsdale, Westmorland.

MAGPIE, hand-reared, finger tame, in perfect condition, winner of numerous prizes this season, with combination show cage (cost 15/-), 50/-; or exchange gent.'s cycle or two good American travelling cases; mutual approval.—N. Todd, 2, Murray-pl., Inverness.

NOTICE.—Three splendid house moulted Bullfinches, cocks, in grand condition, fit to take prizes in any show, will take 5/- each for them; will sell the three for 12/-. I also have four splendid giant Siberian Hawfinches, in grand condition and plumage, will take 8/- each, or the lot for 24/-; will exchange these birds for Norwich, Yorkshire ben Canaries; must be colour-fed birds.—Miss H. Rowsell, 37, White-st., Bethnal Green, London, E.

Mainly Canaries
To be Sold or Exchanged

NORWICH, good exchange; offers anything.—Halse, 101, Barkworth-rd., Bermondsey.

TWO high-class Norwich cocks, exchange for good singing Yorkshires, camera, anything.—V. Smith, Golden Cross Hotel, West Bromwich.

BUFF Norwich cock, 20/-; exchange clear yellow Coppy or Plainhead; buff Yorks., 20/-; mutual approval.—Wilson, 80, Westgate, Guisborough, Yorks.

EXCHANGE Canarics for scrap copper and brass, minimum 20lbs.—Henry Leah, Earls Barton, Northampton. x270

EXCHANGE, buff Yorkshires or buff Norwich cock, full song, for extra good Yorkshire hen, 1906 only.—Watson, Ballycarry Station, Ireland.

PICTURE framing mitre machine and cramp, cost £1, offers; exchange Yorkshires or Norwich.—Joseph Thomas, Spring-st., Cradley.

BUFF variegated Norwich cock, 10/-, or exchange Border show cages to value.—George Walker, 21, Bridge-st., Brechin.

HAND-REARED Greenfinch and hen, Norwich, buff, for Green Yorkshire hen, or sell; approval.—Cockerill, Mahood-st., Edgely, Stockport.

LARGE buff Norwich cock and long variegated Yorkshire hen, sell 10/-, or exchange good Yorkshire cock.—Purle, 63, Wynford-rd., Barnsbury, N.

EXCHANGE three good Yorkshire hens for good Roller or Yorkshire cock, or sell 3/6 each, lot 10/-.—Irons, 1a, Thackeray-rd., East Ham.

GRAND 1906 yellow Yorkshire cock, 10/6, or exchange trained Roller Schoolmaster, must be sweet songster; approval.—Baines, 14, South-st., Buxton.

MY beautiful song Thrush and large new box cage, 22½ in. by 17 in., 13 in. deep, 8/-; or exchange cock Canary.—Pettit, 73, Lumley-rd., Horley.

NORWICH Canaries, cocks, 7/-; hens 3/6 each; house-moulted cock Bullfinch, two hens, 4/-.—R. Kenworthy, Foston, Grantham.

TWO pairs Yorkshires, 12/- pair; exchange two good Norwich cocks or yellow hens to value.—Youngs, Tobacconist, Emsworth.

EXCHANGE Yorkshire cock Canary for lady's fur; another pair, 15/-, or useful exchange.—Graham, 13, Sawley-st., Skipton.

EXCHANGE two clear yellow Norwich hens, two variegated yellows, for anything useful.—Rogers, Hairdresser, Bridge-st., Wisbech.

YORKSHIRE cock and five hens, 23/-; also a few Norwich, three breeding cages, 8/-; offers cash or exchange.—113, Ashton-rd., Luton.

SIXTEEN Yorkshires, cocks and hens, two aviaries, five breeding cages, lot 50/-.—50, Calverley-grove, Upper Holloway.

FOR sale or exchange, Norwich, nine cocks, five hens, grand strains; what offers in poultry?—Anderson, 5, Cross-st., Scarboro'.

EXCHANGE four good buff Norwich hens for a reliable yellow Norwich cock; approval.—Wilson, 35a, Dixon-lane, Leeds.

CANARY, Greenfinch, Chaffinch, Bramblefinch (cocks), also cage, 6/3; exchange Bullfinches.—Banks, 36, Hazledon-rd., Brockley.

WANTED, four white Leghorn Pullets, carriage paid; exchange one pair of typical Yorkshires.—Pickles, Wardman-st., Keighley, Yorkshire.

PEDIGREE Whippet bitch, fast, very clever, 50/-; puppies, dogs, 15/-; bitches, 10/-; exchange good Canaries.—Wyatt, Cabman, Wimbledon.

BUFF Norwich cocks, 15/-; also Greens; exchange lady's gold watch and chain.—Greengrass, 118, Alwyn-st., Aigburth, Liverpool.

EXCHANGE Crests for Cinnamon, also Norwich for Yorkshire hens or cock Lizards.—William Pearce, Chapel-st., St. Ives, Cornwall.

WILL exchange twelve new disc records, 10 in., for two large buff Norwich hens; no rubbish offered or required.—Eastman, 65, West Regent-st., Glasgow.

GOOD pair of Canaries and cage, also two good hens, exchange for Pigeons or Bantams.—Gallaway, 51, Nelson-st., St. Peter-st., Hackney-rd.

PAIR Yorkshires, 15/-; pair Norwich, 12/-, healthy; exchange high-class Crests, gramophone, offers.—17, Strode-rd., Willesden Green.

EXCHANGE good pair modern black-red Game Bantams for good pair Norwich Canarics.—Elcock, Catisfield, Fareham, Hants.

WHAT offers in British Hardbills for buff variegated 1905 Norwich cock, or sell 7/6.—Lloyd, Cauley's Houses, Heaton Park-rd., Blackley, Manchester.

EXCHANGE yellow Lancashire Plainhead cock, winner, for good buff Norwich hen; approval both ways.—F. Roome, 36, Stanley-st., Macclesfield.

EXCHANGE two Norwich self Cinnamon buff hens for two typical buff Yorkshire hens.—Southron, 110, Whitmore-rd., Small Heath, Birmingham.

LIZARDS.—Pairs from 12/6; odd cocks 6/-, 8/-, and 10/- each; exchange for good Norwich or Cinnamons; approval.—J. Green, 256, Chapel-st., Leigh, Lancs.

MAINLY CANARIES—continued.

FOUR pairs Canaries, 10/- pair; hens, 3/-; or exchange, wanted Goldfinches.—25, Nunthorpe-rd., York.

WHITE Leghorn eggs, fresh, fertile, 4/- thirteen; young St. Andreasberg Roller, splendid songster, day or gaslight, 10/-; exchange yellow hen Canaries.—Roper, 134, Derby, Seven Kings, Essex.

EXCHANGE Belgian Hares, buck (Noble's), two good young Does; wanted Canaries, clear yellow Norwich preferred; offers.—C. E. Wingfield, Worcester.

EXCHANGE large Norwich hen and double breeder for a good Yorkshire cock in full song, or Linnet or Goldfinch Mule, full song.—Johnson, 22, Western-rd., Ealing.

EXCHANGE seven Norwich Plainheads, four clear buff cocks, one clear yellow cock, one clear yellow hen, one clear buff hen, for gramophone and records; on approval.—Robert Slack, Martin-st., Stanhope.

EXCHANGE clear buff Yorkshire cock and Yorkshire show case, to hold four cages, for clear or marked yellow Yorkshire cock and house-moulted cock Goldfinch.—T. E. Richardson, 5, Wood-st., Bruntcliff-lane, Morley, nr. Leeds.

EXCHANGE, four pairs Norwich Plainhead Canaries, two 1905 hens, five 1906 hens, for phonograph and records, lady's bicycle, Singer's sewing machine, or sell; offers; no rubbish offered or wanted.—Mears, Bishop's-rd., Bury St. Edmunds.

WANTED to exchange, Crestbred cock, parents cost £4, and little cash for good stout-bodied Crestbred hen or good Coppy, suit Crest breeding; approval.—W. Settle, Taxidermist, 2 c, 3 h, Bond-st., Coventry.

GRAND yellow Yorkshire cock, 30/-; ditto buff, 25/-; four good buff Yorkshire hens, 8/6 each; or exchange exhibition Goldfinches to value, or anything useful; offers.—Hodder, 6, Banner-st., St. Luke's, London, E.C.

THREE house moulted cock Bullfinches, cock Greenfinch, hen Bullfinch, mated, cock Linnet, hen Bullfinch, mated, two cock Greenfinches, sell or exchange good Yorkshires.—Lucas, 16, Hereford-gdns., Longhurst-rd., Lee.

Mainly Foreign
To be Sold or Exchanged

THREE Zebra Finch cocks, 2/6 each; 6/6 the lot; exchange birds.—MacGill, Littleborough.

PARROT and cage; can whistle, talk; exchange for pair Yorkshire or pair Norwich.—147, Tamworth-st., Hulme, Manchester.

EXCHANGE Indian Green Parrot and cage for Poultry or Canaries; or offers.—R. Spedding, Shincliffe Colliery, Durham.

AMERICAN Metallic Blackbird, including good cage, 12/6; exchange.—40, Bridge-rd., Hammersmith.

PAIR Crests and enamelled double breeding cage, fitted complete, 17/6; another pair, with cage, etc., grand quality, 30/-; exchange jewelry; stamp.—White, 24, Stockdale-rd., Battersea.

ROSE-CRESTED Cockatoo, splendid plumage, finger tame, talker, scratch poll, large square cage, £2 cash, exchange Canaries, Mules.—Styles, 78, Latimer-road, Notting Hill.

EXCHANGE 113 numbers "Model Engineer" for two pairs Budgerigars, what offers in Foreigners? Sell 15/-, clean; approval.—C. Parke, Park-hill, Awsworth, Notts. x268

ZEBRA Finches, outdoor aviary bred, two cocks, three hens; also young cock Bullie, 10/6 lot; or exchange pair Norwich yellows.—Schoolmaster, Holme, Peterborough.

EXCHANGE red-breasted Australian Parrot, 12 months old, very tame, will make good talker, with cage; exchange lady's or gent.'s bicycle; sell £2.—S. Harris, 14, Norfolk-st., Bognor, Sussex.

Miscellaneous
Sale or Exchange

FOUR breeding cages and accessories, clean, exchange disc records.—Smart, 5, Tavistock-cres., Luton.

THREE-COMPARTMENT aviary, 20/-; would exchange; what offers?—40, Bridge-rd., Hammersmith.

MAIL-CART, good order, 15/6; or would exchange. —40, Bridge-rd., Hammersmith.

EXCHANGE, Oxo coupons, face value 50/-, for Sunlight wrappers or Canaries.—Woodbridge, Freckenham, Soham, Cambs.

WANTED, gent.'s new clothes and boots; exchange Canaries to value.—Apply, 85, High-st. North, Upper Houghton, Beds.

EXCHANGE Dragoons, show Homers, flying Homers, Tumblers, for Yorkshire Canaries, or best offer.—Wray, 420, Anlaby-rd., Hull. x269

EXCHANGE good bicycle saddle (Brook's patent) and round lamp for pair Norwich or Yorkshires.—Tate, Norwood Dale, Beverley.

GENT'S fully jewelled lever watch, 8/-, exchange Yorkshire cock, standard length; no rubbish.—Head, Hill-st., Raunds, Wellingborough.

FIFTY-EGG incubator and foster mother, what offers? Lady's cycle preferred.—26, Washington-rd., Caversham, Oxon.

BRASS phono. horn, good as new, and aluminium horn, 19 in., exchange cock Canary and singing cage, or offers records.—Grieff, New Washington, Durham.

EXCHANGE bronze metal reading lamp, good condition, for large buff Cinnamon hen.—64, Jenner-rd., Stoke Newington.

FOUNTAIN pen, cost 10/6, perfectly new, with filler, exchange singing cock Canary or Mule; approval.—33, Cadogan-ter., Homerton, London.

ENGLISH concertina; what offers in Canaries? Or will sell at 16/-.—Parker, 101, Salisbury-st., Marylebone.

BANJO, new, in case, cost four guineas, price 30/-; or exchange Canaries.—Lowe, Sandhurst Park-pl., Greenwich.

SALE or exchange, grand silver watch, good timekeeper, also good single-barrelled gun; bargain. —Leighton, Hairdresser, Glossop.

OFFER wanted in typical Norwich hens for 55 CAGE BIRDS, 197 various gardening journals.—Gardener, Goldwell Bank, Chesterfield.

FOUNTAIN pen, new, cost 10/6; exchange cock or two hen Canaries.—Willson, 127, Cambridge-rd., Mile End, London.

FOX TERRIER Dog, excellent ratter and guard, £1, or exchange Poultry, Canaries.—Frank Humphries, 27, Oxford-st., Morecambe.

WHAT offers in Siberian hens, Bullfinches, muling hens, for Liver Spaniel bitch, partly broken.—Coutts, Union-st., Dalbeattie.

THREE cock Chaffinches, six Redpolls, Dutch Rabbits; exchange Canaries.—James, Kirton-Lindsey, Lincoln.

WHAT offer in Canaries for English doe Rabbit and six young ones, also six flying Homers, all flew Bath.—272, Great Lister-st., Birmingham.

WHAT offers in Norwich Canaries, for breeding, for complete set of the "Business Encyclopædia and Legal Adviser," in six volumes, half leather, new, cost £3 3s.?—W. J. Bird, 62, Tontine-st., Folkestone.

CAMERA, ¼ plate, hand, cost 21/-, sacrifice 10/-, or exchange.—Pearson, Greenwich.

GRAND pair show Homers, 7/6; ditto, Fantails, 3/6, or exchange Canaries.—G. Shaw, 5, Wallis-rd., Victoria Park.

FIVE pullets and cockerel, 20/-; Cheveral Goldfinch, bred mules, 10/-; exchange Canaries; part cash preferred.—Manders, Brewood, Stafford.

EXCHANGE three hen Bantams for three healthy cock Linnets.—Webb, 13, Boreham-rd., Lordship-lane, Wood Green.

EXCHANGE ½-plate camera, complete, for good Yorkshire cock; approval each way.—Cadle, 12, Rock-st., Swansea.

GOOD order organette, 20 tunes, cost £3 when new; want new square Parrot cage.—Pope, 2, Trinity-row, Frome, Somerset.

WHAT offers in Canaries for six long-distance flying Pigeons?—G. Morgan, No. 19, Broad-st., Kingswinford.

PAIR gent.'s glace kid boots, size 9, sell 10/6; or exchange Canaries.—Byers, Bootmaker, Kirtlebridge, Ecclefechan.

PAIR of Dragoons, cock first and medal, cost 50/-; accept 15/-; exchange pair Canaries; offers.—F. Beard, Llandrindod Wells.

EXCHANGE white wire-haired Terrier Dog, seven months, grand guard and pet, for Norwich Canaries; or sell 10/-.—Wood, 45, Dancer-rd., Richmond.

EXCHANGE Wilson's fountain pen and filler for two 1906 Norwich hens.—W. Wigley, 87, High-st., Winsford, Cheshire.

SMALL scales, three brass weights ¼ oz., 1 oz., and 2 oz., 3/-; exchange hen Canary.—Mackwell, Hairdresser, Keighley.

EXCHANGE Swiss lever watch, pair Canaries; hunting lever, one cock, two hens, warranted.—Wright, 15, Crossmyloof-bldgs., Glasgow.

EXCHANGE 50 coloured plates for Yorkshires, Canaries, or Norwich.—S. Blackburn, Hollingsworth-rd., Epworth, near Doncaster.

SITTINGS of brown Leghorns, in exchange for Canarics, big ones, or appliances.—Keeper, The Cottage, Great Longstone, Derbyshire.

CONCERTINA, 30 keys, good condition, cost 26/-, exchange for Roller Canaries; take 15/- cash. —Blakemore, Copenhagen-st., Worcester.

OFFERS for CAGE BIRDS, January 15th, 1903, up to date, in Norwich hens, yellow.—Ford, 83, Norfolk-st., Swansea.

TWO 1906 white Fantail hens for two young Norwich hens, or would sell 4/- each; approval.—Mason, Nunburnholme Station, York.

EXCHANGE lady's or gent's silver watch for two cocks or five hen Canaries.—Herbert Marsden, 175, St. Phillip's-rd., Sheffield.

EXCHANGE pair stag carvers for one cock or two hen Canarics; approval.—Joseph Royles, 260, Beet-st., Sheffield.

EXCHANGE, pair hollow ground razors, in silk lined case for one cock or three hen Canaries.—Joseph Royles, 260, Beet-st., Sheffield.

PAIR prize-bred Angoras, 15/-; two black morning coats, 34 in. chest, as new, 15/-; exchange.—Ridgley, Dashwood-av., Wycombe.

WILL exchange rolled gold watch, cash, 35/-, for Yorkshire or Norwich; what offers? Approval willingly.—3, Swinbrooke-rd., Westbourne Park.

FERRETS, very tame pair, tame good workers; Mongoose, very tame, 25/-; exchange.—Pearson, Greenwich.

FOX Terrier dog, very smart, nicely marked, clean, quiet with children, 10/-, or exchange.—Pearson, Greenwich.

RETRIEVER dog, curly, 15/-, grand guard, quiet, clean; bitch, 10/-; or exchange.—Pearson, Greenwich.

IRISH Terrier bitch, and four pups, by Meddlesome Muddler, full champion pedigree; sacrifice 30/- lot; or exchange.—Pearson, Greenwich.

BANTAMS.—Cockerel, two pullets, white-booted, very high class, fit to win, 20/-; six game Bantam pullets, laying, 15/-; or exchange.—Pearson, Greenwich.

IRISH Terrier dog pup, by Micah, full champion pedigree given, five months, 30/-; stud fee was £2 2/-; or exchange; this pup will make a winner. —Pearson, Greenwich.

BRINDLE Bull bitch, 12 months, due in season, champion, Ivel Doctor bred, £3 3/-; will make magnificent brood bitch; very affectionate; or exchange.—Pearson, Greenwich.

PEDIGREE wire haired Fox Terrier, good at vermin, splendid companion, wanted pair Plainhead Norwich, 1906 birds, cock and hen.—Vietch, Butcher, Crieff.

WILL exchange all kinds of cutlery, electro-plated goods, etc., for all kinds of Canaries, Mules, etc.; state wants.—Parkin, Cutlery Manufacturer, 229, Arundel-st., Sheffield.

GRAND liver and white field Spaniel bitch puppy, five months old, sell 15/-, or exchange yellow Yorkshire cock, or yellow Norwich hen.—Moss, King's-rd., Hitchin.

EXCHANGE three bottle-locked tantalus, oak, perfect, for pair Yorkshires valued 20/-, and breeding cage; approval.—Wodonga, Ewell-rd., Tolworth.

HANDSOME pen O.E.G. spangled Bantams, 15/-; exchange Canaries, Pigeons; offers.—John V. Sweeney, 6, New-bldgs., Christchurch-rd., Newport, Mon.

EXCHANGE two large double breeders, loose fronts and partitions, joiner-made, practically new, for Seifert Roller cock; approval.—Lee, 35, Marshall-av., Bridlington.

GENT.'S cycle, free wheel, £2; five-stringed banjo-zither, tutor books, 35/-; silver watch, 10/-; exchange Yorkshires and Norwich.—Walker, Joiner, Flanshaw, Wakefield.

WHAT offers in Canaries, Rollers, or Yorkshires, for B-flat trombone, pair black Bantams, and two Pile Bantams? Or sell lot for £2.—127, Paulton-rd., Southport.

SILVER WATCH, 12/6; timepiece, 12/6; Bull Terrier bitch pup, 10/-; Blackbird and cage, 6/6; dozen 7 in. disc records, 6/-; exchange cylinder records.—Moody, Lye, Stourbridge.

VIOLIN, bow, and case, complete, for sale, 20/-; or exchange Budgerigars, British birds, or Canaries, for outdoor aviary.—S. Turner, Wilsthorpe-rd., New Sawley, Derby.

SALE or exchange; CAGE BIRDS from first issue, for large healthy yellow common hen Canaries; or useful exchange.—H. Head, 23, Canning-st., Bedford.

WILL give three Goldfinch Mules, one almost white, and cash, for Yorkshire Terrier bitch pup off small parents; pedigree required.—Mr. Bird, Pipe's Meadow, Bilston.

GOOD actor's or athlete's overcoat, fit person 5 ft. 9 in.; exchange for two Norwich cock Canaries; sell 20/-; approval.—Price, Tyiacoch, Treorchy.

EXCHANGE splendid camera outfit, with "Scout Camera," seldom used, no rubbish; what offers, cash or birds; splendid and rare bargain.—John Kelly, 7, Berwardin-av., Waterside, Londonderry.

FOUR pairs working Homers, some flown 115 miles; exchange Canaries, Mules, British birds, or sell 5/- pair.—F. Emmett, 18, Netley-ter., Newton Abbot, Devon.

EXCHANGE phonograph, two pairs Yorkshires, breeding cage, three compartments; or offers.—Thomas Howells, 82, Bank-st., Penygraig, Glamorganshire.

TWO large Pouters and three Pigmies, fit to win anywhere, Conference rung, sell 30/-, or exchange British birds or Canaries.—Plimm, Icknield Park-rd., Birmingham.

EXCHANGE three large pure bred willow-legged black-red cockerel, two pullets, laying, for Norwich hens or cock variegated Mules; approval; sell 18/6. —A. Bignell, 53, Winstanley-rd., Clapham Junction.

WHAT offers in trained Rollers, or other varieties, for handsome hornless Nanny, giving little milk, first kid last spring? Sell 25/-; mutual approval.—Simmons, Bootmaker, Broadbridge Heath, Horsham.

SET of six Lancashire show cages and cases and splendid oil stove, all equal to new, will sell or exchange anything useful; stamp for reply.—W. Brown, Central Aviary, Stockport.

HALF-PLATE camera, used twice, cost £5, gentleman's ring, 30/-; what offers in Canaries and single breeders? First offer accepted.—Muir, 24, Guildford-rd., Southend-on-sea.

EXCHANGE for Canaries, first prize silver Seabright hen, 10/- also golden, highly commended, and cross-bred cock, 7/6 for pair.—Crawford, 19, Pleasance, Falkirk.

TWO volumes "Twentieth Century Dog," new, unsoiled, cost 15/-, sell 10/-, or exchange; offers.—Thomas, 11, Castle Ivor-st., Hopkinstown, Pontypridd.

EXCHANGE set meat carvers, knife, fork, and steel, solid silver ferrules, in leather plush-lined case, approval, for two cock or six hen Canaries.—Brown, 24, Robertshaw-st., Sheffield.

EXCHANGE or sell gentleman's cycle, new tyres and inner tubes, and accessories worth £2, for best offer in Canaries, Yorkshire or Norwich.—J. Aubin, 13½, Victor-st., Sunderland.

GENT.'S silver watch; exchange cock Canaries, singing Linnet, and cage; exchange cock Goldfinch, moulted.—Cates, 79, Astonville-st., Southfields, London, S.W.

EXCHANGE pure-bred black field Spaniel dog, low, long, good head and ears, splendid worker, three years old, for good pair Crests, 1906 birds; approval.—E. A., 8, Well-st., Exeter.

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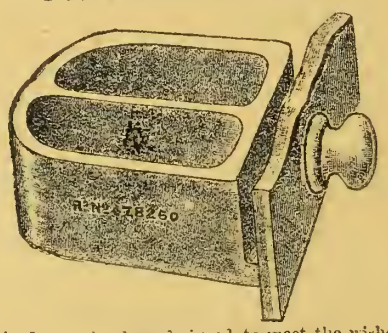

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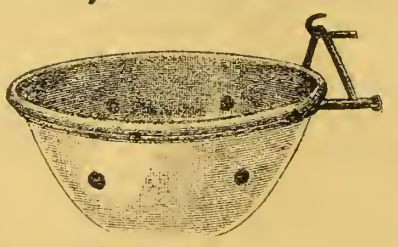

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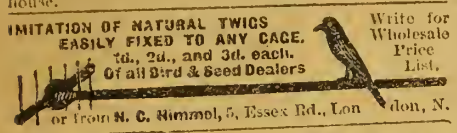

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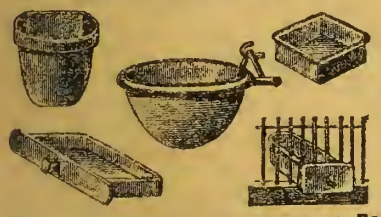

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SISKINS, cocks, 4/6; hens, 1/6; Goldfinches, cocks, 2/6, 3/6, 5/-; Redpolls, 6d.; approval.—J. Allen, 19, Albert-st., Wednesbury.

GRAND cock Linnet, twice house moulted, bred Mules last season, 5/-; approval, deposit.—C. Blanks, 17, Queen-st., St. Albans, Herts.

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Carnac Bunder, Bombay, India. Received March 2nd, 1907. The last lot of birds arrived here in the best of condition; in fact, I could not have wished to see them better, and we were all pleased, and the others all wish me to convey their thanks for the birds sent out.—P. Hunter to E. Taylor.

82, Clayton-rd., Peckham, S.E. March 1st, 1907.—I am pleased to say birds arrived safe and sound on Saturday. My wife and myself are both very pleased with them, and think them lovely birds. The cock started to sing a little as soon as he arrived, and to-day he has been singing lovely. I shall send you another order for birds very shortly, as I am very pleased with what you have sent me.—J. H. Hazell to E. Taylor.

57, Front-st., Mossend, West Calder. March 1st, 1907.—Bird arrived on Wednesday morning in good condition, and started singing as soon as he was changed from travelling cage. I am quite pleased with him, thanking you for prompt attention and courteous treatment.—J. Whiteman to E. Taylor.

Millknowe, Campbeltown, Argyllshire. March 1st, 1907.—Received Hartz Mountain Rollers safe and in good condition. The cock sung while unpacking. I am very pleased with them. Many thanks for quick despatch and straightforward dealing.—D. Hall to E. Taylor.

The Duke of Portland's Poultry Yard, Welbeck, Worksop. March 2nd, 1907.—The Canaries arrived safe this morning, none the worse for their journey. They are four very nice pairs.—W. Bush to E. Taylor.

139, Prendergast, Haverfordwest. March 1st, 1907.—I received the cage and chain safely, and am highly pleased with both. I think it is a handsome cage for the very low price. Thanking you for quick despatch. Shall always recommend you in this district.—William Bevan to E. Taylor.

22, Reddish-vale, Stockport. March 1st, 1907.—Just a line to say I got the bird last Saturday, and it has done very well. Thanking you very much for your kindness in sending me a good one. I will assure you I will recommend you to anyone that wants a bird, as he has been praised very much.—M. Crofts to E. Taylor.

72, Belle Green-lane, Ince. March 2nd, 1907.—Now that the week's approval is up, I think it my duty to let you know that I am very well satisfied and pleased with them. The Norwich and Yorkshire are two splendid birds, and the German is a real treat. He is singing all the day over, and seems to go better. In fact, he is singing as I am writing.—G. Brindle to E. Taylor.

23, Park-rd., Leek, Staffs. March 3rd, 1907.—The birds arrived safe and well yesterday. I must say that I am well pleased with it. I thank you for your prompt dispatch, and advice on how to treat birds on arrival.—J. Brierley to E. Taylor.

6, Heaton-st., West End. March 2nd, 1907.—I received the bird I sent for in safety, and I write to thank you for the way in which you sent it off, and I am very well satisfied with it, and shall recommend you to my friends. Hoping you will have every success.—F. Needham to E. Taylor.

5, Hastings-pl., Darvel, Ayrshire, N.B. March 3rd, 1907.—Buff Norwich cock arrived all safe on Wednesday morning. I may say he is giving every satisfaction so far. He is a very nice bird.—J. Robertson to E. Taylor.

Golborne, Newton-le-Willows. March 2nd, 1907.—Bird arrived safe and well. I am highly delighted with it. It is a little champion for the money. Please send catalogue as soon as you can, as I may have further orders for you.—B. Hope to E. Taylor.

Clydebank. March 3rd, 1907.—Allow me to thank you for the pair of Canarics you sent me. They arrived all safe two hours after I received your post card to say you had sent them off the night before. I am very much pleased with them. I shall do my best to further your name as a straightforward man.—Robert Loy to E. Taylor.

139, Prendergast, Haverfordwest. March 2nd, 1907.—Received Yorkshire Canary safe, and am very pleased with it. Thanking you for quick despatch.—Wm. Bevan to E. Taylor.

45, Canterbury-grove, W. Norwood, London, S.E. March 2nd, 1907.—Pleased to say I received Seifert hen quite safe, and it gives every satisfaction.—A. B. Starek to E. Taylor.

16, Ridgefield-st., Castleford. February 28th, 1907.—Aviary received safe, and gives every satisfaction. Sorry you did not receive the full amount, I enclose you the other 5d. in stamps. I got a pair of Yorkshires from your Leeds branch on Saturday, and they are just like a picture. Shall strongly recommend you.—F. Welburn to E. Taylor.

Eynesbury, St. Neots, Hunts. February 28th, 1907.—The bird and drinkers safe to hand. I am very well satisfied with them. The hen is a beauty. Thanking you for the fair way you have dealt with me.—F. Sharman to E. Taylor.

Penley Hall, Ellesmere, Salop. February 28th, 1907.—The six birds arrived safely on Friday, the 14th. I am very much pleased with them all. The Crested cock is a very fine one, and the Hartz Rollers both sing well. They began soon after I put them into fresh cages. If I hear of anyone wanting good birds I will tell them of you, as I cousider them all good birds for their prices.—H. Cotton to E. Taylor.

Highfield House, Bowness-on-Solway. March 2nd, 1907.—I received the breeding cage all right, on Friday, March 1st, and am exceedingly pleased with it. The Canaries I got from you last year have turned out very successful, having had twelve birds from the first two and four from the green hen. I am sure one of the young Yorkshire cocks would get a prize, it is such a beauty. I consider you have treated me very well, and if I do get the Crested birds this year, it will most certainly be from you.—Mrs. John Holmes to E. Taylor.

11, Ashburnham-rd., Kensal Rise, Willesden, London, N.W. February 28th, 1907.—Received pair of birds No. 21620 in perfect and satisfactory condition. I am decidedly pleased with them, and hope to do some good this summer with same. Wishing you the best of success with your cage birds.—A. T. Bunker to E. Taylor.

14, Ram-sq., High-st., Wandsworth, London. February 28th, 1907.—Just a line to say that the bird you sent arrived safe, and that I am quite satisfied with it. You could not have served me better. It is worth double the money.—E. Randell to E. Taylor.

Brampton. February 28th, 1907.—I write to thank you for the straighttorwardness in which you have dealt with us with the club. All the members are well satisfied with the birds, all but one, and it has turned out to be a hen. I stated at first that a lot of the members lived a long way from me, and this is one of them. I did not get to know about it until last week, so I thought I would let you know about it, for all the others are clippers, and some have got eggs already.—W. Newman to E. Taylor.

New Buildings, Rise Carr, Darlington. February 28th, 1907.—I am very pleased I received the bird this morning. I am highly satisfied with it. I will be giving you another order later o... I will recommend you to all my friends as being a straightforward dealer.—R. Reese to E. Taylor.

116, Hall-st., Rhos, near Ruabon. February 28th, 1907.—I have heard many a one praising your birds . . . . . he would not wish to have any better ones. He has had a couple off you, and if you will send me as good a Mule as you sent him a Canary, I will be satisfied.—Thomas Smith to E. Taylor.

Higham Hall, Nuneaton. February 28th, 1907.—Goldfinch arrived safe, and am very pleased with it. He is a smart bird, and seems none the worse for his journey.—E. Horspool to E. Taylor.

21, Oxford-st., Rugby, Warwickshire. February 27th, 1907.—The dark Mule you sent me a few weeks ago is giving great satisfaction; he whistles a treat.—W. H. Dickens to E. Taylor.

29, Mount-rd., Montrose. March 2nd, 1907.—I am more than pleased with the fine birds you have sent me, and also for your promptness in executing my wishes. The birds, so far, are nice and lively, and have stood the cold journey well. I followed your instructions as to warmth and feeding, so I think they will be all right. I shall certainly inform my friends who are interested in birds, etc., and I hope that you may get some orders.—Captain F. E. Cranhe, R.N., to E. Taylor.

Shankbridge, Ballymena. February 27th, 1907. Birds arrived here on Wednesday in good order. I am well pleased with both colour and appearance. Cock started singing the following morning. Thanking you for prompt attention.—Robert Hill to E. Taylor.

Hillside-ter., Thornliebank. February 27th, 1907.—Allow me to thank you for Goldie you sent me. I am perfectly satisfied with the bird, and very pleased with the same.—H. Mathieson to E. Taylor.

42, Arthur-rd, Fleetville, St. Albans, Herts. March 2nd, 1907.—Re the Canaries. I am perfectly satisfied with them; they are splendid birds. Thanking you for your prompt attention.—W. Badham to E. Taylor.

Longreach, Keynsham, Somerset. March 2nd, 1907.—I am writing to thank you for birds, all of which arrived safely yesterday morning. The cages came this morning. I am very pleased with everything.—A. M. Tollemache to E. Taylor.

40, Pultency-rd., South Woodford. March 22nd, 1907.—I am very satisfied with the birds you sent on approval. They seem quite at home, and are singing very nicely. If I require any more I shall most certainly send to you.—E. G. Brent to E. Taylor.

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36, Newton-rd., Hoylake. March 2nd, 1907.—I received the Yorkshire cock safe to hand week today, in good condition. Thanks for your promptness, and also good packing. Well, the bird is unsurpassable in quality and value. Also in singing. He sings all day long. Many of my friends have been quite taken up with his sweet voice, and want to buy it, but I would not part with it for treble what I paid for it. You can expect more orders very soon, also you can make use of this in any way you like.—H. G. Jones to E. Taylor.

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CLUB REPORTS.

GLASGOW AND WEST OF SCOTLAND N.M.B. AND F.B.C.

We held our Pairs Show on February 26th, and had a splendid entry, 99 pairs being staged in six classes. Judges: Canaries, Mr. John Ferguson; A.O.V., Mr. Sam Ward. The judging was good throughout, and gave great satisfaction. Over 100 visitors inspected the birds. Next meeting, Tuesday, March 12th. Business: Proposed open show.—R.A. Brown, Hon. Sec.

BARNSLEY AND DIS. C.B.S.

Meeting held March 2nd. Half a dozen new members were enrolled, and officers elected:—Sec., T. Coward, 22, Blenheim Road, Barnsley; Assist. Sec., J. J. Whittaker, Church-hill, Royston; Treas., Mr. Green, Lower Borough. The Secretary was instructed to arrange with some gentleman to give a lecture on "Breeding," at the Maltsters' Rest, on March 16th, at 6.30 prompt. All fanciers in the district, members or not, are invited to be present. —T. Coward.

METROPOLITAN ASSOCIATION OF C.M.H.B.F.

Meeting on Thursday last. After the medals awarded for the judging competition had been distributed, it was announced that Mr. C. A. House would give a lecture at the next meeting on the Rearing of Young Birds. Messrs. Cooper Bros., F. Rides, R. Brownlie, G. Hartley, E. Blum, H. Gray, W. Sawyer, F. S. Matthes, E. Wilcox, Mrs. Tindall, Mrs. Gill, and Mrs. Peck were elected members; and Messrs. W. E. Halls, W. E. Burgess, Mrs. Coles, and Mrs. McGregor were nominated. Mr. F. J. Martin gave an exhibition of washing and staging birds for exhibition, after he had washed two, Mr. G. Kearney put two through for us. The meeting was honoured by the presence of our President, J. Tindall, Esq., who also put one through the laundry process in a very creditable manner. Several of the novice members also tried their hand.—A. J. Head, Hon. Sec.

CAMBRIDGE C.B.S. ANNUAL DINNER.

The annual dinner of the Cambridge and Cambridgeshire C.B.S. was held on February 27th, at headquarters, the Black Swan, Guildhall-street, when between 40 and 50 members and friends sat down to an exeellent repast, provided by Host A. Bellatti. Mr. A. E. Brooks occupied the chair, and Mr. R. C. Bateman the vice-chair. The evening was spent in conviviality, interspersed with a few short speeches.—In proposing the toast of "The Cage Bird Society," Mr. F. Doggett referred to the recent open show of the society, and complimented the committee on its success. He hoped that next year there would be a more extensive classification for British birds, and said that in this connection he would be pleased to guarantee one class at the forthcoming show, an offer which was received with applause.—Mr. A. E. Brooks and Mr. T. S. Moore replied. Mr. Moore spoke of the success of the society, both from show and financial points of view. At the Corn Exchange last November there were over 500 cage birds on view, 200 more than any previous entry, and it was hoped to still further improve on this and make the Cambridge show one of the largest in England. He appealed to local fanciers to assist the committee to accomplish this desirable end, which was quite within their power. —Mr. R. C. Bateman proposed "The Visitors," thanking them for their presence that evening.—Mr. Havelock Clarke and Mr. Marlleet briefly replied.—The musical programme was contributed to by Messrs. Fell, Moore, Saggers, Green, R. Witt, Havelock Clarke, Bannister, Garnham, and Dooner, and Mr. Whale ably presided at the piano.

POTTERIES C.B.A.

Meeting held at headquarters March 2nd. Young stock show fixed for June 29th, and the annual show November 7th. Two new members elected.—J. Simcock, Sec.

DALKEITH CANARY CLUB.

Meeting held on March 2nd, W. B. Smart, Esq., President, in the chair. The revised rules were gone into, and ordered to be printed for next meeting. It was decided to give medals for Scotch Fancies, Borders, and Norwich, at the annual club show.—Thos. Briggs, Sec.

CITY OF NORWICH C.B.S.

Judging competition at the Railway Stores, February 27th, for pairs of Plainheads matched for breeding. The members judged these first, then Messrs. J. Calver and J. Howard gave their final decision. No less than ten members were correct with the judges' decision. Mr. Bake's pair, 1st; Mr. Staff, 2nd; Mr. Lawrence, 3rd. On Monday next the competition will be for Norwich yellow hen, buff hen, and pairs of Crests matched for breeding.—W. Curl, Sec.

WELSH CAGE BIRD CLUB.

It has been decided to hold our annual meeting at Merthyr on Easter Tuesday, that day being considered the best to ensure a good gathering. Merthyr is also about the most central town, and has every convenience as far as train service is concerned. It is intended to present the medals, also the cash specials, to those fortunate enough to win them. It is the desire of the committee that those with propositions or other business to bring on will communicate with me at once. Unless such is done, it cannot be entertained upon the day of holding the meeting. The latest date I can receive such correspondence will be March 22nd. With the Editor's permission the agenda will appear in this paper on the 29th. This will prove the best year of the club, financially and otherwise. The subscription for 1907 is now due. Look out for announcement of meeting. It will be held at our Treasurer's, Mr. J. H. Jones, Ship and Bell, Plymouth-st.—D. H. Tedstone, Sec.

LEEDS C.B.S.

Monthly meeting, March 2nd, at Lockhart's, Briggate, Mr. Cobb in the chair. Five new members enrolled. Show of pairs, Yorkshire, Norwich, A.O.V., and Hybrid or muling pairs. Mr. Cobb placed the cards to general satisfaction. Yorkshire: 1, 2, Hall; 3, Ramsden. Norwich: 1, Stead; 2, Stephenson. A.O.V.: 1, 3, Yelland; 2, Stead. Hybrid or muling: 1 and 2, Love; 3, Stephenson. During the evening President, Vice-President, and Secretary of the Leeds Roller Club looked in, and arrangements were made to hold a joint committee meeting on Saturday, March 16th, at our headquarters, 7.30 (committee, please not), to consider the question of amalgamating the two societies' shows. An interesting syllabus for the year has been drawn up, and will be in the hands of all members in the course of a day or two. We also hope to hold a social evening on Friday, April 19th. Tickets will be about 1/6. All members who intend being present (non-members also welcome), please send in their names in good time to the Secretaries, Stephenson and Hornby.

AMALGAMATED YORKSHIRE O.S.

The adjourned Annual Meeting held at the Market Tavern, Bradford, on Monday evening, March 4th. Mr. Townend, president, occupied the chair. In the case of two partners having won one 1st prize in the novice classes under Yorkshire Union rules, since which time the partnership has been dissolved and one of the partners is no longer a member of any society in the amalgamation, it was decided that the remaining partner's claim for medal could not be entertained. The Secretary was instructed to purchase medals for other registered winners of one of two 1sts in the novice classes under the Yorkshire Union system, who have made application for them, and forward same when completed. It was agreed that the name of the "H. W. Naylor Challenge Cup" should be engraved thereon, and other necessary alterations made. A resolution that the Amalgamation challenge trophy, the H. W. Naylor challenge cup, case of water tins and 5,000 cage labels be handed over to the new Yorkshire Union of Cage Bird Societies was carried unanimously. The books and correspondence of the Amalgamation were left in the custody of the present secretary, to be destroyed after the lapse of a reasonable time. Any balance of funds remaining after paying all liabilities will be turned over to the "Secretary's Testimonial Fund," which is to remain open until the end of March, and the presentation will be made at a smoking concert to be held at the Market Tavern, on Saturday, April 6th. A hearty vote of thanks to and an expression of implicit confidence in the retiring officers brought the meeting, and the existence of the Amalgamated O.S., to a close. Success to the new Yorkshire Union of Cage Bird Societies.—Fred Hammond.

GREEN CANARY ASSOCIATION.

Now that the Palace Show is over, the competition for specials for season 1906-7 is concluded. The £15 15/- cup has caused a ding-dong fight, resulting in a final verdict for Mr. Ryno by one point, so that he, by winning the cup two years in succession, retains possession for all time. The results are as follows:—Cup and Medals:—T. Ryno, 116; W. Thompson, 115; Clayton, 72; Walker, 56; Hughes, 43; Gill and Pickup, 43; R. Davies, 43; Metcalfe, 25; Wardale, 24; Doughty, 20; Hellewell, 19; W. Jenkins, 15; Hadwin, 11; Jennings, 11; Rowlands, 7; Naylor, 6; Dixon, 6; G. Bell, 5; Mrs. Sunderland, 3. Yorks. Champ.:—W. Thompson, 161; Clayton, 121; Hughes, 82; Ryno, 62; Walker, 45; Gill and Pickup (divided), 69; Wardale, 39; Doughty, 32; Hellewell, 32; Jennings, 23; Hadwin, 19; Rowlands, 13; Dixon, 10; G. Bell, 7; D. Bell, 2; Rimmer, 1. Yorks. Novice:—Martin, 70; Deacon, 64; Benson, 34; Handley, 20; Drinkwater, 11; Carswell, 7; Stewart, 6; Haworth, 2; Davie, 1; Harrison, 1. Novice Medals:—Martin, 37; Deacon, 32; Benson, 18; Handley, 12; Stewart, 11; Drinkwater, 5; Carswell, 5; Harrison, 5; H. Abbott, 1. Norwich Champ.:—Ryno, 268; W. Thompson, 244; R. Davies, 78; Walker, 64; Metcalfe, 57; Jenkins, 30; Naylor, 11; Hadwin, 8; Mrs. Sunderland, 6; Wardale, 5; Hellewell, 3. Norwich Novice:—Stewart, 10; Harrison, 9; Daniels, 4; H. Abbott, 3; Andrews, 2.—Will members please check above figures, and write Secretary in case of dispute before March 18th. The prizes will be presented to successful competitors at the Liverpool Fanciers' Dinner, on March 21st. Tickets, 2/6 each, including ladies. —S. Hadwin, Sec., 28, Pembroke-place, Liverpool.

SINGING CONTESTS.

SKININGROVE AND LOFTUS.

Usual week-end contest, when fourteen birds sang at the Club Room, Timms Coffee House, Skiningrove. Some splendid singing was heard. 1st, W. Womack; 2nd, M. Dobson; 3rd, Calvert. F. Deadon, judge.—M. Dobson, Sec.

NEWTOWN, LEEDS.

Week-end contest at the Prince Albert Inn, Feb 24th. There were three good prizes. Eighteen picked birds competed. Judges: S. Green and B. Jackson. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd, H. Allen. Also contest March 3rd, when 12 birds competed. Judges: J. Binner and S. Green. 1st, H. Allen; 2nd, F. Allen; 3rd; W. Dean.—E. Wood, Hon. Sec.

HINDERWELL.

An open Linnet Singing Contest was held at Commercial Hotel, Hinderwell, on March the 2nd, when 20 birds were put up to sing time singing. F. Canby judged. 1st and 2nd, M. Dobson; 3rd, C. Rawson; 4th and 5th, M. Dobson. A show was held in connection with the above, when Mr. Hutchinson, of Whitby, judged. 1st M. Dobson, Linnet; 2nd, C. Rawson, Linnet; 3rd, Cuthbert, Linnet; 4th, Nodd, Goldfinch. Dobson and Hutchinson, time-keepers.

BARNSLEY.

Barnsley and District Skylark Singing Society held their first contest on March 2nd. There was some fair singing, and many were present to hear it. A fair number of birds turned up for the first time this year; there was a prize for every three birds entered. Winners and times in five minutes hanging:—George Allott, 4.40; Herrod, 4.35; Scamp, 4.7; Coles, 2.20; Coles, 2.2. The contest was held at Lonear Inn, Race-common-road. The headquarters of the society are at Cherry Tree Inn, Copper-street, Barnsley.—W. French, Sec.

LINNETS AT THE "OLD BIRD HOUSE" LEEDS.

A special quality Linnet singing contest took place on March 2nd, and will be continued every Saturday until further notice. Eleven picked birds competed for three good prizes. The birds were in good condition and gave a good account of themselves, to the satisfaction of all present. Result:—1st prize, C. Whitaker; 2nd, J. Clark; 3rd, Sam Hardcastle. There was also the usual week-end contest on Sunday, 16 birds competing for three good prizes. Result:—1st prize, C. Whitaker; 2nd, T. Stead; 3rd, shared by T. Stead and A. Pearson. Judges in both contests, J. Melia and W. Naylor. The winner is a marvellous Linnet, and cannot be spoken of too highly.—J. Melia and T. Stead, Secs.

LINNETS AT SHEFFIELD.

A great Linnet singing contest took place at the Don Inn, Dunlop Street, Sheffield, when the large company present were delighted with some real good singing, and loudly applauded the winners. The judges were J. Bollington and J. Blackadder. Twenty-eight birds competed, only two minutes being allowed owing to the large entry. Mr. Watson, whose bird had won nine firsts in succession, was looked upon as a sure winner again; but, to the delight of all present, Mr. H. Allen, who had journeyed from Leeds, entered his bird, and met Mr. Watson in the sixth heat, and after a great battle was victorious by nine points. Mr. H. Allen won the first prize, scoring 57 in two minutes, Mr. Watson being second, scoring 48, and third, scoring 32. Mr. Watson congratulated Mr. Allen on his success, and Mr. Allen thanked Mr. Watson, the landlord, Mr. Kay, and all present for the friendly way in which he had been received after travelling thirty-nine miles from Leeds, it being his first visit, but he hoped it would not be his last.—W. Reynolds.

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I think the "Bird World Magazine" for March, just received, the best number yet.—SYDNEY L. COCKS (Peterborough).

The "Bird World Magazines" are instructive as well as good picture books, and are well worth binding.—H. MANSIRE (Thame).

Glossop Fanciers should note that a meeting of Cage Bird men is called for March 12, next (vide, "Club Notice" column).

I should like to mention I have sold some hundreds of birds through the medium CAGE BIRDS.—W. J. BANKS, Brockley.

Your ANNUAL has come to hand, and I think it is well worth a "bob."—J. M. NICHOLSON, Hon. Sec., Seaham Harbour and District C.B.A.

I had quite a number of replies about the terrier, and could not answer all. I wish CAGE BIRDS every success.—M.H. (Loughborough).

The judges engaged for Blaydon-on-Tyne Annual Show on Nov. 1st and 2nd next, are Messrs. J. Robson and J. Trengove.—D. A. OGILVIE, Sec.

The Crystal Palace No. was tip top, and the coloured plate is simply lovely. I wish you all the success you desire for CAGE BIRDS.—J. H. HICKS (Holsworthy).

In our report of the British Roller Club's meeting at the Palace Show, the name of Mr. C. TOWES (Hon. Sec., Leeds R.C.C.) was inadvertently given as Lowes.

Fanciers in the Cardiff district should make a note of the Cardiff C.B.S. Concert, to be given in the Lesser Cory Hall on Thursday, March 28th, commence at 8 p.m.

Mr A. E. Bailey (Bristol) informs us that he is shortly leaving England for Canada, where however, he hopes still to keep in the Fancy with whatever birds are popular over there.

It may interest readers to know that breeding operations are in full swing here. I have a nest of four young and three nests with eggs.—C. HALLETT (Lyme Regis, Dorset).

Stoke Newington F.A. has arranged a lantern lecture for Wednesday, March 13th, in the schoolroom of the Devonshire-square Church, Stoke Newington-road, to commence at 8 p.m.

We hear that the National British Bird and Mule Club is to hold its annual dinner on Thursday evening, March 21st, at the Holborn Restaurant, when it is hoped there will be a big muster of bird-lovers.

Mr. W. Hodson, Sec. Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S., writes: CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL received yesterday. It is indeed a wonderful sixpenny worth. Brimful of information from cover to cover. No fancier should be without it.

The Oldham and District Temperance C.B.S. has been broken up, a local correspondent informs us, and the cup returned to the donor, Mr. Brown (of steeplejack fame). The effects have been handed over to the Oldham and District Society.

Mr. J. E. Brown, secretary of Tamworth C.B.S., writes:—I consider the coloured plate of 23rd Feb. superb, worthy of the strongest comments of praise. It is a grand study for novices on type and points for show purposes of the Norwich Canary."

The replies to my advert. are so numerous that I cannot possibly attend to them all. This shows the value of an advert. in your splendid paper. Those who have not received a reply will know the reason.—Y. GOODACRE, 82, Liquorpond-street, Boston.

Through illness Mr. H. Twine has resigned the secretaryship of the Hucknall Torkard C.B.S., and Mr. A. A. Asbury has been appointed to the post with Mr. J. Pepper, assistant secretary. All letters should be addressed to 7a, Carlingford-road, Hucknall Torkard, Notts.

We were glad to hear of the support the Northern Crest Club decided to give our next show, writes Mr. F. Gordon, hon sec., Sunderland C.B.S. We are sorry Mr. George Sutherland has left our ranks through ill health, and one and all wish him a speedy recovery and the best of good heath.

The annual dinner of the Liverpool fanciers (under the auspices of the G.C.A. and L.B.B.A.) takes place on March 21st, at the Star and Garter Hotel, St. John's Lane. The tickets are 2s. 6d. each, and local bird-lovers desirous of attending should write the secretaries, Messrs. Hadwin and Barratt, 28, Pembroke-place, Liverpool.

The Swansea and District C.B.A., writes Mr. A. Hitchings, sec., have engaged the following amongst their specialist judges for the annual open show, Nov. 6th and 7th next:—Yorkshire, T. H. Melhuish (Cardiff); Norwich, etc., J. Richard (Mountain Ash); Border Fancy, D. H. Tedstone (Brecon); Scotch, A. O. V., and Foreign, J. H. Jones (Merthyr Tydfil); British, A. Howe (Wellingborough).

The balance-sheet of the Inverness O.A. to hand, duly audited by Messrs. J. R. Craik and George Macdonald. The income was £81 14s. 6½d., expenditure £80 11s. 1d. Leaving a balance to be carried forward of £1 3s. 5½d. The number of Cage Bird Fanciers at present on the roll is 35. An effort is to be made to bring it up to 60 before the close of this year.—ALEX URQUHART, Sec.

Great Yarmouth Show has been fixed for November 6th and 7th. The judge elect is Mr. C. A. House.

At Weybridge Show, on December 4th, an extended classification will be given. Mr. J. Robson will judge.

Mr. J. H. Verrall, writes: I am happy to say that my present address is 70 Landsdown Street, Hove, Sussex.

The advertisement under British Hardbills last week, addressed D. Young, of Cardiff, should have been "Dymond," Aire-rd., Cardiff.

I have removed to 18, Ryedale, East Dulwich, writes Mr. A. E. Rogers. Your coloured plate of Norwich and the Crystal Palace issue were perfect.

Lovers of British Birds should not overlook Mr. Allen Silver's lecture on "Bird Life and How to Observe It," before the City and Suburban A.C.B. on Monday evening next.

The Palace Show Number of CAGE BIRDS, with plate entitled "A Blaze of Colour," is, I think, an exquisite production. Allow me to congratulate you on same.—JOHN MACPHERSON (Erith).

Have had CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL a week now, and have had some fine lessons out of it. I think it a very good book for the money and very useful for bird fanciers.—T. DAVIDSON (Hawick).

Owing to the report in your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, on the Linnet contest at the "Skinners Arms" Leeds, writes Mr. C. Hunt, the sec., a surprising number of people and birds turned up to the contest on March 3rd.

Finding that Mansfield, C.B.S., had decided to hold their show on November 1st and 2nd, our members generally had no desire to clash with same, so decided to return back to their old date, November 8th and 9th.—A. A. ASBURY, Sec. Hucknall Torkard C.B.S.

Thanks for Part 1 of CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL. The publication is indeed a splendid one, and no bird-room could possibly be complete without a copy. It is, in fact the "Whitaker" of the Fancy. I trust the enterprise you have shown in producing such a fine work will be fittingly rewarded.—J. B. WATERMAN (East Dulwich).

There were a large gathering of sympathisers at the funeral of the late Mr. John Woodhouse, of High-street, Portsmouth, who for a period of about twenty years was the Secretary of the Portsmouth Fanciers' Association, in which he took a very great interest. There were a very large number of floral tributes, including a wreath from the members of the Portsmouth F.A.

A remarkable box-full of testimonials has been sent for our inspection by Mr. E. Taylor, the well-known bird specialist, of Thornton-road, Bradford. There are hundreds and hundreds of them, all of recent dates, and all expressing the satisfaction of delighted clients. They evidence the extensive nature of the business transacted by Mr. Taylor, and show the care he employs in selecting just the right birds his customers want.

CAGE BIRDS Crystal Palace Show Number was simply splendid, and has been much, and more than favourably, commented upon here for its supremo excellence all through. It is "the" paper, and is bound to take even firmer hold, and have a much larger circulation than any other paper treating on cage birds at the present day. Good luck to it, say I.—R. JOLLIFFE (Glasgow).

What am I to do with all the letters, post cards, telegrams, postal orders, money orders, telegraphic money orders, etc., received in reply to my advertisement under the heading of Mules and Hybrids? Your printers have made a slight mistake, and priced the bird at 10/-, instead of 70/-. I should have thought fanciers would have guessed it was a mistake. Fancy a Goldie-Bullie at 10/-. I wonder some did not come here and fetch it! Please apologise in next week's paper, as I cannot reply to all.—W. ANDREWS (Weston, Olney).

Cedar Wood Oil for Red-mite.

Kindly recommend my English cousins across the seas writes Mr. H. S. Ross, St Louis, U.S.A., to try Oil of Cedar for red-mite and note results. Do not put it on the birds, but sprinkle it on the cage. It is a sure cure; try it, and see.

Southern Norwich Plainhead Club.

Will those members, writes Mr. F. S. Matthes, the Hon. Treas., that have not paid their subscriptions for 1906, kindly forward them on to me? I want to make accounts up for the year 1906. I shall also be pleased to receive donations to our Prize Fund.

Intending Competitors

should note that the Judging Competition in connection with the Coloured Plate issued with our recent Crystal Palace Show Number

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A CASE IN POINT!!!

Show Secretaries and Committees Note!

"Please withhold our Show Date until further notice," writes Mr. J. M. Nicholson, Hon. Sec., Seaham Harbour and District C.B.A. "I find we are clashing with Gateshead, which is very undesirable, seeing we are so close together. We had thought all Shows round our way were already fixed up."

The above letter should bring home to every Show Official the desirability of at once placing his own particular fixture in our

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*Oct. 17 and 18.—**Dulwich and Peckham** (J.R., G.B.W., W.V.)
*Oct. 18 and 19.—**Rochdale O.C.** (C.A.H. & W.M.)
*Oct. 18 and 19 — **Newcastle and District Good Intent** (T.H., J.C.B., C.H. and J.P.)
Oct. 18 and 19.—**Accrington & District** (J.R.)
*Oct. 22 and 23.—**Plymouth W.C.O.S.**
*Oct. 25 and 26.—**Manchester and Northern Counties, C.S.**
*Oct. 26.—**Middlesborough Tee-side C.B.S.**
Oct. 26 and 28.—**Cheltenham C.B.S.**
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*Nov. 1 and 2.—**Blackburn.**
*Nov. 2.—**Bramley C.S. (Leeds)** (J.C.B.)
Nov. 2.—**Cleator Moor F.S.** (C.H. & A.H.)
Nov. 2—**Rochdale Good Intent** (H.W.B.)
*Nov. 2 and 4.—**Leicester Hand in Hand C.B.S.**
Nov. 2 and 4.—**Norwich Alliance (All England) C.B.A.**
Nov. 5 and 6.—**York C.B.S.** (J.H.R., H.W.B.)
*Nov. 6 and 7.—**Welsh National C.B.S.**
Nov 6 and 7.—**Portsmouth.**
*Nov. 6 and 7.—**Swansea and District C.B.A.** (T.H.M., J.R., D.H.T., J.H.J., A.H.)
Nov. 7.—**Potteries C.B.A.**
*Nov. 7 and 8.—**Greenwich and Deptford.**
*Nov. 8 and 9.—**Hinckley** (J.R.)
*Nov. 8 and 9, 1907.—**Sheffield and District C.B.S.**
Nov. 8 and 9.—**Wallsend and Mid Tyne.**
Nov. 8 and 9.—**Warrington C.B.S.**
*Nov. 9, 1907—**Bo'ness.**
*Nov. 9.—**Stockton-on-Tees & District C.B.S.**
*Nov. 12.—**Cambridge and Cambridgeshire C.B.S.** (J.R.)
*Nov. 13.—**Luton** (J.R.)
*Nov. 14.—**Merthyr Tydfil.**
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Nov. 16.—**Morpeth.**
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Nov. 20 and 21.—**Margate** (J.R.)
*Nov. 22 and 23.—**Hull** (J.C.B., C.H.)
*Nov. 22 and 23.—**Sunderland.**
Nov. 23—**City and County of Perth.**
*Nov. 26 and 27.—**Bournemouth and District C.B.S.**
*Nov. 26 and 27.—**Derby** (J.B., J.R., J.H.R., J.H.S.)
*Nov. 27 and 28.—**Cardiff and District C.B.S.** (J.H.P. & J.R.)
Nov. 28 and 29.—**Y.C.C. of Ireland** (H.W.B.)
Nov. 30, 1907.—**Dundee.**
Dec. 4 and 5.—**Bristol.**
Dec. 6 and 7.—**L.C.B.A. (Westminster).**
Dec. 7, 1907—**Cupar-Fife.**
Dec. 13 and 14.—**Gateshead and District.**

Wild Birds in Leicestershire.

The "London Gazette" recently contained an order by the Home Secretary, dated Whitehall, February 20, cited as "The Wild Birds' Protection (County of Leicester) Order of 1907," which states the W.B.P.A. shall apply within the county of Leicester to the following species of wild birds in the same manner as if those species were included in the schedule to the Act:—Tree-creeper, Pied Flycatcher, Spotted Flycatcher, Hedge Accentor (Hedge Sparrow), House Martin, Sand Martin, Swallow, Swift, and Wagtail (all species). The order further protects the Goldfinch and Kingfisher during the whole of the year, while certain birds are protected on Sundays.

Mr. G. H. Barnwell, Hon. Sec. of the Harrogate C.B.S., informs us that he has opened a bird fancier's establishment at 26, College Road, Harrogate.

Four shirts, four waistcoats, and two coats were regularly worn by Samuel Wingfield, an eccentric octogenarian who has died at Swadlincote, Leicestershire. Though evidently a chilly mortal, it seems that he had a warm regard for the birds, since we learn that the Sparrows in the neighbourhood were in the habit of feeding from his hands.

The balance-sheet for 1906 reaches us from the Secretary of the Crested Canary Club, Mr. J. Tyson. The document shows a cash balance in hand of £15 1s. 9d., in addition to other substantial assets in the form of challenge cups and bowls. Against these have to be set a liability of £21 for two challenge bowls. Subscriptions for the past year total £32 10s., from 130 members, whilst special donations amount to £9 19s.; £7 15s. was awarded during the year as special prizes, in addition to medals, cups, etc.

The Chellow Dean Canary Show, recently held for the benefit of the Cinderella Fund, resulted in the executive handing over £15 to the Fund, leaving a small balance in hand as a reserve towards the next show. The committee appeal to all fanciers who have the interests of the "poor bairns" at heart, to assist in making the next exhibition even more successful. It is proposed to hold this as near the centre of the City of Bradford as possible, and the name of the exhibition is to be altered to "The Bradford and District Cinderella Fund Canary Show."—J. GREAVES.

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Mr. J. C. Barnes (Walkley, Sheffield) is to judge at the following shows:—Grimsby, October 16th; Newcastle, October 18th; and Hull, November 22nd.

Mr. W. H. Cook (Stockport) writes:—I think CAGE BIRDS and the "Bird World" magazine just splendid. I am doing my best to get you new readers.

CAGE BIRDS is the paper to advertise in. I have sold over 100 birds in two months through CAGE BIRDS. With all best wishes for future success.—C. BEAR, Warley, Essex.

Mr. J. Firth (Sheffield) writes:—Please thank all who replied to my last advert. CAGE BIRDS is a wonder for advertising in, there is no question about it, CAGE BIRDS must have a wide circulation.

Mr. Roland Eastman, the president of the Glasgow and West of Scotland Club, writes that he intends seeing that everything is fair and above-board in his club so long as he is connected with it. They hope to have a big open show this year, and he is offering a cup for members' competition.

A very excellent sample of Canary Marking Rings reaches us from Mr. A. C. Hughes, Hampton Hill, Middlesex. They are made of aluminium, and are non-corrosive; those made not to take off are seamless, while those to open have a very neat joint, and are easily put on and closed. They may be had either numbered consecutively, or with initials; of course, with the year. A hint given by Mr. Hughes regarding their use may be of interest to readers. He says:—The best time for putting on the rings is the seventh or eighth day. Do not put the rings on too early, or the hen, when clearing the nest (which is their custom up to the seventh or eighth day) may notice the ring, and trying to remove it throw the young birds out of the nest. A good plan is to give the birds plenty of white nesting material, as by that means the rings do not show up so plainly.

ILLUSTRATED IDEAS

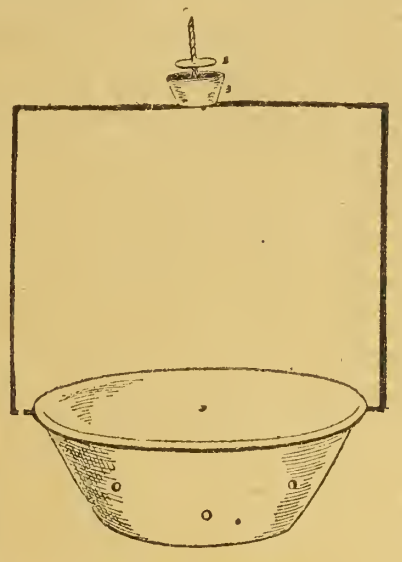
Under this heading we shall illustrate weekly some idea useful to the bird-keeper. Readers are invited to send us particulars of any novel and practical appliance of use in our hobby, either in cage, bird-room or aviary, with a rough sketch of same where possible. Every "Illustrated Idea" used in this column will entitle the sender thereof to a postal order for two shillings and sixpence.

No. 81.

A MITE-PROOF NEST BRACKET.

Sent by W. Hood, New Road, Guisborough, Yorks.

Visiting an invalid friend (in the Fancy) the other day, writes Mr. G. Atkinson, Guisborough, I was delighted to see his original mite proof nest bracket, so asked if I might send a sketch to our paper, CAGE BIRDS. He was delighted to see I had taken such an interest in it.



Mite-proof Nest-bracket.

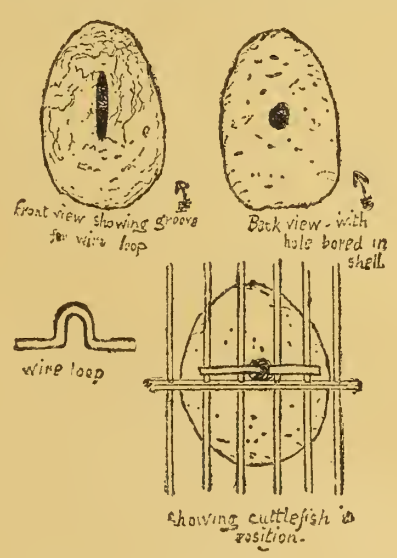
1. Screw to go in cage-top.
2. Washer, to prevent shaking, which fits close up to the wood-work.
3. Oil cup.
4. One piece wire, bent to shape, to form the hanger.
5. One piece wire, bent to shape, to fit nest-pan, and showing nest-pan hung in position.

No. 82.

A SIMPLE WAY TO FIX CUTTLE-FISH.

Sent by D. E. JONES, 6, Brickiln Lane, Lower Gornal, near Dudley, Staffs.

Although several methods of fixing cuttle-fish to cages have been recommended, they all require more or less complicated appliances, and as none of them are so simple and secure as the one shown here, this idea may not be out of place. The sketch will explain itself. All that is required are some



To Fix Cuttlefish.

short pieces of wire. Bend half the number into loops as shown. Scrape out a groove in the soft limy part down to the hard shell at the back, bore a hole in shell just large enough for the wire loop to project through at the back. Then the cuttlefish may be fixed in the manner shown to any part of the cage front, and it will be held perfectly secure until all is consumed. —DAVID E. JONES.

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No charge is made for notices of forthcoming meetings, but they can only be inserted once. Should secretaries desire to secure immediate insertion of their announcements **exactly as written** they can do so by prepayment at the rate of three words a penny.

Accrington and Dis. C.B.S.—March 14th, at Central Conservative Club, 8 p.m. Will members and intending members please attend?—D. Harwood, sec.

Altrincham and Dis. O.S.—March 12th, at Headquarters, 8 p.m. Revision of rules, etc.—B. Head, asst. sec.

Attercliffe and Dis. C.B.S.—March 14th, at Horse and Jockey Hotel, Attercliffe, 8 o'clock prompt. Night of questions and answers for novices; all fanciers invited.—W. Richinson, sec.

Barrow and Dis. C.B.A.—March 13th, at St. George's Hall, 7.30. Nominations for judge.—E. E. Miller, sec.

Bolton Woods C.B.S.—March 9th, at Victoria Hotel, 8 p.m. Dates and judges for first Feather Shows; good attendance requested.—E. Shepherd, sec.

British Roller C.C.—March 12th, at King's Arms Tavern, 128, Bishopsgate Street Without, E.C., 8 p.m. "How the Germans Prepare their Birds for Exhibition," by Mr. F. A. Lester; all Roller fanciers welcome.—J. W. Norris, hon. sec.

City and Suburban A.C.B.—March 11th, at the Church Institute, 60, Paddington Street, Marylebone, W., 8.15 p.m. Lecture by Allan Silver, Esq., entitled "Bird Life, and How to Observe It"; British bird lovers especially invited.—V. Wynn, sec.

Darlington C. and B.B.F.A.—March 13th, at George Hotel, 8 p.m.—R. S. Black, sec.

Dewsbury and Dis. C.B.S.—March 9th, at Royal Hotel, 7.30. Annual meeting; election of officers; lecture on "Breeding and Rearing," by Mr. F. Allen, of Cleckheaton.—B. Cook, sec.

Dudley F. and F.—March 11th, at 8.30. Very important business.—J. J. Mullett, sec.

Edinburgh Southern O.S.—March 13th, at Buchanan's Hotel, 8 p.m. Enrolment of new members, etc.—Jas. Drysdale, sec.

Glossop and Dis. C.B.S.—March 12th, at Mr. C. Wood's Star Inn, 7.30. Members and friends rally round; important business.—J. Hawkins, sec (pro. tem.)

Gt. Harwood and Dis. C.B.S.—March 11th, at Headquarters, Queen's Hotel, 7.30 prompt. Very important discussion on joint partnership; members make a special effort to attend.—H. Sharples, sec.

Gt. Horton O.S.—March 9th, at Butchers' Arms, 8 p.m. Members' Monthly Show; nominations of officers for Yorkshire Union of Cage Bird Societies; urgent.—S. Dean, sec.

Grimsby and Dis. C.B.S.—Feb. 13th, at Slatter's Rooms, 8 p.m. Open Show; British Bird Table Show.—Hy. Emerson, sec.

Huddersfield O.S.—March 11th, at White Hart Hotel, 8 p.m. Monthly Table Show; three pair classes for members' cup.—S. Lodge, sec.

Hyde and Dis. C.B.S.—March 11th, at St. George's School, 8 p.m. Important business.—T. Allsop, sec.

Inverness O.A.—March 13th, 8 p.m. Social; tickets 6d. each.—A. Urquhart, sec.

Ilford and Dis. F.A.—March 12th, at Alexandra Hall, Ilford, 8 prompt. Alteration of rules; election of officers and new members.—Chas. H. Reader, sec.

Leicester C.B.S.—March 13th, at Headquarters, 8 p.m. Table Show—(1) A.V. British Finch (name ending finch), (2) Siskin Redpoll or Twite, (3) A.O.V. British seed-eating or part (Linnets excepted); judge, Mr. W. Judd.—J. Heighton, sec.

Liverpool B.B.A.—March 14th, at Oldham Hall, Oldham Street, 8 p.m. Discussion on pairing, and drawing up syllabus for the following year.—H. Barratt, sec.

L.C.B.A.—March 13th, at Parish House, St. Clement Danes, Aldwych, W.C., at 8.30. Mr. Allen Silver will discourse on "Something About British Birds"; committee meeting at 8.—T. A. Wade, hon. sec.

Metropolitan Association of C.M. and H. Breeders.—March 14th, at Crown Hotel, Lavender Hill, S.W., 8.15 p.m. Nominations and elections; lecture by Mr. C. A. House on the rearing of young birds; four were nominated for membership at our last meeting; all fanciers heartily invited.—A. J. Head, sec.

North Manchester C.B.S.—March 12th, at Headquarters, 8 o'clock.—J. Davey, hon. sec.

St. Andrew's O.S.—March 13th, at Town Hall, 8.15. Election of office bearers; nomination of judges.—Thomas Auchterlonie, sec.

Seaham Harbour and Dis. C.B.B.A.—March 9th, at Station Hotel, 7 p.m. To re-fix Open Show date.—J. M. Nicholson, sec.

Shields and Dis.—March 13th, at Greggs' Cafe, 7.30 p.m.—Wm. Duke, sec.

South-West London C.B.S.—March 14th, at Plough Hotel, Clapham Junction, 8.30. Mr. J. Robson has kindly consented to give a very important lecture, the title will be a suitable one, "Canarics for Beginners"; fanciers from every district cordially invited.—Lilley, hon. sec.

Stockport B.F.A.—March 12th, at Boar's Head Hotel, 8 p.m. New scheme for amalgamation of classes.—W. Strafford, sec.

Stoke Newington F.A.—March 13th, at Devonshire Square Church, 8 p.m. Lantern lecture by Mr. H. Rose, "Round About the Golden Gate, San Francisco," a pictorial description of the great earthquake.—G. Dowden, sec.

Sunderland C.B.A.—March 2nd, at Fawcett Street Cafe, 7.30 p.m. Election of judges, and rules.—F. W. Gordon, sec.

Swansea and Dis. C.A.—March 14th, at Oxford Coffee Tavern, 7.30. Alteration of rules; all members do their best to attend.—Alf. Hitchings, sec.

Tamworth and Dis. C.B.S.—March 16th, at College Lane School, 7.45 p.m. To consider tenders and arrangements for first Feather Show.—J. E. Brown, hon. sec.

Walthamstow F.A.—March 8th, at Working Men's Hall, High Street, Walthamstow, 7.30 p.m. Members' Show of cage birds; friends cordially invited; admission free.—Albert B. Forse, asst. sec.

Windhill, Shipley, and Dis. O.S.—March 9th, at Blue Bell Hotel, 8 o'clock.—E. Broadley, sec.

Wolverhampton C.B.S.—March 12th, at Vine Hotel, Princes' Square, 8 p.m. Programme for the year.—F. Howes, hon. sec.

York C.B.S.—March 11th, at All Saints' School Room, North Street, 7 p.m. Show of British birds; hoping all members will do their best to make a record show.—T. Boyle, sec.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

DOUBTS AND DIFFICULTIES SOLVED BY SPECIALISTS.

Queries will be answered under the following conditions:—

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NOTE.—Readers are requested to carefully study past numbers and current issue before submitting questions. By doing so they may save trouble and unnecessary repetition.

THE following gentlemen represent CAGE BIRDS staff of **ADVISORY EXPERTS.** Queries must in no case be addressed to any of them individually, but to the Editor.

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CANARIES.

NORWICH PLAINHEADS.

Answered by J. H. PAYNE.

Hen With Chill (Grocer).—Am pleased to hear your Norwich hen is so much better; I have no doubt she will be quite well again as regards the chill when you have completed the treatment recommended. The dropping of a few feathers may be caused by the chill she caught, or it may be through change of rooms. When you have given the full treatment advised, then follow up with that you will have noticed in last week's issue.

Norwich Cock With Bad Thigh (Young Novice).—Bathe your bird's leg with warm water daily. Put the water on with a piece of soft sponge, and when you have finished soak up the moisture with a piece of an old silk handkerchief or a bit of cotton wool. Then slightly warm a little hazeline cream and apply a little with the tip of your finger; do not rub it in, only gently dab it on.

Stuffy, and Sits All Day (A. R. W.).—Give your bird in its drinking water a piece of sulphate of soda about the size of a small horse bean, twice in a week. Then give ten drops of tincture of quinine in two tablespoonfuls of water, and let him have this to drink on alternate days for a fortnight. Twice a week let him have a little egg food, to which add five drops of Parrish's chemical food. Give a few sprigs of watereress two or three times a week.

Hen Not Laying, etc. (Canary).—Give both your birds ten drops of ipecacuanha wine, and ten drops of glycerine in their drinking water for a fortnight. Then give instead, for a week, a little honey which has been dissolved with a small quantity of warm water. Also give a piece of boiled carrot twice a week. The hen will no doubt lay in the nest-box this year if she gets all right again. I should advise you to keep them separate for a few weeks.

Outside Breeding House (J. B.).—I should advise you to build a structure at least 8 ft. long and 6 ft. wide, for you will want cage room or a flight to put your youngsters in. You do not say but I take it that you intend putting up your six or eight pairs in cages. Let your lean-to house be 8 ft. at the back, and slope to about 6 ft. or 6 ft. 6 in. I should advise you to case it in with match boarding, say, 3 or 4 ins. from the outer boards, and fill in with pine sawdust. This will make it much warmer in winter. Have the floor 6 or 8 ins. off the ground; this will not only keep it dry, but will leave plenty of room for a cat to run under and thus keep away the mice. See that the eaves of the roof come well over so that the rain will not run down the sides of the shed. See that your door and window fit well, to avoid any draughts. In the summer I should advise you to whitewash the outside of the roof. This will make several degrees difference to the inside temperature. During the hot weather have a door half wire so that your birds may have as much fresh air as possible; this will help to keep the place cooler. I should get estimates for building, if you do not intend to do the work yourself.

YORKSHIRES.

We regret to learn that Mr. Battye is indisposed, and unable to give attention to queries this week. He hopes to answer all to date in our next number.—Ed.

GREENS.

Answered by S. HADWIN.

Swelling Round Eye.—Your bird has evidently had a knock on the eye, and from your description I should take the swelling to be a sort of water blister. If this is so, prick with a fine needle, and then bathe with warm water, to which a few drops of disinfectant has been added, using a small soft sponge for the purpose. Then anoint the place with a little boracic ointment. Continue every other day till better. I do not like the ravenous manner in which your bird eats; I should say it is not finding sufficient nourishment. Give best Spanish canary seed in hoppers, and a good mixture of all kinds of seeds used for birds, mixed in equal parts. Give also 12 drops of Parrish's chemical food in water every other day until the bird is thoroughly well.

ROLLERS.

Answered by F. A. LESTER.

Roller Hoarse and Singing Hens (Noel).—The treatment you are using will be about right. I should only advise glycerine and honey myself. I do not see any reason why singing hens should not be as good as any others. Ladies that talk a lot are often as good mothers as those that say very little, and I do not see why this should not apply to Canaries. It is a matter of fancy, I believe, and I should not hesitate to take a hen that sings.

Roller Cock that Pants, etc. (German Cock).—Try this mixture, giving the bird one teaspoonful in his drinking water—viz., 1d. simple syrup, 1d. glycerine, 1d. ipecacuanha, and one tablespoonful of whiskey. Shake this well before using, and give it a fortnight's trial. Also give him a piece of raw onion between the wires of his cage. If these do not succeed, I must give him up as hopeless.

Rollers Paired that Quarrel (May).—You have commenced wrong. You should have put them in separate cages, and hung or stood them side by side till you saw the cock thoroughly agreeing with the hen, and then put them together. The cock may not be ready yet or the hen may not. Try them as I suggest, and I think you will find things go along more smoothly.

A Variety (Ignoramus).—Glad you found our advice beneficial. We are always pleased to help our readers. Yes, Osborne biscuit will do in place of the Zweiback egg food. I make it myself as follows:—Four biscuits, crushed to a powder; the egg finely grated and thoroughly mixed by rubbing between your hands; half teaspoonful to each bird, unless they have young ones. They want a lot when the youngsters are growing. The sample of rape seed sent is English or Dutch black winter rape seed, and is not liked by Canaries. You want German summer rape seed and small violet-brown seed. Two parts rape, one part canary, is my advice, but if the packet seed mentioned seems to agree with them, by all means continue it. Discontinue the egg food during the time of sitting, and do not keep the cock with the hen during this time. Put him back when the youngsters are about 16 days' old. The Roller that has not sung since his moult, and fidgets so, will be better for closing down in a song-box. He may be better if you breed with him. Try him. It is no trouble to answer your questions.

MISCELLANEOUS CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by J. NORTH.

Pant and Rattle.—My two Canaries are ailing; they pant, and when held to the ear they give a rattle. I have them in an attic, and feed on plain canary seed and occasionally a little maw seed, and give Parrish's chemical food twice a week.—T. CLARK.

I take it your birds have got a "chill" or inflammation of lungs and liver, through being kept in a cold room and, perhaps, being fed too sparingly after; very likely they were kept in a warm room and over-fed before you purchased them. Birds thus affected are not at all likely to recover unless immediately removed to a warm room, and fed on nourishing and easily digested food, such as bread and milk sop, sprinkled with seed. Add to two tablespoonfuls of drinking water 10 drops of the homœpathic tincture of aconite and the same of antimonial wine, both obtainable at any chemists. I do not think it is "Canary Asthma," but time will prove. With prompt treatment I think they will get well.

Irregular Moulting.—Canary is always pecking at its feathers, and looks rough, especially on its back. It has been dropping feathers. Last summer she laid several eggs, and reared one young one.—F. FIELD.

I think your bird is troubled by red mite. Search for same by candle-light, and if found let the cage be thoroughly scoured, and the bird's plumage peppered with freshly-ground pyrethrum insect powder. Its irregular moulting also suggests liver trouble, and this to a great extent may be remedied by diet. Give plenty of sweet apple, boiled carrot, watercress, chickweed, or groundsell. She should not have hemp or linseed, but plenty of canary seed and a fair supply of German rape.

Moulting for Two Years.—Canary has been moulting for the last two years. Its feathers come, and it then keeps pecking at them. The bird seems to be quite healthy otherwise.—R.S.

I could have given you a more helpful answer had I known whether your bird is a cock or hen. If the latter it is certainly useless. You do not say whether it sings or not. It seems to have contracted the vicious habit of feather plucking, which is almost impossible to cure. Sometimes it may be done by giving the bird pieces of tape to play with, tied to the wires. It should have some crushed eggshells scattered with its sand, and a piece of cuttlefish bone to pick at, also the hard stems of watercress or groundsell. Search for red mite, and if found exterminate them as advised to another querist.

White in Pupil of the Eye.—I applied the lotion recommended, but it seems to give pain. Shall I discontinue altogether? Do you think the other eye will be affected; should he be kept in the light?—L. DICKIE.

I do not remember answering this query previously, and cannot, just at present, hunt up the reply. I cannot, however, think that I advised such treatment, because from every point of view it is a case of cataract of the eye, for which there is no remedy. The application of pain-giving lotion is worse than useless. My experience of such troubles is that both eyes generally get affected. If you decide to retain the bird, it would be well to let it be placed in a good light, and where there is plenty of fresh air.

Elementary Queries.—(1) What food can I give paired Canary birds? (2) When young ones are hatched, what food can I give them? (3) How long shall I keep hen with young ones? (4) How many days does it take to hatch? (5) How long has cock to be with hen before eggs should be fertile?—JOS. LEAN.

(1) Your birds seem to have been paired some few weeks too early, unless you have special warming and lighting facilities of which I know nothing. The usual time is end of March. (2) Hard-boiled egg and bread crumbs, or crushed biscuit; also salad, such as watercress, lettuce, chickweed, or young dandelion leaves. These things also to stock birds when paired. (3) If hen is rearing her brood without the assistance of the cock, she should be allowed four weeks for the task; but if her mate is helping, she might do to nest again when the young are three weeks old; the cock will finish them off. (4) Thirteen days. (5) Two clear days. You would do well to obtain a book on the management and rearing of Canaries from CAGE BIRDS office. You would find all these elementary matters dealt with and explained at greater length than it is possible to do here in these columns. Try House's "Canary Manual," post free 1/2, postal order.

Young Birds Dying.—Last season I lost a number of young, and all seemed to die of stoppage of the bowels. Fed on chopped egg, home-made bread, and fresh-gathered watercress; they had good parents.—ISAAC OLDCORN.

It is extremely difficult to account for such ill-luck. Probably the reason is this, that the constitution of Canaries as a class is not well adapted for our English climate. I have a very strong impression that the mischief is caused very early in the morning, when the hen has gone off duty to get her breakfast; the youngsters "catch cold," as it is called, but which is congestion of the liver; thence follow constipation and inflammation of the bowels. Try the plan of giving lettuce instead of watercress, and tea biscuit in place of bread crumbs.

Concerning Nest Pans.—(1) Is it necessary to paste in the felt lining in earthenware nest pans? Until this season I have used the old-fashioned platform with hat felt nests. (2) Suppose a hen does not build a nest, would it do to put the eggs down on the felt without putting anything under them. I fancy my pans are too deep.—J.A.

(1) It is not absolutely necessary, because some hens work pieces of nesting material into the ventilating holes, and the nest gets shaped and fixed on these, but it would be better to paste the linings into the pans. (2) You should press some hay and moss into the lined nest pan, and do your best to shape it like a nest with a warm hard boiled egg, going round and round. Add some "doe hair," not cow hair, and then put the eggs in the centre. (3) They will not be too deep when the nesting material is worked into them by the hen. The young ones do not eject their droppings over the side of the nest until they are about a week old.

Heavy Breathing.—Cock Canary to be paired up end of this month. Have noticed that he breathes a little heavily. He is a grand singer, and a young bird.—R.L.

I cannot see that there is anything seriously amiss with your bird. Quite likely you have been giving some egg-food, or salad, of which he has taken as much as he possibly could, and this may have made him puff a bit. See that he is not allowed to overfeed himself. It is not a matter of dosing with medicine, but one purely of management and dieting. Perhaps the hen is not so fat as the cock. They will probably be all right when they are paired up.

Hen's Prospects.—Hen Canary had ten young last year when paired to a Brown Linnet, but she would not feed more than a week, and then she went to nest again.—A.K.

I should strongly advise you to pair your Canary hen this year to a Canary cock; in fact, I assume you contemplate doing so, or you would have addressed your query to Mr. Weston. In this way you might get the chicks reared, because the Canary father would be there to assist, not only by actually feeding the youngsters, but by feeding the hen as well, and so keep her brooding the young instead of her leaving them in search of food. I regret I cannot for certain tell you whether she will feed her young this year. I can only say I hope she will under the different circumstances. It would be the better fanciership to try her yet another year.

Loss of Voice and Feather.—Bird has lost its voice and is losing a few feathers. I feed on canary seed three parts and rape seed one part; piece of apple once or twice a week.—H.P.

Your bird seems to be in low condition, but at this time of year it should easily improve under the following treatment:—First of all search for red-mite by candle-light, and if found proceed to exterminate in the way often suggested in these columns. Let the bird be kept in a box cage, and in a warm room, or where the sunshine comes. In addition to usual seed, give a teaspoonful of egg and biscuit food every day, on which you have let fall three drops of Parrish's chemical food. Give also salad or sweet apple or boiled carrot.

Soiled Plumage.—Buff Canaries are very dirty. They bathe in cold water, but do not get clean. Can I put anything in the water to get them clean? Would you advise washing them so near breeding time?—W.E.B.

As a rule, it may be taken as a sign of low condition, if a bird does not keep its plumage in a tidy and clean condition, assuming it has the opportunities for bathing. There are exceptions, of course, for it is not to be expected that birds in smoky towns and cities can possibly keep so clean as those in the country. The nearness of the breeding season is no reason why the birds should not be washed with warm water and soap, being dried before a fire in the usual way. If the water in your house is very hard you could soften it with a little washing soda, or collect some rain-water, which is the best of all for washing.

Loss of Feather.—Last year I kept several Canaries in a very warm room. After some time they lost their feathers round their beaks and on top of their heads. This year I have a hen on which no feathers have grown. Do you see why I should not breed from her?—CANARIENSIS.

I do not think that the warm room of itself could have caused the loss of plumage, unless the heat upset the liver; in such cases, the feathers sometimes come out. Canarics rather like high temperatures, but it is not wise to keep them in a hot place unless it is efficiently ventilated. A little dry sulphur sprinkled on these bare places will often cause the plumage to grow again, partly because the sulphur kills the microscopic insect that causes the trouble, and partly because the remains of the sulphur enter into the growth of the young feather. I see no reason why this hen should not be paired in the usual way, and at the usual time.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

Sex of Skylarks (C. B.).—There is no certain way by which inexperienced fanciers may sex Skylarks. When picking a bird from amongst a number, the largest should be chosen, one with very long wings, and it is certain to be a cock—providing, of course, all the cocks have not been removed and hens only left. Dealers experience no difficulty in sexing Skylarks. The difference in the length of the wings of cock and hen is most marked, and shows plainly even when they are folded at rest. You should keep your bird until the genial spring weather arrives, when, if it does not open in song, you can write it down a hen.

Food and Rape Seed (G. Woodbridge).—The packet Softbill food you send is excellent, and quite suitable for a Thrush and a Pekin Robin, providing it is mixed (prepared for use) in the way I so frequently recommended in this column—note reply to an inquirer re Nightingales last week. The "rape seed" you send is not the rape seed wanted for birds. In fact, it is not that kind of rape at all, but most probably turnip or cabbage seed. German summer rape is a very small seed (half the size of yours), and dark red or bluish-red in colour, whereas yours is black. Summer rape has a sweet, nutty taste when chewed. Any which tastes acrid, or very hot, is either adulterated or not genuine.

A Substitute for Egg Food (G. H. N.).—Most fanciers, and especially breeders of exhibition Canaries, are staunch believers in egg food (either with bread crumb or biscuit), freshly made each morning, or twice a day, as tho very best thing on which high-class birds can be reared. I am certainly not going to argue the subject here, however; you must decide for yourself the course you will pursue. I, personally, see no reason why good youngsters should not be reared on a suitable substitute for the freshly-boiled eggs. Your "egg cake," which you say contains flour, new-laid eggs, butter, milk, and a little baking powder and sugar, looks and tastes very nice. Give it a trial by all means, if you feel inclined. You should use the merest pinch of baking powder, though; in fact, personally, I should leave it out altogether.

What Bird? (Dai).—The bird you describe is a cock Reed Bunting in winter plumage. If a big, rich-coloured, and well-marked specimen, it stands an excellent chance of success on the show bench. It should be exhibited in an ordinary Finch show cage—Norwich Club pattern, enamelled inside and wires very dark green; some prefer very light blue, so you had better make a final decision for yourself. Feed and treat it on exactly the same lines as recommended inquirers on Corn and Yellow Buntings in last week's issue.

Breeding in Indoor Room (S. P.).—You will not have so much success, I feel confident, with pairs flying loose in your 12ft. square room as you will with pairs kept in suitable cages therein. Many people write to me to know "how many and what couples of British birds they can let fly together to breed Hybrids." I never know how to reply to them, for I don't want to discourage them from trying to breed birds, yet at the same time I know it is next to impossible they can succeed on any such lines. Most British birds do not even relish the near proximity of others when breeding in a wild state; how then can they be expected to tolerate a mixed crowd in a confined room or aviary? Yet a many people seem to entertain the notion that one only needs to throw so many cocks and so many hens into such places to produce Hybrids galore. Would it were, indeed, so delightfully easy! The best thing I can recommend you to do, is to put in hen Canaries with suitable Finch cocks (Goldie, Linnet, Siskin, Greenfinch, Redpoll, etc.), for then you would be likely to have some young to look at when the season comes to an end. Certainly you might try three or four Bullfinch hens as well, with, say, a dozen hen Canaries. If not house moulted (the Britishers), they should be fairly steady and used to captivity. The nesting sites need not necessarily be sheltered, though it is well to put nest boxes in all the secluded corners, and also to make a few secluded spots for their reception. You could use nest boxes, nest pans, wicker travelling cages, old nests from the fields, etc., as has been frequently mentioned of late.

Indoor Breeding (Migration).—It would be better if the birds in the two places could not see each other; they may indulge in fighting and squabbling through the partition wires. The part 6ft. long by 27in. wide would not well accomodate above half-a-dozen hen Canaries and three cocks. Even then the cock-birds may quite likely fight viciously. You could turn the birds into tho shed about the end of this month (March).

Bullfinch Hen Vicious (Hybrid).—Many Bullfinch hens have spells when they seem to behave viciously to their partners; some are alternately loving and vicious in a most exasperating manner, one moment chasing and mauling their partners about, and the next loading them with caresses, so to speak. Many fanciers, when they get a Bullie hen of a disposition like this, find her a cock Greenfinch for a mate. This stout and testy gentleman soon takes her by the hair of her head and bangs her about if she tries any such capers on him. Your best plan would be to keep a wired partition between the Bullie hen and Canary cock during greater part of the day. Withdraw it first thing in the morning, when it is ten to one that the hen will at once "call" to him. And that is all you want. The feeding of Bullfinches was dealt with fully in a reply last week. Canary-Bullies, if really tip-top specimens, are just a shade more valuable than Greenfinch-Bullies; but "champion" examples of the latter cross are scarce, and worth a high figure.

Linnet and Bullfinch in Garden Aviary (Avis).—A cock Linnet and hen Bullfinch might do well in your garden aviary, 8ft. by 3ft. by 2ft. The depth from front to back (2ft.) is really insufficient, however, so you will need to keep a sharp look-out for cats, also to protect it against violent storms. You will no doubt have seen many hints I have given lately on the nesting arrangements for Hybrid couples. The Linnet might mate better with the hen Greenfinch, and certainly the latter would be far the more likely of the two hens to bring up her young by herself. Still, the Linnet-Bullie cross is far the more desirable one to try. See that the nesting site you offer her is sheltered from prying eyes; further, don't interfere with her unless it is absolutely necessary.

Greenfinch Bare (New Reader).—The proper seeds for a Greenfinch were mentioned in a reply last week. I can only suggest that your bird is suffering from the attacks of red-mite, and, if so, you should treat it as explained in detail in the pages of CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL. You give me absolutely no information as to where you keep the bird, whether it has moulted, or whether you are now finding feathers in its cage, how you feed it, etc. Without such information it is impossible for anyone to advise you.

Pairs for Aviary (G. Higgins).—Four hen Canaries will be quite sufficient to turn in along with your cock Goldie and cock Linnet. Your aviary, however, would easily accommodate another three birds. The Goldfinch would very likely not touch the eggs at all; they rarely do so except when kept in small cages. I should put the birds together at the beginning of April (or end of this month) if the weather is sunny and genial.

Bullfinches in Living Room (E. G. W.).—A cage 5ft. by 1ft by 1ft. is a curious size; it certainly would be greatly improved by being 2ft. in height. I see no reason why your pair of Bullfinches should not nest therein, especially as they are in such fine condition, and so tame. It is very early as yet, however. Whether they would rear any progeny is very uncertain; still, you have more than a sporting chance, as they say, of getting young. It will be very interesting. I am sure.

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Skylark and Its Management.—I have a Lark. Can you tell me if it can be made to take a bath, and would you tell me the distinguishing features between a cock and a hen, also what is the best food for it?—J.S.

You most certainly should not force a Skylark to take a bath, for those birds do not bathe in the sense that Canaries and similar small birds do. I am continually telling correspondents how to manage Larks, and if you had looked over a few old numbers of CAGE BIRDS, you would have easily found the "recipe." Here you are again, however. A simple stock food for Larks, which will keep for ever and a day (almost) when sealed in tins, and which any good corn-dealer or seller of birds' foods will mix for you, is:—Game (or partridge or pheasant) meal, four parts; meat meal, good ants' eggs and dried flies, one part each, by measure. Get the game meal without grit. If you have any difficulty in doing so, finely crushed puppy cakes make an excellent substitute. Damp quantity required for daily use with a little grated raw carrot or cold boiled potato, or finely chopped lettuce, chickweed, watercress, or other green food in season, and add a teaspoonful of preserved egg-flake or half a hard-boiled egg twice or so a week. Give three or four mealworms daily, and any other insects you can lay hands on, especially spiders. Give seed in a separate vessel (not along with the soft food), about a teaspoonful of canary seed daily, with, for a change, crushed hemp, groats, maw, or rape. Let the bird have a fresh clover turf as often as possible. Cover the floor of cage with (or give in a deep pan) a mixture of fine road dust and sand, in which a teaspoonful of insect powder, or powdered sulphur, has been mixed. The bird will dust itself in this, which is a natural action, and necessary. It is a very excellent plan, too, to have a second drawer bottom to the cage, made of tin or zinc, which is run in occasionally filled with water, in which the bird will paddle, and so keep its feet in order. Or, and even better, it may be filled with very wet chickweed, over which the Lark will run. Sexual distinctions are dealt with in another reply this week.

Mealworm Breeding.—Please tell me how to breed mealworms. I have put some in a tin with some meal and flannel, and they have turned black and seem dead. I have just started taking your hook in.—W.P.

What a "hardy annual" this question is! The method of starting a mealworm box I have often given in this column. Still, as you are a new reader, I will repeat it for you again. Get a large biscuit tin from a confectioner (about 2lb. size). Bore with a bradawl two rows of holes right round the sides at the top, within an inch of the lid. Cut four pieces of coarse sacking so that they will, when folded once over, drop flat into the tin, leaving about three-quarters of an inch space between each edge and the sides of the tin. Dry these thoroughly before the fire. Get a supply (pennyworth or so) of bran. Put a layer on the bottom of the tin, about an inch and a half thick. Put a folded piece of sacking on this. Then put another layer of bran; then another piece of sacking —and so on, arranging to fill the tin not more than three-parts full, and to have a piece of sacking at the top. Then turn a pint of mealworms (or as many as you feel disposed to invest in) into the tin. Put in a handful of fresh bran occasionally, under the top layer of sacking. It takes about 12 months to get into full breeding swing, i.e., for the mealworms to turn into beetles, beetles to lay eggs in the folds of the sacking, eggs to hatch, and young mealworms to mature. In the summer time it is often possible to buy a quantity of beetles from advertisers along with the worms, and one would save time by so doing. Many put beer-soaked rags (bung rags), dead birds, dog biscuits, bones, etc., in their mealworm boxes; but I never do so myself. Disturb the breeding box as little as possible, and always keep it in a fairly warm, dry place, such as a cupboard at the side of the fireplace. About every second year, and in January, turn out the contents and sift through a coarse sieve, especially the bottom part of the box. I cannot explain your mealworms going wrong (apparently), but they will do all right treated as above. They seem lifeless when about to change into beetles of course (it is early for that yet), and the beetles themselves are black.

Disheartening Luck with Fresh-caught Goldfinches.—I have awful luck with all the Goldfinches I buy, unless they are moulted. Am afraid something is wrong in my treatment. Can you give me a hint or two?—A.W.B.

It is difficult to know how to help you, seeing you give no particulars of the treatment at present adopted. I can say, however, that fresh-caught Goldfinches should always be kept in cages with inside seed-trough, so that their food is directly under their noses, so to speak. It is well to have the water inside, too; if this cannot be managed, then be certain they get at it. In last year's ANNUAL a most useful type of stock cage for Finches is illustrated and described, and you should adopt this form. Are you quite sure your Goldics are perfectly sound when you buy them? The great mistake fanciers make when buying fresh-caught Finches is to condemn them at once to a diet of dry, hard seed. In the wild state from which they have just been taken, their food is, broadly put, of a more or less soft nature, and the sudden and complete change on to dry seed is unquestionably responsible for much, if not all, of the "indigestion" or "stomach trouble" which carries so many fresh-caught Finches to that land whence none return. And, of course, if the birds have been any length of time in a shop awaiting sale, the "upsetting" may have commenced before you yourself lay hands on them. I think mixed seed very wasteful for these birds; most of them show a preference for one kind, perhaps two, and the others get knocked about the cage floor as the result of their searching for the favoured seed or seeds. For fresh-caught Goldfinches, I should put in a pot each of cracked hemp (not crushed), teazle, and niga seeds, and a pot of mixed maw, linseed, and canary; some advocate coarse oatmeal as well. In addition, of course, I would offer ample sunflower and summer rape, which had been soaked in cold water until it burst, or had just commenced to sprout, dabbing it as dry as possible with a cloth before offering it. Then there are the wild seeding weeds and grasses, thistles, hardheads, plantains, and the like, not forgetting flowering groundsel tops (not the coarse leaves). With the help of these latter foods (of which the Goldfinch fancier should always have a little store), the change on to the ordinary dry seeds can be made gradually, and without harm accruing. Should they seem to go a little "soft," the drinking water should at once have some sulphate of soda dissolved in it (as much as covers a sixpence to every two tablespoonfuls. A gentle dose of saline, if given in time, is, in my experience, the best medicine; in fact, I never found anything else of much use.

Management of Blackcap.—I have just bought a Blackcap. Presume it is a cock, top of head being glossy black. Should I observe any special rules in its treatment?—AJAX.

Your bird is a cock right enough, if its cap is glossy jet-black. Keep him cosy, and in a warmed room, subject to an equable temperature. By all means cover over the cage warmly on very cold nights; extremes of temperature are most dangerous to the welfare of migratory birds such as these. The general feeding of a Blackcap should proceed on exactly the same lines as laid down in the lengthy reply given "A.F." last week, to which I must refer you. When fresh caught they require an extra allowance of best ants' eggs, and a free supply of mealworms. Blackcaps are great fruit eaters, you must remember, and should always have some fruit on the menu, entirely mixed amongst the soft food, or hung up in the cage or wires if you like; banana, very ripe pear and apple, grated raw carrot, and even boiled potato, are very good to moisten the daily soft-food supply; some of my birds, too, were very fond of finely minced green stuff. For other fruit to use the choice is very wide; strawberries, garden currants, raspberries, grapes, elderberries, blackberries, and the like, are all more or less greedily devoured, while there is but little fruit one can buy at a shop that they do not appreciate. A slice of a ripe peach is esteemed a great delicacy. Do not forget insect food; do not, too, overlook the bath, in which they take a great delight, but don't give them icy-cold water in the winter.

Another Lark Bather.—My Lark, bought five weeks ago, has never used his bath, I think. Is it too cold weather?—A. JUTSON.

The solicitude you display in endeavouring to get your Skylark to take his matutinal tub very nearly makes me smile. Larks do not bathe quite in the sense that Thrushes and most other birds do. You need wonder no longer, therefore, at your bird's lack of appreciation of the rain-water you gather for him. A dust bath is what they need for regular use. Fill a dish or box of suitable depth with a mixture of dry road dust and very fine sharp sand. In this put a teaspoonful or so of any harmless insect powder. These birds delight to "ruffle it" amongst such a mixture. During suitable weather my birds were very fond of paddling about in a tray of water placed in their cages. (I had tin false bottoms made on purpose.) They also ever took delight in a fresh-cut clover turf which had had the garden sprinkling pan passed over it. Another fancier I know covers the water tray which he runs in his cages with ripe chickweed, and the birds paddle on and poke about amongst that—rather a nice idea! To give a bird an "extra special" cleansing at any time (say the day before you are sending him to a show), spray him lightly with clean soft (or rain) water, and while he is damp sprinkle his plumage well with sharp, gritty sand (not mud, mind you). After he has shaken and plumed himself he will look a picture. If soft water is not available, add one or two spots of Scruhh's cloudy ammonia.

Heads of Canary Seed (E. Marshall).—The heads of canary seed you send (presumably home-grown) are badly ripened, and contain but very small grain. It might be all right to give birds to pick over, partly for amusement, but for use as a staple article of diet I could not commend it—I should not use it as such myself.

Solely Hemp; and a "Chivey Linnet" (Amateur).—You say your two Goldfinches have had nothing but hemp seed since they could eat after being reared from the nest last year, and ask if it will upset them. No, my friend; hemp seed is the Goldfinch keeper's best friend. Surely, seeing your birds have done so well on it, and are in such good form now, you ought not to require any further proof of this. Let well alone, and don't listen to the empty yarns some people will persist in spinning. You can try the birds with some teazle, linseed, maw, and niger; they are sure to tackle the two latter, but only need have them as an occasional treat. Also gather them a few young, tender dandelion leaves, and the flowering and seeding heads when ready. The bird you term a "chivey Linnet" is in reality the Lesser Redpoll. They are most difficult to sex when house-moulted, the only safe guide being the song, or absence of it.

Concerning a Blackbird (Rolyat).—Now the swelling of the foot has gone down, discontinue painting with the tincture of iodine, and massage the toe gently every day instead with iodine ointment. Pleased to know the bird has come into song again. The reason I always specially mention game meal without grit is because it seems to me far from correct to force a bird (for that is what it amounts to) to take grit continually whether it wants it or not. My large Softhilis (the small ones, too, occasionally) almost always had a supply, such as a tin or dish, of grit to go at, and I frequently saw them rummaging about amongst it. But to pack grit away amongst the daily food of such birds is a different matter. At the same time, I may say I know one old fancier who uses chicken meal (which contains a proportion of calcined oyster shell and grit) for his Softhills, and he has told me several times he has never, to his knowledge, known any harm come of it.

Concerning Larks (New Reader).—There are no helpful sexual distinctions in the plumage of Skylarks; the only real guides to distinguishing their sex lie in the relative size and length of wing. The cock bird is the largest, and has a much wider sweep of wing, and the wings come appreciably farther down the tail when folded at rest. Keep your birds until Spring is well advanced, and the sunny skies are with us, when, if the Larks still keep mute, you can write them down as hens. If such proves to be the case, open their cage doors and give them their liberty—I am assuming, of course, their wings are in fit condition for flight. The Woodlark sings an entirely different kind of song to the Skylark—more round, mellow, and "hubbly," to put it crudely, lacking the power and gusto of the better-known songster. Which is the better of the twain must ever remain a matter of personal opinion only. I myself prefer the Woodlark as an indoor songster. You want to get the largest sized bow-fronted Lark cage the makers stock. The cloth top, though unnecessary with a steady bird, is yet always a useful fitment to have.

A Cage of Britishers (J.J.C.).—Your cage, 3 ft. 6 in. by 12 in. by 20 in. high, is really only large enough to accommodate four birds with comfort, so that your two Goldies, the Linnet, and the Siskin just about fill the bill. You might add a Lesser Redpoll; they are bright, cheery little creatures, and the cock has a merry little ditty. A good stock mixture would be:—Canary and teazle four parts each, hemp and summer rape two parts each linseed one part. Other seeds occasionally, in separate dish, as tit-bits. If any bird turns out invetcrately quarrelsome, remove it, and try another member of the species; it is surprising how dispositions differ. Thanks for kindly remarks.

Greenfinch a "Little Down" (W. D. Holt).—You must not put your ailing Greenfinch into a cage with another Greenie until he has quite recovered his usual health. I should take the hen Canaries away from him. For one day dissolve, in two tablespoonfuls of drinking water, as much sulphate of soda as just covers a shilling. The next day, and for one week after, mix a small teaspoonful of taraxacum (dandelion juice) in the same quantity of water daily. Any chemist will supply you with these things. Go out and gather whatever young dandelion leaves you can, and let him have four or five every day. Let him have a pot of maw seed in his cage.

What is the Difference? (B.T.).—Russian and Siberian Goldfinches are much larger than either German or British Goldies, and have much more white in their plumage; the Siberians are the largest and finest of all. Most Germans are the same size as British Goldies, and many cannot be told from them, though they are usually of an appreciably whiter cast of plumage. Russian and Siberian Bullfinches are very much bigger and finer than British Bullies, taken as a whole. The German Bullies which come into this country are mostly "broken pipers"—that is, hand-reared birds which have failed to learn their lessons. They are, of course, usually very tame, also usually very difficult for most people to tell from English Bullfinches. Either of the Goldfinches is quite likely to breed, though fanciers seem inclined to the opinion that Britishers are rather more free than the others. The Siberians breed the biggest Mules. Any of the hen Bullfinches are also likely to breed. Some fancy one, some another—the hand-reared German hens especially. The Siberians, here again, would throw the largest young.

From Far St. Louis (H. S. Ross).—Your Canary queries will be found answered by our Mr. North. Please do not mix them. Here is a correct stock mixture for a Goldfinch:—Hemp and teazle four parts each, canary two parts, linseed one part. For a Siskin:—Canary and teazle three parts each, hemp, linseed, and summer rape one part each. Give the other oft recommended seeds occasionally, as tit-bits. I am of the opinion that your Goldies and Siskins are moulting purely and simply, probably owing to climatic differences 'twixt the States and here. I don't think you will experience any repetition of the trouble next season, when they have become acclimatised. Canaries ought not to need "conditioning"; if in health they should come into breeding form in due season without having to be forced with stimulating foods. English breeders simply give a small teaspoonful of egg-bread per bird twice a week about the latter end of January, increasing it to three times early in March. They also give a little mixed seed now and again in addition. The hens get a little niger occasionally, and more frequently as the time for going to nest draws nigh. Goldfinches and Siskins are usually ready to breed (over here) about the middle of April. Old, tried mulers are sometimes fit before that date. I do not know what you mean by "Java Canaries," so cannot say whether or not they would breed in captivity. I do not think you will succeed in crossing a House Sparrow with a hen Canary. Thanks very much for "tip" re cedar wood oil.

Bad Luck (W. J. Dodd).—I don't believe in hanging birds out of doors during cold weather, and taking them indoors into a warm (more or less) room at night. Do you do this? If you mean that you put the Finches into a 4 ft. flight with hen Canaries at night, and catch them out in the morning on purpose to hang them out of doors, you are certainly making a great mistake. The constant handling and fright at being caught would be quite sufficient to make any bird "turn queer" and die. Keep your Linnets and Goldies caged off separately, and don't hang them out of doors until they have steadied down well; then you may have better fortune.

Singing Mules (New Beginner).—A Norwich hen will breed you just as good singing Mules as a Roller hen; what is more, she will, if a good specimen herself, breed bigger and more shapely youngsters. Let her be a yellow; then you may expect a few rich-coloured Mules to be thrown amongst the males.

Ivy for Aviary (Chick).—You need not be afraid of having ivy as a "background" for your aviary. It is excellent in every way. I was once fortunate enough to have a very strong growth over a wall I enclosed when making an aviary, and I found it a great acquisition. I should arrange the place right away. It will never do to disturb the birds when on the verge of the breeding season.

Linnet with White Head (Puzzled Browney).—A Linnet with head and shoulders pure white is worth a shilling or two more than an ordinary plumaged bird, if only as a freak. What should cause a bird to moult out like this no one could tell you—beyond, that is, generalising so far as to say that some change or loss of colour pigment was responsible for it. I don't think you will find

the bird one scrap more likely to breed a light Linnet Mule than any ordinary Linnet. I never found Albino and white-plumaged birds any help at all. Try him with a clear or ticked pink-eyed Yorkshire hen. You could get one at a reasonable price (note advertisement columns).

Game Meal, Dried Flies, etc. (J.C.W.M.).—The "Melox" answers admirably as a basis for the stock food of the large or more coarse-feeding Softbills; so does any good brand of dog or puppy biscuits, crushed to powder. The sample of dried flies is a good one, though I have seen better. Most "seem dusty," as you put it; but they should not be sifted before use by any means. Finches do not require egg-flake in a soft-food mixture designed for their needs. At the same time, you can put in an occasional teaspoonful if you choose, deciding the exact quantity by the number of birds to feed from it.

From Ireland (P. Bolgey).—I understand specimen copies, giving the feeding of Bullfinches and Linnets have been sent you. There is always a market for Chaffinches, Greenfinches, and Redpolls. Use our advertisement columns, or write any of the large dealers advertising therein.

Linnet Ailing (Sphinks).—Your letter is rather vague, but I should imagine your bird is somewhat constipated. Dissolve in its drinking water for one day as much sulphate of soda as covers a sixpence. Repeat two days afterwards if it seems necessary. Give maw seed liberally.

Bullfinch Recovering (E.M.L.B.).—I should not leave off the bronchial mixture too soon. Give it on alternate days with the chemical food. Continue this for seven or eight days; then give the chemical food only—plain water one day, medicine the next—for another fortnight. Distilled water is absolutely the best to use; unfortunately many are unable to do so.

Skylark with Insects (W. Ivatt).—It certainly is not proper for a Lark to swarm with insects. Dust the bird well with Keating's insect powder, especially under wings, round neck, and at root of tail. See other replies this week, and adopt dust bath advised therein; also the method of feeding.

Norwich or Yorkshire Hens (A.L.D.).—Both Norwich and Yorkshire hens will throw good coloured—if they are yellow hens—well-feathered Mules. Those from the latter are usually much slimmer in build than those from the former. The difference in song is nil. If you like stylish, not over stout Mules, with plenty of "swagger" about them, try Yorkshire hens, getting those on the heavy (stout) side. The Norwich type of hen, if possessing plenty of size, will be the more likely to throw exhibition Mules, as bulk (substance) is what most judges like to see in a show cage. You should now be able to make your own choice.

Cock Canary to Hen Linnet (W. Shaw).—It is not usual to mate a cock Canary with a hen Linnet, the reverse pairing being far the more likely to bring success. At the same time, it certainly has been often tried, and young have been produced. The hen Linnet is more uncertain, both as a breeder and as a mother, than the hen Canary when in captivity, as is only to be expected. It would be an interesting experiment, anyway. Give them a double breeding cage, with wired slide down centre, as recommended frequently of late, and hang it in a quiet spot. I gave hints on feeding Linnet-Canary couples only last week; see reply to "H. Owen."

Some Buntings (J.A.).—Corn and Meadow Buntings could not possibly be confused. The former is twice the size of the latter, and very stoutly built, broadly speaking bearing no distant resemblance to a tiny Tbrush, it being of a uniform sandy-brown colour, and streaked with black on the breast. The Meadow Bunting is decidedly more rufus in body colour, and has the head and neck very delicate bluish grey, with striking jet-black moustachial and cheek marks. In size and shape it is like a medium-sized Yellowhammer. I think you must be mistaken in saying both Corn and Meadow Buntings "breed plentifully near Cork." The former may quite likely do so; but the latter is so uncommon a visitor to these isles that it is a matter of hot dispute whether it should even be exhibited as a British bird at all. You may quite likely succeed in rearing Buntings under Canaries; but they will be worth very little more than specimens obtained in the ordinary way—unless, that is, they turn out exceedingly fine birds, fit for exhibition at the best shows. The Wheatear is a summer migrant.

Linnet with Overgrown Beak (A.W.).—It often happens once one commences cutting a bird's beak (and it is sometimes absolutely necessary so to do) that it grows faster than ever afterwards, and so the cutting operation has to be frequently performed. Keep a lump or two of hard mortar (from a very old wall) always between the cage wires.

Hen Goldfinch Mule (A. Randall).—The seeds, etc., for a Goldie Mule were given in the reply to "W. James" last week. Packet Finch mixture, if put up by a good maker, would answer admirably. Hen Mules are at a discount; nobody wants them, unless they are clears or very lightly marked. Yours is not sufficiently light in plumage to have any special value; I should say the 5s. given about fairly represents the latter. Being only a youngster, it should certainly improve in various ways with the next moult.

Mates for Linnet and Greenfinch (H.C.).—Many replies on this head have appeared during the last few weeks. Your Greenie ought to do quite well with the heavily marked Norwich hen; a similar mate would suit the Linnet. For feeding, see replies to "A. Oliver" and "H. Owen" last week.

In Outdoor Aviary (Beginner).—You will find your outdoor place, 6 ft. by 6 ft. by 3 ft., facing south, and with glass roof, intolerably hot in the height of summer, I am afraid. The heat is sure to adversely affect the birds therein unless you take steps to effectually shade it. If you take out the cock Bullfinch and one of the Redpolls, you could put in to the Bramblefinch, Linnet, Chaffinch, Goldfinch, and Redpoll (cocks), which remain, three or four hen Bullfinches, and three or four hen Canaries. Your feeding is correct enough. Only the Linnet and Goldie are persistent singers, though probably the Chaffinch has commenced to sing now. The cock Redpoll has a sort of song, though—not unpleasing.

"Coughing and Sneezing" (S.G.).—I don't quite know what to make of your letter. If my own Finches were regularly "coughing and sneezing," I certainly should imagine something was wrong with them. Is your bird-place either damp, or badly ventilated, or draughty? Do you take care your seed is not musty, i.e., is stored in a dry spot? If, as you say, it is natural for Starlings and young Thrushes and Blackbirds to "cough and sneeze" and "develop a cough," then I can only say that the specimens I have myself had were most unnatural birds. You say, too, that your Canary, which you have had "for six years, has almost always seemed asthmatical, but sings now as well almost as at first." Frankly, I am puzzled. And I give it up.

Stocking Two Aviaries (H.S.W.).—In the outdoor (partly open) aviary, I should put the Snow Buntings, Yellowhammers, Budgerigars, Bramblefinches, and Chaffinches (pairs), and the odd birds, Hawfinch and Greenfinch (cocks). The odd cock Chaffinch must be given his liberty, or he will cause you trouble. In the other aviary leave the Goldfinches, Greenfinches, Redpolls, and Siskins (pairs), also the three pairs of Cauaries. If any of the bachelor male birds cause trouble, remove them. I suppose you know you run grave risk in keeping Budgerigars with other smaller birds? They are apt to mutilate their companions, by biting off legs and other useful items of bodily apparel. Give all the seeds you see mentioned in my replies, with millet in addition.

British and Foreign (Siberian).—You would never have the slightest difficulty in distinguishing a real Siberian from a British Goldfinch. The former is much larger, and very much whiter looking in plumage. The habit you mention—running to and fro on the bottom of the cage and trying to hide away—is not a matter of nationality at all, but is a habit possessed by many newly-caught birds, Linnets, Siskins, Bullfinches, etc., in addition to Goldfinches. It is a habit which time, bringing in its train familiarity with caged existence, usually serves to eradicate, unless, that is, the bird is of a very "unkind" disposition. Candidly speaking, I don't like birds guilty of this behaviour.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S.

Indian Parrakeet with Cold.—I have had the bird two years; it has done well so far, but now is breathing heavily, and has lost its voice.—J.L.

Get from your chemist a mixture of ipecacuanha wine, oxymel of squills, and glycerine, in equal parts, and put half a teaspoonful of this into the bird's drinking water daily until relief is given. Spray or dab the bird's nostrils with diluted glyco-thymoline, this will do no harm if a little is swallowed. Also give 6 drops of castor oil, either on such absorbent food as it will eat or direct to its mouth; this must be repeated as necessary to keep its bowels moving freely, *but not loose*. Keep the bird warm and quiet, but not in too dry a heat. Diet the bird as advised regularly in this column, and do not give slops or animal food of any kind.

Grey Parrot Ill.—Have had bird three months; it now appears very weak, gapes, and has gone off its food somewhat.—E.S.R.

If your bird is a young one, you had better give a little boiled maize (this only keeps fresh one day) for a time; give the dry mixture as well. This should consist of two parts each canary and oats, and one part each hemp, dari, wheat, and sunflower seeds; it should be well mixed, and a continuous supply kept in the cage. Give in addition, not altogether, but so as to vary the diet, ripe fruit, nuts, plain biscuit, boiled potato, green food (tender lettuce), grit, cuttlefish, and let it satisfy its thirst three times a day. For one day only put half-a-teaspoonful of Dinneford's magnesia in its drinking water; repeat this as necessary to keep its bowels moving freely, *but not loose*. You must not use a metal drinking vessel while giving drugs. For the next month put 6 drops of Parrish's chemical food daily on any absorbent food that the bird will eat. Keep it warm, quiet, and do not give tea, coffee, or milk slops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food whatever.

What Parrakeet?—Young Parrakeet, from Australia, with slaty-grey back and tail, yellow crest, white face, throat, shoulders, and part wings, with dark ochre-yellow cheeks. What kind is it? What is the correct food?—TAYSIDE.

As yours is a young bird, it is rather difficult to give a definite reply, especially as you give no idea as to size. It appears to be simply a male Cockatiel; if it has brick-red ear coverts, this is all it is. In this case, its diet is very simple, viz., canary and millet seed, with a few oats once a week as a change, with green food, grit, cuttlefish, and water ad lib. It is a hardy species, and in a suitable aviary will live out of doors all the year round. In a cage the temperature of any room will be ample if it is protected from draught.

Java Sparrows.—One of my birds is very much puffed and mopy, the other is quite well. How shall I treat?—D. BOWERS.

I do not think you need catch the bird up if it is an outdoor aviary, but you must see that it gets a drink of water that has been made saline with Epsom salts; this should be sufficient to meet the case as you describe it. Diet: Canary, white and spray millet, rice in the husk, and a few oats occasionally, green food, grit, cuttlefish, and water ad lib. for drinking and bathing. If it does not improve, catch it up and keep it separate from the others. If it is panting or breathing heavily, you had better write again giving full details. Half a teaspoonful of a mixture of glycerine, oxymel of squills, and ipecacuanha wine, in equal parts, to two tablespoonsful of water, should help you over any difficulty with it.

Grey Parrot (A. B.).—To your present diet add ripe fruit (grapes, orange, banana, etc.), plain biscuit, nuts, green food, grit, cuttlefish, and water. Make its drinking water for one day only quite saline with Epsom salts; follow this by making it the colour of pale port with Parrish's chemical food, and continue this for a time. The bird's bowels should move freely; if excreta should become hard, you had better repeat the Epsom salts, as necessary; but its bowels must not be loose. Give supply of seed mixture each morning, and then, unless hopper is empty, do not replenish till next day. Do not give tea, coffee, or milk slops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food whatever. Keep it warm and quiet. If it has been accustomed to have food with you, give it a dry crust of household bread, or a crust of dry toast will do no harm; but you must not give buttered food, etc.

Cutting Parrot's Tongue (Earlsfield).—It is a most barbarous practice, and does not help the case at all, and more often than not kills the bird. Some individuals articulate more clearly than others, but yours will improve with time. Also train it by constant repetition of such words as you want it to learn; also indulge in conversation in its vicinity, and you will find it will pick up many words or short sentences. On the other hand, it must be admitted that some individuals of free talking species do little more than repeat an odd word or two, but cutting the poor creatures' tongues would not improve matters.

Java Sparrows with British Birds (E. N.).—If not crowded all the birds you name should be safe together, the one risky individual being the Chaffinch. If the small aviary you are starting is a Crystal Palace aviary cage, then I should advise you to keep the Javas separate; the others should do fairly well together. But I should advise caging the Chaffinch up separately. Most birds kept for singing purposes are best caged separately, but you had better repeat this portion of your query to our Mr. G. E. Weston.

Rose Cockatoo Sick, Etc. (F. J. H.).—The bird has somebow got hold of something which has disagreed with it. The lettuce leaf, if it was fresh and clean, would not be responsible for its condition. Keep it warm, quiet, and give it 10 to 12 drops of tasteless castor oil on a piece of bread, sponge cake, or something similar. If you cannot so give it, you must give it direct to the mouth by means of a quill. If it is weak give it two or three drops of brandy in a little water, at such times as it appears weakest. For the next month keep its drinking water just coloured with Parrish's chemical food, using a crock or glass drinking vessel while so doing. Your particulars tell me but little, but your bird has either got a very severe chill, or something very unwholesome with its diet, and I fear you will lose it. If you can add any further details, will try and give further help.

What Bird? (M.V.C.).—If you will give me a fairly full description of the bird, I shall have pleasure in naming it for you. No bird is known at the London Zoo under the name you quote.

Outdoor Aviary.—In an aviary, 12 ft. by 7 ft., could I with safety enclose some flowering currant bushes? Pair of Cockatiels in small cage; the hen plucks the male. Will she continue to do so if I put them in the aviary?—SUTTON MILL.

I am rather doubtful about the flowering currant bushes; very many ornamental flowering shrubs, lilac, laburnum, syringa, etc., are poisonous. As the season is suitable for transplanting, I should advise you to remove them, and substitute for them box, privet, wild clematis (traveller's joy), red or black currants, and sow the ground with grass, oats, canary, etc. It frequently happens that birds kept in a confined space pluck one another for want of occupation. In the aviary this should soon cease; but I am afraid they will keep your bushes well pruned. If you are contemplating putting Finches, etc., in your aviary, do not have any Budgerigars or Lovebirds; the Cockatiels are harmless, but Budgerigars work havoc sooner or later. Note other replies.

Golden-breasted Waxbills.—(1) What is the average price for newly-imported birds? (2) Are they hard to acclimatise? (3) What is their diet? (4) What kind of cage and temperature must they be kept in? (5) What are the principal points to look for in buying?—WELLWISHER OF "C.B."

(1) 2/6 to 3/6 per pair, according as they are plentiful or otherwise. (2) No; the chief difficulty being with tainted specimens. These nearly always die off; otherwise they soon pick up, and are hardy and enduring mites of beauty. (3) Canary, white and spray millet, green food, grit, cuttlefish, and water for drinking and bathing. In the summer, when plant lice (green fly, etc.) are abundant, these charming creatures should certainly get a good supply of them. In the winter a few ants' eggs, and a little slightly damped sponge cake are appreciated. (4) A box cage 18 by 12 by 16 inches high, with a shell nest, and furnished with branches for perches. New purchases should be put in your warmest room; when they have been over a few weeks the temperature of any ordinary living room will be ample for them. They live in my garden aviary out of doors all the year round. (5) Get a good look at them before they are stirred up, and choose birds rich in colour, sleek in plumage, and also alert and lively.

Budgerigars Evicting One Another from Husks (Burton Pidsea).—Sometimes such mishaps occur, but they are not by any means common. Put up another three or four husks, keeping them as far apart as possible, and there should be no recurrence of the trouble. As soon as your self-assertive female settles down to incubation, she will be too much occupied to bother about her neighbours' affairs, and the others will settle down to breeding, and all should go merrily on.

Outdoor Aviary.—Aviary (S.E.), well sheltered, 12 by 3 by 7 ft. high. Should the extension piece be roofed in? What inexpensive and possible breeding varieties could I procure for same?—W.H.R.

The wire extension piece I should advise you to have with the roof covered with ½ in. mesh wire netting; turf part of it, and sow the remainder with oats, wheat, canary, rape, etc. Zebra (3/6), Ribbon (3/6), Ruficauda (10/-), Pectoral (10/-), Chestnut (10/-), and Yellow-rumped Finches (14/-), Silverbills (3/6), Java Sparrows (2/6), Spice Birds (2/6), Zebra Waxbills (2/6 to 3/6), Bengalese, pied (3/6 to 4/6), white (7/6 to 10/-), Grey and Green Singing Finches (7/6 to 10/-), Diamond Doves (10/- to 15/-) are very handsome, and should do well with you, as should also any of the following:—Bronze Mannikins, Black-headed and Tricolour ditto, Common and Green Avadavats, Grey, St. Helena, and Orange-cheek Waxbills, all 2/6 to 4/6 a pair. The first group contains the more probable breeders. Diet: Canary, white and spray millet, rice in the husk, oats, green food, and a little of some soft food mixture; grit, cuttlefish, and water for drinking and bathing. Note other replies.

Birds for Outdoor Aviary.—What Foreign and British birds (possible breeders) would thrive in an outdoor aviary 8 by 4 by 7 ft. high, roof partly glass? What nesting material, diet, and treatment would they require.—NOVICE.

Try the following pairs; they will make a nice selection, and are all very handsome and easily kept birds:—Goldfinches, Siskins, Bullfinches, Zebra, Ribbon, Saffron, and Ruficauda Finches, Silverbills, Spice Birds, Java Sparrows, and Bengalese. I would advise you not to have more than eight pairs to commence with. Diet: Canary, white and spray millet, summer rape, in separate hoppers, and a mixture of hemp, teazle, linseed, and blue maw seed, a little of which should be scattered on the ground two or three times a week. You must also supply green food, grit, cuttlefish, and water for drinking and bathing. Hay, long grass, and a canary nest bag for nesting material, husk and box nest boxes hung about covered portion, double the number of these to the pairs of birds. The main things to avoid squabbles are plenty of branches for perching accommodation, and a number of food hoppers in various parts of the aviary.

Bishops, Weavers, and Cockatiel.—What is their food and treatment? Will they breed in confinement? What nests do they require, and what food when they have young?—J.H.

Bishops and Weavers require the same treatment, viz., canary, millet (white and spray), oats, green food, a few mealworms or other insects, grit, cuttlefish, and water ad lib. If you were so fortunate as to get young hatched, they would require an unlimited supply of live insects and some good soft food mixture. These birds seldom make any attempt to breed, though they weave numbers of their interesting and curious nests if kept supplied with long grass, hay, etc. They require no nesting receptacle, only branches to weave their nests on. Cockatiels are bardy and free breeding birds, but they mostly do not settle down to breeding till the second year. You must supply a nest box with concave bottom, 10 by 8 in. Diet: Canary, millet, oats, green food, grit, cuttlefish, crushed egg shells, and water ad lib. Cockatiels are amiable, and quite safe with Finches, etc., but do not add Budgerigars to your collection (unless you keep them in another enclosure).

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Canary (Castleford).—Your bird showed softening of the liver of long standing and recent congestion of lungs, commonly called "a chill."

Group of Small Foreign Finches (N. F. Dobree).—All these birds have the appearance of having been "frightened to death." They were in high condition, and death came by rupture of blood-vessel of liver and lungs, with effusion of blood on the brain (Apoplexy).

GENERAL.

Answered by the EDITOR.

Paper, etc. (J. C. W.).—Accept our thanks. Will use as space permits.

A Cutting (J. Wood).—Thanks for a most interesting item of news.

Photo (H. Edwards).—Thanks for a very interesting photo, which we shall hope to reproduce as occasion permits.

Support (J. N.).—Thanks for your kindly letter; also for past support and promise of its continuance in the future.

Competition (Young Beginner).—We will give your competition idea our consideration, and adopt it if possible. Thanks for the suggestion.

Concerning Parrots (E. G. Bennet).—We are obliged to you for the notes on Parrots, which we shall hope to publish in due course. Items concerning our hobby are always welcome.

Suggestions (W. Hornby).—Thanks for your further letter. We perused your suggestions with interest, and will adopt them where found practicable. The idea respecting the map we had already decided to carry into effect.

A Welcome List (T. H. Davies).—It is good of you to send us the names and addresses of ten friends to whom we may post specimen copies of our journal. Such thoughtful, practical help we always appreciate. "Go thou and do likewise," we would say unto others.

Society Wanted (W. Munt).—There is the North London C.B.S., Hon. Sec., R. P. Harper, 26, Brighton-rd., Stoke Newington, N. We would refer you, however, to CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL, in which a complete list of societies is to be found, with headquarters, and secretaries names and addresses.

Hybrids (J. W. B. G.).—In due course we shall be issuing such a plate as you describe. We have already brought out plates of Hybrids and Mules, which you will find offered for sale by our Manager in the "Hybrid" column of our advertisement pages.

Egg Cake or Egg Bread (J. S. A.).—You must exercise your own judgment as to whether you feed on egg or not. You are quite correct in assuming that many fanciers still use it. But that is no reason why you yourself should not try a substitute. A recipe for egg cake will be found in our correspondence columns this week.

ECHOES FROM THE CRYSTAL PALACE SHOW.

It is just 21 years ago last Saturday that Mr. T. Heath had a notice posted at the Crystal Palace Bird Show, asking fanciers, willing to assist in forming a Cage Bird Society for London to communicate with him. The result of that notice was the formation of the London Ornithological Society, the forerunner of the present flourishing L.P.O.S. Of old members of the London Ornithological Society we met only a quartette at the Palace Show on Saturday—Messrs. T. Heath, G. Crabb, J. Dobson, and C. A. House.

The Lancashires received special attention from that enthusiastic Southern lover of the breed, Mr. F. J. Green. A printer's error in this section caused considerable merriment: Class 42 read, Yellow Painted Head, Clear or Ticked. Had it occurred among their near neighbours, the Lizards, that printer would have been voted a "knowing cuss."

The action of the secretary of the Green Canary Association in writing to the two Green Canary judges, asking them, in effect, not to disqualify any birds found to carry square-tipped feathers (in accordance with a resolution passed by his club, the G.C.A.) was freely commented upon, and we heard there was every likelihood of the matter being brought before the Cage Bird Union, on the ground that it constituted interference with the judges in the discharge of their duties.

We note one exhibitor had labelled his bird "Weston Model." This opens out a world of possibilities. We shall shortly expect to see "Dewar's Delight," "Payne's Pleaser," "Cook's Copper," and other nappy efforts at birdie nomenclature.

A certain widely-known exhibitor of Mules was girding at certain Scotsmen present for being rather "too clever" chaps. He justified himself by relating this distinctly funny story. At a certain great Scotch show held this season a friend of his claimed a certain winning dark Mulo, and at a considerable price. Just before the Palace Show this friend asked him to wash his exhibits. When he brought them round, this said well-known exhibitor had a look at this Dark Mule, having a bird entered in the same class himself. He told his friend that the latter's bird beat his own easily for colour and polish, though he in turn beat his bird for size. During the wash, however, lo and behold, streams of brownish-coloured water trickled over his fingers, and astonished him not a little. He wound up the story by saying, "Both birds are here to-day. Just go and look which has the most colour and polish now!"

What is to be the outcome of the Green Canary-cum-square feather business? We talked with quite a number of fanciers about it on the Saturday, and whilst all those who have not bred Greens pooh-poohed the idea of the straight-edged feathers being natural, the whole of the Green men said that in every Green breeder's room in Liverpool these square-feathered birds were to be found. Mr. Metcalfe put the matter very tersely and pertinently. He said: "The Green men must either be a lot of rogues banded together in a conspiracy to do wrong, or else they must be the most undeservedly maligned fanciers in existence." He further asked the question: "Is it likely that the whole of the Green Club members are rogues?"

"Lightning and Thunder!" "Fireworks and Rockets!" "A Dis-credited Rump!" "A miserable travesty of justice!" "An Irish Night with the Crested Canary Club!" "Preferential Doings in the Cage Bird Union!" "J.C. on the Warpath!" The above, it was suggested, would have made good "scare" lines for the placards had CAGE BIRDS brought out a special edition on Saturday night.

The annual meeting of the Crested Canary Club had proceeded on very conventional lines until Mr. Rhodes brought forward the motion about the suggested affiliation of the C.C.C. with the Cage Bird Union. In a moment, the twinkling of an eye, we passed from seraphic calm to furious storm. "When the Crested Canary Club goes to the Cage Bird Union, it will be as a Salvage Corps, and not in the position of a vassal." This was one of the remarks which will be handed down to posterity as having fallen from the lips of Mr. J. S. Clarke at the history-making meeting of the Crested Canary Club on Saturday.

Times change and men change with them. A few years since Mr. J. S. Clarke was busily engaged with an organisation having the same objects as the C.B.U., and Mr. J. W. Ramsden was then, according to Mr. Clarke, in the iconoclastic mood. To-day the tables are turned. Mr. Ramsden is prominently indentified with a "governing body" in the Fancy, but Mr. J. S. Clarke will have none of it.

Was it a question of men, or methods? queried Mr. Rhodes. "Jealousy is the bane of the Fanc in London, and it only needs a member of one of the leading clubs to advance a proposition for somcone connected with another to do his best to pull it to pieces, and if one society supports any movement the others immediately oppose it." Thus spoke the well-known chairman of the Nottingham Society.

Mr. J. S. Clarke maintains that he approves of the principles of the Cage Bird Union, but avers that it is worked on wrong lines, and hence he will have none of it. In endeavouring to combat Mr. Clarke's attacks, Mr. Rhodes declared that as nothing in the world was perfect, perfection could not be expected in the C.B. Union. Its most infatuated adherents, he said, did not claim that it was. He declared such a body was undoubtedly needed, and said it needed men of force and power to keep it going on good lines. Would it not be better to mend than end?

The resignation of Messrs. Clarke and Greeves, after the declaration of the voto on Saturday, fell like a thunderbolt amongst the members of the C.C.C. But greater still was the surprise at the close of the meeting. Mr. President Crisp and Mr. Secretary Tyson both announced their intention of doing the same thing. What is to be the upshot of it all, we wonder?

Judges' Opinions.

(Continued.)

MR. J. DOBSON.

The Limit classes contained some birds of very good value for money, and I am not surprised to find may of them with "sold" tickets on their cages. There are some fine Norwich, first and second cocks, a buff and a yellow respectively, being very cheap, whilst the hen class, though not quite so well-filled, has a few more than useful ones in it. The Crests and Crestbreds have some rare cheap stuff amongst them, the winning Crest being particularly good, though not very well staged. The winning C.B. had feather which turned back well over the beak. The Yorkshires and the Pair Class drew heavy entries, and sorting them out was not easy. The winning buff Yorkie, though a shade small, is a fine one for position and quality, and soon found a claimant. The class confined to employees of the Crystal Palace Company had some pleasing birds in it, the leader being a fine Missel Thrush. One or two could have been improved in the staging.—J. DOBSON.

MR. S. COOK.

In conversation with a representative, Mr. Cook said he had found the quality in his classes well up to the average, and in several he had had no easy task to select his winners. The Siskins were a particularly good class, all in the cards being good specimens. The winning Bramblefinch he considered an exceptionally fine bird, both for size, colour and markings, and staged in very nice condition. The first prize Greenfinch stands out, and is a beauty all round, and a bad one to beat. I have seen better Nightingales and Blackcaps than some in the class to-day, though one or two of the latter were very good. The Lark, or Pipit class is fine, both in quality and numbers, and I am pleased to see such a nice lot of these birds brought together. In the Insectivorous classes some really pretty exhibits appear, and one or two rare ones, while most are staged in a pleasing manner, and are in nice order. The Tree Creeper is very fine, and I have never seen one in better condition. In the Migratory classes, I had one of the best Great Grey Shrikes I have seen for a number of years—very tame and in good plumage. A Nutcracker also appeared in this class, but I did not accept it as a British bird, it not being on the British Bird and Mule Club list, by which I went in making the awards. Taking the classes all round, Mr. Cook considered this section a good and attractive one, though the Insectivorous classes had sustained a great blow by the unfortunate happening to Mr. Maxwelll's team.

MR. J. F. HILLS.

That Mr. Hills, the veteran among British Bird judges, had found some "hot stuff" amongst his section, was made evident by a few words he had with a representative of ours. The Hawfinch class, which opened his programme, was a stinger, and Mr. Hills was heard to remark that he had a dozen first-prize winners in it. A better class has rarely, if ever, been seen at the Palace. The Buntings were a grand and varied collection, one of the best in point of numbers ever drawn together here. There is no bird Mr. Hill likes better than a Song Thrush, and he was very pleased with the exhibits in this class. He remarked that he generally had a good entry of "speckled beauties," when a class was made where he was judging. The Blackbirds and Starlings were also a very good lot, the winning Blackie being a gem. The leading Chough Mr. Hills also considers an exceptionally fine specimen, and the bird has a splendid winning record behind it; the Magpies and Jays in the same class, were also well above the average in point of merit. With his winner in the Albino class, the charming white Bullfinch, Mr. Hills was head over heels in love, like many another fancier, and he thought it one of the most attractive specimens ever seen on the show bench. The hen Britishers were also a very good lot, many of them in condition being quite the equal of the cocks, showing that fanciers took as much care over getting them into condition.

MR. A. RETTICH.

Frankly speaking, I am not quite pleased with the Roller Canary section, my disappointment being chiefly in the young bird (bred 1906) class. That there should be only seven entries therein is not good, nor encouraging to the show management to cater for young birds, and I think it would be a great pity if it was decided to cut them out. Why they should come in such poor numbers I am at a loss to understand, especially seeing that a similar class at the recent Walthamstow show drew some forty birds to compete in it. The quality of the song of the British-bred Rollers is certainly showing improvement. The open class was a good one, with 29 birds in it, and some very nice singing was heard. The price limit class was also well filled. But neither can altogether make up for the poor gathering of the young birds. I hope they will turn up better in the future.—A. RETTICH.

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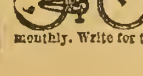
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THE SHOWS.

LEIGH AND DIS. C.B.S.

A very interesting pair show for members was held on the 19th February at Railway Hotel, when a fair number of pairs were set down. The principal winners were Messrs. J. Marsh, S. Lycett, and W. Ordish. Mr. R. Davies placed the cards.—A. PARKS, Sec.

HARROGATE C.B.S.

Monthly Show, February 18th, when the classes provided were for pairs matched for breeding. Messrs. J. W. Barrett and W. Brown acted as judges, and their awards were very satisfactory to all. They were as follows:—YORKS.: 1, Barnwell; 2, 3, Head; res., Walker; vhc, he, Barnwell; c, Bennison. CINN. MKD.: 1, Barnwell; 2, Bennison; 3, Gregg. NOR.: 1, 2, Barnwell; 3, Head. The results of the monthly shows for the season were:—1, cup, G. H. Barnwell, 58 points; 2, timepiece, T. Head, 47 points; 3, plated jam dish, T. Bennison, 29 points.—G. H. BARNWELL, hon. sec.

BIRKENHEAD C.F.A.

British birds and pair show, Feb. 19th, Temperance Hall, 97, Chester-street. Nineteen members entered 71 exhibits. The class for Yorkshire pairs came out very well, 20 entries. Mr. Burns judged Canaries, and Mr. Mallinson British, and their awards gave satisfaction. GOLDFINCH (5): 1, Coventry; 2, Richardson; 3, Morton; vhc, Harding; he, Gardner. LINNET (5): 1, Whittington; 2, Coventry; 3, vhc, Richardson; he, Gardner. BULLFINCH (2): 1, Frost; 2, Coventry. BRAMBLE OR CHAFFINCH (3): 1, Burns; 2, Harding; 3, Richardson. A.V. HARDBILL (2): 1, Burns; 2, Richardson. WILD CAUGHT LINNET (6): 1, Harding; 2, Nichols; 3, Richardson; vhc, Frost; he, Whittington; c, Gardner. CANARIES, CRESTS (pair) (4): 1, 2, 3, Mrs. Simpson; vhc, H. Hawkes. YORKSHIRE (pairs) (20): 1, Gardner; 2, vhc, Harding; 3, Moss; he, Nichols; c, Mortou. YORKS. GREENS (pair) (6): 1, c, Moss; 2, 3, he, F. Hawkes; vhc, Gardner. NORWICH (pairs) (7): 1, Lewis; 2, Dalzell; 3, vhc, he, Porter; c, F. Hawkes. NORWICH GREENS (pairs) (2): 1, 2, F. Hawkes. A.O.V. CANARIES OR MULING PAIRS (8): 1, Watson; 2. Coventry; 3, vhc, he, c, Lloyd.—J. T. HARDING, Sec.

CARDIFF C.B.S.

Members' Pair Show, held at the Royal Stores, February 27th. One hundred and fifteen entries were staged, being about the same number as last year, but the quality was far superior to any of the previous shows, and great satisfaction was expressed by the visitors, some of whom had travelled a distance. The awards were made by Messrs. F. D. Jones, R. Waters, and T. H. Melhuish, to whom a hearty vote of thanks was accorded at the close of the Show. YELL. NOR. COCK and BUFF HEN: 1, spl, vhc, Dummett; 2, 3, Thomas; 4, Harrington; he, Lewis and Dymond; c, Dallimore. BUFF COCK: 1, Dummett; 2, Dallimore; 3, 4, Thomas; vhc, c, Gardner; he. Lewis and Dymond. NOVICE: 1, 2, Chedgey. CRESTS: 1, spl, 2, 3, Lewis and Dymond. YELL. YORKS. COCK AND BUFF HEN: 1, spl, c, Smith; 2, vhc, c, Banks; 3, 4, Fellows and Flyn. BUFF COCK: 1, spl, Banks; 2, 4, he, Smith; 3, c, Fellows and Flyn; vhc, Owen. NOVICE: 1, 3, Phillips; 2, Harrington; 4, Weeks. CANARY MULING: 1, 3, Banks; 2, Shellam; 4, Lewis and Dymond; vhc, Harrington; he, Saunpson and Exton; c, Fellows and Flyn. BRITISH MULING: 1, 2, 3, Sampson and Exton. DARK CANARY MULE: 1, 2, Lewis and Dymond; 3, Jones; 4, Harrington; vhc, Pearce. A.O.V. MULE: 1, 2, Shellam; 3, Lewis and Dymond; 4, Harrington. GOLDFINCH: 1, 2, 3, Lewis and Dymond; 4, Banks. GREYPATE: 1, 3, Lewis and Dymond; 2, Ford; 4, Gardner; vhc, c, Miss N. Flyn; he, Banks. BULLFINCH: 1, 2, Banks; 3, Pearce; 4, Thorne; vhc, c, Lewis and Dymond; he, Harrington. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, vhc, Jones; 2, Lewis and Dymond; 3, Dallimore; 4, Pearce; he, c, Sampson and Exton. A.O.V. FINCH: 1, Ford; 2, Pearce; 3, Jones; 4, Lewis and Dymond; vhc, Miss Flyn; he, Thorne; c, Pearce. A.O.V. SMALL: 1, Ford; 2, Thorne; 3, Sampson and Exton. LARGE: 1, Lewis and Dymond. FOREIGN: 1, 2, 3, 4, Thorne. Specials for most points and entries were won by Messrs. Lewis and Dymond.

CRESWELL.

The Creswell and District Cage Bird Fanciers' Society held their annual show at the Rose and Crown Inn, February 23rd. The room is a grand one for a cage bird show, being large, with plenty of light and free from draught. The show was a very nice one, and some grand birds were staged. Mr. J. Driver judged, and he gave general satisfaction. The judging was over, and show open in good time. NORWICH (6): 1, 2, Leam and Stinson, first yellow, ticked eye and wing, grand type, quality and colour, nicely staged, second clear buff, grand size, full of colour, nice quality, good wing carriage; 3, Doxey and Bownes, unflighted yellow ticked, nice type, quality, and colour, but not the substance of the leaders; vhc, Doxey and Bownes, unflighted buff, a bird I liked very much, nice and cobby, with good head and neck, splendid size quality and colour; he, Knott. HEN (5): 1, Pearson Bros., unflighted yellow, good size, colour and quality, but rather long sided; 2nd, vhc, Doxey and Bownes, clear buff, good size and colour, lacking in quality; 3, Wilson, clear buff, grand type, lacking in colour; he, Leam and Stinson. YORK. (13): 1, 2, Wilsou, first yellow, plenty of length and colour, second clear buff, good style, quality and colour, rather short; 3, Knowles, clear buff, good length, quality, and colour, and as straight as a dart; vhc, c, Simpson; he, Presley. HEN (10): 1, vhc, Simpson, clear yellow, good length, nice quality and colour, grand style, a good win; 2, 3, Knott, second buff marked, nice length, very good quality and style; 3 yell., nice stylish hen; he, c, Knowles; another good class. CRESTS (2): 1, Simpson, buff variegated dark Crest, nice veiny Crest of medium size, with good centre; 2, Presley, not so large in Crest or so well put down. CRESTBRED (3): 1, Doxey and Bownes, grand buff variegated, good size, rare head, plenty of feather of good quality, wins; 2, 3, Simpson, clear buff, good, but beaten in size. N.C. CANARY (8): 1, Doxey and Bownes, buff marked Norwich, very chubby, good head and neck, grand quality of feather; 2, 3, Simpson, four-pointed buff Yorkshire, good markings, nice length and quality; vhc, Metcalf; he, Drabble; c, Baxby. YORKS PAIRS (6): 1, Drabble, yellow cock and buff hen, nice length, good style and quality; 2, Wilson, good buff marked cock and yellow hen; 3, Presley, yellow cock and buff hen, very nice; vhc, Presley; he, Simpson; c, Knott. NOR. (4): 1, Doxey and Bownes, yell. cock and good buff marked hen, both good type; 2, Till, yell. marked cock and buff hen, nicely matched; 3, vhc, Doxey and Bowues, buff cock and yellow marked hen, both good. CRESTS (5): 1, 2, vhc, Hooton, first green Crestbred cock with good length of head feather, and a clear body, dark Crested hen, very nice pair; second buff marked dark Crested cock and buff hen, rather small in head; 3, Doxey and Bownes, buff marked Crestbred cock, a grand bird, and dark Crested hen; he, Baxby. A.O.V. (2): 1, 2, Leam and Stinson, two grand pairs of Cinnamons. MULE BREEDING (4): 1, Drabble, Greenfinch cock, and very nice buff hen; 2, Leam and Stinson, Siskin cock, and yell. hen, look like breeding a good Mule; 3, Doxey and Bownes, Goldfinch cock and buff hen. Mr. Pitt got a good pair we, the Finch being a foreigner. HYB. BREEDING (two British Finches) (5): 1, 2, Presley, both Greenfinch cock and Bullfinch hen, well matched pairs; 3, vhc, Pearson Bros., Goldfinch cock and Bullfinch hen, and Linnet cock and Goldfinch hen. MULE OR HYB. (3): 1, 2, 3, Leam and Stinson, first noted four-pointed buff Goldfinch Mule, looking well; 2, good dark yellow Linnet Mule; 3, dark yellow Siskin Mule, three grand exhibits. BRIT. HARDBILL (10): 1, 2, Pitt, first grand Bullfinch, second good Hawfinch, nice colour and very steady; 3, Pearson Bros., good Snow Bunting; vhc, he, Bromley; c, Knott. SOFT BILL (3): 1, 2, 3, Pearson Bros., first noted Nightingale, in grand form, second good Lesser Whitethroat, third yellow Wagtail, looking soft. SMALL FOR. (3): 1, Pearson Bros.; 2, 3, Drabble. LARGE (2): 1, Shelton; 2, Leam and Stinson. GIFT (2): 1, Doxey and Bownes; 2, Drabble.

THE GLASGOW AND WESTERN COUNTIES C.M.B. AND F.B.C.

First Club Show, in the Mechanics' Hall, Ingram-street. There was a fair turn out of birds, the classes being fairly represented. The quality was also good. There was a large muster of members. Mr. Pettigrew occupied the chair. Messrs. George Marlin and W. Connelly were appointed trustees. The following classes were decided upon for show at next meeting, March 30th, at 7 p.m.:—Linnet, Goldfinch British, Siskin, Redpoll or Twite, Goldfinch Foreign. Numerous specials will be competed for, also novice judging competition for two prizes. The following gentlemen adjudicated: Messrs. Park, Edwards, Rodie, and John Young. Proposed for membership: Messrs. J. M. Edwards (Glasgow), Jas. Lamb (Holytown), A. Park (Glasgow), Alex. McInnes (Glasgow), A. Roberts (Thornliebank), Thos. Thomson (Glasgow), J. Park (Glasgow), Jas. McMillan (Glasgow), W. Connelly (Glasgow). Judges were accorded a vote of thanks, while a similar compliment was paid Mr. Peter Pettigrew for presiding. Any fanciers desirous of becoming members can have particulars from the Sec., Mr. J. H. Adam, 15, Alexander-street, Sandyford, Glasgow. Show results: —NOR. PLAINHEAD PAIRS (30): 1, spl, Shearer; 2, McFarlane; 3, spl, Herbert; 4, Marlin; vhc, Malcolmson; he, Connelley; c, Roulstone. BOR. PAIRS (14): 1, Marlin; 2, 3, McKenzie; 4, Erskin; vhc, Renfrew; he, Roulstone; c, Gillies. MULING PAIRS (25): 1, McFarlane, Goldfinch and Canary; 2, Marlin, Linnet and Canary; 3, spl, Renfrew, Canary and Bullfinch; 4, Erskin, Redpoll and Canary; vhc, W. Shearer; he, Roulstone; c, Gillies. HYBRID PAIRS (24): 1, spl, Malcolmson, Goldfinch and Bullfinch; 2, Brownlie, Goldfinch and Siskin; 3, Marlin, Siskin and Greenfinch; 4, Connelley, Linnet and Bullfinch; vhc, Renfrew; he, Gadsdeu; c, McAlpine. A.O.V. (10): 1, McMillan, Yorkshires; 2, Renfrew, Cinnamons; 3, Adam, Lizards; 4, Gadsden, Lancashires; vhc, Johnstone; he, Morrison; c, Hodson.

WAKEFIELD.

First exhibition of Canaries, British and Foreign birds, Feb. 12th. Taking into account the fact that the show was for members only, the quality of exhibits was superb. The Victoria Cafe, opposite the Cathedral, provided a most cosy room for the occasion, being of nice light, warm and absolutely free from draughts. The birds were well staged, and the management was excellent. Mr. S. Sheard, one of the vice-Presidents, presented a valuable silver cup for most points gained, to be won three times in all previous to becoming the absolute property of the winner. Messrs. Blackburn and Netherwood, the worthy Secretaries, deserve the greatest praise. Mr. J. C. Barnes (Sheffield) adjudicated.

YORK., YELL. COCK: 1, Bardon; 2, Mrs. Ingham; 3, Oldroyd; vhc, Parkes; he, Parker. BUFF: 1, Ingham; 2, Bardon; 3, Talbot; vhc, Parkes; he, Oldroyd; c, Parker. YELL. HEN: 1, Parkes; 2, Parker; 3, Oldroyd; vhc, Bardon. BUFF: 1, Ingham; 2, Parker. PAIRS: 1, Rothwell; 2, 3, Hinley; vhc, Parker. NOR.: 1, 3, Midgley; 2, Blackburn. HEN: 1, Parkes; 2, Blackburn. LINNET: 1, Rothwell; 2, Walker; 3, Horridge; vhc, Atkinson; he, Isherwood; c, Brown. REDPOLL, ETC.: 1, Blackburn; 2, Atkinson. GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, Horridge 2, Keeley and Righton; 3, Atkinson; vhc, he, Netherwood. GREENFINCH, ETC.: 1, Keeley and Righton; 2, Isherwood. SOFTBILL, SMALL: 1, Meadow; 2, Keeley and Righton. A.O.V.: 1, Isherwood; 2, Keeley and Righton. FOR. LARGE: 1, Horridge; 2, Hinley. SMALL: 1, Hinley; 2, 3, he, Sheard; vhc, Meadows.

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A C.B.S. FOR RUTHERGLEN AND DISTRICT.

SIR,—An Ornithological Association has been formed for Rutherglen and District. The following gentlemen have been appointed as office bearers:—Honorary President, Provost Joseph Johnstone; President, William Moffat, M.A.; Vice-President, John Manson, L.D.S.; Secretary and Treasurer, FRANK WILSON, 5, Jedburgh Avenue, Rutherglen.

MORE EARLY MULES.

SIR,—On the 23rd February I read a few lines about "Early Mules." I have a Goldfinch and a hen Canary with two young ones, which hatched on the 23rd February, and are doing well. The hen Canary laid three eggs, and hatched two. I put them together on New Year's Day. They have been together ever since, for I did not take the Goldfinch away as some would do, but let him remain with the hen all the time she was building, laying, and sitting, and now while feeding the young. I think this is a record for this time of the year in early Mules. They can be seen any time.—RICHARD ELLIS (Mansfield).

DOUBLE YELLOWING AND DOUBLE BUFFING.

Can Yellows be Bred from two Buffs?

SIR,—I saw in last week's "C.B." readers gave their experiences of double yellowing and double buffing. My experience of double yellowing is that you get yellows and buffs, just the same as if you put buff and yellow together. Now, last year (1906) I put two yellows together, and the result was four buffs and three yellows. But the yellows so bred are always very skimpy and scanty in feather, and very light-boned. I also tried it a few years ago with the same results. What I'd like to know from fanciers is, Do they get more hens than cocks from double yellowing? In my case they were mostly all hens.—J.A.

EGG CAKE.

A Tried and Successful Recipe.

SIR,—I am forwarding to you a sample of egg-cake. The recipe for it I took from your valuable journal, CAGE BIRDS, three years ago, and I am glad to tell you I have found it very useful all the year round ever since. I give it to my birds during the cold weather, and find them do well on it. I advise Mr. H. Pettit to give it a trial if he wants a change; he will never repent it. I also find it very useful in getting my young birds from soft food on to seed. I have had some of my hens prefer it to feed their young with to the usual egg and egg food. Last (but not least), I wish to thank you for such treats you gave fanciers in the Birthday and Crystal Palace Numbers. I also wish the "Bird World" the same success as CAGE BIRDS.—R. E. PARRY.

[Our correspondent's sample of egg-bread looks and tastes very good indeed. For the benefit of readers, we here reprint the recipe, which was originally given in our columns by that old and esteemed fancier and breeder, Mr. John Haigh (Messrs. Haigh and Son), Bradford, whose experience extends almost to half-a-century. Recipe: 8 eggs, 4 oz. sugar, 4 oz. melted mutton suet, 1 lb. flour, ½ oz. baking powder. Beat the eggs well, and add the sugar. Rub the melted suet well into the flour, after you have added the baking powder. Mix all well into one loaf, and bake same in a very slow oven. It will keep good for three months. At moulting time simply add the colour-food—ED. "C.B."]

BORDERS VERSUS COLOUR.

SIR,—I read with more than ordinary interest the letter of Mr. James Forsyth in your issue of February 9th, on the above subject, and quite agree with him respecting the disappointing entry in the Border section at some of our shows this last season. It is evident that there must be something wrong somewhere. But Mr. F. thinks the colour question causes it; I am afraid he is a quiet advocate of colour feeding. Now please, Mr. F., leave this colour feeding where it is, as I do not believe in this being the real cause of short entries in Border classes. It is true that there are few fed birds to be seen on the show bench, but as this question is a settled thing by both Border Clubs, it entirely rests with our judges, and also exhibitors themselves when visiting shows, to speak up when they see prizes given to colour fed birds, especially if the show is under the patronage of the Border Clubs. I well remember that at a certain show this season, not many miles from this town (Swansea), the judge spotted one that had been too near the colour pot. He told me after the show that it would have won had it not been colour fed. I daresay that exhibitor will be more careful in future. If we had a few more judges of this sort, we should soon see our Border classes minus the fed birds, as he told me that they do not get into tickets with him. I really hope that those few fanciers in Mr. Forsyth's neighbourhood will have courage enough next season to send their birds out in their non-colour fed condition, as it will strengthen the hands of those who do exhibit honestly, and assist the shows which are giving Border classes at present to extend their classification; also encourage other show committees, which do not provide Border classes, to do so. There is one point in Mr. J. B. Moore's letter in your last issue which I fully endorse, and that is that show committees are to some extent to blame in their selection of judges. There is no denying the fact that if the same judge is appointed to judge three or four different shows within a limited distance, only those who won at the first two shows exhibit under him at the other shows. So societies ought to be extra careful in their selection, and should ascertain who judged those shows held previous to theirs, at the same time seeing that they get competent men to do the work. But both gentlemen have, to my mind, not touched the real cause of these short entries, which has been plainer to me this season than ever. It is: "The variation in show cages." This, to my mind, is the evil thing. It is very discouraging to the young hands to find at the shows where they exhibit, some of the more wide-awake ones with their ornamental cages, and also fancy perches. Very often they give up in despair, having only just perhaps bought a set of new show cages of the ordinary style. I sincerely hope that the English and Welsh Border Club in particular (if not also the Scottish Club) before another season comes round will adopt a uniform cage and also uniform perches. And if the Border Canary is to still gain ground, it is my firm belief these must be adopted. In conclusion, I wish to say that I am not writing this as a disappointed exhibitor, as I have always been able to win prizes at every show I have exhibited at during the last four of five years, from the Crystal Palace downwards, but in the interests of our little gems, and also fair play. As I do not wish a cheap advert., I will sign myself.—NON-COLOUR-FED.

A PROLIFIC LAYER OF EGGS.

SIR,—Noticing records of early young birds, etc., in your columns, I thought the following item, which appeared in a local paper, would be of interest. The writer, a Mr. W. B. Proctor, of Newcastle said:—"I want to bring the following what I consider extraordinary circumstance, in bird life, to your notice, and ask you if you have heard of such unusual prolificness. I have an ordinary buff Canary hen, and during the season of 1905 she was paired to a Canary cock and had three nests, four eggs each time. In the winter, the cock died; so in May, 1906, I paired the hen with a cock Brown Linnet. She had two nests, four eggs each; none hatched; and about the end of July two more eggs, which she sat on and hatched. In September, I put the Linnet, the hen Canary, and the young Mules, into a large flight cage beside some half-dozen Foreign birds. Between then and the end of the year she laid twice more in a cocoanut shell, each time four eggs, the last late in December. That totals from May to December five nests, containing eighteen eggs, four fours and one two; and now last Friday (February 1st) she commenced to lay again, and at this moment is sitting in her cocoa-nut nest in the flight cage on four eggs. I would like to know if this is phenomenal, or have you heard of a similar case?"—W. B. DUNNE.

A CONUNDRUM OF THE PALACE SHOW.

SIR,—In reply to our friend, Mr. Howes, who has so courageously taken up the cudgels for his "young friend," Mr. Osborne, the owner and exhibitor of the Redpoll that stood second at the last Palace Show, I fancy he has taken my letter in a far different light from which I meant it to be read. Mine was a purely friendly motive, on the subject of colour and non-colour feeding, in the hope of raising a friendly discussion, so that we ignorant and unexperienced juniors might benefit. Seeing by his letter that Mr. Howes is no "dud" at the game of colour-feeding, I feel sure an article from him would be very interesting to readers. There may be a secret he knows which would enable me to show my Redpoll in the Norwich or Yorkshire class, and then say, with pure conviction, that it had never tasted colour food or seen a Canary. Since Mr. Howes "presumed," I also beg to presume that he may have sold the Redpoll to his young friend; and I may put the matter re tempting offers to rest by saying that I am not in the position to offer his young friend that untold wealth which was turned away as chaff before the wind. Neither am I a "screaming, disappointed, out-of-the-money exhibitor." So let us put this feeling on one side, and discuss the point, "When is a British bird not a British bird?" My answer is, "When it is proved to be colour-fed." I hope to be, with all readers of CAGE BIRDS, a friendly fellow fancier, and not, as Mr. Howes would make me out to be, a disappointed exhibitor.—H. J. HAWES ("Querist.").

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A SMALL GARDEN AVIARY WANTED.

SIR,—Would some reader of CAGE BIRDS be good enough to give me a few hints on making a small garden aviary? I want it to stand against a wall, and be in size about 6 ft. by 3 ft. by 2 ft. I might state that through articles in "C.B." I have been able to make my cages entirely myself. It is with eager haste I call at my newsagents on Friday for my copy.—J. H. BARRETT.

DO BIRDS GET INTOXICATED?

SIR,—As I keep a few birds, and always take an interest in British birds, I am in the habit of feeding them from the kitchen window. There are Thrushes, Starlings, Blackbirds, Robins, Sparrows, Oxeye, Blue and Cole Tits come to have a feed of the suet and cheese that I hang out for them from the side of the window. It is a treat to see them hanging on to the cheese and swinging to and fro in the wind. I thought I would try to intoxicate some of the bigger birds, and watch them. So I soaked some oatcakes with brandy to see how it acted on them. The Thrushes and Starlings ate it up very greedily, and I watched the Thrushes fly from the window to the garden, and then back again to get another feed. They didn't seem to be any the worse off. I thought it would have had some effect on them. I was wondering if any of your readers had ever seen such birds the worse for drink. I trust CAGE BIRDS will always prosper as it is doing, for it is a cheap pennyworth.—H. MORRISON.

[It is a well-known fact that Pigeons, domestic poultry, Ducks, and the like, have been made intoxicated through feeding on brewers' grains, or through being given food soaked in alcohol. Without any wish to appear offensive towards our correspondent, we may express the hope that other readers will not be induced to repeat his experiments; we see little or no object in doing so.—EDITOR.]

INHUMAN BIRD CATCHING IN CORNWALL.

SIR,—I think Mr. Pearce has done the right thing in giving publicity to the above charge, but if he had kept the mode of catching to himself it would have been far better, as it only puts the cruel idea into some other persons' heads who have never heard of such a thing before. Respecting Methodism, I don't see my friend, Mr. Burton, need to go to "those wild Westerners," as he terms them; he can find things equally as bad done around Penryn and Falmouth, especially in the nesting season, and when the young Greypates (Goldfinches) are being caught. I think if schoolmasters would instil into young minds a little more humanity to dumb creatures, we should have less of this brutality.—CORNISHMAN IN WALES.

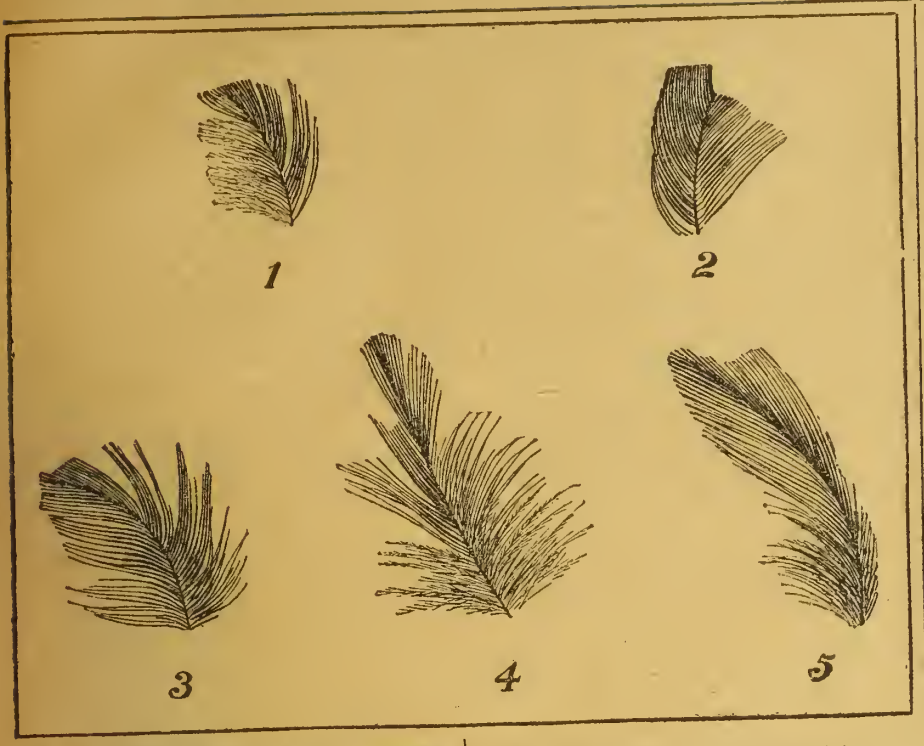
SIR,—I am very pleased that the few lines you were kind enough to insert on Feb. 9th have brought comment on the inhuman bird-catching, but am sorry you mis-spelt my name. Pease is a name quite strange in Cornwall. I am very pleased at Mr. Vaucher's information; I was not aware that Mr. Hudson was at St. Ives; he might have seen my letter, copied from CAGE BIRDS, in our local papers the following week. But Mr. Vancher has taken steps which meet the object of my letter, and I hope to hear some thing more on the matter. You may understand these catchers were trespassers on land where I had no right to interfere. They know better than visit mine; if they did I would summon them for trespass, when I should have a chance to inquire whose duty it was to look into the matter.—WILLIAM PEARCE.

DISADVANTAGES OF THE CLOSED RING.

SIR,—I should like to ask fanciers who are in favour of the closed ring what protection they have by using them, when closed rings can be had with any number or year marked on them? For instance: if a man intends fraud, and his winner is awarded No. 22, he will then ring a whole nest of wasters with rings marked 22, tail and flight them, and pick out the one to be palmed off as the winner (if the winner is registered). The buyer then writes to the secretary asking if 22 has won at such shows as stated; the reply is, "Yes," and the buyer is sold again. It will be asked, "What has become of the other birds marked 22?" The rings are cut off and they are sold in the ordinary way. Of course, the winning bird goes out to the shows again, minus the ring; also if a winner dies the ring can be used again. I should like to know what is the use of having show cages and water pots all alike. It will be said, "To stop fraud"; and yet a bird is put inside with a distinguishing number on its leg. I say there is no protection. Some fanciers say there is no risk in ringing birds; again, I say there is. I have tried ringing them with closed rings and lost a good many. How many hens will allow you to meddle with their young? Some youngsters have to be rung earlier than others, according to their size and breed; then they must be examined to see if the rings have kept on. I have found the hens object to it and stop feeding. I have also found when a hen goes to feed the young ones she has spotted the rings as the youngsters have risen to be fed, and then there is trouble. She sets to work to pull them off, and it is ten to one she will injure the lot. I have found them dead on the bottom of the cage, having been pulled out of the nest. If you manage to ring them, and the hen goes on all right, you will see the youngsters, when they start to perch on the edge of the nest, start pulling away at each other's rings until they are all landed in the bottom of the cage. Then they say there's no risk. The best time to ring youngsters is when they can fly on the perches; they can then get out of each other's way. Another question: What are fanciers going to do with their old birds that are rung with number and year? Who will buy an old bird? No dealer will, nor anyone that wants a songster. Are they to be pensioned off? If not the rings will have to be cut off before they can be sold; that is fraud again.—W. M.

THE LINNET IN CAPTIVITY.

SIR,—I am penning these few remarks in the hope of stimulating the younger fanciers of British birds to greater interest in the common or brown Linnet. Among all our British Hardbills there is, in my opinion, none that will better repay a little care and attention. And it has this to recommend it; besides being inexpensive, it is easily catered for; can be made as tame as most Canaries; will sing the greater part of the year, and, if properly provided for, will live many years in captivity. The above being true, one would expect to find the Linnet a great favourite, and yet in a part of Lanarkshire, where the bird has the reputation of being a good songster, very few caged Linnets are to be seen. True, a few specimens are kept by breeders of Hybrids, but the number who keep the bird for its own intrinsic value is strictly limited. Where one does see a Linnet in the possession of an amateur, it is generally so unsteady and easily frightened that it does not commend itself to the uninitiated as a suitable or interesting pet. I have seen Linnets which had been caged for years almost as unsteady when approached as newly-caught birds. Yet, while I write this, I have before me a bird caught less then three weeks ago, which is not only singing, but seems not the least concerned, although my nose is touching its cage and within a few inches of it. Of course, it will be argued that I have been fortunate in obtaining a naturally fearless bird, and one which readily accommodates itself to new surroundings. There is, perhaps, some truth in this contention, but there is not the slightest doubt in my mind, that this bird, in the hands of many, would be less steady a year from now than it is to-day; and so this Linnet, which gives every promise of being a fine singer, and an interesting pet, would by many be voted a failure, because it never became steady and fearless. I have seen it remarked, I think in CAGE BIRDS, that of all British birds the Linnet is the least likely to take advantage of a loose wire or an open cage door, and one experience of my own helps to confirm the above observation. Being the possessor at one time of a Linnet whose vocal powers did not come up to my expectations, I determined to liberate him, never doubting that Dickie would take advantage of my resolution. Accordingly, the cage was hung outside and the door opened, but its inmate took not the slightest notice of the irregularity. Then some chickweed was placed in such a position that he must leave the cage to get it. He came out, secured the weed, and returned to his perch. Forcible eviction was now all that remained for it, and, I am sorry to confess, I availed myself of this means and drove the bird out. His first flight carried him out of the garden into an adjacent wood, and then I began to think and doubt the wisdom of my action. In less than half an hour I was sure I had not only done wrong, but had also been unkind, and in this penitent mood I hung out a Bullfinch which had been kept in the same room as the evicted Linnet. A few calls from the Bullfinch brought the Linnet back from the wood into the garden, and, seeing his cage, entered and took possession. Perhaps it is unnecessary to say that, despite his musical disability, he was allowed to remain in undisputed possession of the little old green cage which was dearer to him than liberty. The song of the Linnet is said not to be of great compass or power, but the sweetness of it is an ample compensation, and to lovers of birdy music it possesses a charm all its own, a charm for which there is no substitute. I hope these few observations may help to interest others in a bird too little appreciated, and that if they should meet the eye of an amateur who has hitherto been disappointed, he may be encouraged to persevere. —LINNET FANCIER.



THE SQUARE FEATHER CONTROVERSY.

[The above sketches are from feathers kindly sent us by Mr. R. E. Helliwell, whose accompanying letter appeared last week. The feathers numbered 1 and 2, however, have been experimented on by a member of CAGE BIRDS' staff. No. 1 shows a feather cut at the tip by a pair of moderately sharp clippers (nail-clippers). No. 2 shows another feather cut at the tip by a moderately sharp pair of scissors. The latter cut appears very clean and decided, with no filaments (or web) straying over the edge. Feather No. 1, on the other hand, shows that a pair of clippers will leave behind an amount of fibre (web) on the edge of the cut it makes. One of the arguments advanced at the Crystal Palace on the Saturday afternoon in controversion of the judge's decision, was that if a feather be cut (trimmed) no fibre (or web) would be left on the edge of the said cut, whereas on the square-edge of the feathers found on the Greens this web could always be seen.—ED. C.B.]

More Opinions from Liverpool.

My opinion on the square feathers shown between the shoulders on Green birds is "that it is a natural growth." I have found it on birds I bred myself, though not so marked as on others I have seen. I think the defect can be, and is, intensified by in-breeding, it being more noticeable in some strains than others. I have heard it asserted, and have not the slightest doubt of the truth of the assertion, "That there are few Green breeders in Liverpool who have not bred birds with these square feathers." The unanimous decision of the two clubs in Liverpool, containing a great majority of the Green-breeders in the country, "that the square feather is a natural defect," should be far more convincing than the opinion of anyone who has not had their experience. There is a great difference between breeding Greens for a season or two, and breeding Greens for years. I was told at the "Big Show," "That there were square feathers on all varieties, but none showed them up so plain as the Green variety." This, I think, is quite possible, but I have not looked for them on Clears yet, but intend to do so. About the old dispute of years ago, I know nothing. I did not know what a square feather was like (never having noticed them) till the Liverpool November Old Show. But I have seen and heard plenty about them since, and I am firmly convinced *that square feathers are a natural growth.*—H. BARRATT.

A Natural Growth.

My experience is that they are a natural growth, and are caused by a slow or bad moult, which will also be found in the Clear birds as well as Greens.—ROBERT BRATHERTON, Edge Hill.

METHODS OF STRAIGHTENING CAGE WIRES.

SIR,—Your correspondent, W. Williams, should get a piece of wood about three inches thick, and bore a hole through it so that the wire will just pass through. This straightens wire very easily, by pulling the said wire through the hole.—E. MARSHALL.

Sir,—Tell Mr. Williams to put three small staples in his table or bench, triangular fashion, about six inches apart, and enter the wire from one end and pull it through round the triangle, as it were, to the other with a pair of pliers. He will find it perfectly straight after it is drawn out.—C. E. SILK.

[Several methods sent by other correspondents we shall hope to give next week.—ED.]

PROPOSED NEW SOCIETIES.

West Bromwich and Dis.

Sir,—As a fancier of some years' standing, I have often thought a society for West Bromwich would be a pronounced success, seeing the wide radius from which it could draw its support. There are sufficient fanciers in West Bromwich and district to warrant the formation of a society. If Mr. Lewis would make some practical suggestion, he would have the hearty support of GEO. KEY, 30, Kentish-road, Handsworth.

Morriston and Dis. C.B.S.

A large number of cage bird fanciers congregated together on March 2nd at the Woodford-street Coffee Tavern, Morriston, near Swansea, with a view to forming a Cage Bird Society. A few poultry fanciers attended, and who desired to co-operate so as to run a Poultry and cage bird show combined, but the cage bird men deemed it wiser to sever their connection with poultry matters. We hope when the Morriston and District Cage Bird Society is formed to enrol over fifty members, as Morriston and District is studded with fanciers of birds, yet they have not taken a keen interest in the breeding and exhibiting of show specimens, but hope shortly to see some of them making their debut on the show bench. The officials elected pro tem are Chairman, D. M. Powell; Treasurer, G. Poulet; Secretary, D. Jeremy, Tan-y-Lan-road; Morriston Committee: Harding Williams W. R. Morgan, Henry Lewis, J. Hopkins. Warren Bowen, Sam Morgans, Thomas Thomas, P. J. Rees, Howell, J. Davies, Wm. Powell, W. Wilcock, W. H. Lewis, T. Thomas. An adjourned meeting will be held at the above place on Saturday next, March the 9th. when all fanciers interested will be given a most cordial reception. Time of meeting, 7 p.m.—D. JEREMY

BRITISH BIRDS AT THE PALACE SHOW.

SIR,—I am very loth to indulge in anything which may be taken for personalities, but the two letters of Mr. S. W. Birchley really call for some criticism. In the first place, if both letters do not come under the heading of a a "disappointed exhibitor's wail," I fail to see what they are. And if what one reads in the Fancy papers be correct, Mr. B. blames the wrong man when condemning the judge, as it was two to one for the Nutcracker, the minority being the judge who passed it in its class. Then, again, is it to be an acknowledged fact that when Mr. So and So's Creeper wins at one show, it is going to beat the same birds every time they meet? I can only say that Mr. B. was the only one I saw at the Palace and had a chat with, who could not see why his Creeper was beaten. In fact, some of us pointed it out to him, when comparing the two birds. I must say that I think it is not very encouraging to a gentleman like Mr. Mays to have a specimen criticised like this in the papers by anyone who has been on the exhibiting bench about half as many months as he has years. By-the-bye, who reared and steadied the Shrike? I fancy I saw him at the previous Palace Show under another owner's name. I should not have thought them very difficult to keep either, if the raw meat is not overdone. I also heard, while we were looking at yours, Mr. B., of a Great Grey Shrike being picked up in "Club Row," and it did not cost many shillings either—far less than one can get a Creeper for. I expect it will be "warranted a Britisher" by February, 1908! In conclusion, I advise Mr. B. to take a licking like a man, and not try to pose as "The" authority for the N.B.B. and M.C. While writing, I should like to contradict a statement that has been the round of the Fancy papers this season to the effect that the Gold Crest of Mr. Maxwell's was the only one that has been cage-moulted; the owner of the Palace-winning Tree Creeper had moulted an adult before Mr. Maxwell succeeded with his.—SYDNEY L. COCKS.

Sir,—I confess that Mr. Birchley's letter has puzzled me considerably, but as he requests other fanciers opinions on the subject on which he writes so eloquently, may I be permitted to submit mine. Firstly, I do not understand Mr. Birchley's statement that his letter is not "the wail of a disappointed exhibitor." Mr. Birchley seems to be both disappointed at the result of the show and also as an exhibitor. His letter is rather melancholy reading. He states that Mr. Cook's Nutcracker was awarded special prize for the rarest British bird over his Great Grey Shrike. I notice that Mr. Cook's Nutcracker is entered in the "Migratory" Class. Mr. Birchley desires to wager that the Nutcracker was not bred in England. Really, Mr. Birchley, whoever said it was? Do Waxwings, Redwings, Fieldfares, and other northern birds breed in this country as a rule? A few scattered individuals may, but the great majority go north to Norway to nest. So even if the Nutcracker was reared in a Norwegian, German, or Austrian forest, is it not possible that it may have migrated here, thus qualifying it for the Migratory Class? The bird in question appeared to me like the Tyrolese form, but it is quite possible for it to have been caught in England. I consider it my duty to give support to the judge (if he needs any), and may state that I was very pleased to see so fine a specimen of this rare bird exhibited. I must also disagree *in toto* with Mr. Birchley's statement that a Tree Creeper is easier to keep than the Shrike. I have handreared both the Tree Creeper and the Redbacked Shrike, but found the latter comparatively easy to rear, a varied diet being about the only difficulty. If, as Mr. Birchley, says, he "reared" his Shrike, what need was there for steadying him? Birds reared from the nest are not usually very wild. I may add that I sympathise with Mr. Birchley in his disappointment, as his Great Grey Shrike was a very fine specimen of its species, but, in my opinion, outclassed by rarer specimens. I have found two authenticated nests of the Great Grey Shrike in Wiltshire, or, rather, found one and was shown the other. With regard to Mr. Birchley's second letter, he still harps on the same statement, "My bird is British, your's is foreign." He also asks one of the 40,000 readers to recollect any instance of its occurrence in England. (I believe it is unknown in Ireland.) Let Mr. Birchley consult the authorities at the South Kensington Museum, when no doubt he will hear that its occurrence has been reported a good many times. I may also state that I have not the honour of being acquainted with Mr. Birchley, Mr. Cook, or the judge, but merely write this letter "for the good of the Fancy at large."—C. W. WOODHOUSE.

Sir,—I was surprised to find Mr. Birchley excited about my Nutcracker at the Palace. I should have thought it enough for that gentleman to have seen the picture in the last Birthday Number of CAGE BIRDS. As to the award of special for the rarest British bird at the Show, there were three British bird judges, so it must have been two to one that my bird is a rare British bird. I think Mr. Birchley will be surprised to hear that my Nutcracker was caught in Scotland. I have also been to the Natural History Museum and found a specimen of the Nutcracker, which was caught in South Sweden; it also tells us that the Nutcracker is an irregular autumn visitor to Great Britain, and about twenty occurrences have been recorded. I should like to ask Mr. Birchley whom we are to believe, the Museum, CAGE BIRDS, the judges, or the faddists? I think the same as many others, that my Nutcracker is a very rare British bird, and did not get more than it deserved at the Palace Show.—WILLIAM COOK.

RAILWAY RATES AND THE FANCY.

A Case for the Cage Bird Union.

SIR,—I should be obliged if you would kindly grant me a little space in your valuable journal in which to draw attention to what I consider to be a case of exorbitant charge made by a London railway company for the carriage of small birds. On Thursday, February 28th, I travelled from Peckham Rye (Chatham line) to St Paul's with two small cases, each containing a Yorkshire show cage and a pair of Canaries for L.P.O.S. Show, the lot not taking up as much room as an ordinary portmanteau. I was informed by one of the officials that "in accordance with the bye laws of the company" I must pay for the carriage of the birds although they were in my personal care. I accordingly applied at the booking office as to the charge; judge of my surprise when I was mulcted in 8d. Thus, together with the single fare, the charge was 1s. for about three miles! Had I travelled by the electric tram car the total cost would have been three halfpence! And the journey would have been covered just as quickly yet the railway company tell their shareholders they are unable to compete successfully with the tramways! Maybe other fanciers have had experiences similar to mine, and if so, perhaps you, sir, would kindly not be averse to opening your columns to the discussion of what I think is a most important matter. Meantime, perhaps the Cage Bird Union could use its influence with the railway companies—for I believe the charges I have mentioned are exacted on all lines—with a view to securing the abolition or modification of the tariff in question, in cases where birds are in the personal charge of their owners. I should be pleased to supply the C.B.U. Executive with the exact facts if they so desire.—JOHN B. WATERMAN.

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FOREIGN BIRDS AT THE PALACE SHOW.

SIR,—I hope the Crystal Palace show authorities will adopt Mr. F. Finn's suggestion and give a few classes to the freely imported Foreign Birds. I am sure if they give a class each to, say, Budgerigars, Cockatiels, and Java Sparrows, they would be remunerative and add interest to the Foreign Bird section. If they see their way to grant any, I will be pleased to give 10s. 6d. as a special.

Messrs. Finn and Wesley Page have evidently overlooked the record that the Rufus-backed Mannikin (*Spermestes nigriceps*) has been exhibited at the Palace previous to this year. The "Aviecultural Magazine" (Vol. II., Old Series) states that a pair were exhibited by H. B. Smith in 1895; also that 1894 saw the first appearance on the show bench of *Bathilda ruficauda, Spermestes nigriceps,* and *Munia pectoralis.*—S. WATSON.

BIRD LIFE IN YORKSHIRE.

The Gold Crested Wren.

SIR,—Looking through CAGE BIRDS of February 23rd I saw Mr. Stow's note re the Golden Crested Wren. I may say I have spent most of my life in the South of England, removing into Yorkshire ten years ago, and I have always taken a great interest in bird life. I have never seen so many Golden Crests as I have since I have been here (in Hessle). Work being rather slack, I have had a little more time to study them than Mr. Stow (I know Mr. Stow has very little spare time). I have counted as many as eight in one of my rambles and I think that would be hard to beat. Hessle is an ideal place for bird lovers, with its plantations, high hedgerows, quiet lanes, reed filled pits, willow garths, and streams. There are a lot of birds I have not seen, among which are the following—Nightingales, Blackcap, Garden Warbler, Willow Wren, and Jay. I have seen one Kingfisher, and one Hawfinch, a very fine bird. I have been told that once a Nightingale took up his quarters in a part known as Little Switzerland, and hundreds of people from round about came to hear his Majesty, as he had never been known in th district before. His reign was very short. A gallant farmer went forth single handed and shot him. I don't know whether he got the V.C. for this brave deed, (he might have done if a bird lover or two had been close at hand), I think this will answer Mr. Stow's query.—FRISK.

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OBITUARY.

Mr. C. A. WITCHELL (Cheltenham).

We regret to learn from the "Cheltenham Chronicle" of the painfully tragic death, on Feb. 28th last, at the age of 44, of Mr. Charles Adolphus Witchell, well known in the town as a solicitor, and to an infinitely wider constituency as one of the cleverest of modern writers upon certain phases of natural history. The sensation was the more profound in that the circumstances under which his death occurred left little doubt that it was self-inflicted, the deceased gentleman being found practically lifeless, with severe razor wounds in the leg and neck. He had recently suffered greatly from acute pleuro-pneumonia. Among the books of which Mr. Witchell was the author, were: "The Fauna of Gloucestershire, "The Evolution of Bird Song," "The Cries and Calls of Wild Birds," "Nature's Story of the Year." etc. Among the subjects which had occupied his researches of late had been the flight of birds, and he quite recently wrote a paragraph to the "Echo" stating that he believed he had solved the problem of aerial flight by human beings by the aid of mechanically-constructed wings. Nature, in her many phases, claimed him as her devotee, and from her cult that of the Law, though she used stronger bonds than those of red tape and sealing wax, could not separate him; and it is open to question whether beyond the good workmanship which justice claims from all conscientious men, the law claimed any allegiance from this son of that more benignant and loveable mother —Nature.

Mr. JOHN H. THACKREY (Shipley).
A one-time Champion Exhibitor laid to rest.

"It is with the deepest regret and sympathy," writes Mr. M. Broadley (Windhill), "that I inform you of the death of Mr. John H. Thackrey, of Shipley, who died on Thursday morning, February 28th, at the age of 56, after a painful illness due to a cancer in the throat. In his day he was a genial, kind, warm-hearted fellow, and one of the most successful exhibitors in Yorkshire. He showed almost every variety in the Fancy, the principal ones being Yorkshires and Plainhead Norwich. In these he was almost invincible. I have known him show a hundred birds in one week. It is about twenty years since he gave up exhibiting. He leaves a widow and one son to mourn his loss. The interment took place at the Windhill Cemetery, and amongst those who attended to pay their last respects were Messrs. W. Mundell (Bradford), J. Greaves (Bradford), J. Dawson (Horton), J. Smith (Horton), A. Haigh (Buttershaw), A. Raistrick (Thackley), Matt Broadley (Windhill), and H. Sewell (Bradford).

An old friend writes:—"The passing away of 'Jack Thackrey,' as the late J. H. Thackrey was known to his many friends in the Fancy, sends one's thoughts back to a generation ago, when it was the day of the big teamster. Thackrey, Russell, and the Mackleys oft used to half fill a show—and sometimes more, and the keenest rivalry existed between the three. In the most palmy days of the great Norwich firm, Thackrey took a big team of Norwich Plainheads to the old Norwich Alliance Show and defeated "the classics," as they were styled, upon their own ground. As an exhibitor of Yorkshires he was quite unapproachable. He was ever open to purchase a good bird; in fact none but the best were of use to him, and in those days there were none who could excel J. H. T. in placing a bird upon the show bench. For many years he had an almost complete monopoly of the Yorkshire classes at our best shows, and it was the height of most Yorkshire fanciers' ambition to wrest from him the coveted first and special, and then hand the bird on to this past master for a good figure—for he would have them, there was no denying him. About a couple of decades ago he retired from the firm which he represented, entering business on his own account, and retiring from the Fancy. Fortune, however, did not smile upon him, and broken in health and fortune, it is sad to think that the once brilliant and successful fancier endured much hardship in his declining years. But amidst all his adversity he ever retained the respect and affection of those who had known him in his more prosperous days, for he was ever the same genial, sympathetic, gentlemanly fellow as when his star was in the ascendant. His passing breaks another link with the old times and customs, and the Fancy has lost one who at all times never forgot that an Englishman should be a gentleman."

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STRAY NOTES ABOUT BIRDS.

By Claude St. John.

Since my last stray notes appeared we have heard of several early nests of young birds, among them a young Mule, the solitary survivor of a fertile clutch, the remainder being mostly found dead in shell. The pity of these reports is their aptitude for wiping out of existence the previously-formed good resolves as regards mating up of the enthusiastic and impatient novice. Probably no amount of caution and advice will prevent a number of these errors being made. We can at least, knowing the faith that is in us, once again warn the new beginner not to be misled by these early birds. Of course, the novice may possibly mate up his birds in the heat of the moment and have a good result, but the chances are a thousand to one that the experiment will end in failure and grievous disappointment. Some men are born in luck, but only a very small minority, and, consequently, each one's chance of being among that happy band are very slight indeed.

Mating the Goldfinch.

One often asks when a Goldfinch is ready for mating, and is almost as often given the reply "when its beak is clear." This is the kernel of a very widespread belief that the usual dark stain of a Goldie's beak disappears prior to the breeding season. That it does do so as a rule is a matter of common knowledge, but like all other rules this one has its exceptions. The beaks of many Goldfinches do not lose all the black mark all through the breeding season, although these self-same birds may be in the very best breeding condition, and sire fertile clutches of eggs. When the proper season arises for pairing, therefore, the general condition of the Finches should take precedence of a clear beak. Given a healthy, sprightly, active bird, in vigorous song, and full of that perky swagger about the perches, and a desire to be chummy with a hen that is placed beside him, do not wait for his beak to become quite clear.

Premature Condition.

Another point about the Goldfinch's beak may give one some food for speculation. One often finds these birds with clear beaks as early as February, and the fancier of the old school will then tell you that bird is doomed to die before the breeding season is over. How far this suspicion may be based on fact it would be most interesting to discover, and might incidentally lead to other valuable knowledge. Why, for instance, should a bird die early because it comes into breeding condition a little earlier than usual? And if one species is affected must not all others be more or less subject to the same influences? Would the same effect help to account for the subsequent failures that too often occur after too early attempts to breed from stocks of Canaries? And yet again, is this premature clearing of the beak something quite different from the usual phenomenon of the breeding season? In short, is it, possibly, nothing more nor less than a symptom of anæmia? But I must stay right here. This is speculation enough to "chew the cud" upon for the present.

Birds Dropping Feathers.

At this season, it is not unusual to hear of birds beginning to drop a few feathers. This may, or may not, be a serious matter for the breeder. It may be simply the finishing up of a late moult which has been interrupted during the colder months, in which case the bird usually improves rapidly, and grows fine as soon as the weather gets mild. In such cases it generally happens that the moult has been going on slowly and almost imperceptibly all through the winter, and, for some reason or other, quite a large number of birds appear to have had this kind of protracted moult this last season. However, a generous diet, and a few doses of a simple tonic of quinine and iron in the drinking water will usually put matters right. One point that must not be overlooked is that these birds must on no account be put up for breeding so long as a feather is being cast. The dropping of feathers must have quite ceased for at least two or three weeks before mating if one is to stand much chance of a successful result therefrom.

Effects of Seed upon Health.

Although we are well provided with facts concerning the chemical composition of different kinds of seeds used for feeding cage birds, we are still lacking in knowledge of the effects of each kind of seed when birds are fed solely upon it. Save for a few generalisations, which never seem to be based on practical experiments, such as hempseed being "too heating," and darkening the colour of British birds, linseed causing dysentery, and so forth, we really know little about the matter. It is a thing we should know more of. Once, for instance, whilst carrying out an experiment I was greatly struck by the remarkable thirst that promptly followed the addition of hemp seed to the diet.

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The Gouldian Finch.
As Seen In Its Native Wilds.

The appended account of this fascinating and beautiful Foreign bird is taken from the finely got-up catalogue just issued by Messrs. Payne and Wallace, Direct Importers, The Little Zoo, Bath, entitled, "Life Amongst the Birds and Animals of Australia." It is full of good things, and well illustrated from photographs.

In writing about this bird, we include the three varieties, viz.:—The Black-headed Gouldian (*Poephila gouldiæ*), the Red-headed Gouldian (*Poephila mirabilis*), and the Yellow-headed Gouldian (*Poephila armitiana*). The latter is sometimes known as the Orange-headed Gouldian. At one time it was everyone's idea that they were three distinct species, but it is now proved that they are nothing more nor less than different varieties of the same species. There has been a good deal written about these lovely birds, but a great number of the writings have been of a rather unreliable character. What we are writing about the Gouldian Finch is what we have seen and experienced in its native home.

The Gouldian is purely a tropical bird, and is rarely found farther south than Latitude 18 deg. It has, however, a very wide range, extending from the North-East of Queensland to the North-West Coast of Western Australia. It is rather more plentiful in the latter part, which is its favourite haunt.

The Black-headed Gouldian is undoubtedly the most plentiful of the three varieties. For instance, taking on an average, for every 100 Gouldians we take from the nets, 80 per cent. are black-heads, 15 per cent. red-head cocks, and only 5 per cent. red-head hens. It will be clearly seen that red-head hens are in the minority. Now the ten red-head cocks have to find mates somewhere, and as there are so few red-head hens, they have nothing else to do but to pair up with the black-heads, and this is what they do. In pairing up in this manner it seems of little, or no consequence, whether it be a red-head cock and black-head hen, or vice versa. Their young are always true, either red-heads or black-heads. We have seen many cases where they have been mixed, perhaps there have been two Redheads and three Blackheads.

We have many times caught the adults of the two varieties, together with their brood, and in most cases the young were of both kinds. We very seldom come across a pair of Red-heads though. The only possible way to find out these facts is by handling them in large quantities as we do.

We see no reason why these birds should not be bred in England more so than they are. In the first place, it is useless keeping them in a small cage and expecting them to breed. What they really require is an aviary of fairly large dimensions, with plenty of flying room. Now, what is really best for breeding is a hollow stump, or limb of a tree, if it can be obtained. It is desirable to obtain one, if possible, with a number of holes in it, large enough for the Gouldian to deposit its eggs. If they are supplied with a little dry grass, or other nesting material, they will soon settle down to their task of nest making. They do not make an elaborate nest as some suppose; in fact, in their native state they do it in rather a slovenly fashion.

On one occasion, when Mr. Payne was riding through the bush, he saw a Gouldian fly out from a low iron bark tree. Upon pulling down the branch, from where it had flown out, it snapped off. In this branch there was a small hole, which acted as an inlet to the interior of branch, inside of which was found a Gouldian's nest with four eggs. This is an instance of how they will crawl into any hole and lay their eggs. We could quote scores of similar cases; in fact, we have known them build their nest in the whim of an old shaft of a disused mine.

For their general safety, apart from breeding times, they must be kept from all draught. Some bird fanciers keep their birds in cages of the Crystal Palace type. These cages are then kept in front of the window. In the morning, when the room is swept, the windows are put up to let out the dust, and the birds are subjected to a direct draught, and then the owners wonder why they die. They can stand a good amount of cold, but it is imperative that they must be kept from all draught. They are not "soft" birds as many think, but are very hardy, provided they are looked after and kept in a proper manner.

As regards diet, they have much the same as all the other Finches, viz., canary and millet. This is their staple diet, but they are very fond of hayseed (sweepings of a hayloft), and they might also be given green food, such as grass in flower and French lettuce. It is also wise to put into their aviary, where they can have it when they like, such things as rock salt and cuttlefish bone. Let them have plenty of flint grit and clean water.

The Gouldian seems so much tamer and gentler than the other kinds of Finches. At one period we were out trapping Gouldians, and, at this time, had a tent with us. We had finished our netting operations for the day, and were sitting in the tent where we had our captives in large cages. We were sitting quietly, when one or two Gouldians actually came into the tent, and tried to get with their mates, that were in the cages. We were not more than four feet away, and yet they took not the slightest notice of us. To see them in their native state is a great sight, one never to be forgotten. When the sun is shining upon them they look like one mass of gorgeous butterflies.

The following appeared under the name of a well-known contributor, in the supplement to Cage Birds, published on April 7th, 1906. The writer, in speaking of the "Gouldian Finch," says:—

"By the courtesy of my esteemed friend, Mr. Housden, of Sydenham, I am enabled to explain the method of capture; I believe the following facts are published for the first time. Mr. Housden's private consignment of Australian birds have been captured for him by a friend who had lived nearly 30 years in the far North-West of Australia. It necessitates a journey of many hundreds of miles into the Wilds of the North-West, with a camp equipment of horses, van and a number of natives. The first step in their capture is to find a water-hole (pond), and cover the surface with long grass. Then they take a long tin of water, and put the long clap nets round this. The birds, coming to drink early in the morning and the late evening, go into the nets and are so caught. All birds are caught thus in a country where water is so scarce. . . . My friend, Mr. Housden, who has privately imported many hundreds of these birds, tells me he has never received one Yellow-head, and in all his experience he has only seen two."

Before we start pulling to pieces this "most interesting method of capture," we wish it to be clearly understood that we are in no way dealing with the writer of the article, but merely his informant. We will deal firstly with Mr. Housden's "friend who lived in Australia for nearly 30 years to capture the birds for him." In speaking of his "friend," he means us, and we defy him to contradict this. We have never at any time of our existence captured birds for him. We have, however, entrusted birds to his care, to dispose of for us; but then he was merely acting as agent for us. Nothing more nor less. As for knowing him for "nearly 30 years," we never set eyes on him, nor even heard of him until two years ago.

We agree with him where it is mentioned that it necessitates a journey of many hundreds of miles, but when he speaks of covering the water-holes (or pond, as he chooses to call it) over with long grass, it is most amusing. The idea of covering over a large sheet of water, possibly a quarter-of-a-mile across! They do say "patience is a virtue," but we think Mr. Housden would have the patience of Job, if he was to start covering over one of these water-holes with grass. Then he says we use a long tin filled with water. This is news to us. By comparing our method of trapping the birds and Mr. Housden's "method," the reader will see the difference.

He says that "he has imported many hundreds of these birds (Gouldians), but has never received a Yellow-head, and in all his experience has only seen two." We very much doubt if he has ever seen one; as we, in all our experience, have only handled three. We brought one to Europe last trip, and sold it, together with some *Emblema picta*, to a dealer named Schiavetti, at Genoa. We are very interested to know where Mr. Housden saw the two that he speaks of.

Whilst Mr. Housden was agent for us we mentioned a few of our experiences to him, and our method of trapping; but he made a hopeless muddle of it when he informed the writer in Cage Birds how it was done. We cannot even imagine from where he could have obtained some of his ideas, for when we saw the article we are complaining of, we asked Mr. Housden how he had made such a muddle of it, and although his name was mentioned in connection with it he actually went as far as to say he knew nothing of it. Now if Mr. Housden had told us he wished to write a few facts upon the methods of capture, and asked us for the information in a proper manner, we should have been pleased to help him.

(*To be continued.*)

The Border Fancy Canary.

By JAMES MACKIE.

A Paper read before the Edinburgh Western Ornithological Society, February 7th, 1907.

Before dealing with my subject, "The Border," it will perhaps be better for me to ask your indulgence for a short time on a species of the Canary tribe in which you are perhaps not interested, and at the same time ask your forgiveness if I seem presumptive in allowing myself, as a breeder of practically no repute, to stand before you to-night. Be one's experience in Canary breeding (no matter of what variety) of a short or long period, he cannot attend to their daily wants and watch their various peculiarities without learning something that interests him, and that enthusiasm grows and deepens in the species of his own liking. Herein, to my mind, does the novice or the young fancier excel; he is anxious to learn; he reads all he can lay his hands on; seizes and embraces every opportunity wherein he thinks information or help is to be obtained. On the other hand, we have the life-experienced breeder, who is perhaps slangily termed the auld stager—plodding along, year in year out, in his own hilly how, never getting out of the rut.

Now to my subject—the bonnie wee Border. In the first place, let me state that I am not aspiring to the height of informing you how to breed Exhibition Borders. As you are aware, the species consists of somewhere about six varieties, a thorough handling and exposition of which would fill a handsome book and prove a valuable and instructive piece of literature; the Fancy press needs apparently its attention called to the fact, that instructive and reliable literature is scarce. Simply, then, as a breeder and lover of the Border, I will give you my opinion on the specie as it has appealed to myself. The Border to my mind is

ONE OF THE BEST VARIETIES

that can be taken up. For a moment look at the little gem on the show bench with plumage as soft as silk, and coloured to perfection; his bright eye and natty little head calls for admiration all around. A cage is lifted and he hops gracefully from perch to perch with a swagger all his own.

Gentlemen, I am glad to say Scotland is the home o' the Border and Scotch (I know some will pull me up for this assertion, nevertheless it is true), and in both varieties ample scope and opportunities are there to test all that is best in the fancier, be he experienced or a novice. The Border Fancy at the present time is the nearest approach to the Canary in its wild state, and is a direct descendant of the same, greatly modified and enhanced in appearance of course, although some will assert that Borders can be bred from German bens and small Norwich cocks, and such like. The Border has many commendable characteristics; one is it is easily bred. It is also a grand feeder, a statement in which most Scotch Fancy breeders will concur. It has proved itself the saviour of many varieties to no small degree, and this I think speaks volumes for the parental capacity of the "little gem." With regard to the Border fit for the show bench, competition is keener, and, as already stated, calls forth all the wisdom, patience, and perseverance that the breeder can give. To anyone, however, who is desirous of giving this species a trial I would strongly recommend that he procure of some breeder of reputation whatever he wants to start with, thereby getting the blood of the right sort at once. Thus he will find, as I have found, that half his worry is over. This may appear novice-like advice; nevertheless it is sound and reliable. Exhibition Borders, like all other varieties, cannot be picked up for a mere trifle, as some assume, but can claim a fairly good price when of the right stamp. At this point I think I cannot do better than read to you

THE STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE

of the Border Fancy, as drawn up by and adhered to by the Border Fancy Club. "The grand essentials of a Border Fancy Canary are type and quality—without these it is worthless. The general appearance is that of a clean cut bird, lightly made, compact, proportionable, sprightly, close feathered, smallest size Canary, showing no tendency to heaviness, roughness, frilling, or dulness, giving an impression of fine quality and symmetry throughout. Head small, round, and neat looking, bill fine, eyes dark and bright, neck rather fine and proportionate to head and body. Body and back well filled and nicely rounded, running in almost a straight line from the gentle rise over the shoulders to the point of the tail; chest nicely rounded, but neither heavy nor prominent, gradually tapering away to vent; wings compact and carried close to the body, just meeting at the tips; legs of medium length, showing little or no thigh, fine and in harmony with the other points; feet corresponding. Size not to exceed 5½ in. in length, measuring in the usual way. Plumage close, firm, and fine in quality, presenting a smooth, glossy, silky appearance, and free from frill and roughness. Tail close packed and narrow, being nicely rounded and filled in at the root. Colour rich, soft and pure, as level in tint as possible throughout, but extreme depth, or hardness, such as colour feeding gives are objectionable in this breed and should be discouraged; red-fed birds debarred. A plebescite has been taken for or against colour feeding, and out of a total membership of 134, 21 voted for, and 111 against it. Position, semi-erect, standing at about the angle of 45 degrees. Carriage gay and jaunty, with a fine poise of the head. Health, condition, and cleanliness shall have due weight. In judging marked birds, type and quality should form the first consideration in these as in other classes, and no prize should be awarded for good markings alone when the type does not conform to the club standard.

With the guidance of such an accurate decription of the Border Fancy, a breeder exactly knows what his ideal is, or should be, consequently, the road is clear, but is at times "hilly."

ANOTHER GRAND CHARACTERISTIC

that appears to me is the wee gem's natural colour. I am glad the B.F.C. would not entertain the idea of colour feeding, for what can eclipse the natural colour of a Border, produced as it is at the present time in clear birds? Where does it come from? We shall see later where at least a large proportion of it comes from. In the clear Border Fancy Canary (that is, of course, Yellows and Buffs), we experience in the town, with its smoke, impure atmosphere, and what not, a great difficulty in keeping the birds clean, an essential which is imperative on the Show Bench. Thus almost constant hand washing is necessary, a delicate job even for the most expert; and one which takes away that so desirable gloss. This is just exactly the point where the Border breeders of the Border Counties, and all country breeders, have the pull; all honour to them, however, although I believe they will get a shake some day. The Border Counties breeders can turn out the "best Border" on the Show Bench at the present time, a fact which no one, I think, would ever attempt to deny, not even our brother Fanciers across the Border who received at their hands such a severe licking in the B.F. contest at the Scottish National Exhibition of 1906-1907, and I regret to observe they are now coming forward with excuses and suggestions, some of which are hardly Fancier-like. However, I see no reason why we should not endeavour to win the laurels of the Border, and will not venture on the pathway of the even marks and unevens, as it is delicate ground. Much regarding this variety has been said and written which involves numerous arguments, from which I will refrain, merely remarking that there is no royal road by which to procure the so desirable even marked.

I will now pass on to the Green and Cinnamon varieties of the Border, which at the present time are very much neglected and afford ample scope and opportunity for all. Personally, I don't think there is another variety of the Border Canary that calls for greater improvement.

(To be continued.)

THE YOUNG NATURALIST.

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Jaquot, the parrot, about whom Uncle Peter spoke last week, has given a further instance of his intelligence. His mistress writes from Switzerland. "Last Sunday afternoon, as I was writing busily, Jacquot suddenly gave the screech of fear, mixed with astonishment and indignation, which with him always means 'a Hawk is coming, look out!' I raised my head, and saw flying straight towards the house an Owl, with four or five little birds as body-guard. It was not later than three o'clock in the afternoon, and it is not the custom here for Owls to fly by daylight; but it was a very dark, dull, gray, east-windy day, with some snow falling, and absolutely no sun. The Owl flew up to the cross on the top balcony, and there he sat, paying no attention to anyone. I cut up some raw meat and put it handy for him, and I think that later on he came down and took a piece; and I believe that he managed to catch some of the Tits or other little birds who come to the balconies to be fed. They did not show the least fear of the owl, as they would have done had it been a Hawk; but in the morning there were lots of little feathers in the snow."

Now Uncle Peter wonders how Jacquot, who had probably never seen an Owl in all his life before, should have recognised him as the same kind of malefactor as a Hawk, while the little native birds, who should have known better, showed no fear of this, their admitted natural enemy.

* The Wren's Nest.

The Wren's nest is a work of art. It is made of moss, leaves and feathers. It may be found in an ivy stump. I once knew of a nest, which the birds built in for several years; whether the same birds or not I cannot tell. Each year they would come back and put a few more feathers inside it. The nest has an entrance at one side about the size of a two-shilling-piece.—FREDERICK ROBERT GREGORY (age 12), Beaulieu Schools, New Forest.

* A Savage Bird.

The Hawk is one of the most savage of English birds. He is a brown bird, with wide, spreading wings, and great claws on his feet. Once I saw a Hawk after a Duck. The Duck rose from the river, and flew round and round in circles, till it got up high in the air. But its enemy came up faster than he could, until the poor duck found himself about ten feet below the cruel foe. As soon as the duck saw that his enemy was above him he dropped, quacking loudly. Suddenly the Hawk pecked the poor duck on the top of the head, and knocked it down in a patch of reeds. It then began to eat the Duck.—Sent by JAMES MAURICE HENDEY, age 13, Beaulieu School, New Forest.

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HYBRID BREEDING:

Preparations for the Coming Season.

By T. H. KINCH.

(Continued from page 183.)

I had a large plum tree in my garden, noted more for its crops of green flies and other kinds of insect food than for the plums it bore. This tree gave me no end of delight by reason of the numerous birds which used to visit it. I have counted twenty Goldfinches on it at one time (young and old), several nests of Chaffinches, Sparrows, Bullfinches, besides the Oxeye, Cole, and Blue Tits. As I explained earlier, I had my sitting room and bird room combined, the door always being open, and the tree not ten yards away. My caged birds and the wild songsters could hear each other, and a wild hen Chaffinch would nearly come inside, which so upset my bird that it refused to have anything to do with the Bullie. This was, as I believe, the cause of the continual quarrelling. This experience of mine may prove a valuable guide to Hybrid breeders, who should certainly keep their pairs out of hearing of their own species.

Not for one moment did I expect to be successful with my Chaffinch-Bullie, as I knew the great difficulty of getting the Chaffinch to pair in confinement. It was always supposed that they paired in the air. This fallacy, I believe, is now exploded. I have seen them pair repeatedly in a wild state, and, as I have made the Chaffinch my great study during the past ten years, I know something about them, and I still have hopes of breeding them in confinement. There have been crosses produced on the show bench between the Bramblefinch and Chaffinch, or Chaffinch Bramblefinch, and recorded by the papers, but, unfortunately, I have not yet seen one.

Some years ago, if my memory serves me rightly, Dr. Greene offered a good sum for a cross between the Chaffinch and Canary. I tried for this cross for over ten years, and I still think it is obtainable; but I must leave my experiences in this direction for another season.

I should certainly like to know from breeders of the Bramblefinch-Chaffinch Hybrid full particulars as to how they are bred, whether indoors or out, and under what conditions; whether old hands or novices have been most successful, also the food given. I am quite aware that both birds will do well on a seed diet, but did they raise their young on a seed diet only? If this should meet the eyes of breeders, and they could, or would, give me a few particulars, all Hybrid breeders would feel grateful. If they were bred in cages then I can say they have been fortunate. I think they must have been bred in an aviary, or rather pairing took place there, the eggs being transferred to the Canary. I know of an instance this year where a cock Bramblefinch had mated with a Hen Bullie. They had four eggs, two of which were full; but before they hatched they got broken. Had they been transferred to a Canary when the breeder had the chance they might have been saved; but he had to leave home, so they got neglected, and he never had the chance again. The rest of the eggs proved unfertile. This breeder was quite a novice, and could not be told anything. His own idea was to place the eggs in a wild bird's nest, in a hedge, under Greenfinches; but through going to Camp (being a Volunteer) he had forgotten to do so, and had to hand rear them when he came home. These ideas of his might have succeeded provided the nest had not been found and the eggs taken.

The colouration of the eggs varied a great deal from the Bullfinch at large, and the other eggs the Bullfinch laid varied a great deal from the first clutch. From my experience of caged Bullfinches eggs they vary as the season advances, and at any time they are not the colour of the wild egg. Indeed, many would be recognised only by an expert. Whether there is a difference in colouration between fertile and unfertile eggs I am not yet prepared to say. The eggs of each of my Bullie hens have differed in colour, although they each laid under similar conditions.

Is it possible to account for the differences by the fatness or leanness of the birds; do they arise from a too stimulating diet, such as hemp, or does the amount of wing exercise make any difference? All my birds had an abundance of green food with insects attached to it, but that did not alter matters.

In only one instance was a hen egg bound, and, indeed, I can say that it is very rare that I have a British bird egg bound, a complaint which I attribute to over-fatness. Neither have I ever had a shell-less egg from a British bird, and very rarely one of late years from Canaries.

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Effects of the Severe Weather—The Jay.

During our rambles along the country lanes, across the downs, and by the leafless hedgerows, we have from time to time had proof of the effect of the severe weather upon bird life. One day it was the emaciated body of a Song Thrush; upon another a Lark, a Greenfinch, several House Sparrows, and others. To-day we found the wasted body of a hen Coal Tit. There was no mark of violence upon it, and although the severity of the weather has somewhat abated, one can only conjecture that she was unable to pull round after a period of short rations and intense cold. With these proofs before us, we can imagine what the waste in bird life has been this winter. It is the small insectivorous species that suffer most; they are so tiny and delicate that to go without food for any length of time is fatal to them. One somtimes wonders how such tiny creatures as Tits, Wrens, etc., manage to keep alive at all.

We know that the body temperature of a bird is considerably higher than that of an animal, but whatever it is, it has to be maintained, and unless small birds have very slow digestions they must be constantly replenishing the waste heat; but then what about the long winter nights? Fortunately for these birds their habit is to roost in holes, and in company with their fellows. It is no uncommon occurence to find a fluffy ball of some half dozen members of the Tit family in one roosting hole. As regards the roosting of birds, I think the country Sparrow is about the best able to take care of himself. He finds some of the most snug corners imaginable in the thatch of barns, over warm stables, and cosy holes in hay-ricks, and these he shares with his own species. Company means warmth, and when the cold wind blows during the night, it is no use looking on the windward side of the rick for these knowing birds.

As a youth, in the company of other sportive lads, we frequently went round the farm buildings and ricks with the nets. The roosting of the birds was quite a study. By noting the direction of the wind and other weather conditions, we seldom made mistakes. The sheltered spots generally afforded most sport. Upon calm nights the evergreens were as prolific as the buildings and rick.

The dead body of the Coal Tit was the second specimen noted in this district, although the Blue Tit, Greater and Long-tailed, are fairly common. The Coal Tit is a rather interesting species. We have a British and a Continental bird; we have also a brighter coloured variety in the Scottish forests; this is, in colouration, midway between the British and Continental species. No doubt the cause is to be found in the different climatic conditions under which they exist. We have much the same thing in several other species of birds that have representatives in other parts of Europe and elsewhere.

One of the most conspicuous birds in the woods just now is the Jay. He is a noisy bird, and his well known screech can be heard some distance, and as he flies from one the

THE JAY.

white in his plumage shows up plainly. His feathering is wonderfully soft for so large a bird. Compare it with the Magpie or Crow; these have hard glossy feathers, whereas the plumage of the Jay has a faint resemblance to that of nocturnal birds. Why there should be this difference it is hard to conjecture. Jays and Magpies live practically similar lives. Unfortunately both species are gradually decreasing; it is only their extreme wariness which saves them. Note the difference in the behaviour of the Jay later on, when the nest is built, and the hen bird is sitting on the half dozen greenish eggs. Although the leaves are thick upon the trees he will slink away like some cunning old fox, without so much as a whisper. To see him then one would think it was impossible for him to raise a screech which tells all the wild creatures within hearing that an intruder is in the woods.

Notes and Queries.

The Art of Cliff Climbing.

During the spring months thousands of sea birds' eggs are collected and sent to the markets of large towns. Few people who buy them have any idea of the risks incurred by the gatherers in this occupation. Frequently the gatherer will have nothing but a few strands of rope to trust to for his safety. In some districts this art of cliff climbing has been handed down from father to son, and only a few families pursue the occupation. So careful and clever are they, that a serious accident is hardly on record.

Our Winter Visitors.

The Nightingale, Cuckoo, and many well-known warblers are now wintering in the sunny South, hundreds of miles from their summer homes. They left us as the days shortened, the nights grew chill, and insect life became scarce. Thousands of them have crossed the sea, yet, in spite of this big migration, bird life is fairly plentiful in these islands during the winter. Our summer songsters have gone South; others from the North have come South to us. The vicinity of the North Pole is the home of many of our winter visitors. Winged creatures make the journey from the far North in a very short time.

Concerning the Hawfinch.

What are the chief foods of the Hawfinch at different seasons of the year?

How are the adult birds caught; will they come down on the ground to a call-bird in a cage, or a braced bird? All I have seen make off at sight, and would be difficult to get even within gunshot.—YOUNG BEGINNER.

The Hawfinch feeds principally upon the stones of berries and fruits of such trees as the holly, pine, hawthorn, laurel, etc., and visits the orchards for the stones of the plums and cherries, where it does considerable damage. In the summer, caterpillars, beetles, small snails, and various insects form its food. There is no more wary bird in our woods than an adult Hawfinch and even the young birds, as soon as they are able to take care of themselves are very careful not to be seen. During the summer small parties of young visit isolated gardens to feed upon the rows of green peas. When disturbed, they fly very low, and generally get away without being detected. This is the time to catch them, which can be managed by the aid of a silk pocket net. It is very flimsy and light, though strong, and is fastened between two rows of peas. When disturbed the birds dash off down the rows and get entangled in the net. Many old birds are caught by accident by bird catchers, while netting for other species. A call bird would only be useful in places much frequented by them, and then bird lime, or horse hair nooses, would be the most effective snares.—H.N.

Goldfinches in New Zealand.

Having just returned from New Zealand, I thought the following might interest you. While staying in the Waikato, where there are thousands of Goldfinches (not so large as our Britishers), I saw one day four white ones, that is, all their body feathers were white, but their wings had the usual yellow markings. They had pink eyes. They used to come round every day, but I could not catch them; they were too artful to come into our trap. I may say that I have received great benefit from the trip, and live in hopes of going out again.—H. FINDLAY (East Croydon).

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WANTED, any quantity of Goldfinch Mules or Linnet Mules, for cash; no rubbish wanted.—Wm. Shaw, 97, Essex-rd., Islington, London, N.

WANTED, clean copies of CAGE BIRDS of August 4th, 1906; full price given.—F. Carl, 154, Fleet-st., London, E.C.

WANTED, good gold Albert; exchange high-class Yorkshires; see my advertisement under Yorkshires; approval.—Hirst, 29, Charter-st., Accrington.

WANTED, any number of Canaries, Linnets, Larks, Chaffinches, etc., cheap for cash.—J. Thorn, 37, Plumstead-rd., Woolwich.

CANARIES wanted; exchange opera glasses, Whiteley exerciser (athlete's), and 60 CAGE BIRDS.—Woodall, 47, Harcombe-rd., Stoke Newington.

WANTED, cash offers for good Crests and Crestbreds; exchange above for large Cinnamons.—Edwards, 322, Raglan-street, Lowestoft.

WANTED two pairs Norwich for Anglo-American zither, cost £2.—Turner, 209, Chatham-av., Hoxton, London.

WANTED, Canaries; give in exchange pen of white Pekin Bantams; sell 15/-.—J. Owen, 101, Bath-rd., Kettering.

WANTED, ½-plate stand camera, RR lens; exchange splendid muling and Hybrid pairs.—84, Mortlake-rd., Ilford, Essex.

OFFERS in Norwich, for CAGE BIRDS and plates, No. 1 up to date.—Harrison, 353, Humberstone-rd., Leicester.

WANTED, two house-moulted Bullfinch hens; exchange Canaries or cash.—Turnbull, Oldhamstocks, Cockburnspath.

WANTED, offers for surplus stock of good bred Norwich, colour-fed, eight buff hens and three cocks.—Bixter, 11, Queen's-rd., Prescot.

WANTED, Borders, or offers for new smoker's cabinet, pair photographic scales, pair razors, hone; genuine.—Lunn, Rushington, Lincs.

IMPORTANT NOTE.

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WANTED, dozen cock Linnets or two hen Canaries; exchange Greyhound pup, six months; genuine.—Particulars, 19, Chelsham-rd., South Croydon.

WANTED, yellow Norwich hen; exchange pair gent.'s leggings.—J. Wager, Cainscross, Gloucestershire.

WANTED, cock, Archbishop Tanager, Chingolo, Sulphury Seed-eater, Meadow Pipit.—Teschemaker, Ringmore, Teignmouth.

WANTED, quantity Norwich or Yorkshire, 1906 hen Canaries; state lowest price for cash.—J. Watts, 158, Woolwich-rd., East Greenwich.

WANTED, 1,000 Canaries, in large and small quantities, for cash.—Send particulars, C. Wressell, Crowle, Lincolnshire.

WANTED, for cash, worn clothing, boots, shoes, suitable poor, carriage forward.—Mrs. Grey, 461, Seven Sisters-rd., London.

WANTED, a long buff Yorkshire hen, with Belgian blood; exchange Yorkshire hens.—R. Pinnell, Warminster.

WANTED, cock Canary or two hens; exchange Canary-reared cock Goldfinch; approval.—J. Lyes, Thetford, Norfolk.

WANTED, cock Goldfinch, proved muler; exchange gold dress ring, pearls and rubies.—Hill, High-st., Longtown, Carlisle.

WANTED, two songsters, two Norwich hens; exchange morning coat, vest, pair cushion wheels, chain, cock Goldfinch.—Cook, Pembridge.

WANTED, extra large house moulted Siberian Goldfinch cock, also Linnet, and guaranteed Mule breeder.—Simon, Bigrigg, Cumberland.

WANTED, pair Norwich Canaries in exchange for 130 eggs (chiefly sea birds), 30 varieties, side blown, one hole.—Muir, 24, Albert-st. Kirkwall.

WANTED any quantity of Goldfinch Mules or Linnet Mules, for cash; no rubbish wanted.—Wm. Shaw, 97, Essex-rd., Islington, London, N.

WANTED, good sound British birds for exportation; please state price per dozen.—W. Wells, Toftwood, Dereham, Norfolk.

WANTED, cage birds; exchange Fox Terrier dog pup, three months.—Bayliss, 18, Middle-st., Worcester.

WANTED, Canaries, Yorkshire and Norwich, 6/- pair given.—Byrne, Bird Stores, 34, Peter's-hill, Belfast.

WANTED, pair Yorkshire or Norwich Canaries, exchange solid gold scarfpin, or sell 16/-; birds must be sent first.—Clarke, 6, Lower Orchard-st., York.

NORWICH, Yorkshire, and other varieties of sound healthy Canaries wanted for cash; must be on approval.—129, Langsett-rd., Sheffield.

WANTED, 1906 yellow Norwich cock, with large body and short tail and flights; on approval.—Apply, S. Dunn, 9, Belford-ter., North Shields.

WANTED, offers Canaries exchange silver English lever watch, 30/-.—Drummond, Hutcheson-st., Glasgow. x269

WANTED Canaries, Crests, Yorkshires, Norwich, Linnets, Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Thrushes, Parrots.—Baker, Herbert-st., Bedminster.

WANTED, offers Canaries or cage birds, exchange pair Scotch blankets, 25/-, or tweed suit length, sell 15/-.—Drummond, Hutcheson-st., Glasgow. x270

WANTED, hen Goldfinch Mules, give 1/- each. Any kind of birds bought.—Perks, 294, East-st., Old Kent-rd., London.

WANTED, Canaries, surplus stocks of good healthy Norwich and Yorkshire, must be cheap, for cash.—A. Neal, 82, Neal-st., Shaftesbury-av., London.

WANTED, good Crestbred hen, 1906; exchange black and brown Collie and Retriever bitch; sell 10/-; offers anything.—Brown, 11, Melrose-av., Wood Green.

WANTED, offers in Yorkshires, for grand nine-bar autoharp, as new, with tutor and tuning key, cost 20/-.—J. Baldwin, 23, Colne-rd., Trawden, Colne, Lancashire.

WANTED, two yellow Norwich hens, one yellow cock; exchange set golf clubs and bag, almost new; no ruhhisb, value 30/-.—Mackie, 60, Dundee-st., Edinburgh.

JOHN GARLAND wants to buy any quantity of Canaries, also cock and hen Bullfinches, and cock Goldfinches; will deposit with Editor.—64, Bordesley, Birmingham.

WANTED, Canaries, also cages, exchange pair Witney blankets, 25/-, Alhambra quilt, 12/11; pair twill sheets, 10/6; offers.—Haynes, 20, Whitehead-rd., Birmingham.

WANTED, hen Canaries, any quantity, cheap for cash.—Shelly, 534, High-rd., Chiswick, nearly opposite Gunnerbury Station, 1d. tram from Shepherd's Bush and Hammersmith Broadway.

WANTED, buff Yorkshire hen, exchange yellow Yorkshire hen; also wanted buff Norwich hen, Bullfinch type, exchange yellow Yorkshire hen.—Merson, 6, Portessie, Banffshire.

WANTED, Canaries, Yorkshire or Norwich, cock and two or three hens, exchange three splendid house moulted Goldfinches, large birds, grand blaze.—E., 11, Leinster-av., North Strand, Dublin.

WANTED, Canaries, in exchange for Crystal Palace aviary, mahogany, as good as new, polished, 3 ft. by 3 ft., cost £3.—A. C., 44, Rollins-st., Old Kent-rd.

TWO yellow Norwich hens, cinnamons, 1906 bred, for house moulted cock Siskin, sure muler. 1906, cock Goldfinch Mule, offers.—Ellison's Boot Stores, High-st., Winsford, Cheshire.

WANTED, pure-bred Canaries, for unbound vols. 1 and 2 "Harmsworth's Encyclopædia" and "Self Educator," with case; value 14/-; approval.—Wood, 5, Princess-pl., Ripon.

WANTED, Canaries, Foreign and British birds, Rats, Mice, Ferrets, Cavies, and all kinds of live stock.—Johnson, 28, Durning-rd., Edge-hill, Liverpool.

WANTED, offers, good stock Canaries; exchange splendid concert banjo, five-string, plated, in good condition; approval each way.—104, Fisherton, Salisbury.

WANTED three German cocks in full song; exchange three pair Jacobins, prize strain, no rubbish wanted or offered.—Hughes, Duke-st., Henley, Oxon.

WANTED, surplus stocks of Norwich Plainheads, Crests, Borders, Lizards, and Mules, for cash; large or small lots.—Taylor, 36, Aireville-rd., Frizinghall, Bradford.

WANTED, cheap, good second-hand double-barrel breech-loader, 12 bore, English, left choke, under lever preferred; approval, deposit.—Folger, Ixworth Thorpe, Suffolk.

WANTED, good green Crested hen; will give grand yellow Crestbred cock and buff Crestbred hen, from winners.—Cartledge, 77, Macclesfield-rd., Burbage, Buxton.

ANY quantity Fancy Mice, Rats, Cats, Rabbits, Canaries, Monkeys, etc., etc.; price no object; £1 to £1,000.—William Wilson, 247, Argyle-st., Glasgow.

MR WILLIAM WILSON is open to buy anything, everything, Norwich, Yorkshires, Borders, etc., and every description of wild and moulted birds; quantity or price no object; send particulars and price.—247, Argyle-st., Glasgow.

WANTED, Norwich 7/- pair; hen Bullfinches, 12/-, cock Linnets, 8/- per dozen, or exchange joiner's tools, etc; approval.—Emmett, 220, Thistle-st., Glasgow.

WANTED, for muling, half a dozen good Norwich type hens, must be warranted breeders and feeders; also three hand-reared German Bullfinch hens; state lowest price; approval.—H. W., Wellington Hotel, Minehead, Somerset.

WANTED, a large typical unflighted clear or slightly marked yellow Norwich cock, exchange clear buff unflighted cock, Vardy's and Beardall's strain, or sell £1.—Twine, 3, Carlingford-rd., Hucknall Torkard, Notts.

WANTED, long, slim, typical yellow Cinnamon Yorkshire cock; exchange British Bullie hen, laid fertile eggs in ordinary breeding cage last season; or sell, 19/6.—John Younger, 6, Gayfield-st., Glasgow.

WANTED, reasonable cash offers for two pairs Cinnamons, three pairs Yorkshires, high-class quality, also two house moulted cock Goldfinches, two Sib bred hens, one cock house moulted Brown Linnet, one cock Siskin, and two hen Canaries.—Davenhill, Whitebridge, Stone, Staffs.

WANTED, large typical unflighted Norwich Plainhead, marked or variegated, yellow hen, also buff hen, exchange even marked 1905 buff cock and grand stock bird or sell 45/-; also grand unflighted buff cock, he Plymouth in a class of 30 entries, related to my winners of over 30 money prizes, cup, and numerous specials this last show season, or sell 25/-, or exchange for a good yellow cock for stock, Cinnamons, or Border Fancies, must be good, and on approval.—Brown, Kingsweston, Shirehampton, Bristol.

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All kinds Bullfinches, Goldfinches, cocks and hens, Linnets, Redpolls, and all kinds live stock; state quantities and lowest prices.

ZOO, 18 Fleshmarket Close, EDINBURGH.

SALE OR EXCHANGE.

Mainly British
To be Sold or Exchanged

EXCHANGE house-moulted cock Goldfinch for good yellow Norwich hen.—Welby, Hallaton, Uppingham.

EXCHANGE house-moulted Bramblefinch and Chaffinch cocks, winners, for good yellow Border hen.—Woodman, Liscard Village, Liscard, Cheshire.

LOUD singing song Thrush, with cage, 15/-; also Blackbird and cage, 10/-; exchange scrap brass, copper, or offers.—Walker, 81, Lansdowne-rd., Cardiff.

HAND-REARED cock Blackbird, year old, 3/6; or exchange anything.—Rudkin, Woolpack-lane, Bocking, Braintree, Essex.

PAIR of 1906 Canary-reared Goldfinches, for a good large yellow Norwich cock Canary.—W. Hawkins, 53, Berners-st., Leicester.

COCK Goldfinch, 7/6; exchange large Norwich hen, Pathe phonograph, cost 15/6, and ten records; exchange birds.—Jones, Millbrook House, Rhyl.

EXCHANGE two house-moulted hen Bullfinches for Yorkshire hen; or sell, 2/6 each.—Stubbs, 23b, Well-st., Winsford, Cheshire.

COCKS, three Linnets, in song, Chaffinch, Bramblefinch, two Larks, two hen Bullfinches; exchange.—Isaac Shaw, Ruskin-av., New Lawley, Derby.

BEAUTIFUL cock Thrushes, in full song, sell 4/- each, three 10/-, exchange Foreign birds or Canaries.—Julius Grosser, 25, Elmsdon-av., Eastbourne. x269

TWO muling hens inbred, pink-eyed, 1906, exchange two Crested bred or Crested.—Newton, 49, Gladstone-rd., Scarboro'.

BULLFINCH cock, winner 2nd, exchange for two Norwich hens; approval.—Carrier, 3, Munster-rd., Portsmouth.

LARGE exhibition Linnet and Goldfinch, both house moulted, mulers; offers typical Norwich, or sell 13/6.—Jones, Dolperis-Nantferis, Llanheris.

COCK Chaffinch and hen, steady, pair good Flying Homers, 1906, lot 7/6, exchange Canaries, Goldfinches.—Ford, Forester, Harome, Nawton, Yorks.

FOUR Greenfinch cocks, four Linnet cocks, two Mountainfinch cocks, three hens, for a good Crestbred hen.—Phimester, Bridge-st., Wick.

HAND-REARED cock Linnet, 3/6; or exchange small, acclimatised Foreign birds; seen any time.—Rumble, 38, Richmond-rd., Kingston, Surrey.

SIBERIAN cock Goldfinch, moulted hen Bullfinch, 8/6, exchange clear yellow typical Norwich cock, offers birds.—Beattie, Barwick-in-Elmet, Leeds.

SALE or exchange, fine 1906 Song Thrush, steady, fit for show, exchange hen Canaries.—Saunders, Paper Hanger, Tiverton, Devon.

EXCHANGE Siberian Bullfinch cocks, for Poultry or Canaries; or sell 6/6 each.—Leech, King-st., Dudley.

HANDSOME 1906 hand-reared Jackdaw, just beginning to talk; sell 6/6; or exchange yellow Norwich cock Canary.—Coles, Ranks, Long Buckby.

EXCHANGE Linnet-Canary or Goldfinch-Canary for Roller hens; or sell 7/6 each.—Pearcey, 101, King-st., Dudley.

EXCHANGE Linnet cock and Bullfinch hen, for large Norwich cock, or Crestbred.—Dodd, Victoria-st., Braintree.

EXCHANGE cock Blackbird, song Thrush, 28 CAGE BIRDS, for cock Canary or Green hens.—Humphrey, 34, Stanhope-rd., Strood.

EXHIBITION Thrush, hand-reared, colour fed, full song, winner first and second; bargain, 15/-; exchange Canaries; offers; approval both ways.—Algar, Victor-st., Sunderland.

1906 HAND-REARED Magpie, 5/-; cock song Thrush, singing, 4/-; brass Canary swing cage, cost 7/6; sell 4/-; exchange Canaries.—Mackwell, Hairdresser, Keighley.

TWO cock Bramblefinches, 3/-; pair Spicebirds, 3/6; pair Weavers, 3/-; Java, 1/-; Skylark, 1/6; exchange Budgerigars.—Pearce, 9, Pontcanna-ter., Cardiff.

FOUR house moulted cock Bullfinches, one Linnet Mule, grand songster, what offers? Wanted Cinnamon cock or Crested hen, must be good.—Roberts, Elms, Llanstephan, Carmarthen.

TWO cock Goldfinches, 3/- each; cock Bullie, 2/-; two hens, 2/6; cock Greenfinch, 1/-; three cock Brambles, 1/- each; wanted pair Lizards or yellow Budgerigars.—Oliffe, Church Green, Witney.

EXCHANGE three cock Linnet Mules, grand songsters, guaranteed, for two pairs Yorkshires, yellows and buffs; no rubbish.—Proctor, 4, Verulam-rd., —shin.

WINNING Redpoll-Greenfinch Hybrid, for new Palmer tyre, wired, 28 in. by 1¾ in. or 1¾ in., and Brooks's saddle; or sell 30/-.—Cartner, Marshall-st., Grangemouth.

WHAT offers in cash or exchange for two cage-moulted hen Bullies, very steady, and two cock Greenfinches? Lizards wanted.—Holness, Jeweller, Herne Bay.

WHAT offers yellow Norwich hens, 1906 bred, for five splendid cock Bullfinches, also twice house moulted cock Goldfinch.—H. Kirby, 75, Newton-rd., Rushden.

LARGE English cock Goldfinch, in song, sure muler, 6/6, or exchange large 1906 Norwich or Yorkshire hens.—Bayliss, 1, Dunlop-pl., Spa-rd., Bermondsey.

EXCHANGE large house-moulted cock Linnet and variegated hen Canary for good Roller; or offers; also two full-sized Parrot cages, 3/- each.—Waltham, 1, Charlies-ter., Courtney-st., Hull.

TWO large cock Goldfinches, grand Siskin, all full song, real good birds, 5/- each; wanted, singing cock Canarics; exchange; genuine.—George Lambert, Spring-lane, Acocks Green, Worcestershire.

COCK Bullfinch, two hen Siskins, one pair Goldfinches, two pairs Redpolls, all house-moulted; sale or exchange for Yorkshire Canaries.—Gardner, Cuthbert-st., Wells, Somerset.

OFFERS wanted in Yorkshires or Border Fancy Canary pairs; exchange three cock Goldfinches, house-moulted, and three hen Bullfinches, tame, caged since September.—Simpson, 20, Deanery-st., Londonderry.

BULLFINCH, 1st Forres, 6/-; moulted Crossbill, 3rd Elgin, 7/6; grand show Bullie, 4/6; Greenfinch, 1/6; Yellowhammer, 1/6; all cocks. Exchange Canaries, cocks or hens.—T. Coonery, 305F, High-st., Elgin.

FOUR cock Goldfinch Mules, one cock Linnet Mule, deep yellow cock Norwich Canaries, three hens, ditto cock Linnet and muling hen, breeding cages; 110 moleskins, cheap, cash; exchange Poultry.—Perkins, Market-sq., Bromyard.

GRAND pair silver Sebright Bantams, bred from winners of hundreds of prizes, very small, beautifully laced, 30/-, or exchange exhibition British Goldfinch, winner, to value.—Crowell, Callington, Cornwall.

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Mainly Canaries
To be Sold or Exchanged

SALE or exchange, Norwich Canaries, from 6/6, hens 2/6; no rubbish.—L., 117, Olinda, Stamford Hill.

MONSTER Crestbred cock for good Crest hen, or sell 30/-.—Phimester, Bridge-st., Wick.

WHAT offers in Hartz cocks for grand pair Yorkshires? Or sell £1 1/-.—17, Seaside, Eastbourne.

EXCHANGE two Norwich cocks for two Norwich or Yorkshire hens.—Dodd, Victoria-st., Braintree.

TWO Norwich Cinnamon hens, 7/6 each; exchange for yellow Cinnamon cock; approval.—Andrew, West Bridge, St. Ives, Cornwall.

CHAMPION Yorkshire cocks, 7in. in length, 10/6 each, or 36/- six; ten days' approval.—Powick, Eastfield House, Dewsbury.

SCOTCH Fancy buff cock, 1906, sell £1; exchange anything useful; approval.—Robt. Lawson, Millbrae, Maxwelltown, Dumfries.

WANTED, large unflighted yellow Norwich hen or pair Borders; exchange winning Magpies, Black Rosecombs.—Green, Holyoake, Long Buckby.

EXCHANGE Canaries for scrap copper and brass, minimum 20lbs.—Henry Leah, Earls Barton, Northampton. x270

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LARGE yellow green Crestbred cock, 7/-; or exchange 1906 buff Norwich hen.—Litchfield, 32, Tennyson-rd., Luton.

TO clear; Norwich cocks, full song, some fed, 4/6 each; or exchange good camera.—W. Binns, Alne, York.

TWO good Norwich cocks, four hens, large moulted Linnet, muler, three selected Linnets, exchange anything useful.—Leslie, Ernest-st., Arbroath.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich Canaries for sale; exchange anything useful, cfapnets, phonograph preferred.—Heathcote, Havelock-st., Leicester.

TWO typical buff Yorkshire hens, 12/-, 1906; or would exchange yellow Norwich cock, 1906.—Clayton, Percy-st., Rochdale.

PAIR of Lizards, 10/-, Crested cock 10/, four hen Mules 6/-; or exchange silver watch chain.—Nicholson, 65, Spencelcy-st., Leeds.

YELLOW Yorkshire cock, 6/6; or exchange cock Goldfinch Mules, cock Goldfinches, or offers.—Sim, Westerton Cottage, Bridge-of-Allan, Scotland.

EXCHANGE three good Yorkshire hens, two yellows, one buff, for good yellow Norwich cock for stock.—Dean, 17, Backwater-st., Stockport.

TWO good cock Canaries, last season's, sale or exchange.—McKenzie, Hairdresser, Longate, Peterhead.

UNFLIGHTED buff Cinnamon cock, 10/6; exchange long typical yellow Yorkshire hen or yellow Norwich Cinnamon hen.—Yates, Hackney-lane, Darley, Matlock.

GOOD Norwich hens, 4/- each; grand Goldfinch Mule, full song, 7/6. Exchange large yellow Norwich cock or Siberan Goldfinch.—Rogers, 1, Fitzroy-st., Cambridge.

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TWO pairs of typical Yorkshires, grand position and feather, 1906 birds, 10/- pair; or exchange a young Crested hen large bird.—Feather, 57, Barrett-st., Shipley.

GOOD Crested cock and Crestbred hen, 30/-; or exchange for four Norwich hens, two yellows and two buffs.—John Gorton, 94, Rochdale-rd., Bury, Lancashire.

YELLOW Norwich Cinnamon cock, 4th prize Stockton, 20/-; four hen Goldfinch Mules, 5/-; exchange clear yellow Norwich buff Cinnamon hens; must be large.—Tom Oliver, 121, Waterloo-rd., Middlesbro'.

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EXCHANGE two good Norwich cocks, full song, for four laying pullets; sell 14/-; mutual approval.—Wall, Tankersley-lane, Hoyland Common, near Barnsley.

GOOD buff Yorkshire cock, £1; or exchange for good lengthy green 1906 Yorkshire cock; no rubbish wanted; approval both ways.—Bert Cuff, Brimscombe, Glos.

MAINLY CANARIES—continued.

LIZARD cock, broken cap, gold, 6/6; exchange Cinnamon, Sib cock, or Siberian Goldie.—Johnson, 111, Heysham-rd., Southport.

EXCHANGE large green Crested cock, 1906, for clear yellow Plainhead cock; or sell at 15/-.—Stewart, 5 South Grimsby, Arbroath.

ADVERTISER wishes to exchange six Canary hens, good birds, from aviary, also will sell some from 5/-.—Address, 26, Fulready-rd., Whipps Cross, Leyton.

WILL exchange a good pedigree buff Yorkshire stock cock, 7 in. long (1905), and a little cash, for 1906 buff Yorkshire hen, slim bird, with plenty of leg; approval each way.—Preston, Regent-st., Redcar-by-the-Sea.

CLEAR buff Yorkshire cock, 12/-; clear buff Yorkshire hen, 4/-; genuine Sib hen, bred Mules, 5/-; exhibition cock Linnet, house moulted, a Mule breeder, 7/6; or exchange Norwich; offers.—Tutty, 22, Smith's-ter., Common-side, Mitcham.

EXHIBITION, large, dark yellow, 1906 Goldfinch Canary Mule, splendid song, 12/-; exchange two large yellow hens, Norwich, Lancashire, or cross-bred for muling; must be large.—Bowerman, Jubilee-st., Taunton.

YELLOW grizzle-tailed cock, second, special, best second Deptford, buff hen, 25/-; buff ticked cock, vhc Deptford, variegated hen, 17/6; cards sent; approval; or exchange good Yorkshires.—Lucas, 16, Hereford-gdns., Longhurst-rd., Lee.

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BEAUTIFUL fine Staffordshire china tea service, 40 pieces, complete, 35/-; valuable exhibition pen English game Bantams, 30/-; exchange Canaries, cages, or Foreigners.—Gribbin, Stonehouse, Newcastle, Staffordshire.

TWO Yorkshire cocks, 12/-; one Norwich cock, 18/-; zither harp, cost 12/-, sell 8/-; handsome White Leghorn cockerel, ten months, Hunter's strain; offers.—Titchmarsh, 10, Milbrook-rd., Brixton.

FOR sale, two good Yorkshire cocks, 8/- each; four hens, 5/- each; large green Norwich cock, 9/-; unflighted buff, 9/-; three unflighted buff hens, 6/-; all good birds; exchange yellows, Norwich cocks.—John Lingard, 10, Healeywood-rd., Burnley.

YELLOW Plainhead cock Lancashire, bred from 1st Rochdale, 1905, 2nd Manchester, 1906, 25/-; or exchange good Crest hen, lightly marked, dark Goldfinch Mule, winner two firsts, Finch notes, 12/6. Approval; deposit.—Hibbert, 36, Lancashire-hill, Stockport.

EXCHANGE a good Cinnamon buff cock, bred 1905, for a good yellow Norwich Plainhead hen; and a good cock Greenfinch, two years housemoulted, and a cock Linnet, house-moulted, for a good Siberian cock Goldfinch, house-moulted; approval both ways.—C. Fleming, Rosemount, Mid-st., Bathgate.

Mainly Foreign
To be Sold or Exchanged

ROCK Parrot and large metal cage, exchange Canaries or sell 30/-.—Barker, Bath-pl., Taunton.

EXCHANGE Red-breasted Australian Grey Parrot and cage for Poultry or Canaries, or anything useful, or sell 25/-.—Leech, King-st., Dudley.

WILL give good acclimatised talking Parrot and cage for good phonograph and records; or offers cash.—J. Melson, Ivy House, North-rd., Aberystwyth.

SPLENDID young pair green Parrakeets, acclimatised, and Parrot cage, 15/-; or exchange for pair good Canaries.—74, High-st., Andover, Hants.

COCKATIELS, three Budgerigars, and Java Sparrow, splendid condition, in garden aviary; must clear; 12/6 lot; exchange yellow Budgerigars.—Edgar Peers, Tintern, Hampton Hill, Middlesex.

GREY Parrot, proper African red tail, 12 months in country, 30/-, no less, worth £3, or exchange Canaries.—Harvie, Basket Maker, London-rd., Sheffield.

LURCHER Bitch, good rabbiter, day or night; four long-distance flying Pigeons, pair Long Clapnets, with everything complete; exchange for Budgerigars.—Smith, 10, Laxton-st., Gillingham, Kent.

GREY Australian Parrot and indestructible cage, good plumage and talker, single-barrelled breech and a double-muzzle, both good guns, almost new, tennis racquet; what offers in cage birds or anything useful? Approval.—Oddfellows Arms, Newcastle, Staffs.

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Sale or Exchange

EXCHANGE mandoline and case for Plainhead Lancashire cock.—Dimond, 47, High-st., Barry, Glam.

AUTO-HARP, cost 21/-, exchange for Canaries or British.—Roberts, Eirianfa, Conway.

EXCHANGE lady's silver watch for mandoline.—Hume, 64, Bernard-st., Bridgeton, Glasgow.

WHAT offers in Poultry or Canaries for two Thrush cages, new.—Sheen, 70, St. Olaves-rd., East Ham.

WHAT offers in Canaries for dozen cylinder records?—Greenwood, 1, Byerden-lane, Burnley.

FINE tone, five-string, plated banjo, in case, 12/-; or offers.—W. P., 68, Monson-rd., New Cross, S.E.

GOOD cock Fantail for cock Canary.—McLean, 113, Mid-st., Keith.

EXCHANGE set carvers, knife, fork, and steel, silver-mounted, for two cocks or five hen Canaries.—Joseph Roylese, 260, Beet-st., Sheffield.

NOTICE.—What offers in Canaries for new Palace-shaped aviary? Or sell 25/-. Show or breeding cages.—Hogg, Arcade, Carlisle.

EXCHANGE pair new oil paintings, 3 in. gilt frames, landscapes, for pair Canaries or cock Mule, singing.—Emmett, 220, Thistle-st., Glasgow.

GRAND pedigree Schipperke bitch, good with children; sell £1; or exchange Roller cocks, in song, or anything useful.—Winn, Frechold, Lancaster.

PAIR 1905 winning Silver Sebrights, Bantams (Donkin's), £1; or exchange leggy upstanding yellow Yorkshire hen or Belgium hen.—Lohr, Carmarthen.

SPLENDID pair 1906 white Fantail Pigeons; exchange 1906 good yellow Norwich hen.—A. Crockett, 1, Eastfield, Ringwood, Hants.

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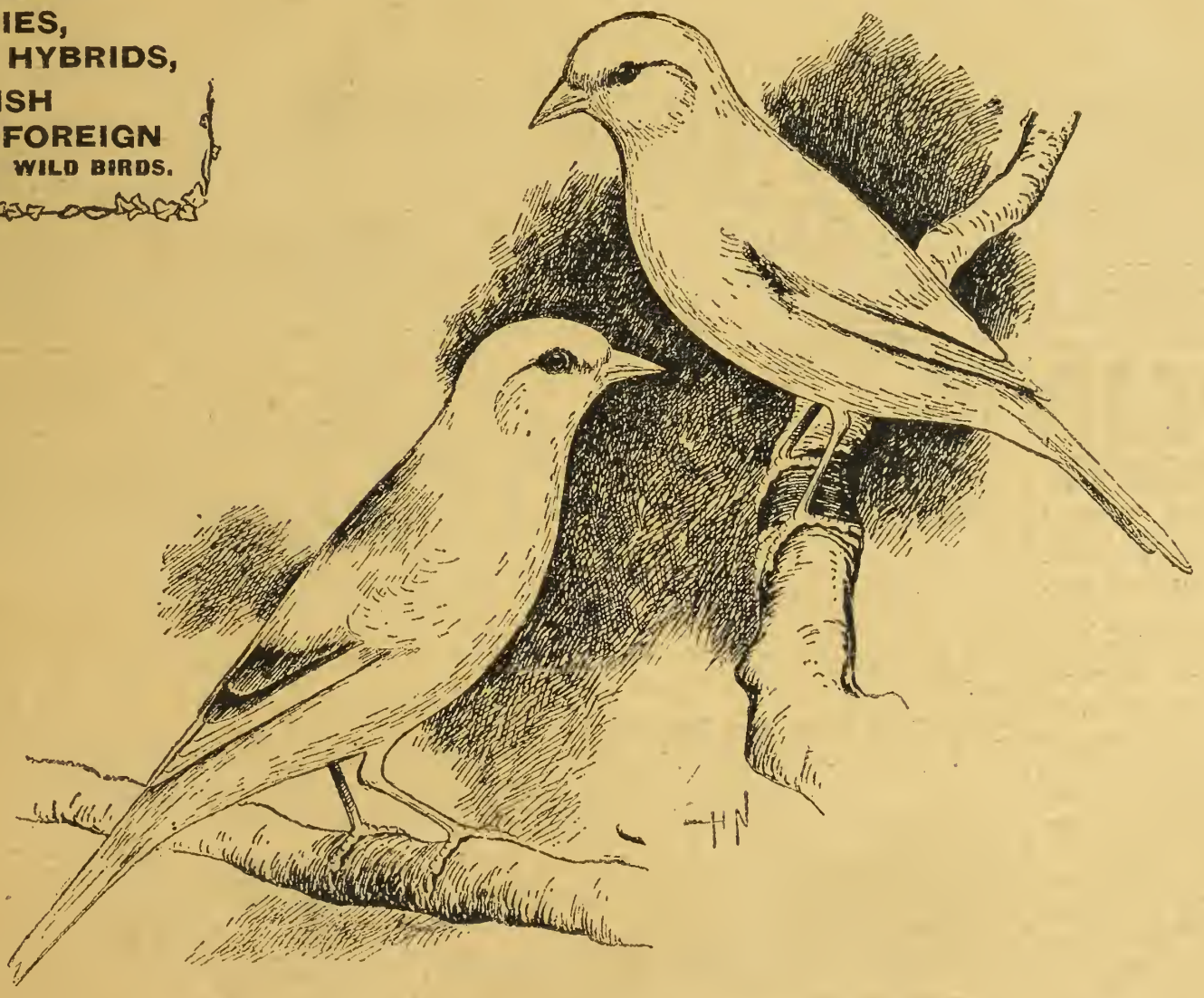

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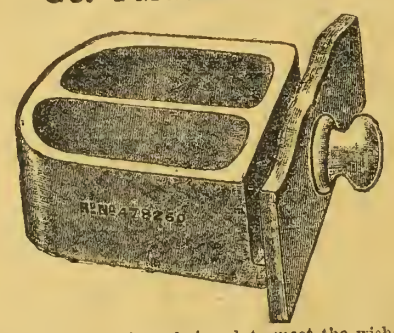

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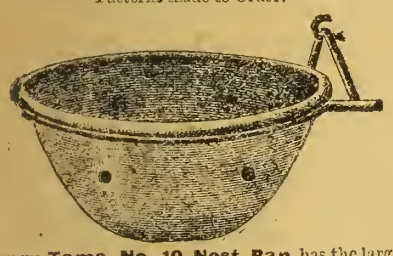

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THE parents of, and five brothers to, the best self buff Green Norwich cock living, 10/- each; particulars given.—Jenkins, 82, Church-st., Widnes.

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TWO buff coppy cocks, one Plainhead cock, 1906 birds; on approval.—F. W. Nelson, Boar's Head, Stockport.

TWO buff, one yellow Plainhead cocks, good birds, 20/- each; offers; exchange, Norwich Plainheads preferred.—Naden, 13, Royds-st., Rochdale.

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SIX Norwich cocks, all full song, 30/-; large clear hens, 3/6 each.—M. Cave, 65, Benyard-st., Leicester.

FOUR good Norwich cocks, 7/6 each.—Ridley, 14, Lincroft-st., Moss Side, Manchester.

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LARGE ticked Norwich cock, 2nd Glastonbury only time shown, 15/-, card sent.—Brain, Glastonbury.

TYPICAL Norwich cocks, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, hens, 3/6.—Smith, 6, Hartington-st., Moss Side, Manchester.

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NORWICH cocks and hens for disposal, same strain as my winners Palace, Horticultural Hall, Camberwell.—Lawrence, 11, Brafferton-rd., Croydon.

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SELECT your breeding stock from my Plainheads, cocks from 6s., hens from 3s.—Denkin, 19, Rosedale Road, Forest Gate. x266

SOME good hens, bred from winners, buffs, from 7/6.—W. McLaughlin, 87, Westbernhar, Harthill, Lanarkshire, N.B.

FEW pairs Norwich, bred from Palace winners, 12/6, 15/- per pair; no odd hens.—Turrell, 120, Harnall-lane East, Coventry.

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NORWICH—continued.

FOR sale, prize-bred Norwich Plainheads, six pairs, yellow cocks, buff hens, cheap, to clear.—Burnett, Camelon, Falkirk.

CLEAR yellow Norwich hen, 1906, 6/6; healthy, cold-room bred and kept.—Flynn, 2, Ardlen-ter., Gladstone-rd., Saltcoats, N.B.

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NORWICH Canaries, three cocks and two hens, £1; strong, healthy; bred in outdoor aviary.—Voy, Belfringe, Herne Bay.

NORWICH.—Lot for sale cheap, to clear, giving up.—A. Hodgson, 16, Brighton-rd., Bensham, Gateshead.

TWELVE large prize-bred cocks and eight hens, cheap, lot £4 5/-; offers.—Particulars, Dawson, 104, Cardross-st., Glasgow.

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TWENTY Norwich cocks, heavily marked, will sell in one lot or separate; will make nice cage birds.—Elleby, 11, Stockport-rd., Manchester.

NORWICH.—Six aviary-bred hens, ready to nest, 2/- each, or 10/- the lot.—Foster, 36, High-st., Huntingdon.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich matched pairs, 12/6, 15/-; approval, deposit; also grand Cinnamons, Norwich type.—Coakley, Norwood-green, Southall.

1906 NORWICH hens, good type, medium size, 2/6.—Bowden, 24, Millais-bldgs., Millbank Estate, Westminster.

NOTICE.—Grand Norwich cocks, in song, 3/6 each; cock and hen, 5/6; approval.—McKeand, 15, Queen-st., Castle Douglas.

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NORWICH.—Two yellow cocks, 12/6 each; two grand yellow hens, 10/- each, bred from my winners; also two yellow Sib hens, 5/- each; 9/- the two; on approval.—W. Palmer, Newby-st., Ripon.

LARGE self green Crestbred hen, clear buff Plainhead hen, also Cinnamons, cheap; or exchange; wanted, buff Plainhead cock.—Smith, 115, Greville-rd., Southville, Bristol.

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NORWICH Canaries, in full song, from 7/6; hens from 2/6; giving up Fancy owing to pressure of business.—Bell, Fishmonger, Crouch-hill, Stroud Green.

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JOHN NEEDHAM can spare 12 good Norwich stock birds, cheap to clear, single or pairs; pairs from 15/-, single cocks from 8/6, hens from 7/6.—Myrtle House, Lytton-rd., Clarendon-pl., Leicester.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich Plainheads, grand cocks, 5/6, 7/6 upwards; well matched pairs, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6 upwards; yellow or buff hens, 3/6, 5/6 upwards; all cold-room bred and in breeding condition; approval; breeder and exhibitor.—Geo. Wright, 51, Silver-st., Norwich.

SEVERAL good Norwich cocks for sale, yellows and buffs, 6/6, 7/6, and 8/6 each; cold-room bred; approval with pleasure.—J. Holland, 4, Boothby-st., Macclesfield.

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SPLENDID selection of high-class Norwich cocks, bred from noted winners, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, and 10/6, or hens to match, 2/6, 3/-, and 4/- each; matched pairs, 8/6, 9/6, 10/6, and 12/6 pair.—G. Chapman, Haymarket, Leicester.

JOHN W. HARTSHORN can spare few champion Norwich cocks, bred from my winners, yellows, 12/6, 8/6; buffs, 12/6 and 7/6 each; approval, deposit; inspection invited.—7, Scott-st., Knighton-fields, Leicester.

UNFLIGHTED yellow cocks.—Have two clears, good size, right type and feather, grand heads, one 25/-, the other 21/-, in breeding form, and real good stock birds; approval three days.—A. Bounds, 41, Artizan-rd., Northampton.

PLAINHEAD Norwich cock Canaries, 7/6, 8/-, 9/-, 10/- each; buff or variegated hens, 3/6, 4/- each; clear yellows, 5/6 each; marked yellows, 4/- each; all healthy birds, Mackley prize strain.—W. Copeman, Gamekeeper, Toftwood Common, Dereham.

NORWICH.—Yellow hen, 10/6; buff hen, 8/-, 1906 birds, nicely colour-fed, ready for pairing, short wings and tails, take the two 15/- to clear; room wanted.—R. Jackson, 62, Long-lane, Dalton, Huddersfield.

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TWENTY grand buff Norwich cocks, large and Bullfinch type, all young and healthy, price from 7/6 to 20/-; also a few grand hens, yellow and buff, from 4/6 to 10/6; worth double; approval first.—Wallbank, 35, Withers-st., Blackburn.

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TWENTY grand small Yorkshire cocks for sale, in full song, warranted good songsters, 5/6 each; on approval anywhere.—Joe Thomas, Amblerthorn, near Halifax.

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TYPICAL Yorksbires, twelve pairs, clear or cinnamon marked, matched to breed winners, 10/6 to 30/-; spare cocks, 6/6 to 20/-; particulars, stamp.—Rook, 20, Joseph-st., Shipley.

A FEW pairs of Yorkshires from 8/6; odd cocks from 5/6; hens from 3/6; related to my winners at Coventry, Matlock, etc.—E. Spencer, Alma-st., Melbourne, Derbyshire.

BUFF cock, 1st prize Wakefield, Shrove Tuesday, 12/6; card sent; also few pairs, related to same, from 12/6 pair.—Ingham, Horbury Junction, Wakefield.

EIGHT fine healthy Yorkshire hens for sale, 1906 cold-room bred, Cinnamon-marked, 4/6 each, to clear; Knight's strain.—Patmore, 51, Turner-rd., Walthamstow.

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires, good lengthy birds, good type and quality; cocks from 7/6, hens from 5/-; approval; satisfaction guaranteed.—A. W. Varley, 50, Wilberforce-st., Laisterdyke, Bradford.

ONE buff Yorkshire hen, splendid type, winner second only time shown, 8/-; two sisters, 5/- each; two grand leggy yellow cocks, 7 in. long, can win, 8/6 each.—F. Bunker, Bellingdon-rd., Chesham.

NOTICE.—Three unflighted buff cocks, including winner first, Birmingham, perfect type, quality, and position, 15/-, 17/6, 20/- to clear.—Paddock, 9, All Saints-rd., King's Heath, Birmingham.

TWO typical Yorkshire cocks, yellow and buff, 10/6 each; also buff hen, 5/-; all Cinnamon bred; satisfaction guaranteed.—W. Whittle, 28, Park-rd., Peterborough.

ABOUT 20 typical Yorkshires for sale; no reasonable offer refused; giving up; also cages, etc.; write for particulars, stating wants; satisfaction guaranteed.—W. Mullins, Batby-rd., Doncaster.

EXQUISITE coloured plate of Cinnamon marked Yorkshires, pronounced by Mr. Battye to be ideal, sent, carefully packed, on receipt of a 6d. postal order.—F. Carl, 154, Fleet Street, London.

SOME grand Yorkshires for disposal, 7 in. stock cocks, fine hens, no reasonable offer refused; inspection invited.—Silverthorn, 85, Coldbarbour-la., Camberwell. x268

JOHN C. BARNES.—Having selected my own breeding stock, can spare few grand birds, feathered like wax, very lengthy, perfect position and well on leg, price reasonable; approval; stamp reply.—149, Duncombe Street, Walkley, Sheffield.

MR. MARSH offers five pairs of Yorkshires at 10/6 pair; five pairs at 12/6; all good long birds; few special long hens, at 5/6 each; no rubbish; seven days' approval; inspection invited any time.—Freemasons' Arms, Merceron-st., Whitechapel-rd.

HAVING selected my breeding stock, have 20 pairs of grand long slim typical birds to part with, matched to breed Cinnamon-marked Yorkshires, 10/6, 12/6, 15/6 pair; approval; P.O. or deposit.—Dearden, Spring-st., Brighouse, Yorkshire.

YORKSHIRES.—M. Cooper, 85, Taylor-st., Batley, Yorkshire, Wholesale Dealer, trade supplied; price lists on application; all orders receive prompt attention; or will exchange for scrap copper or brass, minimum 20 lb.—Established 1890.

CHAMPION leggy, upstanding Yorkshires, all cold room kept, and bred from best winning blood in Yorkshire, cocks, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6; hens 7/6, 8/6, 10/6; properly mated pairs, 15/-, 17/6, 20/-; approval cash or deposit; 21 years breeder.—Frank Stevens, Great Ayton, Yorkshire.

THE REVEREND R. W. WATSON offers the following of his prize-bred Yorkshires, to make room for breeding season, all his best strain; special pair, 31/6; useful pair, 25/-; a few buff hens at 10/6 each; buff cock, 18/-.—Garton Vicarage, Driffield.

HAVING selected my breeding stock, have for disposal the following pairs:—Uneven marked yellow cock, buff hen, 12/6; uneven marked buff cock, yellow hen, 10/6; ticked yellow cock, two buff hens, 25/-; buff cock, yellow hen, 11/6; approval, deposit or cash.—Wilson, West Houses, Rawdon, Leeds.

SALE.—25 pairs of Exhibition and stock Yorkshires, in clears and ticked and Cinnamon marks, feather, type, and quality unequalled; cocks 7/6 to 30/-, hens 6/6 to 20/-, pairs 12/6 to 50/-, trios 15/- to 80/-; week's approval, deposit.—Booth, 87, Main-st., Haworth, Keighley, Yorkshire.

POWICK'S champion Yorksbires in all classes, the same strain as the winners at all leading shows, cocks, 7s. 6d., 10s. 6d.; hens 5s. 6d., 7s. 6d. each; pairs mated to breed winners, 12s. 6d., 15s. 6d., and 20s. per pair; no rubbish; ten days' approval.—Wm. Powick, Eastfield House, Dewsbury, Yorksbire.

HAVING selected our breeding stock, we find that we can spare a few splendid pink-eyed hens, four grand yellow hens, 5/- each; two buff-marked, extra, 7/6 each; one buff cock, 10/-; approval; deposit.—Bray and Charlesworth, Underbank, Old-rd., Holmfirth.

SELLING off, through working overtime all summer, twelve Yorkshires, four cocks, eight hens, all in good health and breeding condition, joiner-made rack, screwed together, 16 breeding cages to fit same, and large flight, all Mason's loose wire fronts, nest pans and baskets, seed boxes, drinkers, egg drawers, show cage, seed grinder, and all sundries; will sell the lot together or separate.—Aspinall, 22, Withington-st., Heywood, Lancashire.

LEACH AND SON, the Yorkshire breeders, have 20 pairs for sale at very low prices to clear before starting to breed, 10/- and 12/- per pair, worth nearly double; cocks 6/- and 7/-, hens 4/- and 5/-; P.O. or deposit; seven days' approval; stamp for reply.—41 and 42, Market-pl., Keighley, Yorkshire.

H. LINDSAY'S champion Yorkshires and Norwich Plainheads.—Having picked my own breeding stock, I have some grand birds for sale, same strain as my winners, cheap to clear, pairs, 15/-, 20/-; few grand buff cocks from 10/-; also good buff hens from 6/-; in breeding condition; inspection invited; stamp reply.—202, King James'-street, Sheffield.

THE old Yorkshire breeder's birds are best of quality, cold room bred, clears, ticked, yellows, or buffs, cocks, full song, 6/6, 8/6, 10/6; hens 3/6, 4/6, 5/6, 6/6; pairs, properly matched for breeding, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-; seven days' approval, cash or deposit.—Pickles, 5, Wardman-st., Keighley, Yorkshire. x268

MURGATROYD AND SON, breeders 21 years, runners up for Yorkshire Amalgamation 25 guineas challenge trophy, 1906, also winners Yorkshire Amalgamation challenge cup, 1905 and 1906. We have only a few pairs for disposal, cocks, long and stylish, hens, feathered to perfection. These are real bargains to clear; no rubbish; satisfaction guaranteed; four days' approval; stamp for particulars.—35, Lytton-rd., Girlington, Bradford.

GIVING up.—For sale, six pairs very nice Yorksbires, Cinnamons, yellows, buffs, 9/- a pair; four hens, three yellows, one green-splashed yellow, 3/6 each; 1905, 1906 cold-room bred; three four-compartment breeding cages, all alike, 9/- each; eight-compartment breeding cage, 15/-; all joiner made, new last year, fitted movable fronts, slides, egg pans, nest pans, drinkers, seeders; or sell lot £4 15/-.—Avis, 9, Alexandra-st., Kettering.

COWGILL'S YORKSHIRES.

Birds that I have sold have won over 40 1st prizes this season in the keenest of competition, which is proof of their quality. I have still some good ones for sale, for show, or stock; matched pairs from 15s. to 50s., cocks from 8s., hens from 7s.; approval; cash or deposit; stamp reply.—115, Washington Street, Girlington, Bradford.

NOTICE TO SHOPKEEPERS

and dealers.—I can supply you with grand long Yorkshires at wholesale prices; thousands in stock; write for price and particulars.—Joe Thomas, Amblerthorn, Halifax.

SPENCE'S YORKSHIRE AND NORWICH.

Special value, cocks, from 6/-; hens from 4/-; pairs, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, all colours; satisfaction guaranteed; seven days' approval, cash or deposit.—Spence, Breeder, Mount Pleasant, Norristhorpe, Liversedge, Yorks.

MUNDELL AND SON

Have for disposal some typical Yorkshire cocks from 15/-; hens from 7/6; feathered like wax.—6, Carlisle-pl., Bradford.

PRIZE-BRED YORKSHIRES.

Twenty typical cocks for immediate disposal, room wanted for breeding, 10/- each to clear; approval; same strain as our winners.—Ogden Bros., Ashwood House, Dudley Hill, Bradford.

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£21 Challenge Cup, 1903.
£21 Challenge Cup, 1904.
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£25 Challenge Trophy, 1906.
Four Championship Diplomas Crystal Palace, 1903-4-5-6.

Other Trophies, Cups, Medals, &c. A list of which would be a mere superfluity of words. The above is ample proof that the "Poragon Strain" stands pre-eminent, and is undoubtedly the best and most reliable strain in the world. Having selected my breeding stock I have for disposal some choice stock birds, Cocks, Hens, or pairs. Prices reasonable. Three days' approval. Cold rooms. Stamped address, particulars.

The Paragon, Girlington, Bradford.

YORKSHIRES

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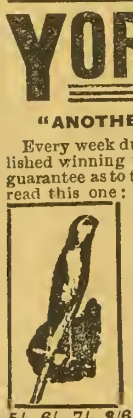

Every week during this last six months I have published winning testimonials, which should be sufficient guarantee as to the quality I send out. For further proof read this one: "Baker-st., Creswell, near Mansfield, March 1st, 1907.—The hen you sent me won first prize last week. Thanking you for such a good bird. T. Pearson to J. Taylor, Frizinghall, nr. Bradford." Grand Yellow Yorkshire Cocks at 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- each. Buff Cocks at 6/-, 7/-, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6 each. All on full song, and standard length (some over). Clears, Ticked, Green Marked, and Cinnamon Marked Properly Matched Pairs for breeding winners at 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/- per pair. Typical Yellow Hens at 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/-, 8/6 each. Buff Hens at 3/6, 4/6, 5/6, 7/- each. All ready to nest. Cold-room bred and kept. Healthy and feathered like wax. Travelling cages, 3d. extra. All on 7 days' approval.

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Massive large Buff Norwich Cocks at 6/-, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6 each. Yellow Norwich Cocks at 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/- each. All on full song. Grand properly Matched Pairs for breeding winners at 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/- per pair. Clears, Ticked and Variegated, large chubby Buff Hens at 3/6, 4/6, 5/6, 6/6, 8/- each. Yellow Hens at 4/6, 5/6, 7/-, 8/6 each. All ready to nest, and cold-room kept. Also Champion Crests at 15/-, 18/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/- per pair, matched to breed, show specimens. Large Crested or Crestbred Cocks at 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- each. Also some very good Crested Hens at 6/6, 8/-, 10/6, 12/6, 15/- each. Crestbred Hens at 5/6, 7/- 8/6, 10/6, 12/6 each. "Barnett's," "Joyce's," and "King's" strains. Illustrated Price List post free. Travelling cages 3d. extra. Seven days approval. Only and old address—

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I earnestly ask you for trial order to prove I give satisfaction; sent on week's approval at my own risk, cash or deposit. I claim to have best collection in West England, and sold some most prominent on show bench, which wins challenge cup and medals; this strain winners 200 prizes; Yorkshire cocks, standard length, feather like wax, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-; hens 3/6, 4/6, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6; clears or ticked pairs 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-; Sib bred cocks or hens, for light muling, same price.—C. Baker, Herbert-st., Bedminster.

LET'S SEE.

I feel sure that I have the birds you are looking for. I have many hundreds of upstanding Yorkshires of the correct type, standard length, tight in feather, exactly the birds you want to breed with. I shall be pleased to send you any of my birds carriage paid, on seven days' approval. I guarantee every customer satisfaction. Tight-feathered upstanding Yorkshire cocks, in full song, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/- each. Racy Yorkshire hens, 3/6, 4/6, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6 each. Properly matched pairs, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 17/6, 20/- per pair. A few winners at reasonable prices. Send me an order; it will convince you and your friends that I give the best value money can buy. Just read one or two samples of unsolicited testimonials:—"Longwith, near Mansfield. March 8th, 1907.—I beg leave to thank you for the splendid bird you have sent me. Its quality is superior to any bird I have ever bought before. Thanks for prompt dispatch.—J. Padier to Miss Storey."—"Delight Bank, Dipton. March 8th, 1907.—Received Yorksbire hen safe and well. I am more than satisfied with it, and will recommend you to all my friends.—W. Cransbon to Miss Storey."—"Owen-st., Atherston. March 8th, 1907.—Kindly accept my testimony as to your straightforward dealings in your business. Mr. Cooper sent for two pairs of your birds, one for himself and one for me. They have turned out excellent. I shall recommend you with confidence to anyone requiring a good bird. Wishing you every success.—H. Charnell to Miss Storey."—"93, Wisemoor, Walsall. March 8th, 1907.—Bird arrived in excellent health. No man could wish for a better bird at working men's prices. Wishing you every success.—J. Cannbell to Miss Storey."—"Dundonaldden, Cardenden, Fife. March 8th, 1907.—Thanks very much for the bird received to-day in the best of health. Good shape, and an excellent songster.—J. Pollock to Miss Storey."—"1, Ann's-rd., Heeley, Sheffield. March 8th, 1907.—I am greatly pleased with the bird you sent me. I send you order for two more, as I am sure you are worth patronising for your straightforwardness.—C. Wood to Miss Storey."—I have hundreds of similar letters open for inspection, and you will prove the same satisfaction yourself if you favour me with your order. I send all my birds on seven days' clear approval, carriage paid, at my own risk; new illustrated price list free; neat travelling cages, 2d. extra.—Miss E. L. Storey, Bird Specialist, Crowle, Doncaster.

What Others Say.

50, Park-st., Mountain Ash. March 11th, 1907.—Dear Sir,—Bird arrived quite safe, and I am perfectly satisfied with it. I shall recommend you to all my friends. Yours truly, J. Roberts to J. B. Rees.

Newbridge, near Newport. March 12th, 1907.—Dear Sir,—Received bird last night all right. Quite satisfied; it looks a beautiful little fellow. Began singing this morning.—Yours, David Lewis to J. B. Rees

CHAMPION YORKSHIRES

in all colours, and marked, Cocks, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, Hens, 3/6, 4/6, 5/6, 7/6. Norwich, same prices as Yorkshires. I have still a few Yorkshire Green Cocks from 8/6, 10/6. Seven days' approval on all birds. Cash or deposit.

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YORKSHIRES

TO SUIT ALL.

IMMENSE STOCK.

Cocks, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-.
Hens, 3/6, 4/6, 5/6, 7/6, 10/6, 15/-.
Pairs Matched for Breeding, 8/6, 9/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-.
Travelling Cages 3d. extra.

Such Value in Yorkshires has never before been touched.

All on approval. Guaranteed the best value ever offered in Yorkshires. See my Advertisement on page 246.

W. RUDD, The Bird Specialist,
NORWICH.

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THE CHAMPION WINNING STRAIN.
Winner of the Championship Diploma, Crystal Palace, 1906. Having about 60 pairs, we have decided to clear them out for a speedy clearance at 15s. to 20s. per pair, cocks standard length, hens feathered like box, sure to give satisfaction; seven days' approval, P.O. or deposit; stamp reply.—Gill and Pickup, 1, Cragg Street, Great Horton, Bradford. x268

KNIGHT'S YORKSHIRE AVIARIES.
Desiring to clear by end of month all my high-class Yorkshires (except our selected breeders), I offer 70 pairs properly matched, unrelated, at 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, to 30/-; single cocks and hens proportionate; all cold-room bred, reared, and kept; all approval, cash or deposit. Few exhibition specimens from 20/-, 30/-, and 40/- each. Before purchasing elsewhere send 2d. in stamps for my newly published booklet, "The Whole Art of Colour Feeding and Training Yorkshire Canaries." Remember old address, Jonas Knight (author of "The Yorkshire Canary: Its Breeding and Management."—Allerton, Bradford, Yorkshire.

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Champion Yorkshires, highest awards, ten guinea challenge and other cups, Palace, etc.; finest strain in the world; few properly-matched pairs cheap, same blood as those supplied by me to England's most successful exhibitors of Yorkshire Canaries; price list free.—59, Waverley Road, Great Horton, Bradford.

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I can supply you with either Yorkshires or Norwich Plainheads, for either stock or the show bench, all bred from my winners at all the leading shows, no better blood in the Fancy, pairs from 12s. 6d., 15s., 20s., 30s.; cocks or hens, from 7s. 6d., 10s. 6d., 15s., 20s. each; 3 days' approval.—14, Chapel Street, Eccleshill, Bradford, Yorkshire.

CHAMPION YORKSHIRES.
Fiue typical birds, ticked and clears, all clean moulted and colour fed; buff Yorkshire cocks at 6/- and upwards; yellow cocks 7/6 upwards, all on song; hens, 4/6, 5/6, pairs 10/6 upwards.—A. Smith, East Morton, nr. Bingley, Yorks. x263

Hudson's Champion Yorkshires
are what you want to breed your own winners. Bred from or related to winners. Few green marked, Cinnamon marked, and clears, in matched pairs, at 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 17/6 per pair; single cocks, for stock or song, at 7/6, 8/6, 10/6; hens, yellow and buff, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6; all cold-room bred and kept, ready for breeding. Remember my terms, four days' approval; stamp reply.—Hudson, Confectioner, Thackley, Bradford.

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have once more taken the very highest honours at the Crystal Palace, winning championship best bird, also champion diploma best bird, also medal best bird; in addition, we have won the Y.C.C. £21 cup, against all comers two years running; what better proof of our stock, and every bird our own strain. Our motto is quality, not quantity. Send stamp for prices and particulars.—24, Sandy-la., Allerton, Bradford.

CHAMPION YORKSHIRES.
SPECIAL Notice.—Write or call at any time and see my splendid lot of long, slim, straight, upstanding Yorkshires; every bird in the primest condition, with plumage like silk; every cock warranted singing; all cold room bred and kept. I have them in all colours except Greens, and all on seven days' approval; cash or deposit; Yellow cocks, orange-yellow, 8s. 6d., 9s. 6d., 10s. 6d.; Buffs, cocks, 7s. 6d., 8s. 6d., 10s. 6d.; Orange-Yellow hens, 4s. 6d., 5s., 5s. 6d.; Buff hens, 3s. 6d., 4s., 4s. 6d.; inspection invited.—Shaw, 97, Essex Road, Islington, London,

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Matched Pairs to breed winners at **14/-, 18/-, 20/-. Odd Cocks,** Yellows or Buffs, at **6/-, 7/-, 8/-, 10/-, 12/-, 15/-, 20/-. Odd Hens,** some grand Yellows and Buffs, **8/-, 9/-, 10/-, 12/-, 15/-** each. Any on 3 days approval. Guaranteed to please you. Established 1879.

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Splendid Pairs, **10/-, 12/-, 15/-, £1.** Cocks, **5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 10/-, 15/-.** Hens, **3/6, 4/6, 5/6, 7/6.** All Typical Birds.

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Large Crested Cocks, **10/-, 12/-, 15/-, £1.** Crested Hens, **7/6, 8/6, 10/-.** Crestbred Cocks, **8/6, 10/6, 15/-** C.B. Hens, **6/-, 7/-, 10/-.**

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Large Chubby Norwich Cocks, Buffs, **6/-, 7/-, 10/-.** Yellows, **7/6, 8/6, 10/6.** Hens, **4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6.** Matched Pairs, **8/6, 10/-, 15/-,** &c.

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Norwich Type, Large Good Heads, Cocks, **12/6, 15/, £1,** Hens, **8/6, 10/6, 12/6.**

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Clear Yellow, 6/-, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-. Clear Buff, 6/-, 7/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 17/6, 20/-. Ticked or Variegated, 5/6, 7/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-. Cinnamon Ticked, 6/6, 7/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-

Yorkshire Hens.
Clear Yellow, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, 10/-, 15/-, 20/-. Clear Buff, 3/6, 4/-, 5/-, 6/6, 8/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-. Ticked or Variegated, 3/6, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, 10/-. Cinnamon Ticked, 4/-, 5/-, 7/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-. **Pairs properly matched for breeding Yorkshires,** 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 21/-, **and upwards.**

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Clear Yellow, 6/-, 7/6, 8/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 17/6, 20/-. **Ticked or Variegated,** 5/6, 7/6. 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 17/6. **Clear Buff,** 6/6, 7/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 17/6, 20/-.

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Clear Yellow, 5/-, 7/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-. **Ticked or Variegated,** 4/-, 6/-, 7/6, 10/-. **Clear Buff,** 4/-, 5/-, 7/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-. **Pairs properly matched for breeding Norwich Plainheads,** 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 21/-, **and upwards.**

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Gold or Silver, 7/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-.

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Gold or Silver, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, 10/-. **Pairs properly matched for breeding Lizards,** 10/6, 12/6, 15/6, **and upwards.**

Cinnamons, Yorkshire or Norwich Type Cocks.
Yellow, 8/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-. **Buff,** 7/6, 10/-, 12/-, 15/-.

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Yellow, 7/6, 10/-, 12/-, 15/-. **Buff,** 6/-, 7/6, 10/-, 12/6. **Pairs properly matched for breeding Cinnamons,** 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, **and upwards.**

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Coppy Cocks and Plainhead Cocks, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-, 40/-. **Coppy Hens and Plainhead Hens,** 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-.

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Cocks, 12/6, 15/6, 21/-, 30/-, 40/-. **Hens,** 12/6, 15/-, 20/-. **Matched pairs of Scotch Fancies at** 25/- **and** 30/- **per pair and upwards.**

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Cocks, 6/-, 7/6, 10/-. **Hens,** 5/-, 7/6. **Matched Pairs,** 12/6, 15/-.

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Cocks, 10/6, 12/6, 15/- 21/-.
Hens, 2/6, 3/6 **each.**

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HOUSE moulted cock Goldfinch, singing, 6/-; house moulted hen Bullfinch, 3/6; yellow Yorkshire cock, 6/-; new Parrot cage, 4/-; exchange silver watch and chain.—Mackwell, Hairdresser, 6, Bradford-rd., Keighley.

FOUR cock Bullfinches, 5/-; three cock Larks, 1/-; two cock Blackbirds, 1/-; four cock Greenfinches, 1/-; Great Tit, 2/-; cock Spicebird, 1/6; cock Linnet Mule, 5/-; genuine bargains.—T. Towers, 15, Orchard-st., Hinckley.

MULERS.—Four, most perfect specimens, Goldfinches, finest songsters living, sell 7/6 each, exchange cock Canaries; wire hair Fox Terrier dog, six months, exchange birds, phonograph.—Roose, Crier, Rhyl.

WILL exchange two cock Linnets, two hen Canarics, been together since Christmas, and house moulted cock Goldfinch and hen Canary, bred Mules, for two pairs Yorkshires.—Apply, Howard, 59, Theobald-rd., Cardiff.

BARGAINS.—Three pure-bred Norwich hens, ready to nest, 4/6 each; white-legged cock Goldfinch, 7/6; white-legged cock Linnet, 5/-; cock Blackbird, amber beak, lovely songster, 4/6; offer lot or separate.—Hudgell, Butcher, 67 St. Clement's, Oxford.

SONG Thrush, singing cock Blackbird, five cock Skylarks, all hand-reared from nest, and last year's birds; can be seen and heard any time; not rubbish; will exchange lot for high-class pair of Canaries or offers.—John Waddington, Edge End-rd., Great Harwood.

OVERSTOCKED.—Six well finished stock cages for British, bargain 21/-; also moulted exhibition birds, cocks, Crossbill, 8/6, Yellow Bunting, 10/-, both won Preston (see report); Bramble, can win, 6/-; or part exchange for pair of Yorkshires and Norwich Canarics, in breeding form, no rubbish required or offered; no approval; genuine.—Winter, 53, Talbot-st., Rishton, Lancs.

Mainly Canaries
To be Sold or Exchanged

CAMERA, Lancaster ½ plate, hand, 10/-, exchange Canaries.—Brown, Western-st., Barnsley.

SALE.—Nine hen Canaries, 2/6 each, or £1 the lot; 1906 birds.—21, Eleanor-st., Bow.

PEDIGREE Fox Terrier dog, good guard, can win, 30/-; exchange Canarics, anything.—Abbott, Liverpool-rd., Luton.

SALE OR EXCHANGE -continued.

BLACK Rosecomb Bantams, winners, 10/6 each; exchange Canaries, British birds, Pigeons.—81, Cobden-rd., Norwood Junction.

PAIR of good Norwich, Bullfinch type, large birds, grand stock birds, 12/6; or exchange good Yorkshires, or offers.—Palmer, Ernest-st., Arbroath.

FIVE hens, good feeding strain, 10/- lot; or exchange good 1906 yellow Norwich cock.—Willis, Ethelbert-ter., Wimborne.

EXCHANGE Sib-bred hen for large clear yellow Norwich hen.—Llew. Smith, 26, Woodville-rd., Walthamstow, Essex.

EXCHANGE violin, bow, case, for three pairs Canaries for breeding, or any kind cage birds; no rubbish.—H. Housser, Wintonhill, Pencaitland.

GRAND pair Yorkshires, 15/6, part exchange merino dress length, boots.—Brooker, 15, Fromc-ter., Dorchester.

EXCHANGE Canaries for scrap copper and brass, minimum 20lbs.—Henry Leah, Earls Barton, Northampton. x270

EXCHANGE large green Crested cock, 1906, for clear yellow Plainhead cock; or sell at 15/-.—Stewart, 5 South Grimsby, Arbroath.

BETWEEN 20,000 and 30,000 postage stamps, mixed, what offers Norwich or Yorkshires?—Royds, 112, Duke-st., Rochdale.

EXCHANGE silver cigarette case, cost 21/-, amber cigar and cigarette holder, for pair of Canarics.—A. W., 5, Brenda-rd., Tooting.

EXCHANGE mail-cart, nearly new, folding shafts, cost £3 3s. cash; what offers, Seifert Rollers?—Wilkins, 4, Rydon-cres., Rosebery-av., E.C.

EXCHANGE double-breasted overcoat (Irish Frieze) for pair Cinnamon Canarics, sell 18/-.—Jones, Snowdon View, Harlech, Merioneth.

GOOD yellow Norwich hen, also green Yorkshire, exchange for real good Goldfinch, sell 3/- each, offers.—Sturt, 53, Blatchington-rd., Hove.

EXCHANGE two foul buff green Norwich cocks for two yellow Cinnamon Norwich hens; approval.—Matthews, 50, Thorburn-st., Liverpool.

LIZARD hen, broken cap, Baker strain, 3/6, or exchange British Goldfinch.—Robert Kimmings, Green Gate, Malton.

GRAND large buff Yorkshire cocks, 5/6 each; grand buff hens, 4/- each, or will exchange.—Robert Kimmings, Green Gate, Malton.

PAIR St. Andreasberg Rollers, sell 12/-, exchange cycle accessories, wire fronts, anything useful.—Heritage, 18, Vanter., Caerphilly.

EXCHANGE good buff Yorkshire hen for large muling yellow Norwich cock; no rubbish.—Brooke, Ilminster.

TWO pairs Yorkshires, one pair Norwich, good large birds, £3 lot, exchange gun, cycle, oak or mahogany drawers.—Pickering, Hallings, Todmorden.

SALE or useful exchange nine Norwich hens, two 1905, seven 1906 birds, wire aviary, 30 in. by 18 by 39, two breeding cages.—Bird, 64, Brook-rd., Bootle.

WANTED, young German cock, in full song; exchange two yellow Yorkshire hens; or sell 6/-.—Crabbe, 7, Lambert-rd., St. John's, Worcester.

TWO pairs Crested Canaries, house-moulted cock Goldfinch, 30/- the lot; what offers in exchange?—Holland, 42, Denison-st., Radford, Nottingham.

EXCHANGE cock, two hens, White Wyandottes, Anthony's strain, for Yorkshires, Borders, or Seiferts; sell 20/-.—70, Lawson-st., Southport.

LANCASHIRE buff coppy hen, 16/-; or exchange good Crest hen.—Hibbert, 36, Lancashire-hil, Stockport.

YORKSHIRES, four buff hens, clears and marked, 5/- to 10/6; exchange for good Crest or Crestbred cock.—Greenwood, Grocer, Lansdowne-rd., Oldham.

WILL exchange two hen Canarics for cock Canary or two cock Goldfinches.—Booker, 79, Alpha-rd., Surbiton, Surrey.

I WILL give one pair of good Cinnamons for good Crested hen and Crestbred cock (Norwich); mutual approval.—Johnson, 40, Cobden-st., Leicester.

EXCHANGE one clear and one variegated buff Norwich cocks for clear buff and yellow hen; or sell 10/- each.—10, Poulett-rd., High-st., East Ham.

YELLOWS and Greens, hens, cold-room bred, guaranteed, 4/6 each.—Birch, 13, Claremont Range, Gorton, Manchester.

EXCHANGE yellow Yorkshire cock for Roller cock; must be good songster; approval.—Thos., Duffield, jun., Braybrook-st., West Bromwich.

FOUR Hartz Roller cock Canaries, in song, 5/- each; lot, 18/-; exchange anything useful.—Edward Hutton, Stambermill, Stourbridge.

UNFLIGHTED buff variegated Norwich hen, 10/-; exchange good house moulted cock Siskin.—George Mitchell, 118, Montrose-st., Brechin.

GOOD yellow green Crestbred cock; exchange yellow Crested hen; or sell 15/-.—W. Hill, 26, Levenvale, Leven, Fife.

A GRAND Crested Norwich hen, in exchange for a good clear yellow Plainhead hen.—Walton and Son, Church-st., Evesham.

EXCHANGE two Yorkshire and Norwich hens for cock Linnets, Goldfinches, or Bullfinches; or 5/-.—42, Silverfields, Harrogate.

BARGAIN.—40 Yorkshire Canarics, some crossed with Roller, 1906 birds, in full song, about half of each sex; 3/- each to clear; inspection invited.—Breeder, 3, Lowman-rd., Hornsey-rd., Holloway.

HENS, two Crest and three Crestbred, Barnett's, 1906, cold room; wanted, pair good Crests or Borders; offers, approval, stamp.—Heuderson, Draper, Ashington.

WANTED to exchange, two buff Yorkshire hens and variegated buff cock, good singer, for anything useful; or sell lot for 13/-.—H. Robson, North End, Northallerton.

ONE variegated Crested hen, two buff Norwich hens, 1906, three 9/-; or exchange large deep yellow hen; approval each way.—J. Henshaw, 21, Victoria-rd., Chichester.

CRESTED, Crestbred, and Norwich cocks, cheap, or exchange; wanted, good Crested hen and yellow Norwich hens, good type.—Birch, 77, Peel-st., Winson-green, Birmingham.

BIG buff Norwich stock cock, £1; fountain pen, 10/6; exchange both for either clear yellow Norwich cock, or a ticked yellow hen.—Lovegrove, 43, King's-rd., Henley-on-Thames.

BUFF Border cock, 6/6, three hens 2/6 each; three Norwich show cages, 4/6; exchange boots, acetylene cycle lamp.—Arthur Short, 44, Kilu-hill, Tweedmouth.

TEN pairs first-class Yorkshires, breeding condition, 10/6, 12/6, 20/- per pair; show cages, breeding cages, etc.; useful exchange.—Boyes, Fruiterer, Weetwood-lane, Far Headingley, Leeds.

GIVING up Canarics.—Norwich, cold room, cost 18/- pair, accept 7/6 pair; ready for immediate breeding; or exchange good gramaphone.—Turner, Ashells, Quorn, Loughborough.

GRAMAPHONE and 12 records, cost, gramaphone £4, records £2 10s.; exchange for Yorkshire or Norwich up to £3 10s. value.—Sadler, Mickley House, Eccles.

THREE Border Fancy hens, two from even marks, one clear; exchange for even-marked yellow Border cock; sell 12/6.—Cooling, 12, Woodland-ter., Mountain Ash, Glam.

TWO hen Canaries, suitable for muling; exchange cocks.—F. Edward, Guildford.

GOOD big buff Norwich hen, 1905 bird, 15/6; also pair Zebrafinches, nesting, 7/6; sell or exchange good pair Norwich, buff cock, yellow hen; approval.—Austin, Plomer Hill, West Wycombe.

TWO hand-reared, white-legged cock Goldfinches, 7/6 each; two dark cock Mules, 7/6 each; exchange typical Borders, Lizards, breeding cages; approval.—Mustchin, Brookfield, Arundel.

TWO good Norwich cocks, 1905 cock Mule, splendid songsters; exchange for three yellow or marked hens; offers.—128, Near Wash Farm, Halstead, Essex.

VARIEGATED Crestbred cock, healthy, and in full song, 7/6; also cock Bullfinch, reared under Canaries, 2/6; will exchange both for yellow Norwich hens.—Akers, Holbrook-rd., Belper.

HAVE a few grand buff hens for disposal, 7/6 each, or will exchange for large yellow cock, must be good and sent on approval.—Crane, 44, Windsor-rd., Ipswich.

CLEAR buff Yorkshire cock, 1st Hebden Bridge, 20/-; ticked buff cock, 15/-; exchange good field glasses, or offers; approval.—Pickles, Wadsworth-lane, Hebden Bridge.

EXCHANGE incubator for yellow Plainheaded Crestbred cock Canary, good head, good body, good feathers; approval both ways.—William Wilson, West Cornforth.

FIVE Crestbred cocks, four Crested cocks, three Crestbred hens, good stock birds (Barnett's); exchange for good female chocolate toy Pom., not over seven months, about 5 lbs. weight, good pedigree.—Stokes, School House, Stocksbridge, Sheffield.

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SINGING CONTESTS.

LEIGH.

Open contest for time singing, held at the Colliers' Rest, Westleigh Mill, Leigh, on March 9th, when 41 of the best Linnets from Warrington, Wigan, Blackburn, Leigh, and other districts competed for six good prizes. There was some grand singing. Timekeepers were D. Armitage (Warrington), F. Gibbins (Leigh), and P. Wailin (Leigh). First prize, F. Rowland; 2nd, T. Armitage; 3rd and 4th, T. Barker. Dead-heat between J. W. Jones and J. Ellison (Leigh).—J. W. Jones.

AT BRADFORD.

The usual week-end contest took place at the Exchange Inn, Wakefield-rd., Bradford, when the landlord gave three good prizes, and some capital Linnet singing was heard. There was a good entry. Judges: Frank Burton and W. Day. 1, 2, H. Allen; 3, F. Morrell. The company was highly satisfied with the winner's birds, and loudly applauded as he took his prizes.

Our week-end Linnet contests are an increasing success, and don't forget it. Bumping entry of 25 birds, and some class singing:—Mr. D. Lyles's "Nicodemus," 1st; Mr. F. Morrell's "Joey," 2nd; Mr. F. Burton's "Coal-Drops," 3rd; Mr. Simmond's "Bob Tail," 4th. Many good birds missed. Mr. Charlie Tarlton judged.—F. Stothard, Sec.

AT LEEDS.

An open Linnet singing contest was held on March 9th, at the Fisherman's Hut Hotel, Ellerby-lane, Leeds, when 16 selected birds (including the three Leeds champions) competed for three prizes given by Mr. C. Tobin. Result:—H. Allen, 1st; J. Clark, 2nd; C. Whittaker, 3rd. Judges: Messrs. Jackson, Towers, and Naylor. Our next Linnet Contest will take place on Easter Monday, open to all England; £3 will be given in prizes.—G. Cockroft, Hon. Sec.

The Prince Albert L.A. week-end contest, on March 10th, when 16 picked birds competed for three good prizes given by Mr. J. R. Saynor. Judges: J. Binner and E. Wood. 1st, H. Allen; 2nd, F. Allen, 3rd, W. Dean. Second Annual Linnet Singing Contest held at the above house on Whit-Tuesday. Anyone wishing to join may do so by applying to E. Wood, Sec., 41, Lincoln Field-row, Newtown, Leeds.

Week-end contest held at Skinners' Arms, Buslingthorpe-lane; 19 birds competed for three good prizes given by the landlord, when some good singing was heard. Judges: F. Raper and T. Summers. 1, F. Gatley; 2, S. Kirk; 3, J. Clark.—C. Hunt, Sec.

A Linnet singing contest will take place on Easter Monday at the Fisherman's Hut, Ellerby-lane, Leeds, open to all England, when the proprietor, Mr. C. Tobin, will give prizes to the value of £3; entrance fee, 1/-, to be sent to the above house.—ADVT.

Quality Linnet singing contests took place at the "Old King's Head," Shannon Street, Leeds. On Saturday 17 selected birds competed for three good prizes. The birds were in splendid condition, and gave a grand display. 1st prize, D. Walls; 2nd, T. Stead; 3rd, H. Hayes. Judges, J. Melia and W. Naylor. The usual Sunday contest also took place, 23 birds competing for four good prizes. There was some spirited singing, to the satisfaction of all present. 1st, C. Whitaker; 2nd, 3rd, A. Pearson; 4th prize was shared by J. Melia and P. Hoban. Judges, W. Naylor and D. Clegg.—J. Melia, Hon. Sec.

Linnet singing was very abundant at the "Old Bird House," King's Head, Shannon Street, this week-end, no fewer than three contests and two matches having taken place. In the first contest 16 selected birds competed for three good prizes given by the landlord, Mr. J. Booth. The birds were in splendid condition, and gave a good account of themselves, each bird in turn giving a grand display of Linnet-singing. Result, first prize, F. Allen; second and third prizes were shared by A. Hodgson and F. Allen. There was a heated discussion as to the merits of the birds which ended with another contest. Result: First, A. Hodgson; second, F. Allen. On the 17th, the usual contest took place, 18 birds competing for three good prizes. Result: First, C. Whitaker; second T. Stead; third, A. Pearson. After the contest a discussion ensued as to the merits of several birds, which resulted in two matches. In the first match, C. Whitaker beat Hodgson; in the second match, T. Stead beat C. Whitaker. Judges, on the 16th, T. Crane and W. Naylor; on the 17th, J. Melia and T. Crane.—J. Melia (Hon. Sec.), T. Stead (Assist. Sec.).

THE SHOWS.

CITY OF BIRMINGHAM SOCIETY.

Table Show of Pairs matched for breeding, on March 6th. Mr. A. Paddock judged. NOR.: 1, 2, Broadhurst, first yellow cock, buff hen, second buff cock and yellow hen; 3, vhc, de Maillet, with buff cock and yellow hen and yellow cock and buff hen; hc, c, Silvers. YORKSHIRES: 1, Wells, yellow cock and buff hen; 2, Collier, yellow cock and buff hen. CINNAMON: 1, Cowley; 2, Silvers. A.O.V.: 1, Wells, Goldfinch cock, Norwich hen.

GREAT HORTON O.S.

Show held March 9th, Judge Mr. F. Benn. YELL. YORKS.: 1, Cruise; 2, 3, Brayshaw and Jowett; 4, Jennings. BUFF: 1, Brayshaw and Jowett; 2, Blakey. HEN: 1, Cruise; 2, Barraclough; 3, YORKS.: 1, 3, Self; 2, Brayshaw and Jowett; 4, Blakey. HEN: 1, Cruise; 2, Barraclough; 3, Blakey; 4, Self. NOVICE, YELL. YORKS.: 1, Kaye; 2, Hainsworth; 3, Richardson; 4, Gudgeon. BUFF: 1, 3, Gelder; 2, Hainsworth; 4, Gudgeon. UN. OR FOUL YORKS.: 1, Gelder. HEN: 1, Hunter; 2, Oliver; 3, Hainsworth; 4, Gelder.

GREENWICH & DEPTFORD C.B.S.

Show held March 7th. Mr. J. Dewhurst judged. GOLDFINCH OR BULLFINCH (12): 1, Allison; 2, vhc, Jordan; 3, Meades; hc, Sidgwick; c, Glendinning. LINNET, ETC. (6): 1, Glendinuing; 2, Johnson; 3, Ovenden; vhc, Hack; hc, c, Simants. A.O.V. SEED-EATING (9): 1, Sidgwick; 2, Simants; 3, c, Glendinning; vhc, Allison; hc, Horsfield. FOREIGN (5): vhc, hc, Pearson; 2, Lowe; 3, Horsfield. HYBRID PAIRS BRITISH (10): 1, Meads; 2, Horsfield; 3, Sidgwick; vhc, Steed; hc, Simants; c, Putner. CANARY AND BRITISH (9): 1, Daniell; 2, Hill; 3, Johnson; vhc, Sidgwick; hc, Meades; c, Horsfield. A.V. INSECTIVOROUS (5): 1, hc, Horsfield; 2, 3, vhc, c, Simants.—Geo. Hill, Hon. Sec.

EBBW VALE AND DIS. C.F. & F.S.

First Members' Show held March 2nd, at the Central Hall. There was an excellent entry of about 120 cage birds, and competition was keen. The Hall was packed with interested spectators, and the event was a great success. The arrangements left nothing to be desired. Mr. Anthony, the secretary, informed us that the Society had a membership of 120, and he expects a good many more to join. There is evidently a great deal of enthusiasm amongst the members, which speaks well for the future. Mr. John Morgan, of Ebbw Vale judged, and gave general satisfaction. YORKS. COCKS (15): Some exhibits of great merit; 1, 2, spl, Parffit and Wheeler; 3, Walter Jones. HENS: 1, J. Morgan; 2, Parffit and Wheeler; 3, W. Jones. NOR. COCKS (14): A few birds of merit in this class; 1, spl, Parffit and Wheeler, with a good bird; 2, J. Genner, with another; 3, J. Jones. HENS: 1, J. Genner; 2, 3, A. Monks. The competition in the British birds was very keen. GOLDFINCHES (a splendid class of 24): 1, J. Jones, a very good Finch; 2, W. Date; 3, G. Cox. LINNETS (11): 1, J. Jones; 2, J. Colbourne; 3, W. Date. A.O.V. FINCH (10): 1, Parffit and Wheeler; 2, G. Watson; 3, W. Bethell. LARGE: 1, Colbourne; 2, D. Edwards; 3, J. Cameron. FOR.: 1, 2, spl, W. Y. Thomas; 3, W. H. Lewis. MULES: 1, H. Love; 2, T. Thomas; 3, W. Rees.

WALTHAMSTOW F.A.

Members' Show of cage birds held at Headquarters, on March 8th. Entries turned up well, considering the time of year. Some very good Yorkshires were staged, and Norwich were especially strong, both in numbers and quality. British were also a fine lot, many of them being known winners. Mr. F. R. E. Handscombe won the special for best Canary, with a clinking yellow Norwich, and Mr. A. Baldry that for best British, with a lovely Thrush, in superb condition. Mr. J. Dobson judged, his awards giving every satisfaction. YORKS. YELL. (5): 1, B. F. Forse; 2, A. B. Forse; 3, Morris Bros.; res., Rolph. BUFF (8): 1, Morris Bros.; 2, res., B. F. Forse; 3, hc, A. B. Forse; vhc, c, Rolph. HEN (5): 1, 2, B. F. Forse; 3, A. B. Forse; res., vhc, Rolph. NOR. YELL. (10): 1, spl, Handscombe; 2, res., Marley; 3, c, Carr; vhc, Vincent (2); hc, Williamson, Mardell. BUFF (11): 1, 2, 3, Carr; res., vhc, Collier; vhc, Handscombe; hc, Marley; c, Williamson. NOR. HEN (12): 1, Williamson; 2, Handscombe; 3, res., vhc, Marley; vhc, B. F. Forse; hc, Mein, Vincent; c, Collier. MULES (4): 1, Morris Bros.; 2, 3, res., Ulyatt. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (5): 1, 3, Marley; 2, Voss; res., Ulyatt; vhc, Hellens. LINNET (4): 1, Marley; 2, Morris Bros.; 3, Baldry; res., Hellens. A.O.V. FINCH (8): 1, 3, res., vhc, hc, Hellens; 2, Marley; c, Morris Bros. INSECTIV. (2): 1, spl, 2, Baldry.

BRANDON B.B.S.

This young society held a successful show on February 28th, open to West Cork. After paying all prize money and expenses a balance of 17s. 9d. remains in hand. It is hoped to hold a show, open to Ireland, next year or earlier. The judges were J. W. Lee, E. C. Dawson, and George Webster, jun. Their awards were received with general satisfaction. The arrangements were well carried out under the direction of the Hon. Sec., Mr. E. C. Dawson. A.V. CAN., COCK (13): 1, Knight, nice Yorks, bit flat on head; 2, Barrett, neat ticked yell. Nor. Plainhead, a little more size and would be hard to beat; 3, Riordan, yell. Crested Nor.; res., Turpin, buff Nor. Plainhead, if washed would have won; vhc, Wm. Good, Ballylanglcy; hc, Dowling; c, Lane. HEN (7): 1, 3, W. Good, nice York. and Nor., Yorkie leading; equal 3, Dowling, neat Yorks., not well shown or would have gone up one. MULE OR HYB. (13): A grand class; 1, res., Cahill, two nice dark buff Goldie-Canary Mules, largest bird leading; 2, Bearc, Linnet Mule, grand size and markings; 3, Regan, buff Goldie Mule, best in class, fine condition, but wants more size; vhc, Riordan, nice yell. Goldie Mule, wants colour-feeding, good quality; hc, Barrett. GOLDFINCH (17): Strong class; 1 2, vhc, medal, Wm. Good, a nice team; 3, Riordan, grand Finch, badly staged, wanted washing; res., J. Sullivan, big slashing Finch, steady as a rock, grand blaze, but for damaged flights would have won, hard lines; hc, Shinkwin; c, Murphy. All good Finches, well worth their places. No. 6, J. Giles, lovely Finch, but very wild. LINNET: 1, P. Whelton, small, good, all round bird, in grand condition; 2, J. Sullivan, nice dark cap, bold and steady. BULLFINCH: 1, Master Travers, big house moulted fellow, a true Bullic, wants some beating; 2, Shinkwin, good quality and colour, small; vhc, Iles, grand hen. A.O.V. BRIT. FINCH (4): 1, res., Jack Giles, Greenfinch and Chaffinch respectively. SISKIN, TWITES, ETC. (11): 1, M. Donovan, lucky Siskin; 2, Wm. Good, fine big field moulted Redpoll, blaze of colour; 3, Master Tucker, grand house moulted Redpoll, good bib and no better marked, a wee bit small; vhc, Riordan; hc, Powell; c, Bright; all Siskins. BLACKBIRD, ETC. (5): 1, J. O'Callaghan, Thrush, a beauty, hard to find fault with, staged in the best possible condition; res., Morley, Thrush, not so well marked; vhc, Turpin, Blackbird, wild; hc, O'Callaghan.

PRESTON O.S.

Show and Judging Competition held at Headquarters, March 5th. Two classes were provided—Norwich and Yorks. pairs for novices, a medal being given for the best matched pair; and some exceptionally good pairs were staged by Messrs. Dunn, Leeming Bros., Haworth, Knowles, Leed, Livsey in Norwich, and Parkinson, Leed, Livsey in Yorks. Mr. W. Sherrington judged, and his awards were well received. The judging Competition was keenly contested, Mr. F. Issott winning by a very small margin. Awards.—Norwich Pairs: 1, Dunn; 2, 3, Leeming Bros.; 4, Haworth; vhc, Knowles; hc, Leed; c, Livsey. Yorks. Pairs: 1, medal, Parkinson; 2, Leed; 3, 4, Livsey.—J. W. Clemінson.

CAMBRIDGE C.B.S.

Table show held at the Black Swan Hotel, Guildhall Street. The classes on this occasion were confined to British birds. There was a large attendance of members, and the entries far outnumbered those of any previous show of this description during the season. The special for the best bird in the show was won by Mr. W. Rogers with a smart Goldfinch. Mr. F. Doggett judged, and his awards gave every satisfaction. GOLDFINCH: 1, spl, Rogers; 2, Bye; 3, Gawthorpe; hc, Cartwright; c, Lambert. BULLFINCH: 1, spl, vhc, King; 2, Bullock; 3, Lambert; hc, Ridgewell. LINNET: 1, spl, 3, King; 2, Bye; vhc, Morley; hc, Lambert; c, Wood. GREENFINCH: 1, spl, Ridgewell; 2, Smith; 3, Roff; vhc, hc, Bye. A.O.V.: 1, spl, Lambert; 2, Ridgewell; 3, Roff; vhc, hc, Smith. BEST BIRD: Rogers (Goldfinch). AMATEUR JUDGING COM.: 1, Rogers; 2, Bateman and Ison (tied).

BRADFORD (WEST) C.B.A.

Members' Show, March 2nd. About eighty birds were staged. Mr. J. Wilkinson, of Great Horton, judged. CL. YELL. YORKS.: 1, 4, Crabtree; 2, Murgatroyd and Son; 3, Helliwell; vhc, Bennett; hc, Turner; c, Cooper. CL. BUFF: 1, Cooper; 2, Crabtree; 3, Inman; 4, Bolton; vhc, Mail; hc, Wallhank. TKD. YELL.: 1, Wood; 2, Cowgill; 3, hc, Crabtree; 4, Pratt; vhc, Turner; c, Murgatroyd and Son. BUFF: 1, Murgatroyd and Son; 2, Bennett; 3, 4, Bolton; vhc, Cowgill. UNMARKED: 1, Crabtree; 2, Helliwell; 3, Pratt; 4, Bolton. CINN. MKD. YELL.: 1, Wood; 2, Wallbank; 3, Pratt. BUFF: 1, Murgatroyd and Son; 2, Cooper; 3, Bennett; 4, Cowgill. YELL. HEN.: 1, Murgatroyd and Son; 2, Helliwell; 3, Jewitt; 4, vhc, hc, Cooper; c, Mail. BUFF: 1, Helliwell; 2, Mail; 3, Pratt; 4, Cooper; vhc, Wood; hc, Turner; c, Wallbank. NOR. A.V.: 1, Stead. BRIT. A.V.: 1, 2, 3, 4, Inman; vhc, Cowgill.

CHESTER AND DIS. C.B.S.

Monthly meeting March 5th, at the Boot Inn, Chester, Mr. F. S. Moore (president) in the chair. A most successful British and Pair Show was held. There were 57 entries, and an excellent class of birds was staged. Messrs. Whitlow and Crane judged Canaries, and Mr. Whitlow, assisted by two members, the British birds. YELL. YORKS. COCK AND BUFF HEN (7): 1, Red; 2, Wright; 3, vhc, T. Jones; hc, Walley; c, Bailey. BUFF COCK AND YELL. HEN (9): 1, 2, T. Jones; 3, Bailey; vhc, Wright; hc, Walley; c, Red. YELL. NOR. COCK AND BUFF HEN (3): 1, 2, T. Jones; 3, Woodcock. BUFF COCK AND YELL. HEN (6): 1, 2, vhc, T. Jones; 3, c, Red; hc, Woodcock. A.O.V.: 1, T. Jones; 2, Wright. MULING PAIR (5): 1, Wright; 2, 3, Stovin; vhc, hc, D. Jones. GOLDFINCH (7) 1, 3, hc, Crane; 2, Lloyd; vhc, Stovin; c, Woodcock. BULLFINCH (4): 1, Red; 2, Lloyd; 3, vhc, Crane. LINNET (9): 1, 2, vhc, Crane; 3, Woodcock; hc, Red; c, Ellis. A.V. BRIT. HARD. (5): 1, 3, vhc, hc, Crane; 2, Lloyd. SOFT. (2): 1, 2, Crane.—A. J. Red, Hon. Sec.

HULL C.B.S.

Meeting held March 4th. Five new members were elected, and, after a long and pleasing discussion, it was decided to purchase two silver challenge cups for members, to be won three times in all before becoming member's own property, but not necessarily in succession. All points to count up to date, December 26th, in each year as one win. There was also a Members' Monthly Show, when competition was very keen. Champion Nor.: 1, 2, Pepper; 3, Harland. Yorks.: 1, Brumby and Stone; 2, Stevenson; 3, vhc, hc, Stamford. Nor. Novice: 1, Longhorn; 2, vhc, c, Russell; 3, Calvard; hc, Stamford. Yorks.: 1, 2, Kliney; 3, vhc, Potter; hc, Deighton; c, Prentice. Hybrid Pairs: 1, 2, 3, Brumby and Stone; vhc, Prentice; hc, Oliver. Gold. or Bullfinch: 1, Stamford; 2, Pepper; 3, hc, c, Potter; vhc, McKay. A.O.V. Brit.: 1, Pepper; 2, Potter. Mr. Medley judged, and gave every satisfaction, although he had a heavy task. This was one of the best monthly members' shows the City of Hull Cage Bird Society has ever had, and we think we are at last on the road to make progress.

ALTRINCHAM AND DIS. O.S.

Third Annual Members' and Residents' Show of cage birds, White Star Restaurant, February 23rd. There was a record entry, and the quality and quantity of the exhibits exceeded by far the expectations of the committee. Many visitors attended during the Show. Among the chief attractions were the Foreign birds exhibited by Mr. S. Beaty (Bowdon). Their bright and beautiful colours caused great admiration, since they were staged in the pink of condition. The judge was Mr. S. Hadwin (Liverpool), and his great adjudications met with general approval. Great credit is due to the secretary and committee for the able and efficient way the Show was managed, prize money and cards being paid out the same night. RESIDENTS' CLASSES: A.V. CAN. YELL.: 1, Mrs. Hay; 2, 4, Plant; 3, Schofield. BUFF: 1, White; 2, Kennerley; 3, Tomlins; 4, Schofield; vhc, Plant; hc, Norton; c, Potts. LINNET: 1, Whitney; 2, Hamlett; 3, Jenkinson; 4, Potts. BULLFINCH: 1, Hamlett. A.O.V. BRIT. HARD.: 1, Potts; 2, vhc, Whitney; 3, Sutton; 4, Jackson. GOLDFINC: 1, 2, Ardern; 3, Whitney; 4, Davies. A.V. BRIT. SOFT.: Jenkinson. MEMBERS' CLASSES: NOR. YELL.: 1, 2, Royle; 3, Harrison; 4, Smith. BUFF: 1, 4, hc, Hoyle; 2, Irlam; 3, Harrison; vhc, Unwin; c, Smith. HEN, A.V., YELL.: 1, Smith; 2, Harrison; 3, Barker. BUFF: 1, Harrison; 2, Smith; 3, Royle; 4, Smith; vhc, Royle. NOR. GREEN, YELL., ETC.: 1, Bowen; 2, Harrison; 3, Royle; 4, Drinkwater. BUFF: 1, Drinkwater; 2, Harrison; 3, Head; 4, Brennan. YORKS. YELL.: 1, Critchley; 2, Brennan; 3, Waters. BUFF: 1, 3, Brennan; 2, Broome. HEN, YELL.: 1, 2, Brennan; 3, Drinkwater; 4, Bayley; vhc, Broome. BUFF: 1, Waters; 2, 3, Brennan; 4, Bayley. YORKS. GREENS OR YELL.: 1, 3, Drinkwater; 2, Waters; 4, Harrison. BUFF: 1, 4, Drinkwater; 2, Waters; 3, Harrison. NAT. COL. NOR.: 1, Smith; 2, Head; 3, Bowen. BOR. YELL.: 1, 4, Harrison; 2, vhc, Waters; 3, Bayley. BUFF: 1, 2, Waters; 3, Bayley. BOR. A.O.V.: 1, Harrison; 2, 3, Waters. LINNETS, ETC.: 1, 3, Taylor; 2, Irlam; 4, Harrison; vhc, Smith; hc, Waters; c, Smith. GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, vhc, Harrison; 2, Critchley; 3, Drinkwater; 4, Taylor; hc, Bowen; c, Smith. MULE: 1, Taylor; 2, 4, Critchley; 3, Beaty; A.V. MULE: 1, Taylor; 2, 4, Critchley; 3, Beaty; vhc, Broome. A.O.V. BRIT. HARD.: 1, 4, Beaty; vhc, Broome. A.O.V. BRIT. HARD.: 1, 4, Beaty; 2, c, Smith; 3, vhc, Irlam; hc, Harrison. FOR.: 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, Beaty.

CLUB REPORTS.

HUDDERSFIELD O.S.

Fortnigbtly meeting held at Headquarters, the White Hart Hotel, on February 25th, when a paper on pairing birds for breeding, by J. C. Barnes, Esq., of Sheffield, was read, in his absence through illness, by the secretary. A good number of both members and friends assembled, and were amply rewarded by the excellence of the paper, which was of a very instructive and interesting character. A long discussion ensued, which was freely taken up by both the old fanciers and the novices present. A vote of thanks to Mr. Barnes for his paper, and of sympathy with him in his illness, brought a very pleasant evening to a close.—S. LODGE, Hon. Sec.

SANDY LANE C.B.A.

The Sandy Lane and Dis. C.B.A. had a very interesting evening on Tuesday, February 26th, at which there was a good turn up of members to witness a bird washing exhibition by Mr. Holmes Hodgson, one of our oldest members. The novices were greatly impressed with his style of handling the birds. After the washing there was a very lively disеussion, and some good information was gained. There was also a judging competition amongst the novices, which was very keenly watched, seven members placing the birds in one position, 1, 2, 3, 4.—BENJ. BUCKLE, Sec.

PORTOBELLO C.B.S.

Meeting held February 27th, President, Mr. W. R. Dunn, in the chair. A very interesting paper on the "Scotch Fancy Canary" was read by Mr. John Bell. Tracing the origin of this bird, as at present shown, to a cross between the old Glasgow Don and the high-shouldered Belgian, he gave a fine description of the class of bird required for show purposes, with many useful hints as to matching the birds for breeding, both for show and first crosses. He did not believe in in-breeding Scotch Fancies, but believed in double buffing. He gave some good hints in regard to feeding stock when getting ready for breeding, and also when moulting. He answered a number of questions which were put by the members. On the motion of the Chairman, the meeting terminated with a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Bell for his very able paper.—W. LECKIE and J. LEACH, Hon. Secs.

SCOTTISH PLAINHEAD CLUB.

Annual general meeting, in Neilson's Hotel, Glasgow, on February 16th. Mr. W. Watson (Kilmarnock) presided, in the unavoidable absence of Mr. A. G. Cameron, the President. Report for the past year was read, showing a balance of £6 19s. 1d., with three medals in hand. Seven medals were competed for, together with a very handsome £5 5s. challenge cup, presented by Mr. J. Sandiford. This cup was given for most points gained by a member of the club during the year. Mr. W. Watson (Kilmarnock) came in an easy winner with 105 points, Mr. A. G. Cameron being runner-up with 83 points. The following members won medals during the year:—A. McFarlane (Glasgow), W. Watson (Kilmarnock), A. Young (Glasgow), J. Winter (Edinburgh), J. Howie (Dundee), A. G. Cameron (Kelso), J. Holmes (Edinburgh). The rules of the club were revised and brought up to date, and will soon be in the hands of the members. A new club cage was approved of; particulars will be sent to all who were members last season, along with voting papers. I shall be pleased to give any information to anyone wishing to be a member. All Norwich fanciers are invited to join and give a helping hand to extend the influence of the club. Fee 2/6.—D. SMITH, Secretary, 142, High-st., Edinburgh. (Above report only reached us this week.—EDITOR.)

WALLSEND AND MID-TYNE C.B.S.

Annual meeting, February 28th. Mr. J. M. Macdonald presiding. The balance sheet showed a balance of £1 9s. 7½d. Mr. John Heddon presented a cup for competition in members' classes, which, along with the cup the members are purchasing themselves, will make two that our society are blessed with. That ardent fancier, Mr. W. Taylor, of Newcastle, signified his intention of heading our new cup fund with £1. Our membership was increased by seventeen, which shows a bright lookout for this season. We fixed the date of our next Show, November 8th and 9th. An attractive agenda for the year was discussed. We are to have a Nest Feather Show or two, also lectures, as far as possible, each month. Mr. Welch, of Hexham, has promised to read a paper on his experiences with British Softbills in March, and in April Mr. T. C. Crawhall, of Newcastle, has promised a lecture on the Yorkshire Canary. A trip into the country was also suggested for Whit week. Officers for 1907:—President, the Mayor of Wallsend (Councillor Matthew Murray); Vice-Presidents were re-elected, with Rev. W. Rickaby, of Derwent Valley; Chairman, J. M. Macdonald; Vice-Chairman, W. Ronald; Sec., J. R. Evans; Treas., J. Hyslop; Auditors, Messrs. Johnson and Harper. Committee, Messrs. Taylor, Thompson, Hembrough, Reeves, McGinn, Heddon, Johnson, Stubbs, Haikney, Langlands, Hopkinson, Preston, Cockburn, and Dixon. Anyone desirous of joining our Society will receive a hearty welcome at our monthly meetings.—JOHN R. EVANS, Sec.

NORTHERN YORKSHIRE C.C.

Annual meeting, held in Newcastle, February 27th, Mr. J. R. Slack in the chair. The following new members were admitted:—Mrs. Pearse, Newburn; Messrs. Buckingham, Newcastle; Hutler, Jarrow; H. J. L. Williams, West Hartlepool; W. Thompson, South Shields; D. E. Kent, Newcastle; W. J. Taylor, Newcastle, making 29 members now on the books, which is considered to be very good for a new society. The following are the officers elected for the season:—President, G. W. Cuthbertson, Esq.; Vice-Presidents, Dr. O'Neal, Sunderland; Messrs. W. J. Taylor, Newcastle; Pearse, Newburn; Gregory, Newcastle; Buckingham, Newcastle; and Capt. Briggs, Newcastle. The committee are as follows:—Chairman, Mr. J. Slack; Vice-Chairman, Mr. J. Robson; and Messrs. W. Cockburn, W. J. Taylor, J. Davison, G. S. Ellwood, D. E. Kent, J. Shepherd, J. Grieve, J. H. Leach, J. M. Walker, W. Reay, J. H. Harrison, and T. Steele. Hon. Sec. and Treas., T. C. Crawhall. The question of joining the Cage Bird Union was brought forward, and it was decided to leave it until a later date. It was decided to confine the club's operation to the four northern counties of England, namely, Northumberland, Durham, Cumberland, and Westmoreland. It was proposed to raise a fund to purchase a cup to be won by the best young bird bred by a member, to be won two years in succession or three times in all. Proposed that we write Y.C.C. for their permission to adopt their standard and scale of points. Proposed by Mr. Robson that we hold a Members' first feather show at a convenient date during the summer. Those wishing to become members please apply to T. C. Crawhall, Hon. Sec., 121, St. George's Terrace, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

CITY OF GLASGOW O.S.

Annual "Smoker" in the Bank Restaurant Friday evening last. Mr. Young occupied the chair, and was supported by the following gentlemen, well known in the Scotch Fancy world:—Messrs. Muir, Jardine, Black, Todd, Gray, McIlwhain, and others. There was a large turnout of fanciers, and there being some excellent vocal talent present, a most enjoyable evening was spent.

LUTON C.B.S.

Washing Exhibition at headquarters, 4, Peel Street, Monday last. Mr. G. Bennett washed six birds, and Mr. E. Cherry one, showing how birds are washed and prepared for exhibition. It proved to be an instructive and enjoyable evening, everyone present (about 30) being delighted. During the evening the Chairman, on behalf of the Society, presented to the Secretary, Mr. E. Cherry, a handsome marble clock, in recognition of his services. The Secretary suitably replied.—E. CHERRY, Sec.

MORPETH AND DIS. O.S.

Second meeting held February 23rd. The following officers were elected:—President, Mr. Thos. Floyd; Vice-Presidents, Messrs. T. Dixon and A. Grey; Chairman, E. Cowling; Treasurer, R. Richardson; Secretary, A. Dippies; Assistant-Secretary, W. Scott; Trustees, E. Cowling and T. Dixon; Auditors, A. G. Marshall and H. Seely; Committee, J. Myers, A. Grey, S. Pegg, G. Seely, J. Smith, and J. Younger. It was decided to hold our next show November 16th. Four new members were made. Agreed that the subscription be 5s. per year, instead of 6s., and to hold lectures, etc., during the present season.—A. DIPPIE, Sec.

WELSH NATIONAL C.B.S.

Meeting held February 23rd. The Secretary announced that the Right Hon. Lord Glantawe, Sir. J. T. D. Llewellyn, Bart., Mr. Picton Turbervill, Miss Dillwyn (daughter of a former M.P. for Swansea), and other prominent county notables had kindly given their patronage and financial support. Sixteen new members were enrolled, and the Treasurer reported that a financial success is assured, there being a substantial banking account standing to our credit. We note in your last issue a rival Society dissociates itself from us, and the Committee desire all fanciers to note this is correct, as we have no connection with any local society.—S. J. NICHOLAS.

CITY AND SUBURBAN A.C.B.

A well-attended meeting, February 25th, was presided over by Mr. A. C. Burn. Messrs. J. Herring, G. Menhenett, A. C. Rouse, E. Watling, and W. Francis unanimously elected members. Interesting letters were read from Rev. Rosslyn Bruce, C. T. Maxwell, and the Secretary N.B.B. and M.C., the latter announcing that the annual summer outing will take place on May 25th, and that it would give their members great pleasure for us to join them. The Secretary presented an amended schedule of the forthcoming Finch Show.

Mr. G. Gardner was then called upon for his lecture on "Items in the Cage Bird Fanciers' Curriculum," which was listened to with profound interest, his keynote being (1) suitable cages, (2) the exercise of great patience in the time to start breeding, (3) scrupulous cleanliness of cages, and (4) the advisability of in-breeding to become successful. The latter subject the lecturer was most strong to insist upon, proving and giving instances from his own personal experience.

Upon questions being asked, Mr. F. J. Martin rose to say he could not associate himself with this subject of in-breeding, on the grounds of sentiment. On the question of cleanliness, he might say he gave his birds a bath once a week with permanganate of potash, four grains to each (a receipt he had taken from a Fancy paper a few years ago, the author of that receipt being no less than Mr. Gardner himself), with most beneficial results. The Chairman, after giving an instance of the mistake of a friend fancier in purchasing second-hand cages, with the inevitable result of the introduction of red-mite, explained his mode of preparing for nesting operations, and the weekly wash of vessels. Mr. A. W. Curtis recounted his experience of the result of the progeny of 14 yellows from a double-yellowed hen, proving that colour did not altogether proceed from the cock alone.

Referring to Mr. Martin's remark anent permanganate of potash, it reminded him (Mr. Gardner) that it also had its abuses by lending artificial colours to certain animals on the show bench, and, especially after being set with lemon juice, was difficult of detection.

In a few well-chosen words, the Chairman thanked Mr. Gardner for his interesting and instructive lecture.—VICTOR WYNN, Hon. Sec.

SOUTHERN NORWICH P.C.

Presentation to Mr. G. B. Leclair.

Second annual general meeting of the above club was held at the Crystal Palace on February 18th, Mr. H. Lambert Brown in the chair. The following members and visitors were present:—Messrs. E. Baker, W. R. Miles, R. J. Pretty, J. H. Bellamy, B. J. Cooper, A. W. Curtis, J. Hodder, W. R. Berkshire, H. Frost, A. W. Warr, A. E. Godden, W. Morris, R. P. Harper, J. W. Rennie, F. S. Matthes, G. B. Leclair, G. Woolhouse, F. White (Melbourne, Australia), and P. Waring, N.P.C. The result of the voting for officials was as follows:—President, G. Crabb, 39; Hon. Treasurer, F. S. Matthes, 33; Hon. Secretary, F. S. Matthes, 38; Hon. Assistant-Secretary, G. B. Leclair, 33; Auditors, T. Heath (21) and H. Simpson (18); London Committee, W. Morris (27), H. Lambert Brown (22), J. Hodder (21), Curtis (20), G. Gardner (18), and J. Rennie (11); Provincial Committee, Collings (Devonport) 27, Lowe (Cowes) 16, Gibbs (Canterbury) 16, Saunders (Sutton) 13, Dring (Enfield) 12, A. E. Godden (Hastings) 10. The Treasurer then read his report, remarking that there was a balance in hand of £6, but if the members would only pay their subscriptions the club would be in a much stronger position, and he hoped that they would do so. Regarding the shows in the Champion Section, the members had supported the shows well, but he was sorry to say that in the Novice Section it was poorly supported, and hoped that next season they would support the shows better. Mr. Morris proposed eight classes instead of six as at present, to include a class for Heavily-variegated or Green, which he felt certain would fill well, knowing that such a lot of these birds are kept at home. Several members took part in the discussion. Mr. Leclair said that he was sure a class for Greens and Heavily-variegated would fill well, and be appreciated by the members, but he thought seven classes in each Section quite enough. Mr. Woolhouse proposed as an amendment, seconded by Mr. Pretty, to have seven classes in Champion Section, and six classes in Novice Section, Mr. Woolhouse stating that he thought six classes were ample for the novices. He thought it was too much to ask the different shows to give, but was sure it would pay for shows to give seven classes in the Champion Section, and six for novices, and one class in each Section for Heavily-variegated and Greens. The different societies then would be glad of our support. Mr. Morris's proposition, and Mr. Woolhouse's amendment, were put to the vote, and Mr. Woolhouse's amendment was carried. Mr. Lambert Brown proposed a vote of thanks to the retiring officers, coupling the names of Messrs. Miles, Baker, Bellamy, A. E. Godden, and P. Cooper, also to the Scrutineers, Messrs. B. Cooper, Bellamy, Hodder, Day, and Harper. Messrs. Miles, Baker, Bellamy, Godden, and B. Cooper each responded, saying that they were only too pleased to do what they could to further the interests of the club. The Chairman then said he had a most pleasant duty to perform. The members had subscribed together, and he had much pleasure in presenting the retiring Secretary, Mr. Leclair, a purse of gold as a slight recognition of his past services for the club. He said that since the club's formation Mr. Leclair had worked hard in its interests, which, he was sure, all the members appreciated. Mr. Leclair thanked the Chairman and members for their kind gift, and stated that he was very sorry indeed to give up his duties as Secretary, but as his time was so limited, he thought that it would be better for the club's interests that he resigned. He would still keep the interest of the club at heart, and he was sure that in Mr. Matthes, the new Secretary, the members would have the right man for the position. The meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Lambert Brown for his services in the chair.

THE CAGE BIRD UNION.

Kindly announce that a license has been granted to the Llandudno Easter Show, to be held on April 4th. Members of the Union wishing to exhibit should send for schedules to Mr. W. Yates Gregory, Queen's-road, Llandudno.

The Luton and District Society, Weston-super-Mare C.B.A., and the Eccles C.B.S. have also joined the Union, the latter Society on the understanding that Rule 17 stands as last year.

The following Show dates have been sent me:—Hull, November 22nd—23rd; Northampton Good Intent, November 20th—21st; Weston-super-Mare, October 31st; North and South Shields, October 25th—26th. Will Societies in the same districts kindly note dates advertised and avoid clashing.

All affiliated Societies should send on their Show dates as soon as fixed, so that I may book same, and avoid clashing when granting licenses or enrolling new Societies.

I shall also be glad to hear of any changes of delegates that may have been made. I am shortly sending out voting papers for the election of the new Executive Council, and they will be sent to last year's delegates, unless I am otherwise informed.—GEO. W. F. LYTHGOE, Sec.

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LONDON AND COUNTIES A.C.B.

A very successful smoker was held by the above, at the "Bay Malton," Great Portland Street, W., on the 7th inst., when a large audience assembled to enjoy a good programme provided by Messrs. A. Williams and R. J. Pretty, the treasurer and secretary respectively of the Association. The President, Mr. F. W. Thorpe, took the chair, and was supported by Messrs. E. Pretty, A. Sparkes, J. Oldaker, P. Adamthwaite, Morrison, Shakespeare, Olford, G. Elgar, Bryant Mr. and Mrs. Key, Mr. and Mrs. Tringham, Mr. and Mrs. Kelly, Mr. and Mrs. Hawes, W. Orme and Misses Orme, and many other ladies and gentlemen friends.

The accompanist, Mr. Cecil Ensor, opened the proceedings with a solo, "The Gladiators," Mr. Adamthwaite following with a song, "Anchored," and Mr. Hawes with "The River of Years," both of which were well received. Mr. Williams also pleased the company with "You should see them go." Mr. Alfred Honeyman's rendering of "The Boy who Carries the Gun," and a recitation by Miss Dyer, "People will Talk," were greatly appreciated. A very old favourite, Mr. George Hopkins, appeared next with "A Song Without a Name," and in response to an encore amused the audience with "Leave her alone with them," which referred to the ladies, squalling babies, and safety pins—"if left alone with them they would play for weeks"; but the ladies turn to laugh came in the last verse, when the singer turned upon the men—"Give them some birds and a cage and they would play for years." The honours of the evening went to Master "A. S." (nine years of age), who charmed the company with a violin solo—Ruff's "Cavatina"—which was rendered in a masterful manner, the audience "asking for more," and were treated to "La Priere Dune Vurge." This "youthful Paganini" is shortly leaving for Germany, to receive the final touches to what promises to be a great career. Mr. Cecil Ensor convulsed the company with a very humourous ditty, and Mr. Tom Hook by "The Galloping Major"; the catchy chorus of "Bumpity, bumpity, bump" was taken up with great gusto, and his encore—"Billy Muggins"—brought peals of laughter. After a short interval, Mr. Adamthwaite again obliged, also Mr. A. Honeyman, with "The Jolly Sailor," which were well received, as also was Mr. Stricklen's rendering of "Big Ben" and "The Outlaw," with meritorious applause. Mr. Ted Honeyman reported in his humorous manner what happened "At a minute to 7 last night," and almost prostrated the audience with "The blow almost killed Father" and "What the Captain said." Mr. F. Stewart, with "A Serial Story," and Mr. Harry Lee's "I can't come out to-day" were much appreciated, and, after hearing Messrs. Cecil Ensor, H. Hawes, and A. Williams, and not forgetting a brilliant pianoforte solo—"Denora"—by Mrs. Hawes, a most enjoyable evening was brought to a close.

CINNAMON MARKED YORKS. C.C.

A most successful smoking concert was held at the Market Tavern, Bradford, on March 2nd. Mr. Sunderland, who presided, was supported by Messrs. J. W. Wharton (President of the Club), Mr. J. Greaves (Vice-President), Mr. W. Richmond (Ex-President), and a company numbering over 100. Following his opening remarks, the Chairman called on Mr. Bradley, who rendered "Carissima" in very good style. Mr. A. Morton gave "Asleep in the Deep"; Mr. J. Chapman (Liversedge), "The Irish Emigrant"; Master Bradley, a boy about ten years of age, with a splendid voice and style, sang "Kathleen Mavourneen." This item was really grand, and was much appreciated by those present. Comic songs by Messrs. Longley and Brown brought us to the principal business of the evening—the presentation of prizes. Mr Sunderland said how great was the pleasure it gave him to present the prizes. He was heartily in sympathy with the Cinnamon Marked Club, and though not an exhibitor himself, he was the next best thing to it—he had the honour to be the husband of an exhibitor; and from what he knew about the Fancy, it was about the best hobby for a working man, particularly as he had not to leave his home to be able to keep in the forefront of the exhibition world. In calling upon Messrs. R. Sutcliffe and Son to receive the first prize of the open competition, he pointed out that this was the ninth time Messrs. Sutcliffe had been first, which proved them to be real champions in Cinnamon marks. He had great pleasure in handing to them the valuable silver tea urn, and hoped they would live long to enjoy the use of it. Mr. Sutcliffe, sen., replied, and said it gave him much pleasure to be again first; but should he be first next year, he would do, as he did in 1905, let the runner-up have the first prize, and he would have the second. Mr. H. Sutcliffe was also called upon to say a few words. Mr. Sunderland then called upon Mr. J. Wilcock to receive the cup presented by Mr. J. Sandiford for second prize. He was sure they would all appreciate that in Joe they had a real good trier for the second man, and when he looked on Mr. Sutcliffe or Mr. Wilcock and noticed the weight they had behind them, he thought they were a good first and second. Mr. Wilcock said he was no talker; but he thanked them very much. Mr. H. Dobson took the third prize, a solid gold enamelled medal, with Cinnamon marked buff bird in centre. He thanked the club for his prize, and wished it every success. Mr. J. Hartley, in taking the fourth, a heavy silver medal, with same centre as gold medal, said he had been rather unfortunate in not being able to get his birds out at the early shows; but he was very pleased to receive the fourth prize, and thanked them all for their reception. Mr. Bradley then sang "An Evening Song"; Mr. Morton, "Go to Sea"; and Mr. Johnston "The Bandolero," each being well received. Mr. Sunderland then presented the novice prizes. The first went to Messrs. Odgen Bros., a beautiful rose bowl, presented by Mr. J. E. Brotherton (President Y.C.C.). Mr. T. Odgen said it gave him great pleasure to receive the handsome present. He thanked the donor for his liberality in providing such a prize, and hoped that others who were able would follow his example in giving prizes to properly conducted clubs, as he thought clubs were a great encouragement to young fanciers. Messrs. Halmshaw Bros. (Liversedge) then received the second prize, a very nice electro-plated cup, presented by Mr. A. Ambler. In replying, Mr. A. Halmshaw thanked the club, and hoped they would be as successful in the open competition. Mr. Sunderland then asked Mr. E. B. Denton to receive a beautiful silver medal, presented by Mr. R. Sutcliffe; but seemed to think that Mr. Denton was in his wrong class, as he did not look like a novice. Mr. Denton replied that he was pleased to be among the prizes, and pointed out that no single exhibitor had beaten him in the competition. The fourth prize, presented by the President, Mr. J. W. Wharton, was won by Mr. S. Lingley (Bradford), who pointed out that through ill-health he had not been able to exhibit much this year. Master Bradley then gave "Daddy," which was encored. Votes of thanks were passed to the donors of the prizes and the Chairman

JUDGES OF CAGE BIRDS.

The attention of Show Secretaries is directed to the following list of gentlemen willing to act as Judges. Terms for insertion on application.

A. AMBLER, 17, Lytton Road, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Life experience. 11 years reporter to the Fancy Press.
H. W. AXE, 55, Market Place, Doncaster. Judge of Canaries and other Cage Birds. Practical experience (Norwich and British speciality).
W. O BARLOW, The Aviaries, Malpas, Cheshire. Judge of Canaries, British Birds and Mules. Terms moderate
J. C. BARNES, 149, Duncombe Street, Walkley, Sheffield. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Long practical experience. Terms moderate.
W. P. BARNES, Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Life practical experience. Breeder and exhibitor. Reporter for Fancy Press. Commercial Road, Grantham.
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EASTER OUTING FOR FANCIERS.

SWINTON Fanciers' Society will hold their Ninth Annual Open Show in the Congregational Schoolroom (a splendid place for a show) on **Easter Monday, April 1st, 1907.** Entries close March 25th Good Classification. Long list of Specials Cups and Medals. Judge Wm. Brotherton Esq., Rotherham. For Schedules, apply, J. T. Murfin, Station Street, Swinton, Yorks.

Norwich Plainhead Club.

The election of officers for 1907 has resulted as follows:—President, Mr. Eckersley; Vice-Presidents, Messrs. Boxson, Payne, Davis and Aitchison; Committee, Messrs. Cook, Trengove, Booth, Hayhurst, Vardy, Clegg, Towers, Dent, Heaton, Roe, Spillman, and Stringer; Judges, Messrs. Vardy, Trengove, Roe, Bexson, Payne, Battye, Wellings, Heaton, Davis and Barnes; Auditors, Messrs. Clegg and Lythgoe; Secretary, J. Raynes, 9, Richmond Road, Chorlton-cum-Hardy.

Please notify change of address from 54, Curzon Street, to 208, Dorset Street, Leicester, writes Mr. C. Draper, Sec. Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S.

Our Young Bird Show takes place on July 13th, and our Annual Show on December 26th, writes Mr. W. Barritt, Hon. Sec. Suffolk C.B.S.

The balance-sheet of the recent City and Suburban A.C.B. Pair Show shows a profit of £1 19s. on the venture, the goodly sum of £3 11s. 8d. being taken at the "gate."

The Scottish Norwich Plainhead Club appears to be in a flourishing condition, the balance-sheet for 1906, to hand, showing a favourable cash balance of £6 19s. 1d., as against £4 0s. 10d. in 1905.

Mr. J. Brooker (Dorchester) writes:—I have had so many offers for my Norwich Canaries through advertisement in CAGE BIRDS that I find it impossible to answer them all. I thank everyone for their offers.

CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL for 1907 to hand. It is without doubt the best 6d. worth out, brimful of information. I consider the portion devoted to "Diseases of Cage Birds" worth the money, having regard to its handy form of reference.—F. W. PICKARD (Wakefield).

From its handbook, just issued, the North London C.B.A. seems in a flourishing condition. Its membership is increasing, it has a good list of patrons, and its programme for the year includes lectures, a country ramble, shows, etc. The Secretary is Mr. R. P. Harper, 26, Brighton Road, Stoke Newington, N.

By the reports of the Derby fanciers, they are putting things ship-shape for the coming "struggle." They cannot meet with worse luck than last season. Some hens are very forward. Mr. Jas. Hill (president of the Derby C.B.C.) has two nests up on the outside of his out-door aviary; of course, in the inside of same he has a little heat on.—W. H. BAMSEY (Hon. Sec. Derby C.B.C.).

We are informed that Mr. A. E. Bailey (of Bristol), who anticipates going abroad early next month, has disposed of his champion Bramblefinch, "Pride of the West," the Palace Show winner, to that well-known local fancier Mr. W. H. Manley (Hon. Treas. of the Bristol C.B.S.). We are sure fanciers will wish Mr. Bailey every success in his new venture, and we shall hope to hear from him in the near future as to the cage birds of Canada and the Far West.

Messrs. Carter and Co., of 38, Howard Street, Birmingham, favour us with an excellent sample of Canary marking rings, which they are putting before fanciers through our advertisement columns. They are made in first-class style, of aluminium, are neat, clean and feather-weight, and admirably adapted for their purpose. Numbers and year are very plainly shown. They are made either closed or removable, the latter possessing a little device which makes their fixing or removal a very easy matter indeed.

At the next meeting of the L. and P.O.S., on the 21st inst., at the "Raglan," Aldersgate Street, E.C., "Questions and Answers on Yorkshires" will be read and discussed. Such authorities on the variety as Messrs. Battye, Bailey, Wilcock, Radley, Mallinson, Halliday, Holroyd, Broadley Drake, and Cowgill have given the benefit of their experiences, and they are very appropriate to the present season of the year. To give an instance, question 12 refers to the cause and cure of inflammation in young birds.

Perhaps!

The Cuckoo, it is reported in the "Standard," was heard and seen in the neighbourhood of Gamlingay on Saturday, March 2nd.

The L. and L.F.A. Dinner.

Tickets for the L. and L.F.A. social evening, on Saturday, April 6th, at the Spinners Hotel, Shaw Road, Oldham, are now ready (first-class dinner and presentation of cups and medals), price 2s. each. They should be applied for as early as possible (to avoid disappointment). The talent for the evening is unique.—H. OLIVER, Sec., 35, Hadfield Street, Glossop.

The N.B.B. and M.C. Dinner.

We have been compelled to alter the date of the dinner of the National British Bird and Mule Club, which is to be held on Friday, March 22nd (instead of Thursday, 21st, as stated last week), at the Holborn Restaurant. Bird-lovers desirous of being present would oblige by communicating with me at once.—T. R. TROWER (442, Caledonian Road, N.).

Our Recent Prize Competitions.

We had hoped to be in a position to announce this week the winners' names in the prize competitions held in connection with our Birthday and Crystal Palace special issues. But the enormous entry, and the consequent onerous nature of the task of selection, combined with an unusually heavy inrush of "copy" during the week, compel us to ask the kind indulgence of readers for seven days. The winners' names shall all be given in our issue of next week, together, we hope, with other interesting particulars.

The CAGE BIRDS postcards I bought are gems.—F. KING (Cambridge).

Mr. W. T. Turner, 109, Victoria Road, Parkgate, Rotherham, is the newly-elected Secretary of the Parkgate and Rawmarsh C.B.S.

Mr. J. C. Barnes (Walkley, Sheffield) is down to judge at Bramley (near Leeds) Show, November 2nd, and Preston, November 8th.

I have had over 50 replies to my advertisement in CAGE BIRDS, and find it impossible to attend to all.—GEO. HILL (Hon. Sec. Greenwich and Deptford C.B.S.).

We are asked to draw attention to the fact that in his advertisement on March 2nd, under British Hardbills, Mr. Dymond's (of 71, Clive Road, Cardiff) name was incorrectly given as Young.

I have just received CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL from my newsagent, and am highly delighted with it. The alteration you have made in the shape of it is a direct advance on previous years.—H. HILL (Sec. Bradford East O.S.).

The date of the Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S. First Feather Show has been changed from June 29th to June 22nd. Mr. R. Barrass (Rochdale) has been appointed judge of the Back End Show.—S. M. CLAYTON, Hon. Sec.

We have received the 1907 year-book of the South Metropolitan F. A., which gives an interesting programme of events forthcoming during the present season, including lectures, washing and judging competitions, and discussions.

Mr. J. W. Marsden, 44, Troop Street, Blackburn, writes that he has been appointed Hon. Sec. of the Blackburn and District C.B.S., in succession to Mr. J. Walsh. The Society are having a Members' First Feather Show on July 6th.

After a most successful year's working the West London F.A. have a balance in hand of 19s. A good programme of lectures, shows, and concerts has been arranged for 1907, and things generally are very promising. It has been decided not to hold an open show this year.

It is impossible for me to reply individually to the dozens of applicants for my Hybrid pairs and breeding cages, advertised in CAGE BIRDS. I may say that I am still making breeders, etc., for fanciers from my advertisement of three weeks ago. Wishing you success.—H. C. AINGE (Melton).

Glad to hear of the new C.B.S. for Rutherglen and District, writes Mr. C. B. Whitelaw (Glasgow). I wish them every success, and trust that before long they will have a strong, enthusiastic membership, and that their name will be figuring often in your valuable paper. They have a splendid staff of office bearers, who will give new members every encouragement.

Manchester Fanciers Note.

Next Monday, March 18th, Mr. J. W. Cutmore, Curator of the Liverpool Museum, lectures on "British Birds, their Habits, Structure and Coloration," at the Deansgate Hotel, before the Manchester and N.C.O.S. Those fanciers who read in CAGE BIRDS the paper Mr. Cutmore gave some years ago in Liverpool, will remember what a treat it was, writes Mr. G. W. F. Lythgoe, the Hon. Sec., and we hope to have a good muster of fanciers and friends—in fact, anyone interested in hearing him first-hand. The lecture will be illustrated by specimens of various birds.

What Approval Means.

A well-known dealer in birds draws our attention to the fact that some buyers seem to take the word "approval" to mean that birds will be sent on receipt of their order, without either cash or deposit. He forwards a letter in substantiation, wherein the writer says hard things because he (the dealer) refused to send birds on such terms. We may point out that the latter means nothing more nor less than giving credit to all and sundry—a system no business man would dream of adopting. But "approval" of purchases can always be had, where so stated, by depositing the purchase amount with CAGE BIRDS.

Proposed Scottish Amalgamation.

The matter of the proposed amalgamation between the Edinburgh Ornithological and Scottish National Societies caused, we hear, a heated discussion at the meeting of the S.N.S. on March 9th. A letter was read from Mr. Melrose (Sec. Edinboro' O.A.), in which he stated that his Society had delayed acting in certain matters, hearing that the Scottish National had a proposal on foot re amalgamation. Some objection was made to consideration of the letter, on the ground that the subject had not been before the S.N.S. This was over-ruled, as notice of motion had been given by a member, who proposed and advocated at some length such amalgamation. He must, however, have been sadly disillusioned when, one after another, members popped up all over the well-filled room to speak in opposition. Finally the proposal, which found only two supporters, was overwhelmingly defeated. As is usual in such cases, there were not wanting those who sat on the fence and declined to vote.

A CASE IN POINT!!!

Show Secretaries and Committees Note!

"Please withhold our Show Date until further notice," writes Mr. J. M. Nicholson, Hon. Sec., Seaham Harbour and District C.B.A. "I find we are clashing with Gateshead, which is very undesirable, seeing we are so close together. We had thought all Shows round our way were already fixed up."

The above letter should bring home to every Show Official the desirability of at once placing his own particular fixture in our

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*Oct. 22 and 23.—**Plymouth W.C.O.S.**
*Oct. 25 and 26.—**Manchester and Northern Counties, O.S.**
*Oct. 26.—**Middlesborough Tee-side C.B.S.**
Oct. 26 and 28. **Cheltenham C.B.S.**
Oct. 30 — **Paignton** (J.H.P.)
*Oct. 30 and 31.—**Welsh National C.B.S.**
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*Nov. 2.—**Bramley O.S. (Leeds)** (J.C.B.)
Nov. 2.—**Cleator Moor F.S.** (C.H. & A.H.)
*Nov. 2 and 4.—**Leicester Hand in Hand C.B.S.**
Nov. 2 and 4.—**Norwich Alliance (All England) C.B.A.**
Nov. 5 and 6.—**York C.B.S.** (J.H.R., H.W.B.)
Nov. 6 and 7.—**Portsmouth.**
*Nov. 6 and 7.—**Swansea and District C.B.A.** (T.H.M., J.R., D.H.T., J.H.J., A.H.)
Nov. 7.—**Potteries C.B.A.**
*Nov. 7 and 8.—**Greenwich and Deptford** (J.R., J.D.)
*Nov. 8 and 9.—**Preston O.S.** (J.C.B., P.R.)
*Nov. 8 and 9.—**Hinckley** (J.R.)
*Nov. 8 and 9, 1907.—**Sheffield and District C.B.S.**
Nov. 8 and 9.—**Wallsend and Mid Tyne.**
Nov. 8 and 9.—**Warrington C.B.S.**
*Nov. 9, 1907—**Bo'ness.**
*Nov. 9.—**Stockton-on-Tees & District C.B.S.**
*Nov. 12.—**Cambridge and Cambridgeshire C.B.S.** (J.R.)
*Nov. 13.—**Luton** (J.R.)
*Nov. 14.—**Merthyr Tydfil.**
*Nov. 15 and 16, 1907.—**Leeds** (P.R., J.R. & H.W.B.)
Nov. 16- **Consett.**
Nov. 16.— **Morpeth.**
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Nov. 20 and 21.—**Bristol C.B.S.**
Nov. 22 and 23.— **Bolton.**
*Nov. 22 and 23.—**Hull** (J.C.B., C.H.)
*Nov. 22 and 23.—**Sunderland.**
Nov. 23 —**City and County of Perth.**
*Nov. 26 and 27.—**Bournemouth and District C.B.S.**
*Nov. 26 and 27.—**Derby** (J.B. J.R., J.H.R., J.H.S.)
*Nov. 27 and 28.—**Cardiff and District C.B.S.** (J.H.P. & J.R.)
Nov. 28 and 29.—**Y.C.C. of Ireland** (H.W.B.)
Nov. 30, 1907.—**City of Dundee.**
Nov. 30, 1907—**Darlington C.B.S.**
Dec. 4 and 5.—**Bristol Fanciers' Association.**
Dec. 6 and 7.—**L.C.B.A. (Westminster).**
Dec. 7, 1907—**Cupar (Fife).**
Dec. 7.—**Scaham Harbour.**
Dec. 13 and 14.—**Gateshead and District.**
Dec. 14.—**Harrogate C.B.S.** (H.W.B.)

Beats Cock-Fighting Hollow.

I was present, writes a Birmingham correspondent who must remain nameless, at a cock main the other day (I don't know whether you like anything of that sort). After we had won, just by the skin of our teeth, a friend gave me two Roller cocks, and this has started me off Canary breeding instead of cock fighting. I have several of your plates framed, and I think they are very nice.

Gateshead Show is fixed for Dec. 13th and 14th next.

Mr. I. Jones (Walsall) writes:—I have had excellent results from my adverts. in your paper, CAGE BIRDS.

Great Yarmouth Poultry and Cage-Bird Show is fixed for November 6th and 7th.—F. C. DAVIES, Hon. Sec.

A Robin's nest containing three eggs has been found in a disused stable lantern at the Hall Farm, Little Baddow, Essex.

Owing to so many replies to my advertisement in CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. R. H. Folley (Exeter), I find it absolutely impossible to answer all of them.

Mr. A. Lister (Gateshead) writes:—My address is now 8, St. George's Terrace, Rectory Road, Gateshead. All communications should be sent to that address.

Writing from Glasgow, Mr. C. B. Whitelaw says:—Many thanks for sending my copies of CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL. It is a very handy book for reference, and should be in every bird room.

I have been a constant reader of your valuable paper for two years past, writes Mr. G. Hutton (Stirling), and there is nothing I enjoy better. Friday never comes too soon. Through one small advertisement in it I sold all I had to sell.

I have been a constant reader of CAGE BIRDS for the past five years, since I took up the Yorkshire Fancy, and I must certainly say it has helped me a long way to my success both in breeding and on the show bench.—S. K. HOSFORD (Cork).

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The annual meeting of the Consett, Blackhill and District P.P.R. and C.B. Society was held recently. Mr. W. Nattrass (chairman) presided over a large meeting. An increase of over 30 members was reported. Mr. F. Turnbull, one of the auditors, presented the balance-sheet, showing a substantial balance of £30 18s. 8½d. This was largely due to the hard work of the committee.

At a special meeting of the Seaham Harbour and Dis. C.B.B.A., Feb. 23rd., it was decided to hold a two-days' open show during the year; also a members' show Nov. 16th, Station Hotel; also a first feather show, date to be fixed later. It was proposed and carried (unanimously) that we advertise and guarantee open show in your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS. Three new members elected.—J. M. NICHOLSON, sec.

Mr. Norman's Drawings.

I should like to add one more appreciation of your valuable paper, and say how much I appreciate Mr. Norman's drawings. They are the most life-like that I have ever seen; in fact, you almost expect to see them burst into song as you look at them, or to take wing and fly away.—THOS. C. CRAWHALL (Newcastle).

Mealworms: Their Use and Abuse.

In "Bird Notes" for February, Dr. W. G. Creswell says, concerning the mealworm:—"There is absolutely nothing in a mealworm to harm a bird, not even the chitinous outer covering. The prejudice that exists against them in many quarters is perfectly senseless, and is due only to the imagination of those who know nothing either of the analysis of a mealworm or the physiology of digestion, whether in birds or other animals. There is but one objection to the use of what I have seen described as the "useful but imperfect (!) mealworm"—that is, the price they command. Any other objection is only worthy of the author of the astounding dictum that since spiders live on insects, a few of these given to a bird represent much insect food."

Your report says Llandwrog Show, which should read Glynllivon Fanciers' Show, held in Schoolroom, Llandwrog. I am pleased to say that, as you report, it was a huge success, and other shows please note, we paid all prize money the same night.—WM. WINNARD.

Mr. T. H. Melhuish, 68, King's Road, Cardiff, writes:—My county contracts being finished, I shall now have more time to give to Fancy matters, and have decided to accept a few judging engagements, should they be offered. I have already had three enquiries from societies.

The annual show of the York C.B.S. will be held on November 5th and 6th, in the Exhibition Buildings, one of the finest rooms in the North for such a purpose. This we have taken at great expense, and hope to give bird lovers a real treat and surprise on the occasion of the show. Messrs. J. H. Roe and H. W. Battye will judge.—A. RICHARDSON, Chairman.

Mr. H. W. Battye writes:—I am pleased to say that my son, after eight anxious weeks in the Nurses' Home, is now at home and on the high road to complete recovery, and to my many fancier friends who, by their kindly enquiries and expressions of sympathy, have done something to lighten the trouble, will you kindly through the medium of CAGE BIRDS convey my sincere thanks?

Mr. C. Hobarts, Secretary Norwich Record B.B.S., writes:—"Our officers for ensuing year are: Chairman, H. Smith; vice-Chairman, J. Parsons; Treasurer, W. Daynes, 15 Denmark Road; Committee, F. Cullington, W. Johnson, and A. Payne. Our meetings and two shows are to held at the Spread Eagle, Sussex Street. Meetings will be held on alternate Mondays.

From the Metropolitan Association of Canary, Mule, and Hybrid Breeders we have received a dainty little blue-covered booklet of rules. We note the club is affiliated to the C.B.U., and that the hon. sec. is Mr. A. J. Head, 52, Broughton Street, Queen's Road, Lavender Hill. The chairman is Mr. F. J. Martin, and the committee comprises Messrs. Peck, Saitch, McGregor, Arnold, Wythe, Allison, Hartley, Gray and Sawyer; treasurer, G. Kearney; assistant sec., J. Best.

The Labourer and His Hire.

Judges' fees in Scotland seem to be considerably lower than those that prevail this side of the border line. One balance-sheet to hand discloses the fact that a judge's fee for a large show was 10s., while in another case the almost (to our eyes) ridiculous sum of 5s. was handed over in payment for a hard day's judging. The work, it seems to us, might be termed honorary upon this basis.

Information on Distempers.

Referring to a correspondent's question re "Durisco," Mr. T. Soar writes:—This is a distemper, and can be obtained in all shades from almost any colour stores. It is a good article, but expensive, and is used chiefly in the best kinds of work. If your correspondent wants a distemper for cages, he will be able to obtain one which will serve his purpose at about half the cost of "Duriseo."

Then—And Now!

On many occasions when a special number of CAGE BIRDS has come out, I have purchased extra copies to give to friends of mine who have newly commenced to keep our pets. Result, they have also taken it in. You might wonder why have I done this? Well, I remember the poor support and little matter that used to be given us before "C.-B." came on the scene. Double number after double, but how little on cage birds! Then you produced our one and only paper, to which we owe so much; consequently, my support.—J. G. HUTCHINSON (Newcastle).

Advantages of Stud Registers.

Mr. Spillman, in forwarding his stud register, printed upon another page, says:—"I think it absolutely necessary to make some reference to the great advantage gained by adopting a stud register. It is just fifteen years since I made the Norwich Plainhead my speciality. To start with I secured some stock birds from a few of the best strains in the Fancy, and it was not long before I found out that one or the other suited a certain purpose, such as the progeny coming from one strain were a bit overdone in feather, whilst another were particularly good in that respect but ran a bit on the small side whilst others were very good in colour, and, making a note of these things, I soon concentrated the good points, and discarded the bad ones. In the course of four or five years, I had fixed a strain that could almost be said to be depended upon." We understand that Mr. Spillman has never bought a winner unless it was his own blood, and that, to use his own words, "Nearly all the winners in the locality have his blood running in their veins." This should go a long way to prove to the most fastidious that pedigree breeding is the royal road to success. "Convinced I am," continues Mr. Spillman, "more than ever that two birds coming from the one strain properly matched are more likely to 'hit' than even two winners that are bought up haphazard at a show."

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Bradford (East) O.S.—March 19th, at Park Chapel Schools, 8 o'clock. Mr. R. Halliday (Shipley) will lecture on pairing of Yorkshire Canarics; members and friends attend.—H. Hill, hon. sec.

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CANARIES.

NORWICH PLAINHEADS.

Answered by J. H. PAYNE.

Continually Moulting (Garab).—The continual moulting has evidently weakened your Norwich bird considerably, and you must strengthen him up before there will be a chance of getting him right again. Give him in his drinking water for three weeks 10 drops of tinture of quinine. Twice or three times a week let him have a little egg food, to which add 5 drops of Parrish's chemical food. Let him have occasionally a piece of sponge cake, over which drop a little best sherry. Keep him covered over at night with a warm cloth, and out of all draught.

Pairing Norwich Too Early (D. and 4th).—You made a mistake in pairing up your birds so early. The fact of the hen pulling the cock about, as you say she did, only shows that she was not in breeding condition. Put them together again the second week in next month, when I have no doubt they will act quite differently. I should not advise you to part with the hen if she is a suitable mate for the cock. Your feeding is quite correct, but you might give them a pinch of maw seed three times a week.

Cock Five Years Old (A.C.).—If your Norwich cock is as you say in good condition and in full song, then you may reasonably expect to breed with him, notwithstanding the fact that he is five years old. But do not pair him up until the middle of next month, and in the meantime feed him well. Let him have twice a week a little egg food and a pinch of maw seed, and, as soon as you can get them, a few young dandelion leaves.

YORKSHIRES.

Answered by H. W. BATTYE.

Cataract (Wigan).—I know of no cure for cataract on the eye, only an operation, and birds are certainly very small and delicate patients to operate upon. Sorry, but I think the best thing would be to put the bird out of its misery.

Food Moisture and Colour Query (A.C.E.).—I don't think you would be very successful in rearing young Yorkshires on the mixture you name. I should not like to try myself. You will find nothing better than the old-fashioned hard-boiled egg and bread crumbs, or crushed biscuits with crushed hemp seed and green food. Perhaps a wash would improve the appearance of your birds. To improve their colour you will have to wait till next moult.

Cock with Sore Eye (F. Gelder).—Get a little milk, make it about blood, warm with hot boiled water, and bathe the bird's eyes with it, using a perfectly clean bit of soft sponge or linen rag. Throw this away every time, and use fresh. Bathe twice or three times a day, and when bathing examine the eyes for any bit of sand you may possibly find, as that has probably caused irritation, and the bird has made this worse with rubbing it on the perches. Keep the latter clean, and put a thick, soft cloth in cage bottom till the bird is better.

Yorkshire Hen Picking Feathers (J. Gardner).—Your hen has been having too much stimulating food, and probably too little exercise. Hens should not have egg food, or, at any rate, very seldom, till they are put into the same cage as the cock. Of course, I am speaking of those that are in robust health. Stop the egg food, and give a sprig of well-washed watercress daily. The Epsom salts is the proper treatment in this case, and you may have found a great improvement by the time you see this. If not, continue it, making fairly strong. I fancy she is ready for breeding, and you might do worse, under the circumstances, than pair her up at once.

Pairing Query (T.L.S.).—Have carefully studied the various birds you describe in pairs, as well as I could from the particulars you give in your letter. My best advice is:—Pair No. 1 cock to No. 8 hen; No. 2 cock to No. 7 hen; run No. 3 clear yellow cock with both No. 6 and No. 9 hens. No. 4 cock I should not use for breeding purposes, as from your description he is both thick and short, as well as being bad in wing carriage—all three bad failings in a Yorkshire. Nos. 5 and 10 hens I should also discard, both being loose in feather.

Pairing—Seven Pairs (No Name).—From your very meagre description and the limited ways possible of pairing the birds you mention, I can only give you a very little reliable information. Could I have seen the birds myself it might have simplified matters. Your two pairs of Yorkshires you can only pair as you have numbered them, viz., No. 1 cock to No. 1 hen, and No. 4 cock to No. 4 hen, and though they are not ideal pairs they may breed some reasonably good stuff. The Norwich I would pair as follows:—No. 2 cock to No. 3 hen; No. 3 cock to No. 6 hen; No. 5 cock to No. 2 hen; No. 6 cock to No. 7 hen; No. 7 cock to No. 5 hen.

Songless and Moulting (Island Green).—Your feeding and general management seems all right, but I am afraid your bird is paying the penalty so many singing Canaries have to pay that are kept in kitchens—that is, it has got into the loose moult. Give him a little egg food daily for a fortnight, and well mix with it six drops of Parrish's chemical food; sprinkle over it a pinch of maw seed. Stop the apple for a time, and, instead, give a wee bit of well-washed watercress three times a week.

Inbreeding (H.K.G.B.C.).—Your query is well and briefly put, and am glad to be able to answer in your favour. You say you have three yellow cocks bred from a certain hen, and three buff hens bred from another hen, but all the six young birds are from one cock. Well, if these birds are as you say, they are good ones, and, in addition, are sound and healthy, you need not be afraid to pair them up for breeding, especially if the two parent hens were unrelated. But be careful another year, and don't overdo the thing, because, although a little of a thing is good, it does not necessarily follow that the more of it you get the better. I am not an advocate of inbreeding too closely among Canaries.

Sawdust for Cage Bottoms (B. Soames).—I am sorry I was unable to reply to your query last week as your birds seem to be in a bad way generally, and probably some of them may have died before you see this. I am decidedly of opinion that the sawdust has been the cause of your trouble. I don't advise its use in any case. And, to be candid, in many cases where sawdust is used, it is to save either the appearance of dirt or the trouble of cleaning, and it covers up and helps to breed as much filth as anything in the bird room. I would any time rather see an honest heap of droppings accumulated than know that a sprinkling of clean sawdust was covering up a similar or worse accumulation. But, apart from this, you have been very imprudent to have given them their sand and gravel among the sawdust, and sometimes crushed oats amongst it. Clear out all sawdust, and substitute some good maker's grit. And give the birds you have left the following mixture in both egg food and drinking water for three days, and, after that, one day in the egg food, and next day in the water for another week or ten days. Recipe:—Equal parts tincture of rhubarb, essence of cayenne, essence of peppermint, spirit of camphor, laudanum; dose, six drops. It may be given either in egg food or drinking water, or both.

Flight Cages (J.A.L.).—The system I follow with my young birds when they leave the nest is to put them along with the hen into a small flight cage of the following size: 30 in. long, 16½ in. high, and 8½ in. from back to front. This is a very convenient size for a nest of from three to five young ones. I have also some larger flights, and when the youngsters are able to feed themselves, two or three nests, according to numbers, go together into one of these until they are eating colour food. Then, if there seem a few that promise to turn out a bit above common, I put them into ordinary stock cages and moult separately, or in couples if they agree. My large flights are 4 ft. long, 20 in. high, and 11 in. from back to front.

Difficulty in Getting Out Notes (Jikes).—It is not wise to purchase close on the breeding season birds that have a difficulty in getting out some of their notes. I should advise you in future to avoid doing so. Give your bird six drops of glycerine, and six drop of good whisky in its drinking water fresh daily for a week, or ten days, when he should have got over the difficulty, and be in full loud song. When this is the case you can consider him in breeding condition, and when the hen is skipping briskly from perch to perch, flapping her wings, and, maybe, carrying a feather or some other bit of loose material in her mouth, she may also be considered in breeding condition, and you may put them together as soon as you like.

CRESTS AND CRESTBREDS.

Answered by W. E. GREEVES.

Crestbred Cock with Lump at Root of Tail (G. D.).—Do not attempt again to remove lump by cutting. Being so near the oil-gland I should advise you to try and disperse it, by bathing it frequently with hot water; be careful that the water is not too hot at first. It may be some little time before there will be any noticeable improvement, but if you are persistent you will find this the safest and most effectual treatment. You can, if you like, paint it with iodine; but I doubt if it will be as successful as the bathing. If you do paint it, be most careful not to put any iodine near, or on, the oil-gland.

Crestbred Hen Blind One Eye (A. Brown).—You do not say the nature of the blindness your bird is troubled with. I conclude from your treatment that it is swollen and closed; if so, bathe it well with new milk slightly diluted with warm water. There is a disease of the eye which is highly contagious; for this reason, if around the eye is swollen and inflamed, keep it away from all others. If you will fully describe its nature I shall be able to advise you further. If cataract is the cause, then nothing can be done, and, in all probability, the other eye will go likewise; but I have known this to be delayed by continuously giving a tonic, Parrish's chemical food for preference, either in egg food, its water, or direct into its beak.

Blind Canary (M. B. Partridge).—You may mate your third bird with a hen, but the chances are very much against your getting fertile eggs. My own experience has proved to me conclusively that blindness is hereditary; for this reason, I consider it most undesirable to attempt to breed from a bird that is blind. The hen, if she is a good feeder, would bring up the young ones without the assistance of the cock bird.

Crestbred Hen Out of Condition (Lover of Crests).—The symptoms of your hen point to liver trouble. Feed, as a staple food, on good, sound clean Canary seed and German summer rape, giving at the same time a liberal supply of grit, a few leaves of dandelion, or watercress daily; a small piece of boiled carrot may also be given occasionally, but no food of a highly stimulating nature. Give a bath frequently, and on bright warm days lay the bird on its back in your hand and well soak the body with tepid water. Mind and do this early mornings, so that the feathers get a chance of drying before night.

Crested Cock Losing Crest (Ajax).—It is difficult to say, without seeing your bird, for what reason he has gone bald. If caused by insects, dust well with Keating's powder. If the skin is in its natural colour, do not attempt to do anything. As the bird to all appearance is in good health the loss of head feathers will not interfere with his breeding. Feed on canary seed daily, German rape every other day, hemp seed once a week, and egg food, if you intend breeding from him, twice a week; also give a sprig of watercress twice a week; shake or damp as much water from it as you can before giving. Give a bath daily; if he won't bathe, dip in a basin of tepid water; do this in the morning. To a Crested cock mate a Crestbred Plainhead hen—i.e., a Plainhead bred from one Crest parent. If in a warm room, the last week in this month or the beginning of April. It sometimes happens that a bird will not moult at its proper time; when this is the case a moult is forced, by taking it from a high temperature to a low one, or vice versa; or a friend might say to you that he would take your bird and moult it for you, meaning nothing more than that he would attend to it in a proper manner during the time of moulting. Queries relating to different varieties must be written on a separate sheet of paper.

CINNAMONS.

Answered by J. NORTH.

Pairing (Barrow).—By pairing a yellow Cinnamon cock with a mealy Green Norwich hen you stand a good chance of getting Cinnamon-coloured daughters from them for sure, and if the green colour of the hen is derived from Cinnamon crossing, you might also get some Cinnamon sons from them. If the hen is not Cinnamon-bred her sons will be green or green-marked. Yes, the progeny would be useful for crossing back with either Norwich or Cinnamons assuming they were of good size, thick-set in body, and free from surplusage of feather.

Did Journey Do It? (F. Harrison).—Yes, I quite think the journey on the bicycle may have given your Canary "a chill," for, supposing there were any ventilating holes in the wrapper, it seems quite feasible that the inrush of cold air would be too strong for the bird's lungs. Its liver may also have got into a congested condition at the same time, which would account for the abnormal appearance of the excreta. The bird should be kept in a box cage, and out of all draughts in a warm room. Let it have some bread and milk sop sprinkled with seed, and into two tablespoonfuls of its drinking water mix half a teaspoonful of syrup of buckthorn. At first a little sweet apple may be given, and subsequently some green leaves of watercress, groundsel, or chickweed.

BORDERS.

Answered by J. PATTERSON.

Various (Novice).—(a) Your hen has evidently caught her foot in some loose wire and sprained it. Put as much permanganate of potash as will lightly colour the water about the shade of port wine. Catch her, and put her foot in this for a minute or two. This will soon put it right. If very much swollen, a little lanoline rubbed on gently will soothe it. For perches use ¾ wood with the rough edges taken off with a plane. Place your hand saw in a vice with the teeth uppermost; pull the spar from end to end until it is well grooved. This will enable her to get a better hold of it. Yes, she will be quite safe to breed with, about the the end of this month. (b) I am afraid I can assist you very little to prove that the birds you bought have won at the shows you mention. Perhaps you could reach the birds' previous owner and ascertain from him, either by going over CAGE BIRDS of 1905 and seeing who won, or applying to the secretaries of the shows mentioned, asking who won those particular classes, enclosing stamp for reply.

Various (W. S. Brewster).—You are treating your birds right by keeping them in separate cages, before the time you will require her, as your feeding is not over stimulating. There is little else you could do to keep her back, unless changing her cage into another room where she won't hear the cock bird calling to her; or shift her about from one corner to another. When a large number of hens are kept it is an easy matter keeping them back by running them into strange cages. This puts pairing out of their heads for a day or two, but as you only mention one, perhaps that is all you have. (2) After you remove, and the birds have to be kept in the kitchen, keep them as far back from the fire as possible, and below the gas. I have no doubt they will get on all right during the breeding season, but I am afraid it will be more difficult to moult them out successfully, and keep in perfect health and cleanliness after. In most kitchens the temperature varies too much every day, whereas in a cold room, even an attic, it is more equal. Have a look round after you are settled, and see if you could not find a place of this sort.

ROLLERS.

Answered by F. A. LESTER.

Roller Not Singing (J.M.C.).—Sorry to hear your bird has not improved, and would recommend the mixture advised in our last issue for German cock Canary. If the bird is otherwise healthy, I see no reason why you should not breed with him. There are so many things to be considered that if the bird is not an expensive one I would advise you to buy another.

Hen that Pants (Snip).—There are several things that may cause your Roller hen to pant. Here are a few. She may be too fat; she may be an old bird; she may have asthma, caused by the very thing you are trying to help her with, to wit, the fire during the day. You see, during the winter months, the coldest part of the 24 hours is between 2 a.m. and 5 a.m., and your room may be about 60 deg. to 63 deg. during the day, and drop to 40 deg. or even lower during the night, and those extremes nearly always affect the lungs. If you think it is asthma, give her the mixture advised for German cock Canary in the last issue, and give a piece of raw Spanish onion between the wires. Your other feeding is correct. The egg food did not come to hand, so I cannot comment on it, but egg food made of four or five Osborne biscuits to one egg, thoroughly mixed and given in quantities of half a teaspoonful to each bird will not do any harm.

Time of Feeding when Breeding, etc (Cock Main).—What time to feed during breeding would depend upon when you got up in the morning. If you are an early riser, feed as soon as daylight appears; but if you rise about seven or eight o'clock you will have to leave the egg drawer full of egg food last thing at night if the birds are very young; if they are over a fortnight it would not matter so much. With regard to your other question we cannot recommend any other way than to procure your birds through one of the advertisers in our Roller columns. I cannot take any interest in cock fighting; but the old saying that it's "an ill wind that blows nobody any good" applies here, as it has been the means of you taking up a Fancy from which you will get more enjoyment, if not so much excitement, as you have done from cock fighting.

MISCELLANEOUS CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by J. NORTH.

Wholesale Loss of Birds.—My Canaries and Finches duly moulted, but in December some started to lose all the feathers near beak, and in a few days their heads and necks were bare; they were continually pecking their breasts and wings, and died in a few days. I suspected red-mite, but dressed cages effectually. Gave soft food, salad, and apple. In January hens laid 30 eggs, but none were fertile. Temperature of room 60 deg. F., size is 16 ft. by 14 ft. When I keep any in separate cages they do not die.—H. S. ROSS (St. Louis, Mo.).

If I were nearer to you I might fathom this mystery, but the thousands of miles which divide us prevent you submitting any bodies for post-mortem examination. The temperature of 60 deg. in January is too high, unless it is the summer with you, but as your birds do not seem to be breeding I take it to be your winter time. I do not think the loss of feather causes the deaths; anyway, there is no such disease in this country that I know of. In "Canary Plague" and "Bird Fever," birds die suddenly, seeming to be in full vigour one day and dead the next, although, no doubt, they may have been affected for days or weeks. If the disease which your birds have got is merely a parasitic skin complaint it might be arrested by dusting on precipitated sulphur, or the same remedy might be made into a lotion with milk and glycerine. Remove all the birds from the room, and thoroughly disinfect it with burning sulphur. Also let the walls, ceiling, and floor be well washed with boric acid solution. No dependence can be placed on lime-wash nor in carbolic acid. I cannot understand how you came to the decision that none of the 30 eggs were fertile. As the birds in cages seem to be free from the disease, run them all into clean cages while the room is being disinfected. Let them have plenty of fresh air and daylight; use as little artificial heat as possible, and feed on seed and such salad as groundsel, watercress, or chickweed.

Soft Moult.—Would the smoke from the stove at night cause the moult, or would a higher temperature caused by sunshine through the day, falling back to about 45 deg. at night, cause it? Will they be any good to bred this season?—BALGONIE.

Smoke from any stove during the night is very likely to so upset them that nothing but a moult would save them. Old lime could not possibly be the means of causing a bird to moult. Fluctuations of temperature are very likely to cause a soft moult, but not unless the birds are under glass, or in a greenhouse, where the difference between the midday and midnight readings are great. There is no reason why birds that have been dropping feathers out of season should not come into breeding condition this summer. Feed them well on soft food and salad, in addition to usual seed.

Paired Too Soon.—Roller cock and Crested hen paired, have built their nest for some days past, but yet there is no sign of any egg. Have I paired them too soon?—H.A.H.

Yes, I take it that is just the source of the difficulty. You have paired the birds too soon, and if you will take my advice you will separate them for another fortnight. They would then, in all probability, make up what they please to consider their minds to start again in earnest, the genial warmth of spring helping them. Do not give any soft food while separated, but a little salad or sweet apple may be given with advantage.

Panting and Wheezing.—My birds seem to pant very much, and wag their tails a lot; one will be singing one minute, the next he will squeak aloud and wheeze. Fed on canary seed, with sop every morning.—A CONSTANT READER.

Your birds appear to be in low condition of health, and one imagines, in the absence of precise information on the point, that they are in a very cold or draughty position. You would do well to get them near a window having a southern aspect, so that they might have the benefit of warm sunshine. Let them also have some egg food every day, in which you have let fall three drops of Parrish's chemical food for each bird. Sweet apple or boiled carrot are also much relished by birds, and tend to bring them into prime order.

Cock Hatched in July.—Cock Canary hatched in July; is he old enough to breed from? What age hen should he have?—BEGINNER.

Canaries that are bred during any given year are fit to commence rearing a family any time in the following summer. Some breeders are very partial to mating a young cock to an older hen or an elderly cock to a yearling hen. Breeding cages are of various patterns, but those with a sliding partition are the best for keeping control over the movements of the engaged young couple, which are apt to be at times somewhat erratic. At this time of year one bird should be kept in each compartment, and towards the end of the month the slide may be withdrawn.

Canary Seems Languid.—Canary, supposed to be a cock, has been with me two weeks, but does not sing. It travelled on a bitter cold day, and lay at the station all night. It seems languid. When given a bath just sits until its feathers dry, and does not preen itself. Usual seed feeding, with egg food twice a week.—PANS.

If your Canary is a hen, and so very far from being in a healthy condition, it cannot be of much use; most people would not take any trouble with it. However, the spring is coming, and birds are getting into high condition, and it is the best time of the year for improving the health of invalids. It has very likely got a severe chill; you would do well to treat it in the way often advised in these columns. It should not be forced into the bath; but if its cage and bath is placed in the sunshine it would probably go in willingly, and then preen itself in the natural warmth of the sun.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

Cock Bullfinch to Hen Canary (A. J. F.).—It is a dubious point whether a cock Bullfinch can be mated to a hen Canary with hope of success. The chance of getting Hybrids is but a slight one, anyway. Several breeders have claimed to be successful, but several of the said claims have proved, on investigation (as I personally know), to have not the slightest foundation on fact. You can try your luck, of course; I certainly don't

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know of, and can't imagine, any real reason why a cock Bullie should not fertilise eggs in captivity. Still, everybody seems to find them very shy at doing so.

Steadying Down a Greenfinch (F. L. Hill).—A run into a show cage occasionally would undoubtedly tend towards steadying your Greenfinch. In fact, a frequent change of cage (from small to large one, etc.) is often a valuable help in getting a bird tame. Another good method lies in running them out into a "hop-cage" (the very small wired-all-over cage, often used for Linnets and Goldfinches), and giving them a spray before returning them to their stock cages. Just wet, not drench, them. The best all-round stock cage for any Finch is the one I am always recommending—viz., made on the lines of the illustration given in CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL for 1906. A variegated Norwich hen would make him a good mate. It would be useless pairing them up before the middle of May, I fancy. Hang their cage in a very quiet spot, and don't go poking about round it more than is absolutely necessary.

Old or Young Jackdaw (E. Weight).—If your Jackdaw has a grey neck it is in adult plumage. Still, it may be a last year's youngster, for they assume the grey neck plumage at the moult. There is not usually much difficulty in taming a Jackdaw, either young or old; though, of course, reared birds are ridiculously tame (if one may be allowed the phrase) right through the piece. You could cut through four or five of the primary feathers of the wing, about two-thirds the way up. One wing only would do, doubtless, but birds so treated have a curiously lop-sided look—and lop-sided ways, too.

Another Partly White Linnet (Recruit).—I answered a query very much like yours last week. Note reply to "Puzzled Browney." Partly white Linnets are not at all rare, and have no very great value, unless almost absolutely white—pure white, pink-eyed specimens are really rare, and fairly valuable. I could not pretend to value yours without seeing it. Much depends on its sex. Exhibit it in the classes for feathered (or albino) birds. If entered in the ordinary Linnet class it will probably get "wrong classed" by the judge—rightly so, too, in my humble opinion. See other replies for hints on steadying. Hang birds about breast high. Some birds get tame (domesticated) in next to no time; others don't get a bit steady until after a moult—some not even then. They are not by any means alike in disposition.

Breeding in an Aviary (A Youth).—Your aviary, 6ft. long by 2ft. from back to front by 6ft. high, is much too narrow, in my opinion. A width of 4ft. and onwards would be far better, and certainly more conducive to breeding results. You could try four hen Canaries with a cock Goldfinch, Linnet, Siskin (or Redpoll), and Greenfinch (or Twite) with some certainty of getting Mules for your trouble. If you want Hybrids, I could not recommend more than two Bullie hens with a cock Goldie and Linnet.

Mules and Rollers (W. J.).—Your Rollers would most certainly pick up the notes of the Linnet if you kept him in the same room. Likewise, your young Mules would pick up the Roller song if kept within earshot of it. To learn the Linnet song (pure) they must hear only the song of a good singing Linnet. I advise you to carry on your Mule breeding operations in a room quite apart from the one containing your Roller Canaries—that is, if you are breeding the latter with a view to producing exhibition songsters. A Linnet can, of course, be mated to Roller hens.

Ivy in an Aviary (W. L. Tilley).—This is another query I answered in last week's issue. See reply to "Chick." I cannot add anything thereto; nor, I think, is it needed.

The Uncertainty of Hybrid Breeding (Buggins).—Quite a flavour about your nom-de-plume. The position you set forth is quite a common one with triers after Hybrids. Many a poor fellow is deluded into believing success within his grasp (1) because the cock bird feeds the hen, (2) because he pays her (and frequently) even more intimate attention, (3) because she duly builds, lays, and sits. I have even known the poor deluded one post a paen of exultation for publication in CAGE BIRDS. Whenever I have perused such I have always experienced a strange desire to "wink the other eye"; and no doubt other hardened sinners—that is to say, fanciers—have at the same moment experienced the same curious disturbance of the optic nerves. If only the aforementioned signs really foretold fertile eggs, what numbers of Hybrids we should all of us breed! But, alas! they don't. And the beginner soon finds out this bitter truth, generally much to his exasperation. Try the cock Goldie and hen Bullie again this season, by all means. Good fortune may quite likely visit you. But don't be over sanguine about the earlier eggs; it is usually in the very late clutches that the fertile ones put in an appearance. June and July—and even August—are the great months.

Feeding Linnet and Skylark (New Reader).—The treatment of Skylarks was very fully gone into in our last issue, to which I must please ask you to refer. The Linnet has also had several answers devoted to it this last few weeks. The treatment to make it sing (assuming it, of course, to be a cock bird) lies in the correct feeding. Go to a good seed shop and get the following mixture, by measure: Canary and teazle, two pints each; summer rape, charlock and linseed, half-pint each. Give this as a stock food, and vary it with a good pinch of maw or hemp now and again, given in a finger-drawer or separate dish; also a little packet Finch mixture, and wild seed mixture, and a few cracked or shelled sunflower seeds. Give plenty of seeding shepherd's purse, chickweed, and groundsel tops, but strip off old, stringy leaves (these do internal damage, there can be no question) giving the young and juicy ones only. While moulting, it is not a bad plan to increase the richness of the stock mixture by including a portion of hemp and maw therein—say, one part of the former, and a half-part of the latter. Of the wild seeds, shepherd's purse, our old friend, is the most generally liked by Linnets and many other birds. Then we have plantain, wild mustard, chickweed, groundsel tops, bard-heads, the various thistles, dock, various grass seeds, and gold of pleasure. Here you have a fairly complete list of easily obtainable and easily recognisable wild seeds, and not for Linnets alone, but for all British seed-eaters. "Wild seed mixture," for a feed now and again, you can get sent to your door—and very cheaply, too—by many advertisers who use the columns of CAGE BIRDS.

Blackbird Bald (A. M. S.).—Your feeding is not particularly good. I am often advising how it should be done. Mix the food on the lines advised "J. S." last week, and supply live food regularly—especially mealworms. Give the bird two gentle doses of sulphate of soda, with a two-day interval between them; dissolve as much as just covers a sixpence in every two tablespoonfuls of drinking water. Mix into its soft food daily as much flowers of sulphur as will just cover a shilling. If the bird will let you catch it without any fierce struggling (and you are not unused to handling birds), a light dressing of the bald places with hazeline ointment, once daily for three of four days, would be calculated to do good. But I don't advise unskilled people to try handling such birds as Blackies.

Canary-Bullfinch Hybrids (Novice, H. S.).—It is early yet for fertile eggs from couples such as Canary-Bullies. The signs are distinctly promising, of course. But don't build your hopes too high on them; read reply to "Buggins" this week. If any of the eggs chance to prove fertile transfer them at once, by all means, to the reliable feeding hen Canary you have (the hen which will eat any kind of insect). She will rear the young without any trouble on the usual foods supplied to hens having young Canaries under them—i.e., egg food, crushed hemp, soaked summer rape, young leaves of chickweed, shepherd's purse, lettuce, etc.; giving in addition, of course, any insect food you can command. One word of caution: Don't get messing and fussing about the cage to an utterly unnecessary extent, or you may quite likely put her off her duties. Should she unfortunately neglect them, remember that the hand-rearing of Bullfinch Hybrids offers but little difficulty, even when it has to be undertaken at quite a tender age; the chief things to observe are frequency and regularity of feeding, and giving but a little at a time—not overstuffing them.

Bullfinch Bald (H.W.).—Give for one day, in two tablespoonsful of drinking water as much sulphate of soda as will lie on a sixpence. Afterwards add 5 to 12 drops of the juice of a fresh lemon to the same quantity of water, daily, for a fortnight or more. A gentle, light dressing of the bare spot with hazeline ointment daily for 4 or 5 days would help the recovery of plumage. Keep it out of the eyes. The bird should have a liberal daily allowance of green food—young dandelion, chickweed, lettuce, groundsel flowers, shepherd's purse, rape seedlings, etc. Leave off the linseed, hemp, and niger, except for a pinch once a week. Offer a dozen sunflower seeds daily instead. The quantity of lemon juice should be increased gradually.

In a Room (Grateful).—Your room, 15 ft. by 7 ft., would accommodate fifteen to twenty hen Canaries comfortably—about half that number of male birds would be all that is necessary. The beginning of April will be plenty early enough to turn the birds therein. You certainly could turn the cocks in straight away; but the exercise will do the hens the most good, I fancy. I don't think one cock Bullfinch would make himself objectionable in any way—judging by his behaviour as a rule that is, for I have never tried one under circumstances like the present. Seeing so many other birds enjoying the society of the fairer sex may turn his thoughts into similar channels—with a prospect of profit to yourself. Whatever sunflower seed the Canaries eat will do them no harm.

Indoor Aviary (Novice B.).—Wire netting is the more economical, but a properly made and strengthened wire front looks much neater for indoor aviaries. Still, half-inch (or five-eights) wire netting, if well stretched and fixed, looks quite all right. Your "aviary," 66 in. by 14 in., is really only like a large flight cage, and suitable for no more than three or four birds for breeding purposes. If you want Mules, try a Goldfinch and a Linnet with three hen Canaries. If either of the Britishers squabble, remove him, and leave the other alone with the hens. Only one Hybrid couple could be kept therein—though you might try a cock Goldfinch with two hen Bullies. Put in straight wood perches. Feed birds as recommended in other replies this and last week. Food and water may be either out or in, so long as the birds find their way to them. Hen Canaries like nest pans or nest boxes to build in. Hen Bullfinches are more uncertain; they will use old Thrushes' nests, wood nest boxes, a sod of turf with a depression heaten into it, a Roller travelling cage with the inside fittings knocked out, the head of a broom with a hollow made in it, and many other things. One needs to know and humour them as far as possible. Try a wood nest box in a shady corner, and let the nesting material supplied her contain some cocoa-nut fibre, say pulled out of an old door mat; it is excellent.

Skylark Sneezing (A. G.).—As you shifted your bird from a cold room to a hot one, you will have to take the consequences, I am afraid. Mix a tablespoonful of best honey with a tablespoonful of best glycerine, and well stir one teaspoonful into every two tablespoonfuls of drinking water. Give this a fortnight's trial, fresh daily. It should relieve the "sneezing" and hoarse song. Write again if no improvement is perceptible.

Jay Going Wrong (Constant Reader).—"Middlings" makes no sort of food for a Jay; I wonder your bird has stood such a diet as long as this. I told how the Jay should be fed only a fortnight ago. Why not have profited by the advice? It is no use writing to me to "cure" him; the "cure" lies in your own hands. The best and cheapest way to feed is to utilise table scraps largely. As a stock food, you could use broken-up dog biscuits or puppy cakes (or game meal), with coarse crissel—say two parts of either of the former to one part of the latter (by measure). Moisten with hot water, giving it crumbly moist, and mixing with it table scraps, cooked meat and potatoes, greens, gravy, etc. Give a few trapped mice, young Sparrows, and the like (even young frogs, if you can capture them), but not over much raw meat. You will find them very accommodating in the matter of food. Eggs (raw and cooked), acorns, beechmast, nuts (cracked) of various kinds, peas, berries, fruit, worms, beetles, grubs, and butter are other things they will eat. For one day dissolve as much sulphate of soda as will lie on a shilling in two tablespoonsful of drinking water. Follow this with a fortnight's course of Parrish's chemical food, a small teaspoonful to the same quantity of water.

Newly-caught Chaffinch (R. C. L.).—The present is quite the wrong time of the year to catch a Chaffinch. They are fast coming into breeding condition, and once any wild birds get thoughts of a wife and a home into their heads, it is no use trying to remove them from the green fields in the hope that they will take to a caged existence. It is probably cruel into the bargain, for many of them will not even live, and but very few steady down. As your bird keeps so wild, I advise you to open the cage door and let it away. Buy another next autumn; or get a steadier bird, one which was caught some time back.

Bullfinches Not Succeeding (B. Breeding).—It is not at all unusual (quite the reverse, in fact) for two Bullfinches to make no attempt at domestic duties when confined in an aviary, even when the latter is large, like yours. As they have had two unproductive years now, I don't see the force of letting them try again—that is, if you want to breed anything. You might take out the cock Bullfinch and substitute a vigorous cock Goldfinch. But possibly the hen Bullie would not accept his attentions, but attack him. In that case I should clear both the old Bullies out, and try cock Goldfinch to Bullfinch hen, both fresh birds. You don't say how big your place is; but it is possible, in a really big aviary, to turn out six or seven Bullie hens, and a variety of cock birds—say, Goldfinch, Linnet, Greenfinch, Redpoll, and Siskin. But keep an eye on the Grecuie; some turn out very quarrelsome.

Several Ailments (Constant Reader).—For the Bullfinch that is "bald" adopt the treatment outlined in another reply this week; and the same for the Chaffinch which wheezes, giving honey and glycerine. Keep the latter in an equable temperature, out of draughts. For the Bullie hen, weak after her illness, I recommend a course of Allan and Hanbury's Byno-phosphates; a teaspoonful in every two tablespoonfuls of drinking water, fresh daily, for a fortnight or three weeks.

Breeding in Indoor Aviary (W. H. P.).—An indoor aviary, 6ft. by 3ft. wide, is only suitable for some eight or nine birds where breeding results are desired. I advise you to take out the cock Bramble and hen Chaffinch (pair them separately in a cage, if you like), also the two Bullfinches (or one of them, at least), and one of the Redpolls. With the remaining Goldfinch, Linnet, and Redpoll turn in five or six Canary hens. This will be your best and simplest plan.

Piping and "Made in Germany" (Mr. Finch).—No, sir; I don't consider all the Bullfinches I hear piping a tune (that is, a human-made melody, so to speak) as certain Germans. There are other signs which afford one some indication as to whether a bird is of British or Continental extraction. I will go so far as to wager my top hat, however, that 99 out of every 100 of the "broken pipers" we see in England, come originally from over the sea. I wish you good luck in your attempt to teach a British nestling to pipe a tune; grind "Ehren on the Rhine" into it, then you can have some fun with the poor British bird judges next autumn.

Steadying Siberian Goldfinch (Finch).—See another reply on steadying Finches given an enquirer in this week's issue. Some birds are very intractable compared with others, and try one's patience sadly. I have known a number of examples of different species (Linnets, Chaffinches, Hawfinches, Bramblefinches, Goldfinches, Greenfinches, etc.), which it was quite impossible to get steady and tractable. The only thing that could be done was to open the cage door and let them fly; or to sell them for aviary birds.

Mule Breeding (J.T.).—Yellow hens are always better than buffs (other things being fairly equal) for Mule breeding. Don't put your Goldfinch with the hen Canary now rearing young Canaries until the latter are on the verge of being able to "pick" for themselves. When they are about a month old it should be quite safe to introduce Mr. Goldie, the youngsters, of course, being either in a nursery cage, or separated by a wired partition. Your Goldfinch, however, not being a house-moulted bird (only recently caught, I presume) is quite likely not to be in breeding form before early in May. Your letter is hard to understand on this point, however. My own Finches have been on full song for a long time now. I am not on the staff of Canary specialists; but may perhaps be pardoned for telling you that if you pair a Green cock to a buff hen (clear, I presume), you will breed a preponderance of heavily marked youngsters. Don't mix your queries next time you write, and make them perfectly clear.

Linnet for Muling (Hackenschmidt).—It makes no matter that the Linnet was caught only last October, and is not house-moulted. If it is in full song, has a blue-black beak, and is very steady (as you say), I should not hesitate to pair it up to a hen Canary in a week or so's time. If the advice proves "rotten," Mr. Hackenschmidt, you can call round at the office any day except Sunday and put the "half Nelson" on me.

Hen Linnet Mules (W.J.D.).—Hen Linnet Mules are very easy to tell from cocks, in most cases, by those who have bred the cross. The inexperienced cannot hope to successfully do so, however. The hens are usually smaller (comparatively), much more dingy in ground colour (being especially pale at the throat), and much more streaked and marked with "pencilling" on the breast, etc. The cocks are a warmer (browner) tone of body colour, and have distinct indications of warm (almost Canary) colouring on the face, throat, and breast. The sexual distinction, and especially so in birds in adult plumage, is well marked, generally speaking, and ought not to bother you much once seen and grasped.

Another Skylark Sneezing (H.J.).—Read reply to "A. G." in this column this week, and act on the advice therein. Feed as recommended at length last week.

Feeding Young Mules After Leaving Parents (W.B.).—No wonder you lost your young Mules, seeing that you say you gave only "mixed seed" after taking them away from their parents. Poor little beggars! It is a very mistaken policy to leave off soft food as "soon as possible," and I am sorry to hear you followed such advice and suffered so seriously. The egg should be gradually left out of their diet when they are three weeks old or so, but certainly not the soft food. When they are taken away from their parents, give bread and milk sop (or biscuit and milk), well sprinkled with maw seed, freely each day. In addition, offer canary and maw seeds, soaked summer rape, and

ughtly cracked hemp. A few crushed sunflower seeds should also be thrown in daily, increasing the quantity as the birds get older, and gradually dropping the hemp; at this stage also gradually discontinue the milk sop and soaked seed, giving occasional feeds only. If colour-feeding, give the sweet pepper in egg cake (a recipe appeared in our correspondence columns last week), letting this take the place, of course, of the milk sop. A few groats occasionally are relished; but the above "menu" is full enough for all practical purposes. Some fanciers, I know, will not give young birds green stuff after they have taken them away from their parents. But this I consider a huge mistake. I don't believe, mind you, in stuffing them with lettuce, watercress, and the like. What they want, and what is extremely beneficial to them, and conducive to their successful rearing, is a free supply of the "seeding green foods," if I may use the term, meaning the seeding heads of chickweed, shepherd's purse, grass, groundsel, plantain, and the like, especially the two first-named. I have tested the matter many a time, and know that seeding sprays of shepherd's purse and chickweed cannot be beaten for young birds. And what a difference it makes to the look of their coats, too! It should not be gathered smothered in dust from the roadside, however. Strip off the larger leaves.

Linnet "Wheezing" (Thankful).—Your letter is far from clear. I do not find it easy to imagine a Linnet which wheezes only when it commences to sing; yet you say this is your trouble. Try a course of the glycerine and honey advised "A.G." this week. It cannot do any harm, and if the bird has a slight cold or hoarseness, it should remove it. It will be no use pairing him up until he is in full, vigorous song, and he has a blue-black coloured beak. For hints on Hybrid breeding, see other replies given within the last few weeks, also the articles which have lately appeared in our columns. There is a very good one in the 1907 ANNUAL, too. What sort of hints do you require?

Canary Seed Samples (B.H.C.).—Neither sample of canary seed is at all bad, though I have seen better. The one at 2½d. per lb. seems to be really excellent value, bright, good to the taste, and with plenty of kernel. The one at 4d. is not worth paying the difference for, though it is a very tidy sample. Whether genuine Spanish or not, I prefer to pass no opinion.

How Many Goldfinches? (H. Williams).—The friend who told you that if you kept three cock Goldfinches with six hen Canaries in your outside aviary, 11 ft. long by 6 ft. wide, they (the cocks) would be sure to "quarrel and fight and tear the nests to pieces," is decidedly out of it. Why, a lady friend of mine, who is blessed with scruples on the score of polygamy, kept six cock Goldies and six hen Canaries last season in a place hardly half the size of yours, and experienced no trouble at all in the directions you indicate, or, in fact, in any way. Unfortunately for me, before she started, I told her she would be certain to do so. "How are the mighty fallen, and believers in avine morality vindicated!" I murmured to myself at a later stage. I found out long ago, however, that the less you have to say about what birds will and will not do the better it is for one's peace of mind. Unfortunately, fate compels me to go on saying things. But go ahead with your three cocks and six hens, remembering only that if any of the nine seem viciously disposed they must be removed. I omitted to mention that the lady above referred to kept each couple in a separate cage for a short time before turning them out into the aviary, all at one time. I recollect I used this fact to cover my own confusion.

Feathers In a Sparrow's Tail (C.B.R.).—There are the same number of feathers in the tail of a Sparrow as there are in the tails of other members of the Finch family, viz., twelve. I know no reason why the bird should have either more or less, so can pass no opinion as to the why and wherefore of people debating and betting on the matter. Possibly there is some catch in the question—as they put it, anyway.

Song of a Bullfinch (T. Soar).—Yours is one of the oddest communications I have struck for many a long day. You say you have a "Bullfinch in splendid condition, caged separately in a room with Canaries, which does sentry-go from perch to perch, pipes a clear note or two, then squats down and appears to commune with himself in a 'creaky-hinge' kind of voice, as if he were trying to imitate a Canary's song." "Will it develop into anything?" you ask. It will not develop into anything other than it is at present, viz., the natural "song" of the Bullfinch tribe. The "clear notes" are the call-notes of the Bullie family, and the "creaky-hinge communing" hits off the family song to a nicety. Bullfinches behaved exactly as your bird is doing for ages before he saw the light of day; and hundreds will continue to do so for ages after he is no more—that is, providing this poor old world goes on existing, and misses the comets and things "Old Moore" and others threaten us with. As regards your chances of mating him with any hen, read another reply on the point which appears this week.

Questions Concerning Large Softbills (R.S.H.).—I am always in the habit of letting any Larks, Thrushes, or Blackbirds I keep have access to a pot of grit of suitable size; not necessarily every day. Larks require a dust bath; see many answers last week. If sawdust is used on the cage bottoms, apple and other fruits should be given in a fruit rack, which can be bought for a penny or so at most bird shops, and from all the large advertisers in our "Appliances" column. It is fixed against the front wires, outside the cage. It is not nice to see sawdust swallowed wholesale with food, and it is bound to be harmful. Some organs of the body cannot help but be taxed in the disposal of it. White and yolk of egg should both be used when preparing food for large Softbills; I used to give white alone when I had a call for yolks in the rearing of young Mules. Egg flake is a good substitute for hard-boiled egg, and I prefer it to the granulated egg. It is yolk of egg, dried by heat, the whites being used in some form of leather preparation, I believe.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S.

What Parrakeet, etc.?—(1) What kind and sex is my bird? (2) Can I teach it to talk? (3) Is there any difference between Green Indian Parrakeets and Ring-necks?—ENQUIRER.

(1) It is a Ring-neck Parrakeet. Its sex cannot be told yet. When it is adult, if it is a male, it will have a ring, if a female, it will remain much as it is at present; however, I incline to the opinion that it is a young male. (2) Yes, many of this species learn to articulate words very distinctly. Make use of both methods in training it, viz., constant repetition, and keeping it where it will hear plenty of conversation. (3) None whatever.

Galah Parrot.—What is the treatment for an Australian Galah It is losing all its feathers.—"SENNICAM."

Your bird is commonly known as the Rose-crested Cockatoo and is a hardy and enduring species. Give it for one day only one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in its drinking water; and follow this for a month at least by making its drinking water the colour of pale port, with Parrish's chemical food. Diet: Make your own mixture—Canary, oats, wheat, hemp, dari, equal parts, with a sprinkling of sunflower seed. Give also green food, ripe fruit, nuts, plain biscuits, raw carrot, and a little boiled potato (dry). Keep up regular supplies of grit and cuttlefish, and let it satisfy its thirst with the prepared water three times a day. Spray it once a week with chilled water, and keep out of draught till dry. If you observe it plucking its feathers, treat as advised to other correspondents.

Java Sparrows.—I am very anxious to breed with my birds, but so far the cock merely takes nesting material in and out of nest, and they do not settle down. How can I stop this, and how must I feed when they have young?—P. YALDWYN.

Wild-caught Greys do not take kindly to nesting in captivity, the best way to get a free breeding strain is to get a white hen and pen up with a Grey cock; the resulting young would be nearly all pure Greys; what few pied specimens there are, are usually very handsome birds for the aviary. The young also breed freely when paired with imported Grey birds. However, as you have got so far, I should say they would most probably breed before the year is out. Give a little of some good soft food mixture when they have young to feed, or the following would be excellent for the purpose:—Crushed Osborne biscuit, good ants' eggs, dried flies, and a little crumbled sponge cake; well mix and slightly damp. If you decide to try with your Greys, you will have to leave them to take their own sweet way. Keep them clear, and attend to their wants, but do not be too curious as to what is taking place in the nest box.

Breeding Parrots.—I have Grey and Amazon Parrots, very friendly together. Could I put them into one cage, and have they ever been known to breed?—P. S.

It is a very risky experiment, and I cannot advise you to attempt it, in spite of their apparent friendliness. I am of the opinion that to put the birds in one cage would result in one or the other being killed. However, in a large garden aviary you could make the attempt with a reasonable chance that they would not materially molest one another. Separate food and water hoppers should be placed some distance apart. I believe Grey Parrots have bred in a gentleman's park, where they were flying loose; it is quite possible that in a sufficiently roomy aviary they would ultimately reproduce their kind. At the same time it must be borne in mind that these birds usually take two or three years to settle down before doing so. Unless you can give such quarters do not make the attempt.

Budgerigars.—(1) What is their food when they have young? (2) I have two pair in a cage; they do not agree, but break one another's eggs. What do you suggest?—H. T. W.

(1) This has been fully answered in another reply to which I must refer you. (2) It is not often that these birds disagree, they usually breed together in perfect harmony where the sexes are equal. The only thing I can suggest is to remove the pair that are causing the trouble. Leave in their present quarters the pair that have laid, and they should settle down and hatch out a brood, as should also the other pair in another cage. How many husks have you in the cage? If only two, put up two more, and this will probably end the trouble for you.

Cutthroats.—My birds have laid; if any young are hatched, will they rear on seed alone? They will not touch mealworms or soft food.—B. H. C.

You have quite an extraordinary pair of birds—Cutthroats won't eat mealworms! However, I do not think this need trouble you; they are excellent feeders as a rule, and will rear on seed alone, though my birds, while eating freely of seed themselves, feed the young on dried ants' eggs almost exclusively. But I must say all my Cutthroats are "pigs" at mealworms. I should certainly suggest when the young are hatched, that you scatter a few ants' eggs about; also keep a small saucer of crushed Osborne biscuits, ants' eggs, and dried flies in equal parts. Supply this dry, as they are not partial to damp food.

Budgerigars.—(1) What is their food? (2) What nesting material do they require? (3) What food when they have young? (4) How can I tell cock from hen?—H. BIDDLE.

(1) Canary, white and spray millet seeds, green food, cuttlefish, grit, and water for drinking and bathing. (2) They require no nesting material; simply hang up two cocoanut husks for each pair of birds. (3) Give in addition to ordinary food, oats, a liberal supply of green food, and a dry crust of stale household bread. (4) The cere on upper mandible is bright blue in the male and reddish buff in the female, when they are in breeding condition. Supply your bird with as roomy quarters as possible; keep them out of draughts; treat as above, and they should do well.

Blue-fronted Amazon.—My bird mopes, is very thirsty, and shivers, but now and then he livens up. How can I treat him?—"ANXIOUS."

Get one quart each Canary seed, oats, wheat, dari, and one pint each hemp and sunflower seed; well mix, and let this be your staple diet, of which a supply is always in the cage. Give twice a week a little boiled maize (this only keeps fresh one day). Also give, to vary the diet, ripe fruit, nuts, green food, plain biscuit, boiled potato (dry), and regular supplies of grit and cuttlefish. Let it satisfy its thirst three times a day. Keep it warm, quiet, and out of all draughts. Make its drinking water quite saline with Epsom salts for one day only, repeating the dose in a week's time. On other days colour its water (about like pale port) with Parrish's chemical food, and let it have as much cuttlefish as it will eat. Note whether it is pulling out its own feathers. Do not give slops.

What Birds?—I have an aviary covered in with 1in. mesh wire netting. What can I keep with Budgerigars (not Cockatiels) that will breed freely?—"GOOSE."

Red Rosellas would do as well as any and once they settle down to breeding are almost as prolific as Cockatiels. White-eared Conures would also answer, but are unreliable breeders. So also would Blossom-heads, and when adult should make free breeders; but the difficulty is in getting a true pair; there is so little difference between the sexes. Mealy Rosellas are also breeders, but are more expensive, and not so reliable as to breeding as their Red relations. Cardinals would also do with the Budgerigars, either the Red-crested or Green variety; but they do not always rear their young, even when they hatch out, and at this time need a continuous supply of live insects.

What Parrakeet?—(1) Can you name my bird from description herewith? (2) Is it possible to get them to breed in a cage 36 by 27 by 24 inches high?—"PARRAKEET."

(1) Your birds appear to be some form of immature Ringnecks. After the moult they will probably change materially in colour; when this takes place, repeat query, and I shall be pleased to say what species they are. (2) Not very probable; still, certainly not impossible. Put in their cage either a small barrel, hung longitudinally, or a nest box, say 10 by 8 inches, with a concave bottom. I do not think you will find any of the genus *falcœrulis* (which yours evidently are) attempt to breed till they are fully two years old. If you notice any sign of nesting do not be too curious, and leave their nest box untouched till such time as young leave the nest. Do not neglect to keep them supplied with cuttlefish, and the egg shells left from your table, crushed and scattered on sand tray, should preclude any possibility of egg-binding.

Black-backed Tanager.—I saw a so-called Black-backed Tanager at the British Museum (*Papridea*). Are there two birds known by this name? It would be very annoying to get one for the other. It is not nearly so beautiful as the Calliste.—E. ROSE.

The *Papridea* are a group of Manikins ranging over South America and are stout thick-set birds, and shorter than a Tanager, and certainly are not anything like the Black-backed Tanager seen of late years on the show bench. I'm afraid in the past I have not taken sufficient notice of the various fancy names given to birds, and I was certainly unaware of the fact till I got your query that this particular one was applied to two species, as it evidently is. In the event of your getting the opportunity to purchase one of these birds, I should certainly purchase it on the understanding that if it was not a Calliste you would return it. It will be an expensive purchase unless an unexpected number should come to hand.

Cockatoo Ill (F. J. H.).—You must note that replies have to be forwarded to me and in your case only one post was lost. I am glad to note your bird is better. I certainly did not think it would recover; in fact, expected to hear it was dead before my reply reached you. Continue to treat as advised; keep the bird warm; do not leave water in its cage; let it satisfy its thirst three times a day. The lettuce would not harm your bird if given in a fresh and clean condition. I use nothing else myself but I get the kind known as French lettuce. Only sound and clean leaves are given; after washing it is left to drain before giving to the birds. Hope the bird will continue to improve.

Aviary Queries.—Is it still too early to commence breeding preparations? Should they be put in separate cages, or will they breed better in the aviary altogether? In another large aviary in same room I have Cockatiels, Budgerigars, Lovebirds, Cardinals, etc. Will they agree and breed all together? Can you name a book on Foreign Birds?—D. WHITE.

Regret to hear of your loss. If you have your birds in a room from which frost is excluded it is not too early. If they are in an ordinary cold room do not supply nesting material or accommodation for another three weeks. It may be taken as a general axiom that unless the birds are in a fair-sized enclosure and not at all crowded, they will agree together and breed, providing sizes are not too much mixed. If you merely mean Crystal Palace type cages, then these are only suitable for odd males, which should agree and sing. But for breeding, each pair should have a roomy box cage. Canaries in a group in one enclosure usually do little else but chase one another about, but breed freely caged up in single pairs. Cockatiels, Lovebirds, etc., will agree together and some of them breed, providing their enclosure supplies them with sufficient space. You must hang up cocoa-nut husks for the Budgerigars, etc., and concave bottomed nest boxes (should be similar to a small dog kennel with a concave bottom) for the Cockatiels. Put these up at once, and leave the birds to themselves, and the Budgerigars and Cockatiels should soon settle down to breeding. You would find "Favourite Foreign Birds," 2/9, and "Popular Parrakeets," 1/3, both post free from CAGE BIRDS office, useful handbooks.

Grey Singing Finches.—Please describe these, and give sexual distinctions.—W.R.J.

This species is a very plainly yet delicately coloured little bird. The upper parts are grey, streaked with dark similarly to the Linnet; the under parts are whitish, and the beak is yellow. At first there is no difference between the sexes, but the male has a patch of clear white in its throat; this is not any too apparent save when the bird is singing, then it is plainly visible. From examination of skins and living birds I have been unable to find any other distinction than that named above. A good singer of this species is a treat indeed; its song is varied, very sweet, of good compass, but yet not sufficiently loud to jar on the most sensitive nerves. Once acclimatised it is a hardy and enduring species; it is also very ready to breed in captivity, and will live out of doors all the year round in a suitably constructed aviary.

Shama and Mynah (Q.).—Both these birds require much the same treatment, and should be kept in a roomy cage, where the temperature does not fall below 45 deg. F. They are not delicate birds, but are somewhat susceptible to draughts. Diet:—Soft food, ripe fruit, live insects (say 12 mealworms each bird daily); they will eat almost any insect that crawls, flies or creeps save hairy caterpillars. A little minced meat (say about an inch cube) once or twice a week, and green food, with a continuous supply of water for drinking, and a daily bath. Soft food:—A good mixture consists of: Game meal, ants' eggs, dried flies, crumbled sponge cake, and boiled potato in equal parts; well mix and give crumbly moist. You must consult the birds' respective tastes. The Hill Mynah will eat much more fruit than the Shamah. On the above treatment my birds have not ailed anything from the day I had them. A good cage is a square one, 22 in. square at base, and about 24 in. high. This I consider a minimum size. They must be kept very clean.

Birds for Aviary (Norman).—I do not remember the details of your previous query, but I should not advise you to put birds out of doors at this season; but I presume you are keeping them indoors till May. Cordon Bleus are delicate when first imported, and losses with new purchases are rather numerous; but if you put them out of doors as soon as the cold nights have passed (not quite so soon as the other kinds), they can then be left out of doors altogether. Yes, your assumption is quite correct; the hen Cutthroat has no crimson neck band. Hope you will have luck with your birds.

Amazon Parrot with Cold (New Reader).—Your diet is quite satisfactory. Keep this bird strictly out of draught, and for a time at least it would be better in a room where a fire is burning most of the day, and its cage should be covered round while the room is being cleaned and aired. Get the following mixture from your chemist:—Equal parts of ipecacuanha wine, oxymel of squills and glycerine. Put half a teaspoonful of this mixture into two tablespoonfuls of water, and let the bird have only this to drink till relief is given. Also spray, or dab with a camel-hair pencil, the bird's nostrils with diluted glyco-thymoline; it will do no harm if a little is swallowed. If it becomes at all constipated treat with Dinneford's magnesia, as advised to other querists in this issue.

Cockatiels and Budgerigars (A.B.).—I should not attempt to put Finches of any kind with Budgerigars, as sooner or later disaster follows. Cockatiels agree well with Budgerigars, and the same food satisfies them, as also do Madagascar Lovebirds. I am rather in a difficulty, as the size of your aviary must very largely influence my reply. However, if you allow one foot of frontage to each pair of Budgerigars, and two feet to each pair the size of Cockatiels, you should be all right. You could also keep a pair of Rosellas with them; these should have 3 ft. of frontage allowed them. Of course, these measurements are not divisions; all the birds would be flying together, but the length of your frontage must regulate (as above) the number you keep. You must put up sufficient husks and nest boxes of suitable size to allow two to each pair of birds. All the above would thrive on canary, millet, oats, with a little hemp thrown in occasionally; green food, a little ripe fruit, grit, cuttlefish, and a continuous supply of water.

Concerning a Grey Parrot (New Reader, Surrey).—(1) A Grey Parrot is better without a continuous diet of boiled maize, but such must frequently be given for a time to newly imported and young birds. I should advise your giving only one tinful daily, and when you find it eating the dry seed mixture freely, gradually drop it altogether. Add white sunflower seed to your mixture. If you study other replies you should get many hints. (2) Put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's magnesia in the drinking water for one day, and repeat same in a week's time; on other days give Parrish's chemical food as directed to other querists. A few chillies among its seed should check the sneezing. (3) There are two methods: Constant repetition, and keeping it where it will hear general conversation. I advise you to try both.

Parson Finches (A. E. Gray).—I cannot hold out a strong hope that you will succeed in breeding these birds in a cage; it should at least be as large as a double-breeding cage, and of the box type. Simply fit up your cage, and put them in, and then, save for cleaning and supplying their needs, leave them to themselves. A Hartz travelling cage, with the fittings removed, makes about the best nesting receptacle. Supply longish hay, and a Canary nest-bag for material. Diet:—Canary, white and spray millet, crushed oats, and rice in the husk, green food, cuttlefish, grit, and water for drinking and bathing. Keep the sand tray well covered with grit, and mingle with same old mortar rubbish if you can get it, also crushed egg shells from your table, so as to obviate the danger of egg-binding. Supply also the following mixture regularly while they have young to rear, and occasionally at other times:—Equal parts of crushed Osborne biscuit, sponge cake, ants' eggs, and dried flies. Well mix, and slightly damp for use.

Indian Parrakeet (Gapes).—Give your biscuit dry, and otherwise diet the birds as advised in other replies on Ring-necks and Indian Green Parrakeets in this issue. Make its drinking water quite same with Epsom salts for one day, and follow this with a course of Parrish's chemical food as advised to other querists. Keep strictly clean, and out of draught, and the bird should soon be in condition again.

Breeding in Cage (Percy).—I recommend you to have only one pair of birds. Zebra Finches you would find interesting and pretty birds, easy to keep, and almost certain breeders; value 3/6 to 4/6 per pair. Diet:—Canary, white and spray millet, green food, grit, cuttlefish, and water for drinking and bathing. When they have young supply a little crumbled sponge cake, crushed Osborne biscuit, and ants' eggs in equal parts. Put up a nest box at either end of the cage, and supply long grass and hay as nesting material. You will have no success if you try breeding with two pairs in one cage. Repeat your Canary query next week to our Mr. North.

Grey Parrot (E.S.).—(1) The diet you name is very satisfactory, but you must add ripe fruit, etc., to what you give—see other replies. An adult Parrot is better without boiled maize, and I should advise you to gradually wean your bird from same if adult; one tablespoonful, after boiling, should be ample. (2) Septic fever; but your second bird most probably contracted the disease from your cage. A cage which has been occupied by such a bird as the one you lost needs thorough sterilisation before it is safe for use again. It wants immersing, if possible, in a copper of boiling water, and having the water thoroughly swilled into every crevice of such parts as stand out of the water; afterwards paint it with neat paraffin. Let it stand for a couple of days, and then finally swill with clear cold water. When dry it should be safe to use.

Indoor Aviary (Budg.).—If, as I presume, you are simply partitioning off a portion of a room, I should advise covering the floor with zinc, or, if that is not possible, with linoleum, and on the top of this at least an inch thickness of sand. This could be raked over frequently and renewed as required. If you are making a portable aviary, see that the bottom is sound, that grit will not come through joints; and cover with sand, as above. I do not approve of peat moss litter for Parrots or Parrakeets; they sample everything they can get their bills on, and it is not good for their digestion.

Blue-wing Lovebirds and Turquoisines (T.T.S.).—They are totally different birds. The Blue-wing Lovebird, or, more correctly, Passerine Parrakeet, is a bird about the size of a Budgerigar, but stouter, and with a short tail. The male is green with flights, lower back, and upper tail coverts, bright blue; the female is all green. The Turquoisine is a very rare bird, though some years ago it was fairly common; but I have not seen a living specimen for some years. It is a most desirable bird, about the size of a Cockatiel. It is beautiful, with plumage nicely variegated with yellow, green, blue-green, turquoise blue, chestnut red, with beak and legs of dark brown. Canary and millet should form the principal diet, with green food, grit, cuttlefish, a little ripe fruit, and a few oats. They are, as a rule, very amiable, and may be kept in almost any company, providing the aviary is not overcrowded.

Grey Parrot Moulting (A.E.).—(1) The correct diet you will find in other replies in this issue. Let it have as much cuttlefish as it will eat, and just colour its drinking water with Parrish's chemical food till it is through the moult. You did quite right in changing the diet, and I should gradually wean it from the boiled maize altogether. (2) You must spray her, at this season once a week, and keep her strictly out of draught till dry. Get a spray similar to a hairdresser's (these are about the best), and use chilled water. (3) Have, say, a plain biscuit, ripe fruit, and other wholesome items of her diet on your table, and when she calls out give her a little; this should help you out of your difficulty.

What Bird? (P.N.O.).—It is a Green Singing Finch, and males can generally be secured at from

5/6 to 7/6 each. These are not delicate birds, but they cannot stand draught, so if your cage is an all-wire one it must be stood where the wind cannot blow through it. Diet:—Canary, white and spray millet, with a little rice in the husk and crushed oats as extras; green food, small turf of grass, a little ripe apple, pear, etc., grit, cuttlefish, and water for drinking and bathing. Make its drinking water just saline with Epsom salts for one day only, and follow this by slightly colouring the drinking water with Parrish's chemical food for about a month. You must not use a metal drinking vessel while giving drugs. Get a few mealworms, and give it two or three of these daily; it will soon acquire a taste for them. You must not give green food of any kind that is at all tainted with frost.

Grey Parrot Ill.—My bird, which I have had for 31 years, has recently gone off its food, is thin, at times sick, and is evidently suffering from a bad cold as well.—"BURTON FIDSEA."

Give your bird half a teaspoonful of Dinneford's magnesia, either on a piece of sponge cake, or something similar. Refer to recent issues for diet. Do not give table scraps, slops, or animal food of any kind. The bird's bowels must be kept gently moving, not loose, and you must repeat the magnesia as necessary for this purpose. Get from a chemist a mixture, equal parts of ipecacuanha wine, oxymel of squills and glycerine; half a teaspoonful of this mixture to be put in the drinking water daily till relief is given. Do not use a metal drinking vessel while giving drugs. Spray or dab (use camel-hair brush) the bird's nostrils with glyco-thymoline. Keep the bird as warm as possible, but not in too dry a heat. Tempt appetite with a crust, plain biscuit, ripe fruit, or such like.

Cordon Bleus.—My birds, when they had moulted, only partially resumed their feathers, and have remained so for months; they appear in good health, but the hen is not so strong as her mate.—M.B.P.

Let these two birds have a cage to themselves, keep it in some warm position free from draught; keep sand tray covered with some good bird grit, also continuous supply of cuttlefish, and let the birds indulge in a bath as often as they desire. Keep their drinking water just coloured with Parrish's chemical food for the next month. In addition to the seed diet, give them a little crumbled sponge cake daily, mixing a few ants' eggs with same, also sprinkling with flowers of sulphur. If the panting of the hen continues, give, say for a week, quarter teaspoonful of the following mixture: Ipecacuanha wine, oxymel of squills, and glycerine in equal parts, in its drinking water for a week, and afterwards continue the chemical food. They are evidently constitutionally weak, but with treatment as above should gather strength and regain their plumage after next moult. If the skin of the bare parts is very dry and rather hard, and you can handle the birds without badly scaring them, lightly rub in a little vaseline, but do not make them really greasy.

GENERAL.

Answered by the EDITOR.

Report (W. Jeremiah).—Thanks for your kindness in sending notes.

Choked (J. R. Algar).—Thanks for the interesting clipping you send.

Catching (H. Crookham).—We can send you the numbers for 6d. (postal order).

Photo (J. Jones).—Thanks for the interesting photo you send, which we shall hope to reproduce.

Papers (A. Parks, S. M. Clayton, B. Cook).—Accept our thanks for papers received, which we shall hope to print in due course.

Club Notice (J. W. Rennie).—Your notice of meeting on March 13th only reached us on March 9th, much too late to be of use. See another reply this week.

A Little Misunderstanding (Mrs. G. M. B.).—We are much obliged to you for your disinterested efforts in this matter, and thoroughly appreciate your kindly expressions.

"Deathless Rhyme" (W. Curry).—We perused the "poetry" your friend has "put together," as you term it, with considerable interest, and shall hope to feel equal to the task of printing it next week.

Holder for Feeders (T. Soar).—Pleased to receive contribution for "Illustrated Ideas" from you. But may we point out that the holder you submit is similar to one which may be bought at any bird shop? We want novel ideas above everything.

"Inhuman Bird Catching" (P.D.).—We cannot guarantee the appearance of letters in our correspondence columns on any particular date. We always insert them as soon as possible, but pressure of matter generally is the determining factor.

Promise of Articles (A. E. B.).—We shall be very pleased to receive the promised articles whenever you can make it convenient to forward them, and while thanking you for the offer, take the opportunity of wishing you every success on the other side of the "herring pond."

Pictures of Birds (W. H. McD.).—We thank you for calling our attention to this matter, which shall have our fullest consideration. As no doubt you will have foreseen, the chief difficulty lies in getting sketches. Can you offer any suggestion on that point?

Cocks Amongst Hens (J. Kay).—We only wish the sex of Canaries could be shown by means of drawings. Did it not occur to you that if it were so simple a matter the judges would hardly be deceived into giving cocks prizes in the hen classes? Thanks for your other kindly remarks.

Use of Egg Cake (W. E. Brown).—Fanciers differ on the point as to whether egg cake should be moistened or not. Much depends on the hardness or otherwise of the cake. The more general rule is to make it just crumbly moist when the hens are feeding young. Otherwise it should be given as baked, without any addition; it need not even be crumbled.

Club Notice Too Late (S. Skelton).—Sorry, but your club notice reached us after we had gone to press. Notices should arrive here by Tuesday's post to be certain of insertion in our issue of same week. Wednesday evening's post is much too late; we cannot guarantee the insertion even of those received first post on Wednesday. Thanks for report of meeting.

Canary Breeding (A. W. M. Artyr).—You have somewhat mistaken the purpose of our specialists' and query columns: they are to afford help in times of difficulty. To answer your "nine elementary queries," as you call them (in reality twenty-nine) would need a whole page, if not more, of CAGE BIRDS being devoted to them, for they practically cover the whole art of breeding. Send 1/2 (postal order) to our manager, and he will forward you post free a fully illustrated, up-to-date "Canary Manual," which will give you all the information you ask, and a good deal more besides. Any special problem our specialists will be pleased to unravel for you. But don't ask more than three questions at once, please.

WALTHAMSTOW F.A. DINNER.

A most delightful function was the dinner of the Walthamstow F.A., which took place at the Brewery Tap Hotel, on February 21st. Mr. J. S. Clarke presided, Mr. C. A. House being in the vice-chair. Amongst the company, which numbered nearly 50 were Mrs. Clarke, Mr. and Mrs. Burton, Mr. and Mrs. H. Farmer, Mr. and Mrs. R. Farmer, Mr. and Mrs. Dyson, Mr. and Mrs. Lovell, and Mr. and Mrs. King, Mr. and Mrs. Mead, Miss Henderson, Dr. Corner, Messrs. Baldry, Cole, Aistrup, Roll, Hough, Wellum, Williment, Norris, Andrews, Naish, Morris Bros., Smith, Sherman, Broomhead, Warren, Firkins, Redding, Sargent, Handscombe, Brown, etc. The loyal toasts were given from the chair. Mr. C. A. House proposed "The Walthamstow Fanciers' Association," referring to its inception 13 years since, to the vicissitudes through which it had passed, and its present flourishing condition. He associated with the toast the names of Mr. Clarke, who he said was a splendid leader, and Mr. Mead, who was one of the keenest and most enthusiastic secretaries he had ever met. Mr. Clarke, in response, said he was proud of his position as chairman of the Walthamstow Fanciers' Association, proud of the society, and proud of the members, who were a real good lot. He had not, as chairman, pleased everybody, but he had tried always to hold an even hand, and it mattered not to which section a man belonged, he was just a member of the whole. People spoke slightingly of mixed societies. They did not understand them. They removed from a man's mind many errors and broadened his ideas. Mr. Mead said the W.F.A. had never been in a better position financially than it was at the present time. It had 130 paid-up members; its last two open shows had been great successes, and its members' shows during the year had been well supported, whilst the competition had been keen. He was sorry Mr. Bishop, the treasurer, was not present, because he was one of the hardest workers in the W.F.A., and much of its success was due to him. It was his (the speaker's) desire to see the W.F.A. the best society in the south. They had some grand workers amongst the members, and the future was most hopeful. Mr. King proposed "The Visitors," to which Mr. Sherman responded, expressing his great delight at being present, a delight so great that he had decided to ask them to accept a cup from him for competition, under the conditions to be decided by the chairman and secretary. Mr. House gave "The Dinner Committee and Artistes," and Mr. G. Firkins responded. During the evening a splendid musical programme was contributed by Mrs. King, Master Messing, Messrs. H. Farmer, King, Sharp, Sherman, and Mead. Mr. Dyson gave a clog dance, and Mr. Brown presided at the piano. "Auld Lang Syne" brought a most enjoyable evening to a close.

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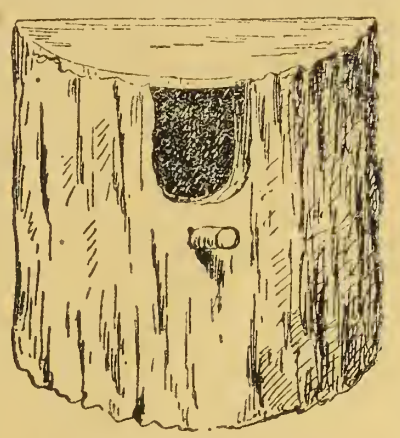
No. 83.

A CHEAP BUDGERIGAR BREEDING BOX.

Sent by E. G. Cliffe, 18, Church Green, Witney, Oxon.

Now that the Budgerigar breeding season is coming on, the enclosed sketch of an inexpensive breeding box may be of interest to your readers. The back and top is an ordinary plain board, whilst the rounded front,



A Budgerigar Breeding Box.

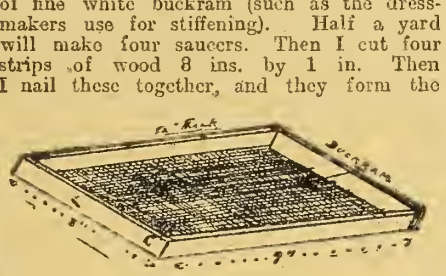
also the bottom, is made of small pieces of cork bark, with a small perch of same fixed on in front. The whole may be bought for a few pence. The birds seem very happy and quite at home in the box.—E. G. OLIFFE.

No. 84.

TO ECONOMISE THE SAND.

Sent by J. L. M'DONALD, 112, Imeary Street South Shields.

I enclose rough sketch of a sand-cleaner, which I have used with great success. It is simply made and costs but a copper. First I bought from the drapers half a yard of fine white buckram (such as the dressmakers use for stiffening). Half a yard will make four saucers. Then I cut four strips of wood 8 ins. by 1 in. Then I nail these together, and they form the



A Sand Economiser.

frame. Then with a small brush put some glue on the bottom edge. Take the buckram and stretch it on right round. Leave it to set, then trim the edges with a pair of scissors. The sketch will explain the idea. I empty my sand-trays into the saver and shake it well. All that runs through is fine, clear sand; all the seed-husks, etc., are left behind. Of course, the contents of the trays of any cages containing ailing birds I throw entirely away.

A Note to Readers.

We hear from Messrs. Dobbie and Co., the well-known fanciers' providers, of Leith, N.B., that the "attachment and support" of the mite-proof nest bracket given last week as "Illustrated Idea, No. 81," infringe the patent of "Paull's Anti-redmite Nest Bracket." as manufactured and put on the market by them. We must express our regret that we should have inadvertently trespassed on Mr. Paull's idea, and take this opportunity of warning readers that they will render themselves liable to legal action if they make the said nest bracket. As a matter of fact, it is not worth their while to do so, as the idea, in an improved form, can be obtained from Messrs. Dobbie at a cheaper rate than that at which it can be made.

REVIEW OF SCHEDULE.

Llandudno (C.B.U. rules).—Held April 4th, in the Hippodrome. Seven classes; judge, W. C. Roberts. Nor. 2, Yorks. 1, A.O.V. 1, Mule 1, Brit. 1, For. 1. Prizes, 7s. 6d., 4s., 2s.; fee, 1s. Entries close March 28th, to W. YATES GREGOR, the Hon. Sec., Maisonette, Queens's Road, Llandudno.

THE YOUNG NATURALIST.

Prizes of 1s. and two of 6d. each will be given for respectively the best and two second best cuttings or original bits about birds. Competitors must be children under sixteen years of age. All efforts must be briefly and clearly written, and ON ONE SIDE OF THE PAPER ONLY.

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When Uncle Peter was about ten years old he began to long for a pet bird of his very own. Up till then he had lived on a farm, and each of the children had their own pony and puppies and kittens, besides white bantams, tame pigeons, rabbits, ducks, and fowls—as many as they cared to possess. But when Peter's parents thought it was time for him to go to school, they took him to live in a town, and at first he felt very sad without any of his pet animals to play with, for, of course, they were all left behind at the farm, there being no room for them in a town house. Then it was that Peter began to set his heart upon birds, and he thinks it may be interesting and helpful to all of you, his nephews and nieces, if he tells you what birds he kept, and how he kept them. For, although when he began Uncle Peter was only ten years old, he had to look after his pets entirely on his own account, with such help as he could beg from his parents and friends. Peter's first bird was a Bullfinch, a birthday present from a schoolfellow, and next time Uncle Peter will tell you all about this Bullie, whom, on account of his bright red shirt, he named Garibaldi.

*** * My Linnet.**

I have a nice tame little Linnet. I have had him three years, and he seems as young to-day as when I had him. He will sit on my hand and feed, and will not attempt to fly away. He can sing as well as our Canary, and when he is hanging on the wall in our garden he often mocks the Sparrows when they chirrup. I often let him out in my bedroom, and he will fly about the room. He is not a bit afraid, and he will settle on my shoulder; then he will go into his cage and have some food, then have another fly round the room.—SIDNEY ROBBIE (age 9), 51, College Street, Upper Street, Islington.

*** A Story of a Clever Parrot.**

Some years ago my aunt had a very clever Parrot, which was always trying to free itself from its cage. She therefore, in order to stop this, ordered a padlock, and the man who brought it advised her to have one with a spring, and showed her how to work it. Meanwhile the Parrot watched him carefully. It was put on, and my aunt went out of the room. She came in, to find that Polly had got the padlock in her beak. She told the man, and he said it was impossible. He fitted it on himself, and they both watched quietly. Presently Polly took the padlock in her claws, pressed the spring, and pulled out the hasp with her beak. So my aunt had to get a key for the next padlock.—Sent in by T. E. REVES (aged 11), 7, Richmond Park, Clifton, Bristol.

*** Habits of the Swallow.**

The Swallow comes to this country in April, and generally leaves again in October. Its nest consists of a cup-shaped structure of mud or clay, lined with soft grasses, feathers, and other material. The bird does not sing much, but merely twitters. The eggs are white, spotted with red, and are usually four to six in number. Its food consists of insects, which it catches while on the wing. The bird is easily recognised by its long forked tail, which is always widely spread during flight.—FLORENCE CHALK (age 11), "Iona," Hankinson Road, Winton, Bournemouth.

Two Java Sparrows.

I have got two Java Sparrows, whom I call Cheeky and Cheepy. Cheeky especially is a very funny little bird. When we cover him over at night he will pull the cover in all round his cage with his beak, as if to keep himself warm, and it is a bother in the morning to uncover him. He is a great biter, and gets very cross if you take him out of his cage. When you speak to him he will nod his little head and chirp in reply, as if he understood what you said.—PHYLLIS YALDWYN (aged 10), Chiswick, W.

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HOW TO MAKE AN ALL-WIRE BREEDING CAGE?

SIR,—Could any of your readers give me particulars how to make an all-wire breeding cage, with wooden frame?—PARTICK.

BORDERS VERSUS COLOUR.

SIR,—I have read with interest the letters which have appeared on the above subject. I think that one of the great points in favour of the Border Canary is natural colour, and I was delighted to read in the article by Mr. Jas. Mackie that the members of the Border Fancy Club were so strong against colour feed. I hope sincerely that natural colour will be adhered to in this variety, and should like to see more of it in all varieties.—H.B.

AVIARIES FOR PUBLIC PARKS.

Information Wanted.

SIR,—If you would kindly allow me a little space in your valuable publication to try and gather some information to put forth as an argument in favour of getting an aviary established in the Oldham Park, I should be much obliged. A postcard, giving a few particulars from fanciers of other towns or cities where they have aviaries in their public parks, will be highly appreciated if sent to the address below.—A. ACKROYD, 52, Eric Street, Oldham.

BREEDING CHAFFINCH-BRAMBLE-FINCH HYBRIDS.

SIR,—From memory (I have no notes), I can give Mr. T. H. Kinch a few items concerning the first Bramblefinch and Chaffinch Mules I saw. I believe it was in 1872 that they were exhibited at the Crystal Palace Show by Mr. T. J. Monk, of Lewes, in whose aviary they were bred. They were bred by accident and not intentionally. It was a very large aviary, the largest I have ever seen, and contained many insectivorous birds, which were daily provided with ants' eggs, hard boiled egg, etc., and seeds, of which all the birds could partake. The young Mules took mostly after the Bramblefinch (the male parent), and were solely fed by the Chaffinch. The following year a young male Hybrid paired with his own mother, and young were hatched, but not reared. In this same aviary young were bred between the Grey and Pied Wagtails. I have never seen the egg of a Bramblefinch, but Chaffinches have often laid in my aviary.—J. H. VERRALL.

THE KEYSTONE OF THE C.B.U.

SIR,—The correspondence by G. W. MacPartling, under above heading, is, indeed, very interesting. I wonder if it is all fair and bearing on rule 17? You talk of other writers showing spite and jealousy, and yet, Mr. McP., you seem to have fallen into the same error. You say Gateshead have followed the bad example of one of the Southern clubs, as the result of the recent explosion and through being misled, and that there are some of the finest men in the North in that Society. Well, Mr. McP., that is a concession on your part, to say there are some fine men in the Society; but I trust your praise is real, and not used to gloss over your statement against the misleaders. Now, seeing you are not a member of the Gateshead Society your statement as to being misled is either mere guesswork or hearsay. We want justice, quality, and a high moral standard in the C.B.U., as you say. Don't let us stab in the dark—at the misleaders, I mean. It is all very well to talk of correspondence having little bearing on the C.B.U., but don't tune your fiddle at someone else's expense, or mix up C.B.U. affairs with laudatory expressions and condemnations such as appear in your letter. These should, as you suggest, be kept free from C.B.U. correspondence. I take it the Editors of the Fancy papers are wide enough awake to look after their own business, without any help from the C.B.U. The C.B.U. is a tribunal constituted to meet all comers, in the interests of its members—even the Fancy Press, should occasion arise. So let us have the C.B.U. on its own. The Fancy Press will cater for its own subscribers in the future as it has done in the past.—T. TAYLOR (Sec. Gateshead C.B.S.).

SIR,—It is a strange thing that after all the arguments raised against the Cage Bird Union had been answered by those two sealwarts, Mr. Lythgoe and Mr. Ramsden, before the Palace meeting, that such a decision should have been come to as to delete the restrictive portion of rule 17, which would compel all societies or sections of societies to look after their own welfare by being part of a national body having interests in common. "He that won't work, neither shall he eat," is accepted by all men as just. Now, who amongst all cage-bird fanciers is prepared to keep a lazy man, or to sympathise with one even? Yet those objectors to that portion of the rule encourage societies to take up that position. Evidently they cannot see there is a principle involved. "He did not think it right that non-unionists could come into their shows and take prizes and prize-money, when they could not go into theirs and take their prizes and prize-money" is the sum and substance of the majority of the objections. What a narrow, selfish spirit must animate such exhibitors. How many fanciers take prizes from societies of which they are not members? And how many fanciers take prizes who are not members of any society? Bird fancying is more than a hobby to-day. It is also a commercial factor in life, and subject to the same law of coercion—tho one great law that governs life and action. Did not Mr. Armstrong admit to Mr. Drake that even the Yorkshire Union used coercion by not providing classes for novices (who are considered the backbone of the Fancy), as it "helps to strengthen the societies by compelling them to become members if they want to show as novices"; also that each society is compelled to "hold its show on the date required by the Yorkshire Union." If those fanciers with such fertile brains for hatching schemes would uphold the Cage Bird Union and address their inspirations to that body, they might rest assured they would get every encouragement and consideration if such contained anything unthought of or over-looked. Enthusiasm was the spirit that hailed the inception of the Cage Bird Union, with all its proposals in plain English. But somehow, after a little while, it struck terror into the minds of some of the "gods" of the day, and there was much talking and shaking of heads, accompanied by maledictions. Surely it cannot be that they are afraid of the ramifications of such a "useless body," whose "tentacles" would be fixed round every man? Honest men have nothing to fear—not even from their best friend. Must, then, the conclusion be that there are more knaves than honest men in the cage bird Fancy? Fanciers, your reputation is in the balance! Of course, there are certain shining lights flickering and sending out showers of sparks, who are afraid their luminosity will be lost in the glare of that great body which shall be as a father to all the injured fanciers of the country. Even though they have been assured their sphere of usefulness shall not be lessened, but possibly increased, they still seek the destruction of what is not a "self-raised body," but the outcome and the fulfilment of the fanciers' desire to have one common protector.—G. W. MACPARTLING.

SIR,—The members of the C.B.U. will soon be asked to voto upon rule 17, and I should like to remind fanciers that the Crystal Palace Show will have none of it. Then why should we? Why should we have foisted upon us a boycott that the leading show of the country refuses to accept? Now, fanciers, assert your rights to show when and where you like, and put rule 17 in its proper place—that is, out of the rule book. Better still, put the C.B.U. out of existence, and try and form a Board from the specialist clubs, with the object of getting our railway expenses reduced, which is, after all, the greatest evil a working man fancier has to contend with.—WM. REID.

A PERSONAL EXPLANATION.

SIR,—I was surprised to see in your last issue my name connected with an advertisement about a transaction which had never taken place, and that I know absolutely nothing about. I am not acquainted with any dealer at Clapham; neither have I ever sold a pair of Australian Finches to such a person, much less "52 pairs on one occasion," or to anyone else. The sender of this advertisement knows full well there is not a shadow of truth in such a statement; as also, in a similar advertisement a short time since, about the sale of a pair of yellow-headed Weaver Finches. Kindly insert this in your next issue.—J. B. HOUSDEN.

SOME PAISLEY BIRD ROOMS.

SIR,—Visiting Paisley last week I met Mr. A. Baird, the popular Secretary, so took a look over his stock. I was very sorry to hear from Mr. Baird he has had the misfortune to lose the best bird in his room, the buff cock he procured from Mr. McClure, which has left his good yellow hen without a mate. He has a nice buff cock mated to his young buff ticked hen. I next gave Mr. A. McDonald a call. I found him busy in the bird room. His best pair are dark yellow pie cock with buff green hen, and two pairs buff cock and clear yellow hen. I notice he has not a match for his 1st open Derby yellow pie cock. From a whisper I heard this bird may fly over the garden wall to an odd buff hen I saw in the next street. Keep your eye on Paisley. Mr. Urquhart, President Paisley and District, was my next call. He, being very busy, sent his son, who, I am pleased to say, takes a great interest in the Fancy. I noticed eight pairs up here—Clear yellow cock with nice tight ticked buff hen, a buff cock with a large yellow hen. I noticed the old buff cock and yellow hen who have bred many winners are in grand health and quite ready for the breeding season. I could not be in Paisley without giving my old friend Hart a call. I have seen Willie with a much larger stock many a time, but, as he says, good ones are not easy bought. He has a very nice yellow-green cock, 1st Paisley, mated to a hard-up buff hen, 3rd at Paisley; clear yellow hard-up cock with a fine long body and a well-set buff hen, got from Jas. Hogg, Oakley. This bird reminds me of Lawson's old strain. Next, and last, pair yellow cross cock with a buff pie hen he got from Mr. McLennan two seasons ago. Better luck, old boy, this season than last.—RAMBLER.

GERMAN PASTE: A RECIPE WANTED.

SIR,—Could any of the readers of your valuable paper inform me how to make German paste?—G. HUMPHREYS.

THE LINNET IN CAPTIVITY.

SIR,—I was much interested by the letter in last week's CAGE BIRDS entitled "The Linnet in Captivity," but while "Linnet Fancier" gives us the good qualities of the Linnet, he omits one important piece of information, and that is how to get it steady, or tame. I have found it a very nervous bird, and difficult to steady down to cage life. If "Linnet Fancier" will say how to accomplish this, and what sort of cage to use to do so, and give any other hints he thinks necessary, he will confer a favour upon the writer, and probably on many others of your readers also.—BIRD LOVER.

ALLEGED CASE OF BORROWED BIRDS AT CREWE.

SIR,—Ever since Crewe Utility Society held their open show on Nov. 21st, there has been talk about an alleged case of borrowed birds. Now, both the Secretary of the Utility Society and the late Sec. of the Ornithological Society are in full knowledge of it, and also know where it originates, and yet neither of them seem to take the trouble to inquire into it. When brought before the Secretary of the Utility Society he says it is the other Secretary's place to take it up, and the other says it is the other fellow's place to take it up first. Why not one or both of them go to see the man and get him to make his statements before them and a few witnesses? Instead of that, the Secretary of the Utility Society says he wants a written report before he can do anything; while the man says himself, if they like to go to him, he will make the same statements to them and find proof of what he has already stated. I should think this is good enough for either of them, or what good is the C.B.U. going to be if cases are going to lie dormant?—FAIRPLAY.

CAN YELLOWS BE BRED FROM TWO BUFFS?

SIR,—In answer to "J.A.," in your correspondence columns, re yellows being bred from double buffs, I say "Yes," in proof of which I send the following, which can be substantiated by Mr. Palmer, Chemist, Unthank Road, of this city (Norwich). I had a Crestbred yellow hen bred from two buffs. I sold Mr. P—— a rough Crested variegated buff cock, bred from double Crests (both buffs), and the yellow Crestbred hen I sold him at Plainhead price, because I was told that it was not possible to breed a yellow hen from two buffs, and that I must have made a mistake. But, being sure I had not made a mistake, I advised him to pair the yellow Crestbred hen with the Crested cock. He did so, and the result was five Crests in the first nest, of which two were yellows; and I only hope I may be fortunate enough to have a nest of Crests this season to equal them. I might add that I have been a breeder of Crests and Plainheads for ten years, and this is the only instance that I can vouch for. Have taken CAGE BIRDS since first it started, and I must say it is the best paper I know of and richly deserves the support of every fancier.—H. D. POTTER.

NOTES ABOUT THE BARBETS.

SIR,—The reason why the amateur aviarist in search of something new or uncommon has not hit upon the family of Barbets is, perhaps, in some measure due to the reputation they have of being dull and stupid birds, and being difficult to manage in captivity. This reputation has been subscribed to by an otherwise good monograph on the family, as well as several prominent works on aviculture. Notwithstanding all this, we have more than one good authority who differs materially from this opinion, and as the birds form a rather quaint and most interesting race they afford a good field for the speculative aviculturist. As they have not yet been bred in captivity, this should be but another inducement for this class of fancier to go in and win the coveted honour of being the first to successfully breed the species. The Barbets are nearly related to the Woodpeckers, and, like them, dwell almost exclusively in and among trees, keeping for the most part to the upper branches, and not often descending to the ground. They also, like their relations, nest in a hole in a tree, which they hew out for themselves with their powerful beak. As regards their natural habitat, they are very widely distributed over the tropical portions of both hemispheres, being found in Asia, Africa, and the warmer regions of America. They are heavily-built birds, with strong, stout legs and beaks, short wings, and only moderate tails. In plumage they rather affect the gorgeous type of beauty, being brilliantly coloured, and the sexes usually very similar in coloration. The young birds, however, are easily recognised by being perceptibly duller in all their colours. They are reputed to be usually unsociable and greedy and noisy creatures, but their only pretensions to song consists of sundry resonant metallic notes of the hammer and anvil type, which have doubtless helped to give the birds such local names as Ironsmith, Tinker, and Coppersmith. In diet, although they are largely fruit-eaters, they vary somewhat, according to the species and native habitat. Thus the American and African forms are more insectivorous than their Asiatic cousins. In captivity they are quite easy to cater for. Some form of egg food and fruit should form the staple diet, and to this must be added a good supply of insect food, if the birds show a preference for it, with an occasional supply of bread and milk. The latter will be found more useful when the birds obtained appear young, and for the more insectivorous Eastern species. If the birds were induced to nest, it might also prove a very valuable addition to the staple diet whilst the young were being reared. As regards the kinds of fruit to give, bananas easily hold first place, both for wholesomeness and general utility, and in being liked by the birds. Sweet apples, pears, grapes, oranges, and the like come next, and when the season comes round various berries and small garden fruits as they ripen might be substituted as a change. In disposition they are inclined to be rather quarrelsome with each other, so that if one had any desire to attempt breeding them, it goes without saying that plenty of room and cover should be provided for them, and as few companions as possible. It may be as well to point out here that although the quarrelsome temper is not usually exercised over other species, it is best not to trust them with smaller and weaker birds. Being large and powerful birds themselves, and well able to take care of themselves, they are better fitted to associate with birds of a similar nature. Parrakeets, Pigeons, the larger Doves, Jays, and members of the Crow tribe are what may be most safely associated with them, with, perhaps, the exception of the species known as the Tinkers and the Coppersmith, which are much smaller in size than the species commonly found in the market, and should have proportionately less powerful comrades.—BARBER.

WHY ARE SHOWS FAILURES?

"Even the Worm Will Turn."

SIR,—Every now and again there appears in your Correspondence columns a letter headed "Why Shows are Failures"; then follows a graphic description of birds having been left on some wayside station platform or in some cloak room. The poor Secretary and Committee of the particular show to which these exhibits have been generally comes in for a good deal of blame; thus they point out why shows are failures. All exhibitors, all secretaries, and all committees much deplore these delays and annoyances, and in many cases it is the fault of the exhibitors themselves. A case to illustrate my meaning. The Secretary of a certain society was, the day after the show, congratulating himself on the manner in which everything had gone off, and the way in which the birds had been despatched, when up comes the telegraph boy. Telegram reads, "Where's my birds?" This knocks the bounce out of the Secretary. Turning up the entry form, he finds the words, "Send the birds back by the 4.50." Well, something must be done. Off he goes to the steward who packed these particular birds. "Did he remember them?" "Yes, quite well; gave them to Jenkins, who was going past the station." The Secretary and Steward then went to the station, found entry for the birds, entered as "received at 4.40, sent by the 4.50 train." "Well, where are they? They have not arrived." Receiving clerk simply utters the word "Bosh!" But this won't do, so he promises to ring up along the line and make inquiries. Now, there are two stations at the town to which these birds were sent, and they were quietly lying at the other station, tho exhibitor having only made inquiries at one. No doubt they should have arrived at this station, but it would have been wiso to make enquiries at the other when he could obtain no news at the first one twenty-four hours after they should have arrived. I might say the birds were despatched by the same route as they arrived at the show. Now, cannot some of these gentlemen point out some ways and means of making an open show pay? I confess I cannot. I am like Rosa Dartle—I "want to know." Now is the time for committees to begin thinking. Shows are not the work of a week or two only. They are a source of considerable thought for the greater part of the year. You hear a lot of talk about "better classification." Can anyone give us an ideal schedule? Nearly all shows give a different classification. Of course, societies in different parts of the country must vary their schedules according to local requirements, but what I want to know is what classification would suit generally? Local requirements could be fitted in afterwards. I have had members of our own society say to me, "Our show will never pay on its present schedule." In answer, I have placed a schedule in their hands and said, "Improve it." "Oh," is the reply: "it wants thinking out." But they never think it out. It is left in the hands of the committee. When the schedule comes out some of them say, "Such and such class will never fill; we should have dropped them, and given so and so a chance." Now, why cannot they air their views before the thing is settled and in print? And echo answers "Why?" Would it not be possible to have a county competition, with a decent prize for each county, the winners of each county to compete for a special prize—say at Crystal Palace Show? Of course, I see objections: there are so many varieties. But say we take the most popular breeds. Surely the societies of each county could put up prizes for the most popular varieties in its own particular county, the competition to be held at different shows each year? The Crystal Palace Show authorities would know in good time how many entries there were likely to be, and how many varieties would compete, for them to decide how to give and where to obtain special prizes. We might then get to know which were the champion birds of the year. What I want to know is, "How to make shows pay?" Can anyone answer it for ONE WHO WANTS TO KNOW?

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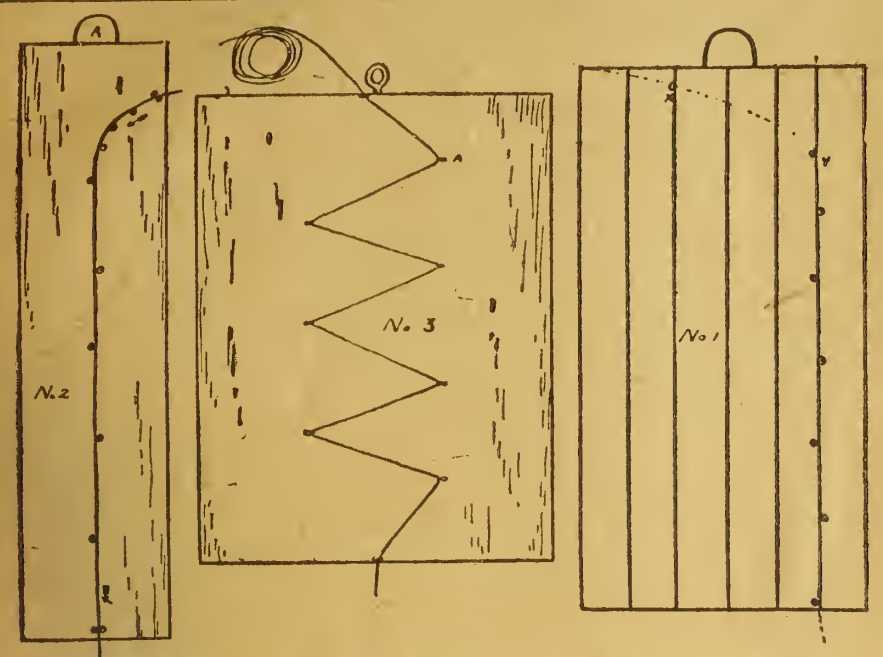

Mr. F. J. Rook's. Mr. W. Stagg's. Mr. J. Wallace's.

Three Methods of Straightening Cage Wire.

METHODS OF STRAIGHTENING CAGE WIRE.

SIR,—I send you a sketch of a method which I have used for many years with success. Cut a piece of oak or teak, 15 in. by 6 in. by 1 in. thick; now cut a 17-in. length of wire from each of the pieces of different thickness to be straightened, and sharpen the ends. After getting the wires fairly straight by hammering on a wooden block, with the pliers bend them at right angles, ½ in. from each end; repeat this ½ in. from the first bend. The points are then driven into the ends of the wood, one of them in a slanting direction. Stretch fairly tightly across the wood at convenient interval (see sketch); these form the guide wires. Five nails (shown as dots) are now driven into the board, touching each guide wire; of course, all the guide wires are treated alike, each one being a straightener in itself for wire of its own thickness. The nails used must be at least 2 in. long and easy to bend, and are driven about ½ in. into the wood and then bent in alternate directions to lean slightly over the wires. The angle at which these nails bend is the most important part of the contrivance, for they must be bent to and fro until the wire comes out fairly straight. A staple is driven in at x and y, the one at y being driven fairly deep, and being left just high enough to let the wires pass under it and over the guide wires, whilst the other is only driven in a short way, the idea being simply to keep the wires in position. A dotted line shows the course the wires take when being straightened. A staple fixed in one end, as shown, and placed on a nail or screw in the bench, will hold the block in position whilst the wire is pulled through with a pair of pliers. If it cannot be got quite straight, it can be finished off by hammering on a block of wood, but this will not be needed if the straightener works properly.—JAMES WALLACE.

SIR,—Get a piece of wood about 18 in. long and 3 in. square; ash or pitch pine is best. Now take a piece of the wire and get it as straight as you can, then bend it round a little at the top as shown. Place it on the block and drive in some 2-in. wire nails, as shown in sketch; drive them in the wood about 1 in. or so, and close to the wire; then take the piece of wire out and place that to be made straight in the block, and pull through with pliers. If it bends to the right, tap some of the nails to the left, and if to the left, tap them to the right; this controls the straightening of the wire. With a little practice you can get the wire as straight as a professional man. You should use round 2 in. nails, not flat ones. I always use a file to cut my wire into lengths, as you do not twist it about so much as when pliers are used to break it off. The wire must be fairly hard to pull out, or it won't come straight. A is a staple by which the block is held while drawing the wire through.—FRED J. ROOK.

SIR,—I am sending you an illustration of a wire straightener, for the benefit of all readers. It is very simple. Get a piece of hard wood, 16 in. long and about 9 or 10 in. wide and 1 in. thick; draw two straight lines down centre about 3 in. apart, and drive in wire staples at equal distances apart along each line; put one at each end in the centre of the two lines. Thread the wire through staples and draw on samo. A is the staple.—W. STAGG.

[We have also to thank Messrs. H. Reeves (Rugby), W. Fleming (Sheffield), and a correspondent who omitted his name, for sending sketches of wire straighteners on similar lines to those figured above.—EDITOR.]

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THE SQUARE-FEATHER CONTROVERSY.

A Startling Admission: No Square-ended Feathers Here.

SIR,—With reference to the square feather controversy now going on in your valuable paper, as a member of the G.C.A. perhaps you will allow me to give my views on the subject. I have for the last seven or eight years bred a few Greens each year, and shown a few with a fair amount of success. Now, the "square feathers" were first pointed out to me at one of our local shows, when one of our members got disqualified for the said square feathers. I believe Mr. A. Wellings was the judge. As I was at that time on the committee, I, together with other members of the committee, took the bird into the private room, and there, with a strip of white paper, examined the feathers. I believe it was then the opinion of all present that the bird had ends to its feathers which were not natural. Now, Mr. Editor, since that time I have carefully examined every bird I have bred, and can honestly say I have never come across a square feather yet.—W. DUGMORE.

SIR,—I find in my observations in the breeding room that most birds—Canaries in particular—when breaking into moult are liable to scurvy. The cause, in my opinion, is that all the poison from rich food flies to the weakest place, which is the surface, causing the bird to peck and nibble at the new pen feathers, which causes them to appear as though they were cut with a pair of nail scissors. At the first few shows we hear nothing about them, but when the feather is full grown it is more distinct, and in green birds more than any others. I find prevention is better than cure, therefore I cleanse and cool the system previous to the birds breaking into moult.—P. HAYDEN.

AGE OF BREEDING CANARIES.

SIR,—I have two cock Canaries. One I have had nine years this coming May, the other four years; I don't know how old he was when I bought him. I bought some 1906 hens and chanced my luck by putting the old birds up with two of them. I am pleased to say I have four young in each nest, one egg in each nest being clear. I have never attempted breeding before. The old birds have had nothing but Hyde's mixed seeds and a bit of apple since I have had them till I started taking your book, which was the Christmas number, and that seemed to get a fair hold on me. I would like to know if it is not a great age for birds to breed?—G. WING.

THE CRESTED CANARY CLUB AND THE C.B.U.

SIR,—Having been requested by Messrs. W. E. Greeves and H. Mills to receive letters from members of the C.C.C. desiring an extraordinary General Meeting for the purpose of rescinding the resolution carried at the Annual General Meeting on February 16th, by 10 votes to eight, "that the C.C.C. do become affiliated to the Cage Bird Union." I have consented to do so in an entirely unofficial capacity, and beg to say that, according to rule, I have now the requisite number in hand—viz., one-fourth of the membership. Consequently, an Extraordinary General Meeting will be duly convened by the Chairman. The following is a list of those who desire the meeting, namely:—Messrs. W. E. Greeves, W. Glasscock, J. Broad, J. Evans, A. E. Brooks, C. L. Quinton, W. and T. H. Evins, W. M. Gaze, W. J. Hill, J. W. Towers, C. T. Hoar, W. H. Eley, F. J. Mason, F. Mason, H. Mills, J. Forman, J. Tottle, J. Mennott, W. J. Crookes, T. Gale, E. Piper, T. G. Bale, Rev. G. W. Joyce, Mrs. Crow, J. T. Miles, E. Jones, T. Bond, E. Bloomfield, C. J. Willis, J. Turner, B. Stevenson, and J. W. Compton. From the general tone of the letters in hand it appears to be the desire to rescind the resolution, so that the whole membership may be approached and asked to vote upon such an important question.—JOHN TYSON.

LLANELLY P.P. AND C.B.S. AND THE C.B.U.

SIR,—Kindly allow me to state that as one of this district's Committee, I strongly opposed any action being taken in connection with the above Society, which, in my opinion, was in no way to blame, the fault lying with the exhibitors themselves. I was not aware, until I read the report in your paper that the matter was going to be brought forward at the Union meeting, at the Crystal Palace.—W SAMPSON (Cardiff C.B.U. Delegate).

THE EARLY BIRDS.

SIR,—Having seen a reference to early Mule breeding, where Frank Goulding says that he had the first egg on January 20th, I am pleased to inform you that I had two Mules hatched on January 21st out of five eggs, from Goldfinch and Canary, and have also two more Mules hatched to-day (February 7th) from same pair. The first two are doing well and are very strong. I also had eight eggs from a pair of Canaries, and six were hatched on January 31st, but one died. I have five strong and healthy, and the hen is now sitting on seven more eggs, which should come off March 16th.—C. WRIGHT.

SIR,—It may interest readers to know that on Monday, March 4th, when walking through a wood about five miles from Ayr, I came across a Blackbird's nest with the hen sitting close on four eggs. Since then I have seen indications of the eggs being hatched, but the coldness of the weather forbade me disturbing the hen, in case any harm should come to the "poor young mites." Is not this very early for this part of the country, considering the severe weather we have been experiencing?—A. WAITT.

BRITISH BIRDS AT THE PALACE SHOW.

Sir,—Please pity the poor Nutcracker, Mr. Birchley! Perhaps he was not "made in Germany." Who knows? Shall we not at least give him the credit of being "*Yucifraga Caryocatactes?*" And if he is, he won't be the only "British born and bred" Nutcracker at present residing in England.—H. R. DAVISON.

Sir,—Mr. Birchley appears to think that his Great Grey Shrike should have been awarded the Cup for best British, and also the special for the rarest ditto. Now I, for one, consider that his bird received all it merited. The Nutcracker has visited these isles occasionally, and therefore has as much right to be ranked a Britisher as some of the Meadow Buntings, Waxwings, etc., which are shown in British Bird Classes at the present time. The Nutcracker was fully entitled to the special for the rarest British bird. In the case of the Cup for best British, how does he know that his Shrike is a good specimen of the species or not? There was no other shown with which it could be compared. In the case of the Tree Creeper which was awarded the Cup, it was different; it was acknowledged to be the best of several good specimens staged, therefore the judge was quite justified in awarding the Cup to the Tree Creeper. Mr. Birchley says that he had beaten the winner with his own, previously, under the same judge. Does it not occur to him that the judge may have made a mistake on the other occasion, and took this opportunity of rectifying it? Mr. B. also says how much more trouble it is to rear and steady the Shrike; is this not the well known specimen shown by Mr. Howe last season? If so, someone else has had this trouble, not Mr. B. I don't say the Tree Creeper should have had the Cup, but it had better claims to it than the Shrike. I consider that in awarding a cup or special for best birds, due regard should be given to the monetary value of the birds competing for the same (not forgetting condition), and surely the most valuable bird in the show is the best if in condition? I don't think it fair to award specials for best bird in tho show to a British bird worth about two or three pounds, when there are Canaries, Mules, and Foreigners staged, that are worth two or three times that amount. This has been done on several occasions during the past show season.—J.P.S.

SIR,—The letters of Messrs. Cocks, Woodhouse, and Wm. Cook (the exhibitor), putting forward the specimen of the Nutcracker exhibited by the latter gentleman at the late Palace Show as a British specimen, are decidedly amusing. I quite agree with Mr. W. Cook in his remark that "Mr. Birchley will be surprised to hear that his Nutcracker was caught in Scotland." Mr. Woodhouse says he noticed the bird in question was entered in the "Migratory Class." I should like to ask Mr. Cook if it is not the fact that his specimen was part of a consignment of six that migrated in Continental cages from the Tyrol, and first touched England in the East End of London not far from Shoreditch? I had it on good authority, viz., from a gentleman whose initials are "W.F.," that he bought the consignment of six, and sold the bird exhibited to its then owner. Does this touch the spot, Mr. Cook? Mr. Cocks can have had very little acquaintance with Great Grey Shrikes, or he would have a very different opinion of their value and the difficulty in steadying them. I happen to have the specimen he refers to as being purchased for a few shillings at Club Row, having purchased it from the party who bought it from the shop. But up to now it has cost close upon 1s. 6d. a week for live food, etc., and I calculate it will cost a considerable sum for food before ever I shall be able to exhibit it, to say nothing of the difficulty of taming such a bird. At present it has the use of a large outdoor aviary, where it is about as wild as it is possible for a bird to be. I think there is very great credit due to Mr. Birchley, or the previous owner of the bird he exhibited, for the patience they, or one of them, must have spent in getting it to its present condition. When Mr. Birchley says he "reared" it, I am inclined to think he should have used the words, "meated off." On point of rarity, I think the two rarest British birds at the last show were the Lapland Bunting, exhibited by Mr. McVittie, and the Great Grey Shrike, both being on a par, in my opinion, in point of rarity. But, on the whole, I think the Shrike should have had the award on the ground of the difficulty of keeping and its condition, and I should not look upon Mr. Birchley's letter as the wail of a disappointed exhibitor, as your correspondents seem to suggest, but consider he has a just cause for complaint. If the judge had sufficient doubt to pass the Nutcracker in its class, he should have passed it as not being a British bird, and I am quite sure that my opinion would have been sustained by most fanciers who know anything about the Nutcracker. I am entirely disinterested, not knowing either party, and should not have troubled you with a letter but for Mr. W. Cook's assertion that his bird is a British specimen. I very much like to see a rare British bird, but I don't believe in Nutcrackers any more than Meadow Buntings, which appear plentiful just now.—S. A. SANDY.

[One or two lines of Mr. Sandy's letter have been deleted. They refer to the judge, Mr. S. Cook. We would point out to correspondents that it has three times been stated in CAGE BIRDS that while Mr. S. Cook judged the Nutcracker in its class, and left it unnoticed, the other two British bird judges had a voice in the awarding of the specials.—EDITOR.]

AN AMATEUR'S EXPERIENCES.

SIR,—Being a constant reader now of CAGE BIRDS, and a mere amateur in bird keeping and breeding, I take leave to write you. I commenced with one pair late in 1905; hen Canary and Linnet; result, three Mules. In 1906 I tried my hand again. I bought a Norwich cock and hen, but only reared one young; hen turned out too close a sitter. In addition, I reared six Linnet Mules, and last nest of the season, four Canaries—three cocks and one hen. So my stock is a little larger for this year. I am contemplating big guns this season; I shall be able to mate about seven pairs for Mules and Canaries. I have a nest of Canaries now, doing well, hatched on February 28th by the same hen. I had my three cocks and one hen last year; I keep them in the kitchen. The hen is a splendid feeder, I am pleased to say. I appreciate your splendid paper, CAGE BIRDS, greatly; I generally find in it the very questions I would like to ask answered for me. —T. BROUGH.

ALLEGED REFUSAL OF MEMBERSHIP THROUGH ASKING FOR PRIZE MONEY.

SIR,—I am writing respecting our Bath and District F.A. Young Bird Show, held September, 1906. I exhibited 10 cage birds and won four 1sts, two 2nds, two 3rds, two vhc's, gold medal for best Canary, also special for best Norwich in show. On receiving prize-money I found it was 3s. deficient, and, knowing the show to be a success, and the society having a really good balance in bank, I asked for the balance of my prize-money, which the Secretary withheld against the society rules. Then I received a letter from Mr. Turtle, Sec., refusing to pay, and asking me to send in my resignation, as in any case I should not be re-elected. For what reason I do not know. Probably the Sec. could furnish me with the correct reason through your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS. Since the above show, some so-called "brother fancier," and a member of the above society, has rumoured that the birds I exhibited (as above) were borrowed. I am prepared to challenge this "no doubt disappointed exhibitor," for £50 aside, for him to prove his statement. —G. E. LANHAM.

P.S.—I may inform you that the above gold-medal winner for the best Canary in show is in my possession to-day.—G. E. L.

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A CONUNDRUM OF THE PALACE SHOW.

SIR,—I thought "Querist" would have been convinced after reading Mr. Osborne's letter that the Redpoll 2nd at the Palace Show was not colour fed. He seems very hard at belief. I beg to say that the Redpoll has never been in my possession. I believe I am right in saying it was caught by its owner quite seven years ago. As I am not a British bird exhibitor, I cannot give your readers the article "Querist" would like. My reason for answering his first letter was because I thought "Querist's" remarks might discourage a promising fancier, and a member of the society I have the honour to represent as Secretary; further, to try and prove that the Redpoll was worthy the place he held, without the aid of colour feed. I am sorry if I am wrong in thinking "Querist" a disappointed exhibitor.—F. HOWES.

[This matter is now closed.—ED.]

A TAME HAWK.

SIR,—Seeing in your paper some notes about Hawks, I thought I would send a few about mine, which I have had about eight months. It was caught at Rotherham one day when I was catching Linnets. The first week I got him I thought I should have to let him go, on account of being so wild. But I have managed to get him so tame that I can now let him loose, and he flies where he likes Even when the house door is open he will not offer to go out. I can take him on my finger without any fear of him striking me. I feed on raw meat and raw liver, and sometimes give a live Sparrow or Starling, which he will kill and eat in quick time. It is very interesting to watch hm kill a bird. First of all I let the bird fly loose; the Hawk sees him, and goes after him, strikes at him with his claws, and then flys back to his perch, which is a piece of wood knocked in the wall (no cage). He then gets the Sparrow round the neck and strangles it, and starts to feather it, which he does in quick time, and then puts it out of sight. When he has not had anything to eat for a day he will fly on the back of my armchair, as much as to ask for something. I have not seen him drink yet; in my opinion the moist flesh he eats quenches his thirst. My Hawk has been attacked by two cats, but he has freed himself by the aid of his strong claws, which, it seems, pussy does not like. The Hawk is a very interesting bird, especially as a house pet. Mine is a Kestrel Hawk. I once caught a Merlin Hawk, which I kept a month, but had to let him go as he was so wild and vicious. My wife recently caught a Blackbird with a pure white head, which is very tame and going on well.—H. PALFREY.

INHUMAN BIRD-CATCHING IN CORNWALL.

SIR,—I have read the correspondence which has appeared in your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, on the above subject. I think it is not the action of the genuine bird-catcher, it being quite out of his occupation and purpose. I certainly do not agree with such cruel methods of capturing birds; it is not sport. Your correspondent, Mr. Patterson, says something should be done to protect birds from this cruelty: well, there is already a law in force which deals with it, and the offenders only require detecting by the authorities and the result would satisfy. What about the thousands of Larks that are slaughtered annually for table purposes? These are not consumed by the working class or there would soon be a stop put to it. As a British bird fancier I am very grieved indeed to hear of such cruel and inhuman treatment of birds; it is such conduct as this that gets the genuine and humane birdcatcher into disgrace, and causes stricter measures to be passed by our County Councils. I have oft-times wondered why the ancient sport of bird-catching should alone be attacked; what about the various kinds of game that escape wounded by shot from the gun of the sportsman whilst having his sport, practically shooting hand-reared pheasants. These are often left to suffer a cruel death in the ditch. Surely this is level with the above. Then, again, because some birds have good singing qualities it should not be an excuse for special preservation, as the damage they do to crops is enormous, and they, like Sparrows, should be kept within reasonable bounds. It is clear it is not the bird that protection is sought for, but their song, or what about the poor unprotected Sparrow, that has no song, their destruction being encouraged by clubs, etc.? It seems to me that, whether inhuman or otherwise, sentimentalists are opposed to bird-catching. Are there not other cruel sports that should be taken in hand? But, of course, it is only the sport of the working man that is attacked, no matter what little pastime, in the shape of sport, he might seek.—P. DILCOCK.

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The Square Feather Controversy.

AN INTERESTING MEETING.

Mr. J. W. Ramsden and the Liverpool breeders of Green Canaries thresh out the question of square-ended feathers.

A special meeting was held at Liverpool on March 6th, in the Oldham Hall, with Mr. Metcalfe in the chair, to hear Mr. Ramsden's explanation of the Palace disqualifications, also to examine the disputed feathers. There was a very large attendance. The Chairman said he hoped members would listen carefully to Mr. Ramsden, as this question was of vital interest, no one knowing in the present state of affairs when his turn might come to be disqualified, and it was generally the most innocent who suffered.

Mr. Ramsden passed round photographs of the feathers taken at the Palace, and stated that the feathers were photographed whilst on the bird. Mr. Ramsden wished the members to understand that the birds had not been disqualified for square feathers, as square feathers had been recognised as being a natural growth. The feathers in dispute were of a jagged nature, showing every appearance of having been cut or trimmed. Mr. Heath, on finding these feathers, called two fellow-judges, Messrs. Robson and Mundell, who both endorsed his opinion that the feathers had been trimmed. The feathers were afterwards photographed and the photographs enlarged. The photographers (Messrs. Russell) were of the opinion that the feathers had been cut. Mr. Ramsden also quoted several high London and Liverpool authorities, and they were of opinion that the feathers had been tampered with. Mr. Ramsden went on to state that after procuring these opinions, his committee considered the matter. Mr. Fisher represented the owners of the bird and the G.C.A. The committee, after careful consideration, came to the conclusion that they could not do anything else than uphold the decision of the judge.

Mr. Fisher suggested the advisability of consulting the Liverpool authorities and the G.C.A., which was agreed to, and they had upheld the opinion of their London brethren.

A member suggested that the authorities quoted were not breeders, though they might be scientifically informed as to the plumage of birds.

Mr. Ramsden said, on the evidence of the authorities, the L. and P.O.S. must uphold the judge's decision, but would only be too glad if it could be proved that the feathers were natural.

Mr. Dixon: Have any of the authorities ever bred Green birds?—Mr. Ramsden said he did not know, but they examined many skins of birds, but they could not find any similar feathers.

Mr. Hadwin: Will the L. and P.O.S. reconsider their decision if anything we can show them to-night has a fresh bearing on the matter?—Mr. Ramsden: Yes.

Mr. Wardale: Was there ever a bird disqualified at the Palace before?—Mr. Ramsden: There was a disqualified Green at the Palace some time ago. I came to Liverpool and saw the exhibitor, who admitted that some of the birds were trimmed, though not the one disqualified.

Mr. Cutmore (Chief Taxidermist at the Liverpool Museum), who attended as a private fancier, showed a diagram of a feather, and explained that the ends of the feathers were not naturally grown, but might have been nibbled by the bird itself or by other birds. In his (Mr. Cutmore's) opinion, the beak of a bird was quite sharp enough to perform this operation.

Mr. Doughty: Why should these feathers be cut, as they come from a foul bird, and there could be no object in cutting them?—Mr. Hadwin: The question of motive is a very serious one, and should be kept well to the front. In these cases there was an entire absence of motive—in fact, trimming these feathers was very detrimental to the birds, as it spoilt the continuity of the pencillings.

Mr. Bretherton: Was there one or more disputed feathers in Mr. Clayton's bird?—Mr. Ramsden: Several.

Mr. Bretherton: Had the authorities wild or domestic birds in consideration when giving their opinion?—Mr. Ramsden: Quite a number of all sorts were examined.

Mr. Deacon: Mr. Ramsden gave us the impression at the Palace that Mr. Stewart's bird was disqualified for one feather only.—Mr. Ramsden: I did not intend to convey the impression of one feather, but referred to one feather in particular when speaking to Mr. Stewart.

Mr. Bretherton: Why were not other birds disqualified that had jagged feathers?—Mr. Ramsden: I really do not know.

Mr. Young: Did your committee know that there were other square-feathered birds in the money?—Mr. Ramsden: Other birds were not taken into consideration at all.

Mr. Deacon: Many of the birds judged at Liverpool and at the Palace have square feathers. Why was Mr. Mundell taken into consultation after he had disqualified birds at Liverpool?—Mr. Ramsden: I did not ask Mr. Mundell for his opinion. Mr. Heath asked him. I have the greatest confidence in Mr. Mundell, and he was one of your own judges. Mr. Heath assured me afterwards that he did not know Mr. Mundell had disqualified any Greens at Liverpool when he asked his opinion.

Mr. Hadwin explained why the judges were changed at the Palace.

Mr. Clayton: Why did not the Palace Committee go the full length and penalise the exhibitors, not simply uphold the decision of the judges?—Mr. Ramsden: The birds were rightly disqualified if the birds cut the feathers themselves; the feathers were cut, no matter how. The Palace authorities gave the exhibitors the benefit of the doubt of criminal responsibility.

Mr. Hadwin: I think the L. and P.O.S. should not have disqualified, unless they were perfectly certain that the exhibitor had done this thing, or someone acting on his behalf. Birds cannot fake, and we had the authority of Mr. Cutmore that it was quite possible for the birds themselves to have done this trimming.—Mr. Ramsden: Am I to understand from Mr. Hadwin's remarks that it must be absolutely proved that the exhibitor had trimmed his bird? According to C.B.U. rules, it was sufficient if a bird was shown with damaged feathers.

Mr. Hadwin: If it can be shown that the feathers could be damaged in any other way than by the exhibitor, no disqualification should stand, especially taking into consideration the character of the exhibitor.—Mr. Ramsden: Mr. Stewart had already had a bird disqualified.

Mr. Hadwin: Mr. Stewart's bird was shown at Liverpool by Mr. Wardale, and disqualified for square feathers. After the Liverpool Show the G.C.A. decided that square feathers were a natural defect, and should not carry disqualification. On the G.C.A.'s decision Mr. Stewart was quite justified in showing the bird at the Palace.

Mr. A. Thompson: Could not the L. and P.O.S. have examined some of the clear Yorkshires to see if these jagged feathers existed amongst them?—Mr. Fielding: I have had good birds spoilt in the moult, and have had good Lizards ruined in spangling by other birds plucking them.—Mr. Hadwin: In my opinion, if the L. and P.O.S. Committee will take a London breeders' room haphazard, and take a bird haphazard out of this room and examine the feathers, they will find some of the feathers jagged, which ought to prove that the feathers have not been cut by the hand of man.

Mr. Clayton: Why did not Helliwell's feathers convince the Committee that the feathers were not cut?—Mr. Ramsden: All experts agree that the feathers were cut.

Mr. Metcalfe: Could not some of the Committee examine their own birds for these feathers, and then meet the authorities?—Mr. Hales: I had a visit from a gentleman on Sunday morning, who asked if I had any square feathers. I told him I did not know I had, but we examined about 20 birds, of six different varieties, and found on every bird square and jagged feathers, these birds being both show and purely stock birds.

Mr. Hadwin: Did your Committee take into consideration the question of motive? Why should these feathers be cut? Mr. Ramsden: Yes; and it was shown that these feathers were sometimes clear or bronzed.

In reply to several queries, Mr. Ramsden stated that he would ask his Committee to examine other birds, and he would see that he was one of the examiners; and if they found that these blemishes were naturally acquired, he would ask his Committee to reconsider their decision. Hearty votes of thanks were accorded Messrs. Ramsden and Cutmore, and a unanimous vote of confidence in Messrs. Clayton and Stewart was passed, Mr. Clayton being very much moved by the confidence of his fellow-members.

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STRAY NOTES ABOUT BIRDS.

By CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Barely Clad Foreigners.

This is another very common experience for the bird keeper just now. A goodly number of smaller kinds of foreign birds appear very bare, especially when kept in cold or crowded rooms or aviaries. In newly imported birds the cause is obviously due to their rough and tumble sort of existence during importation, but in acclimatised birds it is almost invariably due to one of two causes, viz., cold causing the feathers to drop out and preventing the growth of new ones, and being plucked by their companions, or losing them in mimic warfare. In both cases the lack of sufficient warmth to reproduce new feathers is the indirect cause of the bird remaining bare. Removal to a higher temperature will always remedy this defect, and, without any treatment at all, the bird will gradually put on full dress as the normal temperature rises in spring, and the bird will be seen to improve in the order of their hardihood, so to speak. The Waxbills are among the most susceptible to this effect of cold and are generally the last to become quite fine in feather, as they are also usually the most bare during the colder months.

Do Birds' Beaks Grow?

This is a question that is involved in the lately reported cases of a strange epidemic in which the beaks of the affected birds rotted off. Of course my former suggestion of a cancerous disease is quite out of court now, as we hear the beaks are now growing again. As more than one case has been reported we must accept the good faith of the unfortunate owners. Still it is a pity this strange complaint was not more closely investigated. Could the owners be mistaken in thinking the mandible dropped off? It is easy to make a mistake of that kind without examining the thing closely. The general concensus of opinion is that when a beak is lost it does not grow again. I know myself from practical experience that a claw that is lost, or cut off close up to the toe, as it is popularly called (I am writing in very unscientific terms), is either not reproduced at all, or only in old age, after the lapse of years after the loss, and as the beak and the claws are very analogous one would naturally expect to find the same phenomena in reproduction of a lost or broken mandible.

Insect Food for Finches.

Many readers will doubtless wonder at the heading of this note. The belief that our native Finches are almost or purely grain-eaters is so general that the idea of offering them anything in the nature of insect food never occurs to them. As a matter of fact, I do not believe a single species can be proved to be purely insectivorous, and one cannot fail to appreciate the beneficial result upon the general health and condition of caged Finches of a little insect food, even after a very limited trial. Linnets and Redpolls simply revel in a supply of small sprays of plant, which are infested with green aphides. Redpolls will even go so far as to feast upon red mites if placed in a cage that is infected with this pest. Goldfinches are equally greedy for the maggots which often inhabit the base of the seed heads of such plants as teazle and thistle, and the maggot or caterpillar that attacks our garden roses, and causes so much loss of early bloom is equally acceptable. Even small pupæ are not rejected, and when all these natural items fail, I have yet to discover the Finch that will not devour with evident gusto a mealworm fastened on the end of a perch. But some discretion must be used in giving the latter, as they are highly stimulating.

When to Give Mealworms.

When considering only our native Finches, there is certainly a time to give these larvæ, and a time to withhold them. Their stimulating properties preclude their use at this season for birds in a very forward condition, unless, indeed, one has the hen Canaries equally forward, and intends to pair up very soon. (This, by the way, is an intention I would neither encourage nor advise.) But when a Finch is already in a forward condition, perhaps rather earlier than one desires, the effect of giving mealworms would be such that the bird must be mated at once, or it will run a risk of being spoilt for breeding for the rest of the season. On the other hand, the effect on birds that are backward and keep out of condition, often acts like a charm. The supply must be strictly limited—one each day so long as a bird is out of condition should suffice now—and as soon as it begins to come nicely in song, the supply may be reduced to two or three per week, according to the bird's condition, and the time it is wanted for mating up. When nearer the proper time for mating, of course, a more liberal supply might be given to bring about quicker results.

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The Cinnamon-Marked Yorkshire Canary.

Lecture by Mr. F. W. Nelson (Stockport) before the members and friends of the Oldham and District C.B.S. on Feb. 26th, 1907.

The Oldham and District Cage Bird Society held a very successful meeting on February 26th, at their headquarters, when they had with them as lecturer that much respected Yorkshire fancier from Stockport, Mr. F. W. Nelson. There were several strangers amongst the goodly number that turned up, and one and all expressed themselves delighted at the treat they had had in listening to Mr. Nelson. The President of the Society, Mr. Sharples, occupied the chair, and briefly introduced the lecturer. Mr. Nelson spoke as follows:—

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,—I will endeavour to give you as plainly and briefly as possible the method I follow in the management of my own breeding stock, and deal with the Fancy in as practical a way as I am able. What I intend to deliver to you to-night will be from my own experience, and should there be any statement in my lecture that any of you do not fully grasp I shall be only too pleased to explain at length. You are all aware that the lecture this evening is on "The Cinnamon-Marked Yorkshire Canary." No doubt there are a few fanciers present who have bred this variety, and I feel sure their experiences will not have been what they desired, so far as winners, at least, are concerned. I might venture to say that results with this variety are to most breeders not at all satisfactory. My opinion is that they do not keep enough birds, and therefore have not the scope in their room that they should have. Marked birds are not as easily got as some people imagine. You will find it easier to get clear birds than good marked ones.

MYSTERIOUS AND INTERESTING.

In the first place, you must understand that all Cinnamon birds are pink-eyed, whether self-coloured or variegated. Perfectly clear bodied birds are, so far as blood goes, to all intents and purposes, Cinnamons. This section of the cage bird fancy is undoubtedly one of the most mysterious and interesting, especially to the observant and experimental breeder. It is possible to cross other varieties together and gradually work out the results of the cross again so far as you desire to do so. This is hardly possible with the Cinnamon, its power of reproduction being marvellous. It offers a field in bird life where you can always find something fresh to interest, instruct, and amuse. In my remarks on the subject I shall often refer to the pink-eyed bird, and you will understand when I do so that I mean the full-blooded Cinnamon, whether self-coloured, variegated, or clear-bodied.

If a bird possesses the pink eye it will, when paired to another bird having the pink eye, produce nothing but pink-eyed birds; But if you pair a pink-eyed cock with a dark-eyed hen, the said hen having no Cinnamon blood in its veins, the young from this cross that are pink-eyed will be hens, and those having dark eyes will be cocks. You will thus be able to sex the birds in the nest; that is, if you are sure of the strain you are breeding with. If you reverse this order when breeding, and pair a dark-eyed cock, with no Cinnamon blood whatever in its veins, to a pink-eyed hen, you will breed no pink-eyed birds at all. If the hen be a very heavily-variegated one you will rear a big percentage of heavily-marked green birds. This is one of the safest ways of producing the Green Canary that I know of. The hens from this cross, though half-bred, will, when paired with a pink-eyed cock, fail to produce any pink-eyed cocks; all the pink-eyed birds from this cross will be hens. This is a mating which has been very disappointing to breeders who have been just commencing in this variety. But if you have 75 per cent. of Cinnamon blood in your cock bird, derived in the original cross from the male side, and a pink-eyed hen, you will observe in their produce that you have done away with the peculiarity of all the dark-eyed birds being of the masculine gender, and all the pink-eyed birds of the feminine gender.

The direct line, in my opinion, to breed Cinnamon-marks with safety, is to start with both pink-eyed birds. Where this is not workable (as in case you want to get better style in your birds, and cannot see your way without using a dark-eyed bird), let the dark-eyed bird be the hen, and work the Cinnamon blood in from the cock side. From my own experience and from numerous conversations I have had with several well-known fanciers on this point, I am convinced I am giving you sound advice. When I say use pink-eyed birds on both sides, and where this is not possible, have the Cinnamon blood on the male side, this is a point which may not seem of much importance to beginners, or those who have not tested it; but a careful trial will, I am confident, convince any fancier that the advice is worth following. I still maintain that you will not breed pink-eyed cocks with anything like certainty if you have less than 75 per cent. of Cinnamon blood on the male side, and that Cinnamon blood derived in the first, or original, cross from the male side. During the last few years the Cinnamon has been used so much that you can pair birds up, both dark-eyed, and still breed Cinnamon-marks. I have done it myself; but they have all been hens.

IS THE EVEN-MARKED YORKSHIRE GOING?

The even-marked Yorkshire is going out of date fast, and you will find in breeding Cinnamon-marked birds that the same rule applies, because you must get good marked birds in this variety, too. In days gone by a two-pointed bird was an even-marked one, now it must be a four or six-pointed bird to be evenly-marked.

In even-mark breeding you must avoid cap-marked birds. In the first place you must select your stock to produce the even-marked bird. Some of our best-known fanciers will tell you to start and make your own strain, but I am of opinion the game would be too slow to be put into practice by the present-day fancier. For more years than I can tell there have been breeders of the even-marked birds; thus, what is the use of throwing time away when you can buy birds ready for you to commence with? My advice is this—use your own judgment and you will find plenty of fanciers willing to sell.

HINTS ON BREEDING.

In buying I should recommend you to visit the vendor and thus get a chance to see the parents of the birds you wish to purchase or he wishes to sell. Then you would be able to form a good idea as to what they were bred from and what they are likely to produce. See that they are marked in the following places:—Eyes, wings, or tail. Avoid cap-marked birds, as I have said before, as this marking seems to spring up too often, and generally spoils a good bird. Avoid, as far as possible, any other variegation. Don't pair two even-marked birds together, or you will be sure to get a great majority of heavily-variegated youngsters, and these are generally a drug on the market.

I believe in in-breeding, but not too closely; the nearest I have bred has been own cousins. When you in-breed you must not do it merely for the sake of in-breeding, and you must know what you are going for—the hen side or the cock side. Then you can do as much in-breeding as you want. You must do it, however, for some fixed purpose—say, for instance, your strain is running short of length, and you have had to buy fresh birds from outside, you must then be careful, or you will soon lose many year's breeding. I am of opinion that the male bird carries the markings out much truer than the hen. I find that the hen produces style, quality, and position, and the cock markings and size.

To give you a case, my method of pairing would be as follows:—

No. 1 pair:—Cock, eyes and one wing marked; hen, eye-marked only.

No. 2 pair:—Cock, eyes and both wings marked; hen, a clear.

No. 3 pair:—Cock, eyes marked only; hen, both wings marked.

No. 4 pair:—Cock, eyes and tail marked; hen, wing-marked.

This will give you a table on which to form an idea (if it was put into working order) as to the matings which should produce some fair specimens, if your strain be reliable. Of course, you would not breed all good marked birds from this pairing; you would be liable to breed ticked and lightly-variegated birds. What one must avoid are body and cap markings.

"LIKE PRODUCES LIKE."

In mating your stock, bear in mind that to a great extent "like produces like," especially in the male birds. You must also understand that whatever price you pay for your stock birds, you will find there is a difficulty in getting good marked ones, as they very often are just the ones that go wrong in the nest, if you are lucky enough to get a few good marked birds there.

The Yorkshire Canary is divided into three distinct varieties—namely, the dark-eyed Yorkshire, the Cinnamon-marked, and the Liverpool Green. There are many points that can be better discussed than read, and practice is better still; but if I have not made myself clear on any point, or any gentleman would like to ask any question, I shall only be too pleased to answer him. When I commenced in the bird Fancy some 15 years ago, I always thought that some fanciers "knew something," but would not tell. I am not of that opinion to-day. The secret of success lies in looking well after your birds, and in studying their requirements.

DISCUSSION.

The Chairman.—Well, gentlemen, you have heard the admirable paper read by our friend, Mr. Nelson, and as he has just intimated that he would be pleased to have some discussion, I now throw the meeting open.

Question.—In reference to your statement re the production of Greens, do you think that is the quickest way? Answer.—I mentioned about knowing the strain you were working with. Time is nearly always wasted unless you have the pedigree of your birds. Of course, there are exceptions, which you may term "sports."

The Querist.—I may here state that I produced a strain of Greens by pairing a clear Yorkshire cock to a Green hen which followed the Norwich type. From the progeny of this pair birds were bred that stood in the money at Manchester and other All England shows. Answer.—One cannot rely on haphazard breeding. Get a dark-eyed cock and two self Cinnamon hens (or very heavily-variegated ones). From the progeny select the best specimens, and pair again, to best advantage, birds bred from each hen—half brothers and sisters.

Query.—How would you get the dark legs? Answer.—These would come, as a matter of fact, through breeding with the dark birds.

Query.—On which side do you rely for colour? Answer.—The male side.

Query.—How would you pair a cock bird with plenty of length, but very deficient in tail? Answer.—Carefully select hen as partner that excels in tail. Make a feature on this point alone if your cock bird is good in other properties.

Query.—Do you consider egg food suitable for winter feeding? Answer.—I do not. My birds have not tasted egg food since they finished moulting. I find it is apt to make them "soft." I use a mixture of seeds consisting of equal quantities of niga, hemp, maw, and summer rape (with plain seed) until about a month previous to pairing up. Then I slightly change from this, giving the hens five times more niga, and adding extra maw for the cocks. This I find a good mixture for birds that are continually travelling from show to show.

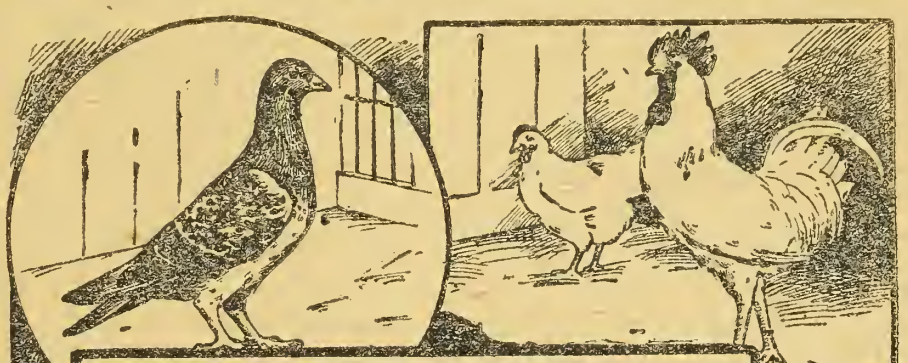
Query.—What is the cause of birds, in general, cracking the seeds and leaving the kernel in the seed box or on the bottom of the cage? Answer.—The birds are generally out of condition, or the seed is not up to the mark. I would advise you to take the plain seed away and give summer rape for three days, also adding as much Epsom salts as will cover a shilling to a wine-glass full of drinking water. Get the birds thirsty by taking the water away, and then put on the salts. Keep on for three days.

BEECHAM'S PILLS.

Another fancier gave his experiences on this point, and stated that he generally dosed his birds with powdered Turkey rhubarb for a few days, and on the second day gave some maw seed in the egg drawer. One of the "old school" of fanciers here chimed in, and gave some "fatherly" advice, saying that he found there was nothing better than Beecham's pills. This caused quite an outburst of good-humoured laughter, but the lecturer substantiated the remark somewhat, and said he had heard from "leading lights" of the Fancy that they administer them, and how they do it. Cut a pill in four; get a match stick and place between mandibles; then work one quarter of the pill in at the side, and get another match and gently push the pill down the bird's throat. Then close the beak and hold it between finger and thumb until you have seen the bird swallow.

Query.—What is your opinion of Parrish's chemical food? Answer.—I recommend it as a fine tonic, and to be given in a strong dose, making the water about the colour of port wine. Also to be given with that good old remedy, milk sop.—Another fancier stated that, in his opinion, the chemical food was best administered by using distilled water.

On the proposition of Mr. Steeple, seconded by Mr. Hampshire, a hearty vote of thanks was giveu to the lecturer for the manner in which he had treated his subject. A similar compliment was paid to the Chairman, and a very pleasant and instructive evening was thus brought to a close.



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The Popular Plainhead:

My Experiences of the Norwich Canary.

By W. VARDY.

(Continued from page 145).

TO BREED THE IDEAL.

In the opening instalment of my article, I described the points which I think the ideal Norwich Plainhead ought to possess. I shall now endeavour to explain the lines on which I work when breeding my own show specimens—not, of course, that I hold them up as being true copies of the above mentioned ideal. I only wish they were. Still, I can, at any rate, say with truth that my birds represent years of trying to attain perfection and a deal of thought and experience in endeavouring to better them.

In the first place you must have a large cock bird, one with a good head and neck. Never mind if he is a wee bit long and free in feather, so long, that is, as the feather is of nice, soft, silky quality. Avoid birds carrying to much feather, if that feather is coarse and harsh. Two other points a stock bird must possess are a straight, well-braced and carried tail, and plenty of colour.

The hen to mate with the above cock bird I can best describe by saying that she should approach as nearly as is possible to the ideal bird of which I have spoken. In only one point do I willingly give anything away, and that is in size. The hen may be small—in fact I like a hen on the small side—but she must be good in other points.

Readers will gather from this that I place great importance on the proper choice of the hen. I certainly do. I am convinced that no breeder of Norwich Plainheads can hope to do much good unless he has some good hens in his room, and takes care to always keep the female side of his stock up to the highest possible standard. My experience has taught me that, broadly speaking, the type and quality come surely from the hen, and size and colour from the cock.

THE IMPORTANCE OF STOCK BIRDS.

If you breed some cock birds rather too long and too large for the show bench, these are just the sort to keep to mate with good exhibition hens. I would much sooner breed from birds matched in this way than from two good exhibition birds which are of medium size. There are some excellent birds bred other ways, I know; but I also know that I myself have had the best results when adopting the procedure just described.

I can tell you a little tale bearing on this. Many fellow fanciers who know me will remember that about six years ago my show birds commenced to take back seats on the bench—that is to say, first prizes did not come so often, but second and thirds and commended cards. The reports in the Fancy papers read: All there for type, colour, and quality, but a trifle too small. My friends told me the same thing. So, of course, I began to "look round the corner" to find out where the mischief lay. I was not long in hitting on the cause of the loss of size. I had been parting with all my stock birds, and so had been compelled in many cases to pair show birds to show birds. The above was the unfortunate result, as my pedigree book soon proved when I carefully consulted it. Neighbouring friends and other fanciers had been calling on me, or writing to me for birds, and everybody seemed to want large stock birds, and as I am never above obliging anyone when possible, I found in the end I was left with hardly any for myself. It was a funny thing, too, that when I wanted to get stock birds myself, no one would sell me a feather—they all said they couldn't spare them, and some of those who had my own stock birds wouldn't even sell me back a youngster bred from them. It taught me a bit of a lesson, I can tell you, for it took me more than one season to regain the ground I had lost. So once again I would impress on would-be breeders of exhibition Plainheads that they must have suitable stock hens in their rooms as well as show birds, for they are the most important of the two.

DARK BLOOD ESSENTIAL.

The breeder must have plenty of dark blood in his strain; but he must mind and have the right kind of dark blood. I should describe the ground colour of the bird I prefer as something like the ground colour of a good jonque Lizard. It is my firm opinion, in fact, that the Lizard Canary is the original "fountain of colour" of the Norwich Plainhead of to-day. This kind of ground colour I consider puts the finishing touch on a good marked (or variegated) bird.

It is not a very easy job to establish this ground color in one's strain, but the breeder must make up his mind to get it, and as soon as he can. So look out for the right kind of birds whenever and wherever possible.

The best markings, to my way of thinking, are both wings and one eye, or one wing and both eyes, or one eye and one wing, and so on. All these are good markings, and either will tell heavily in the ticked or unevenly-marked classes.

The above markings I do not consider hard to get, as you can soon graft them into your strain by careful, judicious mating. Put a marked and a clear bird together, or two lightly marked ones, or two clears, and so on. But if you should put two clear birds together, let both of them always be bred from marked stock. If, though, you breed with clears too often, it is important to remember that they soon begin to lose colour and quality. This is the reason I so strongly advocate the use of dark blood, which means that the breeder should never be without marked birds in his room. I should always, in fact, recommend that there be a marked bird on one side, especially if you have a bird or two in your possession marked in the manner described above.

HOW TO GET COLOUR.

Suppose you have a yellow cock marked on both wings and one eye—or both wings and both eyes—and a buff hen marked in somewhat the same manner as the cock, mate them up for one nest. The reverse mating—i.e., buff cock to yellow hen—will also answer quite well, though of the two I certainly prefer yellow cock to buff hen. No doubt you will get some young nearly all green, and probably some self greens as well. The ground colour in these young birds so bred will be better than the ground colour seen in their parents. It is in this way, in fact, that you improve the colour of a strain. Now these youngsters—bred in this way—are the right birds to mate to clears, or to birds bred from two clears. Or you can pair one of the heavily variegated or green specimens to a wing and eye marked bird, and breed some more greens. If you should get a large yellow green cock, this is the bird to stick to. Don't be tempted to part with it, as such are invaluable stock birds—you have a "fountain of colour" in this bird, and one which has in its veins the tendency to throw good marks. I am presuming, of course, that he is presentable in the matter of type.

When you mate this yellow green cock up, select for his partner a clear buff hen bred from two clears or very lightly-marked parents. The young from this pair will most of them be marked; but the clears will be yellows, as a rule, and teeming with colour and quality—none of them will be crealy-backed birds, but solid in colour right to the tips of the feathers (I am here referring to the yellows, of course). These specimens are simply invaluable to any Norwich breeder, for you can pair two such clears together without any loss of colour. And, by the way, to mate two clears together which were bred from marked stock is the right course to pursue if you find you are getting too many heavily marked birds among the young birds you breed.

DOUBLE YELLOWING AND DOUBLE BUFFING.

It is my firm opinion that the above method is a much better way of getting and keeping colour than resorting to double-yellowing (the pairing together of two yellows). I know that you lose substance when you double-yellow; in fact, I have never, to my knowledge, gained anything at all by indulging in it.

I am in favour of double buffing to a certain degree. If your stock is deficient somewhat in head and neck, double-buffing will help you. I have myself bred some good birds from the pairing together of two judiciously selected buffs. But one wants to be careful not to go too far, or he will lose much more than he will gain. For one thing, the quality of the feather will soon show signs of deterioration.

The birds to double buff with must be bred in the ordinary way—that is, from the mating of yellow to buff. One of them must be heavily marked, or green, and short in feather; while both must be of good quality, and tight in feather. If these points are not looked to, you run very great risks of getting slack-feathered youngsters. If you carry out the double buffing on the lines here laid down, you are quite likely to breed a grand bird. But do not let this draw you into carrying the mating of buff to buff too far.

One of the chief objects of the Norwich Plainhead breeder—and one of his chief difficulties as well—is to keep up the size of his strain, and at the same time to retain type and quality of feather. When one gets size, one is only too apt to lose the other two equally important points.

Always make a rule of keeping in your room a few extra large cock birds bred from your best pairs. If you happen to have an extra big hen as well, you can do no wrong by pairing these two "big 'uns" together for one nest; but never do this unless both birds have good, bold, broad heads, and short, thick necks. This mating, mind you, is only to be indulged in if you find a difficulty in keeping up the size of your stock by the usual method of mating laid down in an earlier part of my article. You must keep the cocks bred from the "big 'uns" and mate them to the most typical hens you have in your room, and hens which have not only type, but extra good quality, tight plumage as well.

In all my remarks on matching birds to produce the best youngsters from the show point of view, it must be understood that the general principles I have laid down should always be taken into consideration in the selection of the couples. The points which govern the cock birds and the hens must be kept in sight, likewise the matters of ground colour and markings. In any case, keep size in the cocks and you cannot go far wrong; at the same time pay particular attention to the type and quality of your hens.

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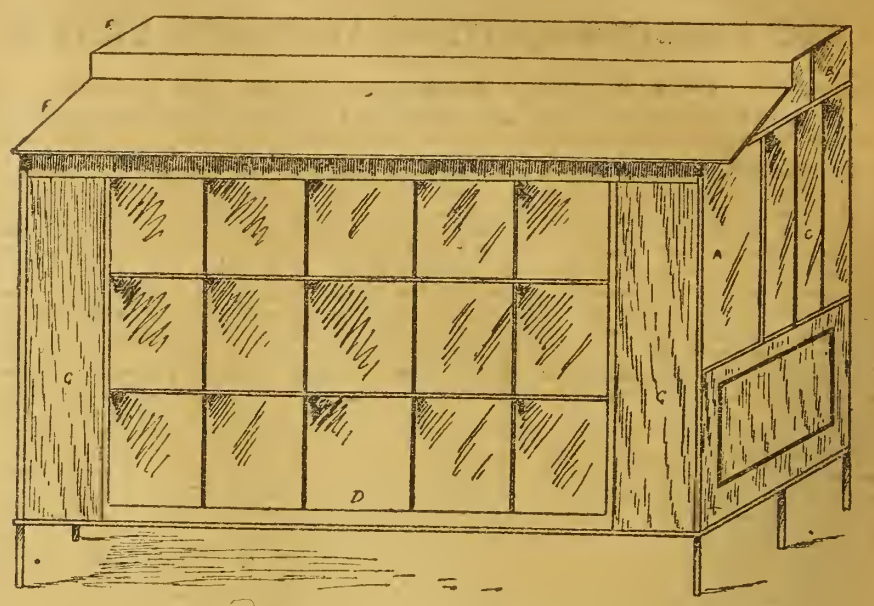

Mr. R. H. Harrison's Outdoor Aviary.

A READER'S OUTDOOR AVIARY.

Enclosed is a rough sketch of my outdoor aviary, which I think might be of use to many of my fellow fanciers. I erected it at the small cost of about 15s. It has a shelf fixed the full length of the back, under which you can make a first rate flight. I find it a first class place for our feathered pets, also a quiet spot for breeding in. Below is a list of the material I used. Any builder will sell you an old sash, and two-inch spars for the framework. The egg boxes get from any grocer or egg merchant.

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Old sash for front	1	6
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EARLY GREEN FOOD FOR BIRDS.

By T. H. Kinch.

This article may be of some interest to fanciers who have not the run of the fields, but live in town, and are unable to get their green food fresh. I know a great many depend upon watercress. This food may be all right when procured fresh, and no doubt is relished by the birds, but I do not approve of it, and never have done. I much prefer other foods, especially during the earlier part of the year, as the springs are so trying, and early frosts often leave green food which is fresh gathered very uncertain to use. It frequently causes serious disasters, both to old and young birds. A very simple, good, and early green food can be obtained at little expense, and this I recommend after over 20 years' experience.

USEFUL CRESSES.

First on my list is the winter rape, or cole seed; this can be planted in several ways, one of which is to get a dish, place a thick sprinkling on the bottom of it, and cover it with water. This should be planted now, and it will be ready for use by the time the first round is due. A small portion should be cut out of the dish, seeds and all attached, and chopped up with the egg food; this will form a very tempting feed; the smell of it when mixed with the soft food is very appetising, and is much relished by the birds. Another kind is the common garden cress, which can be grown and used in a similar manner. Another good way to use this seed is to sow it on the top soil of a box, and then pull up daily as much as is required. It can be given either with the egg food or separately. If it is too much trouble to grow it, it can be bought ready grown from nurserymen. Yet another excellent food is mustard seed, treated and used as above. If these green foods are relied upon solely, there will be no disasters from frosted diet, as is often the case from using the outdoor green food. Of the three I have mentioned I much prefer the cole, or winter rape, seed.

CHICKWEED, ETC., IN POTS.

Other green foods may be obtained, such as chickweed, groundsel, and dandelion, by planting the roots in flower pots, each pot to have as many roots as it will hold. They should be kept in the bird-room window, or in any place where there is some light, and well watered. Anyone who has a garden can also grow these outside, say planted in April: they could also grow the watercress, which is easily raised in a garden from seeds or cuttings; but it would want plenty of water. Under a north wall or hedge would suit this particular plant well, and it would grow freely and always be at hand for use. I much prefer any of these to lettuce.

Some Observations on Hard-Billed British Birds.

By S. W. Birchley.

A Lecture delivered February 20th before Swindon C.B.A.

(*Continued from p.* 188.)

THE BULLFINCH.

Next to the Goldfinch comes the Bullfinch in popularity, I believe. Although he is not possessed of any very fetching song the piping of the Bullfinch is very sweet, if inclined to be a little mournful. He is a most handsome bird, and well repays his keep and the time bestowed upon him.

The male bird for exhibition needs to have a good stout bill; the skull should be broad and of a jet black colour, and the back of the neck and back a delicate French grey; the flights of the wings should be a very silky blue black, with a grey white bar across each; tail, blue black; rump, pure white; breast and cheeks of the brightest red possible.

An exhibition specimen does not need to be excessive in size. Get one moderate in this direction, with good broad chest and short in neck. With care he can be made to shine like satin itself; but unfortunately our friend has one bad fault, and that is, if you give him too oily seeds without ample room to exercise, he will grow fat, which will sooner or later prove fatal. He is particularly fond of a bath which should be just chilled in winter time.

If he is fed on plenty of the fruit of the elderberry, blackberry, and privet, his colour can be well maintained throughout the show season, but without these his breast colour will fade considerably in time. He is very fond of a meal-worm or spider when obtainable, also the prunings of fruit trees. On no account fail to give these birds green food in season, such as chickweed, lettuce, etc.

The female makes an excellent muler if eage moulted, but she is of little or no use as an exhibition bird. The Bullfinch is easily caught in a trap cage with a hen in the underpart, if the same is placed in their haunts.

It is not wise in my opinion to hand rear these birds; get the wild caught specimens, as they are much more robust in health than hand reared ones, and most easily tamed if treated kindly.

THE LINNET.

The Linnet is undoubtedly one of the commonest of our finch-like tribe, but none the less for that it is one of our best. Its song, to my mind, is better by far than that of the Goldie, or any other British hard bill, and even runs the Nightingale and Blackcap a close race. It costs no more to keep a good specimen than a bad one, and the former I strongly advise you to do. They are most easily caught in the winter time when the harder weather is with us, but I advise you to buy one from a person who knows what a good linnet is.

Linnets may be divided into two distinct varieties, viz.: The red-breasted and the stone-breasted. The first-named, although equally as good in song as the latter, is of no use for exhibition purposes, as their breast markings are indistinct.

When looking for a show specimen, seek for one with unbroken lacing on the breast reaching well down the belly and round the thighs; the larger in body the better, showing plenty of white up the primary quills. The back of the head and nape of neek, as well as the whole of the back and wings, should be well marked with distinct working of two different hues of a beautiful rich chestnut brown. The linnet, like many other of our feathered friends, greatly improves with age, and if you obtain a good one at the outset he will well repay for keeping. You will find him a little difficult to steady, but with care and kindness he will soon see that you mean him no harm, and steady down accordingly.

I find this bird is rather a harder one than the Goldie to rear, and a little more attention must be paid to his diet. Equal parts of best Spanish canary and German rape should be his staple food, and an occasional pinch of maw, linseed, niger, and teazle will be appreciated, particularly the latter. In the summer-time provide him with all the natural wild seeds you can obtain, such as hardheads, dandelion heads, shepherd's purse, etc., not, of course, forgetting a little greenfood occasionally. With regard to moulting this bird, I think a little colour food enhances the richness both on the chest and back, and as a rule they will take it readily.

For a medicine you will find nothing to equal a little Epsom salts. I mention this as the bird is rather hard to keep in health if not well looked after, as it is very subject to diarrhoea and kindred ailments. On no account neglect to give him a bath, as this greatly adds to the gloss and finish of the bird when shown.

THE BRAMBLEFINCH.

The Bramblefinch, which is only a winter visitor to our shores, falls a very easy prey to the cateher in hard weather. He is truly a handsome fellow and looks exceedingly smart in an exhibition cage, and is fast becoming a great favourite. Many Committees are now scheduling a class for him alone.

The prineipal points that constitute a show specimen are as follows:—Firstly, size, with a good headpiece; the feathers on the head and back should be of a rich blue-black, each one being spangled with chestnut brown at the tip; take particular notice your bird is not spectacle eyed, or in other words, has a circle of light buff feathers round the eyes. The neck and breast should be of a rich orange brown, carried down the body as far as possible. The sides, from the centre of the wings to the thighs, should have at least two rows of black feathers, each standing apart from one another, called ticking. The belly should be snow white, extending to the vent; the wing bars should be buff, and the shoulders the same colour as the breast, and it is necessary to have the latter of an even colour throughout.

Condition in these birds, as in all others, is a great thing, and it is absolutely necessary if you are to do any good on the bench to-day. There is one thing that is greatly against the Bramblefinch as a show bird, and that is he is very hard to steady down, and it requires the greatest of patience to succeed in bringing about this state of affairs.

A bath with this bird is a great necessity, and if he won't bathe, I advise you to spray him. Give the same food as recommended for the Chaffinch, with a few white oats and a little grass seed occasionally, not forgetting beech mast and green food in season.

A NOTE ON THE GREENFINCH.

Next I will give you a few lines on the Greenfinch, or green Linnet, a most handsome bird, although till lately despised as far as exhibiting is concerned. But undoubtedly the time is not far distant when our friend will have a class in every show of any repute; what with his beautiful pale olive and yellow plumage, his peart eye and prominent beak, he has few equals as an exhibition bird.

There are two distinct species of Greenfinches—yellows and buffs. In choosing your bird for exhibition go for one of good size, bright in colour, standing well up on the perch. The body colour needs to be well blended, and free as far as possible from grey and bronziness; obtain one showing plenty of yellow in the wings, tail and belly, and the black flights should help to form a beautiful and decided contrast. It is a very hardy bird, and should well suit a beginner. It is very fond of sunflower seed and various green foods in season, such as chickweed, lettuce, etc., also various wild seeds, which should be given when obtainable.

He makes a first-class mule and hybrid breeder, and some most beautiful hybrids of his parentage have been on exhibition this last season. On no account forget his bath, for without this his tail will in no time get in a very wretched condition, and that will make you dissatisfied with him. Feed on a good stock mixture, and no trouble should follow.

THE ENGAGING SISKIN.

This little chap, well known to all of us, is partly a migratory bird; he is a great favourite of mine; he has a most engaging little song of his own which he will continually please you with if you treat him rightly. He can be bought for a very low figure, but very rarely you get a really good specimen.

When selecting a Siskin for exhibition purposes, obtain one of good size, with a well defined and laced cap. One of the most important items is the bib, which consists of a formation of minute black feathers under the lower mandible. The colour should be as follows:—Cheeks olive green with under flue of black at ears; chest and breast canary chrome shading off to a creamy colouring at the vent; back of neck and back olive green slightly streaked with black; wings black with yellow bar; the smaller flights are edged with buff; rump orange yellow. The sides below the wings should be well and distinctly ticked with black.

(*To be continued.*)

HINTS ON THE MANAGEMENT OF DOVES.

A family of birds held in great estimation as pets is that of the *Columbidæ*, or Doves, says a writer in a contemporary. The four species to be found wild in this country—viz., the Wood Pigeon or Ring Dove, the Rock Dove, the Stock Dove, and the Turtle Dove—do not do well in confinement. But many foreign Doves will keep in robust health, and lay and rear their young in a cage.

The best known Dove, and the one usually to be seen for sale in bird fanciers' shops, is the Barbary or Collared Dove. It is generally, but erroneously called the Ring Dove, the name that belongs to the Wood Pigeon. The common wicker cage used for Blackbirds and Starlings is hardly large enough for a pair of Barbary Doves, though they are frequently kept in these cages. They are more comfortable and happy in an aviary, where they will increase and multiply to a great extent. About an inch in depth of coarse sawdust in the nest pan helps to keep the eggs from rolling about, and lessens the chance of insect vermin. Two eggs are laid, which are incubated for seventeen days before the young birds make their appearanec.

The parent birds require no different food when they have young. The diet should consist of wheat, tares, and dari, mixed together, with now and then some canary seed and millet. They must always have plenty of fresh water, as well as coarse sand, and some broken up old mortar. Barbary Doves are perfectly hardy. They will live out of doors in health during the coldest winter, and attain to a good old age. One Dove belonging to a resident in Brighton has been in possession of its owner for twenty-three years. Another, also in Sussex, has lived without a mate in a Blackbird's cage for fifteen years. These Doves will have four or five broods in the year.

A Dove that is becoming a great favourite is the Java Dove, a pure white bird, in shape and size much like the Barbary Dove, of which it is a variety. Why it is called the Java Dove is not known, for it is believed to have come from the Mediterranean shores of Africa, and is not found in Java. At the back of the neck, where the black half circle is to be seen in the Barbary Dove, the feathers of the Java Dove have a dull appearance, which renders the ring quite perceptible.

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NOTES ON HYBRIDS AND HYBRID BREEDING.

By Thomas Smith.

The most fascinating hobby to which the lover of birds can devote himself is that of breeding Hybrids, the crossing of two wild birds affording great possibilities. I have tried common Canaries, Belgian and Dutch Fancies with success, and also the Bullfinch hen with Redpoll, Canary, and Greenfineh. I have had no difficulty in getting all of them to mate with the Bullfinch Hen, but I have so far only been able to hatch and rear young from the Greenfinch-Bullfinch. From the first pair there were six young, and out of that lot two gained first prizes at the Crystal Palace show; they were exhibited on different occasions. One of them had a short career, dying suddenly at a show, but the other was purchased by Mr. Ball (St. Helens) and afterwards sent to Mr. Williams, of Liverpool. He is still fresh in the memory of fanciers at our leading shows.

A WINNING GREENIE-BULLIE.

In 1906 I put up half a dozen pairs. I had lots of eggs, and hopeful signs of success, but, eventually, succeeded with only one pair—a medium-sized, high-coloured Greenfinch cock, and a large Bullfinch hen. Three Hybrids were hatched, but only one was successfully reared; he was exhibited at the City of Glasgow Show in October last and passed into the possession of Mr. Shellam (Cardiff), under whose care he has gained several first prizes and other honours. This Hybrid is very highly coloured, and is tinged over the back with orange-red colour.

The hatching and rearing of the Hybrids I allude to afforded me much satisfaction; they were easily reared, and went through the moult quickly. Hybrids are easily kept in condition, and they are tractable and taking. It has been alleged that the Greenfinch-Bullfinch Hybrids are so numerous that they would fall out of demand; I found it far otherwise. There was plenty of room on the show bench last year for first-class Hybrids. The Bullfinch hen has been in demand for months, and no doubt many breeders intend to try their luck this coming season.

THE REDPOLL-BULLIE.

The Canary-Bullfinch Hybrid used to be a rara avis. But it has become numerous, and well known at recent leading shows. The present day rarity is the Redpoll-Bullfinch. There does not seem to have been a single specimen of this cross of late on the show bench, so that the breeder who can produce a good one will be well repaid for his labours, not to mention the chances of success at shows. The parentage of both birds comes out strongly, and this cross has ever been, and will continue to be, a very strong favourite.

The Hybrid section has made rapid strides of late years, and the prominence to which it has been raised owes much to the energy and liberality of Mr. John Williams, of Liverpool, always ready to acquire a really good bird, thereby encouraging breeders all over the country.

WHERE MOST BREEDERS FAIL.

Wild birds in confinement are late breeders, and herein lies the reason of much of the lack of success. Breeders expect their Hybrid pairs will commence breeding, like Canaries, in March or April, with an odd pair. They may prove successful, but as a rule it is the months of May or June that give the best results. Even then they keep a large assortment of Canaries busy testing the eggs. Bullie Hens have been known to lay 40 to 50 eggs in a season.

No breeder need hope for success unless well equipped with foster parents. It is a common experience to have only one fertile egg in a nest; it is therefore an advantage to have Canary eggs set upon the same date, as a young Hybrid thrives better by having another young bird side by side with it. They should be hatched on the same day or a little earlier, for a Hybrid will outgrow Canaries in the nest, and arrive at maturity much sooner. The foster parents should be vigorous and healthy, as they are severely taxed in the bringing up of Hybrids. The enjoyment of Hybrid breeding is added to by the time of the year work begins, namely, well on in May or early in June. The days are then long and green food plentiful, rendering the work easy and pleasant.

Speaking as to Scotland, an extraordinary effort is being put forth this year to inundate the shows with Bullfinch Hybrids. I wish all "triers" success.

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The Gouldian Finch.

As Seen In Its Native Wilds.

(Continued from page 232.)

The appended account of this fascinating and beautiful Foreign bird is taken from the finely got-up catalogue just issued by Messrs. Payne and Wallace, Direct Importers, The Little Zoo, Bath, entitled, "Life Amongst the Birds and Animals of Australia."

We claim to be one of the first firms to bring this bird down to Sydney, New South Wales. In 1888, we were trapping for Etable (and others), who kept a bird stall in the old Victoria Market, George-street, Sydney. It was at this time that Dr. Ramsey bred from Gouldians which he had purchased from Etable. There can be no doubt that these birds were trapped by us, as we were, and are to this day, the only firm which goes to North-West Australia trapping.

We will now depart from the subject of the Gouldian and place before the reader a few of our experiences during

A BIRD TRAPPING EXPEDITION IN NORTHERN QUEENSLAND.

We left Townsville, a seaport situated in Northern Queensland, for a trip overland to the Gulf of Carpentaria, to see if we could find something new in the way of birds. This was in the nineties. On the route we we taking we should find no natives, as they are dying out fast, except, perhaps, a few stragglers here and there; so we could not get the natives to come with us. On this account we had to go alone. At this period we both took our share in the trapping. Our turnout consisted of a new wagon, three draft horses, saddle horse, half-ton of seed, and roll of half-inch mesh wire netting, 2 cwt. flour, 70 lb. sugar, 5 lb. tea, 14 lbs. tobacco, rice, bully, jams, tinned milk, fish and meat, medicine chest, and many other things too numerous to mention, which, altogether, weighed about a ton. We also had with us breech-loading guns, Winchester rifles, revolvers, and plenty of ammunition. These articles are indispensable in the Australian Bush. After loading up we started out on a Saturday afternoon; needless to say, we did not get very far that day. We drew up about five miles out from Townsville, and camped on the banks of the Boley River. The one which is riding the saddle horse goes on ahead to find a suitable place for camping. By the time he has made a fire and other preparations, the wagon is generally on the scene. The horses are then taken out, unharnessed, and taken to the water, hobbled, and bells put on, then they are right for the night. We now attend to our own wants, and make tea and sit down to our last meal of the day. At this time we have some baker's bread, probably the last we shall see for three months. This being our first night out, we have our meal in silence, except for the tinkle of the horses' bells, and the cry of the "Maupauk" (the Great Night Jar). This is a bird of the Owl family. It has a head somewhat resembling that of a frog, and makes a croaking sort of noise. After supper, we think of bed, and having no bed or pillows with us, Mother Earth has to be our bed, our boots, covered over with coat, our pillow. We have with us a waterproof which is about two yards square. This is laid out on the ground, and our rug or blanket is doubled and put over it. We lay on the underside of the blanket, and cover ourselves over with the upper part.

The sky is one sea of stars with the Southern Cross well overhead. This is not a very nice spot for camping, as the district is well known for the number of black snakes that are in the vicinity. We are up early, for one cannot sleep with the noise of all the birds chattering, and the thrilling cry of the Cucka Burra, as the natives call it, or Laughing Jackass. One of us goes to look for the horses, as they are not tied up, and sometimes they are nowhere to be seen. We have known them wander away for about five miles, but they generally leave some track to show which way they have gone. After they are found and harnessed, breakfast is partaken of, and then we shift on again. Our next stage takes us sixteen miles before we come to any water, so we have to take some with us in a canvas bag, holding three gallons, which is hung on the back of the wagon. During this stage we have to climb a 1,200 ft. range. We find it very slow work getting along. It is not a wooden-block road, we can assure you. Upon reaching the top of the range, after an arduous climb, we stop for dinner. The horses are taken out, and left to graze for about an hour after their hard work. There being no water we have to start on our three gallons, with which we have to be very sparing, as this has to last us for another ten miles.

Dinner being over we harness up and get going. The roads are now much easier to get over, and we do not stop until we reach our next stage, which is Larkin's Water Holes. Here we find a few Mountain Magpies, some Mealy Rosellas, and one or two Crimson-winged Parrots. The White Hawk is found in this district; it is a lovely bird, pure white, yellow legs, and orange-coloured eyes. We have, on several occasions, shot this bird, but have never been successful in catching it alive, as they are very scarce.

The horses are once again attended to, and then we prepare for supper, but before we can have the last meal of the day we have to make some bread. It might be of interest to give our way of making bread:—One of us makes a "damper," as the Bushmen call it, or dough, in the following way: About 4 or 5 lb. flour, one tablespoonful cream of tartar, one teaspoonful of carbonate of soda, and the same quantity of salt. This is then mixed into a stiff dough. During this time, the other has been preparing a big fire. The dough is then placed in a tin dish and put in front of the fire. When the fire has practically burnt itself to nothing but a glowing red mass of charcoal, a hole is made in the centre, into which the dough is put, and the red-hot ashes heaped all over it. It is then left for about half-an-hour, when the rising of the bread causes all the embers to crack. We then rake it out of the fire, and with a bunch of grass beat off all the cinders and ashes that are clinging to it, and then we have our bush-made bread. This making will last us about two days, when we have to make some more. After this we have supper, and a smoke, and then "to rest."

Our next camping place will be more interesting. It is the self-same place as where Leichardt's ill-fated exploring party camped in the forties. This spot is situate on the banks of the Burdekin River, and is fifteen miles from our last camp. There is a very large gum tree here on which Leichardt cut his initial letter L into the trunk. There is plenty of game and fish here, also grass for the horses, so we camp here for two days to give the horses a rest. During this time we have a bathe in the river, and wash our clothes. We have been sitting on the banks of the river, fishing, when the Platypus would slowly glide to the surface and have a look at us. After its curiosity was satisfied it would glide out of sight again. They are very cautious, and the least movement will cause them to retire altogether. If not disturbed it will continually put in an appearance. It is a curious animal, a sort of small beaver with a duck's head. Its enemy is the Eagle Hawk. This bird will wait for it to make an appearance near the surface, and will then swoop down and pick it out of the water and away with it. Whilst we were at this spot we saw a pair of Bleeding Heart Doves, but were not successful in catching any. It was the first time we had seen them in Queensland. We were under the impression that they were found in New Guinea only, but as it is no great distance across the Straits, there is no doubt they had flown over. No doubt they do this occasionally.

When the two days are up we start off again. This goes on from day to day, and we are afraid it would be testing the patience of the reader too much if we gave our daily travels throughout the trip, so we will skip 200 miles, and we find ourselves going over the Newcastle Range, through the Gold Belt, and on to George Town-on-the-Etheridge. A few miles further on we come to Forrest Home. It is here that the Masked Finch is very plentiful, so we stop to get a few cages of these pretty little birds. This is the first bit of trapping we have done since we started.

We are about 340 miles from Townsville, and we push on to a place called The Springs, which is about 20 miles from Croydon. There is plenty of good water here, and a large number of Pandamus trees. This is the home of the Finch, and the Crimson Finch in particular. We camp here for about three weeks. This is the district where we catch the beautiful Gold-shouldered Parrakeet, the Black-headed Rosella, the Bicheno, the Ruficanda, and many others. Of course, some of these extend right across to the Western shores. We will not explain our methods of trapping here, as that is being dealt with in another part. The Dingo is very bold in this part. We had one actually try to eat our harness. We shot a good few of these before we finished, however, as the Government pay 5s. each for the scalps.

(To be continued.)

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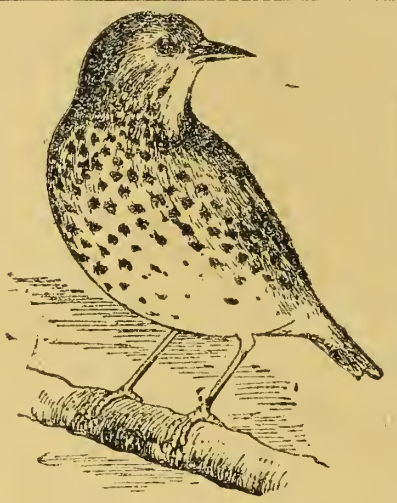
March Notes.

The wild birds have begun to nest. The first of our common species to commence operations is the familiar Robin. He was courting when the snow lay thick upon the ground, and the hard frost was sapping the life out of the struggling vegetation. Robins ways are somewhat curious. In the early autumn they come in from the fields and woods, where as young ones they have roamed at their own sweet will. Although it is possible some of them have scarcely seen a human being, they are nevertheless trustful and familiar from the first. During the short days of winter they court our attention wherever possible, singing from the garden fence, or even entering the door for stray crumbs.



The Song Thrush.

Now all is changed, quite suddenly, without warning. The familiar bird has become distrustful and suspicious. Somewhere round the outhouses or among a bundle of pea sticks he and his partner are collecting a heap of refuse, destined to be the home of the chicks. Some birds are so distrustful of mankind that they have gone right away to the woods and hedgerows, where some hole in a tree or mossy bank meets their approval. And yet so peculiar is robin nature, that we have also quite the opposite picture. One has elected to stay the summer in the same spot where he spent the winter, and has commenced to build in a rush bag, constantly in use, and so familiar is he that he will allow you to watch him at his work. I sincerely hope he will be successful, although, unfortunately, cats are numerous.

The rookery is all bustle and animation. Some of the birds are busy bringing sticks from far and near, others are fighting and quarrelling, either about the selection of partners or the site of the nest, most probably the latter, for pairing should have been settled some time ago. There is a good deal of chasing and rushing about after each other, not only couples, but three or four together. They are dreadfully suspicious birds; one dare hardly look at another's nest but he is set upon as a thief and vagabond. During all this squabbling some are simply sentinels over the nest, and these caw incessantly, adding their voices to the tumult. When heard at a distance the sounds of the rookery strike pleasantly upon the ear, but one would hardly like to be always stationed under the trees in the month of March.

The Song Thrushes have been very irregular in their song this winter. It is only here and there we have heard a bold bird singing stoutly. No doubt the weather conditions have had something to do with it, and it does not appear to me that we have had quite our usual number of these birds in the district. Of course it is just possible many of them migrated south when the first frost came, and they may not return, but even if they do not, we have still a fair number left. A few venturesome birds have commenced to build, but such early efforts are sure to end in disaster, for there are no signs of leaves upon the hedgerows, and until the foliage is fairly thick we cannot expect such a bulky home as a Song Thrush's nest to escape the sharp eyes of the schoolboy, and for the life of him he cannot resist the temptation of handling those beautiful blue eggs with the dark spots. When one considers the risk attached to the nesting of these large familiar birds, it is really a wonder any of them manage to rear broods at all.

The Tits are numerous and the song of the Greater one can be heard everywhere. Some may call it monotonous, but I like to hear it. It reminds one that the winter is past, even though a few snow flakes are in the air, and the March wind is anything but balmy.

Notes and Queries.

Early Blackbirds.

I found a Blackbird's nest with two eggs at Elstead, near Godalming, on Friday, Feb. 23rd. I should think this about the earliest of the season.—W. H. Doswell (Godalming).

Train Stopped by Crows.

The Paris Correspondent of the "Morning Advertiser" reports that Crows stood so thickly on the main line between Paris and Strasburg the other day, and such a slaughter was caused by the freight train ploughing through them that the train itself was stopped and a passenger train behind was held up for some time. The birds, it seems, collect in great numbers at this time of the year in the district in question—between Liverdun and Frouard, in the Meurthe-et-Moselle. They alighted on the track on account of scraps of food thrown from a dining-car and did not move when the freight train arrived.

A Fine Collection.

The late Mr. Thomas Thompson, of Winlaton, was a naturalist of some note, and during his life he got together a valuable collection of birds. The greater portion of this collection, also birds and their eggs collected in the neighbourhood of Constantinople, has been presented to the Hancock Museum, Newcastle, says a writer in the "North Mail." What will perhaps interest local ornithologists is a Reed Warbler which was shot near Winlaton. It is said to be the only Reed Warbler known to be in a collection in Great Britain. A nest of the common Reed Warbler, taken by Mr. Thompson at Blaydon, is probably novel for the district, as the bird is practically unknown in the north-eastern counties. There are also examples of a singular local variety of the Partridge, local specimens of the rare Ivory Gull, and the Bittern, and specially beautiful examples of the Great Crested Grebe, Great Northern Diver, Grey Plover, Stock-dove, Nightjar, and many other birds.

The Robin's Mistake.

Is it possible that a bird's natural instinct tends to deteriorate by contact with civilisation? A Tottenham writer supplies a story which suggests the inquiry. In a mulberry tree in the grounds of the Strand Union Schools at Edmonton, a Robin's nest has been found containing four eggs. Clearly the hen bird mistook the recent mild weather, with a treacherous thermometer at 50 deg., for the happy, happy spring time. Since then, ten degrees of frost have corrected the illusion.

The Ways of the Bullfinch.

One would not willingly kill such a beautiful bird as the Bullfinch, but in the early spring he is such a wholesale destroyer of buds on pear, plum, gooseberry, and currant trees that stringent measures become necessary. Nature apparently armed the Bullfinch with a beak expressly intended for the purpose of pecking out fruit buds, and he is a past master at this operation. Wary, too, to a degree, Bullfinches soon get to know the meaning of a gun (says a writer in the "Agricultural Economist"). This is the most effective weapon for protecting your interests against the marauders.

A Strange Triangular Duel.

A somewhat remarkable incident was witnessed at Dartmouth recently, says the "Western Evening Herald," when two Gulls were seen to attack a Hawk, which was a considerable height over the River Dart. A fierce fight ensued. The Hawk was observed to have something in its beak, but, unable to withstand the onslaught of its hungry foes, dropped the object into the river. The three birds then flew off, and a coal lumper, who had watched the aerial fight, jumped into a boat and succeeded in picking up the evident cause of the "quarrel." This proved to be a much-mutilated dead Carrier Pigeon, upon the right leg of which was a ring marked "N. 12, 1906."

"CAGE BIRDS" STUD REGISTER.

Prepared by W. SPILLMAN (Devonport).

1907.

Name and Description.	Bred by	Wins.	Nested	Hatched	No.	Remarks
No. 1.						
GENERAL CAREW. —Large wing marked buff, wonderful head and neck, good colour, trifle loose at thighs.	Self, from No. 12 pair, 1903.					
LOUIE.—Clear yellow, wonderful type, extra fine in feather, not overdone in colour, and fails slightly in head.	Mr. Smith, from his noted buff cock, and a typical yellow hen, 1904.					
No. 2.						

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CAGE No......

COCK.....**HEN**.....

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MAINLY CANARIES—continued.

ADVERTISER wishes to exchange six Canary hens, good birds, from aviary, also will sell some from 5/-.—Address, 26, Fulready-rd., Whipps Cross, Leyton.

SIX self yellow hens, crossed, good, from 2/6; typical self yellow Norwich cock, 12/6, for typical 1906 Yorkshire cock; Linnet and Goldfinch, caged from nest; good cages for sale.—Scales, 8, Regent-grove, Harrogate.

WOULD exchange Yorkshires for a good Crest cock or Crestbred hen, any colour; or exchange Crestbred cock for Crested cock or Crestbred hen; change of blood wanted.—W. R. Wyatt, 120, Wimborne-rd., Winton, Bournemouth.

VARIEGATED 1905 Crested cock, £1; green 1905 Crested cock, £1; yellow 1906 Crested cock, 15/-; or exchange either for Crested hen, 1906, or two cocks for one good one; approval both ways.—James, 4, Hinton-st., Cardiff.

I HAVE four good buff Norwich cocks and three yellows, 1906, two good buff hens, two typical Yorkshire hens, one yellow, one buff, cocks, 7/6 each; hens, 4/-; will exchange any of cocks for a typical Norwich green cock, ditto hens.—Green, Ashworth's-yard, Wisbech.

NORWICH Plainheads, giving up Fancy, exchange 11 buff hens and six cocks, nearly all colour-fed, typical birds, for half-plate camera by good maker, lens especially; or sell, hens 5/-, cocks from 10/-; or offer for lot.—C. T. Brewer, St. Hilda's, 42, Knighton Park-rd., Sydenham, S.E.

WELL-BRED Fox Terrier bitch, grand head, good in house, make splendid sporting dog, 12/6; large double breeder, all accessories, and egg mill, 8/-; prize-bred large clear yellow Norwich cock, 15/-; house moulted Goldfinch, muler, 7/6, or offers of anything (Rollers wanted), must be sent first on approval.—Lee, 35, Marshall-av., Bridlington.

ONE buff Green Cinnamon Norwich cock, 10/-, or exchange yellow Green Norwich hen; one buff marked Plainhead cock Lancashire, 12/6, or exchange good yellow Norwich hen; one buff Crestbred cock, 15/-; or exchange yellow Norwich cock; pair yellow cock and buff hen, 10/-, or exchange gold Lizard cock; no rubbish need apply; approval.—Carter, butcher, 160, Burnley-rd., Todmorden, Yorkshire.

GENTLEMAN'S solid silver Waltham lever 35/-, pair field glasses, sling, and case 16/6, pair opera glasses, plush case, 15/6, pair carvers, 10/6, lady's silver watch and chain, 30/-, gold signet ring, 10/6, gold pin in case, 10/6, gentleman's 9 ct. gold watch, 70/-, lady's ditto, 35/-, pair lace curtains, 12/6, silver-plated jelly dish, three divisions, 25/-; sale or exchange Canaries, Pigeons, Fowls, Bantams, Birds, nice Puppies.—The Stores, 81, Cobden-rd., Norwood Junction.

Mainly Foreign
To be Sold or Exchanged

THREE pairs crossbred Bantams, handsome birds; exchange for Budgerigars.—Ebbs, Cheeswick Farm, Horley, Surrey.

AUSTRALIAN Grey Parrot, good whistler and mimic, sit on finger, with cage, 10/-; or exchange.—Schooler, Paxton, Berwick-on-Tweed.

RED-CRESTED Cardinal, steady, full song, with show cage, 10/6; exchange Goldies, Linnets, Canaries.—Mills, 24, Sutton-rd., Liscard, Cheshire.

FINGER-TAME white-headed Nun (cock), 3/6; Yorkshire Canary cock, 6/-; or exchange for pair of yellow Budgerigars.—H. T. Walker, 25, Bridgegate, Retford.

TALKING Alexandrine Parrot, with cage, both good condition, 50/-, or part exchange for large high-class Norwich Plainheads; no rubbish wanted.—63, Coleman-st., Southend-on-Sea.

Miscellaneous
Sale or Exchange

EXCHANGE Swiss lever, pair Canaries (warranted new).—Wright, 15, Crossmyloof-bdgs., Glasgow.

EXCHANGE large wicker cage for Canary, any kind.—Bramley, Townsend-st., Cheltenham.

EXCHANGE two dozen phonograph records for three clear Norwich hens.—Brain, Glastonbury.

CYCLES.—Any 1907 model for a few good Canaries and cash.—10, Cavendish-st., Grimsby.

SIXTEEN long-distance Homers, 15/-; exchange Poultry, any variety.—Wm. Reid, Falkland, N.B.

CROSS Greyhound and Retriever dog, 10 months, 10/6, exchange.—W. Lewin, Oakham.

FOR Sale or exchange, prize-winning black or blue and tan Rabbits for good Norwich Plainheads; on approval.—Mein, 40, Oakfield-rd., Walthamstow.

EVEN marked smooth Fox Terrier bitch, 18 months, good house dog, ratter, exchange cock Canary or Mule.—25, Cowper-st., Luton.

SHORT distance birds for sale, or exchange Canaries or British birds.—E. Turner, 46, Wensley-st., Blackburn.

GEM air-gun, sell 10/6, or exchange for good Yorkshire cock.—A. Morton, 23, Mount Pleasant-lane, Clapton.

GUITAR-ZITHER, cost 50/-, in good condition, will sell 25/-, or exchange good pair Crests; approval.—Kett, 17, Carlyle-rd., Lakenham, Norwich.

WHAT offers for "Silver King" cycle lamp, meerschaum-amber pipe, coloured.—Holmewood, Poplars-rd., Ramsgate.

TWELVE pans, 12 hangers, 36 linings, 6 new single breeders; exchange birds; stamp reply.—Adcock, Aldergate, Tamworth.

GRAND Belgian Hares, Does, eight months, exchange cock Canaries, Goldfinches, or Linnets; approval.—Atkinson, 6, Vergette-st., Peterborough.

WALKING-STICK gun, and 20 cartridges, 10/-, or exchange anything useful.—Walker, 17, Abbey-rd., Stirling.

YORKSHIRE Terrier bitch puppy, 30/-, beauty, exchange.—Curlis, Industrial Dwellings, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

PAIR Norwich cages, cash, exchange for good ½ plate or post card hand camera, R.R. lens.—A. Orton, 21, Harewood-st., Leicester.

WANTED, offers in cage birds, for three Homer pigeons; sell 4/6; approval, deposit.—Eyes, Barness Stores, Byfleet, Surrey.

IRISH Terrier dog pup, rich red coat, long head, dark eyes, small V-shaped ears, 10/-; approval; exchange.—Eyeson, 334, Coldharbour-lane, Brixton.

SALE or exchange, small Whippet bitch, pure, for Goldfinches, Canaries, or Bicycle; sell 25/-.—Bray, Melbourne-st., Tiverton, Devon.

EXCHANGE three years "Strand Magazine" for good cock Goldfinch.—Judd, Casterton, Kirkley Lowdale.

EXCHANGE rough wire-haired Terrier, for house-moulted Siberian cock Goldfinch, or sell 15/-; approval; no rubbish.—Wright, Cwmdare, Aberdare.

SINGLE muzzle-loading gun, first-rate order; exchange for Roller cock; give little cash for good one.—8, Podmore, Knutton, Newcastle, Staffs.

THREE dozen winning Mice and cages; exchange yellow Budgerigar hens, Zebra Finches, or offers.—Morris, 1, Highfield, Ilfracombe.

EXCHANGE pair of young brown Tumbler Pigeons for pair of Crest or Lizard Canaries.—Flannery, 11, Birch-av., Brooklands, Cheshire.

PIGEONS.—Ten birds, flown 100 to 200 miles; will exchange for Canaries, or sell 25/-.—L. Catchpole, Carlton-rd., Lowestoft.

THIRTEEN CAGE BIRDS, coloured plates; offers British, or muling hen.—Johnson, 111, Heysham-rd., Southport.

GRAND Fox Terrier dog, 12 months, 15/-; exchange birds, anything.—Halsall, 35, Nelson-st., Southport.

CHAMPION Yorkshire and Norwich cocks, 7/6 each, six 36/-; ten days' approval.—Wm. Powick, Eastfield House, Dewsbury.

LADY'S 18 ct. gold new keyless watch, worth £4; exchange Crests or Cinnamons.—Lloyd, 7, Dean-st., Aberdare, Glam.

ENGLISH-MADE five-chambered revolver, perfectly new, cost 25/-; exchange to value 8/-, or nearest cash offer.—T. Amery, Crowle, Doncaster.

VIOLIN, bow, case, 19/6; heavy solid silver chain, 12/6, cost 17/6, exchange Canaries.—Hellier, 43, Sydenham-ter., Portsmouth.

WHAT offers in breeding cages for massive antique copper tea urn? Approval.—Mawson, 135, Walmgate, York.

JET Black Retriever and Spaniel bitch, 18 months, good hunter, due in season, 15/-, exchange cock Canaries.—W. Dawes, Pyebridge, Alfreton.

TWO beautiful Old English Game pullets, laying, and cockerel, 12/6, exchange cock or hen Canaries.—W. Dawes, Pyebridge, Alfreton.

RABBITS.—Belgian Does, Bucks, or Dutch, splendid strains, winners, exchange Canaries and cages.—Bolton, Shotton Colliery, Durham.

WILL exchange 20 in. all wire breeding cages for drapery, hardware, or anything useful, or sell at 4/-.—McDonald, Buchanan-st., Glasgow.

EXCHANGE dozen new Edison records for pair Canaries and breeding cage, offers.—West, Grocer, Didsbury.

FOR Sale or exchange for Norwich or Goldfinches, bird catcher's outfit, complete, 10/6, or offers.—Bentley, Sherwood-st., East Kirkby, Notts.

EXCHANGE youth's violin and bow, copy of Antonius Stradivarius, value 7/6, for Norwich cock Canary.—Young, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, Leicestershire.

EXCHANGE fountain pen, 2,500 Ogden's cigarette cards, offers British birds.—Edwards, 14, Market-st., Carnarvon.

FOUR clinking Show Homer cocks, fit to win, exchange anything useful; approval both sides.—Hales, 101, Crompton-st., Farnworth, Bolton.

EXCHANGE three pairs Pigmy Pouters, Hammonds' strain, for Yorkshire Canaries.—E. Smith, 29, Hartington-st., Loughborough.

NEW ash fishing rod, three joints, two brass reels, exchange pair hand-reared Bullics.—Aviaries, Farm-lane, Street, Somerset.

LARGE oil cooking stove, cost 63/-, splendid cooker, useful for country, 20/-, exchange, 25/-.—R. Carr, South-rd., Wimbledon.

ELECTRIC bell, battery, etc., complete 7/-; bicycle saddle, 3/-; exchange hen Canaries or Bullfinches.—Pickett, Lorne-rd., Dorchester.

EXCHANGE, Wilcock's and Gibbs' sewing machine, perfect condition, for Canaries, or sell.—29, Rose-neath-pl., Oldfield-lane, Leeds.

"CAGE BIRDS," 1906, complete, exchange yellow Norwich hen or two cock Redpolls.—Stannard, 91, Kensington-av., Manor Park, Essex.

WHITE Wydat Cockerell, Payne's, make winner, 10/6, or exchange St. Andreasberg Roller cock.—Arnall Parker, Grandborough, Winslow, Bucks.

WILL exchange a well-bred wavy coated Retriever bitch, four years, for three pairs Borders.—Sheppard, Dailby, Ayrshire.

HANDSOME liver Spaniel dog, 2½ years, retrieve to hand, 12/6, exchange cycle wheels or Canaries.—Williams, Pendre, Builth.

EXCHANGE joiner's tools for Canaries, Linnets, British birds, cock Mules.—Emmett, 220, Thistle-st., Glasgow.

LADY'S cycle, good order, free wheel, new tyres, clear rims, £3 10s.; Canaries wanted.—Cameron, Cycle Depot, Maryhill.

EXCHANGE pair real stag carvers for two cock Bullfinches or two hen Canaries.—Royles, 230, Beet-st., Sheffield.

EXCHANGE six ivorine-handled knives or pair carvers for one cock or three hen Canaries.—Herbert Marsden, Cutlery Manufacturer, 175, St. Phillip's-rd., Sheffield.

FOR pair Rosellas and Blood Rump, or Breeding Finches, etc, equal value, will give gent's gold keyless watch, 70/-.—Davies, Pawnbroker, Great Bridge, Tipton.

EXCHANGE cutlery, furniture, gramophones, everything supplied from factory, for healthy common hen Canaries.—Hunt, 23, Ditchling-rise, Brighton.

WANTED, big clear yellow Norwich cock, muling strain, and few hens, exchange symphonium and 19 discs, or six ivory bagatelle balls.—Jones, Raleigh-st., Walsall.

YORKSHIRE Terrier, male, splendid coat and colour, exchange Canaries, Mules, or anything useful, value £2.—T. Farrant, 19, West-cottages, Lower Easton, Bristol.

EXCHANGE cross Collie dog, cock Greenfinch, and pair Zebrafinches, aviary bred, for one good Norwich yellow cock Canary.—W. Carter, Bow-rd., Wateringbury.

INCUBATOR.—Will exchange good 40-egg incubator, in first-rate order, for typical Norwich Canaries, or sell 35/-.—Brower, 15, Vickers-rd., Erith, Kent.

EXCHANGE pair yellow Magpie Pigeons, two-compartment show basket, two-compartment wire training cage, for Canaries.—Baker, Wood View, Charlwood, Surrey.

PAIR of massive Show Homers, winners, exchange pair of Canaries or anything useful, sell 15/-.—Broomfield, 273, Herbert-rd., Small Heath, Birmingham.

GENT'S new suit, 20/-; gent's silver watch, 10/-; singing Linnet and cage, 5/6; exchange good fowls or gent's bicycle.—Cates, 79, Astonville-st., Southfields.

THREE vols. "Cambrian Minstrelsie," cost 19/6, in exchange good Norwich hen, yellow, or offer.—James Hughes, Danybank, Velindre, Heullan, Cardiganshire.

POSTAL ORDERS, PLEASE.

Owing to the new Post Office Regulations respecting the use of stamps upon Postal Orders, we are reluctantly compelled to state that in future our rule re **sending Postal Orders as far as possible instead of stamps** *must be strictly enforced. Advertisers unable to obtain Postal Orders must remit an extra halfpenny with every four penny stamps.*

PEDIGREE Belgian Buck, "Huntsman," brother to "Flying Fox," bred by Lumb, Cleethorpes, 15/-; exchange poultry, anything useful.—Clapham, 19, Foss-bank, Lincoln.

£1 1/- ¼ PLATE Empress camera and all accessories, exchange pair of Canaries (Rollers preferred), or sell 15/-, worth 20/-; approval.—Gregory, 22, Beech-rd., Luton, Beds.

FOUR compartment breeding cage, three muling cock Linnets, two hen Canaries, exchange Canaries, or phonograph.—Day, 14, Ferdinand-st., Camden Town, London.

EXCHANGE black vicuna suit length for two Roller cocks; quantity Scriptural oleographs, scissors, combs, for common Canaries, or British.—Parry, 44, Ann-st., Llanelly.

GENT.'S free-wheel cycle, good running order, lately fitted with new outer covers and inner tubes, 30/-; exchange Canaries.—Parkinson, Cage Manufacturer, Sheepcote-st., Birmingham.

WILLIAM BARKES, Crawleyside, Stanhope, will exchange silver spangle hen, a prize winner, for yellow Norwich Plainhead cock Canary; approval; write particulars.

PIGEONS.—Short-distance one pair, blue cock, dark hen; exchange pair Norwich, Yorkshire; sell 14/-; approval.—Birch, Thistle-lane, Hebburn, Durham.

GRAND black Minorca cockerel, 10/-; exchange good yellow Norwich cock; buff Yorkshire hen, 5/-; exchange buff Norwich hen.—Wilson, 3, Ingleby-rd., New Ferry.

GRAND slug gun, for two British cock Goldies, also two cock Greenfinches, two cock Linnets, cock Redpoll, Canary-reared hen Greenfinch, for large muling hen Canary.—Wm. Sharp, Mid-st., Bathgate.

WILL exchange a good Lancaster quarter-plate stand camera and accessories, for Yorkshire Canaries or phonograph records or large horn and records.—Thompson, 2, Back Hedley-st., Millfield, Sunderland.

FOR sale, splendid pair of ornamental geese, weight about 12 lb. each, 20/-, worth double; or exchange Canaries or anything useful.—Frost, 209, Arundel-st., Sheffield.

BUFF Orpingtons, cockerel and five hens, Cook's strain; splendid birds, £2 2/-; or exchange; also black Minorca cockerel, a good one, 7/6.—Pearson, Greenwich.

WHAT offers for machine for boring wood for cage making? Wanted, large yellow Norwich hens, for muling; on approval.—Archie McWatt, Bankview, Bonnybridge.

THIRTY-THREE magazines, chiefly "Windsor," six vols. "Leisure Hour," exchange cock Canary and cage, offers.—Houlton, Hampton Grove, Patricroft.

PAIR clapnets, 12 yds., 20/-; rabbit net, 80 yds., 10/-; fishing net, big fish, 20/-; one for baits, 25/-; or exchange British birds.—Cressman, 53, Arundel-st., Northampton.

WILL exchange nine new box cages, 14 by 12 by 7 deep, for Roller cock, and two for hen, must be good birds; stamp reply.—Peter Whittle, 245, Higginshaw-lane, Royton.

EXCHANGE new phonograph, 12 new records, for pair of Lizards or Norwich; 20 white 1/- Neophone discs, new, for ditto; 24 new Pathe records for ditto.—Williams, 2, Godfrey-cottages, Clapton.

GENT'S solid silver lever hunter watch, in good going order, sell 30/-, exchange anything, phonograph preferred.—Dutton, jun., 218, Clowes-st., West Gorton, Manchester.

SPLENDID outdoor aviary, exquisite design, two compartments, Pheasants, small birds, length 20 ft.; pair Golden Pheasants, what offers? Photo.—Graham, 20, Maden-st., Accrington.

WILL change half-year's volume of the "Illustrated Navy and Army" for Norwich hens.—Richard Jones, Crom Velindre, Heullan R.S.O., Cardiganshire.

FOR Sale or exchange, white Pomeranian, 18 months, massive coat, lady's ideal pet, sits up, begs, scrupulously clean, excellent house dog, 30/-, for Canaries.—Smart, 24, Ormonde-st., Langley Mill, Notts.

YOUNG St. Andreasberg Roller, splendid songster, day or gaslight, 10/-; five White Leghorn chickens, 6 weeks old, 6/-; very handsome tame Rose-breasted Australian Parrot, 15/-, exchange hen Canaries.—Roper, 134, Derby, Seven Kings, Essex.

CAGES of every description exchanged for Canaries; trade supplied with best turned wire and punched bars, wire fronts, 3d. foot; Canary, Pigeon, Fowl crock eggs, 3/6 gross.—Pimm, Icknield Port-rd., Birmingham.

EXCHANGE set carvers, knife, fork, and steel, silver-mounted, in leather silk-lined case, for two cocks or four hen Canaries, or four cock Bullfinches; approval.—Marsden, 175, St. Phillip's-rd., Sheffield.

GENUINE offer, cock Goldfinch Mule, 9/6; cock Goldfinch, finger tame, 5/-; cage moulted Linnet, muler, 5/-; Crested hen, 4/-; or exchange lot for exhibiting Goldfinch or Linnet, show cages; offers.—Apply, 54a, Bygrove-rd., Merton, Surrey.

150 MOLE skins, Fox Terrier,—broken to ferrets, good rabbiter, pedigree bred, pair Norwich Canaries, show cage, exchange for phonograph and records, or bed linen; approval.—Waterson, Hunter-st., Burton.

AFRICAN Calabah, cost 30/-, powerful air gun, cost 25/-, riding breeches, 10/-, two Linnet Mules, Linnet song, 10/6 each, large Squirrel cage, exchange any above for Yorkshires or Norwich.—Muir, 24, Guilford-rd., Southend-on-Sea.

EXCHANGE one pair Homer Pigeons, with young, for good long slim Yorkshire hen, 1906; also pair Pigeons, with young, for good large cock Goldfinch, or large yellow Norwich hen.—Wigmore, 16, St. Mary-st., Monmouth.

EXCHANGE or sell three pairs of Pigeons for pair of good Canaries, or sell 15/-, strains, White Logans, Olerier, and Pieds of West Norwood, all have flown 200 miles.—H. Jeffrey, 43, Manor-rd., South Norwood, London, S.E.

EXCHANGE six splendid staghorn-handled knives and six forks to match, also handsome pair of silver-mounted meat carvers, and good bread knife, approval; for two cock Canaries, five hens, or five cock Goldfinches.—Frost, 209, Arundel-st., Sheffield.

WHAT offers in Canaries or Budgerigars, for "Harmsworth Encyclopædia," complete, unbound? Also 17 2/- parts "British Isles," index missing, unsoiled; a large quantity of "Hobbies" and designs.—G. W., 52, Ealing-rd., Brentford.

WHAT offers in exchange for large high-class golden sable and white Collie dog, dense coat and frill, height 26 in., head 11½ in.; or sell; particulars and photo sent.—F. K. Brown, Hairdresser, 84, High-st., Boston, Lincolnshire.

TWO four-compartment breeders and flight combined, 6 ft. 9 in. long, 2 ft. high, loose fronts, coloured and stained, as new, with feeders, 12/6 each; would exchange common songsters; on approval.—J. Clarke, 82, High-st., Sydenham.

EXCHANGE large musical box, grand instrument, six airs, drum, bells, castanette, accompaniments, grand inlaid box, cost £12, two pairs Lancashire Coppies, or what offers pairs Yorkshires? No rubbish; accept £3.—Bates, 537, Baker-st., Small Heath, Birmingham.

SIXTY-EIGHT copies CAGE BIRDS, "British Birds for Cages and Aviaries," by Dr. Greene, "Boys' Own Natural History," by J. G. Wood, "Cage Birds Annual," nine wire fronts, 14 by 14, all in good condition; offers in cash or part exchange Foreign birds, seedeaters.—C. Henfrey, Station-st., Kirkby, Notts.

TWO flight cages, 3 ft. by 1 ft. 3 in. by 1ft., screw breeding cages, between 2 ft. 6 in. by 1 ft. 3 in. by 1 ft. and 1 ft. 6 in., exchange anything useful, no live stock, giving up on account of sickness; cages fit for immediate use.—Green, Shaldon, Teignmouth.

ODEON gramaphone, 10½ in. turntable, with 38 disc records, including 17 large double-sided Odeons, cost £9, 15s.; must part; best offer in cash or cage birds; or useful exchange; all reasonable offers answered.—W. Cooper, Tailor, Carisbrooke, Isle of Wight.

LOOK!—Will give smart pair new boots, gent.'s or ladies, any size, value 12/6, or dress length or suit length, any colour, or 12 yards flannelette for shirting, for cock and three hen Canaries, or two dozen cock Linnets or Larks or six cock Bullfinches or 12 Pigeons.—Cummings, Cross Catherine-st., Leeds.

TWO complete volumes, "Feathers Journals," consisting of 50 parts, with coloured plates to each, for good singing cock Canary; also complete shaving outfit, value 7/6, and cash, for yellow Yorkshire cock Canary, standard length.—Priest, York-rd., Henley-on-Thames.

BUFF Yorkshire cock, 1906, 9/-; 1906 Cinnamon hen, 6/-; two painted pine breeders, 32 in. by 16 in. by 11 in., glued joints, 12 in. sliding partitions, clean, 10/6; exchange part for brown fur necklet, hearthrug, tweed coat, girl 17; offers.—Crudgington, 33, Pardoner-st., London, S.E.

NOTICE.—Bull Airedale dog, about 90 lbs. weight; good guard, sacrifice 2 guineas; or exchange three pairs of good Canaries, Norwich or Yorkshire; no other will be entertained; dog approval if carriage paid.—H. Cadwell, Baker's-lane, Marshside, Southport.

BEWARE of imitations. Send your orders for all manner of table and household cutlery, electro-plate goods, etc., for cash or exchange Canaries, to Broadbent and Co., 129, Langsett-rd., Sheffield. Catalogues stamp. Repairs, replating, grinding carefully carried out. No dealings with bird dealers whatever.

DOGS, any breed, supplied; toy Fox Terrier bitch, six months, 4 lbs., very sharp, 10/-; good Retriever dog, splendid guard, 10/-; black-and-tan dog, very smart, 10/-; Yorkshire Terrier bitch, rather large, but splendid brood bitch, 7/6; Fox Terrier dog, beautifully marked, good guard, 10/-; or exchange any live stock.—Pearson, Greenwich.

EXCHANGE six splendid staghorn handled knives and six forks to match,—also handsome pair silver mounted meat carvers with staghorn handles, and six nickel silver teaspoons and good hollow ground razor, approval, for three cocks, or six healthy hen Canaries, or six cock Goldfinches.—Parkin, Cutlery Manufacturer, 229, Arundel-st., Sheffield.

PET hand-reared last year's Thrush, 15/-, eat from your hand, and let stroke him, splendid note before moulting, is half tamer; also cow hair, for keeping red-mites away, reared more young, had much praise from buyers, no moss; will exchange for cock and hen Canaries or other kind of birds.—T. Linneker, 18, South-st., Sneinton, Nottingham.

MAGNIFICENT FOX TERRIER

dog, 8 months, by that noted sire, Dusky Daleman, winner at Crufts' and all leading shows. He is grand on all points, whilst his head, ears, front, and feet are perfect. His pedigree contains a grand combination of Redmond and Vicary blood. Registered at Kennel Club, and ready for immediate showing, a bargain £6, or exchange Canaries and British birds to value; mutual approval.—Marsh, 81, Wheeler-st., Birmingham.

NATURAL HISTORY.

COLLECTION of British birds' eggs in cabinet, eleven drawers.—R. Law, 5, Temple-gdns., Annieland, Glasgow.

BIRDS, Animals, Fish preserved and artistically mounted; cage birds, all kinds; 1s. 6d., postage free; Hawks, Squirrels, etc., 2s.—Orme, Naturalist, 14, Princess Road, Leicester. x266

VARIOUS.

POMERANIAN pups, sire Allerton Boy, good type, black, with a few white hairs on chest, 21/- each, either sex.—L. Cooper, High-st., Northallerton.

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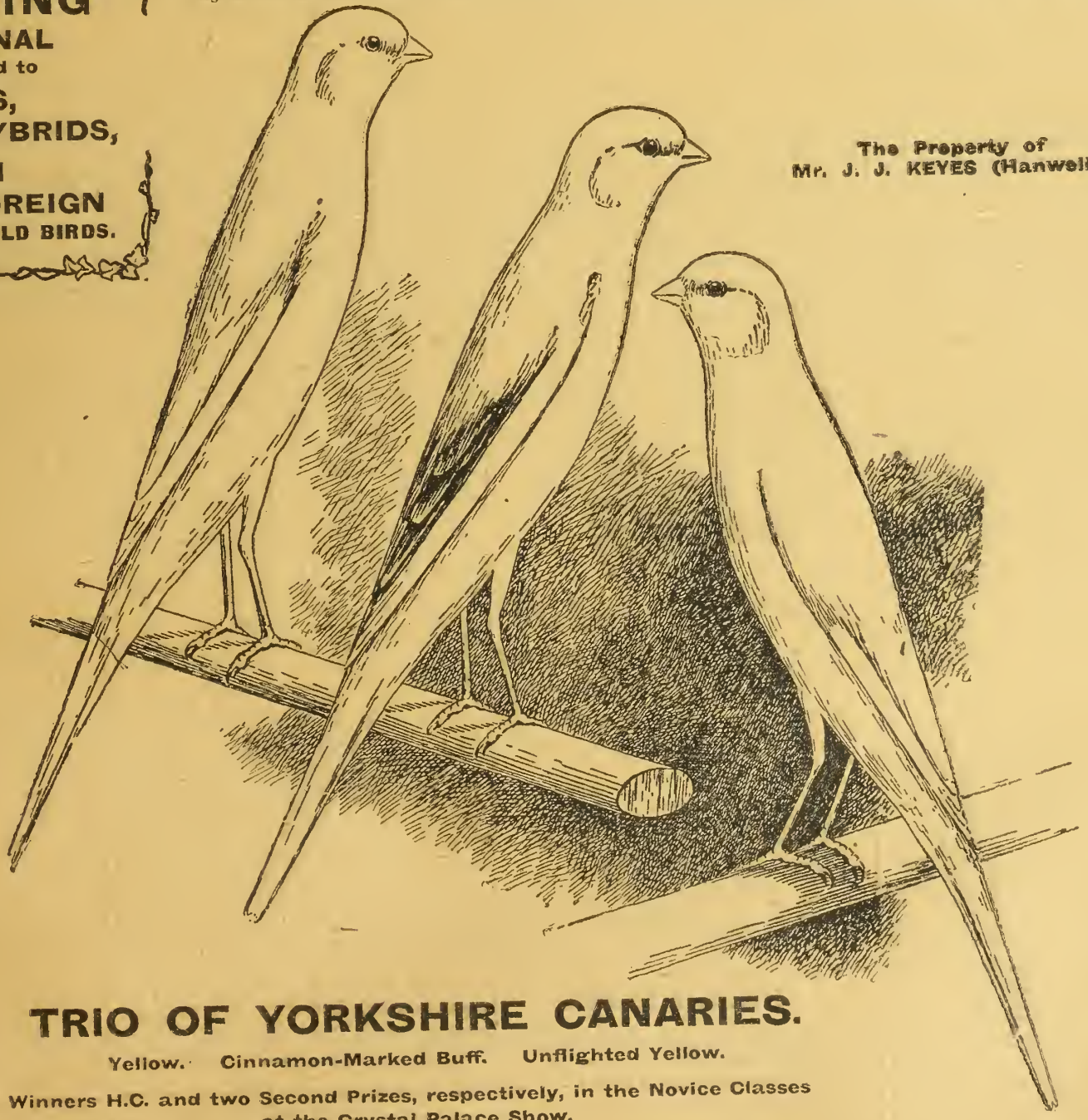

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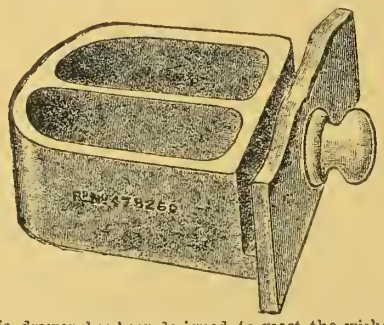

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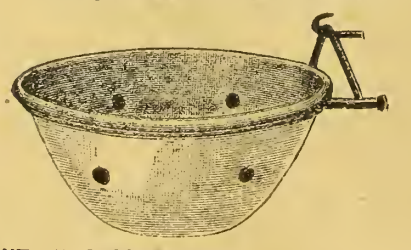

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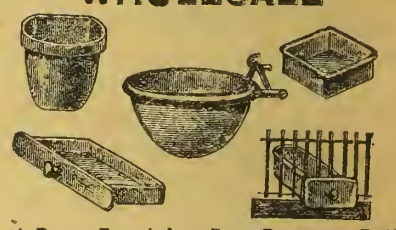

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NORWICH hens (six), one yellow, four buffs, one variegated, 3/- each, 17/- lot; grand condition.—Mills, 264, Lavender-hill, Clapham Junction.

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Clear Yellow, 6/-, 7/6, 8/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 17/6, 20/-. Ticked or Variegated, 5/6, 7/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 17/6. Clear Buff, 6/6, 7/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 17/6, 20/-.

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55, High-st., Amble. March 12th, 1907.—Birds arrived quite safe. Delighted with them. They are a pair of fine birds. I thank you very much for your fair dealing. I will recommend you to my friends.—Thos. Wilson to W. Rudd.

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Well satisfied.
64a, South-rd., Waterloo, Liverpool. March 15th, 1907.—Norwich hen arrived safe. Am well satisfied.—A. Grenhalgh to W. Rudd.

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69, Vale-rd., Parkwood Spring, Sheffield. March 11th, 1907.—Birds arrived safe, and in good condition. Thanks very much for your selection and fair dealing.—S. Simpson to W. Rudd.

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4, Back, 215, King Edward-rd., Ladywood, Birmingham. March 10th, 1907.—Cinnamon cock arrived here in perfect condition, and it is quite satisfactory. Thanks for prompt attention.—T. Baldwin to W. Rudd.

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44, Northall-rd., Markinch. March 11th, 1907.—The Roller hen arrived safe, and I am well pleased with it. Thanking you for your prompt attention.—T. Mecking to W. Rudd.

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35, Ship-st., Folkestone. March 15th, 1907.—I received the bird safe, and am very pleased with same. It surprised me for the money.—S. W. Page to W. Rudd.

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GOLDFINCH Mule, good songster, slight crest, 7/6.—Noall, 49, Gipsy-rd., Welling.

TWO large house-moulted cock Goldfinches, 3/3 each; 2 large buff hens, 3/6 each; approval.—Chase, Fakenham, Norfolk.

LINNET Mule, wild song, 7/6; house moulted Greenfinch, 2/6; approval.—62, Church-ter., Tranmere, Birkenhead.

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LARGE jonque cock Goldfinch Mule, winner, 30/-, part exchange muling hens.—Jeremiah, Pwllhai, Cardigan.

VARIEGATED large cock, 1906, Goldfinch Mule, 7/6, or exchange big chubby yellow Norwich hen.—Wm. Dale, Ropsley, Grantham.

MULING hen Goldfinches, 1/3, 1/6, 2/-, 2/6 each; cocks, 3/-, 3/6, and 4/- each.—Miss E. Storey, Crowle, Doncaster.

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HOUSE moulted cock Goldfinch and 1906 clear buff Canary, paired, 9/6.—Macdonald, 88, Shakespeare-st., Nottingham.

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SOUTH LONDON COL. & F.A.

Annual Smoking Concert.

The South London Columbarian and Fanciers' Association held their annual smoking concert on the 13th inst., and a most enjoyable evening was spent by both members and visitors, of which there was a record gathering. Mr. G. Munday was in the chair, supported by the committee, including the hard-working secretary, Mr. G. A. Jeffreys. The Chairman, in a few well-chosen words, started the music, and everyone settled down to see whether the programme provided by the organisers, Messrs. Sayer and Wallace Davis, would prove sufficiently entertaining to warrant their absence from the "stock." The first item was a pianoforte solo by the pianist, Mr. Eric Wilton, followed in turn by songs by Messrs. Kluber, Johnson, Palmer, Groves, Chase, Hamblin and Hammond. Ventriloquism by Mr. R. H. Munday, and violin solos by Mr. F. Nichols. The hit of the evening was, I believe, Mr. Sid Hammond, in his song, "Ha-Ha," and most amusing patter, which drew forth roars of laughter, while Mr. Munday, Junr., with his dummy figure, who insisted on poking fun at the various fanciers present, also came in for well-merited applause, not forgetting Mr. G. Hamblin, with "The Plumber" and "Bombay," both songs being rendered with his usual easy style; in fact, it is difficult to discriminate really which turn came in for most acknowledgment as numerous encores were insisted on, and graciously given by the artistes, showing the appreciation their efforts justly met with. At last, however, as time was getting on, Mr. Munday proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. T. Kluber for the able way and prompt manner in which he had stage-managed the affair in his capacity of musical director, coupled with the name of Mr. Sayer, and after a few words in reply, the evening closed by all singing the "National Anthem."—C. WALLACE DAVIS.

A GROUP OF BRITISH CAGE BIRDS.

By ISAAC THOMAS.

A few Hints and Observations on some Popular British Birds.

(*Continued from page* 140.)

The Hawfinch is both a visitor to and resident in this country—that is to say, it stays in some parts of England all the year round, whilst he only visits the North in early autumn. He seems to come into the Yorkshire district simply to sample our rows of green peas, and when 6 or 7 of these marauders settle on a row of peas in the early morn, you wake up to find most of your peas gone. He is very shy and cautious in his habits, but like many other birds is more approachable in winter. He feeds on fruit; on the berries of the hawthorn, laurel, and holly, and his strong, ugly beak is capable of cracking hard seeds and shells. These birds build a loose kind of nest, often in a holly or thorn, composed of twigs, roots, moss, lichens, hair, and feathers, and lay from 4 to 6 eggs of a pale olive green, with spots of brown and streaks of grey. Their length is about 7 inches; the strong bill is of a bluish colour, pointed and very powerful. Between the beak and the eye is a black mark, meeting the black of the throat in a point: iris greyish white; head of a yellowish brown, the neck being crossed behind by a broad band of ash colour. Chin and throat are of velvet black; breast pale brown, back dark brown, changing to a brownish grey, and downwards to a yellowish brown. The wings are about 11 inches across, and are variously marked with a blackish brown, greyish white, and yellowish brown. Some of the wing feathers are curiously formed in the shape of a billhook, and the quill feathers near the back are square at the ends. The tail is very short and blackish-brown, with some markings of white, the middle feathers shorter than the rest. The upper tail coverts are yellowish brown, and the under tail coverts white; legs, toes, and claws are abrownish red.

A WINTER VISITOR.

The Bramblefinch is a handsome bird; it is a winter visitor only, its home being Norway and Sweden and Denmark. It usually arrives in this country in October and November, and leaves again in spring. The male bird has a beautiful combination of colour. Its length is about 6¼ inches, the upper mandible being dusky, the lower yellowish white, and the iris brown. The top and sides of head and neck in winter are of mottled grey and black, the feathers being black at base, and grey at tips. In spring this grey changes to a dense black; chin, throat, and upper part of breast to a rich orange fawn, lower part to a yellowish white. The greater wing coverts are black, tipped with orange fawn; lesser coverts orange fawn, tipped with white. When the wing is closed there is an oblique bar across it. The feathers on the rump are white, which is very conspicuous when in flight. The tail is forked and black, edged with buffy white; legs, toes, and claws are of a lightish brown. He makes a splendid exhibition bird when properly tame, but I have found him difficult to get steady.

THE BUNTINGS.

The Yellowhammer or Bunting is very common all over this country. He is a handsome bird, and rejoices in a lot of names, such as Youley, Goldie, Yeldrock, and Yoit, with many more too numerous to mention. His song is very pleasing to hear. It resembles "A-bit-more-bread-but-no-cheese," with the "c-h-e-e-s-e" very prolonged. It varies considerably in colour, some birds having far more yellow than others, while the red of the breast and lower part of the back is also variable in depth of colour. Its nest is mostly built near or on the ground, and usually contains 4 or 5 eggs of a purplish white, streaked and spotted with dark reddish brown.

I have so far described only birds that can be kept by ordinary persons as cage pets, and I have about exhausted my knowledge of British seed-eating cage birds. I will now describe one of the Buntings. One of the principal characteristics of this interesting group of Passerine birds is the bill, which is very strong and conical, the upper mandible having a strong nob on the palate, often called a tooth; the sides of the mandibles bend inwards. Common Buntings are about 7½ ins. long, of a thick, bulky type, much after the stamp of a good Cinnamon Norwich Canary. The plumage is very pleasing, showing a beautiful blend of different shades of brown and yellow. The iris is dark-brown; over the eye is a faint mark of yellowish grey, extending in a curve down the cheek. The head, crown, and back of the neck are yellowish brown, inclined to olive, and the centre of each feather is streaked with brown. In front the feathers are tipped with a triangular mark of brownish black, larger and darker on each side, where they form a line. The chin, throat, and breast are a dull white in summer, and in winter a yellowish brown marked with streaks of dark-brown, which are longer further down the body. The back is pale yellowish brown, with streaks of darker brown. In autumn it becomes more olive in colour. The wing coverts are dark-brown, with a broad edge of a lighter brown. The tail is slightly forked, rather long, and dark-brown in colour, the edges of the feathers being much lighter, the under tail coverts of a pale yellowish brown. The legs are a reddish brown; toes dull yellow; claws of a deep brown. This bird is fairly common throughout Great Britain. Its local names are: Bunting, Lark, Clod-bird, and Corn Bunting. The flight is undulating; when on the ground it moves quickly by hops. It often roosts on the ground in stubble, or low hedges or bushes. It is a most quarrelsome bird. It usually commences to build its nest at the latter end of April. It is commonly built on the ground in the middle of a field, in a sunny bank, or amongst the coarse herbage in the bottom of a hedge, and sometimes in a bush. The nest if made of small fibrous roots, dried grass, or hay, and beautifully lined with fine moss wool and hair. Four eggs are usually laid, of blunt oval shape, of whitish colour, tinged with greyish red, spotted and marked with streaks of purplish brown.

IMITATIVE BIRDS.

By D. STEWARD.

Some Interesting Notes on Feathered Mimics and Comedians.

(*Continued from page* 738.)

A relative of mine had a Jackdaw, and one day "Jack" was seen marching very slowly and solemnly up and down the yard for several moments with something in his beak.

Presently he came to the back door, where he entered, and with a most important air carefully laid down on the kitchen floor a comb!

With regard to the Raven's powers of mimicry and mischievous propensities, I am inclined to think that both are considerably overrated. The Raven at best is rather a dull, stupid, and not particularly interesting fellow, is clumsy, and lacking in the sharper intelligence and alertness that mark the characters of the Jackdaw and Magpie. He is slow to imitate words or sounds, and often never attempts either. If he does, he probably forgets them in a comparatively short time, not that he picks up fresh words in their place, for he does not, but he may retain perhaps two words or sounds, which he repeats mechanically, and on every occasion for the rest of his life. He is by no means particularly mischievous. Certainly he will pick a hole in the wall and pull the paper off, upset his water-tin, or otherwise amuse himself by pulling the dog's tail and tweaking its ear; but then, other large birds will do that. Neither, again, is he discriminate or intelligent enough to avoid applying his vice-like beak to the fingers of his owner; he will serve everybody alike with the evil appendage when in the humour and has the chance.

A DOG WITH A BAD NAME.

It is a great pity that the stupid, ignorant belief that the much-maligned Magpie is a thief, and of the most mischievous disposition should still survive, for the Pyat is certainly not the first, nor, in any unusual degree, is it the second. The fallacy is calculated to do infinite harm to one of the most intelligent and beautiful of British birds. It may be taught a few words, but its imitative powers are not great, and on the whole the Jackdaw makes the better talker.

But the "Pie" makes a most charming pet—he is such a bonny bird, with his bright, black eye and his spotless white and glossy black plumage.

He should always have his liberty in a garden, where he will amuse himself for hours, chattering and jerking his long tail as he darts hither and thither looking for insects; and with little trouble can be taught to come at a whistle and alight on one's shoulder for a bit of raw meat, which he loves. Moreover, no one need fear to leave jewellery about near an open window, for "Mag" is far too suspicious and shy to enter, and even if he did venture, he would not touch anything—I speak from practical experience.

PIPING BULLFINCHES.

To come to the Bullfinch. This pretty little bird can, with a certain amount of patience, readily be taught to pipe any simple air, though it will probably be broken. The method of teaching is to place the bird in a dark room, and, either before or while feeding, whistle to it the desired tune on an instrument provided for the purpose. It is remarkable what a difference there is between the voice of a Piping Bullfinch and that of a wild or untrained one. In the latter the notes are low and insignificant, while in the former the voice becomes agreeably loud and clear, piping out a tune in sweet, ringing tones most pleasant to hear. Germans seem the most successful with Piping Bullfinches, and indeed it is from Germany that most of the best pipers come; but, even so, a good piper is somewhat difficult to meet with—at least, over here—and it consequently always commands a high price.

The little Reed-Warbler, which sings by night as well as day, frequently imitates the notes of other birds. How far its powers of imitation would extend under domestication it would be interesting to know, as it would also be in the case of the Blackcap Warbler, another of the song thieves, for although he has a sweetly-pretty melody of his own, he is not content with it, but must needs steal the notes of various songbirds — the Nightingale's amongst others—which he trills as joyously and correctly as if they were of his own composing.

CLUB REPORTS.

NEWCASTLE AND DIS. C.B.S.

Meeting held 7th inst. Mr. Shepherd in chair. Eight new members were accepted. A vote of sympathy was passed, condoling with Mr. F. F. Hawkins on the loss he has sustained in losing a quantity of valuable birds through an escape of gas. It was proposed that a noviec be a person who has never won a 1st prize, and that an amateur one who has never won more than one 1st prize, but it was agreed that the discussion be deferred until next meeting. Subscriptions are due next meeting, April 4th.—CURRY AND HUTCHINSON, Secs.

LOANHEAD C.B.S.

Meeting of the above, March 9th, Mr. A. Gilcbrist, president, in the chair. Ten new members were admitted: Messrs. J. Noble, D. Noble, Lawe, Hoggan, Bonnyrigg, J. Pearson, T. and W. Nisbet, C. Nisbet, T. Allan, W. Aitken, J. and P. Corrigan, and A. Rowe. The following classes were approved of:—Scotch Fancy 10 classes, 4 clear, 4 pied or green, 2 foul. Borders 8 classes, 4 clear or ticked, 2 variegated, 1 even marked, and 1 green. Mules 1. British 1. The President and Mr. John Yule waited on Provost Kerr, who has been pleased to accept the office of honorary president.—WALTER B. SMART, Secretary.

LEITH O.S.

Monthly meeting, Labour Hall, Smith's-place, last Saturday, Mr. Jas. Lumsden in the chair. Two new members were admitted. The Secretary intimated that the following had kindly consented to become patrons for this year:—Provost Mackie, Messrs. W. Graham Yooll, and John Dobbie. The annual show was fixed for the 26th October. Mr. Wm. Hook and the Secretary were instructed to look out for a suitable hall, and report to next meeting, which is the last one for new members being enrolled, and for booking hens. Fanciers intending to join should send in their names to the Secretary or any member. The society is open to the County of Edinburgh. Entry fee, 6d., with a subscription of 8d. per month. Any other information can be had from the Secretary, GEORGE BROWN, 9, Hermitage-terrace, Leith.

DERBY CAGE BIRD CLUB.

Meeting held in the Victoria-st. Congregational Schoolroom, on March 9th, by permission of the Rev. S. Lawton Platt and deacons of the church, to consider the desirability of removing the headquarters of the society to the above schoolroom. Mr. Jos. Hill (President) presided, supported by the Rev. S. Lawton Platt, Mr. J. C. Barnes, Mr. T. B. Evans, and a good attendance of members. The Chairman, in a neat speech, advised the members to accept the most generous offer held out to them, and this was strongly supported by Mr. J. C. Barnes, who hoped the Rev. Lawton Platt would give a short address to all lovers of cage bird life at their next meeting on the 23rd inst. Eventually it was proposed and seconded, and unanimously carried that the offer be accepted.

CITY AND SUBURBAN A.C.B.

Large gathering of members on Monday, March 11th. Messrs. F. C. Allen, E. J. Potter, B. Allen, and J. Nadford were elected members; nominated, Mrs. Maher, Miss Shepherd, Mr. E. Morris, and Mr. A. B. Cox. The bronze medal, given anonymously, for the member nominating the 100th member, fell to Mr. W. Shepherd, in nominating his daughter. Mr. A. W. Curtis (C.B.U. delegate) gave an account of the recent meeting, also pointing out that Mr. Bradshaw had been credited with his speeches, no doubt due to the reporter not knowing the names of the delegates. After discussion, it was decided to call a council meeting to make certain recommendations, and forward on to the C.B.U. Secretary. The balance sheet of the Pair Show was confirmed as read. The Chairman declared Mr. Prior unanimously elected judge for the Finch Show. In connection with the annual outing, taking place on May 25th, a fund was opened for small payments, to be returned on the day of the outing, together with an interest of 10 per cent. (given anonymously) upon the whole amount. The Chairman then called upon Mr. Allen Silver for his lecture on Wild Bird Life. Taking us, in the mind's eye, through rambles in Sudbury, Suffolk, alone, with keepers, and in company with a close British bird-loving friend, the lecturer enumerated with graphic detail the various species met with. Questions were asked by Messrs. F. Turnber, H. Goodchild, A. S. Weller, W. Prance, and V. Wynn, many of them bearing on the much discussed Nutcracker and Great Grey Shrike. A vote of thanks to Mr. Allen Silver, proposed by Mr. A. Wheller, seconded by Mr. A. W. Hart, and supported by Messrs. A. W. Curtis and H. Goodchild was carried with enthusiasm.—V. WYNN, Hon. Sec.

BRADFORD (WEST) C.B.A.

Annual tea and social on Saturday, March 9th, when 67 members and their wives sat down to tea. Afterwards a social evening was spent. Mr. W. A. Cowgill, the President, in his opening remarks, said that he hoped they would one and all enjoy themselves, as the committee had done their best to get together a good variety of talent. During the interval he called upon the secretary to give his report. Mr. T. Clegg said that it had been the pleasing duty of the secretaries, for a good many years, to be able to report on the progress made by the society, but he was sorry that he could not do that on this occasion. They had an increase in the balance in hand; last year they had £38 5s. 7d., this year £40 2s. 1d. in hand, but there had been a falling off in the number of members. Last year they had 91 members, and this year 76, owing, he thought, to so many new societies springing up round about. But he could not blame members, as he thought that it would be better for the Fancy, as being nearer home they would attend the meetings better, and take a greater interest in the society. He, himself, was not particular about having a large number of members; he would rather have half the number if they would all attend, and take an interest in the society. He thought that they ought attend, as it was only for two or three hours once a month. Would they bring suggestions and ideas for the committee to work upon, instead of leaving it all to the committee to do as they thought best? The President, in presenting the prizes for last year's competition, said that it had not been as successful as he could have wished. There was a long difference between the first and sixth prizes in the championship section; the first had 57 points and the last 13 points, and it was similar in the novice section. He said that the society had gone on different lines this year, the champions and novices showing in the same classes, but the points counting separately, and he would like to point out to novice members that they had as good a chance as the champions. At the last show the novices did better than the champions, as out of 51 entries the champions made 123 points and £1 3s. 9d. prize money, and the novices with 25 entries made 67 points and 14s. 3d. prize money, which, in proportion, was better than the champions. At the close the usual toasts were given. —T. CLEGG, Sec.

FALKIRK AND DIS. C.B.S.

Monthly meeting of the above in the Oddfellows' Hall on March 7th, when a number of old members and several new ones were enrolled. It was settled that membership fee be 3/6 instead of 3/- as formerly. The date of annual show was fixed for October 26th, 1907.—W. CLUBS, Sec.

DEWSBURY C.B.S.

Annual meeting. Officers elected:—President, T. Hall; Vice-president, W. Mitchell; Secretary, B. Cook; Treasurer, A. Cook; Trustee, F. Hird. The balance-sheet showed £7 3s. 1d. in hand. Mr. Allen presented the points medals won by Messrs. A. Cook and Son (champion), F. Hind, and W. Mitchell (novice), the recipients making suitable acknowledgment.—B. COOK, Hon. Sec.

GREAT HORTON GOOD INTENT O.S.

Annual Members' Tea at the Co-op. Cafe, on March 9th, when an excellent repast was served by the manager, Mr. Fisher. A good company of Canary fanciers, their wives, and friends assembled. The after proceedings took the form of a concert. Chair was taken by the vice-chairman, Mr. H. Schofield, while the President, Mr. J. T. Brook, Mrs. A. W. Hartley, and Miss Marie Fieldhouse contributed songs, which were well received. Mr. Augus Holden gave a violin solo. Mr. Fisher gave great pleasure by a recital called "The Signal Box," and Mrs. H. Schofield had the gramophone in hand, which went far towards the evening's enjoyment. Mr. Percy Illingworth made a capital accompanist. —ALBERT HOLDEN, Sec.

INVERNESS O.A.

The above association held a successful social meeting on March 15th, in the Crown Mission Hall. Mr. Alex. Sanderson (president) presided over a large and appreciative gathering of members and friends. In his opening remarks, Mr. Sanderson dwelt at some length on the progress of the association since it was instituted some twenty-seven years ago. He exhorted all the non-member fanciers present to become members of a society which, he felt sure, was one of the best managed in the country. During tea Mr. John Mackenzie gave a phonograph entertainment, which was greatly appreciated by the audience. Thereafter an excellent musical programme was gone through, the following artistes having kindly assisted:—Messrs. A. G. Grant, Docherty, Mackenzie, Urquhart, Dyson, McAlpine, etc. Mr. E. F. Lowe gave a splendid exhibition of conjuring, which evoked the hearty plaudits of the audience. Mr. H. Black presided at the piano. At the close votes of thanks were accorded to the artistes, by Mr. John Mackenzie, and to the Chairman, and to the Secretary for his complete arrangements.—A. URQUHART, Sec.

KENT COUNTY C.B.A.

Annual meeting, February 27th. The balance-sheet showed a balance of £3 14s. The Secretary's report said 67 members were enrolled, sixty-one having paid their subscriptions, the membership to date being 73, whilst the shows had been well supported. Patronage was given to five shows:—Ashford first feather, Rochester, Folkestone, Margate, Dover. Our first annual show was held at Dover, Jan. 9th, 1907. This, however, could not be called a success, owing, no doubt, to the lateness of the season; and I have no doubt that in the event of our deciding upon another show next season a month or two earlier we may reasonably expect a very different result, particularly as we hope to have a few cups for competition. With regard to specials we have to thank Mr. J. Broad for the handsome silver-plated tea service kindly given for most points in Crest and Crestbred classes, to be won in one season, and which was practically a "walk over" for Mr. G. S. McCreath. Mr. E. Heritage kindly gave a silver shield, to be competed for annually, for most points, and which was won for the first time by Mr. F. J. Gibbs. Other specials were also given by Messrs. E. Birch, W. Ward, E. J. Leaver, E. Brown, W. J. Abbott, J. Reevo, A. Eade, W. Austin, Miss Brandon, Mrs. Soames, G. S. McCreath, and G. Sanderson. Too much praise cannot be given to those members who so generously contributed to the prize fund. Before closing I should like to refer to the valuable assistance rendered by the Chairman. The election of officers resulted as follows:—Vice-President, W. Ward; Chairman, E. Birch; Vice-Chairman, W. J. Abbott; Hon. Treasurer, W. Austen; Hon. Sec., G. Sanderson; Hon. Assist. Sec., H. Sarjeant; Committee, Headquarters, Messrs. E. J. Leaver, N. Campenny, E. Heritage, E. Brown, J. Reeve, A. Eade, C. Raynor, and H. Ward; County, Messrs. G. S. McCreath, L. A. Brett, E. Jenner, H. Casemore, W. J. Jones, R. Patterson, H. E. Taylor, G. F. Acland, J. Broad, W. Thompson (Chatham), A. Lorden, and F. J. Gibbs. The following new members were elected:—Messrs. Mitchell, Johncock, Pybus, Lewis, and Abbott. After some discussion re show and the giving of patronage to other societies, it was agreed to leave the matter over until next meeting. Mr. McCreath proposed, and it was carried, that all cups, etc., be competed for by birds bred by exhibitor during the current year. Messrs. Ross and Banscombe acted as scrutineers.—G. SANDERSON, Hon. Sec., 208, Folkestone Road, Dover.

ORMSKIRK AND DIS. C.B.S.

A "full house" was the outcome of the second meeting, held March 4th, at the "Horse Shoe" Inn, the residence of that well-known breeder and exhibitor of Belgians, Mr. J. Walmsley. Adoption of rules was the chief business transacted. Six new members were admitted, and the First Feather Show was fixed for the first Saturday in July.—T. H. TIPPEN, Hon. Sec.

MORLEY C.B.S.

At a special meeting of the above society, recently held, a very interesting lecture was given by Mr. A. Bottomley (Laisterdyke) on pairing and breeding Yorkshire Canaries. A good number of fanciers turned up, and a very enjoyable evening was spent. A lengthy discussion ensued, which was freely taken up by the old fanciers and novices present. A hearty vote of thanks was given to Mr. Bottomley.—W. H. GROUNDWELL, Sec.

SHIPLEY O.S.

Monthly meeting March 5th, when a much appreciated lecture was given on pairing of Yorkshires, by Mr. R. Halliday. We have fixed the dates of our Nest Feather Shows for June 1st and July 20th. We are having a few more lectures, an open show, and two winter members' shows. New members enrolled this year are Messrs. J. Holroyd, J. Hardaker, J. E. Clegg, J. Fieldhouse, E. Grange, A. Ambler, H. Hardaker, E. Armstead.—H. DOBSON, Sec.

DULWICH AND PECKHAM C.B.S.

A splendid muster of members and friends assembled, on March 7th, to hear Mr. Hodson's paper on British birds. He was assisted by Mr. Butler, who, by the aid of his powerful lantern, threw lifelike pictures of the birds on a large screen, these having been taken from actual photographs. They depicted characteristic attitudes. Mr. Hodson gave a short account of each, dealing with their habits, diet, etc., in a manner that left no doubt as to the ability of the lecturer in dealing with such an extensive and inexhaustible subject. His tit-bits of information could only have been gained by long practical experience and keen observation. Those who attended had a most enjoyable meeting. The worthy secretary and lecturer were well repaid by the keen and attentive audience, and the nomination of four new members.

NATIONAL B.B. AND M.C.

Adjourned annual general meeting at headquarters, 25, High Holborn, February 28th. Present: Messrs. Trower, Goodchild, Barker, Hathaway, Lott, Silver, Dewhurst, Maxwell, Robson, Weston, Plumbridge, and Carr. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—Chairman, Mr. J. Robson; Vice-Chairman, Mr. Fulljames; Auditors, Messrs. Cooper and Sandy; Hon. Solicitor, Mr. P. Nicholls; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. Trower; Hon. Secs., Messrs. Plumbridge and Carr. London Committee: Messrs. J. Dewhurst, A. Silver, E. Hathaway, G. W. Fawkes, N. Barker, W. Francis, G. E. Weston, F. Turnber F. Vincent. Provincial: Messrs. W. Swaysland, W. T. Plumbridge, A. E. Bailey, J. F. Hills, J. Walsh, A. Howe. It was unanimously carried that the Provincial Committee should participate in the management of the club. An agenda of the Committee meetings will be sent each month to the Provincial Committee to enable them to vote by proxy. This concluded the business of the annual general meeting. A committee meeting followed, Mr. Robson in the chair. A letter was read from Mr. A. E. Bailey, re exhibiting in the name of Bailey Brothers. Proposed by Mr. Dewhurst, seconded by Mr. Lott, that Hon. Secs. write asking whether, as the name Bailey Brothers was that which he traded under, and that as there was no partner in the keeping and exhibiting of his birds, could he not see his way clear to exhibit in another name? The Committee felt sure it would cause the club a great deal of trouble. A letter was read from Mr. Hodson, re Mr. Vale's birds not being nominated for the club's cups. Hon. Secs. were instructed to thank Mr. Hodson for his letter, and say that the Committee accept his statement. After a long discussion as to Mr. D. Hunt winning the two gold medals in London, it was proposed that the two medals be granted. Mr. Hathaway gave notice for the amendment of Rule 14 at the next meeting. Proposed by Mr. Trower, seconded by Mr. Lott, that a list of shows where the club gave patronage be printed each year and sent to every member. It was decided that the club's annual dinner take place at the Holborn Restaurant on March 22nd, Messrs. Trower, Vale, Dewhurst, and Robson to carry out arrangements. Mr. Weston gave notice for the amendment of the classification of the Crossbill at the next meeting, and Mr. Goodchild for the amendment of the Snow Bunting. Any records of the nesting of members' birds will be welcomed by the Secs. A very interesting bird, viz., a Chaffinch-Bramblefinch Hybrid, was sent up by Miss J. Reeves for the Committee's inspection and opinion. Hon. Secs. were instructed to write to Miss Reeves, thanking her for her kindness, and congratulating her on breeding such a fine specimen and on the excellent condition it was in. The following were elected members: Messrs. G. A. Ackhurst, Prattie, Seal, J. Best, W. True, R. J. Pretty. A hearty vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded the meeting.—PLUMBRIDGE and CARR, Hon Secs.

JARROW AND DIS. C.B.F.S.

Meeting held March 6th. Decided to hold show on October 11th and 12th. Rules were gone over and adopted, with a few alterations. New members were enrolled, and various officers and trustees. Meeting nights first Wednesday in each month. Entrance fee 1/-, yearly subscriptions 2/6. Next meeting April 7th, when all moneys must be paid. Any information can be had from the Sec., J. T. CARRICK, 44, Caledonian-rd., Jarrow.

EDINBURGH NORWICH AND M.B.S.

Monthly meeting, held in rooms, 142, High-st., March 7th, Mr. Rodgers in the chair. There was a large gathering, and three new members were enrolled, bringing our total up to 12 new members for the season. It was decided unanimously to add two classes for Scotch Fancy. A lecture was then given on the Goldfinch by Mr. Cochrane, who had a number of drawings, with which he was able to more fully describe the various points touched upon. A most enjoyable evening was brought to a close by a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Cochrane for his able and instructive lecture.

KILSYTH F.A.

Annual meeting, held March 9th, Mr. A. Hardie presiding over a good attendance. After discussing the advisability of dropping the Poultry and Pigeon sections, it was carried that the show be carried on as before, the fanciers present pledging themselves to give all the support they could. Office-bearers:— President, Mr. A. Hardie; Vice, Mr. Wm. Irvine; Treas., Mr. J. Paterson; Sec., Mr. A. D. Duncan; Executive, Messrs. J. Barrie (Queensloburn), John Barrie (Shuttle-st.), Wm. M'Greachen, G. Shillinglaw, J. I. Little, Wm. Inglis, and Alex. Loudon, with power to add to their number. The show was fixed for the usual date in December.

FALMOUTH AND DIS. C.B.A.

Annual meeting at Ralph's Hotel, on March 7th, Mr. E. Moseley presided. The following officers were elected:—President, Mr. John Barker, M.P.; Vice-Presidents, Major Mead and Dr. C. C. Bullmore, J.P.; Chairman, H. Cox; Secretary, Thos. Burton; Treasurer, F. Gosling. The following Committee was formed: Messrs. J. Condy, J. Johnson, R. Jackett, F. Hall, W. Medlin, E. Moseley, F. Barnicoat, J. Hosking, T. Tresise, and R. H. Brenton. The financial report showed receipts amounting to £30 11s., and expenditure £19 9s. 6½d., leaving a balance of £11 1s. 5½d. The Secretary reported at present 40 members.—THOS. BURTON, Sec.

WEST OF SCOTLAND B.C.

Annual meeting held at Glasgow, March 2nd, Mr. Jas. Lappin presiding. The balance-sheet was accepted. Mr. Jas. Lappin, present President, declined office, and Mr. J. J. Mansou was voted President for the next year. Messrs. Smart and Laurie were elected Vice-Presidents. Mr. Livingstone declining to take office again, several names were voted on for Secretary, Mr. Buchanan, of Paisley, coming in for the post; but, after due consideration, he begged them to relieve him, as he really could not see his way to give the attention required. It was decided that Secretary be paid for his work to the extent of £1 10s. Mr. Smart was asked if he would accept, and he consented, Mr. Buchanan taking his place as Vice-President. Committee: Messrs. Brownlie, Young, Lappin, Macaulay, J. Muir, McNicol, Montgomery, and Henderson. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the retiring officials. All communications in future must be addressed to G. SMART, Fernwood Lea, Carmyle, Glasgow.

SCOTTISH CREST CLUB.

Annual meeting, held Nelson's Temperance Hotel, Glasgow, March 9th. The question of the exhibition of blind birds was discussed at length; finally it was decided that blind birds be passed, and partly blind birds left to the judges' discretion. The balance-sheet showed £3 6s. 7d. in hand. Medal winners: Gold medals, 1906 birds, G. F. Adamson, Crested, and J. Reid, Crestbred. Silver medals, old birds: J. Noble, Crested, and J. C. Wallace, Crestbred. The standard club show cage was next brought up and considered very unsatisfactory, owing to so many different shades of colour, and the President took the responsibility to see that put right. Mr. Young suggested that we should also have standard tins, upon which the meeting were unanimous, and it was agreed that the members get as many of the different types of them as possible for selection at the first Committee meeting. It was decided that we hold a Club Show in conjunction with another association. The combination Club Show was discussed, but was left over. Letters were read from Aberdeen and Kilsyth Associations, soliciting patronage of S.C.C., but were left over until the result of voting papers are known. It was decided that membership list should close on October 1st, and a list printed and sent out to the members. Two new members were proposed: J. Lappin (Ruthergien) and W. Irvine Kilsyth). First Committee meeting, May 11th. A hearty vote of thanks to Secretary for his work, and also to the President for conducting the business, brought a most harmonious meeting to a close.—A. CHALMERS, Hon. Sec.

SCOTTISH B.B. AND M.C.

Annual meeting, held on March 2nd, at Edinburgh. Mr. L. J. Arrighi presided. Balance-sheet adopted. A large number of gold and silver medals were presented to the respective winners. It was agreed to delete the word "two" in Mr. A. W. Watson's motion, and which was carried by a large majority. The club unanimously decided to take no action re specialist club show. The trophy question was briefly discussed, and it was agreed to form a Sub-Committee for the same: Messrs. L. J. Arrighi, J. Winter, A. W. Watson, J. Livingstone, and the Secretary. The uniform show cage question was discussed and defeated. The Foreign bird question was again defeated by one vote. Mr. G. N. Barclay drew the members' attention to Foreign Goldfinches appearing in British classes at Leith Show, and, as this had inconvenienced our members, it was agreed that in future Secretaries applying to us for the patronage of the club shall state whether Goldfinch or Builfinch classes are for British or Foreign, or both. Next meeting, Kirkcaldy, first Saturday in September, when it is to be hoped all members in the surrounding districts will endeavour to attend. A few members cleared their subscriptions at the close. L. J. Arrighi was proposed for the presidentship, but respectfully declined. The popular President of the S.N.C.B.S., A. C. Dandie, was then unanimously elected. Vice-Presidents, L. J. Arrighi and Dr. Galloway. Secretary and Treasurer, R. Farmer, 11, South Elgin-st., Edinburgh. Committee: Messrs. W. Ruddiman, Cupar, Fife; J. Davidson, Markinch; J. Robertson, Perth; A. Law, Dundee; T. Erskine, Glasgow; F. McQuiston, Ayr; W. C. Cunningham, Kilmarnock; C. S. Crockatt, Arbroath; A. W. Watson, Leith; J. Livingstone and R. Bald, Bathgate; J. Pendrigh, A. Cochrane, and W. Millar, Edinburgh. Messrs. R. Craig and A. Watson, Auditors. A vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded an interesting meeting.

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READING AND DIS. C.B.S.

Usual monthly meetiug, Palmer Hall, West-st., Reading, on March 6th. Five new members were elected. A 30-mile radius show was decided upon, to be held either November 20th or 27th next. The Chairman (Mr. Brooker) delivered a very interesting address on "Food and Feeding," which was much appreciated. Next meeting April 3rd, 8 p.m., when Mr. Geo. Packwood will speak on "Management in the Bird Room." A good attendance desired.—G. A. CHARLES, Sec.

ST. ANDREW'S O.S.

Annual meeting of the St. Andrew's O.S., Town Hall, March 12th. The balance-sheet indicated that last year's show has been the most successful ever held by the society. The following office-hearers were then elected: Messrs. P. W. Millet (president), M. Chess (vice-president), Thomas Auchterlonie (hon. sec. and treasurer), and a working committee of the following: Messrs. J. Brown, H. Smart, J. Mackie, Wm. Melville, A. Robinson, and J. Ness, jun. The date of show was fixed for Oct. 5th, 1907.—THOS. AUCHTERLONIE, Hon. Sec. and Treas.

GATESHEAD AND DIS. C.B.S.

Meeting held March 6th, and a good attendance turned up. Correspondence was read from Mr. S. Hadwin, Mr. A. Grey, Mr. A. Russell, etc. This year's balance sheet was found to far exceed in every respect that of 1906. The improvement was marked in every section, and the show stands as a record for the society, proving the healthy state of the Fancy in the North, which has increased by leaps in the last few years. Great credit is due to you, as Editor, in bringing forth a paper to deal with the cage bird Fancy exclusively, and there is no doubt this has helped materially to give the present toue to the cage bird Fancy. Electiou of judges was left over to committee meeting, to be held on March 27th. Three new members received a hearty welcome: Mr. T. Almond, Mr. E. Clark, and Mr. J. Hunt. The meetings were arranged to take place on Wednesday evenings at 7.30 p.m., at Newton and Skeen's Cafe, Half Moon-lane, once every six weeks. Next meeting, April 17th. Members' subscriptions must be forwarded by next meeting.—T. TAYLOR, Hon. Sec. and Treas.

ST. HELENS O.S.

Meeting held March 4th. Mr. Jno. Hesketh in the chair. The balance-sheet was adopted, which shows cash in bank £4 13s. 7d., total assets £8 5s. 8d. Liabilities, nil. If local fanciers will come into the Society as members, there will soon be a possibility of again holding an Open Show. All earuest fanciers are cordially invited. A very successful amateur judging competition took place, pairs matched for breeding show birds. Eleven were staged, and Mr. Chas. Houlton made the awards. Eight members cuteied the competition, and were allowed ten minutes each to judge. The difference of opinions was very wide; no two were alike, while no one fixed them quite as Mr. Houlton had placed them. Two prizes were provided and a special. Mr. Lover staged best pair and won special. Mr. Rogers proved best amateur judge, with five correct placings, and losing only 14 points on the other six. Mr. Mills came second, Mr. Hesketh and Mr. Scott ticing for third, with Mr. Berry fourth. Interesting discussion was held over the several pairs, and some valuable ideas and opinions were exchanged. Fanciers wishing to join should write T. VOSE, sec., Argyle Street, St. Helens, Lancs.

BURY AND DIS. C.B.S.

Monthly meeting March 12th, Textile Hall, Bury. An excellent paper was given by Mr. Raynes, Secretary of the Norwich Plainhead Club. Mr. Raynes gave a brief definition of what he considered a typical Norwich, and contrasted the same with the so-called Norwich, which frequently finds its way into the list of prize winners at every show. Many of the latter could be more accurately classified if exhibited in the Yorkshire class. Their build, generally, he said, greatly exceeded the standard of the typical Norwich, but so long as the present diversity of opinion among judges existed, so then would these birds appear as prize winners. The idea was prevalent that a big bird with plenty of colour attracted the eye of the judge in preference to the typical Norwich, which had not been subject to colour feeding. Mr. Raynes regretted that some of the Norwich Plainhead Club's judges were too much impressed by the size and colour of the bird instead of having a standard. In comparing the respective value of the cock and hen, he emphasised the value of the latter, declaring that "type" came from the hen and colour from the cock, and in his opinion type ought to receive first consideration and colour last. In fact, he did not consider colour feeding an essential treatment for Norwich. Mr. Raynes invited discussion, to which several members responded.—W. P. TURTON, Sec.

LANCASHIRE AND LIZARD F.A.

A large gathering assembled at the White Lion Hotel, Manchester, on March 2nd. Before the appointed time good old faces could be seen parading the fanciers' principal street (Tib-st.), some carrying parcels with the usual air space for feathered pets. Our worthy President, Mr. John Garner, was in the chair. The Secretary's report and balance sheet was in the best of order, and clearly showed the advancement being made by the L. and L.F.A., it having been one of the most prosperous years. The income was close on £15. The Secretary was very sorry to have, through pressure of work, to tender his resignation, but the members would not accept it, and after many feeling remarks and promises of assistance, he could do no other but take on the important office for another twelve months. Three new members were enrolled: Mr. Smith (Gorton), Mr. Dickinson (Denton), and Mr. Nelson (Macclesfield. Mr. John Garner was again unanimously elected president, Mr. John Swallwell re-elected treasurer, Mr. H. Oliver re-elected secretary, Messrs. Baker, Rukin, Lawton, Hampshire, Clegg, and Nelson (Stockport) were elected vice-presidents. Committee: Messrs. Vickers, Hamer, Buckley, Dewsnap, Wynn, Booth, Ollrenshaw, Haslam, Slater, Massey, Collinge, Lee, Nelson (Macclesfield), Dickinson, and Smith. On the question of two silver cups and gold medals, Mr. Baker, Mr. Swallwell and the Secretary were elected to purchase them, the same to be presented to the winners on Saturday, April 6th, at the dinner at the Spinner's Hotel, Shawroad, Oldham. Tickets will be ready shortly, and available for friends at 2/- each. They must be got through the Secretary. The winners of the silver cups are Mr. John Garner (Lancashire Cup), Mr. John Rukin (Lizard Cup), Mr. L. Haslam, gold medal for Lancs., Mr. Wm. Lawton, Lizard gold medal. Several more important items were dealt with, including the standard show cages, which are far from satisfactory, and which will come up at the next meeting. The meeting then closed with a vote of thanks to Mr. Garner for presiding. Fanciers, both new and old, in the Lancashire and Lizard varieties are requested to apply for particulars and rules of this old and original society, and the Secretary will be pleased to supply them.—H. OLIVER, Sec., 35, Hadfield st., Glossop.

TAMWORTH AND DIS. C.B.S.

Meeting, 16th inst., Mr. M. Hatton read a paper on "Pairing and Breeding Norwich," of which he is the proud possessor of several winners of his own breeding. He enlarged upon the subject by producing a full-rigged single breeder, and answered many interesting questions to the younger members. At the close Mr. D. Adcock proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Hatton for his instructive and interesting lecture.

BRADFORD (EAST) O.S.

Meeting held March 5th, Mr. G. R. Rushworth in chair. Mr. C. Cowgill gave an interesting address on the breeding and rearing of Yorkshire Canaries. One interesting point taken up by some of the younger members was, that better results were likely to be obtained through pairing two good stock birds together than by pairing two show birds, as he thought that the strain which show specimens had to go through during a show season would be detrimental to the offspring of that particular pair. Opinions seemed to differ on the subject, as some rather fancied pairing two good show birds together—providing that any weakness found in one was counteracted by the other. A vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Cowgill.—H. HILL, Hon. Sec.

CHESTERFIELD AND DIS. F.A.

Annual general meeting, held Wednesday last, at the Carlton Restaurant. Mr. E. D. Gladwin (chairman) presided over a fair attendance. The balance-sheet was very favourable, showing a sum of £25 in hand. Dr. Goodall was elected president for the ensuing year, and the vice-presidents and committee were re-elected with slight alterations and additions. Mr. Black, who has proved a hard-working secretary, resigned that position, and was warmly thanked for his work. Mr. J. J. Dooley, 39, Alexandra-rd., Chesterfield, who has been assistant secretary from the commencement, was elected in Mr. Black's place, with Mr. W. Hartley as assistant secretary. Mr. E. D. Gladwin, who held the position of treasurer and chairman, resigned the former office, and was re-elected chairman of the Association, and Mr. C. P. Short was elected treasurer. It was decided to hold an open show of cage birds in the Market Hall in October (date to be fixed).—J. J. DOOLEY, Hon. Sec.

BRISTOL C.B.S.

Members turned up in good numbers at the monthly meeting, held on the 6th inst., and were well rewarded by hearing a most instructive and interesting lecture on British birds by that well-known fancier, Mr. W. G. Bull (chairman). The lecture was preceded by a business meeting, the most important item being the selection of new headquarters. It has been felt for some time that the room kindly placed at our disposal by the landlord of the Horse and Groom Hotel was not of sufficient size to accommodate the continually increasing number of members, so it was decided to select larger and more central headquarters. This, I am pleased to say, has been done, the landlord of the Crown Hotel, Lower Castle-street, kindly placing a room at our disposal. In this room were found many good points that were desired. Most important, the entrance is almost entirely private. It is of good size (and very comfortable), seating at least 200. In future all meetings will be held here. It was decided that our first annual show he held in November, dates, etc., to be published later. Another well-known fancier, Mr. E. A. Lovell, joined the society. Mr. W. H. Manley (treasurer) kindly consented to give a lecture at our next meeting on pairing and general management of Canaries during the breeding season. All fanciers are welcome. Meeting nights, the first Wednesday in every month, at the Crown Hotel, Lower Castle-street, near Old Market, at 8 o'clock sharp.—J. MUNRO, Assist. Sec.

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BATTERSEA AND DIS. C.B.A.

Meeting March 6th. The Secretary gave report of Annual and Pair Show, which showed a profit of 9s. 11d. Messrs. Whiteman, Wagdin, Found, Wall. Wilcox, Daines were elected members. Mr. Robson gave his promised lecture, and by the questions asked deep interest was shown in a very interesting lecture on "Preparing for Breeding." A vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Robson. Allen Silver, Esq., will, at next meeting, give a lecture on "Some British Birds."—F. EASTERLING, Hon. Sec.

SALE OPEN O.S.

Meeting held March 11, at the Sale Hotel, when rules were considered. The following officers were elected:—Auditors, Messrs. Stanford and Plant; Assistant Secretary, T. Eilingham; Committee (with power to add), Messrs. C. H. Smith, J. Leigh, T. Harrison, J. Hurst, W. Smith, and F. Field. It was decided to join the Cage Bird Union. Seven new members were made. Mr. T. Harrison (Altrincham) will deliver a lecture on Monday evening, the 25th inst., entitled "Seeds and other Foods."—GEO. F. HARDCASTLE, Sec.

INVERNESS O.A.

Committee meeting of above, in the Crown Mission Hall, Washingtou-court, on Friday, March 1st. There was a large muster of members present. The following were appointed judges:—James Sandison (Aberdeen), Colin Ross (Forres), J. M. Kidd (Edinburgh), and Wm. Chalmers (Beauly). Mules, Hybrids, and British bird classes are open for colour fed birds at our next show, to be held on November 20th. The resignation of Mr. George McAlpine, vice-president, was accepted with regret. Members wished him all success in the land of his adoption; he goes to Canada at the end of the present month to fill an important appointment. Mr. George McKenzie was appointed vice-president (one of the best cage bird fanciers in the North); he is to read a paper on singing Canaries at our next monthly meeting, to be held on Friday, April 5th, when all fanciers are invited.

BEDFORD.

Annual meeting of the Bedford and Beds C.B.S., held February 28th. The proceedings commenced with a pair show in the afternoon, the principal winners being Mr. A. Keech, who captured two firsts and a second, and Mr. H. Gentle, a second and two thirds, all Norwich, these being the only two classes which filled, viz., yellow cock and buff hen, and buff cock and yellow hen. A very promising lot of pairs were shown, which augurs well for the coming season. The Hon. Sec., Mr. Wiggins, presented the balance-sheet, which showed that the society is financially sound, the balance in hand being over £8. It was decided to hold the annual show in the Town Hall on October 31st. After an excellent dinner, which had been provided by the Secretary, a short paper was read by Mr. J. C. Wilmot, on "The Breeding of the Norwich Canary," the remainder of the evening being spent in a social manner, the principal entertainers being Messrs. Markham, Arnold, Sharp, and Page, vocalists; a violin solo by Mr. Wilmot; and gramophone selections by Mr. Wilde. Miss Newman, A.R.C.M., rendered a pianoforte selection and accompanied the songs.

GRIMSBY AND DIS. C.B.S.

Meeting of the above society, March 13th. A good number were present, and several new members were enrolled. After the ordinary business, the open show was discussed, Mr. J. C. Barnes being appointed to judge. The show will be held on Oct. 16th and 17th. We then considered the question of affiliating with the C. B. Union. The latter part of Rule 17 came in for a good deal of criticism, but the opinion of the majority was that this part of the rule was the most vital point, and certainly should not be deleted. A first feather show was arranged for the 12th of June, when we expect to secure the services of some of our Hull friends to adjudicate. Mr. Stubbs consented to open a discussion on "Feeding and Rearing Young Birds" at our next monthly meeting. It is hoped that a good number will assemble to join in the discussion. As the society is open to all Lincolnshire it will be to the advantage of fanciers living in the county to enrol their names on our member list. The meeting terminated with a table show of British Birds. Mr. Clews judged: 1, Ellender, Linnet; 2, Peplow, Siskin; 3, Ellender, Bramhle.—H. EMERSON, Hon. Sec.

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ENGLISH AND WELSH B.F.C.C.

Now that the Palace Show is over the competition for season 1906-7 is at an end, with the following result:—£2 2s. Cup: D. Jenkins 43, J. H. Wilson 38, Thompson 36, Farrar 14, Hadwin 10, R. W. Pearson 6, Pennington 6, Brownlie 5, Hawkins 4, Waggstaff 4. Cash specials (Champion Section): J. H. Wilson 234, D. Jenkins 142, J. Thompson 114, Hadwin 62, Brownlie 40, J. Pearson 33, Tedstone 29. J. H. Pears 28, Pennington 28, Nicholas 23, R. H. Jones 20, Clinch 15. Wagstaff 15. R. W. Pearson 14, Walker 13, J. B. Moore 12, Hay 10, P. Jenkins 9, W. H. Jenkins 8, O. Connell 8, Cherry 6, W. H. Love 10. Hopper Bros. 5, Poole 3, Bowes 2. Cash specials (Novice Section): Farrar 104, Smart 43, E. M. Evans 36, Beaty 35, Hawkins 28, Hoggarth 27, Robertson 17, J. Moore 7, Woodman 6, Plaskett Bros. 6, Hancocks 5, Harrison 4. Novice Medals:—Dulwich—Farrar, 17; L.C.B.A.—E. M. Evans, 9; Manchester—Farrar, 19; Swansea—Hoggarth, 18; Whitehaven—J. Moore, 9; Morecambe—Plaskett Bros., 6; Barrow—J. Moore, 7; Gateshead—Smart, 24; Llanelly—E. M. Evans, 14; Palace—Beatty, 5. Will members check above, and communicate at once with the secretary in case of dispute? In case there is no dispute prizes will be paid out after March 30th.—S. HADWIN, Sec., 28, Pembroke-pl., Liverpool.

HARTLEPOOLS C.B.S.

Second annual general meeting at headquarters, March 5th. There was a good attendance. The Secretary presented his annual report, following which were suggestious for consideration for the forthcoming year. It was decided to throw open the Society's doors without radius limit, the subscription to be 4/- per year, with 1/- entry fee. A resolution was adopted that the Society hold a two-days' fixture on December 6th and 7th next. Members' next Feather Show was fixed for July 13th. The report was received with enthusiasm. The balance-sheet, presented by Mr. Williams, showed a slight deficit on the year's working, but was considered most satisfactory, taking into account the depressed and unsettled state of trade at the time of holding annual show. All the retiring officers were re-elected, with Mr. Easly (York-rd.) as Chairman of Committee, and Mr. Mustard as Vice-Chairman. The annual field day was fixed for Whit-Monday. During the evening Mr. Mustard presented to the Secretary (Mr. E. Woodhead) a large emblematical bronze medal, in leather case, as a token of his personal appreciation of the manner in which the secretarial duties had been carried out since the Society's inception. The election of new members brought a most successful meeting to a close.—E. WOODHEAD, Hon. Sec.

SINGING CONTESTS.

LEEDS.

The quality Linnet singing brigade mnstered in great numbers at the Old Bird House on March 16th. Mr. J. Booth gave three grand prizes. 1st, T. Stead; 2nd, P. Hohan; 3rd, C. Whitaker. Twenty-two birds competed. Judges, T. Crane, W. Naylor, and D. Clegg. The usual Sunday contest took place on the 17th. Nineteen birds competed for three prizes. 1st, P. Hoban; 2nd and 3rd, T. Stead. Judges, T. Crane and D. Clegg. The singing in both contests was excellent.—J. MELIA, Hon. Sec.

Members and friends of the Prince Albert Inn Linnet Association, Newtown, met on March 17th to compete for three prizes, given hy Mr. J. R. Saynor. There was a good attendance, and fifteen previous winning birds competed. Judges: E. Wood and J. Binner; timekeeper, S. Green. 1st, H. Allen; 2nd, F. Allen; 3rd, H. Hayes.—E. WOOD, Hon. Sec.

Week-end contest, at the Skinners' Arms, Buslingthorpe-lane, March 17th, when twenty birds competed for four prizes. The best singing ever heard at this house was given by the winners. Judge, G. Towers; timekeeper, F. Raper. 1st, F. Galley; 2nd, Slattey Kirk; 3rd, J. Clark; 4th, W. Reed.—C. HUNT, Sec.

Our next big match will be held on Easter Tuesday, when four good prizes will be given. Linnet fanciers, give us a bumping entry.—ADVT.

CARRBROOK.

Linnet singing contest held at the Don Inn, Dunlop-st., Carhrook. March 7th, when valuable prizes were competed for Twenty-four birds were hung, and some fine singing was heard. Result: Machin 1, Johnson 2, Sam Ketta 3.—J. E. ATTER.

SKINNINGROVE AND LOFTUS.

Week-end contest took place at White Horse Hotel, Loftus, when 17 birds were put in the window. Some spirited singing was heard. 1st, Dobson; 2nd, Rawson. J. Hart, judge. Timekeepers, J. C. Havelock and R. Burnett.—M. DOBSON, Sec.

STAITHES.

On March 16th the usual fortnightly contest took place at Staithes for three splendid prizes. F. Canby judged, when 1st, 2nd and 3rd fell to M. Dobson. J. C. Havelock, timekeeper.

WARRINGTON.

Week-end contest, at the Alexandra Vaults, Scotland-rd., Feb. 16th, when 24 good birds, all previous winners, competed for 7 prizes given by Mr. R. Thompson. The room was fairly well packed, and the singing was excellent, each fancier being eager to get his bird in order for Easter Monday, when members compete for prizes to the value of £6. The winners on Feb. 16th were: 1st W. Leah, 2nd J. Archer, 3rd T. Crawford, 4th D. Armitage, 5th D. Clare, 6th T. Armitage, 7th H. Stanway. The latter two ran a dead-heat. An open contest will be held on March 30th. Please note secretary's change of address.—G. TRYNER, Hon. Sec., 28, Cobden-st., Warrington.

LEEDS.

A splendid Linnet contest was held at the Skinner's Arms, Buslingthorpe Lane, Leeds, on March 3rd for four excellent prizes. Twenty-three good birds competed, and were witnessed by a packed house, highly delighted at the singing. Awards:—1st prize, J. Clark (Linnet king); 2nd, F. Raper; 3rd, J. Grainger; 4th, J. Clark. Judge, Mr. Tom Crane. Timekeeper, Mr. Tom Somers. A great contest will be held here on Easter Tuesday.—C. HUNT, Sec.

THE SHOWS.

BRIGHTON F. & F.A.

Monthly meeting and Show of the above held on March 7th, at the Unicorn Hotel. The following are the awards:—YORKS., MATCHED FOR BREEDING: 1, 2, Gibb; 3, Swaysland. NOR.: 1, Gibb. A.O.V.: 1, Mrs. Eyles. PAIRS, FOR MULING: 1, 2, Gibb. BRIT.: 1, Gibb; 2, Swaysland.—W. GREGORY, Hon. Assist. Sec.

LITTLEHAMPTON F.A.

Monthly Members' Show March 6th. There was a nice collection of birds, numbering nearly 40. The quality was good. This Association is making rapid progress in the cage bird section. Mr. W. R. Miles (Chichester) judged. He also gave a washing exhibition on March 13th.

LOUGHBORO' AND DIS. C.B.A.

Meeting, March 6th, Show of British birds, judged hy Mr. W. Judd, awards giving general satisfaction. 1, Wortley, Bullfinch, very good quality; 2, Taylor, Linnet, which if a little steadier would take a lot of beating; 3, Widdowson, Goldfinch, nice colour and marking. Mr. Judd afterwards gave the members some useful information, which was highly appreciated. Next meeting, March 20th, 7.30 p.m.—E. THORP, Hon. Sec.

BLACKPOOL AND FYLDE C.B.F.S.

Monthly show at the new Club Room, Raikes' Hotel, March 14th. A good entry was received for the five classes, and some very nice birds were shown, the winners in each class being regular toppers. Mr. Geo. Young judged. GOLD. OR BULLFINCH: 1, Lightbown; 2, Riding; 3, Senior. LINNET: 1, Boardman. A.V. HARD: 1, 2, Boardman; 3, Atkinson. SOFT: 1, Kirkham, 2, Senior; 3, Boardman. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Senior; 2, Lightbown; 3, Boardman.

YORK C.B.S.

The above society held on March 11th a very interesting Table Show of British birds, at All Saints' School Rooms. Three classes were provided, Goldfinch, Bullfinch, and A.O.V Hardbill. Although not large in numbers, the quality was A1, and some of the winners will do their owners honour in open competition later on no doubt. During the judging the usual monthly meeting was held. Mr. A. Richardson being in the chair. Two new members were elected. Mr. T. Boyle judged, and his awards were very satisfactory. GOLDFINCH, BRIT.: 1, Pickering, a stormer, good whites, nice square blaze, and well shown; 2, Chittenden, not quite so good in blaze, although a very nice Finch; 3, Pickering, lacks polish of leaders; vhc, J. Pickering. BULLFINCH: 1, D. Hunter, capital Bully, well cut cap, nice back and wings, a good win; 2, White, very nice, but not the polish of the one in front; 3, Hunter, good third; vhc, Chittenden. A.O.V. HARD.: Grand class; 1, White, Chaffinch, regular knock-out, good all over, easy win; 2, D. Hunter, Greenfinch, grand bird, polished like satin; 3, Hunter, Brambiefinch, grand bird; vhc, Sissons; hc, Hunter; c, Sissons.—A. WAUD, Assistant Sec.

WINCHESTER F.F. & C.A.

The entries in the cage bird section of the above society's Show were highly satisfactory, there being a fine array of excellent Norwich and Yorkshires, also many birds of first-class quality in the British and Mule classes. Mr. G. Gamble read an interesting paper on cage birds. An open judging competition was arranged by Mr. F. Cave-Baker, who gave a special prize to the winner, a handsome Canary; this was won by Mr. F. J. Holmes, Mrs. Tutt being second, and Mr. Howell third.

NOR. A.V.: 1, 2, Schneider; 3, Miss J. P. Day; vhc, Russell; hc, Watson; eleven entries. YORKS.: 1, 2, 3, hc, Gamble; vhc, Schneider; eight entries. A.V. BRIT.: 1, 2, Huntley; 3, Mrs. Howell; vhc, Russell; hc, Watson; seven entries. A.O.V.: 1, Huntley; 2, Russell; 3, vhc, Mrs. Whitmore Smith; five entries.

SOUTH LONDON C. & F.A.

The above held a successful Pair Show at the Royal George, New Cross, S.E. Mr J. Robson judged. The Norwich class was a feature of the Show, Mr. A W. Hollands winning special for best pair in the Show with his L. and P.O. winners, and Mr. F. Bizley winning special for next best with a pair of Crests, the Crestbred hen in this pair standing well out with plenty of feather. Mr. S. Harriss won special for best pair for muling. Thirty-four pairs were entered. NOR. (13): 1, spl, vbc, hc, Hollands; 2, c, Males; 3, Biss. CRESTS: 1, spl, 2, F Bizley; 3, Spowage. YORKS.: 1, 3, vhc, Males; 2, hc, Done A.O.V.: 1, Johnson. MULING (7): 1, spl, Harris; 2, Spowage; 3, hc, Johnson; vhc, Males; c, Munday. POINTS CUP, 1907: Males 28, Johnson 15, Hollands 14, Bizley 13, Spowage 11, Donel 9, Harriss 7, Biss 5, Munday 2.—G. A. JEFFERYS, Hon. Sec.

PARTICK AND DIS. C.B.C.

Monthly meeting on Thursday, March 14th. The following new members were admitted: J. Graham, J. Kidd, A. Wilson, C. Newgreen, G. W. Gow, and A Bergman. A show of muling pairs was then proceeded with, when 40 pairs faced the judge, Mr. James Laurie (Govan). His awards gave general satisfaction PAIRS FOR HYB. BREEDING: 1, 3, 6, Wilson; 2, Miller; 4, spl, Cochrane; 5 spl, Noddings; 7, spl, Graham GOLDFINCH AND CAN.: 1, Wilson; 2, Miller; 3, 4, 5, spl, McRobbie; 6, Todd; 7, Brown. LINNET AND CAN.: 1, spl, Miller; 2, spl, D. Graham; 3, Newgreen; 4, Cochrane; 5, 6, McAlindon. GREENFINCH AND CAN.: 1, Miller; 2, Graham; 3, Cochrane; 4, Lafferty; 5, Noddings; 6, spl, Henry; 7, Todd. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Miller; 3, Wilson; 4. D. Graham. A vote of thanks to Mr. Laurie for judging brought the meeting to a close. Next meeting, Thursday, April 11th; show of British Birds. We are still open for new members.—ANDREW MILLER, 3, Stephen-ter., Anniesland.

LEICESTER C.B.S.

Annual Pair Show, held March 2nd, at Hare and Pheasant Hotel, and it proved a great success, upwards of sixty pairs being on show, whilst many of the exhibits were fit to hold their own in any competition. Mr. W. Stevens officiated as Canary judge, and Mr. T. H. Ride took the Hybrid pairs, and they got through them in masterly manner. Mr. J. Heighton, the worthy secretary, had everything well in hand, and there was a good attendance of visitors. CLASS 1 (13): 1, Hartshorn, yell. cock, grand size and shape, lovely quality, charming buff hen, feathered like wax, nice short wings and tail; 2, Edwards, large var. yell. cock, extra good colour, nice type, nice short cobby buff hen; 3, Marriott, wonderfully large var. yell. cock, grand colour, matched to really grand hen; vhc, Gray; hc, West; c, Marriott. CLASS 2 (11): 1, Edwards, splendid clear buff cock, grand shape and colour, short cobby yell. var. hen of splendid quality; 2, Marriott, eye marked buff cock of good shape and quality, grand var. yell hen; 3, West, clear buff cock, good head and body, eye and wing marked yell. hen, a nicely matched pair; vhc, Gray; hc, Hartshorn; c, J. Heighton. CLASS 3: DOUBLE YELLOWS: 1, West, large clear cock and var. hen. CLASS 4: DOUBLE BUFFS: 1, Edwards, grand clear buff cock, lovely var. buff hen. NOVICE: CLASS 7 (7): 1, Lowe, grand clear yell. cock, short cobby buff hen of lovely quality; 2, Heighton, cap and neck marked thick set yellow cock, clear buff hen; 3, Harrison, ticked neck large yellow cock and cobby clear buff hen; vhc, Heighton; hc, Archer; c, Morris. CLASS 8 (2): 1, Archer, cap and wing marked buff cock, good quality and feather, and nice var. yellow hen; 2, Lowe, buff green cock, very good clear yell. hen. CLASS 9: DOUBLE BUFFS: 1, Lowe, grand clear cock and good quality var. hen. CLASS 10: CAN. MULE (15): 1, Heighton, charming cock Siskin, good clear yellow hen; 2, Archer, nice Goldfinch, splendid blaze and wings, good yellow hen; 3, Hunt, another good Siskin, and nearly green hen; vhc, Archer; hc, West PAIRS. HYBRID BREEDING (14): 1, Whitmore, cock Redpoll, a regular little swell, and champion hen Bully; 2, Hartshorn, really good Siskin, and a wonderful hen Redpoll; 3, Heighton, lovely Greenfinch, and a good Bully hen; vhc, hc, West; c, Hunt.

HEMSWORTH.

You will be pleased to hear, writes J. P. Carter (Ackworth Lodge), that one of our great mining villages has taken up the fancy of cage birds, in good earnest—viz., Hemsworth, near Pontefract. They had their first Show recently, when the entries numbered 68 in nine classes. The silver medal for best bird in Show was won by my champion Song Thrush. The judge was Mr. Ambler, of Bradford. The Society is going to have Members' Shows.

PAIRING-TIME ANTICIPATED.

BY WILLIAM COWPER (1731-1800).
Author of "John Gilpin."

I shall not ask Jean Jacques Rousseau
If birds confabulate or no;
'Tis clear that they were always able
To hold discourse, at least in fable;
And e'en the child, who knows no better
Than to interpret by the letter,
A story of a cock and bull,
Must have a most uncommon skull.
It chanced, then, on a winter's day,
But warm, and bright, and calm as May,
The birds conceiving a design
To forestall sweet St. Valentine,
In many an orchard, copse, and grove,
Assembled on affairs of love,
And with much twitter and much chatter,
Began to agitate the matter.
At length a Bullfinch, who could boast
More years and wisdom than the most,
Entreated, opening wide his beak,
A moment's liberty to speak;
And, silence publicly enjoin'd,
Delivered briefly thus his mind:
My friends! be cautious how ye treat
The subject upon which we meet;
I fear we shall have winter yet.
A Finch, whose tongue knew no control,
With golden wing, and satin poll,
A last year's bird, who ne'er had tried
What marriage means, thus pert replied:
Methinks the gentleman, quoth she,
Opposite in the apple-tree,
By his good will would keep us single
Till yonder heaven and earth shall mingle,
Or (which is likelier to befall)
Till death exterminate us all.
I marry without more ado:
My dear Dick Redcap, what say you?
Dick heard, and tweedling, ogling, bridling,
Turning short round, strutting, and sidelong,
Attested glad his approbation
Of an immediate conjugation.
Their sentiments, so well express'd
Influenced mightily the rest;
All pair'd, and each pair built a nest.
But though the birds were thus in haste,
The leaves came on not quite so fast,
And Destiny, that sometimes bears
An aspect stern on man's affairs,
Not altogether smiled on theirs.
The wind, of late breathed gently forth
Now shifted east, and east by north;
Bare trees and shrubs but ill, you know,
Could shelter them from rain or snow;
Stepping into their nests, they paddled,
Themselves were chilled, their eggs were addled;
Soon every father bird and mother
Grew quarrelsome, and peck'd each other.
Parted without the least regret,
Except that they had ever met,
And learn'd in future to be wiser
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When the eventful day came Peter was expecting his Bullfinch, because he had asked and obtained his parents' permission to accept the much desired gift. The cage was ready. It was a metal one, prettily enamelled in white and green, and it had been inhabited by a pair of Canaries belonging to Peter's mother, but these had been removed to more suitable breeding quarters. The cage was 18in. long and 12 wide; a fair size for a bird who was to be allowed to fly about the school-room or greenhouse every day. Two perches were placed low down across the cage, one opposite the seed pan, the other in front of the water cup; while another pair were fitted higher up and nearer together, so that Bullie could hop up and down from one to the other when he felt disposed for exercise. In the seed pan was a mixture of canary seed and summer rape, and on the floor of the cage was coarse grit, and a plantain plant pulled up by the roots from the roadside. "Garibaldi" was to have hemp seed, too, but Peter kept that apart, as he meant the bird to learn to take it from his fingers. When the cage was quite ready Peter ran to his mother and asked, "Is it nearly tea-time, mamma?" "Peter!" exclaimed his astonished mother, "it is barely half an hour since you had your breakfast. If you are so greedy I shall not let you have the cake at all." And that was a terrible threat, for the cake was all iced with delicious pink and white sugar, and round it were ten little candles of different colours—ten, because Peter was ten years old that day, and the candles were to be lighted up at tea time. Peter gave a sob, and answered, "It isn't the cake I was thinking of. But Bullie's cage is quite ready, and Charlie said he would bring him when he came to tea. Whatever can I do till then?" Peter's mother replied, "Your sisters are going for a long walk into the country. You go with them, Peter, and take your new flower-tin and fill it full of green stuff for your Bullfinch. He will relish blackberries and elderberries and privet, and shoots of hawthorn and hazel and wild cherry or plum, and also the flowers of dandelion and the common burnet; almost anything you can find in the hedges will suit him, so long as it is not poisonous. Take this bread and chocolate with you, and then you need not come home till four o'clock."

"Our Parrot.

She is an "African Grey," with a lovely red tail, and about five years old. Like most of the Parrot kind, she is very talkative and sensible, and knows when we speak to her, or when you are talking about her. If there is anyone in the house, she talks, laughs and whistles as long as they are there. I will name a few things she says, such as, "Hullo, what's the matter then, eh?" "You dirty old bird." "What be going about then, eh?" "Look out!" "Good bye." "Good night." "Polly wants her nut." She calls "Father" and "Mother," and spells "Bristol," etc. She calls both the cat and dog, and says to the dog, "Go back," "Lie down," "Get out," "Come on here," and laughs at them. We all like Polly so well that we would not part with her for anything. —Sent from HILDA SULLY (age 11), 44, Wellington Road, Bridgwater, Somerset.

*Teaching the Bird to Sing.

Father brought home a young Mavis, which he picked up in the country last summer, and, as it was such a fine, healthy-looking bird, he thought we boys could bring it up nicely. So, when we came home from school, father said: "Donald" (age 5), "I've brought you a bird home, and I want you to see after it. I will show you how to feed it, and, if you are kind to it, it will sing to you by and by." Of course, he was delighted, but we could not seem to hold him at all. Shortly after, mother asked father to call him in to tea. Father heard him singing "Tell me the old, old story," and asked him what he meant making all that noise in the bird-room? His reply was, "I'm learning the bird to sing, father; you told me it would." The bird died next day, either through its efforts to sing the old hymn or through neglect. —Sent by AUSTIN THURGUR (age 11), Fair View Stores, Rock Estate, Oulton Broad, near Lowestoft, Suffolk.

*The Starling.

Few birds are more common in this country, especially during the winter season, than the Starlings. They usually build their nest about the month of May, in the holes of ruins, in Pigeon-houses, or trees. This nest is formed of straw, fibres of roots, and down; and the eggs, 4 or 5 in number, are of a pale greenish colour, These birds have a strong and powerful voice, and may be instructed to whistle several tunes, and even to imitate the human voice. They collect together and fly in large flocks, and usually feed on insects and worms. Their bill is yellowish, and the body black, with white dots. —Sent by R. GLEADHALL, age 13, 35, Pearson's Field, Wombwell, near Barnsley.

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ILLUSTRATED IDEAS

Under this heading we shall illustrate weekly some idea useful to the bird-keeper. Readers are invited to send us particulars of any novel and practical appliance of use in our hobby, either in cage, bird-room or aviary, with a rough sketch of same where possible. Every "Illustrated Idea" used in this column will entitle the sender thereof to a postal order for two shillings and sixpence.

No. 85.

A NOVEL NESTING RECEPTACLE.

Sent by Harold Rudkin, Belton, Uppingham.

I am sending you a rough sketch of a novel nesting place for some of the small foreign Finches. All you require is a small fish basket. Place a piece of wood in the bottom

A Novel Nesting Receptacle.

to spread out the sides. Then sew up the top and cut a small hole in the side for purposes of exit. This, when hung in the aviary, forms an excellent nesting place for many of the smaller Finches.—H. RUDKIN.

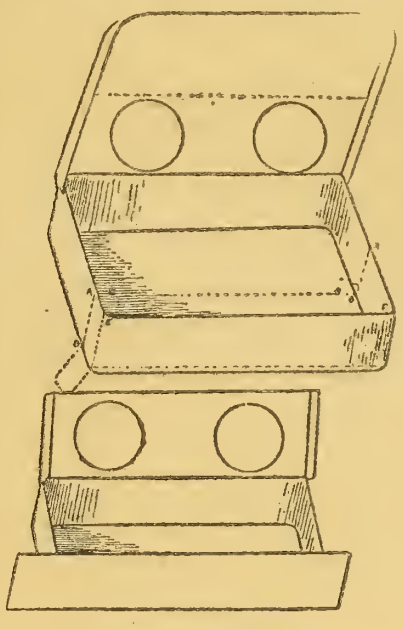
No. 86.

A SIMPLE SEED TIN.

Sent by W. R. Mumford, 4, Albert Road, Plymouth.

I am sending a simple idea in the way of a seed tin, which has proved very useful to me, especially where mixed seeds are used for fresh caught birds.

Take a cigarette tin which you find measure 4 ins. by 3 ins. by ⅝ in. deep. Cut from A to



A Simple Seed-Hopper.

B and from E to F. Straighten out two ends from cut, which gives a ⅝ in. shoulder each side when turned up from C to D. You will then have a tin 4ins. by 1¾ins. by ⅝in. Cut the lid straight across and make two ⅝in. holes. Cut opening in skirting of cage the same as for an ordinary egg drawer. Open lid to blow off husks and refill. Place through skirting which will hold everything in position.—W. R. MUMFORD.

Contents of Birds' Stomachs.

The "Northern Whig," in its Nature Notes, printed one of the most interesting paragraphs imaginable to bird lovers and bird-keepers. It is an account of the different food found in the stomachs of birds during the month of January. We note that all the Owls eat mice; the Magpie, grubs, beetles, corn and seed; the Jay, grubs, berries and acorns; Blackbird, seed, spiders and chrysalids; Skylark, seeds of wild plants; Linnet, seeds and berries; Chaffinch, seeds, berries and kernels of fruits; Greenfinch, seeds, berries, wild fruit and worms. It will be noticed that both the Blackbird and Skylark (and by our own observation we can add the Robin) eat various seeds during the winter, also that the Finches do not confine themselves to seeds, but eat wild fruits, berries and worms. The Chaffinch (and we can also add the Goldfinch) eats kernels of fruits and nuts, when obtainable. If this list was extended during each month of the year, it would greatly add to our knowledge of the economy of wild birds, and help bird-keepers immensely in feeding them while in captivity.

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The attention of Show Secretaries is directed to the following list of gentlemen willing to act as Judges. Terms for insertion on application.

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Schedules from W. YATES GREGORY, Hon. Sec.

Mr. J. Hardcastle has removed from 16, Crossley Place, to 9, Devonshire Place, Skipton.

Earlston (N.B.) Annual Show is fixed for November 30th next, writes Mr. John Brockie, the Secretary.

If you want Budgerigars or nests for foreigners, see my ad. under Foreign.—Pearson, Greenwich.—ADVT.

A cage containing twelve Cape Canaries was sold recently at the Worcester (Cape Colony) market for 1½d., so it is reported.

Exhibitors who intend supporting Llandudno Show should hurry up. The Secretary informs us that entries are very short. Particulars will be found in our advertisement columns.

In your reference to my bird fanciers' establishment, it should have appeared as being at 13, Lowther Arcade, and not at my private address.—G. H. BARNWELL (Harrogate).

Mr. R. Halliday will lecture on "Pairing Yorkshires" before the Great Horton G.I.O.S., at the Church Schools, on March 30th, at 8 p.m. A cordial invitation is given to members of kindred societies.

Members and friends of the Bristol C.B.S. should note that in future all meetings of the society will be held at the "Crown Hotel," Lower Castle Street, on the first Wednesday in every month, at 8 p.m.

The Dudley F.F.S., at its last meeting, decided to alter the name of the society to Dudley and District Cage Bird Society, with headquarters at the Crown Hotel, Wolverhampton Street, Dudley, where the next meeting will be held on March 26th, at 8.30 p.m.

In last week's advertisement of that well-known breeder and exhibitor of the graceful Yorkshire Canary, Mr. W. H. Shackleton, of Bradford, our printer made this fancier's strain the "Poragon." If he ever takes up the Yorkie, he will doubtless soon learn to spell it "Paragon," as it should be.

I send out some of my copies of CAGE BIRDS (the special numbers) to the West Coast of Africa (the white man's grave), to a friend of mine, who is in the gold mines at Yarkwa, writes Mr. J. Kershaw (Llanrwst). I had a letter from him yesterday, saying that he had seven Parrots, which were caught in his bungalow.

A big bundle of recent testimonials reaches us from Mr. T. Pearson, of Greenwich Market, S.E., one and all speaking in terms of highest praise of the breeding husks for Budgerigars, Cockatoos, and other foreign birds supplied by this advertiser, and mentioning the successful results in regard to young birds since the writers adopted them.

The appearance of advertisements for appliances for the birdroom, stimulates bird-breeders into making suitable arrangements for their stock. The nest-tins, egg-drawers, and moss-racks of Mr. Yates, 5, Albany Road, Reading, are welcome as old friends, while his combined perch-holder and red mite trap is as good and simple as can be wished for.

I thank all inquirers who have replied to my advertisement. I will answer all who have sent me stamps, but cannot the others, as I am inundated with letters and cards. Have sold out nearly 40 birds since Friday, March 7th, and sent money back to more than one applicant for the same bird. CAGE BIRDS is a wonderful advertising medium.—G. H. BOOTH (Shaw).

The "Boston Herald," U.S.A., of Jan. 18th, contains a report of the cage bird show held in that important American city. We learn that Mr. Charles A. Murray, late of Edinburgh, Scotland, won 17 firsts, 10 seconds, cup for best bird, and "pot" for most points in the show, scoring all along the line in Canaries (Scotch, Yorks., Lizards, Greens and Borders), both in fed and non-fed classes, also in Goldfinches, Linnets and Greenfinches.

A most interesting programme has been arranged by the L. and P.O.S. for the coming season, including lectures by Messrs. J. Dobson, A. Silver, F. Finn, N. Gilroy; an essay competition on "Food and Feeding of Cage Birds," First Feather Show, judging competition, etc. The membership roll has a very promising appearance, and those who would like to join should communicate with Mr. H. Lambert Brown, 64, Manor Park, Lee, S.E.

Interesting to Exhibitors.

Exhibitors will be interested in a case—remitted from the High Court—which was heard on March 18th, by Judge Woodfall at Westminster County Court, Jonatham Grinham, of Tunbridge Wells, claiming £36 from the committee of the Richmond Dog Show of 1906. Plaintiff exhibited a retriever in the selling class, with a reserve price of £40. It was sold at the auction for £3 16s., the buyer, it is said, soon re-selling the dog for £25. The defence was that there was no reserve price His Honour held that the plaintiff was entitled to succeed. A mistake had been made, and plaintiff should not bear the loss, because the defendants were responsible for the error of selling the dog contrary to the contract, which was fully set out in the entry form. Judgment for plaintiff, with costs. A stay was granted.

Lurgan O.S. hold their Annual Exhibition on Dec. 13th and 14th, writes Mr. S. M'Collum, the Hon. Sec.

Torbay Ornithological Society have fixed their Annual Show for October 30th, writes Mr. E. C. Parnell, Hon. Sec.

Mr. A. T. Jupe is leaving Southsea, and in future his address will be The Volunteer Arms, Petersfield, Hants.

I consider CAGE BIRDS the best value offered to the public in the cage bird line.—W. MONTGOMERY (Ballymena).

The Annual Show of the Weston-super-Mare P.P. and C.B.A. will be held on October 31st, under C.B.U. rules. Mr. J. H. Payne will judge cage birds.—G. W. READ, Hon. Sec.

The Morriston and District C.B.S. will hold their annual show on November 21st next. There is every indication of this proving a most successful fixture.—D. JEREMY, Sec.

I am highly pleased with CAGE BIRDS as an advertising medium; I have received orders from London, Berwick-on-Tweed, Ulverston, and from all parts of Scotland.—R. MORRISON (Glasgow).

We have engaged as judges for Hartlepools C.B.S. Show, December 6th and 7th, Messrs. H. W. Battye (for the third year in succession) and J. Maddison (Newcastle).—E. WOODHEAD.

The Sheffield C.B.S. have secured the spacious Temperance Hall (an ideal room) for their Annual Open Show on November 8th and 9th. Messrs. A. Ambler and W. Vardy are the judges engaged.—BISHOP and PILLEY, Secs.

Mr. J. Crossley (late of Acorn Inn, Bramley) informs us that he has removed to 35, Dickinson Road, Blackpool, where he will be pleased to see old friends and make the acquaintance of new ones interested in the Fancy.

I have had a regular shoal of letters and postcards through one advertisement in your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS. Have sold all the Finches, and apparently could have sold double the number.—F. P. DYMOND (Cardiff).

At the London and Counties A.C.B. meeting, on Thursday next, March 28th, at 8.30 p.m., at "The Bay Malton," Great Portland Street, W., Mr. G. Gardner will lecture on "The Norwich Plainhead and its Critics." Friends cordially invited.

We have fixed Saturday, November 23rd, for annual open and members' show of the St. Helen's Recreation F. and F.A., and have again been successful in securing Mr. Charles Houlton to make the awards.—J. SHUTTLEBOTHAM, Hon. Sec.

An interesting interview with Mr. T. H. Veale, the well-known West Country fancier, appeared, we note, in last Saturday's issue of the "Illustrated Western Weekly News." Mr. Veale has been elected chairman of the newly-formed Torbay Ornithological Society.

Through my last advertisement I have received over 70 orders for nest pans, appliances, birds, foods, etc. I received two orders from Guernsey, and several from Wales and Scotland, which speaks well for the wide circulation of CAGE BIRDS.—F. PERRY (Attercliffe).

The Welsh National Cage Bird Society have decided to alter the date of their First Annual Open Show to Oct. 30th and 31st, owing to the inability of the judges appointed (Messrs. Geo. E. Weston, J. North and J. B. Evans) to officiate on the date previously advertised. Fanciers please note.—S. J. NICHOLAS.

The London and Counties Association of Canary Breeders will hold a Show restricted to British birds and their Hybrids, also Foreign birds, at the "Bay Malton," Great Portland Street, W., this Saturday afternoon (March 23rd). Mr. A. Silver will judge. Fanciers will do well to pay this interesting show a visit.—ADVT.

Liverpool B.F.A. Dinner.

Please note, writes Messrs. Hadwin and Barrett (Secretaries) that, owing to the Liverpool Races falling on March 21st, the above dinner has been postponed till Tuesday, March 26th.

Red Mite Preventive.

Mr. Jas. Loughman, an Irish breeder, recommends the following preventive of red mite:—Before lining the nest, get a piece of camphor; scrape a little of it on to the leather, and rub it in with your fingers. This, he says, will keep away all insects.

A New British Bird.

The three examples of the Black Lark exhibited at the last meeting of the British Ornithologists' Club are said to be the first recorded examples for Great Britain. Two were captured in Sussex in January, one near Pevensey and one near Rye, and the other near Lydd, Kent, in February; and other specimens were also seen. It is thought they were driven over by stress of weather, which during January was exceptionally severe. The female of the Black Lark bears a strong superficial resemblance to the Skylark; but the male is very much handsomer, wearing a livery of black, though this is obscured during the autumn and winter months by rusty brown fringes to the feathers.

SHOW DATES FIXED.

To secure insertion in this column a guarantee that the show will be advertised in "C.B." to the extent of at least 25/- must be sent to our manager.

* Under the Rules of the C.B. Union.

*Oct. 4 and 5.—**Burnley.**
*Oct. 11 and 12, 1907—**Great Harwood.**
Oct 12.—**Crook.**
*Oct. 16 and 17.—**Grimsby & Dis. C.B.S.** (J.C.B.)
*Oct. 17 and 18.—**Dulwich and Peckham** (J.R., G.E.W., W.V.)
*Oct. 18 and 19.—**Rochdale O.C.** (C.A.H. & W.M.)
*Oct. 18 and 19. — **Newcastle and District Good Intent** (T.H., J.C.B., C.H. and J.P.)
Oct. 18 and 19.—**Accrington & District** (J.R.)
*Oct. 22 and 23.—**Plymouth W.C.O.S.**
Oct. 23 and 24.—**Wolverhampton & Dis. C.B.S.**
*Oct. 25 and 26.—**Manchester and Northern Counties, C.S.**
Oct, 25 and 26.—**South Shields C.B.S.** (H.W.B., F.M.)
*Oct. 26.—**Middlesborough Tee-side C.B.S.**
Oct. 26 and 28.—**Cheltenham C.B.S.**
Oct. 30.—**Torbay O.S.**
*Oct. 30 and 31.—**Welsh National C.B.S.** (G.E.W., J.N., J.B.E.)
*Nov 1 and 2, 1907—**Mansfield.**
*Nov. 1 and 2.—**Blackburn and District C.B.S.**
*Nov. 1 and 2, 1907. — **Blaydon-on-Tyne and District C.B.S.**
*Nov. 2.—**Rochdale Good Intent** (H.W.B., R.B.)
*Nov. 2.—**Bramley O.S. (Leeds)** (J.C.B.)
Nov. 2.—**Cleator Moor F.S.** (C.H. & A.H.)
*Nov. 2 and 4.—**Leicester Hand in Hand C.B.S.**
Nov. 2 and 4.—**Norwich Alliance (All England) C.B.A.**
*Nov. 5 and 6.—**York C.B.S.** (J.H.R., H.W.B.)
Nov. 6 and 7.—**Portsmouth.**
*Nov. 6 and 7.—**Swansea and District C.B.A.** (T.H.M., J.R., D.H.T., J.H.J., A.H.)
Nov. 7.—**Potteries C.B.A.**
*Nov. 7 and 8.—**Greenwich and Deptford** (J.R., J.D.)
*Nov. 8 and 9.—**Preston O.S.** (J.C.B., P.R.)
*Nov. 8 and 9.—**Hinckley** (J.R.)
*Nov. 8 and 9, 1907.—**Sheffield and District C.B.S.** (A.A., W.V.)
Nov. 8 and 9.—**Wallsend and Mid Tyne.**
*Nov. 8 and 9.—**Warrington C.B.S.**
*Nov. 9, 1907—**Bo'ness.**
*Nov. 9.—**Stockton-on-Tees & District C.B.S.**
*Nov. 12.—**Cambridge and Cambridgeshire C.B.S.** (J.R.)
*Nov. 13.—**Luton** (J.R.)
*Nov. 14.—**Merthyr Tydfil.**
*Nov. 15 and 16, 1907.—**Leeds** (P.R., J.R. & H.W.B.)
Nov. 16. **Consett.**
Nov. 16.—**Morpeth.**
*Nov. 16 and 18.—**Nottingham.**
Nov. 19.—**Wisbaw and District C.S.**
Nov. 19 and 20.—**Southend-on-Sea.**
Nov. 20.—**Inverness O.A.**
Nov. 20 and 21.—**Margate** (J.R.)
Nov. 20 and 21.—**Bristol C.B.S.**
*Nov. 21. **Morriston & District C.B.S.** (J.C.B.)
Nov. 22 and 23.—**Bolton.**
*Nov. 22 and 23.—**Hull** (J.C.B., C.H.)
*Nov. 22 and 23.—**Sunderland.**
Nov. 23.—**City and County of Perth.**
*Nov. 26 and 27.—**Bournemouth and District C.B.S.**
*Nov. 26 and 27.—**Derby** (J.B. J.R., J.H.R., J.H.S.)
*Nov. 27 and 28.—**Cardiff and District C.B.S.** (J.H.P. & J.R.)
Nov 28 and 29.—**Y.C.C. of Ireland** (H.W.B.)
Nov. 30, 1907.—**City of Dundee.**
Nov. 30, 1907—**Darlington C.B.S.**
Dec. 4 and 5.—**Bristol Fanciers' Association.**
Dec. 6 and 7.—**Hartlepools C.B.S.** (H.W.B., J.M.)
Dec. 6 and 7.—**L.C.B.A. (Westminster).**
Dec. 7, 1907.—**Cupar (Fife).**
Dec. 7.—**Seaham Harbour.**
Dec. 13 and 14.—**Gateshead and District.**
Dec. 14.—**Harrogate C.B.S.** (H.W.B.)

A Slump in Scotch.

At the Kilsyth Fanciers' Association meeting on March 16th the date of the Annual Show was definitely fixed for December 14th, writes Mr. A. D. Duncan, the Hon. Sec. The schedule was revised, and in the cage bird section the Scotch Fancy and Norwich Grizzle-crested classes were dropped. Judges left over for further consideration.

A Personal Explanation.

Messrs. Payne and Wallace (Bath) have favoured us with a reply to the letter of Mr. J. B. Housden, published in our issue of last week under the above heading. But in the meantime Mr. Housden has written us again to the effect that "this matter is now in other hands." We take this to mean that the matter is sub judice, and consequently we are not able to print the aforementioned reply of Messrs. Payne and Wallace.

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Points About Bird Keeping.

The City of Bradford O.S. met on March 16th at the Travellers' Rest to hear a lecture on Canaries, by Mr. J. S. Clarkson (Halifax). The lecturer said that in his large experience of breeding Fancy stock, the breeding of Canaries as a hobby for a working man was the most remunerative. Mr. Clarkson then gave the following useful hints: As a breeding room, he preferred an attic. For inside of nest lining, as a preventative against red mite, Stockholm tar. Before pairing up he adds a little treacle to the drinking water of the hens. Get breeding stock into condition gradually, not forcing. He is no believer in rich egg food. Dealing with the ailments of birds, he recommended the following remedies: As a purgative, syrup of buckthorn; for inflammation, turpentine (outside application); for colds, tincture of aconite; low condition, cod liver oil.—P. STANSFIELD, Sec.

Mr. W. Mills has removed from 16, Stewart Street, New Hey, to 17, Bell Street, Oldham.

Your "Bird World Magazine" and "Annual" are a perfect treat.—F. YARDLEY (Highgate).

Mr. C. A. House has been elected to judge Doncaster Show on July 4th.

Mr. A. M. Baird, the secretary of the cage bird section of the Paisley O.A., has removed to 23, Neilston Road, Paisley.

Mr. D. Harwood, Hon. Sec. of the Accrington and District C.B.S., asks that all communications for him should be sent to 39, Craven Street, Accrington.

I had no fewer than 27 applications for the pair of Virginian Cardinals advertised in CAGE BIRDS last week. They were sold by telegram.—T. PEARSON (Greenwich).

I am of opinion your journal, CAGE BIRDS, is absolutely the king of all birdy journals. I find great pleasure in reading it.—E. DURANCE (Lincoln).

The Stockton C.B.S. Show will be held on November 9th. Mr. J. Bailey will judge Yorkshires; Mr. J. Stanger, Norwich, Cinnamons and Crests; Mr. J. Maddison, British and Foreign.

A pair of Great Bitterns have for some time been observed on an estate near Hertford. One has now, unfortunately, fallen a prey to the gun. The bird is a most rare visitor to the country.

At the annual meeting of the Paisley O.A., on March 15th, the whole of the officers were re-elected, excepting Mr. M. Kyle (retired), and to whose place Mr. Neil O'Donnell was elected. The balance-sheet shows cash in hand £1 4s. 9½d., and other assets £90 14s. The loss on the Annual Show is given at £9 17s. 3d.

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Of the Western Counties O.S. one may truly say age does not wither nor custom stale its vigour. One of our oldest societies, it is also most up-to-date and progressive in its methods. The year just passed has been one of the best in its history. It has now a membership of 93, and its balance in hand was, during the year, increased from £34 6s. 5d. to £46 19s. 5d. In future the financial year will end in December, and not February as heretofore.

Mr. Jas. Brown (Bexley Heath) writes:—With great pleasure I write to thank you for the beautiful sketch (and, may I say, the very true likeness) of my Horticultural Hall winner, variegated 1906 dark Crest, which appeared in CAGE BIRDS on March 9th. I was greatly surprised and pleased when I found the before-mentioned picture of my gem. I have been a purchaser of CAGE BIRDS from its first number, and have watched with interest the great improvement of same.

A Social Evening at Newcastle.

We have received from Mr. J. R. Slack a rhymed account of a social evening recently held by the Newcastle Good Intent C.B.S. This, we regret to say, we are unable to cope with, owing to some of the lines being too wide for our columns. Mr. Slack's verse, however, has the merit—somewhat unusual in the Muse—of being definite in its presentation of facts, and we are able to gather from it that a very pleasant evening was spent by the members and their friends, and that full justice was done to the many dainties provided. We learn, further, that a presentation was made to the two Secretaries of the society, the precise nature of which we are unable to determine, though we are assured by Mr. Slack that the wives of those two officials will have no cause for regret. Dancing was engaged in during the evening, and we have our poet's authority for saying that Mr. Crawhall distinguished himself in this respect. We will permit ourselves to cull an extract in illustration of the fact:—

There was also Mr. Crawhall,
Of course he opened the ball;
And sang in the chorus of every song
That was sung within the hall.

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"CAGE BIRDS" COMPETITIONS.

"All the Winners."

Never in the history of this journal have competitions attracted so many entries as those promoted in our recent Birthday and Crystal Palace issues. The task of deciding between the various solutions and contributions received has proved so lengthy and difficult, indeed, that we are unable to give more than the bare names of the winners this week. In our next issue we shall hope to print those contributions which caught the judges' eyes, and give other details of the various competitions, which, we think, will prove not without interest.

Children's Competition.

In the "Mixed Heads and Bodies" puzzle the proper positions of the various portions of birdie anatomy were: 1 on 6, 3 on 2, 5 on 8, 7 on 4, 9 on 12, 11 on 10. The first correct solution which came to hand (in accordance with the conditions) was sent by—

Master F. J. DUNN (age 14),
East Lodge,
Coxhoe, R.S.O.,
Durham,

who is therefore entitled to the half-sovereign prize.

Hybrid Guessing Competition.

Our plate of Hybrid "enigmas" seems to have lived up to its title. Mr. Norman confided to us that he thought he had supplied a nut which would take some cracking. But we doubt whether he anticipated we should have to announce

NOT A SINGLE CORRECT SOLUTION RECEIVED.

Yet very careful sorting of the answers sent in fails to reveal one containing the following: 1, Greenfinch-Bullfinch; 2, Siskin-Greenfinch; 3, Linnet-Canary; 4, Siskin-Canary; 5, Greenfinch-Canary; 6, Goldfinch-Siskin; which is the correct nomenclature of the specimens depicted in our plate. Any reader who claims to have given the birds correctly, as per this list, must notify us by first post Tuesday next, March 26th, when we will look fully into the matter. But please understand that "Bullfinch-Hybrid," "Greenfinch-Hybrid," and so on, cannot count; the full parentage must have been given in every case.

Rhyming Competition.

The competition for the sovereign for the happiest verse or rhyme "inspired" by the frontispiece of the Birthday supplement has brought out some excellent efforts. The winner is adjudged to be—

Mr. H. C. FARMERY,
252, Water-street,
Accrington, Lancs.

His contribution will be printed next week, with a selection from the runners-up.

A Scotch Translation.

In the Scottish edition of CAGE BIRDS, dated January 26th, we offered a prize of 10s. for the best rendering into plain English of a clever dialect poem, sent us by Mr. J. J. Steel, entitled "The laddie wha gaed birdin'." This prize goes to—

Mr. GEORGE MACALPINE,
Rosehall,
Ballifeary-road,
Inverness,

whose contribution will also appear next week.

Norwich Plainhead Judging Competition.

The entry received in connection with the judging competition held on the birds depicted in Mr. Norman's plate, "A Blaze of Colour" (which accompanied the Crystal Palace Show Number), is simply stupendous. To get through the pile upon pile of "award slips" sent in by readers has been a task of days, and, curiously enough, careful sorting has failed to reveal even one reader who sees eye to eye with the leading Norwich Plainhead judge who kindly consented to adjudicate upon the birds in the first instance. His placings were as follows:—

First E; Second, D; Third F; vhc, C; hc, B; c, A.

If any competitor claims to have placed the six birds in this order he must notify us by first post Tuesday morning next, March 26th, when we will have his claim gone into. In the meantime, we will ourselves undertake another careful sorting of the coupons and letters sent in.

A Useful Price-List.

One of the most complete price-lists of fanciers' requisites which has ever come under our notice reaches us this week from Mr. C. Roehl, 400, Edgware Road, London, W. It includes cages of every description, Parrot-stands, outdoor bird-shelters and nest-boxes, indoor aviaries, and every description of neat and useful bird-room requisites. The very full manner in which it is illustrated adds greatly to its value. The Roller Canary Fancy, in which Mr. Roehl takes special interest, is thoroughly catered for, and hints are given on the treatment of this popular songster. The price-list will be forwarded post free to readers who send a post-card for it, and mention CAGE BIRDS when writing.

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As "CAGE BIRDS" has this week passed the extraordinary figure of

44,000 COPIES,

a rise of another two thousand in circulation since last we made a pronouncement on this matter, it will be as well, perhaps, for us to point out to advertisers precisely what this means to them and to us.

At one time in our history we boasted a circulation of 15,000 copies, and our advertisement rate was "3 words a penny throughout." This meant that for every inch of space occupied by the private advertiser we received, approximately, 2s. 9d., and for this amount we provided the type-setting, clerical labour, and 15,000 inches of paper. Under our present scale we receive (on account of the rise in our tariff after 18 words) about 3s. 3d. per inch on all lengthy private advertisements, and the same amount as we received before, viz., 2s. 9d., on all advertisements under 18 words. That is to say, we now give a private advertiser 44,000 inches of paper, the clerical and manual labour checking and setting up 78 words of type, for the ridiculous price of 3s. A private advertiser in "C.B." thus paying less than

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for every 1,000 copies in which his advertisement appears.

Will any practical man kindly inform us where the **profit** to us comes in? We give more than double the value, and receive less than a third more from a small percentage of advertisers. We can honestly say that were it not for the generous support we receive from the Bird Trade our mission in publishing a cage bird paper would come to a speedy conclusion.

We make this more or less personal explanation in reply to a letter received this week from one of our most esteemed Yorkshire breeders, in which he says: "'C.B.' is getting a little bit too grasping—the rate of charges for advertisement matter is considered almost too prohibitive to the general bulk of cage bird fanciers." Yet it is but the bare truth that were we to make our tariff two words a penny throughout on our present circulation we should be in a less advantageous position financially than we were when we had half the number of readers that we can claim to have to-day. So that if there be any "grasping," it is the hard-headed Yorkshireman who is doing it, and not "CAGE BIRDS." The Yorkshireman expects to have double value for the same price; we are to have double—in fact, treble—the amount of printers' bills, &c., to pay, while he can serenely go on paying the same advertisement rate as before. Fortunately he is in the minority; and even he is able to reconcile himself to reaching twice as many readers at a very little increase over past charges.

The case of contemporaries having lower charges is referred to. But our Yorkshire friend may be perfectly sure, if only from past experience and his knowledge of human nature, that as soon as ever those mediums could command anything like "C.B.'s" circulation, up would go their advertisement price to the figure they tried to obtain before and which they **still demand and obtain** from another and more successful source. Has our Yorkshire friend never heard of the fable of King Log and King Stork. How the frogs, discontented with a log of wood which they had made their King, deserted it for a Stork, which promptly gobbled them up. We do not flatter in comparing ourselves to a log of wood; but the tale will not be without instruction for such as can see the application thereof.

We have not the slighest illfeeling towards any of our Competitors; we are solely and wholly concerned with our own proposition. And when we claim to be the cheapest and best advertising medium, we do so upon open and guaranteed figures. We throw open our circulation books to the light of day.

The results obtained by advertisers speak eloquently, not only in the **glowing and unsolicited tributes of successful advertisers, but in the great number of advertisements received—considerably over 1,000 weekly.** And with the intimation that we are still able to give him better value than ever, our friendly encounter with the Yorkshireman must close. It is a financial problem for him to set himself to, which presents no difficulties in the solution for other readers at any rate.

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(3)—*Queries intended for different specialists must not be written on the same sheet of paper.*

(4)—**Queries must not include** *or be included in orders for books, instructions re advertisements, or any other matter for publication.*

(5)—*The department to which the queries refer must be stated in bold letters on the left-hand corner of the query.*

(6)—*If an answer in the same week's issue is desired, queries must be posted to reach us by* **Monday's first post** *at latest. Queries will be dealt with in the order in which they are received, and only as space permits. The earlier queries are received the better attention they are likely to have.*

(7)—*Queries relating to illnesses of birds, except enquiries as to cause of death (for which see Post Mortems) will be answered by return of post on receipt of a postal order for sixpence and an addressed stamped envelope. Queries of an ordinary nature will be answered by post, if desired, on receipt of a postal order for one shilling and a stamped addressed envelope.*

(8)—*All who require letters of complaint written to advertisers must state grounds for doing so clearly and fully, and enclose a fee of sixpence to pay postage expenses, &c., otherwise their letters will not receive attention.*

(9)—*All queries must be addressed* **the Editor, "Cage Birds,"** *154, Fleet Street, London, E.C. Only queries so sent will be answered. Postcards are not admissible.*

NOTE.—Readers are requested to carefully study past numbers and current issue before submitting questions. By doing so they may save trouble and unnecessary repetition.

THE following gentlemen represent CAGE BIRDS staff of **ADVISORY EXPERTS.** Queries must in no case be addressed to any of them individually, but to the Editor.

Norwich Plainheads.—**J. H. Payne.** Yorkshires.—**H. W. Battye.** Crests & Crestbreds—**W. E. Greeves.** Cinnamons & Miscellaneous Canary Queries—**J. North.** Border Fancies—**J. Patterson.** Scotch Fancies—**R. Wright.** Lizards **Barker Clegg.** Lancashires—**S. R. Compston.** Greens—**S. Hadwin.** Belgians—**W. B. Cobb.** Rollers—**F. A. Lester.** British Birds, Mules & Hybrids—**G. E. Weston.** Foreign Birds—**Wesley T. Page,** F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S., &c. Park and Lake Aviculture—**Frank Finn,** B.A., F.Z.S., M.B.O.U. &c. Wild Bird Life—**H. Norman.**

CANARIES.

NORWICH PLAINHEADS.

Answered by J. H. PAYNE.

Early Pairing (A. Jones).—I should advise you to wait another fortnight at least before you pair up your two Norwich hens. You will find you will be far better off at the finish of the season. The fact of your hens having made a nest each for a fortnight and sat in them continually shows they are not yet properly fit for breeding.

Norwich Cock and German Hen (Young Beginner).—I should advise you to part your pair of birds, and put them together again in about a fortnight's time, and in the meanwhile let both have a little egg food every other day, and a good pinch of maw seed. Probably you will find, when you part them, that the cock will sing. Some cocks are very quiet and sing but little whilst with a hen, and some not at all.

Cock Removed to Cold Room (Anxious).—Your question is somewhat difficult to answer, as it is impossible to tell when a bird that is in a soft moult like yours will finish. Your removing him from the warm kitchen, where you have had him all the winter, to a cold room is undoubtedly the cause. I should advise you to put him back into the kitchen, as this may perhaps check him, and if it does not he will no doubt get through quicker than he would in your cold room. Feed him generously, and cover over at night with a warm cloth. It will be of no use your putting him with a hen until he has quite stopped moulting and is again singing stoutly. If you are anxious to breed from your hen, I should advise you to procure another cock if you wish to be on the safe side.

Laying Irregularly (D. M. D.).—The reason your hen has laid her eggs so irregularly is because you paired her up before she was properly fit; or she may be an old one. I do not think you will do any good with the clutch you speak of, so do not be disappointed. If she fails to bring any chicks, give her a rest for a fortnight or three weeks, and in the meantime feed her liberally. Let her have a little egg food every other day, and two or three times a week a good pinch of maw seed. Also give occasionally a spray of watercress.

To Produce Yellows (Norwich).—As you only want an ordinary pair of breeding Norwich you should be able to procure a good healthy pair for about 15s. Have a yellow cock and a buff hen, and these will produce you some yellows. There is no special variety of Norwich for producing yellows. All will do this if paired to a yellow on the one side. I rather fancy you want to breed clears, so procure a pair of birds that are quite clear, and you will then get a good percentage.

YORKSHIRES.

Answered by H. W. BATTYE.

Pairing Relations (D.B.).—No, I do not think it would be wise to breed with the birds you have, as I should expect your birds to deteriorate both in size and stamina. Ask some of your local breeders that are practical breeders of Yorkshires, and you will see what they have to say on the matter. Why not try and sell either the cocks or hens, and buy a couple to replace? Or you might be able to exchange them if you made your wants known in our advertisement columns. The best advice I can give you is not to breed with them.

Poor Condition (Hombre).—Get a little pure olive oil; catch the birds, and drop 3 drops into their beaks, hold the birds' mouths open until the oil has been swallowed; use a warm knitting needle, dipping it into the oil. Let the birds' diet be plain white canary seed, give daily a little milk sop, mixing with it 6 drops of syrup of buckthorn, and a little moist sugar, then sprinkle a pinch of maw seed over the lot; continue this treatment for a week and then substitute Parrish's Chemical Food for the syrup of buckthorn for another week or ten days, when I think you will find an improvement in the birds' condition. You might also with advantage give them 10 drops of glycerine and 10 drops of whiskey in their drinking water, fresh daily until the hoarseness abates.

CRESTS AND CRESTBREDS.

Answered by W. E. GREEVES.

Breeding Two Crestbreds Together (J. W.).—Is your object in mating two Crestbreds together to produce Crestbreds for the show bench? If so, let me point out to you that this is unnecessary, and a plan that should not be adopted: far better pair a Crest to a Plainhead (Crestbred). To tell you whether or not you will get youngsters from two Crestbreds fit to show is beyond me; if the parents are up to the standard for Crestbreds, you may reasonably expect to get good birds from them, but if the parents are birds with small or pinched heads, and scanty thin head feather, then I should say no.

Mating Two Crests Together (G. R.).—Two Crests should not be mated together unless both of them have very large Crests, and perfect in every particular; you may from such a pair get one or two well-formed Crests, and some that are termed Mop Crests, the latter the more likely of the two. (2) Your Crest cock should be mated to a Crestbred hen; to mate with an ordinary Plainhead, not Crestbred, would mean you getting youngsters with very small crests. (3) I should advise you to mate your large Crest hen with a good Crestbred cock (buff), one with a good head and plenty of feather. If you are breeding with the object of producing show birds, I should not attempt to breed from a small yellow Crest cock; if you do, procure a big green Crestbred hen for him; even then the chances are that the produce would only be fit for cage songsters.

Breeding Crestbreds (Fortinaco).—By mating Crestbreds together you will get Plainheads, no Crests, but you will frequently get Plainheads from two Crests. The young from two Crestbreds may be mated to Crests, but by adopting this method, you are strengthening the cause of the Crestbred and weakening that of the Crests. If you desire to breed a bird of the Crestbred stamp, do so by continuously breeding from the Plainhead, and do not introduce the Crest at all; but, mind, if you do this, do not at a later date mate these with the Crests, because if you do, don't expect to breed good Crests.

CINNAMONS.

Answered by J. NORTH.

Cinnamon Crests (W.A.).—No, it is not at all an easy matter to breed Cinnamon Crested cocks and, as you remark, most of the Crests of this colour have been hens. They are nearly all buffs, very few yellows have been seen. You could obtain a Cinnamon Crestbred cock through an advertisement in CAGE BIRDS. Pair him to a yellow green crested Norwich hen, and then to a yellow Lancashire Coppy hen; a rough crested bird from two Coppies would answer well. The rest of the work is chiefly a matter of selection. Pick out of the progeny a Cinnamon hen, and match her to one of her half-brothers, or even to one of her own brothers, and so on.

Self or Foul Yellow, or Buff (Ambitious).—From your description I take it your bird is not self coloured, because one of the many meanings of the word "self" is "same." A self-coloured bird must be of the self-same colour—i.e., all one general colour. The light feathers in your bird's wings and tail, foul or spoil the self colour, and give rise to his description as being a foul-feathered Cinnamon. As you say he is big and bulky, in all probability he is a "buff" or "mealy," as it is very difficult to get yellow birds that are large. Most fanciers keep the large yellows for their own purposes. The crossed wings are a sign of coarseness, which is a fault in a Norwich Cinnamon. I should advise you to pair him with a self yellow Cinnamon hen; you are more likely to obtain success in this way than matching him to a Bullfinch hen, for the percentage of young ones from nests of eggs from a Bullfinch is very small indeed.

Chill from Bicycle Journey (F. Harrison).—Glad to know bird is recovering. You can now discontinue the syrup of buckthorn and substitute Parrish's Chemical Food in its drinking water. Go on with the diet of seed and bread and milk sop until the bird gets into fuller song. Give also some green leaves of watercress, dandelion, chickweed or groundsel; if you cannot get these give slice of sweet apple or boiled carrot. Hang up the bird in a place where he can get the benefit of sunshine and fresh air, but avoid draught or he will go on with his soft moult. A week or two of this treatment will in all probability bring him into song and breeding condition.

BORDERS.

Answered by J. PATTERSON.

Hen Ailing (T. W.).—The Border hen in question has evidently caught a chill on the journey, as you surmise, and you are treating her quite rightly, except for taking the seed away—that is to say, if you give milk sop one day and egg food the next. Let her have in addition a little scalded rape every other day, on the day you don't give egg food, and to every half-teaspoonful of the latter add three drops of Parrish's Chemical Food. Mix it well. Stop the drugs you are now using and give in their place six drops of glycerine and four of whiskey; see that she is covered up at night and kept away from all draughts.

Loose Moult (D. B.).—The strain of casting feathers all the season has evidently weakened your hen, and I would not advise you to rely on a successful season with her. You should procure another to fill her place. Treat her as follows, and if she should turn out all right, she will come in handy as a spare hen:—Give for the next 12 days 12 drops of tincture of quinine in drinking water, or until you see some improvement, then replace by ten drops of syrup of buckthorn. Give plain canary seed as staple diet, and every other day half a teaspoonful egg food, to which add three drops Parrish's Chemical Food. On the days you don't give egg food give a pinch each of maw, rape, and inga, and about twice a week a small piece of sponge cake with three drops of sherry on it. Keep covered up, warm, and free from draughts.

Songless (I. Stark).—From the description of your bird I think he is in perfect health, and you may have every confidence that he will fill the eggs. He has evidently had a chill and thereby lost his voice. His action in running along the spar with wings down and throat quivering plainly shows that he is in breeding form.

SCOTCH FANCIES.

Answered by R. WRIGHT.

Five Birds in Moult (M. of B.).—I am afraid your stove must have smoked when you did not notice it. I never knew one night's shifting to put five Scotch Fancies into the moult; the time would not be sufficiently long to cause it. Every year I lime-wash my room, also all breeding cages and nest boards, and I am never troubled with red-mite. I would advise you to feed well on egg food, and you will be in time for the breeding season in May. Buff birds will take five weeks and three days to grow wing and tail feathers, and yellow six weeks.

Bird with Faulty Wings (W. Hales).—This being a long and severe winter, I find plain canary seed not sufficient to support Scotch Fancies. I advise you to add to the usual diet a little egg food and a small quantity of maw seed. I think that with this extra nourishment, and due care in other respects, you will find your bird's wings come all right.

ROLLERS.

Answered by F. A. LESTER.

Singing Cages and Eggbinding (T.H.)—The best cage to keep a Roller cock for singing in is a box cage—that is, a cage with the front only open, as that confines the birds' attentions, and you get a better song. There are a great variety made by the cage makers who use our columns, and one about 12 in. square would be the best. Hens will not get eggbound if you feed correctly. Give a little apple and do not use much hemp seed. I, and several other fanciers, have come to the conclusion that hemp seed has much to do with this trouble. Roomy breeding cages will also help much.

Varieties of Rollers, etc. (E.H.S.).—What is the difference, you ask, between the various named varieties of Rollers, and may you keep one in an aviary with small Foreign Finches? The different varieties mentioned in your query only differ in these respects:—The first-named (Hummels) is only a trade name for the second named, viz., St. Andreasbergs. These are partially-trained Rollers that sing fair tours in the higher scales, and are sold at from 10/- to 21/-. Hartz Mountains are the untrained, free, loud singers of the Roller tribe, sold at 5/- to 7/6. Seiferts represent the higher class of Roller Canaries, and are called so after a German breeder of that name who did much to improve the Roller Canary in the years 1880 and 1890. A Schoolmaster is a Roller so called from his greater perfection of song and ability, or presumed ability to act as teacher to others. There is not any difference in the size or colour. The Seifert would suit you the best; consult the Roller advertisement column, and have one or two on approval, and your ear will decide for you. You would not get much song from a Roller kept with Foreign Finches. Kept by itself it would be a delightful addition to your foreigners.

MISCELLANEOUS CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by J. NORTH.

Rape Seed Sample.—I have lost three good Canaries, and in each case after a feed of enclosed seed. They were in splendid condition up to the day of eating it, when all showed the same symptoms of bowel trouble.—ANNA DUKE.

Such experiences would seem to show the lurking danger in the rape seed, and I do not relish the idea of repeating it on my own birds, so I have burnt it. Previously to doing so, however, I examined it and considered it sweet and good; my impression is that although your birds died after eating it they did not do so in consequence, but from some other cause.

Dried Yolk of Egg.—Am pairing Roller cock and Norwich hen. I have some dried yolk of egg which I mix with Softbills' food. Would this be suitable when mixed with crushed biscuit for rearing young Canaries? If so, in what proportion? In the "Canary Book" two kinds of prepared food are said to be perfect; one contains cod liver oil? Which is the better?—A. E. TRENT.

In my opinion dried egg must take an inferior position to moist, freshly-prepared egg food. In many cases I know the owners cannot give that constant attention to their stock which the supply of moist food entails, and in such cases no doubt dried egg and crushed biscuit make an excellent substitute. One teaspoonful of dried egg might be mixed with three or four "Osborne" biscuits, or with one or two "tea" biscuits, and moistened with a few drops of milk or water. I think the intention is that the plain food should be in general use and the cod liver oil food only occasionally.

Bird always Shedding Feathers.—My bird is always shedding its feathers even at this season. It eats well, but sings hardly at all, sitting motionless for hours.—THEODOSIA.

These symptoms show conclusively that the bird is in low condition; it may also be old or troubled with a diseased liver. It is only by taking prompt measures that it will be at all likely to recover. It should be kept in a box cage and in a warm room where there is plenty of light and air. In addition to seed let it have some bread and milk sop, also slices of sweet apple, boiled carrot, or salad, such as watercress, lettuce, groundsel, or chickweed. Into two tablespoonfuls of its drinking water mix half a teaspoonful of Parrish's Chemical Food. This must be given in a glass or china vessel.

Short of Feather.—(1) Hen Canary very short of feather, appears in good health. Seed diet, with egg food three times a week, sweet apple, and a little of Parrish's Chemical Food in water. Will she breed all right? (2) Green hen, small Crest, paired to Roller cock. What kind of birds shall I be likely to get?—F. YARDLEY.

(1) I fancy you are feeding too liberally, and why you are giving Parrish's Chemical Food is not stated. I should advise you to simplify the treatment. Red mite might have some blame in the matter. Have you examined the bird and cage by candle-light? That is the best time to see the army of parasites manœuvring. If found, smother bird and cage with Pyrethrum Insect Powder, and thoroughly cleanse the cage. She will probably breed at the usual time. (2) Small birds, patched with dull greenish black or brown plumage, some with rudimentary turn-crowns. Young cocks will very likely whistle "like Billy O."

No Feathers on Head.—Hen Canary has no feathers on head or neck. Have sprayed it with quassia and dusted it with insect powder, also rubbed head with lotion of glycerine, sulphur and milk. I am feeding on seed, egg food, and few drops of Parrish's Chemical Food, also fruit and salad. The feathers have begun to come round the bill, and she has laid two eggs. Is she fit to pair.—NOVICE.

You seem to have been treating your bird excellently. Nothing could be better, and the success which such attention deserves appears to be assured. Go on with this treatment for a week or two. I cannot understand why this hen should lay two eggs when in a cage by herself, unless she had previously been paired up or had been kept in a warm room where cock Canaries were singing. There is no reason that I can perceive why she should not soon be paired up, and in all probability she will go on in the usual way.

Lining Nest Pans (Beginner).—You can paste your felt nest linings in, or they may be fastened with joiners' glue, or with any of the cements that are recommended for joining glass or china. Let the hen also have a supply of moss and hay, then some doe hair, tow, or wool to finish off with.

Two Cocks Off Song.—Can you tell me how to make two 1905 cock Canaries resume their song; they have not sung since moulting? I have given them the things mentioned in back numbers of CAGE BIRDS, and they are well fed on seed, apple, and green meat, also Parrish's Chemical Food.—F. W.

You do not actually say that these birds ever did sing, and for all I know they might have passed into possession recently with the reputation of having sung last summer, but my impression is that they are hens. The only thing I can suggest is that you run them into separate cages. Hang them up in a place where they can get plenty of light and air, and if they do not come into song in a few days you may depend on it they never will. Cannot you get an experienced fancier to examine them? Many birds that are hens sing enough in their first year to make many people think they are cocks.

Colour Feeding.—At what time should I start? Do the young have colour food every day, and do I mix it with egg food? What is your opinion of the following recipe?—1 lb. tasteless pepper, ½ lb. turmeric, ¼ lb. sugar, 2 oz. olive oil. Am I right in giving green food same day as egg food?—SUNNY JIM.

There is nothing got except tedious work by colour feeding until just before the moult commences. When you buy and mix it yourself you know what you have got, and this knowledge cannot be improved upon by purchasing another's compound. Turmeric is no use; birds dislike it, and it is not so rich in the right tone of colour as bird pepper. Get a supply of this, of the deepest colour, rich in moisture, but do not mix it with sugar or oil. Mix a teaspoonful of it with some hard-boiled egg and crushed biscuit. Green food may be given in moderation at the same time.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

Rearing Young Blackbirds and Thrushes.—Would you be good enough to advise the best food and treatment of the above from the nest? Is there any special appliance for using to feed?—F.S.

Blackbirds and Thrushes are very easy to rear from the nest, and many people do so on nothing but bread and milk. Equal parts of stale bread and best ants' eggs (freed from rubbish), made very moist with new milk, would be a very fair food. To rear strong, lusty youngsters, however, the method I prefer is as follows:—Boil a fresh egg ten or twelve minutes, and, when cold, well mix with a fork the yolk and a little (say a third) of the white into two crushed Osborne biscuits; add to this a heaped-up tablespoonful of best ants' eggs (removing bits of stick and rubbish, if present), stirring all well together. Just before you feed, take the necessary portion of food and make it into a sloppy consistency with new milk. In hot weather (and at all times) be careful the food is always fresh and sweet. Feed a little at a time only, but very often, from dawn to dusk; and a feed after dark is not at all a bad thing. As the youngsters get a little older, cut a few mealworms into pieces, dip them into milk, and drop them into the nestlings' mouths. At this period, too, a great many fanciers add now and then a pinch of small, but sharp and gritty sand to the food; I often do so myself. It seems to act as a preventative of loosenss of the bowels (or diarrhœa). Give also at all times flies and like small insects; and live ants' eggs if you can get them. Young birds want feeding once an hour (do not "stuff" them at any time) at first; every two hours or so at later stages. Cease hand-feeding when they cease to "cry" to be fed, and are picking up food for themselves. Keep the young birds warm, cosy, and scrupulously clean. No special appliance is necessary for the feeding. I have used a large, blunted (with a pen-knife) match stick with every success; likewise a quill toothpick with all sharp corners removed. The handiest implement I ever possessed, however, was a little bone mustard spoon, which I cut to a suitable shape and different sizes at each end (handle and bowl), and smoothed off with very fine glass-paper. Different fanciers have different ideas though, and once used to a certain thing cannot feed with any other! I expect many, too, will be trying the glass syringe idea, shown in an illustration in the January "Bird World Magazine." Put the food well down at the back of the tongue, and always be careful not to bruise or lacerate the tender mouths of the nestlings.

What Seed? (K. C. Leishman).—The seed you send is dari. You ask if it is good for feeding cage birds. Why did you not say what sort of cage birds? It is all right for Doves; and such birds as the Hawfinch and Crossbill will sometimes tackle a little. But for the smaller seed-eating British birds it is practically useless, being too large and hard.

Skylark and Song Thrush (Novice).—Song Thrushes can only be accurately sexed by hearing them sing. Generally speaking, the cock is the slimmer bird of the two, with a longer, slimmer, flatter head, when viewed in profile; but these things are most uncertain guides. You ought to get it on song by giving it eight or nine mealworms daily, varied by cooked snails (immersed in boiling water for a time, chopped up, and just mixed amongst the soft food), and any other creeping things, and flies and other insects such as these birds delight in. Live food will be plentiful shortly; I met lots of snails in my walks across the fields last Sunday. Give your Lark plenty of insect food, too. If they do not sing as soon as the mild, sunny days put in an appearance, they must be hens, or else in very poor condition. Larks and Thrushes out in the open have been singing for some little time now; in captivity, for a month or two.

After Cross Moult (Pet).—The Mule is practically certain to feel the strain of the cross moult—a somewhat prolonged one, by all accounts. I can advise nothing better than a course of Allan and Hanbury's Byno-phosphates, which any chemist would procure for you. Put one teaspoonful in each two tablespoonfuls of drinking water—or, of course, half a teaspoonful in one. Give it fresh daily, and use a glass or china vessel, if possible, when administering it. Continue the treatment for a fortnight at least. The song will return, without a doubt, when a return to vigorous health is made.

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Opinion on a Greenfinch (Electrician).—I had a look over your Greenfinch. He is not at all a bad specimen, though there is not quite enough of him, and he is not quite the correct grass-green colour. The leaders had the measure of your bird somewhat easily in these two respects. It is the very yellow kind that take the colour food strongly. I like either a very light blue or very light green, or extremely dark green, for the show cage of a Greenfinch. Intermediate shades do not show Master Greenie off at all. Inside and wires should be enamelled alike. Suit your own taste as to which of the three shades mentioned you select.

Sand and Wild Seeds (G. W. Read).—The sample of sand you send is not sufficiently gritty. It is not unsuitable for use on cage bottoms, by any means, but an admixture of coarser, more shingly material would have to be made; or the latter (grit of suitable size) would need to be supplied in separate tins. Four to six of sand to one of grit would answer well. Ketlock is another name for charlock, a plant of the late summer and autumn, bearing yellow flowers (resembling a Primrose League badge), and lyre and oval-shaped leaves, and long, pea-pod shaped seed-pods, containing hot tasting seeds. Gold of pleasure has small globular seed-pods, yellow flowers, and arrow-head shaped leaves. Shepherd's purse has heart-shaped seed-pods, white flowers, and leaves also somewhat arrow-headed in shape. Cole (or colewort) has a yellow flower, oblong, wavy-looking leaves, with the seeds arranged in a row in long pods. Safflower I do not know as a "wild seed"; it is bought at seed shops, and looks exactly like a small edition of sunflower seed. It is quite impossible for me to definitely promise to send samples to readers; am always willing to do whatever I can to oblige them, but unfortunately my time is generally very fully occupied.

Birds in a Greenhouse (Lincoln).—I have very frequently given my opinion on the keeping of birds in a greenhouse; and it is invariably an unfavourable one. Yours (glass all round) is not at all a good type. If you decide to try the experiment, give the roof a strong coat of "summer cloud," or similar wash, to exclude direct sun rays; also, by all means, leave on the trailing rose tree which covers the roof in the summer time. That no plants requiring water are kept therein is a satisfactory feature. I advise you to get a truck-load (more or less) of the "sharp sand" that builders use, and cover the floor with it to a good depth. The surface you can rake over from time to time, and renew to the needed depth, as may be required. A pan of grit should find a place in the aviary. You could turn in from six to 12 hen Canaries (if you choose), and a half-dozen to nine cock Finches. No hen Britishers unless you reduce the number of Canaries and substitute two or three hen Bullies, when no cock Bullies must be included. You could hardly better this list: Goldfinch, Linnet, Redpoll (both Lesser and Mealy), Twite, Siskin, and Greenfinch. If you want to include a likely breeding foreign seed-eater or two, consult our Mr. W. T. Page.

Genuine Crosses or Not (Cymro Bach).—Most decidedly the Greenfinch-Bullfinch and Canary-Bullfinch crosses are genuine. But they are not easy to get; wherein, I take it, lies the chief charm of trying for them. I answered a very similar query to yours last week; see reply to "Buggins." The act of copulation takes place many times (as you say), yet the eggs which follow are unfertile just the same. But one never knows how soon that fertile clutch, which shall repay us for long waiting and many disappointments, may turn up. As I said last week, if we got 'em every time of asking they would no longer be rarities and no longer valuable. Take heart, and try again. Linnet-Greenfinch Hybrids are easily produced, as a rule; also Redpoll-Canary. Very large yellow hen Canaries are the best to produce exhibition dark Mules; a heavily-variegated yellow Norwich hen, for instance. She may be poor type (that is, slovenly in wing or tail carriage) and a bit loose in feather so long as she is very stout in frame. Pair to her the biggest and best-coloured cock Finches you can lay hands on. A good seed mixture for any Mules at this season of the year is:—Canary two parts, teazle one part, hemp and summer rape half-part each, maw and linseed quarter-part each. In the hot weather reduce the hemp and linseed, and increase the teazle. Any of the special Finch or wild seed mixtures advertised in our columns will make a good and acceptable change, given twice or so a week. A little sunflower seed once or twice a week would also be sure to be appreciated. Any of the usual green foods may be given, flowering groundsel (not coarse leaves), chickweed, shepherd's purse, dandelion, lettuce, watercress, etc. The three first mentioned may be given practically ad libitum. All Mules are very fond of shepherd's purse. Give your ailing Finches the sulphate of soda treatment I so frequently recommend. You must not ask so many questions at a time (three should be the limit) or you risk having to go without an answer. It does not give other readers a chance.

Larks Going Wrong (A. H.).—I consider your surmise to be quite correct. You do not give enough vegetable food, which would tend to regulate the bowels and prevent constipation. See the lengthy replies I gave an issue or two ago on the feeding of Larks, and follow the advice therein. Grated raw carrot is very valuable, and generally available; likewise cold boiled potato, mashed. Then you can mince up lettuce, rape seedlings, chickweed, cress, clover grass, etc., and mix amongst the soft food. Let them have plenty of insect life, such as mealworms, smooth caterpillars, spiders, wood lice, earwigs, flies, and similar things.

Linnet Wild (F. A. Moy).—I am afraid I cannot help you. You have tried hard, and if you can't get the Linnet steady—well, you can't, and there's an end to it. Some are quite impossible. At the same time, you have not had him caged any particular length of time. If so good a bird as you say, I would certainly keep him over a moult. He is hardly likely to Mule, however.

An Aviary Proposal (G. E. S.).—I don't like the 5 ft. at back 8 ft. at front idea; the reverse would be, and look, much better, I think. You will find it far better to make a shed at one end. Roof over 5 or 6 ft. at the east end; the end looking into the wired part should be boarded up for 2 ft. from the ground, and down to the eave at the top. Cover the floor of the shed with coarse gravel, or coase gravel and "sharp sand" mixed, which any builder will supply. An outdoor aviary, unless it be an extremely large and well-shrubbed place, is most unsatisfactory in winter unless a snug roofed and boarded shelter is provided. Your place will hold two to three dozen birds very comfortably, indeed.

Pairing for Mules (E. Poynter).—It is quite true that hen Canaries sing a little at times; hen German Canaries in particular seem prone to do so. But I am inclined to think your supposed hen is in reality a cock. The fact that she sings and also fights the cock Goldfinch through the partition wires, points very strongly to this being the case. If this is the case you can take no steps—except, of course, to provide another hen (a real one, this time). It is an error any dealer or fancier may at times fall into—to sell a cock for a hen—just as they no doubt at times quite unwittingly do the reverse thing. If "her" throat pulsates markedly (or swells out) when singing, you can bet on the bird being a male. If you examine the vent, too, and find it very prominent, instead of flat-looking, that will serve to clinch the matter.

What Bird? (W.L.V.).—Your description is really too "bald" for anything, and any attempt to name the bird from it is so much guesswork. You describe the colour of the beak; yet, apparently, the colour of the head and wings, and the manner of its markings, are not important enough to merit a mention! To take a plunge more or less in the dark, I should say the bird you have is a cock Chaffinch. If it has a sort of black hood over head and down sides of neck, it is a Bramblefinch.

Song Thrush Ailing. (Anxious). Your song Thrush may have got something accidentally lodged in the eye which gives rise to irritation (the running you mention seems to point to this). The latter will cause the bird to rub the eye on its perches, which might well account for both the bareness there and the growth. Keep the bird for a time in a cage without perches, covering the floor very thickly with peat-moss litter. Dissolve a small teaspoonful of boric acid in a pint of warm water, and bathe the eye with this twice daily for two days. Paint the growth with undiluted witch-hazel (from any chemist), using a small pencil-brush to do it with.

Mate for hand-reared Hen Twite (Hybrid).—Who hand-reared the hen Twite, I should be interested to know? Also where the nest was found. Hen Twites have never been known to do much in the breeding line in cages, I fancy; but I imagine this is due to the fact that few fanciers have given them a trial. They are not fashionable, in short, amongst Hybrid breeders. I should think the most likely mate for her would be a cock Linnet. But you say the "most suitable"; and here I should plump for either a Goldfinch or Siskin, as the progeny, if any, would then be likely to be handsome, and valuable from the show point of view.

Chaffinch Refusing Bath (Novice).—Chaffinches are very free bathers, as a rule, and I expect the neglect of the water by your birds arises purely out of nervousness due to their being but recently caught. Spray them a few times, if you like, or hang them in sight of a bird which enjoys its tub—goes into it and makes a splash. This may arouse in them a desire to go and do likewise.

Breeding Cage for Muling Couple (What Ho!).—The best cage, in my opinion, for a muling couple, is the double breeding cage sold by every up-to-date cage-maker. It is especially valuable for beginners. In size it should be about 3 ft. long by 16 in. high by 10 in. wide. I like to have two partitions for use down the centre—one partly wired (at the bottom), and the other of solid wood—so that one can slip in whichever may be necessary. The pairing and feeding have been frequently dealt with this last few weeks in both article and query columns. Any building which is perceptibly damp is not, in my opinion, a suitable place for keeping birds in.

Which Linnet? (W.V.N.).—I should choose the steadiest and stoutest-singing Linnet of the three, no matter whether house-moulted or red-breasted. At the same time, the house-moulted bird ought to be the one to stand ahead in these points.

Cock Canary and Hen Linnet (W.W.).—A cock Canary will certainly pair up with a hen Linnet, and the mules resulting from the cross will be good songsters. A hen Linnet, however, as maybe you are aware, makes hardly so reliable a mother as a hen Canary. Mules bred this way, too, never seem so large and attractive as those bred by the orthodox method of pairing, viz., cock Finch to hen Canary.

In Outdoor Aviary (A. Hall).—You can breed in a cage hanging on the wall of an outdoor aviary, but the birds flying about in the latter persist in flying on and clinging to the wires of the former, thus distracting and bothering its inmates. Very often, too, the cock bird inside gets at loggerheads with cock birds outside, and rows and fights through the wires are then frequent. Taken altogether, it is not usually a happy method. Greenfinch to Linnet is a likely mating. But Greenfinch to Chaffinch is a very unlikely one indeed; any young would be extremely valuable, though.

Goldfinch in Moult (J.B.).—Perhaps the fault lay on your side, if you don't mind me suggesting it. If the previous owner had been keeping the Goldfinch in a warm room, for instance, and you put him in a cold one, (or vice versa) the result would be to send him into a cross moult like a shot. This is a point one wants to ascertain when buying birds. You can now only endeavour to keep the bird's health up, to help him quickly over the trouble, and about the end of May he may quite likely be ready to fill eggs for you. Gather him all the young dandelion you can, and on every second day mix a teaspoonful of Allen and Hanbury's Bynophosphates in two tablespoonfuls of drinking water.

Concerning Mules (Queries).—A crested hen Canary can certainly be used for breeding Linnet of Greenfinch Mules, if you choose, and the young will be good singers. Plainhead hens are better, however; the average crested Mule is a funny-looking object at the best of times. A hen Goldfinch can be successfully mated to either a Linnet or Greenfinch cock, and the young Hybrids turn out smart little songsters; they sing very freely if trained under a good Canary, though, to my own way of thinking, this does not improve their song.

Two Hybrids (E.W.O.).—I duly received the dead body, and showed it to Mr. Frank Finn, who agreed that you were correct in describing it as a Hybrid between the White-headed Nun and the Spice-bird. He had no recollection of hearing of the cross before. Have you any others in your aviary; or was the ill-fated bird sent the only specimen? I shall hope to have the pleasure of seeing your presumed Canary-Bullfinch Hybrid at some time or other.

Hybrid Ailing (Cornwall).—From the symptoms mentioned, I believe a dose or two of saline medicine, and a change of diet for a time, would put the bird right. For one day dissolve as much sulphate of soda as will lie on a sixpence in two tablespoonfuls of drinking water. Repeat this twice, at daily intervals, if it seems necessary. Take away his seed for a time daily, and try to get him on to the following: Mix a teaspoonful of best ants' eggs (free from all rubbish, bits of stick, etc.), with a teaspoonful of crushed Osborne biscuit, make just crumbly moist with new milk, and sprinkle freely with maw-seed. After the saline has acted well, add half a teaspoonful of taraxacum (dandelion juice) to the same quantity of drinking water for a few days.

Siberian Goldfinches "Gone Home."—I have had two Siberian Goldfinches this season. One has just "gone home." What do you think of my feeding? Friends tell me they are hard to keep. Is this so? I bred good Mules last year from one.—A. McINNES.

Siberian Goldfinches have acquired a reputation for "going home," as you put it, quickly, but, really, I do not know that they are any worse than British Goldies in this respect. Look at the great number of fanciers who are continually complaining that they cannot keep the latter successfully. Possibly Siberians do not live quite so long as Britishers in captivity; but that is all, I think. If one breeds good Mules from them while alive, I don't see that one has a deal to grumble at; and they undoubtedly breed bigger and better Mules than British Goldies, when one has the luck to be successful. Your feeding is not to my own liking at all. You give far too much canary seed, which my own experience tells me is of small value as a food for Goldfinches. Siberian Goldfinches appreciate the same seeds and delicacies as our British Finch, but need indulging less freely with fattening, stimulating foods—especially so during hot weather. A good stock mixture now would be hemp and teazle, three parts each, canary two parts, and linseed one part. Give a little maw and niger frequently, also a good feed of white sunflower seeds (cracked if necessary)—not all at one time, of course, but one or other daily. Thistles, hard-heads, dandelion, flowering groundsel and chickweed, wild seeds, etc., are all good for them, and appreciated. Many Siberians are lost through wrong treatment when first bought, owing to the unfortunate inexperience of the buyer. They are immediately put in a cage with food and water hung outside, consequently they starve, or die of thirst, never before having seen a water-hole, much more put their head through one. Food and water should always be put inside to them, and it should be seen they get at the same. Inga (niger) seed is their staple food during importation, and they must have an unlimited supply of this and maw seed at first. When they have got the taste for sunflower seed (it comes quickly, for they are very fond of it, and it is a grand food for them) gradually wean them off the niger. Should a bird seem to droop at any time, give it at once a dose of sulphate of soda for one day; as much as will lie on a sixpence, dissolved in two tablespoonsful of water. Repeat the day after, if necessary. Follow this with a course of citrate of iron as a tonic, a tiny pinch (just a few granules) dissolved in the same quantity of water. Watch its effects on the bowels; if is constipating when given too strongly. Also, don't give grit freely at first. They will simply "gorge" it; and then comes trouble.

Concerning a Hawfinch.—Have just bought a Hawfinch, and would be glad to know the proper treatment for it. I believe it was imported, so I suppose I cannot show it in British bird classes. —BIG BEAK.

Your question is rather a delicate one. The best answer I can give you is to say that if you refrain from telling people that it is an imported bird, no one will ever be able to find out. If your conscience is lively enough to prevent you from entering the Hawfinch in a British bird class, all well and good. But between you and me and the gatepost, there is a lot of humbug talked about this question; anyone with the least inside knowledge of such matters could tell you of any amount of imported Woodpeckers, Nuthatches, Tree Creepers, Blue-headed Wagtails, etc., which have won heaps of prizes for owners who well know them to be imported specimens. As regards the feeding of your bird, the principal food for a caged Hawfinch is sound, plump, white sunflower seed. Given this, and a mealworm or two every day or so, the bird asks for little more. The mealworms, however, should be given direct from the fingers; a little patience, and he will take them fearlessly, so great is the bird's love for these squirming creatures. They are an invaluable agent in steadying a Hawfinch. The bird also appreciates hemp, linseed, canary, oats, and sometimes a little buckwheat, dari, groats, summer rape, small maize, etc. His powerful beak makes short work of beechmast, walnuts, plum and cherry stones, bawthorn, privet, etc., berries, and the like. One never need be fast for dainties acceptable to the Hawfinch. Green food they are not particularly keen on, but appreciate a little young lettuce, watercress, chickweed, shepherd's purse, also ripe apple, pear, etc., occasionally. They make an exception in favour of tender green garden peas, of which they are passionately fond, and these are especially good for young birds, given in the pod. They are fond of a bath, so let him have one whenever the weather is suitable. See his perches are of proper thickness, and if food and water hang outside the cage, see also that the head-holes are of proper size.

Thrush with Fits.—My Song Thrush has had several fits at odd times lately, which cause me some worry. He had a very long moult, but seems just commencing to sing. Is there any permanent cure, or ought I to let him fly?—A. T. JAYES.

Yes; there certainly is a permanent cure in many cases—in fact, I should say in most where the bird

is not an absolute physical wreck (if I may use the term) through gross mismanagement and bad feeding. You have fed your bird very well indeed, and no doubt weakness, due to the prolonged moult, is at the root of his trouble. Yet I see no reason why he should not pull round in time, and throw off the tendency to fits. Mix a half-teaspoonful of tasteless cod liver oil with his daily food supply. It is best to commence with a smaller quantity, and gradually work up to this dose. On alternate days you could put a small teaspoonful of Parrish's Chemical Food into every two tablespoonsful of drinking water—that is, plain water one day, medicine the next. As regards treatment for the fits, many fanciers have told me of their success when using bromide of potassium. If you immerse a bird's head in cold water for a moment, it usually suffices to end a fit at once. Also drop into the beak three or four spots (not more) of a ten-per-cent. solution of potassium bromide, which any chemist will prepare for you. Give two or three drops daily for a time, and at once on any sign of a fit. If you experience any difficulty in catching, etc., the bird to administer it direct into the beak, stir a small teaspoonful of the solution into two tablespoonsful of drinking water. Don't give the Chemical Food at the same time, however; also allow frequent intervals on plain water when giving the bromide of potassium.

Treatment, etc., of Crossbill.—Please tell me how to feed a Crossbill. Will it still retain after a house moult the red breast and head that it now has? Is it considered a rare bird? I never saw one before I had this. I find it likes mealworms.—WELSHMAN.

A Crossbill is not at all a rare bird; still, it is far from common. It is generally a winter visitor to the southern parts of Great Britain (though nests have been found there), frequenting the forests of Scotland in fair numbers. Many are seen from time to time on the show bench. Most are shown in their wild (i.e., red plumage). After a moult in captivity their colour changes to a yellowish green. I have heard of a case in which a moulted Crossbill retained some of the red shade in its plumage; but this was a noteworthy exception. The comparative amount and depth of the red colour is said to form a reliable index to this bird's age. The Crossbill is a Finch, remember. Your bird may be given for seed sunflower, hemp, and canary seed; and for animal food three or four mealworms daily, with any other insects you can get. A few berries (haw, privet, black, and so on), also the core and pips of apples, smashed walnuts, etc., and fruit are relished. Offer him any of the other seeds or seed mixtures in general use now and again; also small maize, dari, wheat, and the like. Sometimes he will eat a little, and variety is good. The Crossbill will find a great fund of amusement, and a supply of food also, in a few fir and pine cones, if you can get them with the seed in. He will also find you some employment in finding him with new perches, for he will use his spare moments in chewing these up. It is good for him, too, to have exercise for his curious and powerful mandibles. I found him an amusing and interesting bird when tame. Don't give the fir, etc., cones in a "green" state. Gather them ripe, when about to open; if necessary lay them in a warm place (such as a cool oven) until they open.

Feeding and Crossing a Chaffinch.—Please give me the correct treatment for a Chaffinch. Would a cross with a Canary be likely to make a singer?—NEW READER.

I seem to be very frequently telling readers how to feed Chaffinches. Pity you did not look up recent issues. I don't think you are at all likely to succeed in crossing a Chaffinch with a Canary. At the same time, it is a feat one or two fanciers claim to have accomplished, so you have some encouragement to try; if you get any young they will be valuable, and the males would almost certainly turn out good songsters. As a staple seed mixture give the following: Canary and teazle four parts, summer rape two parts, linseed one part, maw a quarter part. In addition, give a good feed of white sunflower seed daily. Smashed walnuts (and other nuts) are greatly relished also, and should be given occasionally in the light of a special treat. Keep the proportion of linseed down durnig the hot weather, but give it more freely during and towards the end of the moult. Give a mealworm or two every day or so, varying same with flies, smooth caterpillars, grubs, earwigs, spiders, aphides, gentles, wasp grubs, etc., as obtainable. These birds are not particularly keen on green food, but will nibble with appreciation a sprig of shepherd's purse, chickweed, groundsel, dandelion, etc.; radish, turnip, and summer rape seedlings are eagerly devoured, however, when just sprouting.

Treatment of Titmice.—(1) Am I doing right in feeding Blue Tits as per instructions for feeding Nightingales? (2) Would gentles do in place of mealworms?—TITMOUSE.

You certainly are feeding the Tits very well indeed if you are following the advice I gave a querist recently on the feeding of a Nightingale. Briefly, the species require some good insectivorous food daily, and a supply of canary, sunflower, hemp, and maw seed; also mealworms and other available insect life. They are fond of various table scraps—fat meat, suet, cheese, vegetables—but these things should not be overdone during the hot weather. Berries of many kinds are also relished. But Blue Tits are not so keen on seeds, etc., as some of the other members of the Tit family. They must have plenty of live food whenever it is obtainable, otherwise they are very liable to go "light," when there is nothing for it but to give them their liberty. (2) Gentles, and maggots generally, Tits are very fond of. I certainly, however, should not rely upon them altogether to replace mealworms, etc., if that is what you mean. Get them some ants' nests during the season by all means, as you are in a position to do so. There is nothing better for any insectivorous bird than live ants' eggs; and the ants themselves, too, if they will eat them, as almost all do. I will look up the matter you mention. I gave the method, but it was perhaps twelve months ago.

Bullfinch Bald (West Birmingham).—I answered an exactly similar query last week. Read reply to "H.W." and follow advice therein.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S.

Best Talker.—What is the best talking Grey? I have one, but it does not whistle or make any noise at all scarcely, and am told it is no good for learning to talk. How can I tell a young bird?—N. LATHAM.

The African Grey makes the best talker, and is an all grey bird with the exception of its crimson tail. The so-called Australian Grey Parrot is really the Rose-breasted Cockatoo, having grey upper parts, rose-coloured under parts, and power to erect the white feathers of the crown as a crest; this species has very little talking capacity, though one hears of talented specimens occasionally. You had better get an African Grey Parrot, though this will need care in acclimatising. Get a young one, and pick one that is alert and lively; pass those by having a sleepy, puffed-up appearance, and watch them a little before they are stirred up. A young bird has the iris of the eye silver grey, that of the adult being pale yellow. You will have to teach it to talk; there are two methods:—(1) Constant repetition of words and short sentences; (2) keeping it where it will hear plenty of conversation. You had better try both methods, and should ultimately develop a talented bird. A newly imported young Grey will need care at first. Keep it warm, and strictly out of draught. If quite a young bird it will need boiled maize at first (this only keeps fresh one day), but when you find it eating freely of the seed mixture, gradually wean it from the boiled maize. For seed mixture and other items of diet, see other replies in this and recent issues.

Loss of Budgerigar Cock (T.H.).—You must remove the odd hen, or she will upset the other pairs' nesting arrangements completely; that is the invariable rule. All the years I have kept these birds I have never known one male to look after two hens, and I don't think he will in your case. My Budgerigars have bred right through the year in my garden aviary, and there are young in the nest at the present time; however, this is unwise, only I could not avoid it. When you have them in cages it is best to let them have only three nests a year, and after that to separate the sexes if necessary, to prevent their nesting, as it ultimately leads to improperly fledged young, and the wearing out of stock birds.

Red-faced Lovebird.—My bird is frequently relaxed, and I think it arises from its drinking too much; otherwise it appears well. How often ought it to have water?—L.G.

Do not leave water in cage all day, but let it satisfy its thirst morning, noon, and evening. If the relaxation continues make its drinking water just saline with Epsom salts for one day only, and then leave things to take their course; but if you should notice any weakness, then for about a month just colour its drinking water daily with Parrish's chemical food. Keep a piece of cuttlefish hanging in the cage and a small piece lying on sand tray. Keep it in a fairly warm position out of reach of draught. Diet:—Canary, white and spray millet, with at this season a little ripe apple as green food. Keep sand tray covered with good bird grit, and while it is relaxed, clean same daily.

Building Outdoor Aviary.—I enclose rough plan of proposed aviary; it is to be 9 by 6 ft., with an extra length of 3ft. as shelter sheds. How many will it accommodate?—A. T. P.

I take it the two shelters shown in your plan are about 3ft. square each; they should not be smaller than this, and I should advise that the roofs be boarded and felted, and not glass as suggested. A moderate window in two sides of each shed would amply light them. The glass must be covered with wire netting on the inside. Your plan otherwise would answer well; so would your other structural plans and suggested materials. Use ½ in. mesh wire netting. It would hold 50 to 60 birds; but I should suggest 10 to 15 pairs to commence with—say, pairs each of Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Siskins, and brown Linnets, and Gouldian, Long-tailed Grass, Rufous-tailed Grass, Pectoral, Ribbon, Zebra, Ribbon, and Diamond Finches; Avadavats, Golden-breasted and Grey Waxbills, with a pair of Diamond Doves and some small species of foreign Quails for variety. See reply to "A. A." in this issue on same subject. Even greenfly taken from laburnum has been known to poison captive birds, so I should certainly advise you to grub out the stump of same before putting up your aviary. If you want further help as you proceed, ask for same.

Sketch of Outdoor Aviary (A. A.).—Your suggested aviary should be a success, but I advise you to have the shed and covered part of flight boarded and felted, reserving the glass for front and ends only; the seed glass should be covered with wire netting on the inside. For the framework 2in. square quartering should be sufficient, and the flight should be covered with ½ in. mesh wire netting; ½ in. wire netting should also be carried from skirting board, 18 in. below ground level, and then turned outward for 9 to 12 in., so as to exclude vermin. I should advise you to keep your shed as one flight only, wiring off sufficient space just inside the door to view the birds and give room for a few shelves for storage of food and utensils. For Greenfinches, etc., no artificial heat will be required, though a service of pipes to warm their night shelter in extreme weather is no disadvantage. I should advise the shed to be 8ft. long; this will leave the flight 12½ft. Of this I should roof in 2½ft., and also run a 12in. board the whole length of flight against the wall. This will give you good shelter for nesting receptacles. You cannot make your flight too wild; take a bit of common land as your example.

What Parrot?—Can you name my bird for me? General colour, green; wings darker; blood-red shoulder patch, black and red round neck, and red beak. Will it talk, and what is its treatment?—"HILBERT."

Your bird is the Indian ring-necked Parrakeet (*Palæornis torquata*). Most individuals of this species learn to articulate many words very clearly, and are also good mimics. The temperature of any ordinary living-room will be ample, but this, and all birds, must be protected from draughts. Diet: Canary, oats, hemp, dari, wheat and sunflower seed; grit, cuttlefish, green food, nuts, ripe fruit, plain biscuit, and a little boiled potato (dry), and water ad lib. Do not give table scraps, or any kind of slops.

Catching Birds in Aviary (W.H.P.).—Make a fair-sized all-wire cage, with a large flap door which can be worked by a string from the outside; put your food vessels in the cage, prop up the door, and simply release it by means of the string when the birds you wish to capture are feeding. There is but little difficulty in catching birds so, even in the largest enclosures. One pair would ultimately breed in your cage, but not with the same freedom as in the aviary. I fear you can do nothing with birds that throw out their young, that is, if you have hung up a sufficient number of husks. There should be at least double the number of husks about that there are pairs of birds; even a larger proportion would be better where you have the space. If you have only one husk up for each pair, by increasing the number you may get over the difficulty; but if they persistently continue to throw out their young simply get rid of such unnatural parents. Diet: Canary white and spray millet, with oats (white), regularly when they are feeding young; green food, grit, cuttlefish, plain biscuit or dry crust of household bread. I cannot recommend you to put either British or Foreign Finches with Budgerigars; for a time all goes well, then you begin to pick up mutilated bodies or maimed birds, and the mischievous Budgerigar is the culprit.

Parrot Queries (Perplexed).—(1) Fill its seed hopper up each morning, and so long as there is any seed left do not replenish it till the next day. But it will not matter if you confine the mixture to the three seeds named, so that you mix them as follows: 1 pint canary and ½ pint each hemp and white sunflower seeds. It is always safest to call in a vet. at once for swellings or tumours, but, if you do not care to do that, try touching same with a spot of tincture of iodine from the point of a fine camel hair brush; but it must only be a touch, and see that it does not reach the bird's eye. (2) Half fill the seed hopper with dry mixture, and then fill up with the boiled maize (this last only keeps fresh one day), and I think you will soon find the bird taking the dry mixture. When this occurs gradually wean it from the boiled maize. Keep its bowels freely moving (not loose) with Diniford's Magnesia (for directions see other replies). Continue the ipecacuanha mixture daily for a week or ten days. Put 12 drops of Parrish's Chemical Food over its boiled maize for the next month. Fasten some fine wire netting under cage grating so that bird cannot reach its excreta. Supply grit in a tin, and keep up a regular supply of cuttlefish for both birds.

Treating Young Grey Parrots ("Jerome").—Your two birds were evidently contaminated with that scourge of Grey Parrots septicæmia, which often does not develop for 4, 5, 6 to 8 weeks; it is caused by the insanitary conditions under which they are brought down to the coast and imported to this country. The only remedy is to give a mild aperient and keep very warm and free from draught, but in more than nine cases out of 10 it is fatal. Never use a cage for another bird in which a bird has died till it has been well sterilised. For directions as to this see replies in our last issue. A young Grey should be kept warm and quiet, and fed on the dry seed mixture (see other replies), and a little boiled maize. When it is freely eating the dry mixture gradually wean it from the maize; give grit only sparingly at first, also give in small quantities ripe fruit, nuts, and plain biscuit, and let it satisfy its thirst three times a day. Keep a piece of cuttlefish in the cage for it to chew. A newly-imported Grey is always a more or less risky purchase for reasons stated above; it is mostly cheaper to give a higher figure for a bird that has been 12 months in this country, but see that you get such.

Blue-winged Lovebird.—Hen is in very poor feather; some of her feathers have been pulled out by the cock; she is now caged up separately. How shall I treat?—M.A.M.

Diet: Canary and white millet, green food, a little ripe fruit if they will eat it; grit, cuttlefish, and a continuous supply of water. Keep it warm, out of draught, and caged separately till its plumage is in condition again. For the next month just colour its drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food. At the same time keep a watch upon it, and if its bowels are not moving freely, for one day, instead of Chemical Food, make its drinking water just saline with Epsom salts. To prevent the skin of head hardening rub in a little clean vaseline, but not sufficient to grease its plumage. If the head has been very closely picked, and for any length of time, it is probable it will recover its plumage, but slowly.

Outdoor Aviary (A.A.).—(1) Use the division as you suggest, but not as a permanency. (2) If you carry netting into the ground, around the aviary to a depth of 18 in., concrete should not be necessary. (3) A light is an advantage under special conditions; it would be as well to have it for such, but it is not really essential. (4) The wire must be inside the glass. (5) Either; but a running door would be preferable. (6) Do not have tubs, let the shrubs be planted in the soil. (7) An outside provision for dry sand, food hoppers, and extra shelter for nesting receptacles. (8) You need not fear the thorns. (9) Give the wire netting a coat of Brunswick black; this enables you to see the birds better, as well as being a preservative. (10) Much the same as in a greenhouse, say, in a height of 7 ft., 3 ft. matchboarding, and the remainder glass. (11) I should not plant the holly hedge; have a double course of wire netting, this will be more effective and not hinder your vision of the birds. Re Britishers: For these, simply enclose a piece of your garden by putting up light standards and bearers, and stretching wire netting over same, erecting an open-fronted shed at one end, the front of which should be as near south as you can arrange.

Cages, etc., for Foreign Birds.—(1) Can Java Sparrows, Avadavats, etc., be kept in cage in a dwelling house? (2) What is the smallest cage that should be used? (3) Should the birds be kept in pairs, and would any breed in cage? (4) What is their food and treatment?—BOSCOE.

(1) A Crystal Palace type cage, 2 ft. x 2 ft. x 16 in., would accommodate about a dozen, but the cage must not be stood where the wind can blow through it. They should do well in any living room, provided they are protected against draught when room is being cleaned or aired. (2) An ordinary single breeding cage must be the minimum; the double type would be better. (3) If you desire to have any chance of breeding, only one pair must be kept in each cage. (4) Keep a liberal supply of bird grit and crushed egg shells on your sand tray, give a daily bath; but have a bath to hang over cage door, outside the cage. Canary, white and spray millet, green food, a few ants' eggs, cuttlefish, and a regular supply of clean water for drinking. When they have young to feed supply a little of some good soft food mixture.

Breeding Foreign Finches.—I have pair of Bengalee, Java Sparrows, Cutthroats, and Zebra Finches, all in finest condition. Must they be put up in separate pairs, what nests, and what special treatment?—H.E.C.

Leave the Avadavats in the aviary, as it is very seldom even in large aviaries that these birds attempt to breed. Cage the other four pairs up separately, using nothing smaller than a single breeding (ordinary type) cage, but a double one would be better; leave the ordinary nest box in, and put a Hartz travelling cage at the other end; of course, you must take out the fittings and cut out a couple of the bars to make an entrance. All of them are probable breeders. Supply long grass, hay, and a canary nest bag for nesting material. When they have young to feed supply a little of some good soft food mixture, fresh green food twice daily, and scatter a few ants' eggs over sand tray. When they show signs of nesting, crush some egg shells, and mingle these with their grit.

What Companions for Budgerigars? (Pro Bono Publico).—It is very difficult to answer without having the dimensions of your aviary. If it is an ordinary Crystal Palace aviary (cage), 2½ x 2½ x about 18 in., I should advise either of the following alternatives:—(1) Another pair of yellow Budgerigars for contrast; hang up four husks and leave the two pairs to breed; it would be interesting, and the two varieties disporting themselves together make a really fine display. (2) Put in pairs of Passerine Parrakeets and Greyheaded Lovebirds, the predominating colours of all being green. (3) Red-crested Cardinals (pair) and Grenadier Weaver (cock only), all active birds, showy and brilliant. (4) You might try a pair of White-eared Conures. I do not think they would touch the Budgerigars; in an aviary with space they certainly do not, but as to their behaviour in an aviary-cage I am somewhat in doubt. Budgerigars are notably treacherous to Finches, etc., in either cage or aviary. Of course, if you banished the Budgerigars, a dozen Waxbills in variety would make a handsome show, as would also a dozen Finches. If you will repeat query, quoting size of aviary, and stating whether it is your intention to retain Budgerigars, I will try and give more definite help.

Building Outdoor Aviary (Angus).—Your suggested plans would answer well, but the front I should advise you to have 12 in. of boarding at top and bottom, and the space between open wirework. You would want a square of glass in end of shed or door to light up same; it must be protected by wire netting. You will not need the wooden shutters; the combined wood and glass ones will fully answer for all occasions. For such birds as Budgerigars they will not be needed except in very extreme weather, even in your Northern locality. You will have space for thirty birds, but I should not advise you to put in more than three or four pair at first, as they will soon increase, and if you get each pair from a different source, the young can be permitted to interbreed, without fear of deterioration. Use Brunswick black for painting the wire netting, and Hall's washable distemper for the interior, and good oil paint for the outside woodwork. You could keep about 40 small Finches and Waxbills in a similar house, but only half that number for breeding purposes. I do not think you will be bothered by cats; if you fear them at nights close your shutters, but you must make provision for ventilation in warm weather. Re consumption of seed, I have never tested this myself. I should suggest getting a peck each (not cheap stuff), canary and white millet, from some reliable dealer (see advt. columns), and you can soon settle the point for yourself.

Grey Parrot—What Diet, etc. (Bird Lover).—(1) A staple mixture consisting of: 2 parts each canary and oats, and one part each wheat, dari, hemp and sunflower seeds; grit and cuttlefish. Give in addition, green food (cleau and fresh lettuce), plain biscuit, ripe fruit, nuts, boiled potato (dry), and raw carrot. At first let it satisfy its thirst three times a day; ultimately the water can be left in cage continuously. (2) Yes, but some Parrots will not bathe; in such case they must be lightly sprayed, care being taken to keep them out of draught till dry. (3) Most probably it will learn new phrases if you persevere with it: keep it where it will hear plenty of conversation, and also frequently repeat to it such words, etc., as you wish it to learn. Note: Refer back to other replies on the Grey Parrot in recent issues, and you will get many hints. Guard against draughts, and do not give slops, buttered foods, or any kind of animal food.

Amazon with Cold and Diarrhœa (Enfield).—The bird must be kept warm, out of draught, and quiet; for one day only make its drinking water quite saline with Epsom salts, and repeat this in a week's time. Let it have as much cuttlefish as it will eat, and put on a piece of biscuit, or any absorbent food it readily eats, 10 to 12 drops daily of Parrish's Chemical Food. You can still give the cold remedy in the drinking water, if it is needed, on such days as you are not giving the salts. Keep its cage strictly clean; it would be better to remove its voidings at once. It would have been better if you had written sooner, but unless there is some trouble, which your letter does not indicate, it should soon improve under above treatment; if it does not do so, it will certainly die, as it appears to be in a very bad way. Should have sent a postcard, but your query bore no address.

Birds for Cages (Constant Reader).—(1) Yes, Cutthroats would breed in a dome cage, 2 ft. x 2 ft. x 16 in., but it would be better to screen the corner in which you put nest box by a piece of canvas outside the wires, and by heather sprays within; if they are not disturbed by having the nest box examined they should breed, but they must have the whole cage to themselves. (2) You could keep the Cutthroats and Avadavats together, but a better selection would be, pairs each of Common Avadavats, Green Avadavats, Zebra Waxbills, Orange Cheek, St. Helena, and Grey Waxbills. These are all beautiful and merry little birds, easy to keep and cheap (3/6 to 4/6 a pair). Occasionally there are losses among new purchases, but once acclimatised they are hardy and long-lived. If you hang up longitudinally half-a-dozen cocoa-nut shells (the ends of which you have sawn off so as to leave, say, a 2 in. hole), and supply them with a little moss, you will find your pets not merely beautiful but very interesting also. There should be several food hoppers about the cage.

Corrections.—Under GALAH PARROT, for Rose-crested read Rose-breasted. Under WHAT PARRAKEET? for *falœornis*, read *Palœornis*.

PARK & LAKE AVICULTURE.

Answered by FRANK FINN, B.A., F.Z.S., M.B.O.U., etc.

Keeping Pheasants.—(1) Can I keep a cock and two hens in a Bantam house, and about 10 yards flight? (2) How should I feed? (3) Are gold or silver the best to keep?—M. BAKER.

(1) Yes, you could keep a trio of pheasants with the accommodation you name—that is, if the flight is at least a yard wide. Very open netting will not do; use inch mesh. Board over two yards of the flight, and lay down the rest with grass and shrubs. (2) Feed as you would fowls, with a variety of corn, and plenty of green food; don't give much maize or soft food, however, but give dried flies and some cooked crissel two or three times a week, or some chopped cooked meat or hard-boiled egg. (3) Golds are the best to keep in a small space; they are smaller than Silvers and more showy; moreover, they are in greater demand, and so their eggs or young are more saleable. They are not quite so easy to rear as Silvers, however, nor are they so long-lived; but they cannot be called delicate.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. J. North, 435, Oxford Road, Reading, will examine cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for a report direct 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post-mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to J. North, with fee. Any sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

Tovi Parrakeet (M. R. R.).—Inflammation of the lungs, consequent on feverishness, brought about by chronic softening of the liver, caused the death of this bird.

GENERAL.

Answered by the EDITOR.

Suggestion (H. T. Jones).—We thank you for your suggestion, which shall receive our best consideration.

Interesting Snapshots (J. Craig).—We are indebted to you for a very interesting article, which we shall hope to publish in due course.

Distributing Specimen Copies (A. Chadwick).—Many thanks for your kindness in offering to distribute specimen copies, which have been duly forwarded on to you.

BEGINNERS: READ THE ANNUAL.

CLUB NOTICES.

No charge is made for notices of forthcoming meetings, but they can only be inserted once. Should secretaries desire to secure immediate insertion of their announcements **exactly as written** they can do so by prepayment at the rate of three words a penny.

Altrincham C.B.S.—March 26th, at White Star Restaurant, 8 o'clock. Lecture by Mr. A. Royle, "Double Buffing and Double Yellowing."—Tom Harrison, sec.

Barrow and Dis. C.B.A.—March 27th, at St. George's Hall, 7.30. Annual meeting; important business.—E. E. Miller, sec.

Blackburn Linnet F.A.—March 30th, at Headquarters, Old Red Lion, Snig Brook, 1 o'clock. Singing Contest.—R. Hayhurst, sec.

Blackburn Skylark S.A.—March 30th, at the Good Samaritan, Grimshaw Park, 2 p.m. Singing Contest.—J. Sheffield, sec.

Bradford (West) C.B.A.—March 23rd, at the Red Lion Hotel, Girlington, 7.30 p.m. Mr. H. W. Battye will open discussion on "Pairing and Breeding"; all fanciers welcome.—T. Clegg, sec.

City and Suburban A.C.B.—March 25th, at the Church Institute, 60, Paddington-st., W., 8.15 p.m. Lecture by Mr. J. Robson, "Canaries that are popular, and why"; visitors welcomed.—Victor Wynn, sec.

City of Birmingham C.B.S.—April 3rd, at Crown Hotel, Station Street, 8 p.m. Lecture by Mr. A. Paddock on the Yorkshire Canary; fanciers and friends invited.—H .C. Wilkins, sec.

City of Bradford.—March 30th, at Travellers' Rest, 8 p.m. Member Competition arrangements for 1907.—P. Stansfield, sec.

Crewe O.S.—March 26th, at Nag's Head Inn, 7.30. Suggestions from the Potteries and Dis. C.B.A.; all requested to attend.—A. Wilkinson, sec.

East Bowling and Dis. B.F.A.—March 23rd, at Barley Mow Hotel, 7.30. To arrange annual trip.—T. E. Higgins, sec.

Gt. Harwood and Dis. C.B.S.—March 25th, at Headquarters, late Queen's Hotel, 7.30. Important; all members attend.—F. Sharples, sec.

Glasgow and Western Counties N.C.M.B.F.B.C.—March 30th, at 122, Ingram Street, Glasgow, 7 p.m. Monthly Show; classes: British Goldfinch, Linnet, Siskin, Redpoll or Twite, Foreign Goldfinch; also novice judging competition.—J. H. Adam, sec.

Glasgow and West of Scotland B.C.—March 26th, 8 p.m. Show of British birds (three classes); judges, Messrs. T. Erskine, R. Watson, and George Henderson.—R. A. Brown, hon. sec.

Green Canary Assoc.—March 28th, at the Oldham Hall, Renshaw-st., Liverpool. Annual meeting; members please attend early as there is a large amount of business to be gone through.—S. Hadwin, sec.

Halifax O.S.—March 23rd, at Griffin Hotel, 8 o'clock. Special meeting; very important business; all members attend.—J. F. Thackray, sec.

Hyde and Dis. C.B.S.—March 25th, at St. George's School, 8 p.m. Lecture on Norwich Plainhead, by Mr. F. Barraclough; all fanciers invited.—T. Allsop, sec.

Laisterdyke B.F.A.—March 28th, at Royal Oak Hotel, 7. Tea and concert for members and friends; tickets, 1s. 3d. each.—J. Pownall, sec.

Lancaster and Dis. C.B.S.—April 6th, at Market Hall Coffee Rooms, 7.30 p.m. Election of judge; schedule, and other important business.—H. J. Brown, sec.

Larkhall C.B.C.—March 30th, at Miners' Hall, 6 p.m. At 7 p.m., lecture; all invited.—Geo. Kirk, sec

Leicester C.B.S.—March 27th, at Headquarters, 8 p.m. Table Show of pairs for breeding; judge, Mr G. Lander.—J. Heighton, sec.

London and Counties A.C.B.—March 28th, at The Bay Malton, Gt. Portland Street, W., 8.30 p.m. Lecture by Mr. G. Gardner, "The Norwich Plainhead and its Critics."—R. J. Pretty, sec.

Morpeth and Dis. O.S.—March 23rd, at King's Head Inn, 7 p.m. Selection of judges; classification, etc.; all members, also intending members, attend.—A. Dippe, sec.

Morriston C.B.S.—March 30th, at the Woodfield Coffee Tavern, Morriston, 7 p.m. General meeting; hope to see good muster of new members. At meeting held on the 16th inst. it was decided to join the C.B.U.—D. Jeremy, hon. sec.

N.B.B. and M.C.—March 28th, at 25, High Holborn, 8 o'clock. Amendment of rule 14 and classification of Crossbill and Snow Bunting.—Plumbridge and Carr, secs.

North Manchester C.B.S.—March 26th, at Christ Church Schools, Harpurhey, 8 o'clock. Lecture on Norwich Canary by Mr. Jas. Coulson; all fanciers invited.—John Davey, sec.

Oldham and Dis. C.B.S.—March 26th, at Textile Dining Rooms, Shaw-rd., 8 p.m. Discussion on the Norwich Canary; all interested invited.—A. Ackroyd, sec.

Potteries and Dis. C.B.A.—March 29th, at Red Lion Hotel, Stoke, 8 p.m. To select judge for Open Show; final arrangements for annual dinner.—J. Simcock, sec.

Rochdale O.C.—March 25th, at Club Rooms, 8 p.m. —J Butterworth, sec.

St. Helens F. and F.A.—March 3rd. Address by Mr Chas. Houlton.—J. Shufflebotham, hon. sec. (Place and time of meeting not specified.—Ed.)

Sale Open O.S.—March 25th, at Sale Hotel, Marsland Road, 8 p.m. Report on rules; Mr. T. Harrison (Altrincham) on "Seeds and Other Foods."—G. F. Hardcastle, sec.

Scottish Metropolitan O.S.—March 30th, at Buchanan's Hotel, 7.30 p.m. Important; large attendance requested.—Wm. McDonald, sec.

Seaham Harbour and Dis. C.B.B.A.—March 23rd, at Station Hotel, 7. Important business.—J. M. Nicholson, sec.

Swansea and Dis. C.B.A.—March 28th, at Oxford Coffee Tavern, 7.30. Table Show; Goldfinches and Bullfinches (four classes), house moulted and fresh caught; judge, Mr. Trevor Gamage.—Alf. Hitchings, sec.

Tamworth and Dis. C.B.S.—March 30th, at College Lane Schools, 7.45 p.m.—J. E. Brown, hon. sec.

Wallsend and Mid-Tyne C.B.S.—March 28th, at Station Hotel, Wallsend, 7.30 p.m. Mr. Welch (Hexham) will lecture on British Softbills.—John R. Evans, sec.

Warrington and Dis. C.B.S.—March 28th, 7.45. Alteration in novice rules; novices please note.—Jas. Emmett, sec.

Wombwell and Dis. C.B.A.—March 23rd, at Alma Inn, Alma Street, 7 o'clock. Lecture on breeding by G. Browning, of Rotherham; balance-sheet; all invited.—C. Gleadhall, sec.

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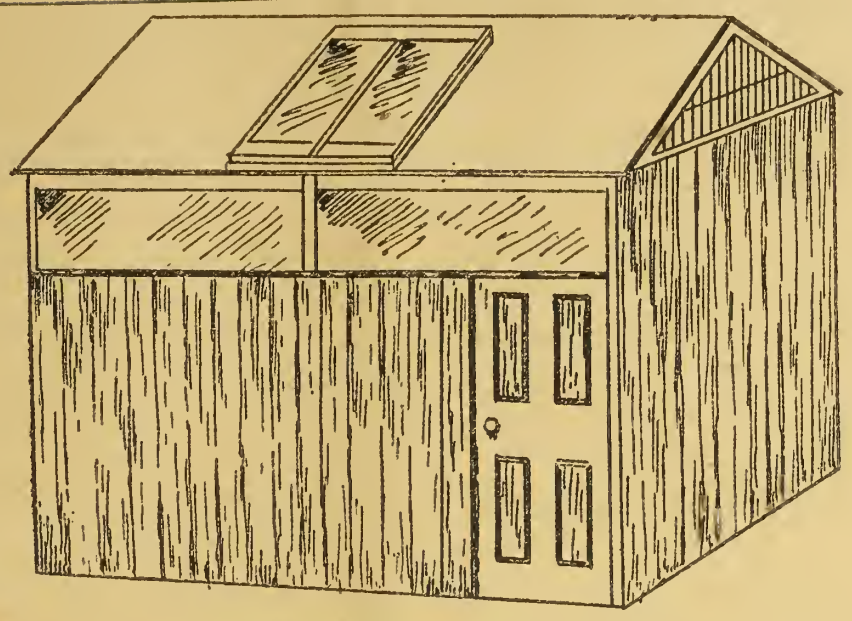

"South London's" Garden Aviary.

A SMALL GARDEN AVIARY.

In reply to Mr. J. H. Barrett's enquiry in a recent issue, in an aviary, 6 ft. by 3 ft. by 2 ft., one could scarcely get comfortably into same to attend to birds. I have erected a wooden bird house, which suits me well; it is 6 ft. 4 in. by 4 ft. 4 in., 6 ft. high to eaves, and 7 ft. 6 in. to ridge, two windows in front, one skylight on hinges. I have a bench 14 in. wide along front (whole length, and shelves beneath. On the back of house, I hang my twelve cages in three tiers, so get a good view of birds, and it is very easily attended to. The bench is useful to work on. At each end of the triangle part at roof I have inserted wire for ventilation in summer; in winter I pack the wire ends up, also nail a board on skylight. On extra cold nights I place a two-gallon tin bottle of hot water in the aviary. I am within half a mile of the River Thames, so bought old boat timbers from brokers, i.e., 1¼ in. rough boards, which I cleaned and smoothed over with plane. I got all my boards cut to right lengths—6 ft. long for all round, and 2 ft. 6in. for roof—with three rows of cross bars all round. These I had two inches wide, six for ends, and six for sides, four for roof, and six for the triangle ends, eave to ridge. I made each side, ends, gable and roof separately, and then fastened all together with screws and angle irons, made from hoop iron. I have given two coats of paint, and it now requires another. The house is in sections, and easy to remove. If a wood floor was put in that would be extra, though better. Cost as under, doing all labour and most of the carriage myself:—

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—South London.

A Novice's Experiences with Yorkshire Canaries.

A Paper read by Mr. J. Lees before the Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S., March 6th.

Mr. Chairman and Fellow Fanciers,—In coming before you this evening to start our essay or improvement class, I do not wish to pose as an authority on the subject decided on—namely, "Yorkshires and their General Management"; but I have, I think, chosen a subject that should draw a lot of different ideas from members present.

The Yorkshire is a bird that has become very popular, not only with our own society, but all over the world, in our own case rising from classes of three and four to 11 and 12, besides open classes, which I consider very satisfactory. In speaking about quality I need say very little, as some have won in open competition. I shall be pleased if this paper, though only from the pen of a novice, proves in any way of benefit to those present this evening.

In commencing to breed this variety it is not necessary, in my opinion, to purchase show specimens, as like does not always produce like, a good bird being often bred from inferior parents; but at the same time I strongly believe in pedigree breeding, and in no variety is it more necessary than in the Yorkshire, as you may very easily be deceived by a good looking bird if you do not know the pedigree. The kind of birds I fancy for breeding are those with a nice round narrow head, a well-rounded back running straight from the back of the head to the tip of the tail, good long and evenly-carried wings, a breast nicely rounded and smooth, cutting away neatly to the tail, which should be long and completely folded, and long legs, showing the thighs nicely. As for size, there is a great difference of opinion, but for my own part I prefer it on the cock's side, without using the Lancashire, as is done in many a case, wth only size as a recommendation. I am sure that you can get big Yorkshires, brimful of quality, that will do more good, and then there will be no time wasted in breeding out any faults that may come by the use of the Lancashire, because you get type, quality and position at the beginning.

Double buffing and double yellowing I do not believe in, unless in the case of fanciers with a large stock; they can afford to experiment in this way; but for anyone with six or seven pairs, I say get what you want at the first, and try for the ideal right away. In-breeding I have never practised, but I think that cousins are plenty near enough for mating.

A FEW FAULTS.

The faults I least like to see are broad heads and browed, hollow neck, gutter backs, crossed wings, hinged tail, and too much chest. As for frill, I think there are very few bred without. If we can breed birds without these faults we may consider ourselves very lucky fanciers.

Having decided how you intend pairing (I might here say, never pair two birds with the same fault), we must now begin to think of getting our birds into breeding condition. Do not do this all at once, but gradually. I do not believe in starting to feed about a fortnight before pairing. My diet is good sound canary seed as their staple food, egg food once a week from Christmas, and a little mixed seed occasionally, also a little sweet apple. To the hens I give a pinch of inga seed twice a week, which is a grand preventative against egg binding, and I find that my birds are in grand condition by the last week in March or first week in April. Do not pair up unless in tip-top condition.

After pairing up, the next thing we look for are eggs, and then young. I myself have been troubled very little with bad sitters and feeders in this variety, and I think you may safely trust your best eggs without any fear of anything going wrong, as Yorkshires make the best of parents. Of course there are exceptional cases; if anyone present has been troubled with such, I hope they will speak out.

FEEDING THE YOUNG BIRDS.

For the first three days I give the young birds egg food, and as much bruised hemp as the hen will eat; then I give green food—lettuce or dandelion, the latter preferred; also a little soaked rape, which is a splendid thing for bad feeders. When the young ones are about three weeks old a sharp look out must be kept on the hens, as they sometimes want to go to nest before the young ones can do for themselves. In this case the nursery cage comes in very useful. I again introduce the cock, and they finish feeding through the wires. When I see them doing for themselves I remove them to the flight, and if they are wanted for first feather show, hang on the bath and show cage daily, and handle them as much as possible, so that they will face the judge when the show comes round.

Next comes moulting time, the most trying time in a bird's life, and if you wish to be successful you must now colour feed. Some have one way and some another. Last year I had very good results from mixing the food with a cake the recipe for which I got out of Cage Birds. It will keep any length of time, and save a lot of trouble. It is used by some of the most successful exhibitors of the present time, and if any one present would care for a copy I shall be pleased to give them one at any time. And now, gentlemen, having treated the subject to the best of my ability, I thank you one and all for your attention.

A REVIEW OF "CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL."

Cage Birds Annual for 1907 makes its appearance this year in a new form, one which, it is hoped, will render it even more acceptable to keepers of cage birds than heretofore. The present shape makes the Annual more of a note-book, and improves the practical value of the Breeding Room Registers, Show Records and Cash Accounts. The contents have undergone thorough revision, and been brought up-to-date in every respect. The list of cage bird societies is now a remarkable one, and the Secretary's name and address being given (with other officials, in the majority of cases), this feature is of particular value to fanciers desirous of knowing the societies devoted to the hobby in their locality. To secretaries and other society officials this feature will be of great service, as also will the revised list of recognised judges, with their addresses. Beginners in the show side of the hobby will find the "Standards and Scales of Exhibition Points" (embracing some thirty kinds of birds) of very considerable assistance to them. That old and popular feature, the "Glossary of Fanciers' Terms," has been brought up with the times, and when the uninitiated hears such expressions as "bald-faced," "long in the barrel," and the like, he has only to turn to it to find a full explanation. The diseases of cage birds are also very fully dealt with, and all the best-known and most reliable methods of treatment are set forth, and this feature alone makes the Annual "worth its weight in gold," as a work of reference. The past show season is very interestingly reviewed by experts, all varieties—Norwich, Yorks, Scotch, British, etc.—receiving attention. Last, but not least, we must mention the articles, which as in the past, have been selected from the point of view of practical utility. All are full of invaluable "tips" and suggestions. Mr. S. Drake relates his very successful method of feeding young Canaries from the nest—a method which should be known to every breeder. Mr. C. A. House contributes some "Thoughts on the Matching of Canaries." Mr. J. Nicholson, one of our recognised experts, has an article on "Mule and Hybrid Breeding." Mr. J. McNaught explains the call-notes and song of some of our commoner British birds. Mr. Simpson writes on "The Pet Bird, and how to treat it." Mr. W. T. Page describes and tells how to tend some pleasing and beautiful Foreign birds. Mr. H. Norman reviews the year amongst our wild birds. For interest and value no previous Annual has approached this list of contents. The illustrations of "Birds of the Year," are on the same lavish lines as in previous years, the coloured frontispiece being an admirable portrait by Mr. Norman, of Mr. C. T. Maxwell's noted house-moulted Gold-crested Wren, which lately met so sad a death.

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BORDERS VERSUS COLOUR.

SIR,—I certainly do not agree with the suggestion of colour-feeding these birds. Surely the colour foodites will let us have one variety in a natural way. It is only those interested in the so-called "food" who gain by colour feeding, for I am sure it does the birds no good. A. MORRISON.

HOW TO MAKE CAGE FRONTS.

SIR,—Would any of your readers assist me in the following matter? I purchased some punched bars thinking they were wood, but they sent metal ones. As I make my own cages, I don't know how to fix them, especially the middle bars; and how to fix the top one I cannot make out. Perhaps your readers would assist me. I always make cages of wood, box fashion.—MULES.

PROPOSED NEW SOCIETIES.

Southend-on-Sea.

SIR,—A meeting is to be held in the Alexandra Hotel, Southend-on-Sea, on March 27th, to consider the advisability of forming a cage bird society, which is to embrace all sections of the Fancy. The chair will be taken at 8 p.m. sharp. It is to be hoped that there will be a good muster of the local fanciers, in whose interest the meeting is being called.—J. DOBSON and W. D. FRANKS.

Bedlington Station.

SIR,—A meeting was held at Bedlington Station on March 16th, at the Railway Inn, to form a new society for cage birds. About 30 members joined. After much discussion, the officers elected were: Mr. G. L. Craigs, President; Mr. R. Rowell and Mr. T. Dixon, Vice-Presidents; Mr. J. Jobling, Sec.; Mr. J. Beveridge, Treasurer; Mr. J. Smith, Assist. Sec.; and Mr. R. Charlton, Chairman. The society will take members up to April by applying to the Sec.—J. JOBLING, West Sleekburn, Morpeth.

BIRDS SEEN AND HEARD IN WANSTEAD PARK.

SIR,—Whilst walking with my wife on Sunday last my attention was drawn to a very fine Cock Robin, who sat on a bough singing as if it was the height of summer, in spite of the boisterous March winds which swayed the bough to and fro; a little further on we saw a lovely little pair of gold-crested Wrens flitting from bough to bough. It was really wonderful how these little bunches of feathers maintained their footing on the boughs as they swayed to and fro. Crossing the park in another direction, we came across a pair of Jenny Wrens, also a fine cock Missle Thrush. A little further on a Song Thrush was stoutly singing; we also saw and heard a Blackbird, with its flute-like notes. There are dozens of Starlings to be seen whichever way you turn, also Rooks and Sparrows, which sit in the trees by the score. As we were crossing the road coming from the park, to my surprise, there came flying across the road a handsome cock Winchat. Is this not a very rare occurrence for this part? I should not have noticed it only that my attention was drawn to its familiar call note, "Chat, chat, chat!"—W. C. H. WYTHE.

A TALE OF TWO CHOUGHS.

SIR,—I enclose you a cutting which I found very interesting, and which may prove the same to other readers of your valuable paper:—A correspondent writes to the "Daily Telegraph": "For three years or thereby I have had in my aviary at Clapham, hard by the Common, a Chough, a red-legged and big, red-beaked member of the Crow family. The bird came from Las Palmas, and is of a species now exceedingly rare in this country, only a few survivors being found in remote parts of Devonshire and Cornwall. My lady bird has all the curiosity of the Choughs, and she is, moreover, sociable, talkative in English, and familiar, but not with strangers. She roams about the garden with the freedom of a dog, and occasionally, with the skittishness of a cat, wanders upon the tiles. A morning or two ago we heard a familiar cry from the roof, and reprimanded the 'girl' for letting 'Chuffy' roam at large. But 'Urbani' said, 'Oh, no; Chuffy is in the aviary, and it must be another bird on the roof.' Sure enough such was the case. My wife had seen what she thought was a Hawk circling overhead, possibly attracted by the shrill, whistling cry of our 'Chuffy.' Trusting to feminine wiles, I told the maid to leave the aviary door open. Within two minutes a big male bird—a bold, wild fellow—flew down from the roof and entered the cage. We shut the door on him and her, and both are quite happy, and I verily believe the big, savage newcomer is getting quite tame. Yesterday he was wandering about the garden wing-by-wing with 'Chuffy,' gallant and attentive. But will any of your numerous scientific readers please tell me how so wonderful an event came about? The newcomer is most unmistakeably a wild bird—not a cage-escaped vagrant, but a stranger to the metropolis. Where has he journeyed from, and how came it about he was passing over London and in that singularly select district known as Clapham?"—T. H. VALLANCE.

CREST AND NORWICH PLAINHEAD C.C. OF IRELAND.

SIR,—The committee have drawn up a code of rules for the governing of the club, which will be sent out this week, with a circular inviting all fanciers of the two varieties in Ireland to become members. The next meeting will be held in the Avenue Hall, Garfield Street, Belfast, on Tuesday, 26th inst., at 8 p.m., for the purpose of enrolling members and receiving subscriptions.—JAS. STEWART, Hon. Sec., 359, Donegal Road, Belfast.

INHUMAN BIRD CATCHING IN CORNWALL.

SIR,—There is no cruelty in catching birds from August 1st to March 1st. Where the cruelty comes in is with amateur bird-catchers, who do not know how to brace a bird or lay a pair of nets. It is not only catching the birds, it is the art of taking them out of the nets when you catch them, as the nets sometimes have 18 in. of lent in them, and sometimes the birds get tangled up in the lent. When tho amateur takes the bird out he often picks it alive or breaks its legs. An amateur bird-catcher should go out with an experienced hand until he thoroughly understands how to catch birds. As for stopping Starling shooting matches, that is just tho thing they ought to think more of.—T. TOMPKINS.

THE EARLY BIRDS.

A Curious Nesting Place.

SIR,—I send you a sketch of a Robin's nest which I found on a common at Northwood, Feb. 25th, in an old kettle. I stood and watched two old birds come backwards and forwards with leaves and moss in their beaks, and continue building; I left them very busy. I also found several Thrushes busy nesting. I think

Robin's Nest in a Kettle.

this rather early in the year. I paid another visit to the spot on March 4th, and, to my surprise, found the nest contained three eggs. I stood for a while, and the hen went into its nest, and soon after the cock brought some food and fed the hen; then he sat up on the tree and sang to me while I sketched the nest as best I could.—W. KEMP.

SIR,—In reading CAGE BIRDS last week, I noticed some breeders remarking on their early Mules; but I may state that I have three Canaries which were hatched on New Year's Day, and are still doing well.—R. SNEDDON.

THE BLEATING OF THE SNIPE.

SIR,—I see there is some doubt as to how the bleating of the Snipe is produced. The drumming sound is produced by the wings. The fact that the bleating sound is only produced while the bird is descending in a canted position, the wings vibrating rapidly, the lower wing more rapidly than the upper one, which was pointed out by Mr. Alston, of Darvel, goes to prove that it is produced by the wings. Mr. Barr, Mr. Stewart, Mr. McMillan and myself have heard the Snipe uttering the "chip, chip" note (which is produced by the vocal organs) at the same time as the drumming sound, so it cannot be the vocal organs. I know Mr. Seebohm favoured the vocal organs, but that theory is exploded. With regard to the tail producing the bleating sound, I do not believe that it could produce so loud a noise. Birds make more or less noise with their wings while flying, even although they have no tail; and I maintain that a Snipe could produce the drumming sound even although it had no tail. If any who are interested in this subject could get a few live Snipe and clip or cut off their tails (but not too closely), and let the birds fly, and watch their movements—also listen if they produce the bleating sound—and send a report to CAGE BIRDS, it would be very valuable information. Personally, I consider it a settled matter. I have seen a Snipe perched on one of the crossbars which support the telegraph wires; I also saw a Snipe perched on a tree.—JOHN CRAIG (Beith).

SOME RECIPES FOR GERMAN PASTE.

SIR,—Mr. G. Humphreys asks for a recipe for German paste. I append one, which has been in my possession for years. I do not believe in it for any kinds of birds, but there it is if it is of any use to Mr. G. H.:—1 pint of pea flour, well rubbed up with a new laid egg; 2 oz. of fresh lard; 3 oz. of honey or treacle. Rub this well, so as to prevent it being in lumps, and when got to a fine powder put it into a frying pan and place over a slow but clear fire until warmed through, continually stirring it to prevent it from burning. Then add 2 oz. of maw seed, or, if you like, hemp seed (the small Russian), whole.—T. H. KINCH.

SIR,—To make the above, boil four eggs until quite hard, then throw them into cold water; remove the white, grate the yoke quite fine, and add a pound of pearneal (white) and a tablespoonful of olive oil. Mix the whole together and press the dough through a tin collander so as to form it into a small grain-like shot; then fry them over a gentle fire. Keep stirring until they become of a light-brown colour, when they are fit for use.—JONATHAN BROOKS.

SIR,—Herewith a recipe for German paste, in reply to Mr. Humphrey's query:—Rub ¾ lb. pearneal with ¼ lb. coarse oatmeal and 1 oz. moist sugar. Then mix together 2 oz. honey and 1 oz. olive oil, and stir into the sugared meal until all lumps have disapeared; finally add half a pint of crushed hemp seed and a gill of maw seed. It is best to make it fresh every week, and it will then be found a very good food for Softbills, as the oil keeps the bowels in nice order and helps to cast old feathers during moult.—FRANK BATES.

[We have to thank Mr. J. Dawson (Glasgow) for a similar recipe.—ED. "C. B."]

THE KEYSTONE OF THE CAGE BIRD UNION.

SIR,—In all the correspondence written by supporters of the Cage Bird Union there has not been one single reason given why there should be such a Union. I think if fanciers who support the Union would give some of their reasons for doing so, it would make this subject more interesting. Some seem to think that those who object to the Union have no right to discuss it at all. They forget that there are two sides to every question, and they also forget that the best way to find the good and bad points of any subject is to have that subject thoroughly discussed by both sides. There is not the slightest doubt that there are many fanciers in favour of the Union; but I make bold to say that there are many more who are not in favour of it. It does not follow that because these fanciers object to the Union they are actuated by fear. What have they to fear, any more than those who favour the Union? No, it is not fear that causes fanciers to object to the Union, but rather a strict sense of justice. One of the greatest objections fanciers have to the C.B.U. is that it was forced upon the Fancy without first obtaining the sanction of fanciers throughout the country. Would it not have been better if a set of rules to form the basis of a C.B.U. had been drawn up at the first meeting of the delegates, and submitted to the great body of fanciers for their approval? Dare the C.B.U. take a vote of every member affiliated, to ascertain whether or not they are really favourable to it? How many have joined under protest—a sort of "passive resistance"? Let the Union prove that in the opinion of the majority of its members the Union as at present constituted is necessary for the welfare of the Fancy. But don't ask men who believe that the present Union is detrimental to the Fancy to "give it a chance" when they believe that by giving it a chance they are working against the best interests of the Fancy. Prove to those men that they are wrong in their conclusions. What would be the result? The objectors would be only too pleased to give way to the majority, and they would no doubt do their very best to help the Union and maintain a perfect unanimity within its ranks. What can be fairer than this? Another great objection to the C.B.U. is that it is coercive in its actions. Will any man believe that a really popular Union need be coercive? Let those fanciers who want a Union have one by all means; but they should not try to force others to join against their own judgment. We are told that there is a principle involved. Quite so. But when that principle evolves itself into a boycott, is it not time to draw the line? It is upon principle that men object to being coerced. Here we have a Cage Bird Union that we are told "is to be a father to all injured fanciers," a Union that will be "a boon and a blessing to the Fancy," and yet this Union has to form a rule like rule 17 to compel fanciers to join. Very convincing, is it not? We are also told that the Fancy is more than a hobby—that it is a commercial factor in life. That is only partly true. How many working-men fanciers look upon their hobby as a commercial factor in life? Very few, I think. The great majority of working-men fanciers keep their birds as a hobby pure and simple. If they can make their birds pay for themselves by exhibiting them, so much the better; that is only logical. We all try to do that, but it does not lessen the fact that it is as a hobby that we keep our birds. Then the only conclusion we can come to is that the men to whom the Fancy is a commercial factor in life must be those who partly or wholly make their living out of the Fancy. Exactly! That has been my contention from the first—these are the men who will benefit by the existence of the C.B.U., and in whose interests it was formed. Can this Union, as it is at present constituted, benefit the Fancy? To be really beneficial a Union should be thoroughly representative, and this Union cannot be termed so by any stretch of imagination. Then why support it? Why support a Union which admits that the only hold it has upon the Fancy is by coercion? Why should a working-man fancier, who spends his pocket-money for the welfare of his birds, be told where he may and where he may not exhibit them by a Union which, admittedly again, looks upon the Fancy as a commercial factor in life? Let a man show his birds when or where he likes, so long as he shows them honestly. Fanciers, as a correspondent stated last week, your reputation is in the balance, and, when the time comes, consider this question thoroughly, and remember that, while the C.B.U. deems rule 17 necessary to govern the Fancy, it exempts the Palace Show from it! Why so? Simply because the Palace Show won't have it. Surely we should expect the premier show in the country to abide by the rules of the C.B.U., and the fact that it will not should speak for itself. Now, fanciers, stand out for your rights! Never mind the "certain shining lights." There are also shining lights on the other side, "who are afraid their luminosity will be lost, etc." We as working-men fanciers want to look out for ourselves. If we must have a Union, let it be one that will attend to our real grievances, and let it be a national one. There will then be no need for coercion.—WM. REID.

SIR,—I was pleased to see the letter under above heading, signed G. W. MacPartling. It was very interesting. Every fancier worthy of the name admits that a Union has been long needed, and it is to be regretted that as soon as captain and mates have been found who are skilled enough to pilot the craft through the shoals, several individuals—each from apparently selfish motives—have mounted their little hills and "hurled offensive projectiles" at as good a ship as was ever launched. They know very well it is sadly needed, but because they are not at the helm, or have some personal objection to those who have successfully built and floated the ship, they will have none of it. So they aim at rule 17, because they know the C.B.U. cannot exist without it. Mr. Taylor asks if all Mr. MacPartling has written is fair, and bearing upon rule 17. Has Mr. MacP. not a right to enquire, as a member of the C.B.U., into the reason for those resolutions passed not to distribute the rules? I cannot see anything at all unfair or spiteful in his letter. He says the members are being misled, and he may think there is some connection between Gateshead and the Southern Club, without actually knowing who the misleader is. So how can he strike home, Mr. Taylor? One thing is certain: he has no axe to grind; and, further, I am sure he would not "tune his fiddle at someone else's expense." Perhaps he wonders, as I do, if it is possible for two fiddles to have the same harsh sound without a rub with the same bow? I am a member who objects to the resolution not to distribute the rules. When the C.B.U. accepted Mr. Ramsden's business-like offer to get rules printed free, they—the Union—were done with it, and if any advertisers have been favoured, Mr. Taylor, it was not by the Union. It was surely open to anyone to make the same offer as Mr. Ramsden did, and I suppose he had a right to please himself where he got his advertisements, so long as they paid for the printing. I would suggest that Mr. Lythgoe take orders now for space in the next rules at the same rates, all comers welcome, the profits to go to the C.B.U. funds, and Mr. Lythgoe to do the printing. Who could we find who has worked harder for the Union than the Hon. Sec.? Yo! Heavo oh! Lend a hand there, lads, to get the tackle in order; everything found unworkable must be thrown overboard, and in a little while our ship will be well under way. There is no fear of a press-gang when you want to sail in the good ship Union, and those who are afraid of sailing under the Union Jack had better give up all idea of being sailors, for they will surely be seasick before long. Fanciers, do not be misled, there is far too much axe-grinding going on. Stick fast to rope 17, for it is the strongest rope in the ship. Do not be robbed on the show-bench, or by the man who sells you a stock-bird at a fancy price because he wins prizes with birds bred by someone else. Railway charges are not by any means the worst evil fanciers have to contend with. Men are sadly wanted who are not afraid to expose fraud. Secretaries are wanted who will not be patronised. Judges are wanted who will disqualify birds, unless there is a doubt, when they should pass them. And, above all, unselfish fanciers are wanted who do not mind paying twopence two or three times over to help on good work. Are there more knaves than honest men in the Fancy? It really looks like it. A gentleman, in promising help to a certain society, said, "Yes, I will do all I can for you; but the moment I hear of anything not square and above board, I am done with it." This speaks for itself, and I, for one, sincerely hope rule 17 will stand, so that every society is bound down to help to purify the Fancy. That is all it means.—THOS. ROBSON (Hon. Sec. Northern Crest Club).

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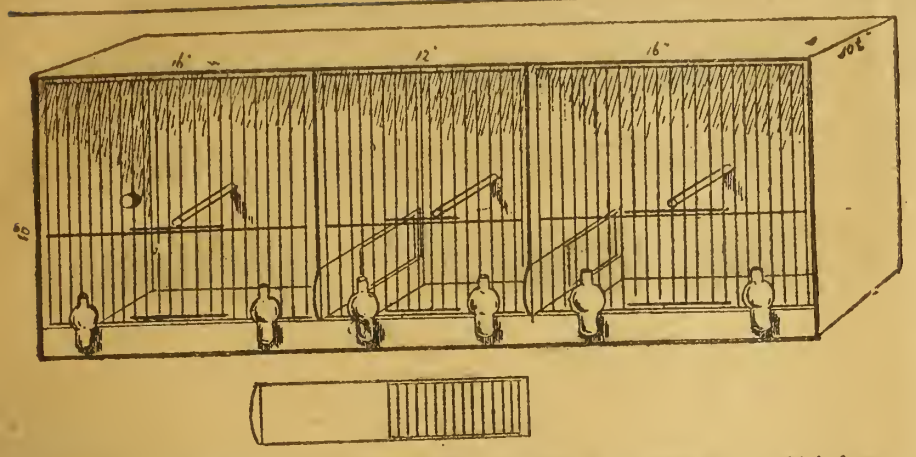

CAGES FOR MULE AND HYBRID BREEDING.

SIR,—I have given you a sketch of a good cage, which I have had in use, and made by my own design, 20 years ago, and at the present day I cannot find there is one to beat it. With care it is likely to last another 20 years. The only difficulty I find is it is rather awkward for me to handle when it requires the spring and autumn cleaning. It was made by myself, with not the best of tools, so it is of a rather amateurish nature. It is in three compartments each end, to hold a pair of breeding birds, the middle to act as a nursery cage for the young, as a sliding partition goes in each side of the middle division, half of which is plain and the other half wired, to enable the parents to feed the young through the wires. The division can also be used for the cock when you are using one cock with two hens, one at each end. I think from my description and sketch anyone will be able to make it. It will be of service for both Mule and Hybrid breeding. Although I have the water and seed bottles outside, I always put both inside when using it for British birds, so as to make sure that they can get their food and water; for Canaries it is not necessary. An old fancier saw the cage recently and greatly admired it. I always use the wooden nest-box with this cage, and let them build their own nests. When it is in use for Mule or Hybrid breeding the bottom is thickly covered with either moss or sawdust, in case any of the eggs are dropped from the perch. Many an egg have I saved in this way. The inside is whitewashed, and the outside stained and varnished. When cleaned it always looks neat and tidy; perhaps if it had been enamelled it might look even better.—T. H. KINCH.

BRITISH BIRDS AT THE PALACE SHOW.

SIR,—Your correspondent, Mr. S. A. Sandy, takes the biscuit. He, too, has a Great Grey Shrike, so he takes time by the forelock and lets the judges know about the fact in good time. He doesn't mean to have any mistake made about his own bird when he puts it down at the Palace and elsewhere next year! Let those concerned take warning! Perhaps the Palace authorities may spoil his little plan, however, by electing him to judge. According to his own showing, he seems a deal more competent than those who put up the cards last time. There is a deal too much "axe to grind" sort of business about this. I should like to ask him if his own Shrike was not bought from a dealer in Foreign birds? And how does he know the Lapland Bunting he mentions was not imported? In all probability it was. Mr. Birchley told us his Treecreeper had beaten Mr. May's bird previously under the same judge. Where was this? I have looked through the shows in CAGE BIRDS Mr. Cook judged at, and cannot find it. At Norwich Show, under Mr. Hills, however, I find Mr. Birchley was 4th with a Treecreeper, and Mr. Mays vhc; but your reporter, sir, says he was "decidedly lucky to vanquish" it, the latter being tighter and "richer in colour and markings." Mr. Mays didn't write to the papers and complain, though. He takes the decision in sporting fashion, and some others might well learn to do the same. It seems there is not much reliance to be placed on Mr. Birchley's statements.—W. LEWIS.

SIR,—Being interested in insectivorous birds, and having read the letters appearing under the above heading, I should like to say a few words on the subject. With regard to the Great Grey Shrike shown at the Palace, Mr. Birchley states in his letter that he reared the bird. The word "rear" I have always understood to mean to take young and bring up by hand, or under other birds; but I feel sure I saw this particular Shrike at the previous Palace Show, and I remember taking particular notice of it, as the bird had knocked the feathers off its forehead and had cut a nasty gash in its forehead, over the eye, or close to it, through constantly jumping at the wire at top of its cage, the cage having the wire front curved over a short distance off the roof. I thought at the time that the bird would never fill up the gap in its forehead, but would retain a bare place or scar; but if this is the same bird—and I feel convinced it is—then he has filled up the gap and, what is more, he has grown the feathers so well over it that one would hardly think it was the same, unless they had taken particular notice of the shape and markings of the bird. If it is the same bird, the owner (Mr. B.) must have made an error in stating that he reared it; however, I think it is a very nice specimen, and very pure in colour and markings. It is not one of the largest, but we can't get everything. I have a much larger one, which stands well up on its legs, like a Yorkshire Canary; but, being a younger bird, it is not so pure in colour. There is no doubt about the Great Grey Shrike being one of our rare British birds, but there are other rare ones as well. I certainly disagree with Mr. Birchley when he states that the Treecreeper is easier to keep than the Shrike. The Great Grey Shrike is comparatively easy to cater for, being a more gross feeder; whilst the Treecreeper is a delicate feeder—that is to say, the former species will do well if fed upon cockroaches, bumblebees, grasshoppers, cockchafers, mice and small birds, and a little cooked or raw meat in addition to its staple food. I noticed a tremendous amount of chopped-up meat in its cage at the Palace, and it was well that the weather was cold, instead of muggy, or it would not have kept fresh. Evidently the amount of meat placed there was intended to last throughout the show and until the bird reached home. Now, the Treecreeper's food consists of minute insects found on the trunks and branches of trees, such as spiders, small soft grubs, flies, gnats and larvæ of small insects, and in captivity we have to find a substitute, and that is where the difficulty lies. With the Shrike, the food mentioned above is practically its natural food, and in making the awards a judge, to my mind, should take into consideration which is the most difficult to keep in captivity in perfect condition, as well as rarity. Mr. W. Cook, I think, states that his Nutcrackor was caught in Scotland. If that was so (and no doubt the owner could prove this), then the Nutcracker was certainly the rarest British bird; but if the bird was an imported specimen, then Mr. W. Cook has also made an error; but I think we should give the owner the benefit of the doubt until we can prove him to be in error. If I caught a Dartford Warbler, Black Redstart, Blue-throated Warbler, or any other rare bird, and placed either upon the show bench, and it was passed as not being a British bird, or as an imported specimen, I should naturally feel disgusted and annoyed, after my trouble of catching and exhibiting such a rare species in fine condition. But there has always been a difficulty with the rarer species as to what constitutes a British bird. Some hold that, unless the species has been found breeding sufficiently in the British Isles, it should not be proclaimed a British bird. This, I think, is quite a mistake. Take, for instance, the Black Redstart. Here is a species that migrates to this country in the late autumn in greater or lesser numbers, but if we are to wait patiently until this species breeds here before being able to call it a British bird and show it as such, I am afraid our patience will be sorely tried, for it is very unlikely that the Black Redstart would so far forget himself as to stay beyond his proper time in this country in order to oblige us by breeding here. The same may be said of the Waxwing and others, yet, although the species may come to us pretty regularly, we must discard it until it unnaturally breeds here instead of in its proper country abroad. Personally, I think, we should rule that any species that has been caught (or shot, which is more often the case) in this country should be pronounced a British bird, and if many of the rarer birds were not shot as soon as they arrive, no doubt those species that arrived in the spring would in time breed here; but, unfortunately, they never get the chance. If the birds were caught and kept alive, there would be something to look upon and to study far more interesting than a stuffed skin in a case. As it is now, the Waxwing and a few others are recognised as British birds and allowed to compete on the show-bench, whilst others are not. Of course, I am aware of the difficulty that would arise if these rare birds were admitted as British birds; we should have some of them undoubtedly imported, but I don't think anyone could see any difference in, say, a bird proved to be caught here and the one imported, except some might with age be rather brighter and their markings more fully developed, as is the case with the whole of our British birds. I don't see how we could prevent some of the birds being imported. If anyone particularly wished to get a specimen of our common Redstart from abroad, and it was exhibited, no one could see any difference, or would look for any difference in the bird; and who is to say that if that particular Redstart was not caught in its winter home, it would not migrate to this country in the spring of the year? It is quite possible that it would do so. For my own part, I don't see why we should want to bar birds being imported, so long as the specimen is of the same species that has been caught or shot in this country. Now, with the Bearded Tit it is quite a different matter. Here we should certainly pass the Continental specimen, and why? Because not only is there a great difference in colour and size (which can be seen at a glance) compared with our Norfolk Broad bird, but because it does not migrate to this country like the other species already mentioned; at least, I have never heard or known of one being shot or taken here. The same remark applies equally to the Continental or white-headed long-tailed Tit, and at the Palace Show I had very strong suspicions that the Long-tailed Tit that did not get a card (and was looking rather thick and out of condition) was of the Continental species. Perhaps I was mistaken. We are all liable to make mistakes, I know, but although I have kept many, and am thoroughly acquainted with the British Long-tailed Tit, I cannot remember ever having seen one with the white on head so very largely developed. Perhaps it was an accidental variety of our British species. I may say that, with regard to the awards in respect of the three species under discussion (but please don't think that I wish to pose as the only person that ought to have an opinion)—the Great Grey Shrike, Treecreeper, and Nutcracker—if the latter was caught in Scotland, then it was the rarest of the three birds, and entitled to the special for the rarest British bird. Of the other two birds, Shrike and Treecreeper, the Shrike was certainly the rarer of the two; but the Treecreeper being more difficult to keep and maintain in show condition makes the two birds on a par, and either of them deserved the cup for best British. But as the cup could not be cut in half, the judge, no doubt, in awarding it took into consideration the difficulty of keeping the small Treecreeper as against the Shrike. —P. F. M. GALLOWAY.

SIR,—With regard to the letters of Messrs. Cocks, Woodhouse, Wm. Cook, Davidson, and "J.P.S.," I once more state that I am not at all disappointed over the awards. I am confident also that less important matters have been discussed than this in your valuable paper. In the first place, I don't think the above-named gentlemen have ever kept a Great Grey Shrike, or they would know more about it; it is clear to me that they are not familiar with the bird or they would talk very differently. At the same time, I hope they may have one and try their luck; and let us know through your valuable medium if they are "all honey," as they would try to make your readers believe. I see someone suggests that the bird I exhibited was steady when I had it; I beg to contradict this statement. As a proof, I purchased the bird from my friend, Mr. R. J. Howe, soon after the Palace Show of 1906, and if your correspondents went to the show and saw the bird there, I think they will admit the bird was wild—so wild, in fact, that he knocked himself about somewhat seriously at that show. In my opinion, the Great Grey Shrike is one of the hardest (if not the hardest) of birds to steady, and if your correspondents want something to do, I can send them one about as steady as when I had this, and let them have a go at it. Then it is said they are easy to rear. Try it, my friends, and win at the Palace next year. I am afraid you will wish the Shrike at Hanover before the Palace Show comes round, unless you have the patience of Job, as I have had to have with mine. Perhaps it may interest your correspondents further if I state that the specimen that we are now discussing had to be hand-washed, as I could never get him to wash himself; that is a very nice job. I have had my hands cut on many occasions when giving him a tubbing, and, of course, you can't wear a glove, or you would spoil the plumage. Taking again the matter of food, this is most difficult to obtain all the year round, and it is necessary, I find, to keep changing it if he is to be kept in A1 form; and I also find that very little beef must be given. I think your correspondents forget all this. Taking Mr. J.P.S.'s letter, he says that as the Nutcracker visits these Islands occasionally, he has a right to compete as a British bird. If this gentleman is going to suggest that our shows are to be run on these lines, viz., imported birds, then we have the "open door" at once, as in that case the Golden Oriole and Pastors and all other imported birds are eligible to compete as British. Further "J.P.S." asks, "How do I know my Great Grey Shrike is a good specimen?" I would like to say I have seen four quite recently, and have not seen one to come up to him yet in size and markings. As regards the Shrike being a well-known specimen, as he asserts, I think he has overstepped the mark here, considering the bird was only exhibited twice. Why doesn't this gentleman sign his full name? With regard to Mr. Cook, the exhibitor of the Nutcracker, I think now that this matter has come to the point (vide Mr. Sandy's letter last week) it should be sifted out, for the sake of all concerned I don't know Mr. Cook, or Mr. Sandy; but this is a matter for further discussion. Mr. Sandy's letter was of great interest to me, as he has a Shrike and can speak from experience. I have found Mr. Sandy's articles of a most interesting character, and have also found, on following his hints on various things, that they have come out successful. This matter should be discussed further, so that we may know what is eligible to compete as a British bird, and what is not.—S. W. BIRCHLEY.

ALLEGED CASE OF BORROWED BIRDS AT CREWE.

SIR,—On looking over the Correspondence columns of "C. B." I was greatly surprised to see the letter under the above heading signed "Fairplay," and, as chairman of the Crewe O.S., I feel it my duty to reply to the rambling statements made in same. In the first place, "Fairplay" says: "Ever since Crewe Utility Society held their open show on Nov. 21st there has been talk about an alleged case of borrowed birds," and goes on to say that the Secretaries of both societies had full knowledge of it. Now, I may say the first intimation I had of the affair was a statement made to myself and the Secretary of the C.O.S. on the night of our Members' Show, Feb. 23rd, by "Fairplay" himself, and I believe the subject was not mentioned to the Secretary of the Utility Fanciers' Society until March 5th. Now, if "Fairplay" has known of this ever since the show on November 21st, 1906, why has he lost three months' valuable time in bringing the matter before the notice of the two societies? "Fairplay" says he has reported to the Sec. of the C.O.S., but he says the Secretary declines to take action. I cannot see that it is the business of the C.O.S. to take the matter up, as the alleged offence was committed at the Utility Fanciers' Show—that is, according to "Fairplay's" letter; but if "Fairplay" will attend the next general meeting of the C.O.S. (of which himself, the alleged offending exhibitor, and the one who has made the statement are all members), and will make a specific charge against the exhibitor, then I am sure the committee of the C.O.S. will be prepared to deal with the matter in a business-like and straightforward manner, without fear or favour, and "Fairplay" will have some right to use the nom de plume he has adopted. But we must have something more tangible than hearsay to work upon.—J. W. LAWTON.

SIR,—I was surprised to see in last week's issue of your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, the account of an alleged case of borrowed birds at the Crewe Utility Society's last Open Show. I think that if "Fairplay" had got his proofs and handed them to his Secretary, they would have been brought before the proper authorities, and they could have come to some settlement. But they can do nothing without proof. I do not know why he mentions the late Secretary of the Crewe O.S. I think if he ("Fairplay") had been a straightforward man, he would have left the late Secretary out and have made his objection to the present Secretary. (This with all due respect to the late Secretary.) I hope "Fairplay" will bring the proof needed, or let the matter drop.—A. WILKINSON.

SIR,—I notice in last week's issue of CAGE BIRDS a letter from a correspondent who signs himself "Fairplay," in which it is stated that ever since "the Crewe Utility Society held their Open Show on November 21st there has been talk about an alleged case of borrowed birds." Well, sir, there may have been talk amongst a certain set, but I thought it had ended in talk. In any case, I did not know anything about the matter until about three months after the show, when I was told by a certain gentleman that he had heard that another man had shown a borrowed bird—this without giving any names or any further particulars. At our monthly meeting, held on March 5th, one of our members brought the matter forward, but he was just about as clear as the first gentleman. He said there had been this talk by this other man about a certain person who had borrowed a bird. I pointed out to him that before anything could be done it was necessary that I should have a written protest, then we would see what could be done, although, seeing that it was now four months since the show was held, such a protest would be rather belated. Your correspondent says: "Now, both the Secretary of the Utility Society and the late Secretary of the Ornithological Society are in full knowledge of it," and asks the question, "Why either one or both secretaries do not go to see the man and get him to make his statement before witnesses?" Well, speaking for myself, I do not know the name of the person who is willing to make this statement. How, then, can I go and see him? It is a case of "you go, never mind where he lives." But I should like to remind your correspondent that it is no part of a secretary's duty to go hunting about the country for an anonymous person without an address. If your correspondent has a grievance, why does he not play the man and send in a written protest, according to rule, giving full particulars. If he will do this, I shall be pleased to call a meeting of my committee to hear what evidence he may have to bring forward. But if he still persists in talking and nothing else, he may talk till Doomsday, as I shall take no notice of his talk until he has complied with my request to send in a written statement. But if he is so anxious to see justice done, he will not hide his identity under a nom de plume, or wait until the Secretary of the O.S. or myself run "him to earth," but will send in a written protest, and then come forward like a man and, through his witnesses, prove what he has written; then, and not till then, shall I consider his nom de plume ("Fairplay") rightly chosen. I have something better to do than go running about looking for a mythical personage. Neither can I find time to enter into a voluminous correspondence on the subject. But when the protest is sent in, I have no doubt my committee will be pleased to investigate the case as far as possible; until then we cannot do anything.—W. EVANS, Sec. Crewe U. and F.A.

ALBINISM AND ITS MYSTERIES.

SIR,—I read with interest the various letters on Albinism, as I take note of all whole or partial Albino birds which come under my notice in this district (Midlothian). We had an Albino, a white, pink-eyed Starling, feeding among our poultry at Eskbank. It was seen repeatedly, was caught, and escaped. Also a partial Albino Greenfinch at Campend. I am trying also to get verification of a much rarer specimen, said to frequent the North Esk—viz., an Albino Water-hen (Moor-hen). I saw by your columns that an Albino Lapwing had been shot. It is strange that Albinism is rarest in those species which have white as part of their normal colour. I may state that the specimen I wrote of before as being in my possession is a Hedge Sparrow; it is doing finely, and is a grand singer. This bird, contrary to the generality of Albinos, is extra large. Another strange thing I notice is that among the many partial Albino Blackbirds we have, I have only seen one here. I enclose the wing of a Jay which seems to be a queer one; the body was a mixture of cinnamon and white. I am not certain of the various immature, sexual, and seasonable changes in the Jay, so your opinion would oblige.—J. STEEL.

[The wing sent by Mr. Steel was submitted to our Mr. G. E. Weston, and he reports it as a case of rare plumage, and due to neither immature, sexual, nor seasonal changes. He says: "The mixture of cinnamon and white is most uncommon and pleasing, and this particular Jay must have been a very beautiful creature when in the land of the living. Only a trace of the blue wing-bars is left, white feathers taking the place of the latter. The wing coverts are entirely pure white, and the lesser wing coverts rich cinnamon—a charming contrast."—EDITOR.]

THE SQUARE FEATHER CONTROVERSY.

SIR,—Having personally inspected the disqualified birds at the Palace, I am very much interested in the discussion arising thereon, although not a breeder of the Green variety. I would not for a moment put forward any suggestion which might assist in screening any fancier who had been guilty of faking, but I should be only too glad to assist in clearing up such a case as that under consideration, where apparently a perfect honest exhibitor might be suspected of dishonourable conduct. Kindly, therefore, allow me space to enquire whether any of those fanciers who are troubled with the square feathers have any suspicion that the damage is done by insects? Some years ago I kept white Jacobin Pigeons, and upon several occasions found ordinary body feathers upon the birds perfectly square at top, as if cut with a pair of scissors, with others not so clearly cut. I traced this to a long, thin, dark-coloured louse, not the kind which I have seen upon the bodies of young Pigeons in the nest, which are lighter in colour and broader in body. The kind first referred to I found upon or amongst the feathers only, and not upon the body, and some of them in the quills of partly-developed feathers. I have recently seen Mr. Houghton upon the subject, with a view of obtaining, if possible, some specimens of feathers so eaten, but, having disposed of his Jacobins, he could not oblige me. He told me, however, that fanciers welcome the existence of this feather-eating insect upon their birds, as it clears a quantity of under flue and web from the bird's body feathers, and consequently allows better ventilation to the body. I suggest, therefore, that fanciers make a very careful examination of their stock upon next season's moult, in case their troubles may arise from the same cause. The base of the neck and the upper part of the shoulders would form a very desirable haunt for such insects, as it is not so easy of access to the bird in picking over and pluming its feathers. Perhaps some further light may be thrown upon the subject if this suggestion receives careful consideration. I have not yet detected such a thing amongst my own Canaries. I may say I mentioned this matter to Mr. Ramsden and one or two other fanciers at the Palace Show, and quite thought that the question would be raised, or I should have written before this.—CHAS. J. HOWLETT.

CHAFFINCH-BRAMBLEFINCH HYBRIDS.

SIR,—I notice Mr. Kinch wishes to know how the above are bred. With your kind permission, I will let him and others interested know how I managed to rear five. To begin with, I have an outdoor aviary, 20 in. by 9 in. by 9 in. At one end there is a space 9 in. by 6 in. by 9 in. divided off, in which I breed a few Sib Canaries and Mules. Five years ago I had a pair of Chaffinches flying in the large aviary. When they were put in I did not expect they would breed, but, to my surprise, the hen built and laid four eggs, which she hatched. So, to allow them to get insects, I covered the floor of the aviary with horse manure to a depth of one foot. I also gathered from rose and plum trees all the twigs which carried green fly. On this and their ordinary seeds the parents fed and kept them alive for about ten days; then they dropped off. The following year I took out the Chaffinch cock and put in a Bramble. The pair went to nest. This time three eggs were laid, two hatched, and both lived for 14 days, when one died: the other turned out a fine bird, which I sold at a big price to Mr. Ball, of St. Helens. This bird was reared in the same way as the Chaffinches, with the addition of mealworms. The next year I reared four in the same manner, and they were all shown by big exhibitors; but I am sorry to say none of them met the success I expected. Mr. Williams, of Liverpool, showed one of them at the last Palace Show, and in the report the judge put it down as a hen Chaffinch. There is not much good in breeding rare Hybrids when we cannot get judges capable of detecting the parentage. I have bred a lot of different Hybrids, but I don't believe in lifting eggs from the parents and placing them under Canarics, but allow every pair to hatch their own on the foregoing lines. The largest nest I ever reared was six Goldie-Siskins, five cocks and a hen.—J. HOWE, Dundee.

SIR,—In your correspondence I see my name mentioned by Mr. J. H. Verrall re this cross. I have tried for the cross for over 20 years, in both ways, and the more I study it the more I am fogged. There have been several Hybrids bred from this cross on the show bench; in some reports it is the Bramblefinch-Chaffinch, and otherwise the Chaffinch-Bramblefinch. Now let us get to the bottom of it. As a very old breeder of the cock Chaffinch (or, I should say, a trier), I want something authentic. I do believe in this cross; but I think it is the Bramblefinch-Chaffinch. Take the last Palace Show, when Mr. Williams's Hybrid was disqualified as being a hen Chaffinch. Now, Mr. Williams does know, or certainly ought to know, a Hybrid, for I think he has had enough years of experience. Would he be "sold" over the bird he exhibited? What about his first Canary-Bullie? This bird made a sensation over its parentage. Would the breeder of his disqualified bird give its history? What about the others shown of this cross? I saw a letter from a lady to the Mule Club, a few weeks back, about this cross. Happy ladies! They are the most successful in Mule and Hybrid breeding; probably it is their patience which is the greatest virtue in this hobby. Will all those who have tried and been successful give their experiences? Then we shall be able to learn "something," besides being convinced as to this cross.—T. H. KINCH.

WILD BIRD OBSERVATIONS.

SIR,—Living out in the country, I sometimes take a walk out in fields and woods in search of bird life and nests. When out some weeks back, during the fall of snow, I found a Blackbird's nest, with two eggs in, deserted, owing to the cold weather. The nest was at the back of a shed, the sides of the shed being filled all round with hopbine. I have found nests there previously. There are trees and bushes close to it, a pond for ducks below, and bank on opposite side with trees and bushes. It is a very quiet and shady place, and a favourite spot for the Nightingale when here. Being out on the 18th, in another wood, where there are plenty of Blackbirds' and Thrushes nests during the season, I could not find any sign of nests at present. A farm labourer and his son, who live close by, asked if I had heard the Nightingale yet. I replied I had not. They both said they had heard it the last day of February, and again early one morning. They well know the note, as, living between two woods, the Nightingales are often only a matter of a few yards away from their door, and I often go that way to listen to them. I also get the first information of the arrival of the Cuckoo from there. It is a treat worth listening to when several answer each other in the surrounding woods before the arrival of the hens. A person who lives on a farm about two miles further on tells me they had a nest of Starlings under the roof of their house in January.—F. J. WEAIRE.

BLACKBIRD-THRUSH HYBRIDS.

SIR,—I have always been interested in the question of Blackbird-Thrush Hybrids, for I once considered I found some myself, so I send you the enclosed cutting from the "Yorkshire Evening Post," which has something to say on the matter:—Not for many years (writes our Washburn Valley correspondent) have there been so large a number and variety of birds round our doors as during the present winter, hunger having made them tame. "Billy," the Blackbird, whose acquaintance was made last year, has been very conspicuous again. Last year he nested in a hawthorn bush not a stone's throw from his winter feeding ground, and all through the summer he paid occasional visits to it, sometimes perching on the top of the wall whilst he showed his appreciation in a glorious song of thankfulness. He is an eccentric fellow, and shows much resentment to the members of his own species, so much so that at last nesting time he successfully wooed and won a plump maiden from among the Thrush family. There was no mistaking his mate, for she was many times observed in the nest, and also engaged feeding her young family of four. "Billy" has this season been admonished on several occasions for his violence towards other visitors. A Robin with a damaged wing is, however, the Blackbird's pugilistic match, and it is great fun to see the two preparing for an engagement over some scrap of food. Among the favoured birds which "Billy" tolerates are an unusually large number of Blue Tits and cock Chaffinches.—A. PICKLES.

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STRAY NOTES ABOUT BIRDS.

BY CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

A Musical Comedy.

This phrase might aptly describe the condition under which these stray notes are begun. The sun is shining brilliantly, and although the March winds do blow rather boisterously they come not from the blighting east, as they have done for days past, and they are by comparison mild, if not warm. The effect of such a foretaste of spring upon the caged birds is noteworthy. Their one object in life to-day after satisfying the cravings of the inner creature seems to be to pour out their souls in song, so that I begin these notes in a babel of sound that is comedy indeed. Musical, bah! A professor of that divine and cultured art might turn sick with horror and shock at such a diverse medley of sounds, but the real lover of Nature and her birds cannot fail to feel an enlivening and elevating influence in the strains, and to call them musical, even though one cannot avoid the admission that they are somewhat of the comedian type.

The Principal Performers.

The bare mention of the principal performers of the moment might cause one to express disgust in a sickly smile, but, then, it's a babel that has to be heard to be understood. There's the alto rolling and bubbling of a cultured Canary as the chief leader of the choir; the almost equally incessant crescendo trill of a Skylark, given in a pleasing undertone, for he has not yet reached his full, or ear-piercing, stage of song, as second performer; the lilting, indescribable songs of a Bullfinch are thrown in at frequent intervals; and, horror of horrors, the expressive strains of the Zebrafinch fill in a lull here and another there, and each one sounds so strikingly like a saucy rendering in the vernacular of the locality of the words—"Yo caw whistle like that, yo caw; yo caw whistle like that," that it's difficult at times to restrain one's risibility, for it is an apt and pert strain that haunts the memory for some time after it ceases. Then, to complete the choir, there's the "choo, choo, achoo," of a Pekin as a kind of bass drummer to mark time. What if one does hear the rusty-hinge-like "chacha" of the Bullie at intervals, or a series of the trumpet bugle calls from the Zebra, the Dan Leno of the little company, and a variety of stray notes and calls from outsiders who are taking no active part in the performance. They all seem to find a place in the general babel of music and to be almost, if not quite, shorn of that harshness and jarring sense which characterises them when heard alone. Talk about the society of one species "spoiling" the song of another. Bah! Is not variety the very spice of life?

How Tits Roost.

The general impression that wild Tits roost together in companies for the sake of warmth is still very widespread. It is a point that might be so easily proved by close and proper observation that it ought never to have existed until now. Years ago I recorded my own observations, which were subsequently verified by a number of other observers, to show the error of this idea, which was being passed on by a modern authority, apparently from the unverified opinions of previous writers. Curiously enough the authority seems to have veered round to the opposite opinion, but, of course, without any acknowledgment of the source of information. Close observation would, I believe, quickly convince anyone that the Tits are far too pugnacious to allow of any company in sleeping quarters—except, perhaps, the Long-tailed Tits, which go in companies by day.

German Paste.

Is it really worth one's while, or good for one's pets, to seek to know how to manufacture this out-of-date, and, in a general way, undesirable food? A mixture of two parts of bread crumb, and one part each of good ant cocoons and either preserved yolk or finely chopped hard-boiled egg, is an easily prepared and much better staple food for birds, and if it is always prepared fresh and often any risks that would otherwise accrue are reduced to a minimum. German paste, which was once so popular, according to the old fanciers' recipe consists of pea meal, honey, lard, maw seed, and egg, with or without hemp seed. The proportion of egg is but very small, and when the whole is cooked by frying it to the proper colour it forms a fine compound for upsetting the health and digestion of any but the hardiest birds. Instead of giving the proper proportions and details of making I would advise the enquirer to forego the idea of making such food, and adhere to some more wholesome staple diet.

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My Norwich Plainheads.

How I Breed, Moult and Exhibit Them.

By JOHN W. BANCROFT.

A Lecture delivered before the Bolton and District Progressive C.B.S. on March 5th, 1907.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,—It is with a certain degree of diffidence that I come this evening before you, to express my views on the Norwich Plainhead Canary. The ground has been so well trodden and by so many during the last few years (by some whose vast practical experience has specially fitted them for the task), that it appears to me a somewhat difficult problem what to say that may be new and original. However, as the present time appears most opportune for the purpose, inasmuch as this Society has been considerably augmented of late by novice recruits, I venture to trust that no apology is needed in giving this lecture.

It is now some twenty-five years since I first began the keeping of Canaries, commencing with those much maligned beauties the spangle backs, to wit, the Lizards. Since when, I have at different times, kept almost every variety. But it is a considerably shorter space of time since I took up the Norwich Plainhead in earnest. I think it was about twelve years ago that I first supplied a winner in open competition to a prominent exhibition in the north, since when I have been fairly successful, both with my own birds, and those I have sold to others. I think that I may justly claim, without fear of contradiction, to be the champion exhibitor of Norwich Plainheads in this district, as, during the last show season alone, I have achieved successes such as have never before been attained by any other single exhibitor, or firm, in Bolton or its environs, either past or present. I have secured the Norwich Plainhead Club's championship gold medal for best bird in champion section at Manchester Cup show, also first prizes (and with birds of my own breeding) at the great Scottish National Cage Bird Show held at Edinburgh. That show and the Crystal Palace Cage Bird Show stand as the two premier Cage Bird exhibitions in Great Britain.

THE BEST VARIETY FOR THE NOVICE.

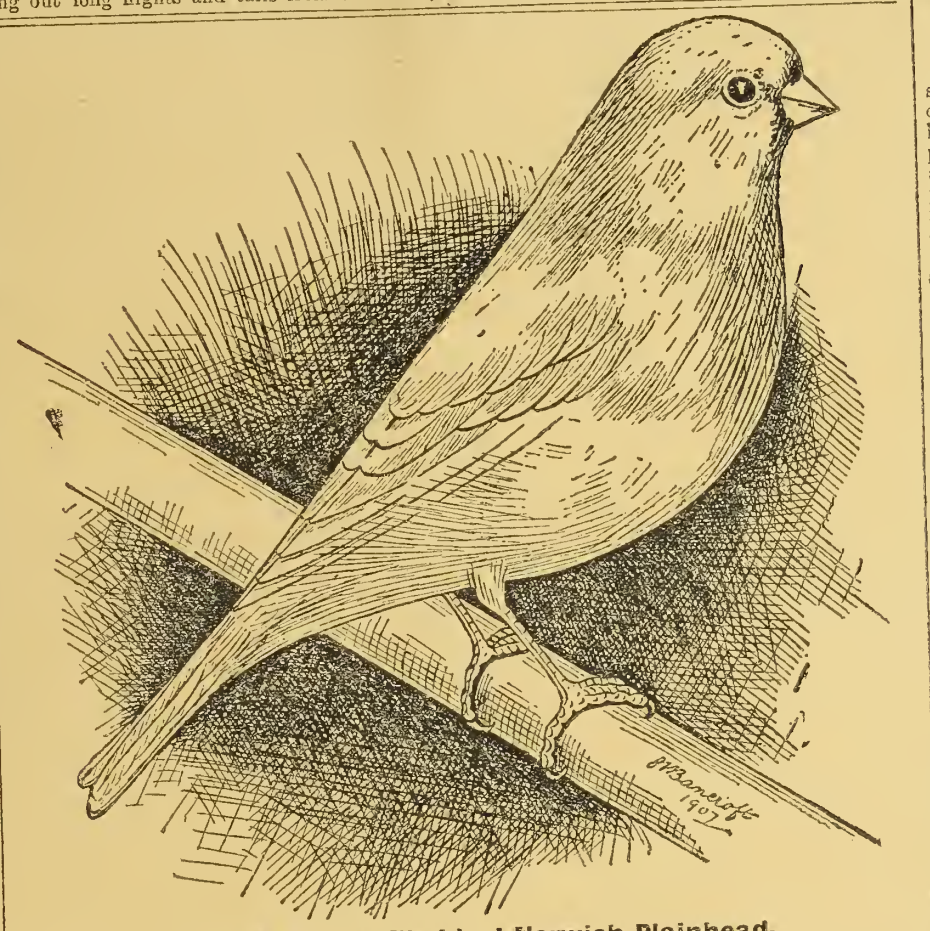
The Norwich Canary, I consider, is essentially the best variety to take up for the beginner or person with limited means, for the following reasons: (1) With its sprightly shape, close and compact plumage, and beautiful colour, it makes one of the most attractice cage pets of the Canary tribe; (2) It is one of the hardiest, if not *the* hardiest, variety, and therefore very easily managed; (3) If you happen to breed a really good one, and you care to sell it, there is always a good figure to be realised on it: (4) That although there are, perhaps, more of this variety bred yearly than any other, comparatively few really tip-top specimens make their appearance on the show bench each season, so that there is a wide scope for those who elect to take up the pursuit of breeding and exhibiting the Norwich; (5) The surplus, if bred from good stock, are usually easily disposed of for stock purposes, whilst the "wasters," as they are termed, find a ready sale amongst dealers as singers.

THE IDEAL SPECIMEN.

I will now give you my idea of what constitutes a typical Norwich Plainhead. The ideal specimen is a large bold bird, standing well across the perch (to use a common expression, as much in front and as little behind as possible), having a jaunty, fearless look, and showing no signs of shyness or nervousness when you approach. In length, not to exceed 6½ inches, from tip of beak to end of tail. It is surprising what a big bird you get at this length, providing he possesses substance, with short flights and tail. The skull should be broad, without being square-looking or browy, showing a nice sweep from base of beak, to back of head. The beak must be short and thick; the neck short, full, and running gracefully into a good chubby body which should be of a nice wedge or pear shape. Shoulders wide and well filled; the wings ought to fit very closely at the shoulders, so that when looked at from the front the butts cannot be seen, and meeting feather to feather at the tips, forming a V shape, without any suspicion of crossing. The legs should be of a medium length, held slightly bent from the elbow (giving the bird the appearance of being always ready to take a spring from the perch), neither too long, nor yet too short, which latter gives the bird a squatty or crouchy appearance on the perch, whilst the former gives a stilty look. The back should be broad, just a shade flat-looking on top, but nicely rounded at the sides; the chest deep, well rounded, free from any frilling or twist, and tapering to a nice, clean cut waist. Tail short, closely folded together, and well filled in under. The eye should be large and bright, and set in the centre of the head, not near top of skull, as some are, which gives a bird a bad look. The colour should be rich and level throughout, and the feathers short, dense and very silky in texture, which is called quality. In our Norwich, there are threo necessary points, which wo must never lose sight of, viz., colour, quality and type.

SOME DEFECTS ENUMERATED.

The following are some of the defects to be guarded against: Browing or lashing, or horny feather on head (the latter is very difficult to breed out when once it gets hold of a strain), crossing wings, long flights and tail, which is a very serious failing, especially in hens, in fact I would utterly discard a hen for breeding show stock from which failed in this respect. If on the cock side it may often be remedied by pairing him up to a hen extra short in flights and tail. The Norwich breeder finds just as great a difficulty in breeding out long flights and tails from his stock, as the Yorkshire breeder does in breeding long flights and tails into his variety. Other faults are hollow neck, snaky head, tail falling away from rump, or hinge tail as it is usually termed, seeming as though it were too heavy for the bird to carry properly; also fish tail, that which opens fan-like at the end; narrow or pinched skull, flat ditto; harsh, coarse feather; frilling on breast or neck; long legs or legs too short. I have accompanied these remarks by a rough sketch of what is, in my opinion, an ideal bird to breed to. Having now given you some idea of the kind of bird required, I will endeavour to explain the method I adopt when putting my birds together for the breeding of the same.



Mr. J. W. Bancroft's Ideal Norwich Plainhead.

THE STOCK BIRDS.

In the first place, let me say that, in my opinion, as stock birds for breeding show specimens from, nothing beats a pair of show birds themselves. I mean proper show Norwich, large, bold birds, each the full exhibition size. Not those nice little undersized birds which sometimes manage to creep into the prize list. I care naught for this class, either cocks or hens. Almost anyone, with fairly moderato stock, can turn these "nice little good 'uns," but it is the "big good 'uns" we want for the show bench. But I fancy some of you may ask, "What must we do when we do not possess winners to breed from?" Well then, failing show birds we must use the next best thing, and these are good stock birds.

Now supposing I had a very large yellow cock, over standard size, of extra good colour, just a trifle long in barrel, and correspondingly long in flights and tail, with perhaps a little browing or lashing over the eyes; good broad skull and full short neck, and he may not possess extra good quality of feather. For his mate I should select a medium or even small sized buff hen, providing she came off good sized parents; small hens from small parents I never use, as no matter how large a given pair of birds may be which you mate up together, there is always the tendency in the offspring to revert to their ancestors, and come smaller than the parent birds. The hen under discussion must be short and thick-set, very short flights and ditto pipo tail, with a nice clean, broad, rounded head, of extra good type, and she should be literally teeming with quality.

Or, again, supposing I had, say, a medium-sized yellow cock, moderate colour but splendid quality feather (but perhaps failing a little in neck), with a nice clean head, free from any suspicion of browing, rather narrow in cheeks, a trifle pinched in skull, but very clean cut away under—for this one's mate I should select as large a hen as possible, high up in colour, with plenty of chest, and extra full in neck and cheeks. It should have a good wide head, and perhaps just inclined to browing a little. It must be also of good shape and carriage; a trifle loose feather at waist might be permissible in this case, and so on all along the line. Very small cocks with large hens I have not much faith in, as a rule, although at a pinch I should, if the need arose, put such birds together, on the offchance of their turning out something good. But you will very rarely find a small cock sire birds of much good for the show bench.

We are continually having it drilled into us that the size and colour come from the cock, and the shape and quality from the hen. This, I admit, is true to a certain extent, but not to the extent many would have us believe. If this were so we should not have the slightest difficulty in producing show birds galore; all that we should have to do would be to procure a large cock, possessing heaps of colour, pair him up to a small or medium sized, good quality typical hen, and then, heigh presto! every youngster in a nest would turn out a winner. Fortunately, or unfortunately, this thing does not occur in practice. Winners don't turn up in every nest not by a long chalk. The great point in the breeding of exhibition Norwich is the selection and mating together of your breeding birds. Experience, and the use of brains in pairing up the birds in such a manner that where one possesses a fault, its partner excels to a great degree in that particular point, this is the way in which the intelligent fancier makes headway with his stock.

CONSANGUINITY, OR IN-BREEDING.

Consanguinity, or breeding in and in, are expressions used to denote the breeding of Canaries or other creatures closely related together. Regarding this practice some have asserted that it is an utter failure. This, to my mind, appears a clear index to the lack of knowledge and experience on the part of those by whom such an assertion be made. In-breeding, I affirm, is necessary to fix and establish certain characteristics in any variety of live stock. I have conclusively proved to my own satisfaction that in-breeding may be carried on to a fair extent and with satisfactory results, if done judiciously and intelligently, using only such birds as are well up in size and in full health and vigour. Of course, two birds possessing a certain fault must not on any account be paired together, else the fault will be intensified to an alarming extent, far more so than if the birds were entirely unrelated.

I have made extensive experiments with a Light Muling strain, also with Yorkshires and Norwich. I have bred from father and daughter, the union of which has resulted in larger birds than their sire; I have paired son to mother, and got similar results; I have also paired brother to sister and bred winning Norwich this way. You may depend upon it, there is a great deal more of this than meets the eye carried on amongst the breeders of successful strains. Personally, I should not hesitate pairing my very best cock bird to his daughter, even were she the very best hen in my room, providing the birds were suitably matched in regard to show points, and were perfectly sound and healthy.

(To be continued.)

NOTES ON THE SCOTCH FANCY CANARY.

By "St. Bride."

The Scotch Fancy Canary is in request this spring, the demand for stock birds far exceeding the supply. The desire is for large birds, which take an upright, well-balanced position on the perch. Moving about as I do among breeders, I find there is a strong disposition to discourage the long, rough-feathered type, and that there is a very decided leaning towards close feathered, trim, tidy exhibits, such as graced our Scotch shows ten to twenty years back; indeed, the judges of that period would have passed by the birds that are now winning. It would, I am sure, be a good thing were our modern judges to do likewise. Why they do not do so is difficult to understand.

Tho Edinburgh fanciers, in practice, aim at reproducing in life the model we all so much admire. The grand old Belgian having gone, with no appearance of returning, fanciers will have to depend upon the Scotch Fancy Canary to supply the properties which the Belgian was depended upon to furnish, and maintain in the cross with the Scotch Fancy Canary. I have had a run through a few aviaries, and could have given particulars of what I saw, but there is a strong aversion to publicity on the part of the owners, the feeling being that such laudation has been overdone.

CHANGE IN SYSTEM OF MATING.

The system of mating the Scotch Fancy Canary of an upright type with a "circle over the perch" style has been exploded. Now it is common to have two of the same type mated, both upright, with a decided throw away of the head, the latter drooping below the direct line from the tip of tho shoulder. Length of neck and body are important factors, but the essential in these non-Belgian days is prominent shoulders. The tail should rest closely on the perch, and the legs should be so set as to give the bird an easy pose, and enable it to move from perch to perch gracefully. In my travels I had the pleasure of handling a cage with a pair mated on the lines I have indicated. Tho cock is an extra upright specimen, with close feathers; the hen much of the same type, but rather looser in feather. She stands fully an inch higher than her mate. The owner, who is one of the foremost breeders in Scotland, expects satisfactory results, and the outcome will be watched with interest. He has a splendid selection, and they are much alike. From four or five pairs he can rear more young birds than some of his colleagues with a dozen pairs.

A BELIEVER IN QUANTITY.

Another fancier who has quality is also a rigid believer in quantity, and enters upon the coming season with over twenty pairs of Scotch Fancy Canaries. No appearance of the Scotch Fancy decaying in that aviary! He is a most enthusiastic fancier, and is determined to come to the front. He has plenty of work before him, but he has no end of grit, and is not slow to apply himself. It is refreshing to pass an hour with him in his room.

A third fancier has four pairs, but they are of superior quality, correct style, and should be well into the honours. He is a great believer in quality—a few good pairs, and well mated, is his motto. Yet another breeder has a first-class team in his breeding cages; his stock has been much in request, and he makes a point of keeping the best, so that for years he has built up an exceptionally fine strain, and he has imported several outsiders, which should strengthen his already strong stock. A fifth friend has excellent stock, descended from the finest strains in the country; he is also moving on the lines of the others already mentioned, and means to produce winners.

Pairing Birds for Breeding.

By J. C. Barnes.

Paper Read before the Members and Friends of the Huddersfield Ornithological Society on February 25th.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,—The backbone of the Fancy, no matter in what locality, is the novice, and it is to him I wish to address myself rather than to the older hands, although my remarks will possibly be of interest to most present. Should any of my statements be contrary to any member's ideas I sincerely hope we shall be no worse friends. My opinions are based on a practical experience covering a good number of years, and not upon theory, so you can depend on what falls from my lips as exactly the method I have pursued with very fair results. My experience has been with the Norwich Plainhead and Yorkshire varieties, so it is to these two most popular, prolific, and beautiful breeds I intend to dwell on, although the "pairing of birds" run very much the same lines in all varieties. Every variety or breed has ideal points which are set before one in the various club standards, and these must be aimed at in breeding show specimens; therefore, two birds paired together should jointly possess the necessary points, as near as possible, of the ideal. The ambition of most fanciers (in fact I might venture to say all) is to be able to breed something worth looking at, so that when the same is placed on the show bench it will not disgrace its breeder, and will be competent to run well in the race for supremacy. Competition creates keenness, therefore no stone should be left unturned if you are desirous of success.

MOST IMPORTANT.

The pairing of birds is the most important item as regards your stock so make it a special study to see that the birds are paired up judiciously. Many fanciers I could mention who have been breeders for a much longer period than one cares to recall, stand to-day just about on the same spot as when they first started; and in fact some of them have even fallen back. The reason of this is that due consideration has not been taken of the weak and strong points of their birds. Study your birds as you do your work, and don't get into your mind that because your birds are of the best of blood all that is required is to place cock and hen together and things will come out serenely. No greater mistake could be made; the thoughtless pairing-up process is responsible for many failures. At no time of the year do I pay such attention to my birds as when the various matrimonial functions take place. Success or non-success depends entirely on how you go about your work in this respect. This fact cannot be impressed too deeply.

DISCARD WEAKLY SPECIMENS.

Never utilise birds that are not of a robust character; should you do so, failure will assuredly follow. No matter how good a bird has been, if it has gone amiss discard same. Don't persuade yourself to trust to providence, thinking it might breed right; ninety-nine times out of the hundred it breeds wrong, and is instrumental in sowing the seeds of destruction. I admit that it takes a fair amount of self control to throw on one side a bird that perhaps has done wonderfully well, say, on the show bench, and to say to one's self, "No, I will not risk you." An effort is required so to act, but such an effort will repay itself in the long run. Set backs have a tendency to occur when least expected, even when healthy stock is utilised, what then can one expect when unhealthy specimens are brought in action? Nothing but utter disaster. Shun birds of a weak nature, and breed with those that possess stamina.

POINTS IN COCKS AND HENS.

In the male birds I like to have size. Substance is in great demand at present, and one must be with the times if one's birds are to be heard of when in competition. Type and quality, which should be the first consideration, appears in a good number of cases to have been neglected somewhat. The rage for size of late years has been such that one often wonders where we shall drift to, especially in the Norwich. However, the times demands size, and size we must have, with as much colour as possible.

The hens I like best of all are those of extra good type and quality, and of medium size. The large hens as a rule lack the neat outline, and are more sluggish in character than their smaller sitters. Medium hens, I am fully convinced, provide the best show birds, and are far better breeders and feeders taken on the whole. Again the medium hens are in nearly all cases of better carriage, and carriage stands for a lot on the show bench. I detest to see a hen loose behind, with inferior flights and drooping tail, and this often is noticed in most of the larger built hens. The latter are all right in their place, for producing stock stuff, but for producing show specimens give me hens of moderate size.

MATCHING UP.

Never pair two birds together that possess the same fault; always try and counteract such failings. For instance, take the Norwich. Should your cock bird have a good head and neck, but is long in body, pair him up to a hen that has a short thick-set body; or if he is deficient in quality of feather, pair him up to a hen that excels in quality. Then in the Yorkshire variety, your cock bird might possess fine length, but run somewhat thin in neck (a general fault with a Yorkie), so pair him up to a hen with as full a neck as you possibly can; or your cock bird might be too much across the perch, when you should pair him to a hen that has extra good position; and so on right along the line.

Strive for the following good points, in the Yorkshire: As much length as possible, erect in position, long flights not crossing at all, closely folded tail of good length, back well filled in, solid breast, tapering body (wedge shaped), length of leg, with plenty of daylight between them, silky texture of feather and nice tone of colour. Avoid as much as possible the following: Thin necks, course heads, frills on breast, crossed wings, droopy tails, shortness of leg, stout waist, and harsh feather.

In the Norwich, have colour by all means (colour nowadays covers a lot of faults), substance, short and thick-set bodies, good broad round heads, deep and expanding chests, short wings and tails, quality of feather, jaunty carriage, legs not over long but well set back, and as much in front and as little behind the perch as possible. Shun the following, which are eyesores to a practical man: Narrow heads, thin necks, long flights and tails, eyes browed, narrow chests, bad feather, stilty legs, sluggish carriage, and long barrelled birds.

DATE TO PAIR UP.

Various are the recommendations given by different fanciers as to the proper time to place birds together for matrimonial purposes. February 14th (St. Valentine's Day) is the old time notion as to the correct date to match up one's stock. This old-fashioned idea, generally speaking, has gone to the wall, and fanciers nowadays pin their faith more to the modern practice of waiting until March is far advanced, or until April has made its debut. My own experience as regards what date to commence operations is that your best guide is the birds themselves oftener than not. I keep my birds back (especially the hens) as long as I can by feeding on plain diet, giving very little stimulating food before middle of March. I like birds to come into breeding form as naturally as possible, and don't believe in forcing matters to an extreme.

Unflighted birds usually come into condition more quickly than older ones, and should I find any of the latter much behind time I assist them somewhat by providing a little egg and bread food, mixing a small quantity of maw seed with it. I like, if at all possible, to have all my birds in trim by about the last week in March, and then, providing the weather is at all of an inviting character, I never hesitate to put birds together. On the whole, nothing is to be gained by pairing up earlier than this, as many fanciers do, oftener than not with disastrous results.

I really favour the last week in March for this simple reason, viz., I endeavour to obtain as many youngsters in the month of April as possible, as I have found out, by long experience and careful observation, that the best birds (both show and stock) are bred in this month. To substantiate my remarks, I will give you a few of my findings.

EARLY BROODS THE MOST VIGOROUS.

In the first place, the parent birds are, as a rule, most vigorous in the early part of the breeding season, therefore producing offspring with the greatest stamina. Again, the hens brood the youngsters better, and don't overheat or sweat with the weather as they are apt to do later on in the season; therefore they rear robust birds. Further, the hens come off the nest much oftener during temperate weather, and are not so lazy as when the heat is upon them: for this reason the young get fed much oftener, and grow much more quickly and strongly. Birds hatched in April, too, have the advantage of more time to develop previous to the moulting season setting in than those hatched later, which is very beneficial to them, and helps greatly in providing strength to battle against the weakening influence, the moult.

Another reason is that April birds fall into the moult while a fair amount of warm weather is still about, and by being thus favoured they come through the same much quicker and better than the later bred birds and are not struggling on, between life and death, possibly into December as many of the later birds are. Other reasons could be mentioned in favour of early youngsters, but the above suffices to satisfy one.

AGE AT WHICH TO PAIR.

The opinions of fanciers vary very much on this point. Some swear by an unflighted cock to a hen a year old or more, others prefer a two-year-old cock and unflighted hen; whereas others favour both cock and hen unflighted. As to my own preference I consider the best results are gained from a two-year-old cock and a young hen (unflighted). Why this method appeals to me is, that a two-year-old cock being more matured than a young cock you get fewer clear eggs from him than you do from the younger one.

Again, it is my firm belief that larger birds are bred by the procedure I favour; also a young hen is more sprightly than her elder sister, and goes about her work in a much better manner, feeding her youngsters oftener, and therefore bringing up more successfully, whereas, if one utilises a young cock (unflighted) he often is immature at the early part of a season, with results from which you can draw your own conclusions.

As regards the hen a year old or more, I don't wish to speak disparagingly, as I don't dislike such, but I wish to convey to you what is my preference as pairs.

UNPRODUCTIVE EGGS.

Unproductive eggs are brought about by more conditions than one, which I will describe. Infertile eggs (clear or bright as they are often styled) are in many cases the result of birds being immature when paired together. In other cases the hen perhaps has got long and very sharp claws, which during the incubation period prick the eggs, destroying what might otherwise have been good. If you take care to cut her nails previously to pairing her up this will not happen, but be careful not to cut into the quick. Again, the beak often is very sharp, and in the turning over of the eggs during incubation penetrates the shell, and brings about a similar state of things. Cut the beak with a sharp pair of scissors should you find it necessary, of course using discretion in doing so. Should your birds possess superfluous feather, cut away around the vent. Further, inspect the nest every morning, and see that the eggs are being set on all the 14 days and are not seven days under the building material as often happens.

Always see (should you make a practice of lighting up your gas at night time) that the hen is nicely settled on her eggs previously to turning the gas out. It is advisable in such cases to partly turn down the gas at first, afterwards turning off all together. If by mischance you shut the hen off her eggs for one night only (that is, if she has been sitting any length of time) you might as well let her start afresh. Damage will have been done that cannot be repaired.

(To be continued.)

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. It kills all insects, harmless to everything else. Sold in tins, 3d., 6d., and 1s each.

THE GOLDFINCH, BULLFINCH AND LINNET.

By F. MARWOOD.

A Paper read before the Darlington C.B.S., on March 6th, 1907.

It gives me great pleasure to come before you this evening, and give you my idea of what the above should be to enable them to stand a winning chance on the show bench. The first thing we require in the Goldfinch is a little size, not too much or we may be severely questioned as to its nationality, even though it be a genuine Britisher, but a bird of fair size will always beat the smaller one, this is, if equal in all other points. It should be of good shape, showing a fine curve from the throat right down to the vent. The blaze should be a rich scarlet, extending back behind the eye and running well down the throat; those that are square cut show off to greater advantage. Of course, I do not say that they must all be square cut, for there are good birds with the blaze rounded at the corners. The head should be broad, and of a deep glossy black, running well back, and down the sides of the neck, nearly like a half moon. It, however, should show no tendency to run into the cheeks, which ought to be of a good white, not pure, but with a slight cinnamon tinge if you want to keep on the safe side. Wings and tail should be black, showing good distinct moons, the former to have a rich golden-yellow band running well up into the shoulders. Back, a rich brown; the breast deep chestnut, running off to white. When in proper trim, the Goldfinch is the smartest and proudest of our British Finches—a regular swell.

Now as to their diet; you can safely call hemp seed "life"; it should always play a prominent part in their fare. I have found them thrive best on the following mixture as a staple food—Hemp two parts, teazle two parts, canary one part. You will also do well to give them once or twice a week a spoonful of thistle, dandelion, and knapweed seeds mixed; when they can be got you cannot be too liberal with the seedling heads above, also the milk thistle, or a little watercress. The flowering tops of groundsel I think invaluable, and a little linseed is useful, especially when finishing moult. There is one thing more I might say before closing my remarks about the Goldfinch that is not generally known—when gathering thistle heads, knapweed, and the like, you will occasionally find some infested with a small white maggot: but at this you need not be at all alarmed, as Goldfinches are very fond of them, and they are also very beneficial.

POINTS OF THE BULLFINCH.

The Bullfinch, as a show bird, should, as its name implies, be heavily built, with a deep, broad chest. The whole of the breast should be a bright crimson, running well back on the sides of the neck and down towards the vent, which should be pure white. The extent of crimson varies very much in different specimens, but in order to be in the front rank, a bird cannot show too much. The head and sides of the face (from below the eye round to the back of the head, nearly in the form of a hood) should be a good glossy black. This should not show any tendency to run into the crimson, but be clean-cut. The back should be a good slate grey (running off to pure white on the rump); wings and tail a bright blue-black, the former showing good bars of a very pale grey, almost white. Size is an important point in the Bullfinch, for you have not the same risk to run as with the Goldfinch. With the exception of the Russian and Siberian Goldfinch, there do not seem to be many able to compete successfully with the Britisher.

I think the most suitable seed mixture for this bird is—canary and teazle three parts each, linseed one part, summer rape one part, also a little small white sunflower seed may be given two or three times a week. In spring give sprigs of hawthorn in bud, those of fruit trees are best when they can be procured. They are also fond of dandelion, plantain, chickweed, and knapweed, which should be given liberally when moulting. Give an abundance of privet berries and blackberries.

REGARDING THE BROWN LINNET.

As regards the Brown Linnet, I must again remind you of size, which is an important point with all species of British birds, but, as you are well aware, there is something more than size required in order that you may successfully compete on the show bench. As it is not a bird of striking colours, it must be of good position, standing as erect as possible, on a good pair of legs, and with rather a broad head and good length of neck. I do not care for the thick-bodied, short-necked birds you see sometimes. The wings should be close and compact, showing a good white margin the outer feathers of the tail displaying a good white margin also. The head and back should be a rich nutty brown; breast light brown running off to white at the vent and under the tail; cheeks of a lighter shade, showing a distinct thumb mark; throat light, continuing right down centre of breast, and each side of breast, head, and neck should show a good, distinct black spangling.

The Linnet is the only bird of the three mentioned this evening that can be improved by a little colour food. The seed mixture I think best adapted for the Linnet in confinement is—canary two parts, German rape two parts, and linseed one part. When moulting give a liberal supply of plantain, shepherd's purse, groundsel, etc. The bath, as you will be well aware, is very essential to the well-being of all cage birds, and must not be forgotten, especially when moulting.

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The Tanagers *(Continued).*

SILVER-THROATED TANAGER (*Calliste icterocephala*).—Adult male: The body colouring is golden yellow, thickly spangled or streaked with black on the upper back and shoulders, upper back washed with green; wings and tail, yellow, with bright green edgings to each feather; there is a black streak starting from the base of the beak and extending to far side of ear coverts; throat and narrow collar round the neck an exquisite silvery blue; remainder of under parts, golden yellow, with greenish reflections on the flanks; beak, blackish; legs and feet, golden brown. Total length, 5 in., tail barely 2 in. Habitat: The mountain valleys in the vicinity of Quito. Mr. W. Goodfellow thus describes one brought to him alive by one of the natives ("Avic Mag.," vol. vi.):—"It was in perfect condition, but for the primaries, which had been plucked from the wings. Although the Indian stated it was but just caught, it seemed most confiding, and did not struggle in the hands in the least. I kept this bird during the two months of my stay there. It took great delight in hopping about the room, and made itself thoroughly at home at once. It bathed regularly, and also sang a little, with a gentle, subdued voice, chiefly in the early morning; and when so engaged would always sit on the bottom of the cage in one corner. I fed it on bananas, with an occasional cockroach, which it readily took from the fingers. One day one of the bamboo bars fell out of place when the cage was hanging outside the hut, and so my Tanager escaped. I found this such an attractive bird, and always so contented, that I hope it may be my lot some day to possess one of these birds alive in England, where, if they were known, they would be great favourites."

NEW GRENADIAN RUFOUS-HEADED TANAGER (*Calliste vitriolina*).—Adult male: Forehead, rufous; crown and nape, orange rufous; eye region and ear coverts, black; upper parts, and sides of neck and breast, greenish; under parts, greyish-green, slightly whitish on sides and flanks; wings, black, with outer webs broadly margined with bright green; tail, black edged with green; beak, legs, and feet, blackish. Total length 5¼ in., tail 2¼ in. Habitat: Mountain valleys of New Grenada.

LESSER AND GREATER RUFOUS-HEADED TANAGERS (1) (*Lesser*) *Calliste cayana* (2) (*Greater*) *Calliste cayanolœma*.—(1) Adult male: Top of head, rufous-ochraceous; facial patch round eyes and over ear coverts, black; neck, lower back, sides, sides of breast, region of vent, golden ochraceous,; back and rump, greenish; wings and tail, black, broadly margined on outer webs, with brilliant bluish-green; larger wing feathers have ends and inner webs margined with brown; throat and breast, lilacine; remainder of under parts, greyish lilacine; beak, blackish; legs and feet, greyish brown. Total length 4¾ in., tail 1½ in. Habitat: British Guiana, and region. (2) It is somewhat doubtful if this bird is really entitled to specific distinction. It is slightly larger than *cayana*, and its colours are purer and richer, especially the grey-blue or lilacine of the throat.

CHESTNUT-CAPPED TANAGER (*Calliste cucullata*).—Not quite so brilliant as some of its congeners, but, nevertheless, a richly-coloured and handsome species. Adult male: Above, ochraceous washed greenish; top of head, dark cinnamon-chestnut; ear coverts, black; upper tail coverts, rich bluish-green; wings and tail black, broadly edged with bluish-green; under parts, bluish-ochraceous, slightly rufous at vent; beak, dark horn; legs and feet, blackish. Total length 5¼ in., tail 2 in. Habitat: Venezuela.

THE YELLOW TANAGER (*Calliste flava*).—A brilliant and showy species, ranging over Eastern Brazil; sexes dissimilar in plumage. Adult male: Upper parts, bright tawny-yellow; lores, sides of face, chin, throat, breast, and middle of abdomen, black; remainder of under surface tawny-yellow; wing and tail black, edged with bluish-green; beak, legs and feet, blackish. Total length 5¾ in., tail 2¼ in. Adult female: Top of head, neck, sides and vent, tawny-yellow; base of neck to middle of back, greenish; wings and tail, as male; lores, sides of face, chin, throat, breast, and middle of abdomen, greyish-ochraceous; thickly streaked with blackish on throat, breast, and sides of face.

CHESTNUT-BACKED TANAGER (*Calliste pretiosa*).—A most beautiful species, even more so than the now well-known specimen of Mr. Townsend's *C. melanonota*. Habitat: Southern Brazil. Adult male: Head and neck to middle of back, rich coppery-chestnut, with a golden sheen on the crown and ear coverts; lower back and wing coverts, rich ochraceous tinged with green; wings and tail, black edged with bluish; under parts, grass green, merging into bluish green at lower abdomen; vent, chestnut; beak, legs and feet, brownish-black. Total length 6¼ in., tail 2¼ in. Adult female: Distinct from male. Upper parts, dark green, suffused with chestnut on the head, neck, and upper back; wings and tail, black, edged with green; under parts, paler green; middle of abdomen, whitish; vent, rufous.

BLACK-HEADED TANAGER (*Calliste melanonota*). — This beautiful species has become well known to Londoners by Mr. Townsend's fine male, which has appeared at all principal shows during the past two years; and, more recently, he has exhibited an equally fine female. Must be allowed as much ripe fruit as it will eat, also spiders, mealworms, etc. Note: Many Tanagers that will not touch full-grown mealworms, will eat readily small ones. Adult male: Head and neck, rich coppery-chestnut; upper back, black; wing coverts and lower back, whitish-ochraceous; wings and tail, blackish, with broad outer margins of blue; under parts, shining green; vent, chestnut; beak, legs, and feet, brownish-black. Total length 5¾ in., tail 2¼ in. Adult female: Upper parts, green, suffused with coppery-chestnut on the head and neck, and brownish on the upper back; wings and tail, blackish, edged with green; under parts, paler green; middle of abdomen, vent, and under tail coverts, pale buffish-chestnut.

BLUE-WINGED TANAGER (*Calliste cyanoptera*).—Adult male: Head, neck, sides of face, chin, throat, and upper breast, black, with violaceous reflections; wings and tail, deep bluish-black, edged with blue; remainder of upper and under parts, golden straw colour, suffused with light green on sides of breast and lower back; upper tail coverts, light green; beak, black; legs and feet, brownish-black. Total length 5½ in., tail 2 in. Habitat: Venezuela. In general appearance this species closely resembles the Sugar Birds (*Dacnis*) but is larger and slightly stouter.

BUFFON'S GREEN TANAGER (*Calliste gyrola*).—This beautiful species, which is rather common in British Guiana and neighbourhood, is met with singly and in pairs, and feeds on fruit and insects. Adult male: General body colouring, shining grass-green; middle of abdomen, bright blue; thighs, ruddy chestnut; head and neck, rich chestnut, banded narrowly at the nape with golden; bend of wing, golden; wings and tail, blackish broadly margined with bright green; beak, legs and feet, dark brown. Total length, 4¾in.; tail, 1¾in. Female: Similar, but colours less intense. This fine species may be distinguished from its similarly plumaged allies by the golden patch on bend of wing.

BLUE-BACKED GREEN TANAGER (*Calliste gyroloides*).—Very similar to *gyrola*, from which it may be distingnished by its blue rump. Head, sides of face and nape, rufous; narrow band of golden yellow round back of neck; the rump and under parts are bright blue; vent, green; thighs, rufous, remainder of plumage, shining grass-green. Total length 5¼in., tail 2¼in. Female: Similar, but duller. Mr. Bridges found this species near David in Veragua; it frequented high trees, and fed on the fruit of a small fruited ficus.

DESMAREST'S GREEN TANAGER (*Calliste desmaresti*).—This is very similar to the two preceding species, being rich shining grass-green, with head of rich glossy chestnut. It may be distinguished from the two preceding species by the entire absence of blue on the under parts. Habitat: Northern Venezuela and Trinidad.

BRAZILIAN (*Calliste brasiliensis*), GUIANAN (*C. flaviventris*), VIELLOTS' (*C. vieloti*), and BOLIVIAN (*C. boliviana*) TURQUOISE TANAGERS.—These four species all bear a striking resemblance to one another and appear more like local races than distinctive species. In all of them the female is similar, but their plumage is less refulgent than that of the male.

C. brasiliensis: Forehead and fore-crown, sides of face, sides of neck, throat, chest and breast, wing coverts, margins of primaries, rump and upper tail coverts, bright blue; remainder of upper parts, black; below, the sides and flanks are barred with black; middle of abdomen and vent, white; beak, blackish; legs and feet, dark brown. Total length 6in., tail 2¾in. Habitat: S.E. Brazil.

C. flaviventris: Upper parts, black; fore-crown, sides of head, margins of larger wing coverts and rump, bright blue; lesser wing coverts, bright turquoise-blue; outer margins of primaries, peacock-blue; throat and lower breast, bright blue; breast, black, flecked with bright blue; flanks, blue, marked with black; middle of abdomen and vent, pale sulphur-yellow; beak, black; legs and feet, blackish. Total length 5⅞in., tail 1¾in. Habitat: British Guiana, Venezuela, and Trinidad.

C. vielloti: Similar to *flaviventris*, except that the middle of abdomen and vent is sulphur-yellow. Habitat: Same range as *flaviventris*, but apparently most plentiful in Trinidad.

C. boliviana: similar to *flaviventris*, but the middle of abdomen bright sulphur-yellow. Habitat: Colombia, Bolivia, and Amazon region.

Prince Maximilian met *brasiliensis* in Eastern Brazil, in the more open country. He found the nest in a thick bush, built in a fork formed by the separation of four branches; it was of a true chaffinch type. It was constructed very neatly of wool, mostly white, intermingled with a few rootlets, moss and bark, and lined internally with broad threads of bark. It contained two eggs, longish in shape, white, marbled with pale reddish-violet, and varied with a few irregular black specks and blotches. There is at present exhibited at the London Zoological Gardens a specimen, presented by Mr. E. W. Harper, as *C. flaviventris*. This appears to me to be *brasiliensis*, as it entirely lacks yellow on the abdomen and vent, being pure white on these parts. It is a beautiful, vivacious and fearless bird; however, the same may be said for each of this quartette, judging from skins and figures.

(To be continued.)

Forsten's Lorikeet.

A well-known winning Foreign Bird, the property of Mr. G. McWILLIAMS (Carlisle).

THE GOULDIAN FINCH.

As Seen in its Native Wilds.

(Continued from page 262.)

Before trapping the birds we had to make all the cages, and this is the reason why we took wire netting with us. As we have only half-ton of seed with us, we can only take a certain number of birds, as it has to last us till we get back. After we have filled our cages, we make tracks for Townsville, but we return over a different route. We go via Esmeralda, cross over the River Flinders, and follow the river until we come to the Township of Hughenden.

Here we are again in civilisation. We have still 270 miles to go before we come to our starting place, which we reach by passing through Bett's Creek, Homestead, Balf's Creek, Charter's Towers, and on to Townsville. Of course, there are many more smaller places, too numerous to mention. Our horses were very poor when we got back. After carting 100 doz. birds all this distance, we had only 60 lbs. of seed left, but there was plenty more in the store. The birds were then shipped to Sydney, New South Wales, and disposed of to the dealers, and eventually a lot of them reached Europe.

Having given our adventures during a bird-trapping expedition, we will now describe

HOW WE CATCH THE BIRDS.

We start out from the depot with the usual equipment (as mentioned in another part), and make a journey to the nearest water hole. One man is left at the depot to prepare for the birds that are brought back to him. On finding a suitablo water hole, possibly 50 miles from our starting place, we dig a trench from the banks of the water, and let the water run into this. Our nets are then set one each side of the trench, and the natives are stationed all round the water to frighten the birds off as they come to drink, which, by the way, is in the early morning and again in the afternoon. They soon find out, however, that they can get an undisturbed drink at one place in the trench, and there a number of them go. They are driven off several times until they come in larger numbers. When a sufficient number has come to drink the line is pulled, and the nets come over like the leaves of a book and the birds are underneath. Of course, the man who is manipulating the net line is concealed, about 25 or 30 yards away. Sometimes we work two nets, one each end of the water. At times the water is so large that it would take 300 or 400 natives to surround it, and as this is out of the question we stake the water round with paper flags. If there is the least bit of wind these flags flutter about, and so frighten the birds off. In trapping birds we have a lot of trouble with hawks. Sometimes they are so daring that they will actually try to take the birds from the nets.

We have caught as many as 274 birds in one net, and with one pull of the line. Birds were very plentiful that morning. On that occasion we filled no less than ten cages (or 1,200 birds) in three hours. This will open the eyes of bird trappers in England.

No doubt the reader will think that the birds ought to be cheaper when caught in numbers like this, but bear in mind what an expedition like this costs, the risks and privations that have to be borne. When in this district we can only work until 10 o'clock in the morning and after 4 o'clock in the afternoon. Between these hours it might be 115 degrees *in the shade*. This will give you an idea what the heat is like. We have known it so hot that the lagoons have dried up, and perhaps we have about two gallons of water left to last us 50 miles. It is very hard times when there is no water to be obtained, and perhaps the food run short. On one occasion we lived on kangaroo flesh for three months, and often have we had to get water to drink from a lagoon wherein lies a dead kangaroo or dingo. The mosquitoes and flies are great tormentors, and to protect our eyes we have to wear goggles. But it is terrible to see the horses, they can do nothing to protect themselves. This is during the day time. At night we have to put up with the squalls of the water fowl, night birds, and, worst of all, the ants.

Our trapping operations take place soon after the breeding season, and quite 75 per cent. of our captures are uncoloured, or, in other words, have only their nest feathers, and when in this condition they look a miserable lot of birds. All these are moulted off in the cages, and by the time we arrive in Europe they are in perfect feather.

The trapping goes on until we have a sufficient number, and then we return to the depot, hand over our captures to the man left in charge, and have a day or two for rest. After that we load up again with fresh cages and provisions, and start off again in another direction. If the previous season has been a wet one birds are sure to be plentiful. We keep this trapping up until we have sufficient birds, then we turn our attention to the kangaroo "department."

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My Aviary and its Construction.

By W. Roslyn.

A Few Reminiscences of Forty Years in the Fancy, by the President of the Mansfield C.B.C.

(Continued from page 185).

My reminiscences as a fancier extend now over a period of 40 years. Long before I left school I was an ardent fancier of the sober-coloured Linnet, and when the parental sanction was given for me to have a corner of a spare room, and my mother made me a present of a fine large cage with twelve divisions, to put in the corner, there seemed little left on earth for me to wish for.

It was not, however, until the summer of 1877 that I had the courage to put birds on the show bench. I was then resident in Leicester, and seeing a show advertised to be held in connection with a local flower show, I entered two clear yellow Norwich cocks, and in my own mind was quite certain I should win; but, alas, the judge held very different views on the subject, and I went cardless!

This show was answerable for a great deal that followed, for my meeting with some old fanciers there led to the formation of the Leicester and Leicestershire Ornithological Society, of which I was elected secretary, a post I held for five or six years. We held a show the following Christmas, and probably the proudest moment in my life was when I saw that I was first in clear Yellows and ditto in Buffs, which, together with some minor cards in Cinnamons and first in British, made me the happy winner of the special for most points in the show. Like many more beginners, I was so full of conceit at this success that I thought I must win in open competition, and so sent entries here, there and everywhere, but I soon found that the catalogues were filled with the names of men who were easily able to make my most cherished specimens look common.

Ah! how the list of names has changed. Where are now the names of Bemrose and Orme of Derby, Moore and Wynn (Northampton), Robinson (Maryport), Shilton and Gadd, and the brothers Audley (Leicester), Adams and Athersuch (Coventry), Mr. C. J. Salt (Burton-on-Trent)—some of whose stock of Norwich I bought—Mr. Arthur Lewis (Nottingham), and many others whom space will not permit of mention?

Many of these have, alas!, passed to the Great Beyond. May their ashes rest in peace! But some are still with us. Have they forsaken their old love, and why? Our old friend, Mr. Joseph Bexson was then in the fighting line, and a hard fighter he was, too.

Time passed on, and I stuck to my Norwich and Cinnamons, with varying success, like all other fanciers, having my good years and bad ones, until the year 1886.

At the beginning of that year, one of our old travellers retired, and I was dispatched to London to take up the work at that end. This was a change indeed for me. I, who had been such a home-lover, must leave my birds to the care of my wife, who has been my greatest help in THE hobby, and who is, even now, in the autumn of our lives, as keen for a show as ever.

I soon found that I could not hope to keep showing, as I was frequently away for a journey of seven weeks, and I had to be content with a cut in now and then with one bird, a bare-eyed Cockatoo, with which I managed to score at Balham; also first two years in succession at the Royal Aquarium, and third at the Palace, I think in 1888.

This wandering life, however, had its advantages, for it brought me in touch with many fanciers in different parts of the country. Thus, one week I would be looking over the tremendous stocks in Norwich with Mr. Jacob Mackley or Mr. J. Yallop, or having a chat with Mr. Fred. Fitt, whose love of the Crest amounted almost to a craze. The next week would probably find me deep in the merits of a Cinnamon as held forth by that most enthusiastic fancier, Mr. Harry Tams, of Longton.

Whenever and wherever I found I had an hour to spare I would make inquiries as to the whereabouts of fanciers, and there was always a cheery welcome, and a hearty handshake at parting, with an invitation to "come again."

Many friends were made, many scenes witnessed, some pleasant, some expressibly sad, as in cases of illness or want of employment. Sometimes I would find that since my last visit, work had failed, and to the great regret of the fancier, the birds had had to be disposed of, or bread would be lacking for the little ones, and I shall not easily forget the dejected look of a once prosperous mechanic whom the dreaded consumption had laid low, when he said, "Aye, master, I shall ne'er get o'er it, I'd sooner hae parted wi' owt than them theer birds."

Nearly ten years of this wandering, and then a manager was a necessity at our increasing business at Mansfield, Notts. This brought me to an anchor, and after getting settled down again, my thoughts turned again to the show bench; but my fancy had undergone a change, and I cleared out my stock of Norwich and Cinnamons, and confined my attention to British and Foreign birds, to which I still cling.. I exhibit pretty freely, and have no reason to complain about success.

The young fanciers of to-day cannot, and never will, realise the difficulties of the past generation of fanciers.

Remember, my young friends, we had no paper devoted to cage birds. All the information which was printed I eagerly devoured, but it was very scanty, and some of it was the most pitiful drivel, and was evidently written by men who were journalists, but not fanciers, and who only proved their ignorance of the subject by dilating upon it.

We got a few short paragraphs in the "Journal of Horticulture" first, and then afterwards came the "Fanciers' Gazette," in which we got a good deal about Shorthorns and dogs, and a little about birds. How eagerly I used to look forward for the issue of that sheet when Mr. W. A. Blakston began to write for it, and his articles were read and re-read until I knew them off by heart.

I paid a noted exhibitor of that day a pretty heavy fee to teach me how to wash birds for exhibition, but I should not dream of using the same methods in these days, and bear in mind that whatever you learned in those days you had most distinctly to pay for. Societies were few, and people with a real practical knowledge of the wants of the young beginner, and the ability to express themselves in an intelligible manner were even fewer still.

Before I close this imperfect account of my experiences, let me impress on the young fancier who wishes for success on the show bench this motto:—"Fight, fight hard, fight fair; never give points to your opponents, but never take a mean advantage." So shall your victories be victories indeed, and when you sit by the fireside towards the close of your lives and review in your minds the fights of the past, and look on the trophies won, no bitterness shall enter into the view because of the consciousness that on your side at least the fight was fair and the battle honestly contested.

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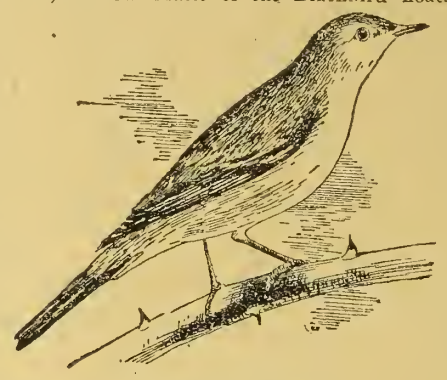
The Chiff-chaff and the Willow Warbler.

Spring is coming. The pale primrose is peeping out among the rich green leaves and tender mosses of the hedge banks and sheltered woods. It is good to be in the country, for there is a life and vigour in the breeze, and warmth in the sunshine prophetic of joys to come. From the downs there is a glorious view of rich woodland and meadow, stretching away to the heart of the country, and already the woods have lost some of the dullness of winter colouring. There is a fullness, and a touch of colour in the dense mass of branches and twigs that tells of the swelling of buds and thickening of tender shoots, and soon we shall have a rush of vernal pleasures crowding upon us.

Birdland is full of joy and gladness; the slow, mellow music of the Blackbird floats



THE CHIFF-CHAFF.

across the meadow on the soft breeze, and the cheerful notes of the Song Thrush can be heard in the very centre of the village, and overhead the Skylark gives us of his best. On some fine day when we wander by the side of a plantation or along the edge of the wood, we shall hear the first notes of the Chiffchaff; his two-note song will sound pleasantly to us—he is the first harbinger of that great orchestra of feathered musicians soon to reach our shores. Although our resident birds are at all times a source of interest to us, it is the Warblers, Chats and Pipits that engross our attention during the early spring months. The Chiffchaff is a tiny mite of a bird, and there appears no reason whatever why he should brave our fitful climate earlier than his congeners, the Willow and Wood Wren. He is due about the 20th of this month, for he comes with the hardy Wheatear, whose white tail patch will soon be conspicuous along the sheltered walls by the sea marshes, and at the foot of the downs, where he will possibly rest awhile until some favourable wind carries him with his companions inland.

It is difficult at all times to distinguish the three tiny Warblers mentioned above. To the ordinary observer their slender, olive green bodies, clambering, mouse-like ways, long, thin legs and pale yellow eye stripes, make them quite alike, and so near is this resemblance that experienced naturalists cannot always name them at sight. To do so, or even to hazard an opinion, one must become perfectly familiar with all three species. The brighter colour and fluttering play of the long wings of the Wood Warbler will aid us to name him, but the Chiffchaff and Willow Wren are quite another matter. They both love shady woods and well sheltered plantations where the branches and rank grass grow luxuriantly by some woodland streams, affording plenty of cover for the cosy, down-like nests, for even in building they resemble each other. The eggs are nearly alike; they have the same light ground colour, but the markings upon those which belong to the Chiffchaff are almost black, whereas the others are purplish-red.

These birds lack the steady perching habit of the majority of Warblers; they are generally observed in a stooping attitude, flitting from branch to branch, or clambering up a twig, to peer under some overhanging leaves for a spider or small caterpillar. It is generally among the branches of some full grown tree that we must look for these engaging birds. The Willow Wren will spend some time in a single tree, passing from branch to branch, carefully searching every leaf, stopping occasionally to warble his pretty song, so unlike that of any other bird. It commences on a high pitched note, descends the scale, and dies away almost to a whisper. This curious little warble he repeats time after time, while one can stand below the tree and watch his every action, for he is careless of observation.

The Chiffchaff is less patient; it is only a fleeting glance that we get of his slender body; he much prefers to have a screen of dense branches or fluttering leaves between himself and us, and being at all time less numerous than the Willow Wren, he is not often seen, although his two-note song, so clearly resembling his name, is frequently heard, and just now is listened for with eagerness by all lovers of wild birds, and countryside pleasures.

Notes and Queries.

An Early Bird.

It is reported that the Cuckoo has been heard in Cornwall.

The Bittern in England.

The last nest of the Bittern recorded in England was in 1868. They have no opportunity of nesting now, for the birds are destroyed directly they arrive.

Birds in the North.

I was much surprised to note the great difference in the doings of birds in the North of England, as gleaned from the diary of a naturalist. All of them are much later in commencing to sing, also in pairing and nesting. Such being the case, we can only surmise that in the North there cannot be quite so many young ones reared. Consequently, bird life during the late autumn months is not so plentiful as it is here in the South.

The Busy Rookery.

The Rooks have not yet finished nest building, for they may be seen daily carrying twigs to the nesting trees. Although Rooks often fly with the wind they never settle with the wind behind them. They gracefully fly past the trees, sweep round elegantly and then return. At first sight this appears to be unnecessary exertion; one would think it quite an easy matter for them to fly straight to the trees and settle. Of course, there is the possibility that the wind would carry them further onwards, even if they clutched the branch with their feet, but I think the true explanation is that Rooks, like other birds, very much dislike to have their feathers ruffled. This would, of course, happen if they stopped suddenly in flight going with the wind.

Blackbird with White Head.

Last Sunday I saw a cock Blackbird with a pure white head in Branksome Park. Is this often seen?—C. FRANK HAYMAN (Parkstone).

Black Redstart in Devon.

The Black Redstart has been seen in Devonshire, and there is no doubt these birds visit us every winter. In this case the bird was seen by a lady, who thought it was the ordinary Redstart, but darker in plumage. In manner and habit of flicking the tail they are very much alike.

A Note on Sparrow Clubs.

Sparrow clubs for the destruction of the bird are still in existence, and many fresh ones have been started in new districts. No doubt House Sparrows are very destructive, and need thinning down, but, unfortunately, many other species suffer through the ignorance of the destroyers. A few lessons upon oology, with specimens of eggs, would save much needless destruction of bird life.

Birds in the Orchard.

Although fruit trees are generally planted in straight rows, each a certain distance from its neighbour, a number of well-known birds build in their branches. Many of the trees have thick, knotty lumps upon the limbs, and a nest is often mistaken for one of them, and so escapes detection. All the Finches frequently build in the orchard and occasionally the long-tailed Tits, the Woodpecker and Nuthatch, especially where the trees are old, and even the Magpie, Crow and Pigeon and, of course, the Thrush and Blackbird. One may occasionally come across something quite out of the common among orchard trees.

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THREE cock Goldfinch-Canary Mules, full song, 18/-; exchange.—A. Coombs, Finedon.

WHAT offers for one hen Bullfinch, caged 3 months, two cock brown Linnets, caged Sept. last. Sell 5/-.—Gregory, Co-op. Society, Stourport.

SPLENDID pair Bullfinches, one cock Greenfinch, 5/6 lot; exchange anything useful.—H. Lane, Neither Green, Bonsall.

ALL house-moulted cocks.—Goldfinch and Cage 3/6, Greenfinch and Cage 2/6, Linnet 1/6; exchange.—Gaydon, Strand, Barnstaple.

FINE large cock Nightingale, in song; exchange for singing Canary; stamp reply.—P. T., Boreatton Park, Baschurch, Salop.

COCK Goldfinch, cock Linnet, both bred Mules with hens paired; exchange Rollers; 8/6 pair.—Staniforth, South Elmsall, Doncaster.

LARGE singing Linnet, 3/6; Lark, 2/6; Yellow Bunting, 2/6; Greenfinch, 1/-; exchange Canaries.—Durno, 13, Monthooley-st., Aberdeen.

TWO hen Goldfinches and one cock Linnet, twice house moulted, one hen Bullfinch; what offers?—Barker, Baker, St. Albans.

EXCHANGE two Hawfinches, cocks, for pair Yorkshires.—J. Hall, Moreton, Northmoor, near Oxford.

EIGHT Redpolls, two pairs of Siskins; sell 10/- or useful exchange.—E. Braddy, 197, Magdalen-st., Colchester.

ADULT cock Stonechat, 12/6; or exchange large good coloured cock Hawfinch.—George, c/o Stewart, 26, Kirkland-st., Glasgow.

OVERYEARED Welsh cock Goldfinch, proved breeder, with cage, 7/6; exchange Linnet Mule, pure Linnet song.—Pilot, Jeweller, Welshpool.

LINNET, father 11 Mules last season, grand markings, 6/6; or exchange common hens.—Gobey, 149, Rushey Green, Catford.

EXCHANGE three cock Goldfinches, caged six months, for Coronation chair or cock Canaries.—Richardson, Hockham-st., Lynn.

GOLDFINCH, 6/6, bred 11 Mules last year, for three Norwich Plainheads, club cages.—Lees, 15, Oldham-rd., Rochdale.

EXCHANGE evenly-marked light Goldfinch Mule, also bronze Mule and Linnet Mule, singing and noted winners; sell 50/-; or exchange set of drain rods.—Hall, Lansdowne-st., Lynn.

FIVE Bullfinches, 2 cocks, 3 hens; 3 brown Linnets, 1 cock, 2 hens; hand-reared 1906; wanting Cinnamons.—Artbur Peck, Bulcamp, Halesworth, Suffolk.

EXCHANGE two cage moulted cock Linnets for Yorkshire cock, singing, or sell 8/-; two grand singing cock Goldfinches, 7/- each.—Priestley, 46, Little Britain, E.C.

EXCHANGE one cock Linnet Mule, one cock Goldfinch Mule, both in full song, for Norwich or Yorkshire Canaries, or a pair of good Cinnamons.—Mr F. Ferry, 90, Union-st., Maidstone, Kent.

HANDSOME Magpie, hand-reared, good talker, sure winner, 10/-, exchange pair Norwich or large yellow Crestbred hen.—Roberts, 1, Court, Deritend, Birmingham.

EXHANGE house moulted cock Goldfinch (breeding condition) for Seifert Roller or two Norwich cocks; sell 12/-.—Pye, 30, Potter's-lane, Aston, Birmingham.

HAND-REARED Jay, started talking, sell 5/-; or exchange for pair Budgerigars; Barn Owl, hand reared, feeds from hand, sell or exchange for foreigners.—Enoch Baker, jun., New-st., Barnett-lane, Kingswinford, Staffs.

HOUSE moulted British Goldfinch and house moulted Siskin, breeders, 7/6 each; selected Greenfinch, Bramblefinch, and Twite, 2/- each; or exchange the lot for two big Siberian Goldfinches.—J. Milburn, 23, Queen-st., Cleator Moor, Cumberland.

ONE cock Goldfinch, house moulted, and three young cock Linnets, caged September, one cock Siskin, house moulted, one cock Redpoll, all been flying in outdoor aviary all winter, sell 17/6, or exchange for Norwich cock, on approval, large bird.—N. Langley, Bushey Heath, Herts.

SALE or exchange Sibs, yellows, two hens, one cock, white-legged cock Goldfinch, bred Mules last season, genuine, price £2, worth double, will exchange for Norwich Crested hen with plenty of feather, come on beak.—Straw, 5, Morland-ter., Upton, Torquay.

LIGHT MULE, first Plymouth (see front page CAGE BIRDS last week), £2; Chaffinch, first Oxford, fourth Palace, a gem for colour, £1; Yellowhammer, third Oxford, L. and P.O.S. and L. and C.B.A., 15/-; Bullfinch, first Plymouth, first Abertillery 1905, 15/-; Yorkshires part exchange.—L. S. B. Clark, 242, Beaumont-rd., Plymouth.

MESSRS. WITHERS BROS. can spare from their outdoor aviary the following moulted birds, all in the pink of condition:—Five Yellow Buntings, one Reed Bunting, one Linnet, one Java (Grey), one Bullfinch (very tame), one Brambling, three Siskins. A good opportunity for stocking outdoor aviary: £2 the lot, a bargain; or would exchange good Softbills to value.—High-st., Watford, Herts.

Mainly Canaries

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AVIARY (2-domed), convenient size; exchange Canaries.—Banks, 36, Hazledon-rd., Brockley.

FOUR hen Canaries, Norwich, buff and variegated, 2/- each.—Brough, Greenwich, Ripley, Derby.

WHAT offers in British birds for one cock and two Norwich hens?—98, Kent-st., Upper Gornal, Dudley.

NORWICH hens, large buff hen, 3/-; 1906 variegated, 3/-; buff, 3/-; white-legged Goldfinch, 5/-.—Blakesley, Hinckley.

MONSTER buff Norwich hen, winner, sell £1; exchange Yorkshires or Lizards; approval.—Lewis, 30, Dinam-st., Nantymoel, Bridgend.

EXCHANGE large wing-marked buff Norwich cock, for Border cock or Siberian cock Goldfinch.—Richardson, Low Westwood, Ebchester.

EXCHANGE good lengthy buff Yorks (1906) hen ready nest; wanted, real good cock Goldie; approval.—Durnford, 12, Scarsdale-st., Peudleton.

EXCHANGE big buff Norwich cock for yellow Norwich hen; mutual approval.—Atterbury, 22, Alton-st., Crewe.

EXCHANGE, buff Yorkshire hen, for Norwich Plainhead cock; value 10/-.—Phemiester, Bridge-st., Wick.

"CAGE BIRDS," No. 171 to 260. What offers? Norwich buff cock 6/-, ditto hen 2/6.—Douglas, Humber, Hull.

MAINLY CANARIES—continued.

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshire yellow cock, sell 15/-, exchange large brass phonograph horn.—Harding, Wensleydale, Southend-on-sea.

EXCHANGE one pair of Norwich Canaries for pair of Yorkshires or Rollers.—Robinson, 55, Henry-st., Goole.

EXCHANGE Canaries for scrap copper and brass, minimum 20lbs.—Henry Leah, Earls Barton, Northampton. x270

TWO pair of high-class typical Yorkshires, 7 in. long, 10/6 pair; or useful exchange.—Duckering, Ordsall, Retford, Notts.

SQUARE Parrot cage, hand decorated, 15/-; exchange any kind of Canaries or British birds.—Rollinson, Waugh-st., Oldham.

THREE hen Canaries, one buff, one Cinnamon, one variegated, sell 8/-; or exchange breeding Budgerigars.—C. Groves, 6, Belgrave-mews West, London.

SALE or exchange, two buff Scotch Fancy cocks, or exchange one for Scotch Fancy hen or Borders.—R. Dunlop, 11, High-st., Irvine.

HAND camera, in good condition, sell 10/-; or exchange Canaries.—E. Bakewell, Portland-rd., Selston, Notts.

GOOD pair of Yorkshires, 15/-; or exchange good pair Cinnamons or Norwich.—Redstone, Haverigg, Millom.

SIX healthy Norwich hen Canaries, best offer or exchange anything useful.—Ernest Rowe, 51, Bermuda, Chilver's-cottages, near Nuneaton.

EXCHANGE two cock Canaries, one Crestbred, 12/-, for Roller cock, trained; stamp reply.—R. S. Wilson, Etherley, Bishop Auckland, Durham.

ST. ANDREASBERG Roller, full song, 8/6; or exchange anything useful.—Holloway, 56, Park-st., Lye, near Stourbridge.

EXCHANGE Norwich cock Canary for good fishing rod; approval.—William James, Rhos Cottage, near Red Lion Hotel, Llandebie.

CHAMPION Yorkshire and Norwich cocks, 7/6 each, six 36/-; ten days' approval.—Wm. Powick, Eastfield House, Dewsbury.

LARGE 1906 cinnamon marked yellow Yorkshire cock, fed, sell or exchange large yellow Norwich cock; approval; no rubbish.—J. Green, 256, Chapel-st., Leigh, Lancs.

ADVERTISER wishes to exchange six Canary hens for six others, from aviary; also will sell some from 3/-.—Address, 26, Fulready-rd., Whipp's Cross, Leyton.

HIGH-CLASS pair of Norwich, well matched, will breed winners, sell 20/-, or exchange set of golf clubs and bag.—F. M., 41a, St. Paul's-st., N. Cheltenham.

EXCHANGE 2 yellow unflighted Yorkshire hens, winning strain, for big 1906 Norwich hens, or long buff Yorkshire cocks; approval.—Wheatley, 38, Ernest-st., Middlesbrough.

CANARIES.—Six hens, pied and green, make splendid feeders, the lot 13/6; or 2/6 each; exchange anything useful.—Bell, 231, Church-st., Maryhill, Glasgow.

POSTAL ORDERS, PLEASE.

Owing to the new Post Office Regulations respecting the use of stamps upon Postal Orders, we are reluctantly compelled to state that in future our rule re **sending Postal Orders as far as possible instead of stamps** *must be strictly enforced. Advertisers unable to obtain Postal Orders must remit an extra halfpenny with every four penny stamps.*

EXCHANGE three yellow Norwich cocks, 1906, 15/-, for cock Linnets and Goldfinches to value.—Davies, 402, Wargrave-rd., Newton-le-Willows, Lancs.

PEDIGREE Fox Terrier dog, can win, 20/-; Whippet dog, pup, 5/-; crossbred Yorkshire bitch, good guard, 10/-; exchange Canaries, anything.—Abbott, Liverpool-rd., Luton.

EXCHANGE Norwich cock, rather rough in feather, two hen Bullfinches, cock Greenfinch, splendid colour, for buff Yorkshire cock.—Sewery, Windsor-ter., Lyme Regis.

FOUR Yorkshire hens, three yellows, one buff, 1906, 15/-; Jonas Knight's Yorkshire training cage, 3/-; exchange self buff green Yorkshire stock cock.—Rand, 11, Henson-st., Redcar.

EXCHANGE smart unflighted buff Norwich cock, 20/-, songster, 7/6, for two unflighted buff hens, respective value.—Spillman, 35, Alchester-st., Devonport.

CANARIES.—Fifty Norwich and Yorkshire, show Chaffinch, Siskin, muling Goldfinch; exchange pullets, jewelry; offers.—Haynes, 20, Whitehead-rd., Birmingham.

WILL exchange two Norwich and Yorks hens for a good yellow Norwich cock; no rubbish offered or wanted.—Candish, 1, Merton-ter., Morden-rd., Merton.

THREE 1906 Norwich cock Canaries, full song, 8/6 each; exchange four Minorca laying pullets; two twice aviary moulted Bramblefinches, 3/- each; or exchange two 1906 hen Canaries.—Mainprize, Witham, Essex.

GRAND typical buff and yellow Norwich cocks, both winners, cash £4; 6 cocks, 4 hens, bred from same, 7/6 each, clear the 12; or exchange white Leghorn pullets or Minorcas; genuine bargain.—Brown, 32, Kew-rd., Richmond, S.W.

EXCHANGE 1906 pure Seifert Roller, English-bred, full rolling song, for large buff Norwich cock; also new 14 in. steel, value 7/6, for yellow Yorkshire cock; mutual approval.—Address, Wm. Edwards, Medart-place, Cross Keys, Newport, Mon.

PAIR excellent Yorkshires, 12/6; pair Norwich, 10/6; Crestbred cock, 6/-, 1905; two Goldfinch Mules, 10/6, 1906 cocks; worth double; must sell through death of owner; exchange good Brussels carpet or household goods; approval.—Mayhew, Jeweller, Bury, Suffolk.

EXTRA large buff variegated cock, Lancashire-Norwich cross, 12/-; clear yellow typical Norwich hen, Bullfinch type, 6/; large foul green Norwich hen, 5/; even-marked buff Norwich cock, 8/6; healthy; approval with pleasure, cash or deposit; exchange for good cock Goldfinches; stamp reply.—Freeman, City Aviary, Chapel-st., Birmingham.

Mainly Foreign
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WHAT offers? Grand Amazon talking Parrot, 2½ years old, and cage, value £4; good bicycle preferred.—Oxley, 8, Dalberg-rd., Brixton, London.

WHAT offers in birds for Grenadier Weaver, in full colour? Or sell 12/6.—Garner, Union House, Petworth.

PARROT and cage for sale cheap, offers accepted in exchange, no live stock.—Watson, 27, Radford-rd., Lewisham.

EXTRA large Australian Queen Parrot, winner, with cage, 30/-, or exchange for Norwich or Crested Canaries.—W. McNair, 8, George-st., Paisley.

TWO pairs high-class Black Nuns, nesting, 4/- pair, or useful exchange; approval, deposit.—Skinner, Ironmonger, Kingskerswell, Devon.

FOR Sale, Parrot and cage, talker, finger tame, 25/-, bargain, also grand pair Yorkshires, 12/-; exchange anything useful.—John Lingard, 10, Healeywood, Burnley.

Miscellaneous
Sale or Exchange

WHAT offers for pair of Flying Homers, 200 miles strain?—Geo. Brodie, Ramsay, Wooler.

200 COPIES CAGE BIRDS, 30 coloured plates, 5/-; or offers.—Durance, 132, West-parade, Lincoln.

BEAUTIFUL pairs Doves, ready to nest, 1/6 pair, exchange British or Foreign birds.—Elkes, Bradley-rd., Wrexham.

WHAT offers? Rollers and cash preferred for automatic bagatelle, fine piece of cabinet work, cost £5.—Stein, Colham Green, Uxbridge.

GRAND pair Racing Homers, C. rung, pure Barker's, 10/-, exchange Canaries, Mules, wild birds.—Clarke, 134, Morning-lane, Hackney, London.

LARGE yellow Norwich hen, Siberian cock Goldfinch, 8/6 pair, bargain; exchange.—Beattie, 16, Wilton-cres., Hawick.

WANTED, offers of Canaries in exchange for lady's or gentlemau's new gold watch, value £2 and £2 10/-.—Smith, 3, Richmond-rd., Leytonstone.

EXCHANGE new Columbia zither for Canaries; approval; no rubbish wanted.—Mr. Mollat, 11, Weston-st., Leek.

BARGAIN.—Guitar, zither-harp, new, exchange for three Yorkshire hens, or sell 25/-.—Dean, Park-st., Crosshills, Keighley.

104 COPIES CAGE BIRDS and several plates, for muling hen Canary.—Heitman, 67, Seaton-st., Chelsea, S.W.

NOTICE.—What offers in Canaries for new Palace-shaped aviary? Or sell 25/-; or breeding cages.—Hogg, Arcade, Carlisle.

FIFTY 6d. numbers "Black and White," clean, sell, exchange anything.—Honeyman, Butcher, Ship-st., Barrow-in-Furness.

WILL exchange seven-stringed banjo for two house moulted cock Goldfinches; good mulers.—Marshall, 59, Minard-rd., Catford.

SIXTY CAGE BIRDS and plates, exchange for muling white-legged cock Goldfinch, has bred.—Edwards, 3, Bryn-ter., Waun Llwyd, Mon.

YORKSHIRE Terrier bitch puppy, 30/-, beauty, exchange.—Curtis, Industrial Dwellings, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

LADY'S 18 ct. gold new keyless watch, worth £4; exchange Crests or Cinnamons.—Lloyd, 7, Dean-st., Aberdare, Glam.

ENGLISH-MADE five-chambered revolver, perfectly new, cost 25/-; exchange to value 8/-, or nearest cash offer.—T. Amery, Crowle, Doncaster.

WILL exchange 20 in. all wire breeding cages for drapery, hardware, or anything useful, or sell at 4/-.—McDonald, Buchanan-st., Glasgow.

THREE new double compartment breeding cages, enamelled inside, exchange Canaries, Goldfinches.—Buffeny, 40, Ferdinand-st., Camden Town, London.

LANTERN, full size, and 50 slides, offers wanted in Norwich Canaries.—Bolton, 32, Tilery-rd., Stockton-on-Tees.

BANJO, new, in case, cost £4 4/-, price 30/-, or exchange Canaries.—Lowe, Sandhurst, Park-pl., Greenwich.

AUTOMATIC self-acting Canary organ, maker Queck, from Palace, new, cost £3 10/-, sell £3, or exchange.—Lowe, Sandhurst, Park-pl., Greenwich.

10/6 FOUNTAIN PEN, perfectly new, with filler, etc.; exchange singing cock Canary; anything.—33, Cadogan-ter., Homerton, London.

GRAND Belgian Hare, Doe, 12 months; exchange Norwich hen Canaries or pair Budgerigars.—Hubbard, 162, Cromwell-rd., Peterhorough.

WANTED Canaries, cheap for cash, or exchange cigars, cigarettes, tobacco, razors.—Trapnell, Hairdresser, Tobacconist, Weston-super-Mare.

YELLOW Norwich cock, winner, 7/6; phonograph, four records, accept 10/- to clear; exchange, offers birds, anything.—F. Beard, Llandrindod Wells.

WILL exchange sittings of 13 Buff Orpington eggs for Canaries.—Wood, 45, Dancer-rd., Richmond, Surrey.

GRAND black Minorca cockerel; exchange for Canaries, or sell 8/6; approval.—Jordan, King's Mills, Cullompton.

FRETWORK model Noah's Ark, with animals, 25/-; exchange British birds or phonograph.—Keenan, 21, Crescent-rd., Dukinfield, Cheshire.

GOOD Norwich hen and cage, good Parrot cage; exchange either for Drake, Minorca, Norwich cocks.—Upton, Ashover, Chesterfield.

WILL exchange pedigree Irish Terrier dog, age 18 months, for a first-class pair of Crests; approval.—James O'Mahoney, 27, Victoria-rd., Dundee.

FOUR-COMPARTMENT counter cigar showcase, 8/6; exchange Canaries, Goldfinches.—Bryant, Tobacconist, Weston-super-Mare.

LADY'S cycle, as new, sell £3 10s.; exchange Canaries, Mules, etc.—Sumnerhill, 11, Dock-lane, Dudley.

PAIR black Rosecomb Bantams, sell £1; exchange pair Norwich Canaries or cycle wheels.—Howe, 11, High-st., Irvine.

LADY'S cycle; exchange for Parrot or silver cigarette case value £1.—6, Gainsboro'-grove, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

EXCHANGE grand tan Lurcher dog, good worker, sell 15/-; or exchange anything useful.—McPherson, 20, Ernest-st., Arbroath.

HIGH-CLASS Partridge Wyandottes and Black Minorca eggs; exchange anything useful; offers.—Miller, Airmyn, Goole.

FOR sale, six good Border show cages, 8/-; or exchange Canaries to value.—Lorimer, 23, Ambrose-st., Broughty Ferry.

PURE bred Liver Cocker Spaniel bitch, for Grey Parrot and cage; or offers; or sell 30/-.—Pilsbury, 15, Vine-st., Kidderminster.

SEVEN-CHAMBERED revolving gun and 60 cartridges; exchange cross-bred Poultry; sell 25/-.—Avery, 39, Oxford-st., Totterdown, Bristol.

EXCHANGE sittings pure breed Partridge Wydat eggs, for good Norwich hen.—Lyon, 5, Durham-st., Scarborough.

EXCHANGE pair real stag carvers for one cock Canary or two hens, or two cock Goldfinches or Bullfinches.—Joseph Royles, 260, Beet-st., Sheffield.

SHOW Homers.—Pair adults, pair squeakers, 6/-, bargain; two cock Chaffinches, two hen Brambles, 3/6; cock Bramble, hen Yellowhammer, 2/-, caged months; exchange.—Dainty, 43, Union-st., Lye.

EXCHANGE Nansen's "Farthest North," clean, unbound, cost 10/-, for Crested cock, or Green Yorkshire cock; no rubbish.—Wragg, Rocket-st., Darlington.

GENT.'S free-wheel cycle, new cog, cranks, and pedals, brake, thorough condition, price £2; part exchange for good Norwich hens.—Hall, 5, Hollyter., Whetstone, London.

WANTED, offers anything, useful exchange Partridge Wyandottes' eggs, Kirk's Palace winning strain, guaranteed fertile.—Dawson, Blyburgate, Beccles.

FOX Terrier pup, two months, well-bred parents, white with tan marks, very sharp, 5/-; or exchange breeding Goldfinch.—Bryan, Llanfyllin, Mont.

EXCHANGE eight long-faced Black Tumblers, from prize strain; Yorkshire cock and two hens wanted, or offers; on approval.—Carr, 2, Wellington-rd., Walthamstow.

KODAK, hand or stand, tripod, and complete outfit, value £3; exchange pair large Norwich Plainheads; no rubbish wanted or offered.—Brown, 840, Argyle-st., Glasgow.

NORWICH Plainheads, two pairs, £1 5s., £1 10s.; exchange picture frame, Cassel's "Canaries," etc.; two border hens, 12/6; exchange cock or two singing cocks.—11, Newington-rd., Edinburgh.

SPLENDID prize-bred Golden Sable, and white Collie dog, 18 months, deuse coat, beauty, very quiet; exchange cage birds, or offers; sell 30/-.—Burnie, Muir Cottages, Castle Douglas.

LOVELY all jet black curly French Poodle bitch, 12 months, trained to house, can do almost any trick, highest pedigree, price 25/-, or exchange Canaries.—Mr. Bellingham, Carriage Hirer, Stirling.

EXCHANGE, pike rod and wheel, cost 15/-, tool box, 15/-, complete set clap nets, for Goldies or Canaries, cocks.—Hughes, 64, Caulfield-rd., East Ham, E.

KIT of five pairs high-flying, performing Tumbler Pigeons, will exchange 2for Canaries or British Hardbills, or sell, out of Cardiff.—John Murray, 42, Warwick-st., Saltmead, Cardiff.

WHAT offers in good large British cocks for muling, for clapnets, 18 by 4, poles, lines, pegs, store cage, 8 call cages, everything complete, real good pack?—Crane, 44, Windsor-rd., Ipswich.

AMERICAN rifle, Stevens' Favourite, calibre 22in., new, perfect order, exchange good Norwich or Yorkshires, sell £1.—Banner, Hepthorne-lane, Chesterfield.

SALE, 30/-, "Penny Magazine," 1832 to 1834, 3 vols., bound in one cover, or offers in Yorkshires; mutual approval.—Hutton, Confectioner, Dene-st., Dorking.

GRAND pair of bronzes, 20 in. high, representing St. George on horseback, value £3, exchange Canaries or cock Mules; no rubbish; approval.—Lloyd, 7, Dean-st., Aberdare, Glam.

AIREDALE dog, five months', sell 10/-; violin, cost £4, sell £1; or exchange Canaries; approval if carriage paid.—Palmer, 1, Parade, Child's-hill, Heudon.

EXCHANGE carved Meerschaum pipe, negro or lady's head, new, but cases shop soiled, for two Plainhead Norwich hens, good mothers.—Taylor, Tobacconist, Market-pl., Wigan.

PHONOGRAPH recorder, Pathe, 7/-; buff variegated Norwich hen, 7/-; yellow variegated large hen, 5/-; exchange cock Canaries, or offers.—Brough, Greenwich, Ripley, Derbyshire.

NEW 6-key piccolo, with two beads, metal slides, and tutor, cost 15/-, exchange common 1906 hen Canaries, offers.—Curtis, Terrace, Flaxfield, Basingstoke.

¼-PLATE hand camera and requisites, cost 27/-, exchange good pair trained Roller Canaries, or sell 12/6.—Dainty, 10, Gordon-rd., Wellingborough, Northants.

SIGNALMAN'S pilot overcoat, good as new, exchange yellow Norwich cock and buff hen, or Border Fancies; no rubbish; approval.—J. McVie, Bankend Cottage, Springside, Ayrshire.

WILL exchange guinea "Ferna" hand Camera, new, with full instructions, for pair Norwich Plainheads, buff cock, and clear yellow hen.—A. Plevin, 21, Queen's-rd., Bury St. Edmunds.

TWO pairs good Working Homers, 12/6, particulars given, exchange good big English cock Goldfinch, must be good.—Clark, Salisbury-st., Kirkcaldy, Fifeshire.

DOUBLE breeder, 32 in. by 16 in. by 8 in., 5/-; four compartment cage, 24 in. by 24 in. by 6 in., 5/-, both loose fronts and trays; bargains.—Broome, 62, Windsor-rd., Oldham.

"STRAND MAGAZINE," 1899, in 2 vols., "Strand" cover, new condition, for deep yellow hen Canary, Norwich, young, must be good bird.—Macklyefts, Sunbury, Middlesex.

WILL give two Persian cats, male and female, for pair of Borders, Yorkshires, Greens, or Cinnamons.—E. Ellershaw, 19, Lincoln-st., Newbarns, Barrow-in-Furness.

HAND-REARED hen Greenfinch and cock Canary, 5/6; fine Blue Rabbit, 5/6; Bantam hens, laying; sell or exchange anything useful.—Palmer, Silverbeach, Herne Bay.

EXCHANGE cutlery, furniture, gramophones, everything supplied from factory, for healthy common hen Canaries.—Hunt, 23, Ditchling-rise, Brighton.

GRAND Black Minorca cockerels from 7/6. Crossman and Webster's winning strain, from 7/6; exchange one for good Siberian cock Goldfinch; on approval.—W. Andrews, 45, Rosebery-rd., Edmonton, N.

EXCHANGE Royal "Hobbies" treadle fretsaw, cost 35/-, never used, for best offer in Canaries, any pure breed, Yorkshire preferred, or anything useful; approval.—Morris James, 203, Court-st., Tonypandy, Glam.

EXCHANGE set cavers, knife, fork, and steel, silver mounted, in silk-lined case, for two cock or four hen Canaries, or three cock Goldfinches or Bullfinches; approval.—Herbert Marsden, Cutlery Manufacturer, 175, St. Phillip's-rd., Sheffield.

CHAMPION pen of Indian Game, 4 pullets, unrelated, cockerel, 50/-, or offers in hand-reared singing Skylarks or Canaries; must be approval as to their singing powers.—Hoskins, 85, Waterloo-rd., Freemantle, Southampton.

COCK Greenfinch Mule, heavily variegated Border hen, ditto German Norwich cross, one box of 50 good cigars; offers invited in Norwich, Borders, or Rollers.—Narracott, 12, Delamere-rd., Flixton, Manchester.

FANTAILS, seven white, four winners, price £7 taking lot; Nuns, two pairs black, two winners, 30/-; exchange all, part, for class Canaries, Britishers, Parrot, offers.—Allison, Hairdresser, Bryth, Northumberland.

GRAND Whippet pup, exchange for cock Canary; another grand one, defective one eye, both by best coursing dog in England, exchange anything; particulars; genuine.—Arthur Wakefield, Blue-st., Barton, Lancashire.

POMERANIAN dog, black, ten months, over distemper, good pedigree, dense coat, sell £3, or exchange good gramophone or anything useful; approval.—R. Moffat, Laburnum Cottage, Dalkeith, N.B.

TWO flight cages, 3 ft. by 1ft. 3 in. by 1 ft., sell for 5/- each; exchange for value 7/6 each; seven breeding cages, between 2 ft. 6 in. by 1 ft. 3in. by 1 ft. and 1 ft. 6 in., sell for 2/6 each, or the seven for 15/-; exchange to value 3/6 each; no live stock.—Green, Shaldon, Teigumouth.

EXCHANGE pair Dunlop tyres, 28 in. by 1¾ in., and tubes, little wear, or separate, for Yorkshires or Norwich Canaries; offers.—J. Bradder, Union-st., Mansfield.

TO high-class Mule breeders.—Very light four-pointed cock Goldfinch-Canary Mule, second Exeter open, £2; two yellow hens, bred from mother of Mules, 10/- each; two half-Sibs, 5/- each; or exchange anything to value; no live stock.—Green, Shaldon, Teigumouth.

SALE or exchange, guitar, bird's-eye maple, inlaid mother-o'-pearl and ebony, German silver frets, machine head, in perfect condition; what offers? Will exchange pairs of Norwich Canaries; no rubbish; on approval.—A. Hunt, 138, Cowbridge-rd., Cardiff.

BROADBENT AND CO., Cutlery Merchants, 129, Langsett-rd., Sheffield.—Grand selection of table and every description of cutlery in exchange for Canaries, new cages, to any amount; also electro-plate goods, superior quality; state wants; offers; goods on approval first; references.

EXCHANGE six splendid staghorn handled knives and six forks to match; also handsome pair silver mounted meat carvers, good bread knife, and six nickel silver teaspoons; approval; for two cocks or nvc hen Canaries or five cock Goldfinches.—Donohue, 207, Arundel-st., Sheffield.

INDIAN Green Parrot, talker, exchange Rollers, sell £1; large drawing room aviary, hold 30 birds, exchange Rollers; Larks, full song, 2/6; Cinnamon ticked Yorkshire cock, 5/-; Norwich cock, 5/-; Linnet Mule, full song, 6/-.—James, 201, Chester-rd., Hulme, Manchester.

GOOD strong mailcart, nearly new, to seat two; another, two positions, with hood, both fair condition; exchange two pairs good Norwich or good young Crested hen. Good violin, bow, with case; exchange good Norwich or Crests; sell 30/-. Also nice Pug bitch, black, shortly due in season, good pedigree; exchange as above, or sell 40/-; birds sent first; approval, stamp.—Mrs. Laquhee, 9, Langley-lane, Vauxhall, S.W.

NATURAL HISTORY.

BIRDS, Animals, Fish preserved and artistically mounted; cage birds, all kinds; 1s. 6d., postage free; Hawks, Squirrels, etc., 2s.—Oram, Naturalist, 14, Princess Road, Leicester. x266

VARIOUS.

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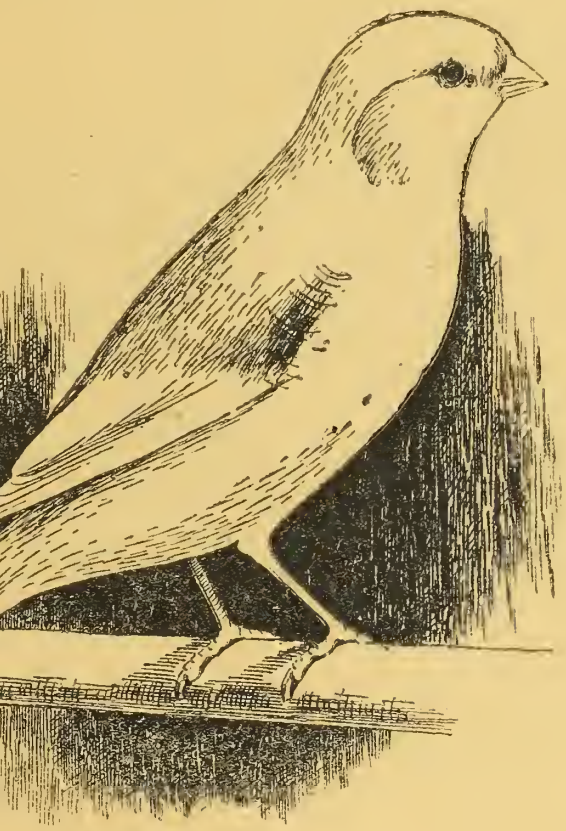

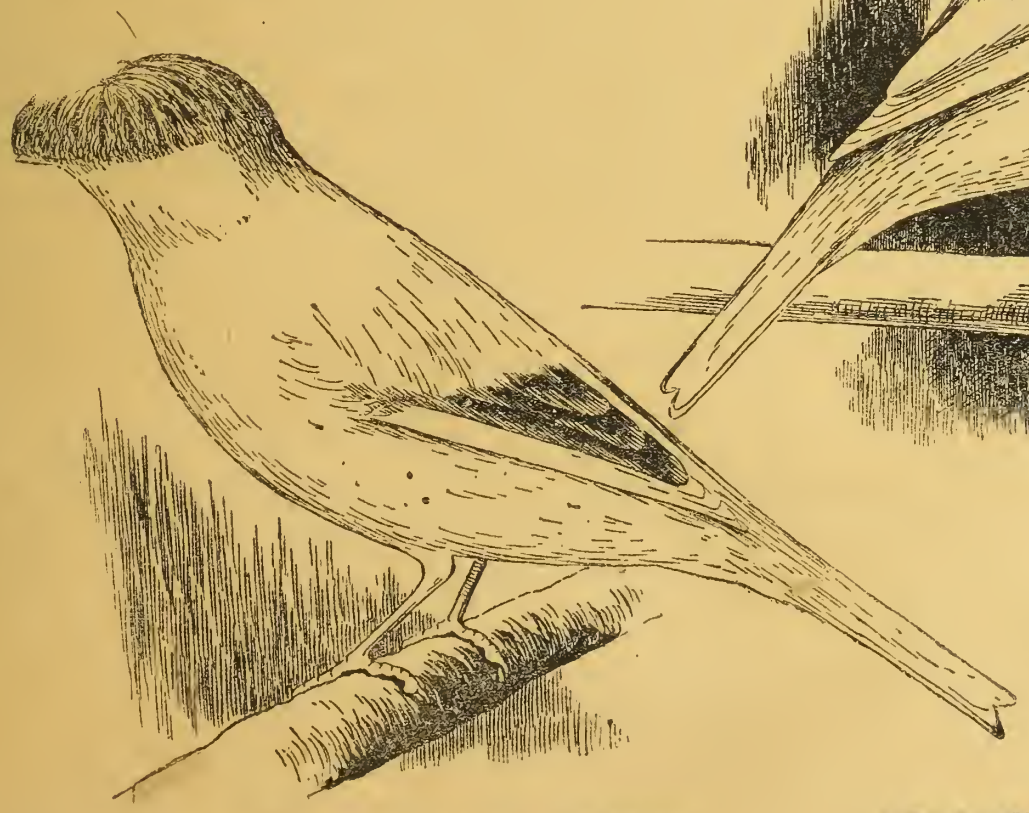

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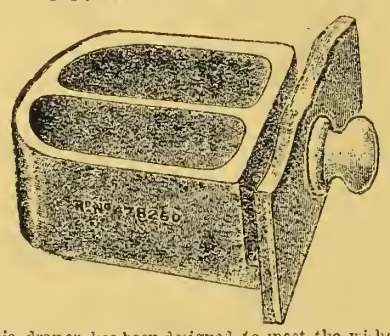

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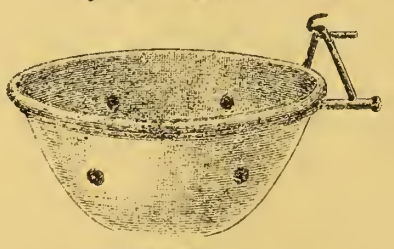

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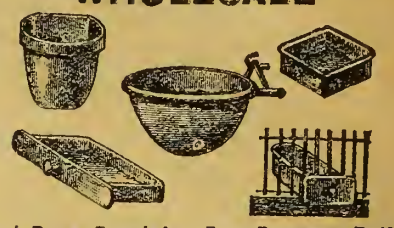

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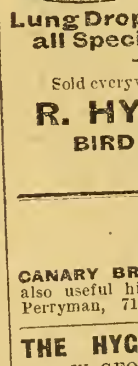

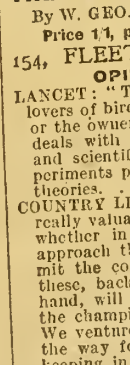

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Finest Rollers imported. To speak well of the Hummel is to gild refined gold. Testimonials from customers who say the Hummel is still singing as sweetly as when purchased four, five, six, and seven years ago. All Hummels have delightful, deep, delicate bow roll, hollow roll, hollow bow roll, du pipe, hollow bell roll, grand round bass roll, vibrating hollow roll, and charming water bubble roll: one price only, 12s. 6d.; no fancy prices; Hummel hens, 3s. each; a beautiful pair of Hummels for 15s. St. Andreasberg Rollers, 5s. and 7s. 6d. each. Hummel Schoolmasters, 20s. each, better than can be obtained elsewhere at treble the price. Thousands of testimonials have been published by me in CAGE BIRDS from satisfied customers. I guarantee strictly honourable trading and satisfaction to all.—Varney, sole proprietor and importer of this remarkable Roller Canary. Twenty years advertiser.—Varney, Stratford, London. Export a speciality. "The Schools, Overton, Ellesmere.—Hummel arrived, it at once commenced to sing—yes, a song worth listening to. It is the most exquisite songster I ever heard —decidedly a perfect Roller. I may say I never expected such perfection; they are worth all you charge for them. I must thank you for your courtesy, and shall be able to recommend your firm to those who require birds and not rubbish."—F. Robbins, to Varney, Stratford, London. Sole Proprietor and Wholesale Roller Canary Importer and Dealer.

MANY PEOPLE RUN

Away with the idea that to get a tip-top Roller Canary one has to pay a big price. That this is an erroneous idea a perusal of this advertisement and a trial of my birds will prove. I import all my Rollers direct, and by purchasing large quantities at rock-bottom prices for spot cash, and by so doing am enabled to retail them at lower prices than others can buy at. I have an enormous stock of pure St. Andreasberg hollow Rollers, all in full song, day and gaslight, with long hollow and double rolls, sweet, silvery trills, water-bubble runs, soft roulades, hollow bell rolls, deep bass rolls, Nightingale jug-jug, barp, gong, and dau-dau pipes, etc., etc., and warranted free from any harsh or objectionable notes whatever, price 7/- and 8/- each. Real Bandmasters, which excel in the deep bass rolls and hollow tours, 10/- each. Also a few premier Contest Masters, which have been specially selected from song boxes for me and are now fit to win contests immediately, 15/- each. Pure Roller hens, warranted same strain as above cocks, 3/- each, two 5/6. Ordinary loud, free singing Hartz cocks, in full song, day and gaslight, 6/- each, two 1/-. Hartz hens, 2/6 each, two 4/6. Singing box cages, 1/- and 1/3 each. Roller song cabinets, with folding doors, made specially for my Rollers, 2/3 each. Do you happen to know any of the following persons? If so, kindly ask them what they think of my Rollers, full name and address given in every instance. "23, Cotlands-rd., Bournemouth, Feb. 12th. Sir,—Miss Craddock received Roller safely this evening. Bird has only just been unpacked, and has started to sing already." "42, Wood-st., Cheapside, London, Feb. 13th. Sir,—Many thanks for birds, which arrived safely this morning. Mr. Schoolmaster sang his arrival soon as unpacked. I think he is worth double the price I paid. If you send to all your customers such Canaries, I think you ought to charge something more for each bird. Please accept my thanks.—Yours, B. C. Gonsalues." "82, Pagett-st., Loughborough, Feb. 16th. Sir,—Bird arrived safely. I am quite satisfied with it. It is a real gem.—Yours, Harry Berry." "5, Thomas-st., Prospect-row, Sunderland, Feb. 15th. Sir,—Birds arrived in grand condition, and I am highly satisfied.—Yours, R. Mitchinson." "22, Crown-st., Silverdale, Feb. 17th. Sir,—I have had the Bandmaster ten days, and am highly satisfied with same. Please forward another. P.O. enclosed.—Yours, Tom Barratt." "132, Avenue-rd., Gosport, Feb. 18th. Sir,—Received Roller quite safe, and am very pleased with it. It is a beautiful songster, and I am delighted.—Yours, J. H. Constable." "Feathers Hotel, Hall-st., Rhos, Feb. 18th. Sir,—Roller arrived in good form, and I am highly pleased with same. He sang as soon as unpacked.—Yours, W. Price." "11, Bryn-rd., Llanelly, Feb. 20th. Sir,—Received Roller hens quite safe, and am well pleased; they are two beauties. I have dealt with you for past four years, and am glad to say shall always send to you for all my birds.—Yours, David John." "98, Wingrovegdns., Newcastle-on-Tyne, Feb. 23rd. Sir,—Schoolmaster I got off you last October is singing grand. Please send following.—Yours, R. Swan." "6, Richmond-st., Neath. Sir,—Received birds Saturday, and am well pleased. Thanks very much.—Yours, A. Jutsum." "15, Deckham-ter., Gateshead, Feb. 23rd. Sir,—Received bird safe, and I like it very much indeed. Thanking you.—Yours, W. Gladman." "40, Rydal-st., West Hartlepool. Sir,—Received Roller hens all right, and am quite satisfied. I won't forget you when I want anything else.—Yours, S. Steel." "67, Victoria-st., Newtown, Wigan, Feb., 25th. Sir,—Received bird on Friday, and is a splendid bird for the money. Thanks for prompt attention.—Yours, Thos. Kay." Piles upon piles of similar letters to above all open for inspection any time. Please note all Canaries (cocks and hens) are sent on full week's approval at my risk, either cash or deposit system of CAGE BIRDS, and money freely and fully refunded if every expectation is not realised. All imported direct from Leipzig, and stamped on wing, "Hans Weber, Leipzig." I am under special contract to take the whole of these birds, and if you would be sure of getting one you must purchase from me as no other dealer can get one feather of this strain unless he purchases from me. If you are still in doubt as to who has best strain of Rollers extant, try one of mine and one from elsewhere at any higher price, and keep the one which suits you best. This is constantly being done, and it's a significant fact that I am being continually informed that my birds always come out of the trial best. Inspection cordially invited any time.

W. GORE, Direct Importer,
131, Gooch Street, Birmingham.

MISS STOREY.

Miss Storey has the finest and purest collection of genuine trained Rollers in England, every bird in full song by day and artificial light, singing their pure Roller song. Every bird is cold room bred and kept. These are the genuine Rollers (not cross-bred rubbish). My stock consists of high-class British bred Rollers, bred from and related to the best of contest singers and winners. Cocks, in full song, 15/6, 17/6, 20/-, 23/-, 30/-. A few extra special at 40/-, 50/-, and 60/-. Hens to match same, 4/6, 5/6, 6/6 each. Genuine trained St. Andreasberg Rollers, with full change of song by day and artificial light (no common German rubbish these), 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-. Pure Roller hens, 3/-, 3/6 each. Hartz Mountain Roller cocks, in full song by day and gaslight, very loud free songsters, 6/-, 6/6, 7/- each. Matched pairs for breeding songsters, 8/6, 9/6. The quality of my birds speaks for itself. I have many thousands of testimonials open for inspection, of which the following are a sample:—"11, Summerson-st., Hetton-le-Hole, March 2nd, 1907. Received Roller safe, in pink of condition. He commenced singing as soon as put into cage. He is really a beauty. I am more than satisfied with him.—R. Allen, to Miss Storey." "Front-row, South Shields, March 2nd, 1907. Received Roller in splendid condition. I am highly pleased with him. He is a beautiful singer.—J. Printers, to Miss Storey." "18, George-rd., Birmingham. Received Roller safely. I am more than pleased with it, being a very nice bird, and lovely singer.—T. Nuttall, to Miss Storey." Allow me to send you one or more birds on approval. You will then be convinced that I supply genuine birds at reasonable prices. New illustrated price list post free. Travelling cages, 2d. each. All Canaries sent carriage paid, on seven days' approval, at my risk. —Miss E. L. Storey, Crowle, Doncaster.

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I have just concluded another purchase of close upon **Two Hundred Home-bred Rollers.** These are well-bred, few better, **some of the original Stock Cocks costing 30/- and £2.** But, unfortunately, the breeder has not had the time to give them the training they deserved. They will therefore be **sold for stock at the absurd prices of 7/6 and 8/6 each.**

Hens, both imported and Home-bred, in the finest breeding condition. I have the Largest Collection of **Choice Pedigree Roller Hens** ever got together in one lot. They comprise pure Scifert and Trute Hens, and I can honestly recommend these to all breeders wanting Reliable Breeding Stock to produce the best money can buy. You can give 10/6 or more, and cannot get better blood or stock. Can be seen.

IMPORTED—Trained Cocks, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- and upwards; Hens, same strain, 3/6 and 5/- each, pairs 10/6, 15/-, 20/-. All on seven days' approval, cash or deposit.

HARTZ SINGING COCKS 6/6; Extra selected, with better notes, 7/6; pairs, 9/6. Strong Hens 2/3 each.

Home-bred (guaranteed), Trained Trute and Scifert Cocks, 10/6, 12/6, 15/- and 20/- each; Hens, guaranteed same strains, strong, healthy and in the best of breeding condition, 4/6, 5/- each. These have been purchased direct from the breeder and trainer, and can be recommended. Remember, it is no use breeding from good Cocks and common Hens if you want good results.

Full printed instructions, how to keep in health and song, sent with every bird as for the past 30 years. Beware of copyists and their "catch" methods.

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BUFF hen, 1906, winning strain, 20/-.—James McGregor, Dunbrune-villas, Invergowrie, Dundee.

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FOR Sale, grand Scotch Fancy Canaries, cocks and hens, yellows and buffs, good birds.—Clark, 178, Saltmarket, Glasgow.

HIGH-CLASS birds, first, second crosses, sound condition, guaranteed from exhibition strain; moderate; approval.—Armour, Loudon-rd., Newmilns.

SCOTCH! SCOTCH! SCOTCH!

Fancies, size, shoulder, leg, and drive, a splendid lot; send for free list; a few as low as 12/6 each up to 50/-.—W. Rudd, The Bird Specialist, Norwich.

Yorkshires.

MR. KIRKMAN has buff Yorkshire hens for disposal, 2/6 each; approval.—21, Coombe-rd., Croydon.

A FEW good Yorkshires cheap.—Raines, 20, Broadwater-rd., Bruce Grove, Tottenham.

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshire cocks, 5/-; hens, 3/- each; approval.—Stow, Headley, Thornton, Bradford.

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires, pairs, odd birds.—Bastable, 54, Berkshire-rd., Hackney Wick.

GOOD bred hens from 5/6.—Sweetman, 68, Princess May-rd., Stoke Newington.

FEW Yorkshire hens cheap to clear.—Dr. Herd, Sandylands, Morecambe.

PAIR Yorkshires, bred from winners, 10/- pair; approval.—Hibbitt, Melton-rd., Oakham.

FEW Yorkshires to sell, buff and yellow, also marked pair cocks, 5/-, hens 3/- each, 1906 birds.—Gill and Emmott, Barrow's-lane, Steeton, Keighley.

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires, bred from winners, single or pairs, half price to clear; approval.—J. Turner, 22, Plumper's-rd., Tinsley, near Sheffield.

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires, grand birds, few good hens left, from 7/6; stamp.—Fletcher, Home House, Whitby, Yorks.

FREE illustrated list of typical Yorkshires; carriage paid, on approval; post free.—Miss E. L. Storey, Crowle, Doncaster.

NOTICE.—Grand pair Yorkshires, can win, 15/-; approval; easy payments.—McKeand, Seabright Villa, Castle Douglas.

YORKSHIRES, good quality cocks from 4/6, hens from 3/-; cold-room bred; inspection invited.—C. Bradshaw, 22, Brighton-ter.-rd., Crooks, Sheffield.

WHAT offers yellow Yorkshire cock Canary, champion strain?—Aviary, St. Oswald's College, Ellesmere.

NINE pair last year's birds, Cinnamon-bred Yorkshires, typical birds; must be sold; best offers for the lot.—Warncford, 9, Byron Mount, Bradford.

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LONG, leggy, stylish Yorkshire cock, best blood, only bird left, will sell for 20/-.—Rev. R. W. Watson, Garton Vicarage, Driffield.

YORKSHIRE cocks, 6/6, 7/6, 10/6; grand songsters; hens, 3/6, 4/6; approval; deposit.—G. Wyer, St. John's-rd., March Cambs.

GRAND cinnamon ticked buff cock, splendid length and quality, 20/-; also grand stock pair, 20/-; odd buff ticked cock, 10/-; approval.—Williams, 30, Lester-st., West Hartlepool.

FIVE prize-bred Yorkshire buff hens, clear or cinnamon marked, from my Palace winner, 8/6 each, accept 35/- lot to clear; overstocked, cold room, no rubbish.—Brown, 12, Upcerne-rd., Chelsea, London.

COMPELLED to give up the Fancy, I have a splendid lot of high-class Yorksbires for disposal. Cocks from 7/6, hens from 3/6; pairs from 11/-.—John Thompson, 176, Waterloo-rd., Wolverhampton.

FEW grand typical Yorkshire cocks from 7/- each; hens from 3/6 each, and three muling hens 5/- each; muling Goldfinch cock, 7/6; approval; stamp, reply.—Taylor, Dunsdale, Guisborough, Yorks.

BAILEY'S and Shackleton's strains, only pairs, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-; single cocks, 7/6, 8/6, 10/-; approval three days; packed free, carriage paid.—Hunt, 6, Stoneville-st., Cheltenham.

YORKSHIRES.—Having selected my breeding stock, three clear yellow cocks, 7/6; two clear buff cocks, 6/6 each; approval.—Pell, 50, Wentworth-rd., Tinsley, Sheffield.

HAVE still a few pairs left, matched to breed cinnamon marked Yorkshires, 10/6, 12/6, 15/- pair to clear; approval, deposit.—Dearden, Spring-st., Brighouse, Yorkshire.

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires, good lengthy birds, good type and quality; cocks from 7/6, hens from 5/-; approval; satisfaction guaranteed.—A. W. Varley, 50, Wilberforce-st., Laisterdyke, Bradford.

HEALTHY Yorkshires, from my winners.—Cocks, full song, 7/6 upwards, hens, eager to nest, 5/-; approval; seen any time.—D.H., 134, Branksome-rd., Brixton.

BREEDERS wanting size; 1906 clear buff Yorkshire cock, 7½ in., bargain, 15/-; or exchange two 1906 yellow Yorkshire hens; approval.—Proctor, Springvale, Haslingden, Lancashire.

EIGHT long slim clear yellow 1906 Yorkshire hens, 5/- each; Cinnamon-marked, 4/-; thoroughly healthy; ready to nest.—Roper, 134, Derby, Seven Kings, Essex.

YORKSHIRES, cheap to clear, only three left, grand leggy typical cocks, seven inches long, on full song, 7/6, 10/-, 15/-, worth double; approval.—Relieving Officer, Driffield.

YORKSHIRES.—Two cocks, green marked, 5/6 each; two hens, cinnamon marked, 3/6 each; cock, cinnamon ticked, 6/-.—Scency, Turkish Baths, Burnley.

YORKSHIRES.—M. Cooper, 85, Taylor-st., Batley, Yorkshire, Wholesale Dealer, trade supplied; price lists on application; all orders receive prompt attention; or will exchange for scrap copper or brass, minimum 20 lb.—Established 1890.

MR. MARSH offers 20 Yorkshire cocks at 7/6, 8/6, 10/6 each; hens, 3/-, 3/6, 4/6, 7/6 each; six matched pairs at 8/6 pair; inspection invited any time or seven days' approval.—Freemasons' Arms, Mercer-on-st., Brady-st., Whitechapel-rd.

UNEVEN marked yellow Yorkshire hen, 1906, winner of two firsts and specials, open competition, one of the best living, bargain, 30/-, cash, or offers good exchange.—Duckworth, 31, Prospect-hill, Haslingden, Lancashire.

YELLOW cinnamon Yorkshire hens, 1906, price 7/6; house moulted Goldfinch, sure muler, price 6/-; and a three times house moulted Brown Linnet, good plumage, sure muler, and good songster, price 5/-.—Mr. W. Sumner, Bootmaker, 171, Kew-rd., Birkdale.

SPLENDID opportunity for beginners; giving up Fancy; winning Yorkshires and Crests; also breeding cages and all appliances required to breed and show; must clear.—Write, Elliott, 18, Bayford-rd., Sittinghourne.

JOHN C. BARNES.—Having selected my own breeding stock, can spare few grand birds, feathered like wax, very lengthy, perfect position and well on leg, price reasonable; approval; stamp reply.—149, Duncombe Street, Walkley, Sheffield.

H. LINDSAY.—Champion Yorkshires, few grand pairs left, from 15/-; also some slashing cocks, yellow or buff, from 10/-; few grand thick-set Norwich hens, from 8/-; inspection.—202, King James-st., Sheffield.

CHAMPION leggy, upstanding Yorkshires, all cold room kept, and bred from best winning blood in Yorkshire, cocks, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6; hens 7/6, 8/6, 10/6; properly mated pairs, 15/-, 17/6, 20/-; approval cash or deposit; 21 years breeder.—Frank Stevens, Great Ayton, Yorkshire.

KNIGHT'S YORKSHIRE AVIARIES.

To fanciers desiring to see my rooms and birds (over 200, all Yorkshires) during holiday week (purchasers or otherwise makes no difference), will be at home every day. Nearest stations, Bradford; trams from Bradford to Allerton every quarter hour, 2d., alight Cobden-st., close to residence; see advertisements.—Jonas Knight.

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Champion Yorkshires, highest awards, ten guinea challenge and other cups, Palace, etc.; finest strain in the world; few properly-matched pairs cheap, same blood as those supplied by me to England's most successful exhibitors of Yorkshire Canaries; price list free.—59, Waverley-rd., Great Horton, Bradford.

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Hudson's Champion Yorkshires are what you want to breed your own winners. Bred from or related to winners. Few green marked, Cinnamon marked, and clears, in matched pairs, at 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 17/6 per pair; single cocks, for stock or song, at 7/6, 8/6, 10/6; hens, yellow and buff, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6; all cold-room bred and kept, ready for breeding. Remember my terms, four days' approval; stamp reply.—Hudson, Confectioner, Thackley, Bradford.

CHAMPION YORKSHIRES.

SPECIAL Notice.—Write or call at any time and see my splendid lot of long, slim, straight, upstanding Yorkshires; every bird in the primest condition, with plumage like silk; every cock warranted singing; all cold room bred and kept. I have them in all colours except Greens, and all on seven days' approval; cash or deposit; Yellow cocks, orange-yellow, 8s. 6d., 9s. 6d., 10s. 6d.; Buffs, cocks, 7s. 6d., 8s. 6d., 10s. 6d.; Orange-Yellow hens, 4s. 6d., 5s., 5s. 6d.; Buff hens, 3s. 6d., 4s., 4s. 6d.; inspection invited.—Shaw, 97, Essex Road, Islington, London.

MAKE A COMPARISON.

Yorkshires to suit all. Immense stock. Cocks, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/- 30/. Hens, 3/6, 4/6, 5/6, 7/6, 10/6, 15/-. Pairs matched for breeding, 8/6, 9/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-. Travelling cages, 3d. extra. Such value in Yorkshires has never before been touched. All on approval. Guaranteed the best value ever offered in Yorkshires. See my other advertisement on this page.—W. Rudd, The Bird Specialist, Norwich.

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If so, yours is a want that I can best supply. Suppose we have a little chat between ourselves as buyer and seller. All you need do is to send me a description of the kind of bird you want, and I can then select from my enormous stock just the bird that will meet your requirements.

The price I shall ask you to pay for it will be less than its true value, and to prove my statement, I am prepared to send you a bird for a week's trial, and if at the end of the week you want it exchanged for another, or your money back, I shall be willing to exchange it or return your money. While I make this offer in all my advertisements, it is surprising how few of my customers wish to take advantage of it.

Since the Editor of "Cage Birds" acknowledged the receipt of several hundred testimonials on March 9th, I have received hundreds more all filed for inspection at my office. I have only given one example this week. Pressure of business prevents me giving more.

Have Paid more for Nondescripts.

59, Hunter's-rd., Newcastle-on-Tyne. March 16th, 1907.—I have to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of Yorkshire hen Canary, which is unsurpassed for the money, having paid more for nondescripts when commencing in the Fancy. Thanking you for your prompt attention and honest dealing.—Yours faithfully, Geo. M. Carins to E. Taylor.

Yorkshire Cocks.
Clear Yellow, 6/-, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-. Clear Buff, 6/-, 7/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 17/6, 20/-. Ticked or Variegated, 5/6, 7/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-. Cinnamon Ticked, 6/6, 7/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-

Yorkshire Hens.
Clear Yellow, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, 10/-, 15/-, 20/-. Clear Buff, 3/6, 4/-, 5/-, 6/6, 8/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-. Ticked or Variegated, 3/6, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, 10/-. Cinnamon Ticked, 4/-, 5/-, 7/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-. Pairs properly matched for breeding Yorkshires, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 21/-, and upwards.

Norwich Plainhead Cocks.
Clear Yellow, 6/-, 7/6, 8/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 17/6, 20/-. Ticked or Variegated, 5/6, 7/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 17/6. Clear Buff, 6/6, 7/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 17/6, 20/-.

Norwich Plainhead Hens.
Clear Yellow, 5/-, 7/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-. Ticked or Variegated, 4/-, 6/-, 7/6, 10/-. Clear Buff, 4/-, 5/-, 7/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-. Pairs properly matched for breeding Norwich Plainheads, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 21/-, and upwards.

Norwich Crested Cocks.
8/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 21/-, 25/-, 30/-, 40/-, 50/-. Can offer exceptional value in Crests.

Norwich Crested Hens.
6/-, 7/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/, 40/-. Pairs properly matched for Crested breeding, 12/6, 15/6, 21/-, 25/-, and upwards.

Norwich Crested-Bred Plainhead Cocks.
7/6, 9/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, 40/-.

Norwich Crested-Bred Plainhead Hens.
5/-, 6/-, 7/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-.

Lizards—Cocks.
Gold or Silver, 7/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-.

Lizards—Hens.
Gold or Silver, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, 10/-. Pairs properly matched for breeding Lizards, 10/6, 12/6, 15/6, and upwards.

Cinnamons, Yorkshire or Norwich Type Cocks.
Yellow, 8/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-. Buff, 7/6, 10/-, 12/-, 15/-.

Cinnamons, Yorkshire or Norwich Type Hens.
Yellow, 7/6, 10/-, 12/-, 15/-. Buff, 6/-, 7/6, 10/-, 12/6. Pairs properly matched for breeding Cinnamons, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, and upwards.

Lancashires.
Coppy Cocks and Plainhead Cocks, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-, 40/-. Coppy Hens and Plainhead Hens, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-.

Scotch Fancies.
Cocks, 12/6, 15/6, 21/-, 30/-, 40/-. Hens, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-. Matched pairs of Scotch Fancies at 25/- and 30/- per pair and upwards.

Border Fancies.
Cocks, 6/-, 7/6, 10/-. Hens, 5/-, 7/6. Matched Pairs, 12/6, 15/-.

Mules, &c.—Cocks.
Goldfinch and Canary, 7/6, 8/6, 10/-, 12/6. Linnet and Canary, 8/6, 10/-, 12/6. English Goldfinches for Mule breeding (cage moulted), 7/6, 8/6, 10/-. Few Light Mules. Exhibition Birds, always on hand.

Hartz Mountain or St. Andreasberg Rollers.
Cocks, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 21/-. Hens, 2/6, 3/6 each.

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Specially selected, 4/-, 5/-, 7/6 and 10/-.

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Cocks, 4/6 and 5/6, and Birds fit for Exhibition at 7/6.

AMATEURS will find my Properly Matched Pairs of **PRIZE BRED YORKSHIRES** exceedingly good value at 12/6, 15/-, and 21/- per pair; also **PLAINHEAD NORWICH** at 12/6, 15/-, and 21/- per pair.

Also complete **Breeding Outfits for Amateurs,** which will be found to embody everything necessary, see page 87 of my Illustrated Catalogue.

A large quantity of Feeding Hens at 3/- each, including travelling cage.

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Specially selected, 6/-, 7/6 and 10/- each.

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high-class Yorkshire cocks, few good stock birds cheap, to clear, 10/-, 15/- upwards; approval.—29, Charter-st., Accrington.

THE CHAMPION WINNING STRAIN.

Winner of the Championship Diploma, Crystal Palace, 1906. Having about 60 pairs, we have decided to clear them out for a speedy clearance at 15s. to 20s. per pair, cocks standard length, hens feathered like box, sure to give satisfaction; seven days' approval, P.O. or deposit; stamp reply.—Gill and Pickup, 1, Cragg Street, Great Horton, Bradford. x263

KNIGHT'S YORKSHIRE AVIARIES.

Desiring to clear by end of month all my high-class Yorkshires (except our selected breeders), I offer 70 pairs properly matched, unrelated, at 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, to 30/-; single cocks and hens proportionate; all cold-room bred, reared, and kept; all approval, cash or deposit. Few exhibition specimens from 20/-, 30/-, and 40/- each. Before purchasing elsewhere send 2d. in stamps for my newly published booklet, "The Whole Art of Colour Feeding and Training Yorkshire Canaries." Remember old address, Jonas Knight (author of "The Yorkshire Canary: Its Breeding and Management."—Allerton, Bradford, Yorkshire.

WILCOCK'S YORKSHIRES, NORWICH.

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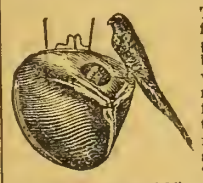

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NOTICE.—Wanted, all kinds of British birds, Canaries for cash.—Brain, Aston, Birmingham.

WANTED, large steady hen Siskin or Linnet, for muling; approval.—Buzza, Leominster.

CLEAR buff Norwich hen, large, good type and feather.—22, Hammond-st., Crewe.

WANTED, new Blossom-head.—Smith, Woodlands, Kendal.

WANTED, pair Red Rosellas.—Smith, Woodlands, Kendal.

WANTED, purchaser for Canaries, Crested and Crestedbred, Bullfinches, cock Greenfinches, cock Linnet, hen Canary.—H. Piggott, Wantage.

NORWICH hens; exchange watch (wants cleaning), 60 coloured plates.—Snaitth, Eastcoldcoats, Ponteland, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

WANTED, singing cock Canaries, all kinds; reasonable price given for good birds; approval.—James Clark, 178, Saltmarket, Glasgow.

WANTED, Canaries in exchange pair of show Homers, with squeaker, grand stock birds; or sell 15/-.—F. Moyan, Hairdresser, Mill-lane, Bedminster.

WANTED, Canaries, in exchange for Siberian Goldfinch or Bullfinch cocks, the finest in London.—Pearson, Greenwich.

WANTED, pair 1906 Norwich; exchange mandoline, cost 21/-; or sell 12/-; mutual approval.—McDerment, 99½, George-st., Paisley.

WANTED, hen Canaries, cheap for cash; state breed and price to Oliver Smith, Cheapside Aviaries, Lake-rd., Portsmouth.

WANTED, dark Crested cock and Crestbred hen; exchange mandoline and case, value 30/-.—Struthers, 117, Alexandra Park-st., Dennistoun, Glasgow.

WANTED, two young Norwich hens; exchange black morning coat, vest; also muling Finch for two hens.—Cook, Pembridge.

WANTED, any number Canaries, Linnets, Larks, Chaffinches, etc., weekly, for cash.—J. Thorn, 37, Plumstead-rd., Woolwich.

WANTED, good Crestbred hen and Border hen; exchange two 1906 variegated Crest hens or mop Crest cock.—Brewer, Picton-st., Griffithstown, Mon.

WANTED, heavily variegated yellow unflighted Norwich cock; exchange two unflighted hens and show cage.—Waterson, Hunter-st., Burton.

WANTED, Canaries, bicycle tyres, in exchange for high-class Black Minorca and Brown Leghorn eggs.—Thos. Burrows, Newsagent, Belvedere, Kent.

BRAMBLEFINCHES, Chaffinches, Linnets, Twites, Bullfinches, Goldfinches.—Varney, 40, Augel-la., Stratford.

WANTED, cock and hen Mules; state lowest price.—Santon, 4, Blossom-st., Norton Folgate, E.C. Birds on approval.

WANTED, Double-banded and Parrot Finches; exchange high-class Norwich.—J. Riley, Bradley Fold, Little Lever.

£5 OFFERED for good yellow Norwich hen, or price accordingly for good specimen.—Howe, Newsagent, Wellingborough.

WANTED, good folding pocket camera, on approval; exchange cock Canaries or Goldfinch Mules.—Bell, 21, Beaufoy-rd., Tottenham.

WANTED, good yellow chubby Norwich hen, 1900; give in exchange yellow Yorkshire cock, full song.—Fletcher, Gray's-court, York.

WANTED, good sound stocks of Canaries, foreign birds, for cash; approval.—Gribbin, 48, George-st., Newcastle, Staffs.

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WANTED, hen Canaries, house moulted Linnets, Goldfinches, hand-reared Larks, Mules, songsters, for cash.—R. Barlow, 105, City-rd., Hulme, Manchester.

WANTED, Norwich Canaries, guaranteed healthy; exchange Verity's patent asbestos gas fire, fit any grate; or sell 30/-.—B., 13, Colville-ter., Bayswater.

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WANTED, Crested Norwich, Belgians, Scotch Fancies, Plainhead Norwich, Lizards, and other varieties; no stock too large or too small; send price and particulars to J. Thompson, 29, Edmund-st. Bradford.

WANTED, Fowls, Pigeons, Mules, all common; exchange or sell four Crested hens, 8/6 each; good six feeding hens, 15/-; dozen cages, all kinds, 1/- each, as new; also small reading lamp.—Long, 18, Prout-rd., Clapton.

WANTED, for outdoor aviary, pairs of Pine, Serin Finches; Crossbills; Holboell's, Cowes, Greenland, Large-billed, Mealy Redpolls; Little, Cirl, Blackheaded, Rustic, Ortolan, Siberian, Meadow, Lapland, Snow Buntings; state prices.—Dr. Dodd, Mayhrook, Wimborne, Dorset.

WANTED, young large Hill Mynah; no other type; state price and supposed age.—Stuart, 4, Charing Cross, W.C.

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SWANSDOWN nest linings, 1/- and 1/6 dozen post free, to fit any nest; nest pans and wires, 4d. each; medicated nest bags, 1/- dozen; rush nests, 6d., 9d., and 1/- each; cokernut husks, 6d. each, 4/6 dozen, and all bird room requisites; lists free.—Harris, Naturalist, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

1906 YORKSHIRE cock, full song, 8/0, exchange anything, Norwich or Yorkshire hens preferred.—Nobbs, Cromer-rd., North Walsham.

R. E. HELLEWELL'S strain, yellow cock and buff hen, both selfs, pair 15/-; one foul yellow cock and one clear yellow, bred from Greens, 0/0 each.—Robertshaw, Ryburn-bldgs., Sowerby Bridge.

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CLOCKS, watches, blankets, family Bible, skin rug, also Canaries wanted for cash.—Walker, Dealer, Warrington-st., Maryhill.

GOOD Buff Orpington cock, 10/-, exchange good Norwich cock; grand little dog, six months, weight 6 lbs., 15/-, exchange good pair Canaries.—Fosbury, Tunworth, Basingstoke.

WILL exchange two Border show cages and travelling box, as good as new, worth 15/-, for good Roller; approval both sides.—R. Philpot, The Garth, South Hill, Guildford.

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RAILWAYS AND EXHIBITS.

The Burning of Lord Polwarth's Shorthorns.

Judgment was given by Lord Johnston in the action by Baron Polwarth against the North British Railway Company and North-Eastern Railway Company for £800 damages in respect of the loss of a three-year-old heifer, a two-year-old bull, and an aged bull, all shorthorns, which were sent for exhibition at Alnwick Agricultural Show held or July 13th, 1904. The animals were duly exhibited, and on the return journey were despatched by the North-Eastern Company round by Berwick and Tweedmouth, instead of by the route they had come—Kelso and Wooler. On the arrival of the train at Tweedmouth it was discovered that the waggon containing the animals was on fire. The heifer died on being removed, and the two bulls at Maxton later. The animals were valuable members of pursuer's herd, and he maintained that defenders were liable for their loss in that the North British Company contracted with him to carry shorthorns to and from the show, and the loss was due to negligence or the North-Eastern Company's breach of contract in failing to return the cattle by the route by which they had gone to Alnwick. Defenders pleaded that the action was irrelevant. They said the North British Company had no contract with pursuer for conveyance from Alnwick to Maxton, and fault or negligence was denied. They further pleaded that pursuers, having made no declaration, they were not liable to excess of £15 for each animal. Lord Johnston gave decree in favour of pursuer for £550 with expenses, holding that as the North-Eastern Company had intentionally diverted the cattle from the route by which they should have been returned they were guilty of a breach of contract.—"Evening Times."

A Captured Gull.

A quaint proof of the marvellous tameness of the Gulls that haunt the Thames Embankment was seen recently close to Blackfriars Bridge. From a circling ring, consisting chiefly of black-headed Gulls, a young Herring Gull alighted on the parapet and allowed a boy to take it gently in his hand. Even when firmly gripped it showed little fear, though it pecked the boy's hand in a perfunctory manner, and finally, nipping its own leg in its beak, remained sulking in that strange position. A very considerable crowd collected round the boy at once, and seemed to frighten him more than the bird. The last that was seen of either was the boy running as hard as he could with his prize under his arm, pursued by two men, each attempting to offer money for its freedom.

Bird Protection in Australia.

A movement for the better protection of useful native birds has lately been made in the Crown Lands Department, South Australia. On the list of native birds which are totally protected under the Birds' Protection Act of 1900 we note Blue Doves, Bell Birds, Bower Birds, Butcher Birds, and all species of small Crowshrikes; Cuckoos, Diamond Birds (or Pardalotes), Wagtails, Flycatchers, Herons, Bitterns, Egrets, Spoonbills, Ibis, Laughing Jackasses, and all Kingfishers; Mopokes, Nightjars, Native Tits, Owls of all species, Piping Crowshrikes (or native Magpies), Pipits, Larks, Reed Warblers, Robins, Seagulls, Stone Plovers (or Night Curlews), Superb Warblers, Emu Wrens, Blue Wrens, and Wrens of all kinds, Swallows, Martins, Swifts, Terns of all species, Tintacks (or *Ephthianuras*), Tree Creepers and Thrushes.

Owing to the holidays, several LATE ADVERTISEMENTS could not be included this week, but will appear next.

JUDGES OF CAGE BIRDS.

The attention of Show Secretaries is directed to the following list of gentlemen willing to act as Judges. Terms for insertion on application.

A. AMBLER, 17, Lytton Road, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Life experience. 11 years reporter to the Fancy Press.
H. W. AXE, 55, Market Place, Doncaster. Judge of Canaries and other Cage Birds. Practical experience (Norwich and British speciality).
W. O BARLOW, The Aviaries, Malpas, Cheshire. Judge of Canaries, British Birds and Mules. Terms moderate
J. C. BARNES, 149, Duncombe Street, Walkley, Sheffield. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Long practical experience. Terms moderate.
W. P. BARNES, Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Life practical experience. Breeder and exhibitor. Reporter for Fancy Press. Commercial Road, Grantham.
GEO. BENNETT, 46, Wenlock Street, Luton, Beds. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Thirty years' experience. Terms moderate.
W. A. COWGILL, 115, Washington Street, Girlington, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Over twenty years' experience. Terms moderate.
A. G. DAVIS, Judge of all Classes of Cage Birds. Long practical experience. Terms moderate. 110, Tib Street, Manchester.
T. DIXON, Pioneer Terrace, Bedlington Station Northumberland. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Life experience.
J. DOBSON, 14, East Road, London, N. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds.
J. W. DRIVER, (Adnitt & Driver), Gladstone Street, South Normanton, Alfreton. Judge of Cage Birds.
GEO. GARDNER, 11, Haverstock Road, London, N.W. Judge of all kinds of Cage Birds.
C. A. HOUSE, 82, Upper Walthamstow Road, Walthamstow Judge of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds.
W H. LINDLEY, 4, Summer Lane, Wombwell, near Barnsley. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds only.
E. A. LOVELL, 19, Islington Road, Southville, Bristol. Judge of Cage Birds (all varieties). Life experience.
F. MARWOOD, 1, Barnard Street, Thornaby-on-Tees, Mules, British and Foreign, a Speciality. 17 years exhibitor. Terms moderate.
W. R. MILES, The Aviaries, Chichester. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Life experience.
W. MUNDELL, 6, Carlisle Place, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds.
J. NORTH, 435, Oxford Road, Reading. Canaries, British and Foreign Birds. Author of "The Common Sense of Canary Rearing."
J. PATTERSON, Chirnside. Judge of Cage Birds. All varieties. Wide practical experience. Specialist Border Fancy Judge.
J. H. PAYNE, 17, Northgate Street, Gloucester. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Cage Birds.
PARKER ROBINSON, N.B.B. & M. Club, 1, Back Hartington Street South, Barrow-in-Furness. Cage Birds, all Varieties.
J. H. ROE, 167, Clarence Rd., Derby. Judge of Canarics and Cage Birds. Twenty years' practical experience.
WILLIAM J. ROSS, 19, Haulgh Road, Inverness, N.B. Judge of Pigeons, Canaries and Cage Birds. All varieties. Life experience.
A. E. SILK, The Aviaries, Whitstable. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Practical experience. Terms moderate.
C. E. SILK, The Aviaries, Emsworth, Hants. Judge of Canaries and all Cage Birds. Life experience.
HENRY TAMS, Orchard Place, Longton, Staffs. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Birds. Twenty-five years Breeder and Exhibitor.
R. B. TOPE, Hoe Street, Plymouth. Judge of Cage Birds, Rabbits, Cats, and Cavies. Twenty-five years' experience.
J. WILCOCK, 14, Chapel Street, Eccleshill, near Bradford, Yorkshire. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. 25 years Breeder and Exhibitor leading shows.
J. C. WILMOT, 17, Sandhurst Road, Bedford. Judge of Canarics & British Birds. Thirty years' experience.
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H. Francis (Coventry) writes:—I had so many replies to my advertisement re cages in last week's CAGE BIRDS that I could not possibly answer all by post. I should be pleased if you would mention this.

My advertisement in last issue brought dozens of replies, and I could have disposed of articles advertised several times over.—CHARLES R. PHILLIPS (Wood Green).

Eccles and Dis. C.B.S. are holding their open show on Saturday, November 30th, 1907, under C.B.U. rules.—A. WHEATLEY, Sec.

Mr. John Park, the well-known Scotch Fancy judge, has, we learn, removed to 977, Govan Road, Glasgow.

Mr. Henry Tams has been engaged to judge cage birds at Dublin Fanciers' and Industrial Association on June 19th.

Please note that the judges elected for our next show, writes Mr. G. E. Wilkinson, Hon. Sec. Nottingham O.S., are Messrs. J. H. Payne, W. E. Greeves, and C. Houlton.

The Accrington and District O.B.S. has elected Mr. J. Walsh (Blackburn) to judge British birds at their open show on October 18th and 19th, writes Mr. D. Harwood, Sec.

I have great pleasure in informing you of the success of the Choppington and District Cage Bird Society, writes Mr. J. Dixon, the Secretary. We have now a membership of 30.

Glasgow fanciers, we hear, are busy in their bird rooms, and big surprises are to be expected in unlooked-for quarters. Clydebank fanciers are strong in Scotch Fancies of the proper model.

The Chesterfield and District Fanciers' Association have secured the Assembly Room, Market Hall (an ideal show room), for their Show on October 25th and 26th, writes Mr. J. J. Dooley, the Hon. Sec.

Fanciers should not overlook the Lancashire and Lizard F. A. annual dinner and presentation of prizes, on April 6th, at the Spinners' Hotel, Oldham. Those desirous of being present should write the secretary, Mr. H. Oliver, 35, Hadfield Street, Glossop.

Bird-lovers interested in the hand-feeding and rearing of young birds should write Mr. Garthwaite, of 49, Hare Street, Grimsby, for a copy of his pamphlet on the subject, which will be sent post free on receipt of postcard giving name and address. This gentleman's method is interesting, and his "Lifebelt" food has had many testimonials accorded it.

One of the best samples of marking rings for young Canaries, etc., which has come under our notice reached us this week from Mr. G. B. Leclair, 150, Wallwood Road, Leytonstone, London, N.E. They are beautifully made of aluminium, extremely light, free from all roughness at edges or joints, and well designed for their intended purpose. Fanciers should send for a sample.

The following have been elected to judge at Wallsend and Mid Tyne C.B.A. Show, to be held November 8th and 9th: Mr. Barnes (Grantham), Mr. Mundell and Mr. Bruce. The show will be held under C.B.U. rules. We are to have a nest feather show the third Saturday in July, Mr. B. Wilson to judge.—JOHN R. EVANS, Sec.

At a meeting held on March 16th, writes Mr. C. James Melrose, Sec. Edinburgh Ornithological Open Society, with Mr. John McLennan (President) presiding, after a long discussion it was decided to hold our Annual Show of Scotch Fancy and Belgian Canaries on December 13th and 14th, and we trust that other societies will try and keep clear of this date.

A Sumptuous Book on Birds.

The Hon. Walter Rothschild, M.P., one of the greatest living authorities on birds, has been busy for years collecting data relating to "Extinct Birds." His book on this subject will, it is said, be a very beautiful volume, adorned with splendid reproductions of special paintings. The price of each copy will be £25.

Thermometric Wobblings.

The temperature has been curiously variable during the past week or so—genial and spring-like in the daytime, with quite sharp frosts during the night. A fancier was telling us only on Saturday last that he had to "thaw out" the water-tins in his outdoor bird room. Breeders should be careful to see their stock all cosy at night, for such variations usually bring a crop of egg-binding troubles in their train.

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A good water-paint is an invaluable help to the bird-lover, and Hall's sanitary washable distemper can claim to be one of the very best at present on the market. It is made in a range of no fewer than 73 tints, amongst them being all the blues and greens (some of them very beautiful shades, indeed), beloved of fanciers. In case of application it cannot be beaten, all that is necessary being to mix the distemper with a little cold or hot water, and apply it thickly. It is very economical in use, and dries so hard that in three weeks' time it is not affected by washing. For stock, flight and breeding cages, the walls of bird-rooms, and for outdoor aviaries, nothing more suitable can be imagined, as, while quite non-poisonous, it is also a disinfectant, and destroys all objectionable insects. Fanciers should write Messrs. Sissons Bros and Co., Ltd., Hull, for shade card and particulars, which will be sent post free if CAGE BIRDS is mentioned when writing.

J. F. Gibbons has removed from Chorlton-Cum-Hardy to 26, Balmoral Road, South Shore, Blackpool.

Mr. A. Hitchings, Hon. Sec. of the Swansea C.B.S., has removed to 69, Mysydd Road, Landore, Swansea.

We have engaged Messrs. J. H. Payne and J. Robson to judge Cheltenham Annual Show on October 26th and 28th, held under C.B.U. rules, writes Mr. A. S. Treasure, Hon. Sec.

I have received a letter, writes Mr. W. Rudd, the well-known bird specialist, Government-stamped "salved from ss. 'Jebba.'" This came from the Gold Coast, and was only addressed "W. Rudd, Norwich, England."

We regret to learn that Mr. George Mackley, of Muspole Street, Norwich, has again been very ill, and customers are requested to accept this in explanation of any delay in replying to business communications.

A most interesting programme has been arranged by the Leeds C.B.S. "Breeding and Rearing," "Mule Breeding," "Norwich Plainhead," "Bird Room Requisites," and "Preparing for Exhibition" are the subjects of lectures to be given. Two nights are to be given during the year to "Questions and Answers." Shows, a washing competition, an outing, and a dinner will afford our Leeds friends instruction and amusement.

OBITUARY.

Mr. H. HOWE (Wellingboro').

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Henry Howe, one of Wellingborough's best-known tradesmen, which occurred on March 18th. For the past twelve months Mr. Howe had been in failing health. Deceased, who was aged 63 years, as a breeder and exhibitor of Canaries, was 15 years ago most successful at the largest shows in the country, particularly at the Crystal Palace, Nottingham, Burton-on-Trent, Birmingham, and Derby. Indeed, he beat some of the best exhibitors, and carried off hundreds of prizes. At the present time deceased's sons take a great interest in bird breeding and keeping, and have won numbers of prizes. Besides a widow, Mr. Howe leaves four sons and two daughters.

Respecting your report in last week's issue of the increased circulation of "C. B.," I am sure every lover of our feathered pets will congratulate you on your success, knowing that it is only some slight reward for your unceasing labour to give the best and cheapest knowledge to your readers. I trust and believe the circulation will keep increasing.—J. MUNRO, Hon. Sec. Bristol C.B.S.

Egg Recipe Wanted.

G. W. writes:—In a paper read by Mr. J. Lees before the Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S., March 6th, he named a cake which he mixed with bird food, the recipe for which he got out of CAGE BIRDS. I should be glad if he would give a copy of the same through "C. B."

Spring is Coming.

It may interest readers to hear, writes Mr. Harry G. Whibley (Tunbridge Wells), that a Swallow flew through the open window of St. James' Infant School in this town on Thursday last, March 21st, causing some excitement among the "babes" in its endeavours to escape.

The Crested Canary Club.

An extraordinary general meeting will be held at "The Napier," 25, High Holborn, on Wednesday, April 10th, at 8 p.m., for the purpose of reconsidering the resolution carried at the annual general meeting, Feb. 16th last, that the Crested Canary Club becomes affiliated to the Cage Bird Union; also to consider other important business.—R. L. CRISP.

A Happy Idea.

The President of the Mansfield Cage Bird Club offers each year, we learn, a large silver medal, value 20s., for the member gaining the most points throughout the show season—not at any particular show, but at all and sundry; and wherever points are won they count. The winner this year was Mr. H. Seagrave, and, in handing him the medal at the last meeting, the President expressed the pleasure it gave him to present it to a member so much esteemed, and whose winnings, he knew, were always gained in a straightforward manner.

Another "Move" at Seaham.

We are again altering our open show date, writes Mr. J. M. Nicholson, Hon. Sec. Seaham Harbour C.B.A., in favour of the Hartlepools C.B.S., although we were first to advertise the date, December 7th. They have appealed to us to do so, together with the Cage Bird Union, and out of courtesy to the older society we have changed to December 21st. We have now altered our date twice in favour of older societies, and we intend to stick to December 21st come what may. We have done our best not to clash with others, by taking the fixture list in your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS. If all societies would advertise as soon as they fixed on a date, I am sure it would save a lot of unnecessary writing and bother.

SHOW DATES FIXED.

To secure insertion in this column a guarantee that the show will be advertised in "C.B." to the extent of at least 25/- must be sent to our manager.

* Under the Rules of the C.B. Union.

*Oct. 4 and 5.—**Burnley.**
*Oct. 11 and 12, 1907—**Great Harwood.**
Oct 12.—**Crook.**
*Oct. 16 and 17.—**Grimsby & Dis. C.B.S.** (J.C.B.)
*Oct. 16 and 17.—**Hayle & District F.A.**
*Oct. 17 and 18.—**Dulwich and Peckham** (J.R., G.E.W., W.V.)
*Oct. 18 and 19.—**Rochdale O.C.** (C.A.H. & W.M.)
*Oct. 18 and 19.—**Newcastle and District Good Intent** (T.H., J.C.B., C.H. and J.P.)
Oct. 18 and 19.—**Accrington & Dis.** (J.R., J.W.)
*Oct. 22 and 23.—**Plymouth W.C.O.S.**
Oct. 23 and 24.—**Wolverhampton & Dis. C.B.S.**
Oct. 25 and 26.—**Chesterfield & District F.A.**
*Oct. 25 and 26.—**Manchester and Northern Counties, O.S.**
Oct. 25 and 26.—**South Shields C.B.S.** (H.W.B., F.M.)
*Oct. 26.—**Middlesborough Tee-side C.B.S.**
*Oct. 26 & 28.—**Cheltenham C.B.S.** (J.HP., J.R.)
*Oct. 30.—**Morecambe F.A.**
Oct. 30.—**Torbay O.S.**
*Oct. 30 and 31.—**Welsh National C.B.S.** (G.E.W., J.N., J.B.E.)
*Nov 1 and 2, 1907—**Mansfield.**
*Nov. 1 and 2.—**Blackburn and District C.B.S.**
*Nov. 1 and 2, 1907. — **Blaydon-on-Tyne and District C.B.S.**
*Nov. 2.—**Rochdale Good Intent** (H.W.B., R.B.)
*Nov. 2.—**Bramley O.S. (Leeds)** (J.C.B.)
Nov. 2.—**Cleator Moor F.S.** (C.H. & A.H.)
*Nov. 2 and 4.—**Leicester Hand in Hand C.B.S.**
Nov. 2 and 4.—**Norwich Alliance (All England) C.B.A.**
*Nov. 5 and 6.—**York C.B.S.** (J.H.R., H.W.B.)
Nov. 6 and 7.—**Portsmouth.**
*Nov. 6 and 7.—**Swansea and District C.B.A.** (T.H.M., J.R., D.H.T., J.H.J., A.H.)
*Nov. 7.—**Potterics C.B.A.**
*Nov. 7 and 8.—**Greenwich and Deptford** (J.R., J.D.)
*Nov. 8 and 9.—**Preston O.S.** (J.C.B., P.R.)
*Nov. 8 and 9.—**Hinckley** (J.R.)
*Nov. 8 and 9, 1907.—**Sheffield and District C.B.S.** (A.A., W.V.)
*Nov. 8 and 9.—**Wallsend & Mid Tyne C.B.A.**
*Nov. 8 and 9.—**Warrington C.B.S.**
*Nov. 9, 1907—**Bo'ness.**
*Nov. 9.—**Stockton-on-Tees & District C.B.S.**
*Nov. 12.—**Cambridge and Cambridgeshire C.B.S.** (J.R.)
*Nov. 13.—**Luton** (J.R.)
*Nov. 14.—**Merthyr Tydfil.**
Nov. 15 and 16.—**Blackpool** (J.H.R.)
*Nov. 15 and 16, 1907.—**Leeds** (P.R., J.R. & H.W.B.)
Nov. 16.—**Consett.**
Nov. 16.—**Morpeth.**
*Nov. 16 and 18.—**Nottingham** (J.H.P., W.E.G. C.H.)
Nov. 19.—**Wishaw and District C.S.**
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Nov. 20.—**Inverness O.A.**
Nov. 20 and 21.—**Margate** (J.R.)
Nov. 20 and 21.—**Bristol C.B.S.**
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Nov. 22 and 23.—**Bolton.**
*Nov. 22 and 23.—**Hull** (J.C.B., C.H.)
*Nov. 22 and 23.—**Sunderland.**
Nov. 23.—**City and County of Perth.**
*Nov. 26 and 27.—**Bournemouth and District C.B.S.**
*Nov. 26 and 27.—**Derby** (J.B. J.R., J.H.R., J.H.S.)
*Nov. 27 and 28.—**Cardiff and District C.B.S.** (J.H.P. & J.R.)
Nov. 28 and 29.—**Y.C.C. of Ireland** (H.W.B.)
Nov. 30, 1907.—**City of Dundee.**
Nov. 30, 1907—**Darlington C.B.S.**
Dec. 4 and 5.—**Bristol Fanciers' Association.**
Dec. 6 and 7.—**Hartlepools C.B.S.** (H.W.B., J.M.)
Dec. 6 and 7.—**L.C.B.A. (Westminster).**
Dec. 7, 1907.—**Cupar (Fife).**
Dec. 13 and 14.—**Edinburgh Ornithological Open Society.**
Dec. 13 and 14.—**Gateshead and District.**
Dec. 14.—**Harrogate C.B.S.** (H.W.B.)
*Dec. 21.—**Seaham Harbour & Dis. C.B.A.**

THIS WEEK'S TRIBUTES.

I have had so many offers for my birds through advertising in CAGE BIRDS that I find it impossible to answer them all. I thank everyone for their offers.—A. TUTTY (Merton).

I have had 57 replies to one advertisement in CAGE BIRDS. Who says the advertisement rate is exorbitant? With results like that, a Scotsman wadna begrudge it.—J. STEEL (Dalkeith).

It is quite impossible for me to answer all letters which I have received re Norwich cock advertised last week, which is ample proof that CAGE BIRDS is undoubtedly a grand advertising medium.—J. ATTERBURY (Crewe).

Kindly thank the gentlemen who answered my small advt. in CAGE BIRDS re Sib Goldie and Norwich hen. It is impossible for me to answer all the letters and post cards I received from all parts of the country. I have had a good deal (over 20 offers for them), which speaks for the popularity of CAGE BIRDS.—GEO. J. BEATTIE (Hawick).

Through my advert. in CAGE BIRDS last week I have been packed out with letters and post-cards. I find it impossible to reply to all. My birds were claimed on the Friday evening by a gentleman from St. Helens, who paid the price I wanted. I wish your paper every success.—W. DAVIES (Newton-le-Willows).

Since advertising in your paper, CAGE BIRDS, I have received orders from all over the British Isles. I cannot speak too highly of your paper as an advertising medium.—H. IRELAND (Chelmsford).

Will you please thank all those who answered my advertisement in "C.B." on the 9th inst., as I find it impossible to do so by post, having so many answers?—W. BINNS.

I have had so many offers for my hens through advertisement in CAGE BIRDS that I find it impossible to answer them all. I thank everyone for their offers, and wish CAGE BIRDS every success.—C. W. WILLIS (Wimborne).

I thank all enquirers who have replied to my advert. in "C. B." I had replies from many parts of Ireland and England, which shows that your valuable paper is known all over the country. I have taken "C. B." since its birth.—WM. JAMES (Llandebie).

CLUB REPORTS.

SCOTTISH NATIONAL C.B.S.

Annual meeting, held Feb. 23rd. Mr. A. C. Dandie presided. The financial statement, showing credit balance of £74 9s. 2½d. was discussed, and met with general approval, being adopted unanimously. Votes of thanks were accorded those members and friends who had rendered special services at the show, and also to the retiring office bearers. After the election of office bearers, it was agreed to adjourn the meeting until March 9th, Mr. E. G. Wright giving notice of motion re amalgamation with Edinburgh Open O.S. At the adjourned meeting, Mr. Dandie was faced by another large attendance. Mr. Wright's motion, to appoint delegates to meet delegates from the Edinburgh Open Society to consider the question of amalgamation, was first disposed of, a heated discussion arising over the question at issue. On the vote being taken, the motion was defeated by a large majority. The classification then came under review, several alterations being made on same. The meeting again adjourned until March 23rd, when the dates for show were finally fixed for Wednesday and Thursday, January 1st and 2nd, 1908, and the judges for the various sections were appointed. Office bearers for 1907-8:—Hon. President, Wm. Grant, Esq. Hon. Vice-Presidents, Baillie Stevenson, W. Aitchison, Esq., J. Brown, Esq., F. A. Watt, Esq., G. M. Brotherston, Esq., and A. G. Cameron, Esq. President, Mr. A. C. Dandie. Vice-Pres., Mr. Jas. F. Dewar and Mr. L. J. Arrighi. Sec. and Treas., Mr. Jas. Winter, 17, Parkside-st., Edinburgh. Management Committee, Messrs. A. Rodger, E. G. Wright, T. Todd, W. Mather, A. Cochrane, S. Buglass, R. Craig, G. Brown, A. Gorrie, D. Kinlayside, J. Kay, T. H. Buchan, W. Finnie, J. Gourlay, J. Smeaton, J. Pendrigh, W. B. Smart, J. Goodfellow, R. S. Spence, D. Ross, A. W. Watson, and P. West. Auditors, Messrs. W. Aitchison, and J. Gordon Nicholson. A vote of thanks to the chair terminated a series of most successful meetings.—JAS. WINTER, Sec.

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HARROGATE C.B.S.

Annual meeting March 20th, Ald. H. Milling (president) in the chair, when eight new members were elected; 13 were elected at the previous meeting. Our society at present numbers 54 members, an increase of 30 since the beginning of the year. The annual balance-sheet was presented and was considered very satisfactory, showing, as it did, a balance in hand of £6 14s. 7d..—G. H. BARNWELL.

LONDON AND PROVINCIAL O.S.

General meeting, held at the Raglan, on March 21st. Agenda:—Conclusion of "Questions on Yorkshires." Mr. J. W. Ramsden in the chair. There were upwards of 40 members and friends present, showing the keen interest taken in the subject. The Chairman, in calling upon Mr. H. E. Tringham to read the replies, stated briefly that this was a series of 18 questions of general interest to Yorkshire breeders, which were drawn up by Mr. Tringham, and submitted by him to 25 of the most prominent breeders of the variety in Yorkshire. Replies had been received from several of them, and the first of the series had formed the subject of a meeting held in July last, when quite a goodly number turned up. An adjournment had to be decided upon, to-night's meeting being the outcome. Having read the first seven questions (which were dealt with at the last July meeting), he read question 8, and Mr. Tringham read the various replies to the same. After the reading of Question 18, and the reply thereto, the discussion was opened, and was kept up with unabated interest until a late hour, when the Chairman said that he must reluctantly draw the meeting to a close. Upon the motion of Mr. Cozens, seconded by Mr. Mortlock, a very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to those gentlemen who had so kindly gone to such pains to furnish the replies. Mr. Cozens remarked that the replies were bristling with "tips" and information which could not fail to be profitable to those present. He coupled with this the name of Mr. Tringham, to whom they were all indebted for the trouble he had gone to, to write to all the gentlemen and carry the venture out so successfully. The vote was carried with acclamation. Mr. Tringham, in replying on behalf of the gentlemen in question, said it would be his very pleasant duty to convey the thanks of the meeting to them, also that anything he did for the L. and P.O.S. he looked upon as a labour of love, and he would be happy to do his utmost at any time.—H. E. TRINGHAM, Assist. Hon. Sec.

THE BIRD LOVERS' LIBRARY.

The Commoner Wild Birds of Great Britain.

By DAVID T. PRICE. London, 1907: Messrs. Gurney and Jackson. With Frontispiece; price 1s. net.

This is a 62-page handbook, of very convenient size for the pocket, and a glance at the contents tells us that it has been designed expressly for the purpose of accompanying the bird lover on his walks abroad in search of bird life. And quite admirably does it fulfil its mission. Our author has had the happy idea of dividing the birds into summer and winter groups likely to be met with in the garden, the woodland, on cultivated lands, by the seashore, etc., and to the tabulated list of species is added a short note of some characteristic most likely to aid in identification. Thus we find: Goldfinch (crimson faced), Redstart (variegated; quivering crimson tail), Stonechat (black-headed; hops), and so on. Then follow condensed but valuable notes on the species, with many helpful hints on their identification, both by plumage, song and flight. Mr. Price is evidently a keen out-door observer, and his little volume should find a welcome from all who take delight in a stroll through fields and woodlands, and would make closer acquaintance with the bird life there. The British bird-keeper will find one or two inaccuracies—as when the sexes of Green and Great Spotted Woodpeckers are said to be alike. Still, these are but minor blemishes on an excellent whole.

Birds of the Country-side: A Hand-Book of British Birds.

By FRANK FINN, B.A., F.Z.S. London, 1907: Messrs. Hutchinson and Co. With 12 coloured plates, 118 illustrations from photographs, and numerous outline drawings; price 5s. net.

We must say at once that this work is a distinct acquisition to our library shelf. A more creditably produced little volume we have rarely seen. It comprises some 200 pages of letterpress, yet is of handy size to slip into one's pocket when setting off for a country ramble. The 12 coloured plates are really good, which is not usually the verdict one can conscientiously pass in respect to the illustrations in colours of most "popular" works on birds. The one depicting the Chaffinch and Greenfinch is particularly pleasing. The photographs reproduced have been chosen with discrimination, and add immensely to the practical value of the book; they are all good, and some of them compel admiration. Of Mr. Finn's part, the letterpress—after all, the most important by far—we can only speak in terms of praise. This gentleman possesses the happy knack of presenting the facts of bird life in an interesting and easily-understandable manner, so that one is never bored, though ever learning. He has, too, accuracy of knowledge from the point of view of the keeper of birds in captivity—an unusual thing in those learned of birds from the scientific side. It is curious that Mr. Finn has also hit on the idea of collating the species under the localities in which they are likely to be found. Thus his headings are: "Part I.: In Towns and Gardens (all the year)"; and so on. Each species is thoroughly dealt with, many interesting and out-of-the-ordinary particulars being usually given. An informing chapter on "Classification" brings the volume to a close. "Birds of the Country Side" can be heartily commended to the notice of all who would like to possess an accurate, up-to-date handbook of British birds at a moderate price.

CLUB NOTICES.

No charge is made for notices of forthcoming meetings, but they can only be inserted once. Should secretaries desire to secure immediate insertion of their announcements **exactly as written** they can do so by prepayment at the rate of three words a penny.

Barnsley and Dis. C.B.S.—March 30th, at Maltsters' Rest, 7.30 p.m. Arranging of dates for First Feather Show and Open Shows.—T. Coward, sec.

Battersea and Dis. C.B.A.—April 3rd, at Duchess of Devonshire, Lavender-rd., Clapham Junction, 8.30 p.m. Mr. Allen Silver will lecture on the feeding of British birds; hearty welcome to all fanciers. —T. Easterling, hon. sec.

Blaydon-on-Tyne and Dis. C.B.S.—April 6th, at Co-op. Hall, Blaydon, 7.30 p.m. Washing Exhibition.—D. A. Ogilvie, sec.

Bolton and Dis. O. and R.C.S.—April 1st, at Joiners' Arms Hotel, Deansgate, 8 p.m. Important business; debate on bird parasites; all members and fanciers attend.—J. Stringer, sec.

Bolton and Dis. Progressive C.B.S.—April 2nd, at Olinda Cafe, Corporation Street, 8 p.m. Lecture by Mr. W. A. Bladon (Manchester), "Management of the Bird Room"; novelties for the bird room for discussion.—John W. Bancroft, sec.

Bramley and Dis. O.S.—March 30th, at Headquarters; committee meeting, 7. Lecture on breeding and rearing, by Mr. J. S. Clarkson (Halifax), 7.30.—Jas. Metcalfe, hon. sec.

Broughty Ferry C.B.S.—April 3rd, at Bakers' Hall, King Street, 8 p.m. All members requested to attend this meeting.—Charles Muir, sec.

Cheltenham C.B.S.—April 3rd, at the Sydney Arms Hotel, 8 p.m. Mr. T. J. King will open a discussion on pairing and breeding; fanciers invited.—A. S. Treasure, hon. sec.

Chester and Dis. C.B.S.—April 2nd, at Nag's Head Cocoa House, 8 o'clock. Fix date of Young Bird Show; distribution of Pair Show prize money, etc.—A. J. Red, sec.

Choppington and Dis. C.B.S.—March 30th, at Railway Hotel. Arrangement of classes and judges for present season.—John Dixon, sec.

City of Dundee and Dis. N.M. and B.B.A.—April 3rd, at Doig's Rooms, 8 p.m. Selection of judges for Open Show and proposed First Feather Show.—Alex. Miller, sec.

Coventry O.S.—April 3rd, at Sydenham Palace, Ford Street, 8.30. Important business; all members requested to attend.—G. Turrell, sec.

Dalkeith and Dis. C.C.—March 30th, at Ship Inn, 7 p.m. Distribution of revised rules and closing meeting for new members.—Thos. Briggs, sec.

Darlington C.B.S.—April 3rd, at Half Moon, Northgate, 8 o'clock. Table Show; three classes.—E. Brunskill, sec.

Denholme and Thornton C.B.S.—April 9th (instead of April 2nd), at the Club House, Bull's Head, Thornton, 8 p.m..—J. Jarratt, sec.

Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.—April 4th, at the Herne Tavern, Peckham Rye, S.E., 8 p.m. Lecture on the breeding and exhibiting of Canaries, by Mr. J. Robson; all fanciers welcomed.—W. Hodson, sec.

Eastern Dis. O.S.—April 1st, at Free Gardeners' Hall, Abbeymount, Edinburgh, 8 o'clock. Important business.—A. Robinson, sec.

Eccles and Dis. C.B.S.—April 3rd, at Grapes Hotel, Peel Green, 8 p.m.—A. Wheatley, hon. sec.

Exeter and Dis. C.B.S.—April 2nd, at Oddfellows' Hall, 8 p.m. Paper by the Chairman (Mr. W. G. Down) on "Hints on the Management of a Bird Room"; discussion.—R. H. Folley, sec.

Greenwich and Deptford C.B.S.—April 4th, at the Two Brewers, Church Street, Greenwich, 8 o'clock. "My Experiences with the Yorkshire Canary," lecture by Mr. R. P. Broome; all fanciers welcome.—Geo. Hill, hon. sec.

Hartlepools C.B.S.—April 9th, at Headquarters, 8 p.m. (members please note alteration of date.) Members' prize money will be paid and subjects arranged for future meetings.—E. Woodhead, hon. sec.

Hastings United C.B.S.—April 4th, at Royal Oak Hotel. Selection of judges and hall for Annual Show.—A. E. Goddin and J. H. Goddin, hon. secs.

Hucknall Torkard C.B.S.—April 6th, at the Plough and Harrow Inn, 7.30. All fanciers wishing to join should attend.—A. A. Asbury, sec.

Inverness O.A.—April 5th, at Crown Mission Hall, Washington Court, 8.15 p.m. Lecture by Mr. G. McKenzie on the singing Canary; all invited.—A. Urquhart, sec.

Kilmarnock C.B.C.—April 3rd, at Board Room, Temperance Hall, 7.30 p.m. Open night for questions and debate.—R. McCaw, sec.

Leigh and Dis. C.B.S.—April 2nd, at Railway Hotel, Leigh, 7.30. Selection of judge for Young Show; members attend.—A. Parks, sec.

Loughborough and Dis. C.B.A.—April 3rd, at Charnwood Coffee House, 7.30 p.m. Subscriptions now due; all members attend; a treat in store for you.—E. Thorp, sec.

Manningham C.B.A.—April 13th, at Mowbray Arms, 8 p.m. Meeting on April 6th postponed to above date.—E. Kemp, sec.

Middlesbrough and Teeside C.B.S.—April 7th, at Crown Hotel, 7 p.m. Election of judges for Open Show and place for the excursion.—A. Wake, sec.

Newcastle and Dis. C.B.S.—April 4th, at Lockhart's, 65, Grainger Street, 7.30. Important business; subscriptions must be paid at this meeting; intending members please attend.—Curry and Hutchison, secs.

Nottingham and Notts O.S.—Postponed to April 10th, at Cobden Hall, 8 p.m. Lecture on British birds, by Mr. H. J. Chick.—G. E. Wilkinson, sec.

Ormskirk and Dis. C.B.A.—April 2nd, at Foresters' Arms, Ormskirk, 8 p.m. Mr. J. B. Tasker on "Pairing and Breeding Canaries"; intending members requested to attend.—T. H. Tiffin, hon. sec.

Preston O.S.—April 2nd, at the Empress Cafe, 29a, Church Street, 8 p.m. Lecture by Mr. C. Blackhurst, "Dietetics,"—R. Seed, hon. sec.

Queensbury C.B.S.—April 4th, at Granby Hotel, 8 o'clock.—S. Jagger, sec.

Queen's Park and Dis. C.B.A.—April 4th, at Windsor Castle Hotel, Harrow Road, W., 8. Important business; members please attend.—J. C. Bireb, sec.

Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.—April 3rd, at Temperance Club, 8 p.m. Quarterly meeting.—Sam. M. Clayton, sec.

Rotherham C.B.S.—March 30th, at the Club House, College Inn. Special meeting; balance-sheet, etc.; please attend early.—J. C. Hayes, sec. (pro. tem.)

Sheffield and Dis. C.B.S.—April 4th, at Wentworth Cafe, Pinstone Street, 8 p.m. Table Show of British Birds; judge, Mr. A. Somerfield; paper on British birds by Mr. S. W. Birchley.—Bishop and Pilley, secs.

Shipley O.S.—April 3rd, at Victoria Hotel, 8 p.m. Classification and judges for Members' Shows, etc.—H. Dobson, sec.

Southend and Dis. F.A.—April 7th, at Victoria Hall, Alexandra Street, Southend, 8 p.m. General business and Annual Show.—B. P. T. Jones, hon. sec.

South Metropolitan F.A.—April 4th, at Club Rooms, 8 o'clock. Members' Rabbit Show.—A. Maddison, sec.

Stockton and Dis. C.B.S.—April 4th, at Leeds Hotel, 8 o'clock. Schedule for Open Show; all members please attend.—J. W. Lowes, sec.

Walthamstow F.A.—Annual meeting, April 2nd, at the Lightbouse, Markbouse Road, 7.30 p.m.—C. W. Mead, sec.

Wandsworth and Dis. —April 4th, at Ye Olde Swan, 8 p.m. Presentation of balance-sheet and arrangements for lantern lecture on poultry.—W. Summers, sec.

Warrington C.B.S.—Special meeting, April 4th, at Blue Bell, 7.45. To select judges.—Jas. Emmett, sec.

West London F.A.—April 4th, at Bush Hotel, Shepherd's Bush, 8 o'clock. Mr. Allen Silver will lecture on the range and distribution of some so-called British birds.—J. Dewhurst, sec.

Widnes and Dis. O.S.—April 4th, at Grosvenor Hotel, 7.30. Important business; members and intending members attend.—S. Andrews, sec.

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CANARIES.

NORWICH PLAINHEADS.

Answered by J. H. PAYNE.

Norwich Cock Out of Sorts (S.F.).—Stop giving your bird sop, and give instead every other day, for ten days, a small teaspoonful of egg food, to which add as much aromatic confection as will stand on a threepenny piece. After this give him fresh daily ten drops of tincture of quinine in his drinking water for a week. Let him have a pinch of maw seed three times a week, and the mixed seeds same as usual.

Young Bird Moping (Constant).—I am under the impression your Norwich bird has caught a slight chill from the journey. Give it, in its drinking water, for three or four days, ten drops of acetate of ammonia. Keep him in a warm corner away from draughts, and cover over at night with a warm cloth. Twice a week will be often enough to give the seed mixture. Give a little sponge cake, over which put a few drops of best sherry.

Young Birds Dead in Shell (No Name).—Will you write again, giving me full particulars of how you are feeding your birds, and where you breed with them? Are you near any large works where there may be steam hammers or anything that would cause a lot of vibration in your house? Are you breeding with the same cock as last year? Have you been successful in getting young from other pairs of Canaries in the same room? Give me all particulars you can think of, and say if your hen appears thoroughly healthy.

YORKSHIRES.

Answered by H. W. BATTYE.

Bad Plumage (Virus).—The best thing you could do would be to either give the hen a good wash (if you have been accustomed to band-washing birds), or get someone to wash it who is capable of doing so.

Sometimes Lively, Sometimes Moping (Anxious).—Stop the sherry wine and quinine, and give for one week, fresh daily, ten drops of syrup of buckthorn in his drinking water. Then continue the sherry and quinine for another week, when I think your bird will be all right. You do not say whether the bird sings or not.

Nesting Difficulties (Star).—You paired your birds too early. Separate them for a fortnight, and then try them again. The one egg your hen laid may be fertile, and it may not. But if you have allowed the hen to sit until the time you see this reply, you will be able to ascertain this by holding the egg before the window, between your finger and thumb, when, if it appears to be clear, you may venture to throw it away; but if it looks dark it will probably be fertile. Some argue that when two birds pair once, they fertilise the whole clutch of eggs; whilst others say they only fertilise one egg at a time. I am inclined to favour the latter view.

Irregular Laying (W. A. Rountree).—When birds are paired up as early as yours have been, it is not unusual for them to lay their eggs irregularly, and I can understand your hen missing a day; but I have my doubts about her laying two eggs on the fourth day, and should imagine you may have overlooked the egg on the day previous. However, I should advise you to let her sit her time, and if she hatches the eggs out, well and good; but if she does not hatch any take them away and keep her separated from the cock for at least one week. Then pair again, when the weather will most likely be more seasonable for breeding and rearing young birds. You will have a far better chance of rearing the youngsters when the days lengthen out, as they will not have to go so long without being fed.

BORDERS.

Answered by J. PATTERSON.

Yellow Cock in Trouble (G. G. Hay).—Could you not have given some reasons for those white lumps, or stated more clearly the size and correct colour of same? I should then have been better able to advise you correctly. I suspect the lumps to be abscesses, and more or less highly inflamed. You will easily know by looking closely. See if they are filled with matter. If so, catch him twice a day, and bathe each time with some permanganate of potash; give it a good dressing. Then rub a little pure lard on. If, on the other hand, it should be bald (and there are no abscesses), give for one day as much sulphate of soda as will lie on a sixpence; after that six drops of lemon juice in his drinking water. Give the head a slight dressing with hazeline ointment daily for a week. From your description, I think he will be all right for breeding by the end of April; but you give no details as to your present feeding. Please repeat your query if the above should not apply to your case. Place a few leaves of dandelions in the wires for bird to peck at every day; see they are free from frost.

First Egg Troubles (R.H.R.).—There is nothing unusual in your hen laying one egg a week before she lays her next. The first egg is what we term a "proud egg." I have no doubt she will lay her full clutch this time, which, I trust, will hatch out all right. But I am afraid there is little hope of the first egg hatching. At this time of the year, while the weather is still cold, the germ dies very soon, and unless you had it well protected and turned it over every day, I am afraid it will do no good. Many hens lay one day, then miss one; lay on alternate days, in fact. Your withholding the egg food on the days she did not lay had nothing to do with it, even though you had one similar last year. (2) It is easy to know a hen that is egg-bound. You will find them mostly huddled up in a corner of the cage, with their head under their wing, feathers all ruffled up, and swaying backwards and forwards on their legs. Blow up the feather at vent, which you will notice is all swollen and red. Anoint the vent with a feather dipped in warmed olive oil; let a little of it work into vent. Then hold her over a cup of steaming water. Then roll her lightly in a piece of flannel, leaving head out, and place near the fire (inside of cage), and in the course of half an hour, if she should not have come out herself, repeat the steaming.

LIZARDS.

Answered by BARKER CLEGG.

Pairing Two Silvers.—Both birds being by the same sire, and last season's birds, I would not advise you to proceed in the manner suggested. Much better to pair them with the birds you mention that are a year older. In pairing Golds or Silvers and birds that are inbred I advise them to be other than same season's birds, i.e., one year to two years, or one year to three years and so on. Lizards are practically a self-supporting variety. By selecting your stock and keeping an account of your proceedings you will breed birds of better quality, and maintain more energy and vigour. You will find a few remarks on line breeding in your back numbers of "C.B."

GREENS.

Answered by S. HADWIN.

What Green Canary is it? (H.D.).—You say you have a Green Canary similar in type to the illustration sent, and that you bought it for a Norwich Green. I should say that most likely it is a Border Fancy, seeing that it is only 4½ inches long. The illustration represents a good type of Yorkshire Green. As regards the birds not breeding, they are evidently not in condition yet. Separate for a while, continue feeding as stated, and when the cock is in full song and the hen dancing on the perch and flapping her wings put them together again. If you get them together by the second week in April you will be quite soon enough.

ROLLERS.

Answered by F. A. LESTER.

Roller with Sore Shoulders, etc. (J. Burnside).—The bird's shoulders are no doubt sore through his picking them; or is it red mite? Try a little vaseline on them—very, very little. Black enamel if put on and allowed to thoroughly dry will do no harm. Yes, you could breed in such a place, but endeavour to secure proper ventilation. While breeding give the usual diet: Two parts rape, one part Canary; when the young arrive give crushed hemp and egg food. You will have to rear your young ones on egg food till they can eat seed. Crush all seed for them for a week or two. Glad to help always.

Cocks Worrying Hens (May).—You have not gone on quite right with your birds. You should have taken the cocks away when the hens had first started to sit, and introduced them again when the young ones were 10 days old. Try taking them away now, and if the hens appear to be feeding the young ones keep them away till the young are nearly fledged, say about 12 days. If the hens get restless you must put them back at once or they will desert the nest. You will not do any harm by looking at them, but do not approach suddenly or make any quick motion or noise, as they are easily startled during this period. I have to do my breeding in a shop where there are hundreds in and out all day long, and I am usually fairly successful.

Breeding from Hen that has been ill (Noel).—Will hen Roller be fit for breeding from that has been ill, how many nests, and when can I start?—Yes, if you feel sure she is quite well again. Yes, if you feel sure the hen is quite well again. I should not take more than three nests, and only two if she appears to get weak after the first nest. Feed her up with egg food, about half a teaspoonful every day, and in a week's time hang her close to the cock bird for eight days and then put them together. Yes, I am that gentleman.

MISCELLANEOUS CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by J. NORTH.

Mutilated Feet.—Two Canaries have had their legs bitten by other birds. One has healed, but the three front toes have shrivelled up, while the back claw is perfect. Will the front ones grow again? The other bird's leg has turned black, and she cannot move it.—INQUIRER.

Very little can be done now, but earlier action would have prevented the misfortune, as Canaries and Parrakeets seldom even appear to tolerate each other's company, and these mutilations are generally the result of trying to keep them together. No; the toes will never grow again, and wide rough perches should be provided. For this purpose nothing can be better than a few corks placed end to end, with a wire running through them. The leg that has turned black has mortified and will slough away. To any part that appears inflamed or painful the application of Witch Hazel Extract is recommended as soothing and healing.

Egg Cake for Canaries (Airdrie).—This recipe for egg cake has frequently been given in these columns, and quite recently in the body of the paper, but as you may be one of the many new subscribers to CAGE BIRDS, I have much pleasure in again giving it. Eight eggs, 4 oz. sugar, 4 oz. suet finely chopped or melted, 1 lb. flour, ½ oz. baking powder. Rub the fat well into the flour, together with the sugar and baking powder, then well stir in the eggs (previously well beaten up), and bake in a slow oven either in the form of thin biscuits or as a cake. When it is a day or two old break it up and store in air-tight tins. It may be given to the bird in large pieces, or it may be crumbled up and given dry or moist.

Marking Young Canaries.—What is the best way of marking young Canaries? I found it impossible to remember last year how all my young birds were bred, and had intended to try the aluminium rings, but now feel afraid to venture?—WHITE OWL.

I do not think there is any reason why you should not try the aluminium rings, for what one breeder may not make a success of, another one might, because there is no doubt that in the hands of many the rings are perfectly satisfactory. Before they were invented a very simple plan was to number the cages and then cut a notch in a bird's flight feather to agree with the cage number. Thus, birds coming out of No. 1 cage had a notch made on their first wing feather, and so on. Birds that are marked, variegated, or Crested, might have their peculiarities recorded in a book kept for the purpose, and a few memoranda concerning the occupants of the numbered cages may often prove acceptable.

Boiled Rape Seed.—I have tried soaking German Summer rape seeds in water from six to twelve hours, and then boiling it in a saucepan. I did not discover any of the gelatinous substance one often hears of, but after mashing it I did. Is it usual to mash the boiled seed to a pulp, and then add powdered biscuit?—MARKHAM.

I am sure I have never advocated boiling and mashing rape seed. On the contrary, I have often stated that I considered the boiling spoilt its vitality, whereas sufficient soaking in cold or hot water caused the seed to soften and to commence those changes in its composition which renders it not only more agreeable to the birds and more easy of digestion, but also to assist in the assimilisation of the starchy seeds, such as canary and millet. It should be soaked for two or three days (so much depends on the temperature), or until it shows signs of sprouting. It should then be drained dry and mixed with some crushed sweet biscuit and given in a crumbly, not stodgy, condition. If, after trying it this way, you cannot get the birds to eat it, please write again.

Bird Fever (G.B.).—No one knows everything about bird fever, and it is a mystery how it arises in a room where the birds and cages are kept as clean and wholesome as yours. It is quite possible that the infection may be conveyed by house flies, but one cannot say for certain any more than they could say why such human fevers as measles and scarlatina spring up where none had existed before. Disinfection with burning sulphur and washing everything with boric acid solution is the only known way of stamping it out.

Bleeding Toe.—Paired Norwich cock last week, and on Saturday found its middle toe bleeding. Can you tell me how to stop it? I can only see it when I hold its foot in warm water.—W. JAMES.

I take it that the bird must have lacerated its middle toe by catching it in the wires or by pricking it with a sharp point of metal or wood. Your bathing it in warm water would induce the wound to continue bleeding. In all cases of hæmorrhage or bruises, there is nothing better than the application of extract of witch hazel. This bird should be run into a cage without perches, having the floor covered with sawdust, bran, chaff, or peat moss, until its foot has healed.

Canary Asthma.—My hen Canary makes a kind of sucking noise as if its throat was full of phlegm. I have used eucalyptus and cajuput, also syrup of tolu, but they appear to have no effect. Would this affect cock if paired up?—W. B. READER.

Your bird seems to have got what is called "Canary asthma," but which is more likely to be chronic bronchitis. It should not be paired up while suffering from it. Its mate and chicks would probably be affected. The bird should be kept in a box cage, situated in a bright and warm position, fed on milk sop sprinkled with seed, and into two tablespoonfuls of its drinking water half a teaspoonful of the following bronchial syrup should be added:—Glycerine, oxymel of squills, and ipecacuanha wine, of each equal parts. This has a wonderful effect in clearing the phlegm from the bronchial tubes.

Injured Leg (F.D.).—From your description of the condition of this bird's leg I gather that it is broken or dislocated. In such cases an early examination should be made and the limb restored to its proper position if out of joint. If broken it should be placed in normal position with the aid of small wooden splints, and bandaged with worsted or with gummed stamp-edging. The bird should be run into a box-cage without any perches in it, and the floor should be well covered with moss, chaff or saw dust. It should be supplied with some soft food and slice of sweet apple. The limb would get set in about a fortnight. Query re seed for Britishers has been handed to our Mr. Weston; please read the rules.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

Goldfinch Mules Not Singing (Market).—Young cock Mules start singing as soon as they have got over the moult, as a rule, providing their condition is good. The three you have, which were hatched last July and have never started singing as yet, you can safely write down as hens. It is very difficult for the inexperienced to distinguish cock Mules from hens—especially when the hens happen to be bred from yellow hen Canaries. Very few hen Mules, however, carry anything like the blaze (face colour) seen on a good cock bird, or the breast and body colour generally. If a Goldfinch Mule has a large, bright, rich-coloured blaze, it is fairly safe to consider it a cock. Yet some yellow hen Mules are very deceptive; one needs to remember that they are yellows—for, of course, they look to carry more colour than most buff cocks.

Concerning Linnets (S. Shew).—The best seeds you can give branchet (i.e., young) Linnets are maw, summer rape, charlock, linseed, teazle, and canary. Some summer rape and charlock should be soaked in cold water until it bursts and begins to germinate; give a feed every day in a separate (china) dish, dabbing it as dry as possible in a cloth before offering it to the birds. The water covering the stock of soaked seed should be drained off and renewed afresh every day or so. Half-inch square perches, with the top edges just taken off, are much better for Linnets and small Finches than entirely round perches. It is not advisable to hand-wash (if that is what you mean) Linnets and Chaffinches very frequently, though an occasional tub during the show season does not harm them, if skilfully performed—quite the contrary, in fact. Let them bathe freely of their own accord at other seasons. Back cages are very useful things to steady Linnets in (note letter in correspondence columns this week), but the Finch stock cage is much the best to keep them in regularly; they sing just as freely in it.

Greenshank and Artificial Grasses (J. Goodyear).—The Greenshank (*Totanus canescens*) is not by any means entirely a bird of marshy places. It is found on the coast; also inland. It breeds, I believe, only in Scotland (it is not at all a common bird), the nest being found on moorland, near hills or mountains, and sometimes close to water and sometimes some distance away. I remember hearing a friend of mine describing the raptures he experienced when he first found this long-sought (by him) nest. Artificial grasses may be obtained from any taxidermist's shop, or from any of the taxidermists who advertise in our columns.

Concerning a Blackbird (Blackie).—It is safe enough, and quite all right, to leave a Blackbird entirely out of doors, except, of course, during severe frost and cold. He also will require to be well protected from summer storms (cage made rain proof), and be out of reach of marauding cats. You will be exceedingly foolish if you try to keep any other bird along with your Blackie in just an ordinary cage. He would most probably knock out its brains, sooner or later. When endeavouring to change the food of a soft-billed bird, it must be done gradually; the new must be blended with the old in ever-increasing proportion, until the latter is dispensed with altogether. I should think the food you mention last on the list just about the best; but all three are good.

Thrush Not Singing (J. F. Yardley).—As the only certain guide to the sex of Song Thrushes lies in the song, your bird may quite likely be a hen. All Thrushes in cages ought by this—if in good health and condition—to be singing away merrily. Feed your bird a little more generously. Mix half a hard-boiled egg well into its portion of food every day; the unused half will keep until the second day if placed in a teacup and covered with dry soft food or crushed biscuit. Also include a little finely-minced greenstuff in its food. Get the bird a few live blackbeetles, also snails, which should be "cooked" in boiling water, then chopped up, and, if you like, mixed in at top of the soft food. Treatment on these lines will very soon bring the Thrush into full song, if a male.

Waxwing with Worms (F. Chapman).—I have never had a Waxwing which has been troubled with worms. You should get a small quantity of areca nut from a chemist; also some Parrish's Chemical Food. Keep the bird without food for several hours (or clear out the cage at night and treat early next morning) until thoroughly hungry. Then prepare about a dessertspoonful of soft food, into which well mix as much of the areca nut (powder) as half covers a threepenny piece. When the bird has eaten this up, let it have the food as usual. For one day make its drinking water fairly strong with the Chemical Food, a heaping teaspoonful to two tablespoonsful of water. Afterwards, for two or three days give half-a-teaspoonful in the same quantity of water. You will find this see the Waxwing through its trouble, I fancy; if it seems necessary, however, repeat the dose of areca nut after a day's interval.

Wanted, a Softbill (A. R. Coe).—It is not exactly true to say that either Nightingales, Redstarts, or Woodlarks are difficult to keep in captivity. Far from it, in fact, if one buys them "well on food," as fanciers say, and takes the trouble to provide them with a good and suitable diet the year round. The latter, of course, is not so easy as buying seeds; nor is it by any means so cheap. But no one to whom these things are difficulties ought to keep the smaller softbills. Taken all round, I should say the Woodlark is the better songster in captivity of the above trio of birds. A really good singing Nightingale, of course, would beat him; but really good vocalists are not to be met with every day in cages. What I mean to convey is that a really good singing Woodlark is more likely to come one's way—is more easy to obtain—than an equally good 'Gale. Only an experienced fancier or dealer can sex Woodlarks successfully. The hens are somewhat larger and better, both in colour and markings, than the cocks; which, of course, is the reverse of what usually obtains. The Redstart has a very pleasant song—perhaps "warble" would be a better name—and utters it freely when well used to caged life. A hand-reared Blackcap would not be at all likely to sing the true song of its species; therefore one could form no true opinion from it of the pretty babbling melody this bird actually possesses.

Concerning Mule Breeding (B.D.W.).—You need be under not the slightest misapprehension on the points you mention; all may be most easily decided. You say you have a double breeding cage. Well, run the partly wired slide down the centre, leaving the Goldfinch on one side and the Yorkshire hen on the other. If the Goldie is in the fine condition and vigorous song you describe, they will not take long to strike up an acquaintanceship. Probably he will commence to sing to her through the partition wires; also to feed her. These are the first signs of an "understanding." When you notice these things, put a few coarse pieces of material out of a nest-bag into the hen's compartment. If she commences to carry these about in her beak, you can hang in the nest-pan (or box), giving her at the same time a little more nesting material. Should she carry the latter into the nest-pan, and appear bent on nest building in earnest, hang the nest-bag up against the wires, or put it in the nesting rack, if you use those appliances. First thing next morning (the earlier the better) withdraw the centre partition, letting the Goldie run with the hen. If you retire quickly and discreetly to the other side of the room, you will no doubt see the hen "call" to the Finch, and he, if really in breeding condition, is not likely to lose any time in doing the needful towards ensuring fertile eggs. Keep an eye on the Finch at first, until you learn his disposition. Some pull the nest about, and some will put their beaks through the eggs when laid. Such birds should be run with the hens only for an hour or two each morning (for a short time in the evening, too, if desired) being shut off during the day, and entirely (with a solid partition) as soon as the hen commences to sit. That is the whole story, and applies equally well to all Finches, besides Goldies. If birds are in breeding condition they don't want egg food until the evening of the thirteenth day of incubation—when young are expected. Read reply to "New Reader" last week, and feed your Bramblefinch exactly as advised therein.

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Another Mule Breeder (J.N.C.).—For hints on pairing up muling couples, see reply to "B.D.W." this week. The proper time to pair up is when both birds are ready; and this, of course, can only be told by the person who has the birds under his (or her) control. Obviously it is no use pairing birds which are not in breeding conditiou; and to pair two birds, one of whom is ready and the other not, is even worse, for it leads almost inevitably to fighting when the male is the more forward, and to a nest of clear eggs when the female is the more forward. When a couple open the season by continued squabbling (many will have a skirmish or two just at the start) it often happens that the pair do no good the season through, the memory of the early "hair-pulling" seeming to rankle and sunder two would-be (from the breeder's point of view) loving hearts. It is far from unusual for the hen Canary to be ready for her first nest before the Finch is quite fit to fertilise eggs. Hence the necessity of the beginner to control his anxiety to make an early start, and to keep from "forcing" his hens by liberal feeding with egg food and stimulating seeds. If one has forward Goldfinches or Linnets, etc., of course there is no object in restraining the heu's maternal instincts; let her go ahead. At the same time, the great majority of Finches cannot, no matter what may be said to the contrary, be depended on to get good eggs before April has well turned. You can put the cock Canary and hen Bullfinch together as soon as you like. If they do not agree well, only let them run together occasionally for an hour or two. In a few week's time the day will come, no doubt, when they will settle down quite harmouiously together. A cock Bramblefinch has never yet beeu known to have bred with a hen Linnet, I fancy. It has paired with a hen Chaffinch (see our correspondence columns last week), but from what I have learned the progeny has no song worthy of the name.

Thrush "Bare" (New Reader, Ardwick).—I seem to be continually advising readers about "bald" and "hare" Thrushes, etc.; there have been several answers in the last few weeks, I am sure. See that you prepare its food properly—that it always contains a proportion of vegetable, say cold boiled potato, grated raw carrot, or finely-minced lettuce, watercress, chickweed, etc.; also supply live food regularly—especially mealworms. Give the bird two gentle doses of sulphate of soda, with a two-day interval between them; dissolve as much as just covers a sixpence in every two tablespoonsful of drinking water. Mix into its soft food daily as much flowers of sulphur as will just cover a shilling. If the bird will let you catch it without any fierce struggling (and you are not unused to handling birds), a light dressiug of the bald places with hazeline oiutment, once daily for three or four days, would be calculated to do good. But I don't advise unskilled people to try handling such birds as Thrushes and Blackies.

True Notes of the Linnet's Song (Edward Clark).—I could not undertake to give you the "true notes of a Linnet's song." If I made the attempt I should only bring a hornet's nest about my ears—a fact you would readily appreciate if you had followed the letters on the subject of the song of the contest Linnet which ran through our correspondence columns some few months back. Why, even the "champions" couldn't entirely agree on the point, so I am sure so humble an individual as myself could not hope to give the song "true." You should read up the letters referred to, in our back numbers. An article on Linnet singing contests ran through CAGE BIRDS last August, and the numbers containing it will be sent you by our manager in return for a sixpenny postal order.

Lark's Broken Leg, etc. (A. Novice).—It is not much use setting out to repair broken limbs a week after the accident happens. Why not buy a copy of the ANNUAL, which contains invaluable advice on diseases and happeniugs of this nature? Then you can, as you ought always to do, set to work at once. If the fracture is up in the "thigh" it will quite likely make a perfect heal without any interference (you say "upper part" of leg). To put on a quill you must cut one of suitable size, arrange a pad of cotton wool or lint round the leg (to act as a buffer as it were), put on the quill over this and bind it with cotton or strong worsted just tightly enough to hold firmly. Ants eggs are very good indeed for Larks; you can give them as liberally as your pocket allows. Note my remarks on feeding these birds an issue or two ago. As regards the sexing of Thrushes and giving of snails read reply to "Novice" last week. The general feeding of Thrushes and Blackbirds I am frequently dilating on. Here we are again, however as they say at the pantomime: Go to a good bird-food vendor, and get mixed, by measure, game or pheasant meal, six parts; ants' eggs, dried flies, and meat meal, two parts each. Get the game meal without grit. Damp the quantity required for uso with grated raw carrot, or finely chopped tender dandelion, chickweed, lettuce, watercress, etc., according to season, or cold boiled potato, or even a little ripe fruit, varying it as much as possible. Give a few mealworms daily, and any live foods you can get in season—for instance, smooth caterpillars, flies, spiders, wasp-grub, gentles, earwigs, beetles, cockroaches, and the like. A little ripe fruit and various berries, sweet apple, pear, split grapes, orange, red and white currants, banana, etc., straw, rasp, black, privet, elder, haw, etc., berries are also relished. You need never want for variety. Into the above stock food a proportion of preserved yolk of egg (flake) should be well mixed now and again; or a hard-boiled egg; or a little finely-scraped raw lean meat makes a nice change at times, but should not be overdone.

Chaffinches Breeding in a Cage (H.D.).—A pair of Chaffinches have been known to breed in a cage. It is unusual, however, and I should not like to encourage you unduly in hopes of success; if you are fond of experimenting, though, you should find the attempt interesting enough. I should put in a wood nest-box—rather deeper than those made for Canaries, if you can get such a one. The bird, in a state of Nature, begins breeding operations some time in April—towards the middle or end as a rule. I should say two broods is the normal number in a year, providing nothing untoward happens, such as the destroyal of a clutch of eggs or taking of a nest of the young.

Thrush "Gone Off" (A.W.).—A cross moult, of course, will cause any bird to "go off"—many, in fact, never to return. It is really difficult to account for some of these unseasonable sheddings of plumage. Often, however, a bird will be kept in a heated room; then for one or two days, from some cause or other, no fire will be lighted therein. If the weather happens to be frosty then a "cross moult" is the lot of those poor birds unlucky enough to be in the said room. Feed your Thrush as advised "A Novice" this week. Give a lengthy course of Allen and Hanbury's Byno-phosphates—a small teaspoonful in every two tablespoonfuls of drinking water, fresh daily.

Jackdaw with a Cold (W.F.H.).—I can only recommend you to give the following bronchial syrup a trial: Oxymel of squills, ipecacuanha wine and glycerine, of each one ounce. Put one teaspoouful in each two tablespoonfuls of drinking water fresh daily. Keep the bird out of all draughts, and bathe its eyes two or three times daily in warm water, reddened with Condy's fluid.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S.

Young Grey Parrot (Brownie).—You have been treating your bird intelligently, and it appears to be doing well. The gnawing of the cotton reels is a healthy sign rather than otherwise. While it is in the moult let it have plenty of cuttlefish to chew up, and every other day well colour its drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food; or, better, put six dops of same daily on its boiled maize. The bird should certainly talk if you train it; the methods of doing so are twofold, viz., constant repetition, and keeping it where it will hear plenty of conversation. Try both, and your bird should soon talk. Hope it will continue to do well.

Red-headed Lovebirds, etc.—(1) What is the difference in plumage of the sexes of Red-headed Lovebirds? (2) Will the White-headed Blue-wing, and Red-headed Lovebirds and Budgerigars (all cocks) live together in large cage?—AVIARY.

(1) There is no difficulty in distinguishing the sexes, for the male has the under side of his wings black. (2) The Red-head has the reputatiou of being spiteful to other species, but some years ago, in a large room, I kept these species flying together, and never noticed any quarrelling. As you are only keeping males, I should say they would agree well together, providing they are not unduly crowded, and that there is more than one seed hopper; there should also be several perches. The probability is they will all cuddle up together, as lovebirds are supposed to do. However, it will be well to keep a watch on them till their several dispositions are ascertained; these vary considerably in individuals of all species.

Pekin Robins (W. Huckle).—(1) The Pekin requires as its staple diet:—Some good soft food mixture (see advertisement columns), or you can supply the following: Chicken meal, crushed Osborne biscuits, best ants' eggs and dried flies, in parts; make crumbly moist for use. Ripe fruit as in season, and a few mealworms or other insects daily. Most individuals of this species seem to appreciate a teaspoonful of white millet seed twice a week. You will, of course supply grit, green food, and water for drinking and bathing regularly. (2) The Pekin I have always found harmless in my aviary, in fact, permitting itself to be somewhat bullied by quite small birds. However, they have one fault, that is, they are fond of appropriating the eggs of other birds for their own nutriment. At the same time I have never known them to rob Cutthroats; the latter do not give them the opportunity.

Grey Parrot Ill (F. Leonard).—I fear it is a case of paralysis, if so nothing can be done, and if the bird were mine I should chloroform it out of its misery. However, it is possible things are not quite so bad as they appear, and it may possibly be a little better when this reaches you. In that case keep it warm, and put six drops of brandy in two tablespoonsful of water and let it have this to drink. Watch its excreta and if it appears at all stiff give half a teaspoonful of castor oil direct in the mouth. While it is in this weak state give it a little boiled maize on the top of its seed mixture (boiled maize only keeps fresh one day), and place its food where it can readily get at it. If it lives let me have full particulars as to its condition a week hence.

Persian Bulbul (Plencotis).—There are two varieties of the White-eared Bulbul (*Pycnonotus leucotis*), one the smaller race, about the size of a Great Tit, inhabiting North Western India, the other, slightly larger than a Yellow Bunting, but more stoutly built, ranging over Eastern Persia. Save for size there is no difference between the two races, both being similar as to plumage. But for vocal powers there is no comparison the Persian variety being far superior to its Indian cousin; it must be counted amongst the finest of foreign songsters. Occasionally an individual comes to band of limited song capacity, but such are the exception; the same thing prevails among all song birds.

Budgerigar and Blue-wing Parrakeet.—A male Yellow Budgerigar and Blue-wing hen appear to have paired in my aviary. Is it worth while leaving them together, and has the cross ever been bred?—J. SMITH.

As they have gone so far I should certainly leave them together for the season. So far as I know the cross has never occurred, but there is really no obstacle in the way, the diet, etc., of the two species being similar, and there is no great disparity as to size so that there should be a good prospect of success. At the same time, both with British and foreign birds, many species that apparently pair well produce only infertile eggs. I most certainly consider the experiment worth making, and I shall be most interested in same, and trust you will kindly let me have particulars if you succeed.

Amazon and Grey Parrots (New Reader).—You could not have treated the Amazon better than you have done, and I advise you to continue the same till the bird is quite recovered. Do not give any table scraps. Your diet is very good, but I advise the following seed mixture: Equal parts of white oats, wheat, dari and canary seeds, and half a part each of hemp and white sunflower seeds; otherwise your diet cannot be improved upon. When the cold leaves the bird if it appears at all weak just colour the water with Parrish'e Chemical Food every other day for about a month. When the bird has settled down and recovered tone it will undoubtedly talk freely. Try to improve it in this direction by the dual methods of constant repetition and keeping it where it will hear plenty of conversation. As regards the Grey, am glad to hear it is better; continue the treatment till it is quite recovered. As regards the aperient you must be guided by the condition of its excreta—the bowels must move freely, but not be watery loose. Re talking, use the same methods as advised for the Amazon, and should say it will improve in this respect when in condition again. Your information as to age appears to be correct.

Bare-eyed Cockatoo.—What is their general management and diet? What is their value? Do they make good pets, and are they talkers?—F.G.S.

Diet: For your staple food get a mixture of oats, wheat, dari, maize, hemp and sunflower seeds; give a little boiled maize twice a week (this only keeps fresh one day), keep up regular supplies of grit, cuttlefish and clear water for drinking; also give ripe fruit, nuts, plain biscuit (dry), raw carrot, and boiled potato (dry). If you have been giving boiled maize regularly you must continue to do so for a time, but when it is eating the dry mixture freely give it less often till you have brought it down to twice a week. Its value is about 30s., when a good talker much more. Keep it out of draught, and the temperature of any ordinary living room will be ample for them. Keep them where they will hear plenty of conversation, and they will soon pick up words; also teach them by constant repetition. There is a good deal of individualism in Parrots and Cockatoos, but most of them, when properly tamed, make good and interesting pets, and so will yours when it has got beyond the screeching stage. Do not handle it till you have ascertained its disposition. Do not give slops, table scraps, etc.

Striated Finch, Etc.—(1) What is the plumage and sexual distinction of Striated Finches, and are they easily bred? (2) My Cutthroats, which appear in good condition, produce only infertile eggs. Can you give any reason? (3) I have put up an outdoor aviary, 14 by 5 by 8 feet high. How many pairs will it accomodate? (4) Where can I get rice in the husk?—H.G.S.

(1) The Striated Finch (*Urolonchа striata*) is of a dusky bronze-brown colour, merging into blackish brown on the crown, tail, and breast; the feathers of the upper parts have light shaft streaks, and there is a white belt across lower back; the cheeks and abdomen are buffish white. The outward sexual distinctions are infinitesimal, consisting of a slightly narrower and more pointed beak, slightly smaller size, and slightly duller plumage; these distinctions are only comparative, and it is not easy at any time to say of what sex a single bird is. They should breed in your outdoor aviary, but many of the Maunikins are not too ready to breed in captivity. Food: Canary, white and spray millet, green food, etc. (2) Either your Cutthroats are not in breeding condition or their companions interfered with them and prevented thorough copulation. However, in your outside aviary this difficulty should disappear, and later fertile eggs should result. (3) Your aviary should be a success; it appeare to be well arranged. See that it is suitably fitted with perches and nesting receptacles; the latter should always be double the number you have pairs of birds. It will accomodate 60 birds the size of a Norwich Canary, but for breeding purposes I should only put in 10 or 12 pairs. (4) Any of the seed merchants advertising in our columns will supply you.

Red Rosellas Dying (J. Smith).—You have been most unfortunate; these birds are both long-lived and hardy; my birds have been out of doore all the winter and are in splendid trim. However, such mishaps as yours occur, but they are the exceptions and not the rule. Very probably the cause of the trouble many have been congenital. Again, it is possible your birds may have not got sufficient green food and fruit; I find my birds very greedy after lettuce and apple. Is there any possibility of their having picked up any unclean green food, etc., from your potting bench? The male may have bashed his skull against the top of aviary. It is best not to over crowd if you want to get breeding results, and I should recommend you to get another pair of adult Rosellas, and be content with these for the present. Parrakeets like plenty of room when they are breeding, and are often very malicious during this period. The exposure has had nothing to do with your loss. I should keep two mixtures in the aviary—(1) Canary and white millet, equal parts; (2) wheat, white oats, dari, and hemp—one part hemp and two parts each of the other items.

Grey Parrot Falling off Perch (J. Mayor).—It appears as if your bird is afflicted with weakness of the legs (this trouble is mostly congenital). The chemical food will be helpful, but you must get it on to a more wholesome diet, or it will get worse, and you will finally lose it. Half fill its hopper with the dry seed mixture (see recent issues), and on top of this put a layer of the boiled maize (do not give it any other food for the day), and it should soon be eating the dry mixture. When it is eating the dry seed mixture it will take a drink more regularly. I should still tempt it with plain biscuit and ripe apple. For one day only pour half a teaspoonful of tasteless castor oil over its boiled maize. Note.—Boiled maize only keeps fresh one day. Your bird's perch should not exceed in diameter ⅝ to ¾ in. You must persevere with above diet, as the bird will not continue healthy on the diet it is now getting.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. J. North, 435, Oxford Road, Reading, will examine cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for a reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post-mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to J. North, with fee. Any sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

Canary Hen (H.M.).—Inflammation of the oviduct or egg passage caused the death of your hen.

Crossbill (A. J. Senior).—Softening of the liver was the root of the mischief, giving rise to pneumonia and rupture of blood-vessel of the liver.

Buff Norwich Hen (O.B.).—Inflammation of the lungs and liver, with rupture of blood vessel of the latter, together with effusion of blood on the brain (apoplexy) was the cause of the death. It is suggested that too much food of a stimulating nature had been partaken of

GENERAL.

Answered by the EDITOR.

Notes (W.R.).—Many thanks for your kindness.

German Paste (G.D.).—Thanks for recipe; we have already published a similar one.

Cutting (W. Atkins).—Thanks for kindness in forwarding press cutting.

Specimen Copies (J. Dobson).—Thanks for offer to distribute specimen copies; these have been duly forwarded to you.

Taking Birds Out (S.E., Clapham).—We wrote you direct to address given, and letter was returned marked, "Not known."

A Blaze of Colour (H. W. Sheldon).—Thanks for the suggestion, which, we may say, is one we have all along intended to carry out. Specimen copies duly forwarded.

Specimen Copies (F.J.R.).—We are greatly obliged by your offer, and are forwarding you copies, etc. We agree with you that discourtesy does not effectually advertise a paper.

A Variety (J. Steel).—Thanks very much for the contribution, which we shall hope to use shortly; also for your kind remarks. Sorry we added a J too many.

Specimen Copies and New Readers (A. Jones; J. F. Morris).—Specimen copies have been duly sent you. It is very good of you to get us new readers. Help of this nature we most heartily appreciate.

Hybrid Competition (F. Marwood).—Sorry, but your reading does not seem to have been shared by many other competitors, as a look through the coupons reveals practically all with the word Canary on.

Yorkshires (J. Richards).—It is not possible, of course, to pourtray every winner at the Palace; but if our artist happens to have made a sketch of the birds you mention, we will reproduce it with pleasure.

Deposit Rules (E. Wheeler).—Rule 4 does not govern this particular case, but Rule 5, which clearly states that if the receiver of the birds is satisfied with them, he should return deposit receipt, with instructions to pay over the deposit to the seller.

Keystone of the C.B.U. (T. Fairplay).—If you have anything to say, either for or against, on this subject, we shall be glad to publish it; but such an entirely personal letter as the one you now favour us with we cannot take the responsibility of putting into print.

Death of Canary (W.W.).—Your description of the symptoms—"became dull and lifeless"—is insufficient for anyone to base even a guess at the cause of death on. We are afraid every ailing bird, no matter what the complaint, is affected that way. You should have sent the body to our Mr. North for post-mortem examination.

Novice or Champion (G.H.B.).—In all the societies with whose rules we are familiar, the fact of a fancier winning firsts, etc., in Hybrid, British or Foreign classes (either open or members' classes), does not affect his position as a Canary exhibitor—that is to say, until he has won certain prizes with Canaries he is entitled to compete as a novice in that particular section. In all probability, however, different societies have different rulings on this point.

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His grandmamma would scold him when he stole in home at night:
"Where the mischief have you been to, such a boy ne'er met my sight;
Since you got that book of Bewick's, you've had birds upon the brain
—Get off to bed, you rascal, there's your trousers torn again."
That night his grandma wakened up, she heard an awesome cheep,
"Oh, goodsake me; the little fool's bird-catching in his sleep!"

He begged a little linseed from the foreman at the mains,
He built with stones a fireplace by the burn, and took great pains
To gather sticks and fir roots, just to keep the fire agoing;
In a "Dougall's Sheep Dip" can, my boys, he made birdlime worth the knowing.
He cared not though the smoke would cause his eyes with tears to well,
Though his grandma said the parish would be poisoned by the smell,
He stirred that awful compound till the fading of daylight,
And his face grew red as harvest moon, his eyes sank out of sight;
Then he tried it in cold water, 'twixt his finger and his thumb,
And gave a yell of triumph, for it held at tight as a drum.

His girdle hoop and riddle he exchanged for Bullfinch hen,
She was old and full of asthma, still but little reck'd he then;
Sammy Bird gave him a Siskin, for a bag of thistle seed,
And he nettles set for Redpoll, catching him upon the feed;
A Goldfinch hen from "Snobby," much the best that he had got,
While pussy caught a Linnet, to complete the happy lot.
He hoarded every halfpenny, and bought a bunch of wires,
While the beggar gave him boxes, and a pair of rusty pliers;
Then he sawed, and bored, and hammered in the hen house morn and night
Till he felt a little "itchy," but his grandma put him right.

He slipped out in the morning, when the rest were sound asleep,
Though the frost was hard as iron, and the snow was lying deep;
He had all prepared and ready, and he hurried down the wood,
While the Lapwings flew around him making all the din they could.
Some wild Ducks cackled loudly, at the mill dam 'mongst the segs,
And a frightened Heron flew away, with stalky, dangling legs.
Then he turned down by the burnside, to the alders at the fall,
There he set his birds on falses, with some bushes cov'ring all;
He put up docks and thistles, and cleared a bit of ground,
Then hurried to a hiding place—he heard the Siskin's sound.

Two Robins and a Fieldfare he caught, and let away,
Three bonnie Bullies landed on, and two he got that day;
A Bramblefinch and Chaffinch were caught below the beech,
A Yellowhammer landed too, but struggled from his reach;
Two Siskins from the alder trees came down, and he got one,
His hands were now so 'numbed with cold, he scarcely felt them on.
So he gathered up his netting, and made straight tracks for home,
As proud as any champion, to know he could catch some;
And he thought he'd try to breed them, up next the pigeon loft,
If his grandmamma allowed him—he'd feed and clean them oft.

The boy's now grown to manhood, and he's famed the country through,
His British, Mules, and Hybrids make the Southern lads look blue;
And his services for judging are requested far and near,
For his knowledge of the species is considered sound and clear.
He has sons now, like their father they are fond of beast and bird,
The eldest on New Year's Day with a "Tit" got first award;
They study well their CAGE BIRDS, and at night around the fire,
They discuss the many beauties that to Palace "firsts" aspire;
And their father tells the story, and they laugh outright with joy,
At that morning by the mill burn, and his first bird-catching "ploy."

The above is the winning contribution of Mr. McAlpine's (Inverness), in our "Scotch Translation" competition. Other matter concerning the various competitions has had to stand over owing to the Easter Holidays.—EDITOR.

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CLUB REPORTS.

GARSTON B.B.A.

Meeting held March 20th, Mr. A. E. Crawley in the chair. A British Bird Show was held, and although there was only a moderate number of entries, the quality of the birds made up for this deficiency, in fact, surpassed previous shows in this respect. The judge, Mr. J. Bretherton, invited the members present to ask any question respecting same. Needless to say, this was readily responded to, and it was only the call of time which prevented the discussion being continued. The manner in which Mr. Bretherton answered and explained the different points raised by the members stamped him as being a thorough British bird enthusiast, and one who must have undoubtedly spent a great deal of time with the birds, studying them both in their wild and domesticated states. A vote of thanks to Mr. Bretherton ended one of the most successful meetings of our society.—A. WICKINSON, Hon. Sec.

CUMBERLAND YORKSHIRE C.C.

General meeting, held at Whitehaven, on March 20th. Election of officers for 1907:—Committee: Chairman, Wm. Irwin (Harrington), and Messrs. W. P. Douglas, Joyce, Brown, Lewthwaite, and Jones (Whitehaven), G. Tweedie (Maryport), Jas. Brunton (Keswick), and J. Pattinson (Hensingham). John Ferguson, Hon. Sec. Jos. Stewart, Treasurer. It was decided, after some discussion, to hold the Young Bird Show at Whitehaven on July 12th. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 10th, to arrange for Judge; also to fix dates for Table Shows, Judges, etc. I would like to urge the advisability of joining the Society upon all Yorkshire fanciers in Cumberland, by so doing strengthening the hands of the Committee in their efforts to secure good classification at the forthcoming shows in the district. The hearty co-operation of fanciers cannot be otherwise than beneficial. Annual subscription, 2s. 6d. Applications for membership can be submitted to our next monthly meeting.—JOHN FERGUSON, Hon. Sec., 32, Newtown, Whitehaven.

MIDDLESBROUGH TEE-SIDE C.B.S.

General meeting, March 9th. Mr. R. Wallace presided, and it was unanimously agreed that Mr. Arthur Wade act as secretary, and Mr. G. Harker as treasurer. Messrs. J. Carr and T. Gardner were elected as Chairman and Vice-Chairman respectively. All the retiring members of the Committee were re-elected, with power to add to their number. The report of the Auditors was given upon the balance-sheet. The income was £15/ 16s. 7d., and the expenditure £2 8s. 6d., leaving a balance in hand of £13 8s. 1d., which was considered very satisfactory for the first year. Members agreed to make the Secretary a handsome present, to be chosen at the next meeting, and also that the society have an excursion into the country this summer, time and place to be chosen at the next meeting. Anyone desirous of becoming a member please send name and address to me.—ARTHUR WAKE, Sec., 41, Aske-road, Middlesbrough.

[Please note that communications must be written on one side of paper only.—EDITOR.]

QUEEN'S PARK AND DIS. C.B.A.

Meeting held March 21st, at the Windsor Castle Hotel, Harrow Road, W. After current business had been dealt with, the Chairman introduced Mr. C. A. House, thanking him on behalf of the members for his kindness in coming at very short notice to fill an unavoidable vacancy. He then called on him for his lecture, the subject being, "The Breeding Season, and What it may Yield." Mr. House immediately had the attention of the members and visitors present, and soon made his points thoroughly understood. He gave his reasons for the methods he advocated, sometimes by an old adage, frequently humorous. He is a great advocate of following Nature, and pointed out that we may expect many frosts yet. He advised a watch being kept on the wild birds. His chief points were cleanliness, frequent changing of nest pans, having the stock in tip-top form before starting, and on no account to take more than three nests. He advised the pairing up of only the best birds. After the lecture several questions were put by Messrs. Buckman, Lethbridge, Lewis, and Rogers. A hearty vote of thanks to the lecturer for his instructive lecture was carried unanimously.—J. C. BIRCH, Hon. Sec.

LEICESTER C.B.S.

Table Show, held at headquarters March 13th. Mr. W. Judd judged, and his awards gave general satisfaction. Some grand specimens were staged. A.V. BRIT. FINCH (17): 1, 3, c, Hunt; 2, Ride; extra 3, vhc, Whitmore; hc, Stevens. SISKIN, ETC. (9): 1, vhc, Heighton; 2, West; 3, Edwards; hc, Hartshorn; c, Hunt. A.V. BRIT. SEEDEATER (3): 1, Ride; 2, 3, Hunt.

BORDER COUNTIES N. & B.F.C.C.

The balance-sheet for 1906 has just been drawn up, and although the Secretary, Mr. Hay, was late in taking up his duties last year, he is able to show a balance of 5s. in the club's favour, after paying first, second, and third prizes, cash specials. The books have been audited by J. Patterson (Chirnside), and found correct. The Secretary will be very glad to welcome any new members for ensuing season. Any member not having paid his subscription for coming season will oblige by forwarding same as soon as possible. A meeting is expected to be held in Newcastle in a few weeks' time. The Secretary will supply any information required re membership; fee 2s. 6d.—ANTHONY HAY, Sec., 30, Main-road, Tweedmouth, Berwick-on-Tweed.

SOUTHEND AND DIS. F.A.

First annual supper and concert, held at the Victoria Hall, Alexandra-street, March 19th, Mr. G. Larman (Hon. Treasurer) presiding, assisted by the Committee. About 70 sat down to an excellent repast. The toast, "Success to the Association," was proposed by the Chairman and received with great enthusiasm. A capital programme was afterwards rendered by the following:—Mrs. Cleaver, Mrs. B. Jones, Misses Phillips, Golding, and Bowmaker, Messrs. Sears, Cleaver, Mellor, Bannerman, Miles, Whybrow, and Richardson. Mr. A. Smith proved a most capable accompanist. An agreeable evening was brought to a close by the Wimborne Quartette Party singing "Good Night." This is the third year of the society's existence, and it has a total of 120 members.

SINGING CONTESTS.

BARNSLEY.

Held at the Lock Park Hotel, March 23rd. There was a large attendance, and some good singing. 1st, G. Allot; 2nd, Brushey; 3rd, J. T. Boyles; 4th, J. Coles; 5th, Scamp. Our club sing is April 1st.—W. FRENCH, Sec.

NEWTOWN.

Open Linnet Singing Contest last week end at the Prince Albert Inn, Newtown, when a large company of members and friends were delighted with some real good singing. Eleven picked birds competed for three good prizes. The birds were in the pink of condition, and gave a good account of themselves, to the satisfaction of all present. Judges, J. Binner and B. Jackson. Result.—1, 2, 3, H. Allen.—E. WOOD, Hon. Sec.

WARRINGTON.

Contest held at the Alexandra Vaults, Scotland-road, on March 23rd. Seventeen of the best all-round birds of the town competed for three good prizes, given by Mr. R. Thompson. The room was packed. I was glad to see such a company, and each bird given a fair chance. Judges, Mr. J. Ball and Mr. D. Armitage. Timekeeper, Mr. W. Mather. The judges had their work cut out, as the singing was most excellent. The best break for a bird on the day was that of Mr. Thompson's, scoring 40, a good bird, if he will look after it.—1st, G. Tryner, copper kettle; 2nd, D. Armitage, clock; 3rd, W. Mather, copper kettle. Linuet fanciers wishing to hear some good time singing will be made welcome on Easter Monday.—G. TRYNER, Hon. Sec.

LEEDS.

Week-end contest held at Skinners' Arms, Bushlingthorpe-lane, Leeds, March 24th, when 15 previous winners competed for three good prizes. The house was packed, and the singing excellent. Judges, T. Crane and T. Somers. Result.—1st, Teddy Ridgewell; 2nd, J. Grainger; 3rd, G. Read.—C. HUNT, Sec.

Don't forget our big match on Easter Tuesday, when all the champions of Yorkshire will compete. Judges, T. Crane and G. Towers. Timekeeper, C. Whitaker. Entrance fee, 4d. each bird.—ADVT.

The quality Linnet singing brigade mustered in large numbers to witness a special contest at the King's Head, Shannon-street, Leeds, for four prizes. The singing was worth going a long way to hear. The first prize, a massive family copper kettle, was won by J. Clark, the "Linuet King"; second prize, three large hand-painted ornaments, with clock centre-piece, was won by C. Whitaker; third prize, a handsome silver-plated tobacco pot, by T. Stead; fourth prize, half dozen knives and forks, by P. Hoban. Judges, Messrs. J. Melia, T. Crane, and T. Summers. 23 birds competed. At our usual Sunday contest, 24 birds competed for four good prizes. There was some spirited singing. First, C. Whitaker; second, P. Hoban; third, Sam Hardcastle; fourth, A. Nicholson. Judges, W. Maylor, E. Worth. A Linnet Contest will take place at the above house on Easter Monday.—J. MELIA, Hon. Sec.

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FANCIERS' FESTIVITIES.

CRESSWELL C.B.S. ANNUAL DINNER.

Mr. Roslyn on the Anatomy and Physiology of Birds.

The first dinner in connection with the above newly-formed society was held on Saturday evening, March 23rd, and was in every respect a decided success. Although Cresswell is only a village, a company of 50 sat down to the really good dinner provided by the host and hostess of the "Rose and Crown." Several well-known fanciers from the surrounding district were present, and amongst them we noticed Mr. W. Vardy (Hucknall Huthwaite), Mr. John Richards (Sutton-in-Ashfield), Mr. Simpson (Worksop), etc. On the cloth being removed, the chair was taken by Mr. T. Pearson, who announced that the cup won at Carr Vale by those enthusiastic members of the society, Messrs. Leam and Stinson, was to be filled, and then they hoped to listen to the lecture on "The Anatomy and Physiology of Birds," by Mr. W. Roslyn (Mansfield). As an earnest of the good feeling they had always entertained towards that gentleman he hoped Mr. Roslyn would take the first drink from the cup and propose the toast of the evening, "Success to the Cresswell C.B.S." Ho (the Chairman) knew everyone would agree with him that there was no man in the whole district who was so welcome amongst them or whom they were so pleased to meet as the lecturer for that evening. The lecturer, having drunk success to the society, proceeded with his subject, and, aided by some well-executed pen and ink drawings by his son, Mr. Frank Roslyn, he took bone by bone the framework of the bird and built it up anatomically, describing the formation of every bone, with its peculiar joints and functions, until the anatomy, or bony framework, was complete. After an interval the lecturer took the second part of his subject, and, commencing with the head, described the wonderful mechanism of the eye in birds of prey, by which they were enabled to see their quarry, even from a height at which they themselves were almost invisible. He also described the peculiar formation and uses of the nictitating membrane which shields the eye from dust and diffuses the moisture necessary for maintaining its brightness. Birds' tongues also came in for a lengthy description, the tongue of the Woodpecker being shown as one of the most wonderful. Passing on to the bird's body, a drawing was exhibited showing the heart, lungs, liver and intestines *in situ*, and the lecturer dealt very fully with their functions, giving many interesting details about the different organs, the circulation of the blood, and the great importance of a knowledge of the same to the fancier who wished to keep his birds in high condition. The question of ventilation of bird rooms here came in for attention. The importance of good food also was impressed on the audience, and the utter uselessness of expecting good blood from poor food, as this could not be got any more than good steam could be forced out of bad fuel. The uses of the crop and gizzard, and the position and working of the vocal muscles, together with the importance in the bird's system of the liver (an organ which in birds in cages probably takes more keeping in condition than any other), were fully dealt with. Then the lecturer described the formation of feathers, and the importance of the fancier having a knowledge of this before he attempted washing birds for exhibition was impressed on those present. The diversity of feet and wings and the wonderful variety of tails found in different families of birds were also exhaustively treated. The usual votes of thanks brought an exceedingly interesting and agreeable meeting to an end.

NATIONAL BRITISH BIRD AND MULE CLUB.

Annual Dinner.

The second annual dinner of the N.B.B. and M.C. was held on Friday, March 22nd, and proved in every way a thorough success, a most enjoyable time being spent by the company present, numbering upwards of sixty. Quite a gratifying sprinkling of the fair sex graced the festive board, and lent charm and distinction to the evening's proceedings, while several British bird enthusiasts from the provinces also ran up to town for the occasion. The Council Chamber of the Holborn Restaurant—a splendid apartment—was the venue, and Mr. John Robson, the Chairman of the Club, most ably presided. The function was undoubtedly a distinct advance on the initial venture of last season, and will, no doubt, take its place as one of the pleasantest and most eagerly anticipated annual re-unions of bird-lovers.—Mr. Robson proposed the toast of "The N.B.B. and M.C.," and said he considered the objects of the club, noble objects, deserving the support of all lovers of our native birds. He had heard it said that the N.B.B. and M.C. should be the largest Association of its kind, and by the progress they were at present making he believed they would achieve that end. Their annual outings had attracted other societies, and they were always pleased to welcome them.—Messrs. Plumbridge (Joint Secretary) and Trower (Treasurer) responded.—The former spoke of the cheerful outlook since the annual meeting at the Crystal Palace Show, and was optimistic to the extent of prophesying a record year in store. They had made 26 new members in a month.—The Treasurer naturally had something to say on the finances, and those seem fairly satisfactory, both ends meeting, and several good cups belonging to the club. He hoped there would be better competition for the latter next season. He mentioned the hard and good workers among the officials, and concluded by saying that he could imagine no more pleasant hobby for anyone, rich and poor, than the keeping of British birds. "Kindred Societies" were ably toasted by Mr. W. H. Vale, who expressed pleasure at seeing many of their members with them that evening.—Mr. R. L. Crisp responded, and threw out the suggestion that the judges should not be confined to the membership-list of the Club. He eulogised the work of the Club, and mentioned that he did not admire Linnet singers and the way they kept their birds in tiny cages about four inches square; also, he did not think it added to the dignity of the press to report their contests.—Mr. S. A. Sandy toasted the "Ladies and Visitors," and Mr. J. Tyson responded.—"The Press" was in the able hands of Mr. A. Silver, and Mr. S. H. Lewer responded. The entertainment which followed the dinner was excellent, everyone seeming to enjoy it to the utmost, and the arranging of the programme reflected distinction on Mr. W. H. Vale as musical director, who stamped himself as a good judge of things other than birds. Mr. Penyston Miles is a very able pianist, and the Misses Elsa Hope and Gwendoline Phillips charmed all with their sweet vocalism, their excellent soprano and contralto voices also blending beautifully in several duets. Messrs. Walter Douglas, E. Rathbone, and Jack White are very capable humorists, and made us roar with laughter. A clever conjuring exhibition by Si Foo Chung were much appreciated, and we suppose we break no confidences by saying that this "Mongolian Spectacular Conjurer" is the son of Mr. J. Dewhurst, well known to British bird men.

THE REARING OF YOUNG BIRDS.

Lecture by Mr. C. A. House, before the Metropolitan Association of Canary, Mule and Hybrid Breeders, March 14th.

The Metropolitan A.C.M. and H.B. held a meeting on March 14th, Mr. F. J. Martin presiding. Messrs. F. W. Frampton, W. A. Halls, J. W. Burgess, Mrs. Cole, and Mrs. McGregor were elected members, and Messrs. C. Mabey, W. J. Honeysett, and F. Simmonds were nominated. Next meeting takes place on April 11th, and not March 28th.

The Chairman, with a brief introduction, then called upon Mr. C. A. House to deliver his lecture, "The Rearing of Young Birds," who, in the very interesting an instructive discourse which he gave, pointed out that the young fancier of to-day pampered his birds too much. He expressed himself as against the use of heat in the bird room, and a strong advocate of fresh air. The window should be opened top and bottom some portion of the day all the year round, and during the summer months it should be open night and day. He impressed upon every fancier present that fresh air was essential to the successful breeding of Canaries; he also pointed out that the proper way to soak seed was to take a jar and half fill it with equal quantities of canary, rape and hemp, fill it up with cold water in the morning, then in the evening stir it up well, strain off the water, give it one or two good rinsings, fill it up again with water, and let it stand until the morning. Then strain off, give a good rinsing, and it was ready for use. He did not advise the scalding of seed, as he considered that when you pour boiling water on seed it closes it up and you do not draw away the impurities there may be in it. In closing his lecture, he said that for hand feeding there was one food he could strongly recommend, and that was "Benger's Food," mixed in the following manner:—Take half a teaspoonfull of the food and mix with boiling milk into a thin paste. He said he had known very good results from the above.

Mr. W. J. Honeysett: Would Nestles' Swiss Milk do as well as the ordinary cow's milk to mix with the Benger's Food?—I don't see why not, but still should prefer the boiled cow's milk, because of the excess of sugar in the Swiss milk.

Mr. G. Kearney: Would you advise the mixing of soaked rape seed with the egg food when the hen is rearing youngsters?—No, I should not advise the mixing of seeds with the egg food, as it causes it to turn sour much quicker.

Mr. F. J. Martin: What do you consider a good ordinary diet for the birds?—Plain Spanish canary seed, soaked seeds, and egg food, not forgetting the greenstuff. The best way to make egg food is to take a slice of stale bread and soak it in water, squeezing it as dry as possible, then mix with the egg, yolk and white all together.

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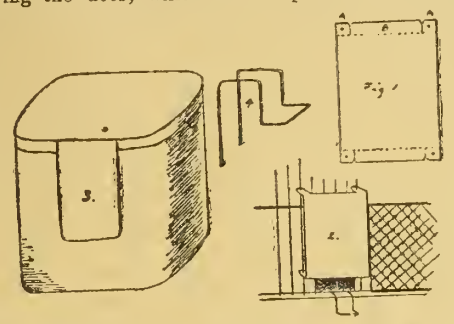
Under this heading we shall illustrate weekly some idea useful to the bird-keeper. Readers are invited to send us particulars of any novel and practical appliance of use in our hobby, either in cage, bird-room or aviary, with a rough sketch of same where possible. Every "Illustrated Idea" used in this column will entitle the sender thereof to a postal order for two shillings and sixpence.

No. 87.

FEEDER AND DOOR FOR A SINGING CAGE.

Sent by T. G. Mandeville, Brookfield, Arnold, Notts.

The enclosed sketch shows a small tin door, which I have fitted to the front of my singing cage, through which I supply seed and water. A piece of tin is cut to shape of Fig. 1, the parts marked A are turned inwards, to dotted line; that marked B is turned over on the outside for convenience of raising and lowering the door, which slides up and down on



Feeder and Door for Singing Cage.

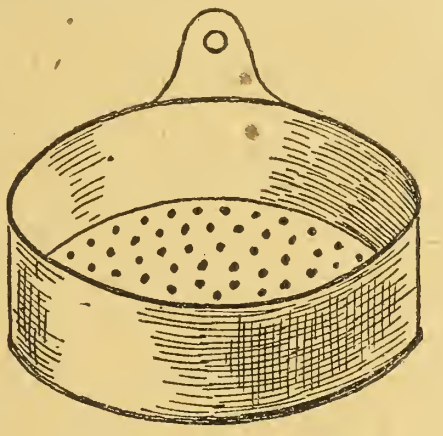
two of the cage wires passed through holes punched in each corner as shown (Fig. 2). My feeders are made of tin (Fig 3). A piece of wire is bent to shape of Fig. 4 and soldered on the back: this serves both to hang feeder on the bottom rail of cage and as handle to remove and replace same. This door gives the cage a neat appearance, and if strips of ground glass are fitted close up to sides of door no seed husks, sand, etc., can be thrown out of cage.—T. G. Mandeville.

No. 88.

A HOME-MADE NEST PAN.

Sent by Ellis Whittaker, 62, Haywood Park, Stocksbridge, Deepcar, near Sheffield.

Enclosed is a sketch of a home-made nest pan, and one which I have used with a good amount of success. It possesses certain advantages which are very essential in the choosing of a good nest pan. I make the pans out of tins which have contained fruit, though some salmon tins will serve the same purpose. The tins are about two inches in depth



A Home-made Nest-pan.

and about five or six inches in diameter, and make a nice, comfortable nest for the young birds. I cut all the lid away, and put a hanger on as shown in sketch, then perforate the bottom for purposes of ventilation. They are very little trouble to make, tins are plentiful, and, when made, will last a life-time. The advantages claimed for this pan are:—They are a protection against redmite, they are easily cleaned, and they are cheap and durable.—Ellis Whittaker.

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STRAY NOTES ABOUT BIRDS.

By Claude St. John.

OPENING OF THE CANARY BREEDING SEASON.

True, when these notes appear the real opening of the season, or mating the birds, will already be a thing of the past with many fanciers. But time alone will prove whether these impatient breeders have adopted the wisest course. One thing is very certain: that the birds which have not been forced into condition, and are just now coming into form naturally, are in the very best condition for going to nest quickly and fertilising the first round of eggs. With these birds there will be the least loss of time and waste of energy, and they will in all probability have a good balance in their favour when the results as to numbers and qualities are available at the end of the season. Of course, the breeder should now commence to mate up the birds as fast as opportunities occur.

THE NECESSITY OF "FEEDING-UP."

Perhaps it would be more correct to write the "non-necessity," because, as a matter of fact, "feeding-up" is, on the whole, an unnecessary performance when the birds are properly managed throughout the earlier spring months and kept apart until the natural season for nesting has arrived. Given birds in a healthy, vigorous condition, they will now rapidly be coming into breeding form quite naturally without the aid of any extra feeding or stimulator. There is generally some cause, past or present, to account for the behaviour of those birds which remain out of condition long after the advent of the natural season. The birds that really require feeding-up are those which upon being handled are found to be in a weak, half-starved condition, with flabby, skinny chests, and breastbones as sharp almost as knives. These birds will pay well for two or three weeks' generous treatment prior to being mated. Begin by giving them 15 drops of syrup of buckthorn in each ounce of drinking water for a day or two to clear the bowels. Add a pinch of hemp and a few grains of linseed to the staple diet, and give a teaspoonful of scalded rape, and a little bread and milk (or egg-food if it is prepared) on alternate days. A leaf of dandelion may be given daily, but only in such cases as these, when the birds are out of condition. For the general stock of breeding birds we prefer to give this green stuff a wide berth just now.

OVER-FED BIRDS.

The reverse of the type of bird mentioned above is the one that has fed to repletion on good things throughout the winter, and is troubled with overmuch adipose tissue. He, or she, soon grows lazy as well as fat if given the opportunity, and such birds' value as breeding specimens is practically nil. Their diet should be restricted to canary, with a sprinkling of millet, if one wishes for a change, and green food ad lib. In bad cases the seed may be taken away entirely for a few hours each day, a good supply of green food being given in its place. A large cage, in which the birds can get plenty of exercise, which they will avail themselves of more freely when looking after the good things that are denied them, should be supplied, and the food and water placed in such a position that they will have to go the greatest distance to reach it. Whilst undergoing this treatment the drinking water should be made to taste perceptibly saline with Epsom salts every second or third day. Do not provide too generous a diet for this class of bird after they have been sufficiently reduced, or the chances are that the trouble will recur in a very short time.

ON THE CHOICE OF STOCK BIRDS.

A great deal of attention is paid to a bird's pedigree when making a selection of breeding stock. Of course, this is as it should be. "Blood will tell" is a good and sound maxim. But, in a manner of speaking, it is a two-edged sword, which is apt to play an unwary novice a scurvy trick. Pedigree has just as much power to perpetuate bad qualities as good ones; therefore, wherever any glaring fault exists do not let a long line of blue-blooded pedigree tempt you to waste valuable time in breeding with the bird. Blood you want and must have; but try to get it with as few faults as possible, and those of the minor class only. The latter you can generally keep well in hand by compensating them with extra quality in the same direction on the other side. But to peg away to eradicate great and glaring faults in these days of keen competition is a disheartening task indeed.

"I must state," writes John Towers (Guildford), "that you have made further splendid improvement with your paper, Cage Birds, and am pleased to read that the circulation is on the upward grade, which it deserves to be. We have not many fanciers this way, but with any I do know I always recommend it, especially for the hints it gives one."

SHEFFIELD & DISTRICT AMALGAMATION OF C.B.S.

SIR,—Kindly announce through your columns that our next Conference is to be held at "The Horseshoe Hotel," Wombwell, on March 30th, at 6 p.m. prompt. The agenda is very important. All members and delegates summoned to attend.—W. E. DAYKIN, Hon. Sec.

SOME RECIPES FOR GERMAN PASTE.

SIR,—In answer to G. Hnmphreys I may say German paste is a compound used as a food for Larks, Nightingales and other cage birds. It is made as follows:—2 lbs. peameal, 1 lb. sweet almonds (blanched), ¼ lb. fresh butter or lard, 5 ozs. moist sugar, ½ drachm hay saffron. Beat to a smooth paste with a sufficient quantity of cold water, granulate the mass by passing it through collander, and expose the product to the air in a warm place until quite dry and hard. The addition of two or three eggs improves it.—K. NEWSTEAD.

TO KEEP RED MITES OUT OF NEST-PANS.

SIR,—I think the following remedy might interest those readers who detest red mite. I tried it last year with the best of results, and I can honestly say that I had not a dozen red mites in my nests throughout the season. It is quite simple, and will cost only 2d. for anyone using, say, 10 pans. Get a 1d. packet of borax. Place the nest lining on the table, and sprinkle it with the powder, rubbing it in with the fingers. Then draw the nest lining on the hand, turn the nest pan upside down, and place it on the lining, so as not to shake the powder off. Then press it in the nest pan, and stitch it in if necessary. Repeat the dusting process inside the nest pan and on the edge. You will find it works wonders.—W. ONIONS.

A HOLIDAY IN ROTHESAY.

SIR,—During a recent holiday I called on a friend who proposed I should give his friend, Mr. Lister, a call. I may mention that Mr. L. keeps a fine lot of the four-footed Scoties, and after a careful look over them I was invited into the bird room and asked if I would pair up Mr. Lister's stock for breeding, which I was only too happy to do. First pair, fine buff cock to a nice well-made yellow pied hen; second pair, clean yellow cock to a nice clean buff hen; third pair, grand clean buff cock to a fine solid-backed yellow hen. I noticed that the fancier has a few Norwich also. Later on I gave Mr. Millar Slater a call. He has a very nice bird room at the end of the garden, next the greenhouse, heated with hot water pipes. He has a grand stock of breeding birds, and I notice he goes in for size; he has not a small one in stock. I gave him also a hand in pairing up. First pair, a large clean yellow cock to a buff pied hen, which he procured in Paisley at the New Year Show; second pair, yellow cock and clean buff hen; third pair, buff cock and good large yellow hen. I think this hen was in the prize list at Paisley. I next gave Sergeant Davie a call. I was sorry to find a thorough alteration at the Police Station. The Sergeant has had to dispose of the greater part of his stock. Still, I was pleased to see the Fancy still there. I noticed he had kept his three best birds, and I think he will find a corner in which to breed them.—RAMBLER.

BRITISH BIRDS AT THE PALACE

SIR,—I am sorry to have to trouble you again about my Nutcracker. Mr. Sandy seems to doubt whether my bird was caught in Scotland. I know nothing about the "consignment of six that migrated in Continental cages from the Tyrol"; I only know what I was told when I bought the bird. The initials "W. F." are quite right as those of the person from whom I bought the Nutcracker. If what Mr. Sandy says is correct, then all I have to say is that he knows more about my bird than I do myself. Mr. Sandy does not believe in Nutcrackers as being rare British visitors. Let him go to the Natural History Museum and learn. I don't think a pedigree form, to state where a bird is born and bred, is necessary before you can show it. I still claim the Nutcracker to be a rare visitor to England, and I shall continue to show my specimen as the same, if I have the luck to keep it in good order until the following show season.—WILLIAM COOK.

SIR,—Mr. Birchley still persists in saying he is not a "disappointed exhibitor." Well, I would like to know Mr. B.'s definition of such, if he is not one. I freely admit that I have never kept a Great Grey Shrike, nor am I likely to do so, so I must respectfully decline Mr. B.'s offer of one (even as a gift) with thanks. To my mind they fail in one important show point, and that is beauty. Mr. B. can hardly claim that a Shrike possesses this characteristic. The Wryneck, which was second in the same class, is much more attractive. Prizes are supposed to be awarded for beauty of plumage, quality and high condition, and not for rarity alone, therefore I consider he over-rates his Shrike very much. Because a certain judge awards his bird specials for best in show, over well-known winning Canaries and Hybrids (and six times more valuable), it does not follow that a specialist British bird judge (who is more capable of estimating its merits) should have the same high opinion of it. As to the difficulty of catering for the Shrike, we have the opinion of that well-known fancier, Mr. P. F. M. Galloway, who differs very much from Mr. B. on this point; and I will leave it at that.—J. P. S.

SIR,—Reading with interest in your valuable paper the controversy re Mr. Birchley's Great Grey Shrike, I should like to ask some more experienced British bird fancier than myself if this bird is not a bird of prey? If it is, why debar the Hawk, Owl, and Raven from competition—which are genuine Britishers—and allow this doubtful one?—J.R.H.

SIR,—May I again encroach on your space in self-defence? Some of the writers seem to make personal attacks, and cannot, apparently, write a letter without it. If it is not to the good of the Fancy at large to know what is eligible to compete as a British bird, I should certainly have thought it so. With reference to Mr. Lewis's letter, I shall not attempt to reply to it, as it was not only ridiculous, but, further, it was unsportsmanlike and ungentlemanly from start to finish; hence I pass it by. With reference to our good friend Mr. Galloway's contribution, his letter is of business-like character, and also gentlemanly, and I have nothing to say with regard to his notes further than this, that I feel sure he is one who would uphold the exhibiting of British birds and not imported ones. If a man can prove his bird to be a British-caught specimen, I say show it by all means, and good luck to him; but to show Continental-caught birds in British classes, I say it is unjust to an exhibitor of true British specimens. Had I written my original letter as the "wail of a disappointed exhibitor" it might have been a different matter; but to make personal attacks on a man who is trying to fish out what is eligible to compete as a British bird, and what is not, is, in my opinion, sheer ignorance in itself. Referring to the word "rear," this was purely a slip of the pen; yet, after all, I really don't see why the word rear is not right in this sense, and I didn't state "hand rear." However, I don't wish to argue on that, and I withdraw it willingly.—S. W. BIRCHLEY.

BIRDS' EXPERIENCES ABOARD THE WRECKED WHITE STAR LINER.

SIR,—No doubt you have seen an account of the wreck of the White Star liner "Suevic" at the Lizard, which is close to here (Falmouth). She had a lot of birds on board, mostly Australian, which the passengers—in their hurry to quit the vessel—left behind. A lot of them have flown out of their cages and made their way ashore, and are affording great amusement to the natives in endeavouring to capture them. Several were brought here by the salvage boat last night, and are being taken charge of by the shipping agents, Messrs. Fox and Co. Being a lover of birds, and wishful for their comfort, I wrote them this morning as follows:—"Gentlemen, I see by the paper this morning that a lot of birds were landed here last night from the s.s. "Suevic." Having had a deal of experience with birds, I shall be pleased to take care of them in my bird room for you, gratuitously, until their respective owners are found."—THOS. BURTON.

WORDS OF THANKS.

SIR,—Some time ago I wrote to you concerning a Grey Parrot that was suffering from some illness like asthma. It seemed to me and every person who saw it that it would be impossible for the bird to live, and often, as its breathing was so painful, I thought of destroying it, so as to put it out of pain. When I wrote to you about the bird you very kindly replied to me by letter, and also advised me in your paper re treatment. I followed your instructions, and I am very pleased to inform you that the Parrot has now recovered and looks and talks almost as well as ever. I feel very grateful for your very valuable advice, and trust you will accept my thanks for your kindness and courtesy.—E. W. SMYTH.

SIR,—I am writing to thank you and Mr. Greeves for the kind advice given me re Crest-bred cock bird with paralytic seizure. I am very pleased to say the bird has quite recovered and is anxious to begin parental duties. It hopped on the perch on Christmas Day for the first time, but I have not seen it attempt to sing till last Sunday, when it did a very weak warble; but to-day (March 17th) it sang out quite lustily, and seemed quite its old self. May I ask the favour of your conveying my thanks to Mr. Greeves, as he will most probably be pleased to hear his treatment has turned out successful?—HENRY PREECE.

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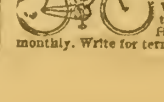
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DOES DOUBLE-YELLOWING PRODUCE MORE HENS THAN COCKS?

SIR,—Your correspondent, H. D. Potter, misread my letter in your issue of March 9th. If he will look again, he will see I did not touch on double buffing at all, as it is Yorkshires I keep, and I don't think there would be anything gained by double buffing with them. The question I asked was: "Do fanciers get more hens than cocks from double yellowing?" In my case they were mostly all hens. Possibly some of our breeders will give their own experiences.—J.A.

THE NETTING OF LARKS.

SIR,—Lark netting in this (Ramsey) district I do not believe to be a thing of the past. It is very rarely, though, that anyone goes out now. In years gone by (say seven or eight) there would be four or five lots of nets out. Catchers then could get about 2s. per dozen for them, and they used to think it was a bad night's work if they did not get 10 or 12 dozen larks, besides other birds. But farmers have of late years got a bit too "old" for them; by cutting some good branches of bushes, and sticking them in the fields, they prevent catchers doing much netting. They have been watched closely also, and have had to bolt for all they were worth; sometimes they have had to leave their nets as bail, and dared not redeem them. During the next two months there will be a lot of netting going on, a sport which is very exciting to the young.—T. H. KINCH.

THE NORWICH PLAINHEAD CANARY AT BOLTON.

A Difference of Opinion.

SIR,—We have read the portion of Mr. J. W. Bancroft's article on the Norwich Plainhead, contained in your valuable paper, and should esteem it a favour if you would allow us space in your columns for an explanation on some parts of the said article. In the first place, we should like to ask Mr. B. what we have done to him that he should so publicly and persistently assail both us and our birds as he has done for the last eight or nine years? We are being constantly told by both fanciers and non-fanciers (in fact, by people who are practically strangers to us) what he, Mr. B., has said to them about us, but have so far been content to remain quiet and see if he would not get tired of talking, and attend to his own business, and not act in such a manner. For example: We do not like being told by a comparative stranger that Mr. B. had said that he had "mopped the floor" with us at the last Scottish National Show, when we only competed against him in one class and beat him out of place. It appears, however, that he intends to force us to say something by his action in reading and afterwards publishing such a boastful and, we may say, insulting paper as the one which is now running through your columns. Everyone who knows us will be able to see what we are complaining about, and what sort of man Mr. B. is. He says in last week's portion of his paper, that he thinks the time most opportune for the lecture, as the society "has been considerably augmented of late by novice recruits." As we have only joined the society this year, and do not know of any others who have since been enrolled, this can only apply to ourselves, and we therefore beg to say that we were not aware we were novices, and he a champion, as it was only in 1905 that he was forced out of the amateur and made to compete in the open champion classes, whereas we have been showing in champion classes for some years. We may only be novices compared with some we could mention, but in comparison with Mr. Bancroft we are not. He also says that he thinks he can "claim without fear of contradiction to be the champion exhibitor" in Bolton and district, having "achieved successes such as have never before been attained by any other single exhibitor or firm in Bolton," having won gold medal at Manchester and first (and with birds of his own breeding) at the Scottish National. Even if being the premier exhibitor in Bolton and district is worth anything, we doubt very much Mr. B's claim to that distinction. We may not have won a gold medal nor achieved such a lucky performance at the Scottish National, but we won more first prizes than he last season, and those with birds really of our own breeding. If Mr. B. will give Mr. W. Shaw (Hyde) credit for breeding the gold medal winner at Manchester, and Mr. Silk credit for breeding the winning buff hen at the Scottish National, and take credit himself for breeding the winning yellow hen at the Scottish National, and the 15s. selling class bird, he will not need to boast so much. Let Mr. Shaw tell us how to breed gold medal winners. The yellow hen is the best show bird, we believe, Mr. Bancroft has ever bred. It best performance was at the Scottish National; since which (the following Saturday) it has got 4th in a class of seven at Manchester Members' Show. Another thing we should like to know is, when did Mr. B. win his first money prize in open Norwich classes (not selling classes), and, leaving out the bird sold to the Northern exhibitor, what other winners has he supplied during the last twelve years? On the other hand, we have won more prizes than he has, as well last season as during the last few years, in addition to running third for the Norwich Plainhead Cup this season with birds all bred by us—with the exception of one—so if we cannot claim to be the premier breeders and exhibitors in Bolton and district, who can? Again, Mr. B. says that those who do not recommend brother and sister, etc., in-breeding, cannot have had much experience. Without entering into any argument on the merits of the case, we say (as Mr. B. knows we have said) that cousins are plenty close enough, and consequently Mr. B. thinks that he will run us down here by telling novices this yarn. If this is the way to breed show birds, and if he has had all the experience he would have us believe, where are all those Palace winners he should have bred by this method? Just another point (and then we will wait and see what he says in the next instalment of his lecture): Don't sneer and run the "nice little Norwich" down so much. This is another direct thrust at us, as our show birds are generally admitted (and we admit them to be) on the small side, but all there for type and quality (see show reports), and we would prefer a nice medium-sized, tight-feathered bird to a big, loose-feathered bird. We admit that a good big one should always beat a good little one, but a good little one should always beat a bad big one; so buck up, Mr. B., and breed a good big one. If Mr. B. should care to reply, we should be very glad if he would confine himself to the several points we have mentioned, and not quibble and say that we have nothing to complain about, or that we were the originators of the bother. Everyone acquainted with ourselves and Mr. B. knows that this is not the case. Although he does not mention us by name in the lecture, they will clearly see whom and what he is driving at. Fanciers have been quite at a loss to understand why we have been quiet so long, and let matters drift as they have done. There is that old saying, "Live and let live." We think Mr. B. would do well to study the meaning of these simple words. We are personally very sorry, Mr. Editor, to be dragged into this, but we cannot help ourselves, as we feel that matters must not be allowed to continue in their present condition, and that Mr. B. must either vouch for or retract the statements he has made. We are in business as bird dealers and seed merchants (independently of being breeders and exhibitors of Yorkshires and Plainhead Norwich) in this town, and the talk which is going on is simply unbearable, besides doing injury to our trade. We do not wish for any unpleasantness, but simply to be put on something like a footing with Bolton and district fanciers, not made to appear a pair of rogues always on the prowl to rob novices and fellow fanciers by selling them birds which are no use to them.—J. and J. HOPKINS (Bolton).

A FEMALE SONGSTER.

SIR,—This true tale may interest your many readers. As all the parties connected with it are alive, I will not mention any real names. This instance occurred in 1887, and came under my ken in referring to an old bird diary. At that time I had a good strain of birds of the even-marked type. I had paired them all up except one bird which had even wings and a beautiful green cap on its head, with no other markings. This bird was two years old, and one of my own breeding from a young bird. It started at once to sing—in fact, before it was six weeks old. I felt sure it was a cock. After its first moult it sang better than any bird I had. Several very tempting offers were made me for it, but I always refused to part with it until, one day, a party came over and saw it. They were in those days exhibitors at the Palace, but have now given up the Fancy. After they saw the bird and heard it sing they insisted upon having it, and took it away with them. I told them I was very sorry to part with it, and if they did not like it, after the season, I told them to bring it back and I would exchange it. I did not hear from them again or see them until the breeding season was over, when they brought the bird back. They freely acknowledged it was the best singer they had amongst their lot, but they could not breed with it, as it would not take to any hen, which they could not understand, for they were quite positive it was a cock. "Well," I said, "you have tried it long enough, but anyway I will exchange it," which I did. As they left me, they said, "Let us know the results, as one fancier who had called on us said it was a hen; but he had not heard it sing. He only judged by appearances." The next year I again sold it for a cock, as the purchasers insisted on the bird, and the people who bought it paired it up all that season. The pair had plenty of eggs, but all unfertile. They were quite satisfied that it was a cock by its song, but had never seen it pair. They thought at the end of the season that they would like to exchange it for another bird, to which I agreed. This bird, when I got it home again, sang so well that I had several good offers for it, but declined them all. I next year paired it up with a hen Canary, and it then gave every sign that it was a cock by singing to the hen. One day, by chance, I saw it on the nest twisting round and round, and it then came off and called to pair. I was now convinced that it was a hen, in spite of all its vocal powers. I at once put it with a cock, and they paired at once, and from the first nest of four young I had two of the most perfect even-marked birds it was possible to breed. There are some who will say that a singing hen is of no use, but this one was and did prove the exception. I kept her until she died, and she bred me, all told, six show birds. Have any of your numerous readers had a hen whose vocal powers were stronger than a cock's? This is the only instance in my many years' experience as a breeder of Canaries where I have heard a hen sing like a cock, and then prove a good breeder.—T. H. KINCH.

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THE KEYSTONE OF THE C.B.U.

SIR,—Mr. Wm. Reid makes the following statement in his letter appearing in your last issue:—"While the C.B.U. deems rule 17 necessary to govern the Fancy, it exempts the Palace Show from it! Why so? Simply because the Palace Show won't have it. Surely we should expect the premier show in the country to abide by the rules of the C.B.U., and the fact that it will not should speak for itself." Now, sir, permit me to say that this statement is false. It is absolutely without the slightest foundation of truth. The Palace Show was held under C.B.U. rules—rule 17 included. No exemption from rule 17 was asked for, or even thought of. It would be better for all concerned if Mr. Reid would confine himself to facts within his knowledge.—J. W. RAMSDEN, Manager Crystal Palace Bird Show.

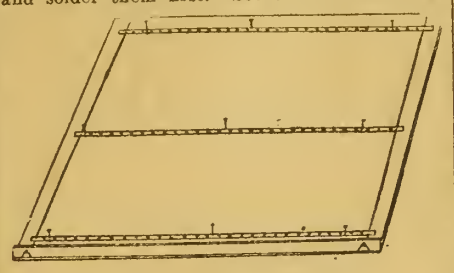
SIR,—In answer to Mr. Robson's letter on the above subject, I should like to say, seeing that he has taken up the cudgels on behalf of Mr. MacPartling, that I don't think Mr. MacP.'s remarks re Gateshead not distributing the C.B.U. rules, etc., are at all fair, and I quite decline to believe Mr. Robson's diplomatic explanation and upholding of same. Does not Mr. MacP. quote, "If those fanciers with fertile brains, etc., would address their inspirations to the C.B.U., they would get every consideration"? Why do you, Mr. MacP. and Mr. R., rush to the Fancy Press? Are you both afraid your luminosity will be lost, or is it that the good ship Union has its full complement already, and that the Fancy Press have to carry crowded-out passengers? Were not the reasons for Gateshead not distributing rules, etc., given in my report of meeting? Had Mr. MacP. or Mr. R. wanted any further information, I would have been pleased to supply it through our own delegate to the C.B.U. And, seeing that Gateshead is affiliated to the C.B.U., have its members not a voice in its management? Do you desire us to be sleeping partners, and allow a party question to creep into the Union? Why should the C.B.U. be allowed to take sides and turn its business over to a second party? Does it not show weakness on the part of the officials concerned? And even though Mr. Robson is against the Gateshead resolution, re distribution of rules, he concedes that for future rules "the C.B.U. offer space to all comers and place the profit for same to the credit of the C.B.U." So far, the objections have apparently struck home, and I am pleased to see that the objections have done some good. With all its objections to rule 17, did not the C.B.U. hold Gateshead up as a model and seek to show that the influence of the C.B.U. had given Gateshead the most successful show in the North?—a record it has always held since its inauguration. Would you have us believe on top of this, Mr. Robson, that Gateshead is not supported in its views? Yes, and by nearly all the best exhibitors in the country, and I trust that no stone will be left unturned to merit their support in the future. Mr. Robson wonders if it is possible for "two fiddles to have the same harsh sound without a rub from the same bow." I am afraid that bow is in great request just now, and it seems to have favoured the last meeting of the N.C.C. with a harsher note—no less than dismembership from the C.B.U. With the large majority of one, the N.C.C floated weakly back to Union waters, so I am told, and that some of the objectors to coercive principles voted in the majority. Truly, Mr. Robson, your mandate to go forth and preach Union matters to Gateshead is a weak one. I have no axe to grind, Mr. R.; my sole object in answering correspondence was to vindicate Gateshead from unfair imputations contained in correspondence under the above heading, and I offer my best thanks to the Editor of this paper for publishing the same and trust that his paper will have the best support of this society in the future, as it has since its commencement. I can safely say that I have never applied unjust means to rob anyone on the show bench, or yet paid fancy prices for winners and sold birds as bred from such; nor yet am I afraid to expose fraud, or to be patronised as Secretary; nor do I object to paying two or three times over to help on good work. I am quite willing, as long as my members wish it, to carry on the work of this society to the best of my ability, without hope of any pecuniary reward. The only reward I wish to see is that this society and the cage bird Fancy in general may be kept in a flourishing condition, not forgetting the Fancy papers as well. The latter are of far more interest to the Fancy, and more popular than any C.B.U. is or ever will be; and yet, Mr. Editor, you use no coercion. Is the working man going to allow his hobby to be dictated to and be made a commercial factor, and be coerced into joining the Union for the sake of the few who benefit by it and seek office through it? It would be a pity if a certain gentleman read Mr. Robson's letter re the many vices of cage bird fanciers; I am afraid his support would be withdrawn. It would actually appear that the cage bird Fancy, instead of being in a better state now than ever it was (and this has been reached without the help of the C.B.U.), is composed of a set of thieves. What prospect have societies of seeing that their money will not be squandered in useless fashion? Have they not enough to do to make ends meet without the putting of further expense on them? Force, or try and coerce fanciers to pay contributions to the C.B.U., and see where the C.B.U. will be (let the societies alone). How many fanciers would join? It is only by boycott that the Union lives.—T. TAYLOR, Sec. Gateshead C.B.S.

SCOPS-EARED OWLS LAYING IN A CAGE.

SIR,—Mr. W. Swaysland has a pair of Scops-eared Owls which have just lately laid four eggs in a very small cage; the eggs are nearly round in shape and much the size of the egg of the Turtledove.—BRIGHTONIAN.

HOW TO FIX WIRE FRONTS.

SIR,—"Mules" should take a piece of board rather larger than the cage front required. Nail a strip of wood to one side, "A" "A." Fasten the punched bars to the board by means of nails. Put the two end wires into position, and solder them first. See that the whole is



How to Fix Wire Fronts.

perfectly square. Now put the other wires into position, and tilt the board slightly. The strip of wood "A" "A" will prevent their slipping through. Solder the bottom bar first, when the other two will be comparatively easy.—COUNTRY LAD.

SIR,—Your correspondent, "Mules," has got by mistake some metal punched bars, instead of wood, and he asks how to fix them. Supposing he wants to make a front for a cage 18 by 12, cut four lengths of bar, 17½ in. long. He should get a piece of flat ½ in. board, and cut four sawgates across it at equal distances of 4 in.; lay bars in the four gates edgeways; put three wires in at each end, and solder them (see my previous letter on the art of soldering). After he has got his three wires at each end firmly soldered, all the rest will be plain sailing; he will do his work very much better by having a pair of wire cutters.—THOS. SOAR.

THE LINNET IN CAPTIVITY.

SIR,—"Bird Lover" desires to know how I steady my Linnets, and though my method is simplicity itself, I trust you will allow me a little space to let him have the benefit of my experience. Too many young fanciers are possessed by the erroneous idea that those who have very steady birds are the holders of a secret, which, if unfolded, would make them equally successful. At the very outset, then, I want to say that there is absolutely no secret connected with the steadying of wild birds, and that ho who approaches the task with commonsense, kindness, patience, and tact will infallibly succeed. Nature and environment have made birds suspicious of, and frightened by man, and it is this fear that has to be overcome. Perhaps the fright and handling they experienced at the hands of the trapper have confirmed them in their suspicion that the thoughts of man toward them are only evil; but the memory of birds is, fortunately for us, a little short, and if they are properly treated they either forget, or begin to believe that their owner is not as other men. First, there is the choosing of a bird; and this is of sufficient importance to demand a line or two to itself. When selecting a bird from amongst a dozen or two, you will notice that some begin to flutter and dash themselves against the wires almost as soon as they become aware of your presence, while others, though they look frightened, seem to be waiting to see how near you will approach before they move; and if you keep a reasonable distance, though constantly watching you, they show no other sign of excitement. The one that from the first plays this "waiting game," if otherwise a desirable specimen, is the proper bird to get possession of. Another important point is never to catch it in your hand, when transferring a bird from one cage to another, but to allow it to run from cage to cage itself. When it has been caught a few times it begins to dread a repetition of the experience every time you put in an appearance, and such an attitude on the part of the bird is detrimental to all progress. The cage I use at first is a small wire one, such as is often used by catchers, and is a little larger than the wicker cages in which dealers send out Roller Canaries; but, as it is placed in a corner, with the back and one end in contact with the wall, it has some of the advantages of a box cage. For the first day or two it may be necessary to cover the top and front of the cage with a sheet of paper, leaving uncovered only the end where the seed box is situated. Where there is no danger from cats, the bird should be kept not more than five feet from the floor, and when possible in the kitchen, where someone is constantly moving about. A good plan is to leave a supply of rape and canary seed constantly in the cage, and when you go to speak to the bird (you should do so very often), always offer it a pinch of inga, maw, hemp, or linseed. This simple expedient has a wonderful effect, causing the bird to form a more favourable opinion of you, and very soon the fear manifested on your approach is replaced by an air of pleased expectancy. By this time you will have removed the covering from the top and front of the cage, and if your progress has been satisfactory the bird will not be greatly excited if you lift the cage cautiously and keep talking quietly to him. Now this is where the advantage of a small wire cage is seen, for you can practically surround it with your fingers, and the bird becomes accustomed to having your hands within an inch or two of it. As a result, when transferred to a larger cage it will be quite steady, and remain on the perch while you move your hand about in the cage beside it. An excellent time to visit and talk to the bird is when it has settled on its perch for the night, but has not begun to sleep. It is thus disinclined to move, and will allow you to take far greater liberties than during the day, and if you are cautious enough you may in a short time have the satisfaction of seeing it peck at your fingers rather than move along a bit. Now, sir, I must apologise for being so "long-winded," but I think it better to give the details, once for all, of a system which, though very simple, gives most gratifying results. If "Bird Lover" will give it a fair trial, he will have the satisfaction his patience merits of soon possessing Linnets that, in respect to steadiness, are second to none.—LINNET FANCIER.

[Don't apologise, please; we are only too happy to receive and publish practical and instructive letters such as yours. We shall hope to hear from you again.—EDITOR.]

WELSH CAGE BIRD CLUB.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

SIR,—The annual general meeting will be held at the Ship and Bell, Methyr, on Easter Tuesday, commencing at 4 p.m. A portion of the agenda is as follows:—Election of an additional vice-president; election of new members; secretaries' report and balance sheet; alteration of several rules, alteration of the present system of giving specials; the advisability or otherwise of holding a Club Show during the next show season, also several other questions for the welfare of the club. Presentation of medals to the following members:—T. L. Castree, H. Creber, Jones and Davies, J. H. Jones, W. Price-Jones, D. Jenkins, R. W. Jones, S. J. Nicholas, T. Oriel; Cash Special winners: D. Jenkins, J. H. Jones, B. Davies, S. J. Nicholas, W. Price-Jones, Davies and Joncs, R. W. Jones. The Committee hope that the above gentlemen will be present to receive the medals, also the cash specials. It is most important that members be present. The committee and auditors to meet at 3 p.m. Any person who wishes to become a member, who sends 2s. 6d. at once, shall have his name put before the meeting, and if elected he will be elligible to attend.—D. H. TEDSTONE, Hon. Sec., 4, George-street, Brecon.

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"Which way shall we go?" said Peter as he met his sisters at the garden gate.

"Let us go towards the hills," replied his elder sister, May; "even if we do not reach them we shall find more flowers that way, and I see you have brought your tin, Peter."

"That isn't for flowers though. I want to fill it full of berries and green food for my Bullfinch. See, this ditch is full of dock and sorrel, with their red seeds! I am sure Garibaldi will like them, and they will make his breast red, too. Can you reach those bunches of elderberry, May? They are too high for me. And Kitty," said Peter to his little sister, who was only five years old, "do you gather all the dandelion flowers you can find, and groundsel too. Bullfinches are very fond of them."

"I wonder what the poor Bullies eat in the winter, when there are no blackberries, nor elderberries, nor groundsel, either," said Kitty.

"Oh, in the winter they eat holly berries and ivy berries, and I daresay there is plenty of plaintain and dock seed left," answered May. "In the spring, of course, they eat the buds of fruit trees. But I don't think that even then they do so much harm as they do good, because, you remember how they ate up all those nasty caterpillars that came on our gooseberry bushes when we lived at the farm."

"They were very pretty caterpillars," said Peter. "I kept some in my Noah's Ark and fed them on currant leaves. They turned into shiny chrysalises, striped yellow and black, like zebras. And they all hatched out into 'Magpie' moths. Mamma said it was naughty of me to let them fly away because they would have more caterpillar children to eat the fruit trees next year. But I couldn't keep moths in the Noah's Ark, and I had no Bullfinch then to eat them up."

** Our Two Jackdaws.

Last spring my brother and I had a Jackdaw each given to us, which we were very proud of. We would get up quite early in the morning to dig up worms for them; they would come to us and say "Jack" when they wanted anything to eat; we had to feed them until they were old enough to feed themselves. They were allowed their freedom in the garden all day long, and they used to roost in a outhouse at night. They would come into the kitchen, and we fed them on little tit-bits, which they were very fond of, but they were very mischievous, and would run off with my mother's thimble when they happened to see it. They used to run the chickens all round the garden, but mine came to a very sad fate, for we found him dead in the hen roost, killed by the fowls. My brother's also died.—Sent by GERARD GIBBS (aged 10), near Plush Factory, Shutford, near Banbury, Oxon.

* The Yellowhammer.

The Yellowhammer, or Yellow Bunting, is a common bird, a trifle larger than a Sparrow. It has a handsome appearance in its lemon yellow livery, chestnut brown on back. By March it is in full song. Its song sounds like "little-bit-o'-bread-and-no-cheese," the singularity of which attracts much attention. It is a somewhat inactive bird. Though it stays with us throughout the year, it has a partial migration. The nest is built in a low bush at the roots of a hedge. It is loosely made of dry grass, roots, and moss, lined with horse-hair. The eggs number four or five, and are of a purplish white, streaked with warm purple brown markings. The size of the egg is seven-eighths of an inch.—FRED KIRK (age 12), 156, Evelyn-street, Sankey Bridges, Warrington.

* A Lovely Songster.

The Skylark stays with us all the year rouud. It is a very interesting little bird, because of its being so familiar, so abundant, and because of its lovely song. When out in the country on a spring or summer morning, you cannot fail to hear his delightful song, as he mounts higher and higher in the sky. As he rises, his song gets louder and clearer, but when he descends it gradually dies away. The bird is a light brown in colour, streaked and speckled with deep brown or black, and on its head is a small crest. A striking feature of the bird is its very long hind toe. The nest is situated on the ground in a field, or on the open moor; it is either concealed under a clump of grass or in a slight depression in the earth. Grass and tiny roots are generally used in its construction. The eggs, generally four or five in number, are thickly covered with deep brown spots on a light greenish brown ground colour.—ERIC POCHIN (age 15), 331, Fosse-road North, Leicester.

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Pairing Birds for Breeding.

By J. C. Barnes.

Paper Read before the Members and Friends of the Huddersfield Ornithological Society on February 25th.

(Continued from page 288).

KEEP COCK AND HEN TOGETHER.

When the hen has laid her complement of eggs, and has began to sit, some breeders take away the male bird, arguing that the hen sits better and brings up her brood to greater advantage than when the cock is left in attendance. Those fanciers who have followed such a method and proved it a success, I do not wish to advise otherwise. In my own mind I am fully convinced that when both birds are allowed to remain in each others' company (providing they agree amicably) the results are far more satisfactory.

For instance, there are two parent birds at hand to feed the youngsters when they arrive, and a young bird well fed during the first few days of its existence has a sure foundation for greater progress towards success than a young bird poorly fed. A badly fed bird rarely makes anything else but "cage duster," and hardly ever makes up into a show bird or a good stock bird. There are times too, when a hen will not feed her young at first, and here, very often, the cock steps into the breach and proves himself quite a hero, saving what would otherwise have been lost. I have known many instances of this kind crop up among my own birds, therefore I speak from experience. Often a hen will pan too, after seeing the good example set by her mate, and become quite an attentive and excellent mother.

Still further when a hen is not feeding, perhaps may be basking in the sun, or having a stretch, or attending to herself, up goes the cock very often on to the nest pot edge and endeavours to fill up all the "gaps"; surely this is an advantage. Another reason is that sometimes either one or the other of the parent birds go off feed somewhat, and when this happens there is one of the birds still left to assist business along, until the partner returns to the post of duty, whereas if only the hen is left for rearing purposes and she goes wrong at all, well the "door closes." Other reasons could easily be given to support my contention as to the advisability of keeping the cock and hen together, but I think sufficient has been said to substantiate my opinion.

Mind you, although I so strongly favour this procedure, I never hesitate to take the cock away if he molests the hen in her duty. In such a case he is best removed, and you must then trust to your hen proving herself a "lady." Nevertheless, I wish to impress on the novice that without doubt the best, largest and most robust birds are obtained by careful parental attention in their infancy. The old motto is, "Two heads are better than one," in most cases we can say with equal truth that "Two birds are better than one."

HOW TO OBTAIN QUALITY.

Quality of late years has been somewhat overlooked in the rage for substance. I don't think the date is far ahead when we shall see much better quality in evidence. Fanciers have found out that big, coarse birds are not nearly so nice as the medium ones. Therefore, in time quality will be more sought after. I am speaking now from many conversations I have had with fanciers at the various shows I have attended. I like quality in all varieties, and a bird lacking this essential does not appeal to me.

To obtain quality in your birds (supposing you are breeding either Yorkshires or Norwich) a dash of Cinnamon blood helps very considerably. By its aid you procure colour, softness of feather, and silkiness. But if you are breeding with only a few pairs it does not pay you to experiment with the Cinnamon, as it takes a certain amount of time to attain the end in view; therefore, it is far cheaper to purchase a variegated bird, properly bred, from some good breeder to infuse into your stock. If you decide to try your hand at this kind of crossing use discretion.

If you breed Yorkshires, procure a yellow Cinnamon-marked cock; if the Norwich variety, procure a yellow Cinnamon (Norwich type) cock. Whichever you use, run with the best quality yellow hens you have, and keep the tightest and best quality (also the lightest marked youngsters you rear) for future pairing purposes. By this method, and by selecting out, year by year, your best feathered stuff, you will not be far wrong.

GOOD CARRIAGE.

Carriage of birds is of great importance. Always breed with birds that possess good carriage throughout. Discard birds with bad wings, droopy tails, and slovenly outline as much as you can. It is not always one's good fortune to have birds in one's stock without some kind of fault. No bird is perfect, but one may attain near to perfection

In the Norwich I like to see free action; the bird moving from one perch to the other, taking all its belongings in an easy style, and not appearing to drag its hindquarters along. The bird should be, in a manner of speaking, all front, with hardly anything behind; clean underneath, with tail straight and not bending downwards at all.

In the Yorkshire I look for nerve. It should be racy, slim, and not stout chested. The bird should appear wedge-shaped, and be as straight as a rush. Overlapping flights, roughness about the thighs, thick waists or stilty legs are all against good carriage. A hinged tail is a great fault. Bad points are more easily bred in than bred out, so keep your eye open for defects; and when pairing up see that a defect on one side in any point is counterbalanced by special excellence on the other.

PAIRING CLEAR AND TICKED.

When possible it is advisable to pair up a clear to a ticked bird, for several reasons. One is, that by so pairing, you breed both clear and ticked youngsters, and you are able to select birds that are eligible to compete in the various classes that are provided by almost all shows. Should you make a practice of pairing clear to clear, year after year, your birds will throw nearly all clear youngsters, and this will be of a great disadvantage to you.

Again, supposing you are buying a pair of birds, I should recommend you to go in for one clear and one ticked, for the simple reason (apart from advice just mentioned) that by procuring one ticked or marked you know for a fact that there is green blood running in the veins of that bird, and green blood means a lot, especially in the Norwich Plainhead and Yorkshire varieties. Green blood is the fountain-head of colour, and where there is colour quality is not very often deficient. No matter what is said by a few fanciers, who at times express their feelings against green blood, you can take it from me that I have proved it to be a fact that depth of colour is got by the use of dark-blooded birds. Observe for yourself when you are visiting a good breeder's room or a show; take notice which are the hottest coloured birds, and you will invariably find such birds to be either ticked, marked, or variegated, surely a criterion as to the value of green blood.

Still further to substantiate my argument, I may say I have had the pleasure of winning two silver cups (recently) for hottest-fed bird in the show (open competition), and both of these birds were marked. I do not take such a standpoint because of my own success, but by keenly scrutinising many exhibits I am fully convinced of my contention. Fanciers who breed either the Norwich or the Yorkshire "to my tip" (no secrets with me), use marked stuff and it will pay you.

DOUBLE BUFFING.

Double buffing is advantageous in several ways. Say you are a Norwich Plainhead breeder and your stock is inclined to run on the small side, and you wish to procure more substance; double buff a pair or two of your birds. The kind of cock most suitable for this purpose is one that is of excellent feather, carrying no meal, or as little as possible (a bird that looks almost like a yellow, in a manner of speaking), and pair to a hen also devoid of meal, or as near as you can get one. From such a pair of birds you will obtain ususally youngsters of good substance, but at the same time you get some of them with rather more feather than you care to see.

Choose the largest and best quality, and put on one side for future breeding with. These, the year after, can be run into your stock with good results, providing they are paired up to nice quality birds. Double buffing also has a tendency to get your birds thicker in neck, shorter in wings and tail, and thicker through. Some of the very best buffs that are on the show bench to-day are birds that have been got in this manner.

A few seasons ago I bred a clear buff that won on several occasions for me as an unflighted, and sold it to a well-known Norwich exhibitor for a long figure. This bird was "double buff" bred, and for his plucky purchaser he won at least 12 firsts besides other honours in one season. Again, only last season I bred another excellent clear buff, standing first Sheffield with him (only time shown), and with another moult he will be heard of again. I have had £6 offered for him, but refused to sell. You see that when one gets birds of this description, double buffing pays.

(To be continued.)

Hybrid Breeding.

Some interesting Experiments and Experiences.

By T. H. KINCH.

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THE THIRD ROUND.

This round started, much to my surprise, in a hurry, and I was afraid that I should not see the results, as I was removing and too ill to give them attention. This may have been the cause of the disasters which followed, which I have not as yet been able to solve to my satisfaction. Now for the facts, from which, I hope, young beginners may learn something.

First pair, Canary and Bullie hen: This Bullie again made a beautiful nest, and not with Nature's materials; these she rejected (probably she thought she was a cage bird now, and not a common wild one), but with pieces of matting, and string pulled to pieces, which she carried to the nest after the Canaries' way. She would then come from building and call to pair, which pairing I carefully watched. Judging from results, I now felt sure that pairing properly took place, the Canary showing every sign. I believed fully that the hen's last four eggs were full, and when the time came I was not disappointed. I tested them after some days. I could not wait any longer, as I had lost all patience. The testing showed me that I had again reason for hope, for two of her three eggs were full and one clear. After giving her the full time, and two days of grace—no results! This time I did take the hump, for both had again died in shell. How to account for it I do not know. She sat well, and was quite tame—in fact, nothing upset her. On after thoughts, it is just possible that my nephew (a boy who fed them under my care) upset them, yet they were not at all frightened at him, for he used to feed them occasionally, and they saw him daily. I cannot really convince myself that this was the cause.

A SATISFACTORY EXPERIMENT.

This round I did wish I had feeders, or any kind of Canary hen which I could use. Only fancy having Canaries for over 25 years (from 50 to 100 at a time) and not a single hen, common or otherwise, to use! I must say that I was pleased and satisfied with this experiment; to have four full eggs from three nests (one egg broken and three clear ones in three rounds) was very encouraging. This, I hope, will induce novices to make a start with birds; never mind them being wild caught, provided they are healthy—nothing venture, nothing have. There is a great opening yet in Mule and Hybrid breeding, and much to learn; but study Nature and try to assist it, for no one can or will improve upon it.

After I had taken the hen's eggs away she was very loth to leave the nest, and I should have let her try again, only the Canary had gone in full moult, but the hen at that time did not show any signs of moult. From this pair my greatest hopes have been dashed this year, which I think makes the twentieth year I have tried for this coveted cross. During that period I have had many a full egg, and young to hatch, but I never got one to live. Shall I ever be rewarded? I can say it will not be from want of trying or patience if I am not. I might as well state that I never took any of the eggs out of the nests and placed them in warm water; this might or might not have helped them, as the latter part of the season was very warm and may have affected them.

Second pair, Canary and Bullie: This pair started on their third nest. After building several and pulling them to pieces. The hen at last built a good nest and laid three eggs. I did not take so much notice of this pair, as they were placed behind my back and I could not see them unless I got up. One day the hen came off, and I thought I would like to know the result. I got a friend to get the nest down and I tested them before him and found two full eggs and one clear. I could not do anything with the eggs except leave them with her. She sat very close, and I had again hopes of yet having a Canary Bullie. But the youngsters died in the shell, like the others, and my hopes were again dashed to the ground—for what cause I cannot say, as the hens were never off long enough for the eggs to get cold. The Canary then started into moult, and the Bullie some time later.

MY CHAFFINCH-BULLIE PAIR.

Chaffinch and Bullie went on better the third round; they were more affectionate to one another than in the second round. The reason of this I attribute to the fact that all the wild Chaffinches had left the garden. I had not seen any for some time, so my birds could not hear them, and so settled down. The hen built a good nest (the best she had made), and laid three eggs; one got broken. As I had not seen them pair, and knowing that the cross is nearly impossible, I did not take much notice of them, and was greatly surprised to find that two nests had young in them which had died. The cause might have been a strange cat coming in and getting upon the cage when I was out of sight. This is the first instance of my having a fertile egg from the Chaffinch, although I have tried this bird for over 20 years, with the cock and hen in various ways; but I never had any results. This pair I shall try and test another year, if possible, in an outdoor aviary, where I can give them more natural foods, and large branches of trees to build in.

GREENFINCH AND BULLIE.

This hen made a good nest this time, the Greenfinch assisting her by carrying up some of the materials. I, at this time, was too ill to pay them much attention, and let them go on as they liked. The result was four eggs, two fertile, and two bad. This cage was next to the Chaffinch and Bullie cage, and both couples had eggs at the same time. In think, in this case also, the cat may have caused the young to die in the shell by frightening the old birds, and it is just possible that the hens did not go on the eggs until they were cold. If the cat theory is not the right one, then I am at a loss to account for them all dying in the shell, as the pair were in good health and plumage. I let them go on as they liked. They again had two eggs; one of them was bad and the other fertile, which got broken by my handling it. Both then started into the moult, the Greenfinch singing well for nearly a month after he had started. Both these birds were exceptionally tame—in fact, all the Bullie hens were. I hope these facts will induce others to try their luck with British birds. The expense is only about 2s. a pair, and anyone can make a cage. I am sure they would be interested if they only studied them and had patience.

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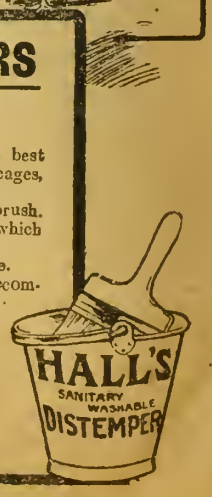

Some Observations on Hard-Billed British Birds.

By S. W. Birchley.

A Lecture delivered February 20th before Swindon C.B.A.

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THE SISKIN (Continued).

All oily seeds, such as hemp, linseed, and niger, should be used with caution. It is very interesting to notice him cleaning his feet, which he is very particular with; for this purpose he rests them against the bars of his cage and picks them all over, just as if his life depended on the cleanliness of his feet. He is particularly fond of a bath, when weather permits, and should be supplied with sunflower seed in moderation, together with green food in season.

He makes an excellent mule and hybrid breeder, and will even breed with his own variety in confinement. If you desire to breed with the Siskin, you will find the ones imported better than our natives, as they are not only larger in size but more distinct in markings.

LESSER AND MEALY REDPOLLS.

These very fascinating little birds, which belong to the same group, are nice for exhibitions, but are not birds that I have personally kept for any length of time, as they stand little chance on the show bench against the Linnet and Twite, with whom they have, as a rule, to compete. I can thoroughly recommend them to the novice, as they are hardy birds and not fastidious in their fare; they are very easily steadied, so easy, in fact, they are known to have drawn water in a thimble when thirsty, and open a seed box when requiring food, the whole of this being in some cases accomplished in the short space of time of a fortnight after being caught. They have little or no song, but are very sprightly in their cages, and perhaps in some cases this suffices in place of their vocal power. They are very fond of a bath at all times; also of the various wild seeds, such as plantain, shepherd's purse, etc., together with chickweed, and lettuce when obtainable.

The bright red which adorns the plumage when first caught becomes duller in confinement, and eventually turns to a copper hue. In a show specimen of either of these varieties you need to get birds of a good size, well and distinctly marked, with prominent bib under the lower mandible.

THE BUNTING FAMILY.

The whole of these birds are without a doubt very useful on the show bench, provided good specimens are obtained;; but I must not deal with each one separately or it will take up too much time. You will find generally that the Meadow Bunting will have the better of the competition, if they are all competing together, and are of equal merit; next would come the Snow Bunting, then the Corn and Cirl ditto, and lastly the Reed Bunting, or in other words, the Reed Sparrow.

The Meadow Bunting is very rare, but some excellent specimens have lately been on exhibition, and will, as a rule, hold its own in any A.O.V. Hardbill class.

The Snow Bunting is undoubtedly the prettiest, but after about one season its beauty is lost, as it never moults in confinement as it does in its wild state.

The Cirl Bunting is fairly common in some parts during the hardest of weather and is not unlike the Yellow Bunting were it not for the latter's gay colour. Lastly, we get the Reed Bunting, which is undoubtedly the commonest of these species, it being very plentiful in some parts, particularly in marshy places; it is very like our House Sparrow but for its long tail and black head. The whole may be fed as the Yellow Bunting, about which I have a separate note. The Yellow is a far more popular bird than any of the above named.

THE GARB OF THE CHAFFINCH.

In the breeding season the garb of the Chaffinch is, I think, unsurpassed for beauty, he being one of the many of our native birds which, without a moult, has a great change in its dress in the spring and summer of the year. The male bird, which is the one that is used to-day for exhibition purposes, is one of the most restless of our Finches when caged, and I strongly advise you to get a young bird, as it is a great question if you would ever get an adult cock steady enough for the show bench. Their principal food consists of canary, rape, and linseed and a little hemp, not forgetting a mealworm or two and a few ants' eggs occasionally, as this bird is partly insectivorous. He will also relish a little green food and fruit when obtainable.

The points required in a show specimen are as follows:—Cap and back of head and neck, steel blue; back, olive brown; rump, a beautiful moss green; wings, black; lesser flights, edged with buff; greater ditto, yellow; cheeks, throat and chest, right down to the vent, shading from dull terra cotta to white.

In selecting your bird get one as bold and cobby as possible, and showing plenty of white in the wings; the chest colouring should be as evenly distributed as possible and not patchy, and the other tints also should be well defined. As regards breeding, I think no one has yet been successful with the Canary cross, but I believe it has been known to breed hybrids with other species of Finches. If you can secure a nest I should certainly endeavour to hand rear the young. Take them at about ten days old and feed them on equal parts of hard-boiled egg, soaked ants' eggs, and crushed rape seed, and if this is kept up you will find your birds thrive and should turn out well when moulted.

A FAVOURITE BIRD.

We then come to the Hawfinch, which is a bird I am very fond of, and, I believe, a great favourite with all exhibitors. It has no song, but is the largest of our British Finches. It is by far best caged by itself in a good roomy cage; if turned into an aviary it will be likely to scalp the other birds therein. It is fairly common in some parts of these islands and is a rascal at the time the green peas are fit to pick; it will very often pinch off a half peck with its strong bill, and in all probability not eat the contents of two of the pods. It is a most distructive gentleman and the market gardener makes short work of it if it comes in the reach of his gun, but for all this he is, in my opinion, a truly beautiful bird, and if a good specimen is obtained they have all their own way in the A.O.V. classes at our shows.

When seeking an exhibition specimen go for a bird of great size, with a pale buff crown to head, cinnamon brown cheeks, and well defined bib coming to a fine point at the bottom; back of neck brown, shaded to green, till the beautiful rich brown of the back is reached; the primary flights should be blue black, and the lesser a dirty white or dove colour; rump rich cinnamon; breast and under parts pale cinnamon. There is one thing that makes the Hawfinch a troublesome pet, and that is he is very hard to tame, and sometimes one would think the top of the cage was coming off, seeing how he plunges his hard skull against it. But he is not a hard bird to rear, as he will thrive on such seed as canary, hemp, sunflower, and oats, not, of course, forgetting a feed of green peas when obtainable, which he will greatly relish, as well as juniper berries, haws, and fruits generally.

A most wonderful feat that this bird can accomplish is the cracking of the stone of the hawberry with his powerful beak, and it is only for the stone that he takes to the hawberry at all, as the whole of the fruit portion falls to the bottom of the cage, and he winks his eye as he cracks the stone with delight. Although I have before stated this bird is easy to rear (and such is the case), still great care must be taken with him, as he is particularly liable to colds if allowed to be in a draught, and at the moulting season, too, great care needs to be exercised if one is to get him through a clean moult in good time. The Hawfinch has never to my knowledge been known to breed in confinement with his own, or any other species of wild bird.

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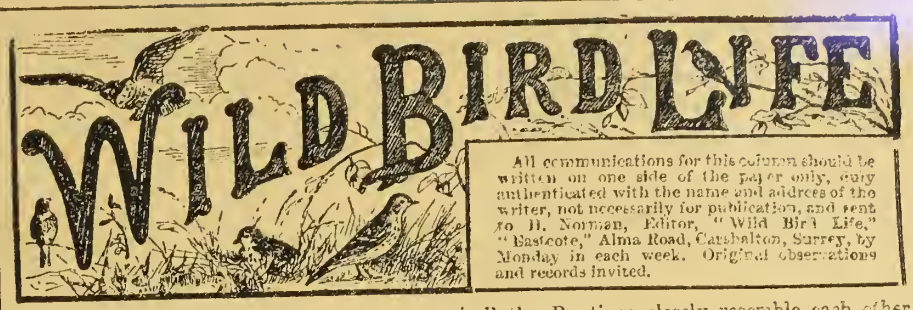

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The Corn Bunting.

The Buntings are members of a very interesting family. We distinguish them from the Finches by their bulky, somewhat clumsy build, by their peculiar gape, and the bony knob on the palates. Why the Corn Bunting should be called the Common Bunting, when we have a much more common species in the yellow bird, is a thing which I am quite unable to account for, unless the appellation originated in a district where the larger bird is the most plentiful of the family.

The Yellow Bunting may be seen almost anywhere, whereas the Corn Bunting is like some others of the family, locally distributed.

The Corn Bunting.

It is fairly plentiful in Sussex and Norfolk, also in some of the Western and Midland counties. It is rather rare in Essex, Kent, and Surrey. Being a bird of cultivated districts, one can understand its scarcity in Surrey, although I have occasionally seen it upon some of the furze-clad commons of the county.

One can easily identify this bird; he is the largest of the family, his plumage being brown and brownish yellow, with arrow-shaped markings on the breast. His flight is strong, although somewhat laboured. It is curious how all the Buntings closely resemble each other in habits and song. The one we are dealing with both hops and runs when on the ground; this fact often causes it to be mistaken for a Thrush.

No doubt these birds do a considerable amount of damage in corn growing districts; they will feed the clumsy looking young ones on the half-ripened corn, will feast upon it until it is cut and carried, and will rifle the ricks in a manner to put the Sparrow to shame. The farmer stacks the heads of the sheaves inwards, thus exposing the stalks to the weather and the birds, but the strong Corn Bunting will tug at a single straw until he gets at the corn at the other end. It is this greediness for cereals that has given him his name. In some parts I have heard him called the "clod" bird on account of his habit of perching upon clods of earth and anything near the ground. Even in roosting he will keep up this habit, for it is upon some bottom rail of a fence or hedge, or even upon the ground that he spends the night.

This bird loves the wide, open, cultivated lands, for he has no need of trees for his big slovenly nest. This is generally placed upon the ground, among the growing corn, or sheltered by some tall weed, or among a clump of brambles. The structure is composed of coarse grass and roots, a little moss, with a lining of grasses and hair. While the hen bird sits patiently, the male will perch upon some conspicuous position close by, and sing his monotonous song by the hour, so that the locality of the nest is at once given away. If one disturbs him he is back again directly. Fond as I am of all bird life, upon one occasion I had rather too much Bunting. It was while sketching upon the marches in Sussex. Unfortunately my position was close to the singing perch of a fine Corn Bunting, and by the hour he droned out his love song; it was no use driving him away; he simply returned with renewed energy. I am afraid my sketch was rather hurried, and hardly worth the time expended upon it.

Notes and Queries.

The Bold Shrike.

A pair of red-backed Shrikes have been known to attack a domestic cat that had designs upon their young ones.

Spring Migrants.

The first to arrive at Great Yarmouth Golf Grounds was a Wheatear, on May 18th. Four more were seen on the 25th. All were in full spring plumage, and showed up beautifully in the sunshine.—W. Lowne.

Haunts of the Tree Sparrow.

This bird is locally distributed, and practically scarce as compared with the cheeky House Sparrow. He is a much wilder species, and shuns, instead of courting, the haunts of men. I am interested to know how near they get to London. Can any reader give me information upon the subject? The bird is smaller than the ordinary Sparrow, with a chestnut crown to the head, extending to the nape, and has a black and white ear patch. The hen bird is coloured similarly.

Birds Swimming.

Generally speaking, all Birds possessing webbed feet are able to swim, but it is not generally known that others have been seen to do so under special circumstances. The lordly Heron will occasionally make a mistake and get out of his depth, and Crows have been observed to rest for a moment upon the top of a broad sheet of water. Although the Kingfisher is able to dive, come to the surface and fly off at once, yet we never heard of a case of this beautiful bird actually swimming. Can he do so?

The Birds of Burns.

At Dundee Burns Society an appreciative audience assembled recently to hear a lecture by Rev. H. M. Davidson on "The Birds of Burns." The lecturer spoke of the poet's soul being responsive to all the voices of Nature, and the feathered songsters were special favourites. He quoted passages from the songs of Burns to illustrate the moods of the poet when he found himself in harmony with the birds, and when he found himself out of harmony, because of his own troubles. He gave a subtle analysis of many of the passages, which drew forth frequent applause. He pointed out that man and the birds were the only musicians in the world.

Albino Birds.

Pied and albino wild birds have been exceptionally plentiful this winter. Our museums will no doubt add to their stock of rare feathered specimens.

Unlucky Redbreast.

To kill or capture a Robin is considered unlucky, and the evildoer will be sure to come to grief. It is curious how these superstitions originate. The ancients believed that the Robin was a follower of Thor, the god of thunder, and that he who killed one was sure to meet his death by lightning. This has possibly been handed down to us as signifying bad luck.

Habits of Wild Fowl.

As the winter passes and the days lengthen many species of Wild Fowl will be leaving our shores for their distant breeding grounds. Since the fens and marshes near the coasts have been drained the number of wild fowl nesting with us has been considerably reduced. There are still many species that leave behind a few members each season. This is particularly the case with the Duck family. The majority of the Widgeon depart northward, but a few pairs remain and nest among the rushes and coarse sedge bordering inland meres and quiet lakes. The Tufted Duck and the beautiful Teal still breed in some of the Eastern and Northern counties, and many pairs of the Mallard and Sheldrake stay here year after year. It is just possible that these bright-plumaged Ducks are increasing as a breeding species; no doubt the Protection of Wild Birds Act has had something to do with this. The nest of the Mallard is found in many curious and unexpected places; it may be found upon the hillside among the heather; in the woods where the ground is covered with tall bracken, or on the bare ground, with just a few tufts of long grass beside it. The hollow trunk of a tree, the top of a pollard willow, or even the deserted nests of the Hawks, Crow, or Wood Pigeon, have been utilised. The gay Sheldrake is fond of the shelter of a rabbit burrow, or a hole in a wall, or among rocks, in which to hide her creamy-white eggs. This habit is quite different to the usual nesting habits of Ducks.

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MAINLY BRITISH—continued.

EXCHANGE two good cock Goldfinches for good Roller or Yorkshire cock; on approval.—M. Rabey, St. Issey, Cornwall.

EXCHANGE two pair of Bullfinches for one good Norwich cock Canary.—Edward Miles, The Square, Broseley, Salop.

WILL give nice cock Goldfinch, full song, for singing cock Canary, sell 5/-.—George Lambert, Acock's Green, Worcestershire.

COCK Blackbird, white head and neck, in perfect feather and condition, prize winner, exchange feeding Canaries.—Gale, Shoemaker, Ramsey, Man.

GOOD singing Linnet Mule, 7/6, or exchange hen Canaries.—Methven, 2, Market-bldgs., Lancaster-rd., Enfield.

EXCHANGE cock Blackbird, two red-breasted, two house moulted Redpolls, cocks, for good Canary, or anything.—Anderson, Balloch, Culloden, Inverness.

LARGE hen Hawfinch, well on seed, 2/6, or exchange hen Canary or cock Goldfinch.—A. E. Gardner, Parkfield Lodge, Potter's Bar.

HOUSE moulted cock Goldfinch, two cock Linnets, large hen Canary, exchange Foreign birds, sell 10/-.—Isaac Thaw, Ruskin-av., New Sawley, Derby.

EXCHANGE wire breeding cage and Goldfinch or Mule for Norwich cock, or offers.—Harvey, 45, Rotherwood-rd., Putney.

EXCHANGE Chaffinch, Yellowhammer, two Redpolls, all cocks, for good Linnets or Goldfinches.—Smith, 2, Winfield Mount, Leeds.

COCK Goldie, muler, cock Bullfinch, show, exchange two yellow Norwich hens, sell 9/6.—T. Bugdale, Bawdeswell, East Dereham-rd., Norfolk.

SPLENDID pair Bullfinches, one cock Greenfinch, 5/6 lot; exchange anything useful.—H. Land, Neither Green, Bonsall.

BEAUTIFUL spangled Blackbird, nearly white, good condition, and whistling, 12/6, or exchange.—W. Dick, Newtown, St. Boswells, N.B.

WANTED Bullfinches, exchange Linnets, Chaffinches, Bramblefinches, all selected cocks.—Lowne, Naturalist, Yarmouth.

EXCHANGE two cock Linnet Canary Mules, 1906 birds, full song, for hand-reared Song Thrush and cage, or sell 15/-.—Outram, Riber Cottage, Heanor.

EXCHANGE large cock Goldfinch-Canary Mule, 1906 bird, for good green Norwich cock, or sell 10/6.—Outram, Riber Cottage, Heanor, Derbyshire.

HOUSE moulted cock Goldfinch, splendid colour, steady, 6/-; house moulted cock Redpoll, 1/6; or exchange 1906 yellow Norwich hens.—Grayson, Low Skellgate, Ripon.

GRAND light cock Goldfinch Mule, winner, 15/-; exchange matched pair good Yorkshires, Norwich, or offers; approval.—Duff, 15, Wellsgreen-place, Buckhaven.

EXCHANGE cocks, Blackbirds, two Chaffinches, one hen, five Redpolls, for Norwich or Yorkshire hens; sell 5/6.—Stubberfield, 30, Gensing-rd., St. Leonard's-on-Sea.

COCK Goldfinch, bred Mules, safe with eggs, 7/6; two cock Bramblefinches, 3/-; cock Linnet, 2/6; exchange Budgerigars.—Pearce, 9, Pontcanna-ter., Cardiff.

HAND-REARED cock Thrush, full song, 10/6; house moulted cock brown Linnet, ditto Greenfinch hen, 5/-; exchange Yorkshire cock.—Stubbs, 23b, Well-st., Winsford, Cheshire.

EXCHANGE white-legged cock Goldfinch and cock Siskin, cage moulted, sure mulers, cock Goldfinch Mule, for matched pair Yorkshires, Cinnamons; offers.—Ellison's Boot Stores, High-st., Winsford.

FIRST-CLASS Chaffinch, winner, perfect beauty, very steady, will sell 15/-, or exchange Softbill show cages to value.—Wm. McCririck, Holmston-rd., Ayr, N.B.

LIGHT Finch Mules and dark Finch Mules, and two Mule hens and two hen Canaries for 22/-, or exchange for four hens and cock, White Leghorns.—C. H. Cockings, 11, Lower West-end, Taibach, South Wales.

COCK Siskin Mule, 12/-; large Mealy Redpoll, 3/-, both 2nd prize winners; two cock Goldfinches, 5/- each, all full song, 1906 birds: part exchange Cinnamon hens for muling.—Salmon, Kilgerran, Pembrokeshire.

ONE house moulted cock Goldfinch, large Cinnamon-marked Yorkshire hen, Mule breeders; will exchange for yellow Yorkshire cock on song; or sell pair 12/6; on approval.—John Harrison, King-st., Broseley, Salop.

BARGAIN.—Selling off. One cock Goldfinch Mule, one large yellow Norwich hen, mated with cock Greenfinch, two cock Linnets, caged August, with new cages, sure mulers, lot 15/-, or separate; or exchange foals.—G. Randall, 21, Bridge-st., Homerton, N.E.

Mainly Canaries
To be Sold or Exchanged

LARGE green Crestbred cock, 15/-; useful exchange.—Salter, 34, Offord-rd., Barnsbury.

EXCHANGE hen Canaries for British birds or pigeons.—Jinks, 2, Bramall-lane, Sheffield.

EXCHANGE Canaries for scrap copper and brass, minimum 20lbs.—Henry Leah, Earls Barton, Northampton. x270

GOOD Scotch Fancy buff green cock, 1906, exchange for clear buff hen, 1906; approval.—Lindsay, 30, High Patrick-st., Hamilton.

WILL exchange ticked yellow Norwich hen for singing cock, or sell 7/6; approval.—Tampkins, 23, Crown-rd., Grays, Essex.

A GRAND pair of Yorkshires in exchange for a pair of good Plainhead Norwich; approval.—Walton and Son, Churchest., Ensham.

WELL-BRED buff Crested hen, 1906, sell 6/-, or exchange marked or clear yellow Norwich hen.—Satterley, Nassworthy, Ashburton, Devon.

PRIZE-BRED 1906 yellow Border hen, sell 5/-, or exchange large Norwich hen.—Walker, 17, Abbey-rd., Stirling.

THREE Norwich hens, buffs, exchange two Germans and Goldfinch-Canary Mule cocks, singing.—Attwood, Vally-rd., Lye, Stourbridge.

EXCHANGE 1906 Yorkshire cock, good singer, and cock Linnet for two 1906 Yorkshire hens, clear.—Joseph Duckworth, 5, Hammerton-yd., Burnley.

CREST cock, 1906, variegated, healthy, 12/6, wanted common hens for feeders, or anything useful.—Moody, 18, Stanmore-st., Leeds.

TWO pairs cycle knickers, sweater, stockings, lamp, 10/6, exchange.—Tomlinson, Thistleberry, Newcastle-under-Lyme.

SIX Norwich Canaries, hens, last year's birds, the lot 20/-, or exchange anything useful.—Bate, 45, Shepherd's-lane, Dartford.

WANTED, green Crested hen, exchange Norwich cocks; exchange two cocks for Crestbred hen.—Edwards, 7t, Swinbrook-rd., Westbourne Park.

EXCHANGE pair high-class Yorkshires for good Seifert Roller; approval both ways.—Cooper, Batley. (See Yorkshires.)

HANDSOME black, tan, and white Collie dog, fine coat, well marked, clean, sell 25/-, or exchange for large, typical yellow Plainhead cock, must be first-class bird.—White, Regent-place, Cambuslang.

PURE Seifert Roller cock, ringed '06, W. Whittaker's strain, Bolton, 20/-, or exchange pair Yorkshires to value.—Davies, Highfield-ter., Wellington, Salop.

LARGE yellow Lancashire Copy cock, 25/-, exchange; large heavy feathered Crestbred cock, broad skull, well lashed, 9/6; approval, no rubbish given or wanted.—S. Walsh, 11, Princess-st., Glossop.

THREE pairs Blue Dragoons, three pairs silver blue English Owls, from winners, thirty prizes, 7/6, 10/6, 15/- pair; exchange Rollers; offers.—Wright, 4, Emlyn-rd., Bristol.

MONSTER variegated Crestbred hen Canary for pair Borders, unrelated, ready for breeding; or sell 10/-; approval both ways.—Matthew Docherty, 88, Maclean-st., Glasgow.

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BARGAIN.—One splendid buff marked Crestbred hen, plenty feather, also good shaped Norwich hen, 1906 birds, 18/- both, or exchange 1906 pair of St. Andreasberg or Hartz Rollers to value.—Richards, 36, New-st., Exmouth.

EXCHANGE chandalier lamp 16/6, for good Norwich pair Canaries; also 12/6 set ping-pong, brass fittings, for Lizard cock; or exchange both for good Parrot.—C. Middleton, 44, King-st., Hoyland, near Barnsley.

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To be Sold or Exchanged

CRIMSON-WING Whydah, in aviary 12 months, 20/-; or exchange acclimatised foreigners.—80, Manchester-rd., Swindon.

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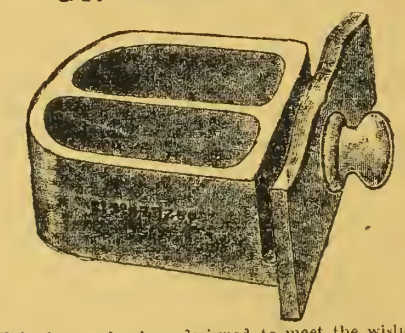

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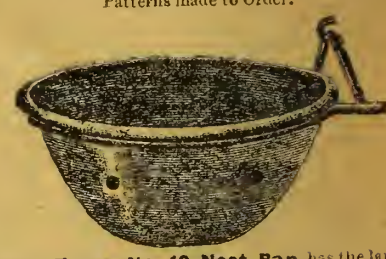

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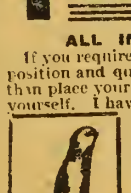

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MUST clear, room wanted, large clear buff Norwich hen, 8/6; ticked ditto, 6/6; good yellow, 7/6; yellow Cinnamon hen, 5/6; all healthy and ready to nest.—R. Ingram, St. Ives, Hunts.

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YOUNG hen Canary, bred Goldfinch Mules last season, 3/3.—Jepson, 9, Prince's-av., Chester.

COCK Greenfinch-Canary Mule, 1905, very rich colour, splendid songster, 7/6; approval.—Glew, "Onsden," Windmill-lane, Cheshunt.

FOUR handsome variegated Goldfinch-Canary hen Mules; what cash offers?—R. Charity, Grocer, Deeping St. James's.

MULING hen Goldfinches, 1/3, 1/6, 2/-, 2/6 each; cocks, 3/-, 3/6, and 4/- each.—Miss E. Storey, Crowle, Doncaster.

PINK-EYED muling hen Canaries, 3/6, 4/6, 5/6, 6/- each; cocks 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, and 10/6 each.—Miss E. Storey, Crowle, Doncaster.

LARGE Greenfinch Crested cock Mule, fit to show and win, 7/6.—Baker, 12, Upper Ashley-st., Clerkenwell.

COCK Greenfinch and large Norwich hen, for muling, 4/6; cock Skylark, in song, and bow-fronted cage, 2/6.—28, Chestnut-villas, New Malden.

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LARGE pink-eyed Sib-bred hens, sure light mule breeders, 5s. 6d.; cocks, 7s. 6d. each; ten days' approval.—Wm. Powick, Eastfield House, Dewsbury.

SIX cock Siskin-Canary Mules, grand singers, 7/6 each; four hen ditto, 1/6 each; cock Siskin, bred Mules, 4/6; hens, ditto, 2/- each.—W. Copeman, Gamekeeper, Toftwood Common, Dereham.

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COCK Goldfinch and house moulted hen Bullfinch 6/- pair, hen Bullfinch is guaranteed to have laid twice in cage last season; approval.—Owen, Photographer, Tregaron, Cardiganshire.

COCK Goldfinch, house moulted hen Linnet, 4/6 pair; cock Greenfinch, bred Mules, and hen Bullfinch, laid in cage, 5/- pair.—Smith, 6, Hartington-st., Moss Side, Manchester.

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GENUINE Bargains.—Four cock Goldfinch Mules, two cock Linnet Mules, four hen Linnet Mules, hen Bullfinch, hen Linnet, cock Siskin and hen Redpoll, both twice house moulted; all healthy birds, all cocks in full song, take 35/- for the lot, or nearest offer, cash wanted.—30, Tower-st., Pontypridd, South Wales.

I THANK all those that purchased birds from my last advertisement in CAGE BIRDS. I give them a chance again to purchase good birds at a low price. I have only 12 cock Canaries to part with at the old price, 6/6 each.—O. Booth, Thrapston, Northants.

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LIGHT Goldfinch mulers; grand four-pointed hen, a clinker, 5/-; nearly four-pointed cock, a real good one, both can win, 10/6; 3 by 6 white-legged Goldie cock and big yellow Norwich hen, 7/6; large white-legged cock Goldfinch and bend-reared Bullie hen, 7/6; the above birds are in grand breeding form and anxious to breed; sent on approval on receipt of P.O.—Ainge, Cage Maker, 16, Stanley-st., Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire.

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CLUB REPORTS.

GREAT HORTON GOOD INTENT.

Monthly meeting, March 30th, at the Church Schools. A lecture on "Pairing of Yorkshires" was given by Mr. R. Halliday. The way he gave it, and the practical knowledge he brought before the hearers simply kept them spellbound for a considerable length of time. Questions were asked and answered in a masterly fashion, and each one present went away satisfied, feeling that the evening had been a profitable one. It undoubtedly gave each one encouragement to press on towards the mark of perfection. The usual vote of thanks to the lecturer brought a most enjoyable evening to a close.—A. HOLDEN, Sec.

OSWESTRY F. & F.A.

Annual meeting held at the Queen's Hotel on Thursday, Mr. R. E. Hughes presiding. The Secretaries presented the balance sheet, which showed a profit of £13 1s. 4d. on the show held November 1st, 1906. Mr. A. Wynne Corrie was elected president, and the Mayor of Oswestry, Mr. W. H. Plimmer, vice-president. Mr. Morris Smith having resigned the office of hon. secretary, Mr. G. A. George was appointed to fill the position. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Smith for his valuable services to the association. Mr. G. A. Doody was re-elected secretary. A strong working committee was elected, and the date of next show was fixed for October 31st. The radius for exhibitors in local classes was altered from fifteen miles to ten miles.

BRADFORD (EAST) O.S.

Mr. R. Halliday gave an interesting lecture on the "Pairing of Yorkshires," on March 19th. There was a very good turn up, considering the weather was so bad. Mr. Halliday dealt with the subject in a masterly manner, proving to those present, by answering all the questions that were put to him, that he was well versed in what he was talking about. He bore strong testimony to the fact that it was nearly an impossibility for a man to be successful in building up a reliable strain, if he resorted to haphazard methods in pairing his stock; that the man who ultimately reached the goal of success was one who studied for himself the various points which tend towards the ideal, and worked on those lines accordingly. An enthusiastic vote of thanks to Mr. Halliday for his kindness brought a most instructive evening to a close.—H. HILL, Hon. Sec.

DERBY C.B.C.

Meeting on March 23rd, at Victoria-street Congregational Schoolroom, Mr. Jos. Hill presiding. Messrs. J. Harlow, Geo. Wharam, and Horace Mann were elected members. The feature of the evening was an address by Rev. S. Lawdon Platt. The speaker chose for his subject "Inbreeding," and the way in which he dealt with it proved that he had practical experience, and believed that inbreeding was beneficial to a certain extent. His address was listened to with much interest, Messrs. Thos. B. Evans, W. Ely, T. Hayes, J. Pegg, etc., joining in the discussion which followed. The Chairman proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Platt for his instructive address, and this was seconded by Mr. J. C. Barnes. A most pleasant evening then closed. We hope that another lecture will be delivered on April 27th, by a well-known fancier.—W. H. RAMSEY, Hon. Sec.

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The attention of Show Secretaries is directed to the following list of gentlemen willing to act as Judges. Terms for insertion on application.

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H. W. AXE, 55, Market Place, Doncaster. Judge of Canaries and other Cage Birds. Practical experience (Norwich and British speciality).
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J. C. BARNES, 149, Duncombe Street, Walkley, Sheffield. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Long practical experience. Terms moderate.
W. P. BARNES, Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Life practical experience. Breeder and exhibitor. Reporter for Fancy Press. Commercial Road, Grantham.
GEO. BENNETT, 46, Wenlock Street, Luton, Beds. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Thirty years' experience. Terms moderate.
W. A. COWGILL, 115, Washington Street, Girlington, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Over twenty years' experience. Terms moderate.
A. G. DAVIS, Judge of all Classes of Cage Birds. Long practical experience. Terms moderate. 110, Tib Street, Manchester.
T. DIXON, Pioneer Terrace, Bedlington Station Northumberland. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Life experience.
J. DOBSON, 14, East Road, London, N. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds.
J. W. DRIVER, (Adnitt & Driver), Gladstone Street, South Normanton, Alfreton. Judge of Cage Birds.
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C. A. HOUSE, 82, Upper Walthamstow Road, Walthamstow. Judge of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds.
W H. LINDLEY, 4, Summer Lane, Wombwell, near Barnsley. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds only.
E. A. LOVELL, 19, Islington Road, Southville, Bristol. Judge of Cage Birds (all varieties). Life experience.
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C. E. SILK, The Aviaries, Emsworth, Hants. Judge of Canaries and all Cage Birds. Life experience.
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November 20th and 21st next are the dates fixed for the show of the Northampton Good Intent O.S.—G. M. LARKMAN, Sec.

Mr. J. J. Brain (Glastonbury) writes:—Kindly thank all who have at different times answered my adverts. and not had a reply from me. They have always been so numerous. I have sold more seeds and Canaries through CAGE BIRDS than through any other journal, and shall in future always advertise in same when I have anything for disposal.

Chesterfield and District F.A. Open Show is fixed for October 25th and 26th, the judge elect being Mr. J. C. Barnes (Sheffield).

F. W. Barnett, Esq., of Fakenham, has been elected a vice-president of the Northern Crest Club, writes Mr. T. Robson, the hon. sec.

Prize money has been paid and prizes distributed in respect of our Show, writes Mr. A. R. Wiseman, Secretary of the Forres and Northern O.S. If anyone has been overlooked, kindly communicate.

In informing us that his address in future will be Olive House, Southcoates Lane, Hull, Mr. D. Hope says: I have built myself new aviaries, having bought the house, in which I hope to pass the rest of my days.

Mr. A. J. Davies, of Lyham Road, S.W., writes:—Kindly thank all who answered my small advertisement. I had over 35 applications, and could not reply to all. This shows what a splendid advertising medium CAGE BIRDS is.

At a meeting of the Potteries and District C.B.A., held March 30th, writes Mr. J. Simcock, the Sec., it was decided, as so many shows were being held on November 7th, to alter their date to October 31st, when Mr. W. Vardy will judge.

Mr. C. A. House is to lecture on "The Lancashire" before the London and Counties A.C.B. on Thursday next, April 11th, at the "Bay Malton," Great Portland Street, W., at 8.30 p.m., when fanciers and others are cordially invited.

The prize drawing of the Crewe Ornithological Society has been held over for a week, writes Mr. A. Wilkinson, the sec., owing to the counterfoils and unsold tickets not being sent in. I hope all persons holding same will return them to me, so that the draw may be made on Monday, April 8th.

A capital programme is that issued by the Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S. It contains lectures and discussions on several most interesting subjects; particulars of the society's shows, rules, list of officers and members, etc. The latter, we are pleased to note, is moving upward. The hon. sec. is Mr. W. Hodson, 209, Crystal Palace Road, East Dulwich, S.E.

A Balloch gentleman writes to the "Glasgow Evening Times" stating that he was agreeably surprised the other day to find in his garden the nest of a Mavis with three eggs in it. He thinks this is exceptionally early. Information comes also from Lockerbie stating that a nest, with four young Starlings, has been found under the roof of Lochmaben Parish School; while the Cuckoo was heard near Shillahill on March 25th.

Mr. Allen, of 2, Wood Terrace, Park Street, Abergavenny, who is bringing a new food for Canaries before the Fancy through the medium of CAGE BIRDS' advertising columns, has sent us a sample of the same. It is claimed that it does away with the trouble of preparing egg food, and that birds can be both reared and moulted successfully upon this food, which is a steam-cooked preparation containing 50 per cent. of ground seed. Bird keepers should send for a sample.

At the Annual General Meeting of the Northampton Hand-in-Hand C.B.S. a balance-sheet was submitted showing a balance in hand of £1 3s. 11d., or £3 less than last year. A Show of Young Birds will be held on June 15th, Mr. J. Robson judge. The following officers were elected for 1907:—Chairman, J. Martin; Vice-Chairman, A. Burrows; Treasurer, G. Brown, sen.; Secretary, J. Nason; Committee, Barwell, G. Swingler, A. G. Brown; Collector, G. Jeffs.—J. NASON, Sec.

Then you Laugh.

Evidently the holiday spirit is abroad, for a Folkestone correspondent fires the following conundrum at us:—What is the difference between a Robin and a toastrack? We presume the answer to be that one is a Red-breast and the other a Bread-rest.

The Crested Canary Club.

An extraordinary general meeting will be held at the Napier Tavern, 25, High Holborn, London, W.C., on Wednesday next, April 3rd, at 8 p.m. (and not on the 10th, as announced in error), to reconsider the resolution carried at the annual general meeting, February 16th, that the C.C.C. becomes affiliated to the C.B.U., as well as other business.—R. L. CRISP, President. (The above notice reached us on Tuesday morning last, April 2nd. The previous announcement of the meeting being due on April 10th was not an error of ours.—EDITOR, "C.B.").

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Mr. G. H. Barnwell, the hon. sec. of the Harrogate C.B.S., has removed to 6, Providence Terrace, Harrogate.

Wellingborough C.B.S. Annual Show will be held on October 30th and 31st. We wish your paper every success.—W. H. HOWES, hon. sec.

Mr. S. Skelton informs us that Pendleton and Salford O.S. Show is fixed for December 13th and 14th. The judges will be Messrs. Battye and Booth.

Hayle and District F.A. have fixed their Annual Show for October 16th and 17th, and have affiliated to the C.B.U., writes Mr. W. Paull, Hon. Sec. Mr. J. H. Roe will judge.

Irish fanciers will note from a letter in our Correspondence columns this week that a testimonial to the Hon. Sec. of the Yorkshire C.C. of Ireland is on foot.

We have decided to alter the date of Wolverhampton and District C.B.S. Show to October 30th and 31st, writes Mr. F. Howes, the hon. sec., when Mr. J. Robson will judge.

I deeply regret to inform you, writes Mr. D. H. Tedstone, that Mr. J. B. Rees, of Abercanaid, Merthyr, has had the misfortune to lose his beloved mother, after over 12 months' painful illness. She passed away on Good Friday morning. I am sure all fanciers that know him will sympathise with him and the family.

Mr. J. H. Booth, of Shaw, writes:—"The result of my 2s. advertisement has completely cleared me out of over forty birds, and fifty breeding and show cages. I am off to Canada early in May."

The Annual Finch Show of the City and Suburban A.C.B. takes place at the Church Institute, Paddington Street, Marylebone, W., on Monday evening next, April 8th, from 7 to 11 p.m., when fanciers are invited to pay a visit.

The Social Evening at Newcastle.

Mr. J. R. Slack writes that the rhymed report of the recent social evening at Newcastle, which we quoted in a recent issue, was not sent us by himself, but by the Chairman or the Secretary of the society. Mr. Slack's humorous lines were written for the amusement of his fellow-fanciers; but, having thus done good by stealth, as it were, we trust he does not blush to find it fame.

Interesting Event at Bradford.

On Saturday, April 6th, at 8 p.m., a smoking concert, arranged by the societies of the late Amalgamated Yorkshire O.S., will take place at the Market Tavern, Godwin Street, Bradford. The principal event of the evening is the presentation to Mr. F. Hammond, Sec. to the Amalgamation, of a splendid brass timepiece, subscribed for by the societies and friends in appreciation of his valuable services. All fanciers and friends are earnestly invited to attend.—S. DEAN (convener).

A Society for Southend.

A meeting was held in the Alexandra Hotel, Southend-on-Sea, on March 27th, Mr. A. E. Pattrick in the chair. It was decided to form a cage bird society, to be named the Southend and District Ornithological Society. There was a good attendance of local and well-known fanciers, and a healthy tone was given to the discussion which followed. The introduction and explanation of the business of the evening was given by the conveners of the meeting, Messrs. J. Dobson and W. D. Franks. Rules were drafted and the following officers elected:—Chairman, Mr. A. E. Pattrick; Vice-Chairman, Mr. J. Farrar; Sec., Mr. J. Dobson; Assistant Sec., Mr. D. Franks; Trustees, Mr. H. Phillips and Mr. J. Webb; Committee, Messrs. Scudder, Youngman, Fortunato, Parrish, H. Phillips, W. J. Webb. It was decided to make the Alexandra Hotel the society's headquarters.—Sec., J. Dobson, 42, Queen's Road, Southend-on-Sea; Assist. Sec., W. D. Franks, 36, Campbell Road, Southend-on-Sea.

Thoroughly Done!

Commenting on the Starling's remarkable powers of mimicry, a writer in a Scottish journal says:—Last summer I witnessed an amusing incident in which a Starling positively manifested the powers of the ventriloquist. A tired-out collie, lying on the kitchen floor of the farmhouse, suddenly pricked up its ears, and then I heard a distant shepherd's whistle on the hillside. The collie listened again, and then bolted out to answer what it thought was a call to duty. In a minute or two it came back with a sort of disgusted air and lay down again. Then once more it pricked its ears. Again hearing the distant whistle, I assumed that two of the men who had gone out to check off some newly arrived restless cattle, wanted the dog. So I went out, the collie following me. I paused in the yard, and again soon heard that distant whistle repeated twice, when, to my surprise, the dog, instead of showing any further interest, went in again. It was only on a third repetition of the whistle that I became aware that it came from a Starling, sitting up on the roof close behind me. The collie had discovered the deception first; but we had both been thoroughly done.

SHOW DATES FIXED.

To secure insertion in this column a guarantee that the show will be advertised in "C.B." to the extent of at least 25/- must be sent to our manager.

* Under the Rules of the C.B. Union.

*Oct. 4 and 5.—**Burnley.**
*Oct. 11 and 12.—**Great Harwood.**
Oct 12.—**Crook.**
*Oct. 16 and 17.—**Grimsby & Dis. C.B.S.** (J.C.B.)
*Oct. 16 and 17.—**Hayle & District F.A.**
*Oct. 17 and 18.—**Dulwich and Peckham** (J.R., G.E.W., W.V.)
*Oct. 18 and 19.—**Rochdale O.C.** (C.A.H. & W.M.)
*Oct. 18 and 19.—**Newcastle and District Good Intent** (T.H., J.C.B., C.H. and J.P.)
Oct. 18 and 19.—**Accrington & Dis.** (J.R., J.W.)
*Oct. 22 and 23.—**Plymouth W.C.O.S.**
Oct. 25 and 26.—**Chesterfield & District F.A.**
*Oct. 25 and 26.—**Manchester and Northern Counties, O.S.**
Oct, 25 and 26.—**South Shields C.B.S.** (H.W.B., F.M.)
*Oct. 26.—**Middlesborough Tee-side C.B.S.**
*Oct. 26 & 28.—**Cheltenham C.B.S.** (J.HP., J.R.)
*Oct. 30.—**Morecambe F.A.**
Oct. 30.—**Torbay O.S.**
*Oct. 30 and 31.—**Welsh National C.B.S.** (G.E.W., J.N., J.B.E.)
Oct. 30 and 31.—**Wellingborough C.B.S.**
Oct. 30 and 31.—**Wolverhampton C.B.S.** (J.R.)
Oct. 31.—**Oswestry F. & F.A.**
Oct. 31.—**Potteries and District C.B.A.** (W.V.)
*Nov 1 and 2.—**Mansfield.**
*Nov. 1 and 2.—**Blackburn and District C.B.S.**
*Nov. 1 and 2.—**Blaydon-on-Tyne and District C.B.S.**
*Nov. 2.—**Rochdale Good Intent** (H.W.B., R.B.)
*Nov. 2.—**Bramley O.S. (Leeds)** (J.C.B.)
Nov. 2.—**Cleator Moor F.S.** (C.H. & A.H.)
*Nov. 2 and 4.—**Leicester Hand in Hand C.B.S.**
Nov. 2 and 4.—**Norwich Alliance (All England) C.B.A.**
*Nov. 5 and 6.—**York C.B.S.** (J.H.R., H.W.B.)
Nov. 6 and 7.—**Portsmouth.**
*Nov. 6 and 7.—**Swansea and District C.B.A.** (T.H.M., J.R., D.H.T., J.H.J., A.H.)
*Nov. 7 and 8.—**Greenwich and Deptford** (J.R., J.D.)
*Nov. 8 and 9.—**Preston O.S.** (J.C.B., P.R.)
*Nov. 8 and 9.—**Hinckley** (J.R.)
*Nov. 8 and 9.—**Sheffield and District C.B.S.** (A.A., W.V.)
*Nov. 8 and 9.—**Wallsend & Mid Tyne C.B.A.**
*Nov. 8 and 9.—**Warrington C.B.S.**
*Nov. 9.—**Bo'ness.**
*Nov. 9.—**Stockton-on-Tees & District C.B.S.**
*Nov. 12.—**Cambridge and Cambridgeshire C.B.S.** (J.R.)
*Nov. 13.—**Luton** (J.R.)
*Nov. 14.—**Merthyr Tydfil.**
Nov. 15 and 16.—**Blackpool** (J.H.R.)
*Nov. 15 and 16.—**Leeds** (P.R., J.R. & H.W.B.)
Nov. 16.—**Consett.**
Nov. 16.—**Galashiels O.S.**
*Nov. 16.—**Morpeth** (W.V., J.P.)
*Nov. 16 and 18.—**Nottingham** (J.H.P., W.E.G. C.H.)
Nov. 19.—**Wishaw and District C.S.**
Nov. 19 and 20.—**Southend-on-Sea.**
Nov. 20.—**Inverness O.A.**
Nov. 20 and 21.—**Margate** (J.R.)
Nov. 20 & 21—**Northampton Good Intent O.S.**
Nov. 20 and 21.—**Bristol C.B.S.**
*Nov. 21. **Morriston & District C.B.S.**
Nov. 22 and 23.—**Bolton.**
*Nov. 22 and 23.—**Hull** (J.C.B., C.H.)
*Nov. 22 and 23.—**Sunderland.**
Nov. 23.—**City and County of Perth.**
*Nov. 26 and 27.—**Bournemouth and District C.B.S.**
*Nov. 26 and 27.—**Derby** (J.B. J.R., J.H.R., J.H.S.)
*Nov. 27 and 28.—**Cardiff and District C.B.S.** (J.H.P. & J.R.)
Nov. 28 and 29.—**Y.C.C. of Ireland** (H.W.B.)
Nov. 30.—**City of Dundee.**
Nov. 30.—**Darlington C.B.S.**
Dec. 4 and 5.—**Bristol Fanciers' Association.**
Dec. 6 and 7.—**Hartlepools C.B.S.** (H.W.B., J.M.)
Dec. 6 and 7.—**L.C.B.A. (Westminster).**
Dec. 7.—**Cupar, Fife** (E.G.W., J. McL., H.B., P. McQ.)
Dec. 13 and 14.—**Edinburgh Ornithological Open Society.**
Dec. 13 and 14.—**Gateshead and District.**
Dec. 13 and 14.—**Pendleton and Salford O.S.** (H.W.B., W.B.)
Dec. 14.—**Harrogate C.B.S.** (H.W.B.)
*Dec. 21.—**Seaham Harbour & Dis. C.B.A.**
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The Morpeth and District O.S. has engaged Messrs. W. Vardy and J. Patterson to judge the sixth annual show, to be held on Saturday, November 16th, writes Mr. A. Dippie, the Sec.

Oswestry F. and F.A.'s eighth Annual Open Show will bo held on Thursday, October 31st, write Messrs. George and Doody, Hon. Secs.

The judges engaged at Cupar Show on December 7th next, writes Mr. W. Ruddiman, the Sec., are:—Scotch Fancies, Mr. E. G. Wright (Edinburgh); Norwich, Mr. J. McLay, (Kirkintilloch); Border Fancy, Mr. Henry Bennet (Kelso); Mules, British and Foreign, Mr. P. McQuiston (Ayr).

Unity at Hastings.

We learn that at a meeting held recently at the Royal Oak Hotel, the two Hastings and St. Leonards Cage Bird Societies, viz., the Hastings and St. Leonards C.B.S. and the Hastings Central C.B.S., decided to amalgamatt, and in future be known as the Hastings United C.B.S. They will start with £5 in hand, and a membership of nearly a hundred. Officers were elected as follows:—President, E. E. Clarke, Esq.; Chairman, J. Stevens; Treasurer, H. Godden; Managing Committee, Messrs. T. G. Coombs, . H. Bellamy, H. Bond, A. W. Warr, R. Cragg, G. H. Stubberfield, J. Dawson, C. Nagel, A. George, G. Barham, H. Morris, C. Wappett, J. Shuler, W. Upton, C. Chantler, L. T. Samways, W. Button, H. L. Harris, A. S. Clarke, and R. Harris. Annual subscription, 2s. 6d.; entrance fee, 1s. All new members must reside within a radius of 20 miles.—Joint Secretaries: Messrs. A. E. and J. H. Godden, Ceylon House, Earl Street, Hastings.

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IN THE COURTS.

Alleged Fraud by a Nottingham Bird Dealer.

Henry Tindall, alias Swift, a bird dealer, of Nottingham, was charged at Chesterfield on March 26th with obtaining credit to the amount of 19s. by fraud from John Burge, Whittington Moor, on November 12th, 1906. Formal evidence was given that Tindall had an establishment in West Street, Nottingham, where he traded under the names of Miles and Tindall. It was alleged that the prisoner was in the habit of obtaining birds, for which he paid a deposit, but failed to remit the balance.—Superintendent Faulkner asked for a remand until Thursday week.—Mr. Smith, solicitor, Nottingham, on behalf of the prisoner, asked for bail.—The remand was granted, bail being allowed.

A Question of Terms.

A case came before his Honour Judge Dodd, K.C., at Scarborough County Court, in which George Simpson, jeweller, St. Thomas Street, sued George Wressell, bird dealer, of Crowle, for £3 5s., balance on the sale of birds. On plaintiff's sido it was contended that he advertised 59 Canaries for sale: Defendant replied, and plaintiff offered the lot at £15. Defendant replied that he did not think the birds would fetch as much, but he would do the best he could. Mr. Simpson sent on the birds and said that there would be a reduction of ten shillings. The defence was that the price offered by defendant was 8s. per pair, and £11 5s. had been paid.—His Honour took the view that defendant had accepted the birds on plaintiff's terms, and as he had not returned them he must pay the balance. Judgment accordingly.

THE YOUNG NATURALIST.

Prizes of 1s. and two of 6d. each will be given for respectively the best and two second best cuttings or original bits about birds. Competitors must be children under sixteen years of age. All efforts must be briefly and clearly written, and ON ONE SIDE OF THE PAPER ONLY.

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The Crested Tit.

I was sitting on the grass under the shade of a Rita nut tree in our "compound" (garden) in India, watching the Green Paraquets busily feeding their young, when a pair of small birds in a tree on my right attracted my attention. I got up and approached them to see more clearly what they were, when one of them flew and alighted on my "sola topi" (sun hat). I think this is a striking instance of the tameness of the Tit family.—Sent by J. C. Joubert (age 14), Wellington College, Berks.

*The Peasant and the Parrot.

There was in the city of Macon a parrot which had learned to say continually, "Who is there? Who is there?" This Parrot escaped one day from its cage in the garden and soon flew into a wood near by, where a peasant saw it and began to chase it. The peasant had never seen a Parrot in all his life. He approached the tree where the bird was, and was going to kill the poor bird with his gun. At that moment the Parrot began to repeat the usual question, "Who is there? Who is there?" The peasant, terrified at these words, let his gun fall from his hands. Then, taking his hat off, he said, very respectfully: "My dear sir, I pray you to excuse me; I thought that it was a bird."—Colin Munro (age 13), 165, Bellfield Street, Dennistown, Glasgow.

*Two Pet Thrushes.

My father and I were spending a day in the country last spring, when I found a Thrush's nest with two young ones and one bad egg. The parents fed them until noon, and then they disappeared altogether, and I watched the nest until dusk, but still the old birds never returned; so my father brought them home, reared them, and now they are two lovely birds, very tame. I bake them a peameal cake every week.—Queenie Abell (age 10), Mandale Road, Thornaby-on-Tees.

**Our Pet Canary.

My elder brother had a very tame hen Canary, which could whistle, and it was a great favourite with all in the house. My brother would open the cage door and hold out a long cane and say, "Sweet, sweet," and it would come on the cane, fearing nothing; it would also perch on our shoulders and on our heads. One day our Canary got out of her cage and flew into the yard, and my brother thought he had lost it, as it got on the house tiles; but, on seeing the kitchen door open, it flew in the house again and soon found its cage, which was open, and it flew inside, there to remain. However, one day the hook out of the ceiling on which the cage was hung gave way, and it came down. The cage was then placed on the dresser for the time being, but next day, when mother was in the yard, a wily black cat came in the front door, which was open, and, on seeing the cage, sprang clean on it, opened the cage door, and our poor Canary was killed before mother had time to realise what was the matter.—Sent by Olive Jaques (age 12), 5, The Villas, Hexthorpe, Doncaster.

CLUB NOTICES.

No charge is made for notices of forthcoming meetings, but they can only be inserted once. Should secretaries desire to secure immediate insertion of their announcements **exactly as written** they can do so by prepayment at the rate of three words a penny.

Accrington C.B.S.—April 11th, at Central Conservative Club, 8 o'clock. Discussion re Young Show; also lecture on "Breeding and Management of Canaries," by Mr. A. Hirst; all fanciers are cordially invited.—D. Harwood, sec.

Attercliffe and Dis. C.B.S.—April 11th, at Horse and Jockey Hotel, Attercliffe Road, 8 p.m. Lecture by Mr. H. Taylor, "The Norwich."—W. Richinson, sec.

Blackburn C.B.S.—Thurs. next, at Meloria Restaurant, 8 p.m. Bird washing exhibition.—J. W. Marsden, sec.

Border Counties N. and C.C.—April 6th, at Lockhart's, 37, Clayton Street, Newcastle, 6 p.m. Balance-sheet report; large attendance requested.—A. Hay, sec.

Bradford (East) O.S.—April 9th, at Park Chapel Schools, 8 p.m. Mr. W. A. Cowgill will lecture on the "Management of Canaries"; friends invited.—H. Hill, hon. sec.

Brechin C.B.S.—April 10th, at Temperance Hall, 8 o'clock.—Geo. Mitchell, sec.

British Roller C.C.—April 9th, at the King's Arms Tavern, 128, Bishopsgate Street Without, 8 p.m.—J. W. Norris, sec.

Bury and Dis. C.B.S.—April 9th, at Textile Hall, 7.30 p.m. Lecture by Mr. Bladon, president of Cage Bird Union, on "Some Requirements of the Bird Room."—F. E. Holden, asst. sec.

City and Suburban A.C.B.—April 8th, at 7 p.m. Finch Show and Judging Competition; judge, C. Prior, Esq.—V. Wynn, sec.

City of Hull C.B.S.—April 8th, at Oddfellows Hall, 8. Colour feeding discussion, and classification for Members' Shows.—F. F. Potter, sec.

City of Wakefield O.S.—April 9th, at Victoria Cafe, 8 p.m. To fix date of Open Show.—Keeley and Netherwood, secs.

Coventry O.S.—April 10th, at Sydenham Palace, Ford Street, 8.30 p.m. Important business.—G. Turrell, sec.

Crook C.B.S.—April 6th, at 8 o'clock. To elect judges, etc.; subscriptions now due.—A. Bowes, sec.

Darlington C. and B.B.F.A.—April 10th, at George Hotel, 8 p.m. Washing Exhibition and arrangements for First Feather Show.—R. S. Black, sec.

Dudley and Dis. C.B.S.—April 10th, at Headquarters, Crown Hotel, Wolverhampton Street, Dudley, 8 o'clock. Open smoking concert; all fanciers and friends invited.—J. J. Mullett, sec.

Dundee, Lochie, and Broughty Ferry C.B.A.—April 3rd, at Cutlers' Hall, Murraygate, 8 p.m. Classification for Open Show, Nov. 3rd and 4th; intending members cordially invited.—Jas. D. Rae, sec.

Eccleshill C.B.A.—April 6th, at Fountain Inn, 8 p.m. Important business.—W. Ashworth, sec.

Farnworth and Dis. C.B.S.—April 7th, at Old Post Office Inn, Market Street, 7.30 p.m. Selection of judge for Young Bird Show, etc.—W. Dawson, sec.

Goldthorpe, Thurnscoe and Dis. C.B.S.—April 7th, at Horse and Groom Hotel, Goldthorpe, 7 p.m. Date of next Feather Show and amalgamation.—W. Jackson, sec.

Gt. Harwood and Dis. C.B.S.—April 8th, at Headquarters, Town Gate, 7.30 prompt.—F. Sharples, sec.

Guisborough F.S.—April 6th, at Headquarters, 7 p.m. To consider the appointment of judges; Mr. Hall's proposition re cup for cage birds, and other very important business.—W. T. Simpson, hon. sec.

Halifax O.S.—April 6th, at Griffin Hotel, 8 o'clock. Mr. A. Bottomley will lecture on "Pairing, Breeding, and Rearing Canaries"; friends invited.—J. F. Thackray, sec.

Huddersfield O.S.—April 8th, at White Hart Hotel, 8 p.m. Election of delegates to Y.U. of C.B.S., and Monthly Table Show.—S. Lodge, sec.

Ilford and Dis. F.A.—April 9th, at Alexandra Hall, 8 p.m. Election of new members; general business.—Chas. H. Reader, sec.

Leeds C.B.S.—April 6th, at Lockhart's, Briggate, 7.30 p.m. "Breeding and Rearing," Mr. King; all fanciers cordially invited.—Stephenson and Hardy, secs

Leeds Roller C.C.—April 6th, at Lockhart's, 55, Briggate, 7.30 p.m. To hear report of joint committee of Leeds C.B.S. and Leeds R.C.; all members attend.—C. Towes, hon. sec.

Leicester C.B.S.—April 10th, at Headquarters, 8 p.m. Table Show (Linnets only); judge, Mr. H. J. Chick (Nottingham); Mr. Chick will also give a lecture on the Linnet.—J. Heighton, sec.

Leith O.S.—April 13th, at Labour Hall, Smith Place, 8 p.m. Booking of hens; selection of hall for show; last meeting for enrolling new members.—G. Brown, sec.

Leyton and Dis. C.B.A.—April 8th, at the Leyton Constitutional Club, High Road, Leyton (opposite Essex County cricket ground), 8 p.m. Mr. Robson will leeture on "The Breeding of Canaries"; all fanciers invited.—B. F. Forse, sec.

London and Counties A.C.B.—April 11th, at the Bay Malton, Gt. Portland Street, W., 8.30 p.m. Lecture, "The Lancashire," by C. A. House, Esq.—R. J. Pretty, sec.

Manchester and N.C.O.S.—April 8th, at Deansgate Hotel, 7.45 p.m. Mr. F. W. Nelson (Stockport) will lecture on the Yorkshire Canary, its good and bad points, pairing, breeding, preparing for, and exhibiting.—H. Jones, asst. sec.

Metropolitan A.C.M. and H.B.—April 11th, at Crown Hotel, Lavender Hill, S.W., 8.15 p.m. Nominations and elections and special business.—A. J. Head, sec.

Morley C.B.S.—April 6th, at Band Room, 8 o'clock. Coming shows and other important business.—W. H. Groundwell, sec.

Morriston and Dis. C.B.S.—Special meeting, April 13th, 7.30 p.m. To select judge.—D. Jeremy, sec.

North London C.B.A.—April 10th, at Library Hall, Church Street, Stoke Newington, 8 p.m. Debate on breeding.—R. R. Harper, sec.

North Manchester C.B.S.—April 9th, at Christ Church Schools, Harpurhey, 8 o'clock. Lecture, "British Birds and Mules," by Mr. Bestwick, of Stockport.—John Davey, sec.

Nottingham and Notts O.S.—April 17th, at the Cobden Hall, 8 o'clock. Mr. Chick's postponed lecture on British birds.—G. E. Wilkinson, sec.

Oldham and Dis. C.B.S.—April 9th, at Textile Hall, Shaw Road, 8 p.m. Show business; passing of new rules, etc.—A. Ackroyd, sec.

Pelton and Dis. C.B.S.—April 13th, at Fleece Inn, 7 p.m. Schedule for next Feather Show, July 13th.—L. Hall, sec.

Pendleton and Salford.—April 11th, at Derby Arms, Oldfield Road, 8 p.m.—S. Skelton, sec.

Rochdale O.C.—April 8th, at Club Rooms, 8 p.m. Quarterly meeting.—J. Butterworth, sec.

Sale Open O.S.—April 8th, at Sale Hotel, 8 p.m. Table Show of British birds, foreign birds, and selling class.—Geo. F. Hardcastle, sec.

Scottish National C.B.S.—Special meeting, April 6th, at 142, High Street, Edinburgh, 7.30 p.m. Important; a large attendance requested.—Jas. Winter, sec.

Shields and Dis.—April 10th, at Gregg's Cafe, 7.30. Payment of subscriptions, etc.—Wm. Duke, sec.

South London C. and F.A.—April 10th, at Royal George, Tanners' Hill, Lewisham High Road, S.E., 8 p.m. Selection of judges for Annual Show; payment of prize money won at Pair Show.—G. A. Jefferys, sec.

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CANARIES.

NORWICH PLAINHEADS.

Answered by J. H. PAYNE.

Loss of Feather (F.H.C.).—Your Norwich hen has evidently got surfeit. Put a little sulphur ointment on the affected part, with your finger tip, two or three times. Give a little egg food twice a week, to which add a pinch of magnesia instead of the Chemical Food. Put a piece of apple between the bars of the cage for it to peck at, and also give two or three times a week a few dandelion leaves and a sprig of watercress. You need have no fear of contagion. The cistern in your room would make no difference. Should the hen continue to make the slight noise you mention, then give in the drinking water every day for a week, and afterwards every alternate day for a fortnight, 15 drops of syrup of tolu and 10 drops of paregoric.

First Steps (E. Wood).—As you are quite a novice it is a pity you did not buy another cock and make two pairs, as the running of two hens with one cock is best left to fanciers of some experience. I should advise you to purchase another cock, if you can do so, as I feel certain you will get more satisfactory results. If you do not do this, then pair up the cock to one of the hens, and when she has laid her fourth egg, take the cock away and put him with the other hen about a week after. By the time the first hen has her young partly reared you should be able to take him away from the second, as she should be sitting hard if all has gone on well. When the first hen's youngsters can do for themselves, then put the cock with her again. Egg powder is very little good for rearing young Canaries on. Mix equal weight of hard-boiled egg and crushed biscuits (or home-made bread) and give when the hen has young three times a day, if you can. This must be made fresh daily. When the young are a week old, you may scald a little best German rape seed and add it to the egg and biscuit. Pour boiling water over the rape seed, and let stand for a few minutes. Then put it in a strainer, and let the tap run over it for a minute or two, the object being to take away the acidity. Use the seed when the water has all run away. Put a tablespoonful to one egg. When the hens are feeding their young, give plenty of hemp seed and a liberal supply of green food. Chickweed, when in seed, I think is far and away the best green food, and this you may give ad libitum. When you cannot procure it, give lettuce and watercress, or dandelion, all of which you may use freely when the birds have young.

YORKSHIRES.

Answered by H. W. BATTYE.

Died When About to Nest (J.G.C.).—You paired your birds too early. Your hen seems to have gone on all right until she became with egg; probably the cold nights were too much for her, and she may have died egg-bound. Or from what you say in regard to her not laying an egg last season, she may have been a weak hen constitutionally. It is a difficult matter for me to say definitely what was the cause of death, but I may say this:—If breeders would wait patiently till the first or second week in April before pairing their birds there would be fewer hens go amiss and die, or, in other cases, be of no further use during the season. But it does not seem to be any use telling people to wait; and, that being so, they must take the consequences. My own hens are still in flight cages, and will remain there for some time yet.

Hen "Gone Wrong" (Amateur).—Give your hen ten drops of glycerine and ten drops of whisky in her drinking water. As you have removed her out of cold room into the kitchen, you had better keep her there till the weather is warmer, or she will probably drop into the loose moult. Give the cock bird that is off song, but seems in good trim, the same treatment as to its drinking water, and give, in addition, fresh daily, a little egg food—just about the quantity you think he will eat during the day, say a small teaspoonful. Well mix with the egg food eight drops of Parrish's Chemical Food, and then sprinkle a pinch of maw seed over it. Try this for two weeks, when by that time I think you will see an improvement.

BORDERS.

Answered by J. PATTERSON.

Buff Hen Poor in Feather (A.B.).—Your feeding is a little at fault. If I understand you rightly, you say you give rape one day, hemp the next, and so on. Stop the hemp entirely until the hen is feeding young. Give, once a week, among the gravel, a little mixed seed, as sold in packets by dealers. Let her now have twice a week half a teaspoonful of egg-food, with three drops of Chemical Food added. Give, in drinking water for three days, half a teaspoonful of magnesia. Catch her, and examine under the wings, and at base of neck, and see is she is not infested with canary lice. Should you see any trace of them, dust a piece of cloth, one foot long by six inches broad, with Keating's insect powder; roll her up in this (only leaving her head out) for ten minutes. Have a clean cage to run her into, wash out the one you took her from with warm water, ammonia, and a little carbolic. Rinse, and put out in the fresh air for twenty-four hours. Rub on bare places a little hazeline ointment daily for a week. Keep out of draughts. After the three days with magnesia in drinking water, replace it for the next twelve days with 12 drops tincture of quinine. Give occasionally a small piece of sponge cake, with two drops of sherry wine on it; and a small piece dandelion every day, free from frost.

MISCELLANEOUS CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by J. NORTH.

Canary Bare on Back.—Cock Canary bare on back, and continually pecks it; is otherwise apparently healthy, and always singing. Have rubbed sore place with vaseline and given him a quassia bath. Cannot trace any red mite.—TOLLCROSS.

The red mite, being "beasts of prey," secrete themselves during the day, but can easily be discovered by candlelight at night. Have you so examined them? I feel sure that these parasites are at the root of the mischief. If you can find these pests, proceed to their undoing with freshly ground pyrethrum insect powder peppered on bird and cage, after which the application of the following cooling lotion may help to cure it:—Take one teaspoonful of precipitated sulphur and one teaspoonful of glycerine; rub them together in a cup, and add two tablespoonfuls of fresh milk. The bare place should be bathed once or twice a day with this.

Seed Samples (Æolus).—I agree with your disapproval of No. 3 rape; it is hot and strong in flavour. No. 1 is also rather coarse, but No. 2 is superior. It is of the right size, colour, and mild taste. No. 4 Spanish canary is a tempting sample, bold, clean, and bright; but No. 5, although the same sort of seed, is not so taking in appearance. One would imagine the sample had been skilfully extracted from the bulk and had received an extra brush through the polishing machine.

Owing to the Easter Holidays many Queries have necessarily had to remain unanswered until our next issue.—Editor.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

British and German Hen Bullfinches (Muler).—There is practically no difference in looks between the British hen Bullfinch and the hen Bullfinch fanciers term a German. Some will tell you the latter is larger; but this is not so. I have seen genuine Britishers quite as large as any Germans. Russian hen Bullies and Siberians are, of course, a size or two larger than either, some of the latter being monsters. When fanciers refer to "German" hen Bullies, however, they generally intend to convey the "hand-reared" kind—that is to say, steady birds, a lot of which are imported every season, many being "broken pipers," or birds which have been under tuition, but have failed to learn the desired tune. Most of these German hens are a trifle paler in colour than English hens caught in the open, though deep-coloured specimens are not at all uncommon. A Bullie hen lets one know when she is in condition for nesting in just the same way as a hen Canary; she will "call" for the attentions of the male bird, and carry nesting material about in her beak.

Redstart Short of Feathers (James George).—It is quite likely that the head feathers of your Redstart will be reproduced this spring. If not, they are certain to be so at the next moult. I take it they were knocked off during the steadying process, after the bird was caught last autumn. I don't think I should attempt any interference; they are not the kind of bird to stand much handling. Besides, there is no object in risking it, as shows are few and far between 'twixt now and next season.

Linnet Mule Weak (Anxious to Know).—If your Mule is now only five months old, it must have been an exceptionally late-hatched bird, and the weakness of which you speak may quite likely be due to this fact. I advise you to try a lengthy course of a good "building up" medicine; also to feed generously. Get a bottle of Allen and Hanbury's Byno-phosphates, and for a fortnight mix a teaspoonful with every two tablespoonfuls of drinking water, fresh daily. At the expiration of that period, give it at daily intervals (plain water in between). Let the bird have a little maw, hemp, and cracked sunflower seed daily (in addition to its usual seed, of which you make no mention). Also give a little egg-cake (see the various recipes given lately in CAGE BIRDS), moistened with a spot or two of new milk and well sprinkled with maw seed. Gather it a few young dandelion leaves frequently, and offer seeding shepherd's purse and chickweed as soon as you can lay hands on any.

Lacks a Toenail (B. Wheatley).—It is a pity your Bramblefinch has a nail missing, as in any case it is almost certain to handicap him on the show bench. I can quite believe he has won several times subsequent to its loss, as much difference of opinion exists amongst judges with regard to the precise handicap a missing nail entails. Some seem to take very little notice, or none whatever, of such a point; some peg a bird back a little on account of it; others throw them out of competition altogether. Personally, I think the latter rather too drastic a position to take up.

Puppy Biscuits, a Lark, and a Blackbird (H.C.).—Good puppy biscuits make an excellent basis for the stock food of a Blackbird. They require other ingredients mixed with them, of course, on the lines so frequently advised in this column. Some fanciers believe in soaking the soft food with hot water—or, rather, adding sufficient of the latter to cause it to swell—giving it to the birds when cold; others give it dry except for the admixture of grated raw carrot, chopped green stuff, cold boiled potato, etc. I have tried both methods with success. I always added hot water in the early days of my bird-keeping experiences, and found it quite all right. Of late years I have moistened the stock food with the vegetable ingredients only, and been equally successful. The latter method, however, is considerably the more cleanly, and very considerably lessens the danger of sour food; hence, in my own opinion, it is considerably the better one to adopt. Your Lark ought to sing out strongly now the sunshiny days of spring seem to have settled on the land. From your letter, however, it would seem as though you are feeding it entirely on seeds; this, of course, is wrong. Skylarks want a good soft food as their staple diet, with a daily feed of seed as a secondary item only. Let him have a few mealworms every day.

Moulting and Mating of a Chaffinch (J.M.).—Your Chaffinch will by now be well on with the shedding of its feathers, and you can do nothing to stop the latter falling. It would probably be unwise to do so, indeed. Did the bird moult last autumn? I expect he did, and, if so, you have by some unfortunate means or other got him into a cross moult. Keep him out of draughts, feed him well, and wait patiently for him to get it over. Purchase a pennyworth or two of citrate of iron from a chemist, and every second day dissolve a tiny pinch (a few granules only) in its drinking water; give plain water in the intervals. I doubt whether it would be any good pairing him with a hen Greenfinch, even if he were in the best of health. The cock Chaffinch is now generally accepted as having bred with a hen Bramblefinch; it is also said to have produced young when mated with a hen Canary. Otherwise its score-sheet is a blank one, so to speak. Still, it leaves you with all the wider field for experimentation.

Goldfinch Losing Flight Feathers (E.W.H.).—I should say the annoying frequency with which your bird loses its flights is due to its temperament. Some Goldies are curious little birds, and hard to "reckon up," as any old fancier of the species will tell you. I have had birds which, though to all appearance as "steady as rocks," at times had fits of mad fright (if it is really fright), especially during the night, when they would dash themselves about the cage, and seldom without more or less serious damage to their plumage resulting. Possibly your bird is in the habit of roosting on the wires up at the top of its cage front. It often happens that Goldies and other birds which do this, are found minus their flights. Doubtless they get the wing locked in some way between the wires, and when they go to fly down, out come the flight feathers. And the oftener the latter are knocked out the less it takes in the way of a wrench to fetch them out afterwards. The fact of a Linnet being a "twirler" does not necessarily make it useless for Mule-breeding; such a bird would be as likely as any (all other things being equal) to fertilise eggs. Hen Canaries which have been used for Mule breeding can most certainly be used for Canary breeding the season following, if desired. In fact, they will produce both Mules and Canaries in the same season (and even in the same nest) if paired to that end.

"Black-headed" Bunting (T.W.).—I presume by "Black-headed" Bunting you mean the Reed Bunting—especially as you say it was caught some few days back. The Black-headed Bunting proper is only an accidental (very rare) straggler to these shores. A really good Reed Bunting makes a nice exhibition bird. When fresh caught, their value is but small—from 1/- to 5/-, according to the particular excellence of the specimen. Feed him as you would any of the Bunting family, who care for little in confinement except good sound canary seed. This should be varied with lightly-cracked hemp, shelled and smashed sunflower, groats, small wheat and oats, crushed, if necessary, summer rape, maw, etc. The bird must also have live (insect) food three or four times weekly; mealworms in the winter, flies, smooth caterpillars, spiders, and anything similar in the summer, or as obtainable. If the bird will eat a little good insectivorous food, containing plenty of ants' eggs, as often as you like to give it, so much the better for its chances of thriving. Damp it with a little summer rape which has been soaked in cold water until just beginning to sprout; or a very little grated raw carrot or finely-minced lettuce, or other green food. A good diet is needed, as many Buntings are apt to go off in a "decline."

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FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S.

Parrakeets with Finches.—(1) What kind of Parrakeets could I put in with Finches and Waxbills for breeding in outdoor aviary? (2) Would Red-rumps do? (3) Do all Parrakeets destroy conifers?—J. H. ADAN.

(1) This is a difficult matter to decide. Parrakeets and even Budgerigars are most unsafe company for Finches and Waxbills, as I know experimentally to my cost during the past year. The only species I can with any confidence recommend is the Turquoisine (*Neophema pulchella*). It is harmless among small birds, and when acclimatised is hardy and enduring, if you provide against the hen becoming egg-bound. Unfortunately these birds have not been imported to this country for some years; but perhaps you are more fortunate on the Continent, and if you can get a pair they are beautiful and desirable birds, and will not harm your smaller birds; otherwise I do not recommend you to put in anything other than Cockatiels. (2) No; Red-rumps are absolutely demons during the breeding season, even to other Parrakeets. (3) Yes; but you will find the Turquoisine less destructive than any in this respect; in fact, I do not anticipate they would do them much material damage.

Birds for Outside Aviary.—(1) In my aviary, 16 by 6 by 9 ft. high, I have two pairs Budgerigars, one pair Java Sparrows, and two Weavers. Could I put with these a pair of Bullfinches? (2) I have a Pin-tailed Whydah with bad feet, toe broken or bitten off each foot; he used to be in aviary with the others. How can I treat? (3) Please name a suitable selection for my other aviary, and what would be their average value?—A.R.W.

(1) There is always a danger in keeping Budgerigars with Finches, though in an aviary the size of yours the risk should not be an unduly large one. However, you may take it the Bullfinches will be as safe as your Java Sparrows and Weavers. (2) This is a fair illustration of the Budgerigars' mischief. It is these birds that have bitten off the toes of your Whydah. As your bird objects to be handled, unless its feet are very dirty, or there is a festering sore, I should leave it as it is. The only other method is to catch it, well soak its feet in warm water, and gently press any matter out, or in case of any bleeding, lightly paint with Friar's Balsam, keeping the bird in the hand till it is dry. (3) This aviary would accommodate twenty small Foreign Finches, but what I advise you to do is to catch up your Budgerigars and put them in the small aviary, and retain your large aviary for the Finches. You could put twenty pairs of small Finches in with your Weavers, etc., as under:—Zebra, Orange-cheek, Grey and St. Helena Waxbills, common and green Avadavats, all 3/6 to 4/6 a pair, Ribbon, Zebra, Striated and Spicefinches, all 3/6 to 4/6 a pair, Parson (10/-), Diamond (10/-), Ruficauda (10/-), Long-tailed (10/-), Gouldian (20/-), Chestnut-breasted (10/-), Pectoral (10/-), and Yellow-rumped Finches (10/- about), all per pair. Also Silver bills, Bengalese and Mannikins, in variety, average 3/6 to 4/6 a pair. I may say that a Pin-tailed Whydah when in breeding plumage is very frequently dangerous to birds weaker than itself.

Waxbills and Mannikins.—Can I keep a pair each in a cage 2 by 1 by 1½ ft. high? Will they breed together, and what is their diet?—J.B.

It is useless attempting breeding Foreign birds with more than one pair in such a cage. Waxbills are shy breeders, and seldom attempt to nest in captivity, such events being quite uncommon even in large aviaries. You do not say what species of Mannikins you intend keeping, the larger species though usually amiable in any company, yet in the narrow confines of a cage, if a quibble did arise over a favourite perch, etc., a blow from their powerful beaks would be fatal to a bird even their own size. If you desire to breed, be content with one pair, either Zebrafinches or Cutthroats would be almost certain breeders in such a cage. Get one of the Hartz travelling cages (any dealer will let you have one for a few coppers), take out the fittings and cut out two of the bars to form an entrance hole; hang this up at end of the cage, against the back and as high as possible; supply hay and long grass for nesting material. Diet: Canary, white and spray millet, green food, grit, cuttlefish, ants' eggs (cocoons), and water for drinking and bathing. When they are rearing young supply a little of some good soft food mixture; several good ones are advertised under "Foods" in our columns.

Birds for Box Cage.—(1) In a box cage, 2 by 1½ by 2 ft. high, how many small birds would live amicably with a pair of Golden-breasted Waxbills? (2) What kinds would be suitable, and what is their diet? (3) Could I substitute glass ends to prevent it looking quite so ungainly?—E.F.

(1 and 2) You could keep six to eight pairs of small Waxbills in your cage, provided it is cleaned out daily, and that at least two seed hoppers are supplied. The following would make a handsome series of interesting, pretty, and active, little birds:—Common Avadavat, Orange-cheek and Grey Waxbills, one pair of each, their average value is from 3/6 to 4/6 a pair. Diet: Canary, white and spray millet, green food, grit, cuttlefish, and water for drinking and bathing. Though not really necessary, a few green fly (*aphidæ*), or any kind of plant live from rose, fruit, and any kind of vegetable growths will keep them in finest condition, also happy and contented. (3) The principle of a box cage is to secure its inmates from draught, this is attained by having it only open at the front; what the ends consist of is immaterial, in fact, a matter of taste. Give the birds fresh air (no draughts) and sunshine.

GENERAL.

Answered by the EDITOR.

Cuttings (J.F.S.).—Accept our thanks for an interesting item of news.

Lines by Burns (G. Raeside).—We are much obliged to you for the trouble taken in copying out the extracts, and shall hope to make use of some of them as space permits.

Show Dates Fixed (A.S.).—Thanks for your kind offices on our behalf. We wish your society every success, and congratulate it on the possession of members who recognise value for money when they see it.

Advertising Matter (T.B.).—Thanks for the batch of advertising matter you send on to us. We venture to think there are many more sane persons like yourself around, who will not be blinded by mere lavish circularising into mistaking the dross for the gold.

After the Crystal Palace.

My visit to the Crystal Palace, and subsequent events, have made a happy change in my life, writes Mr. J. H. Verrall (Hove). It was a treat to see the white Bullfinch; I had a chat with the gentleman who reared it from a weakly nestling. If ever I should commence Canary breeding again, I would go in for Borders and try for Cinnamons. With six Canary-Bullfinch Mules, one cannot longer consider them rarities. The Finch Hybrids are too dark in colour, either from having too much hemp seed or something else. I thought the Chaffinches poor in colour; nothing like the wild Chaffinches at liberty on the same date. I call the price limit Finch class a capital idea. With such an excellent report as appeared in CAGE BIRDS, if I wrote any more it would be merely repetition.

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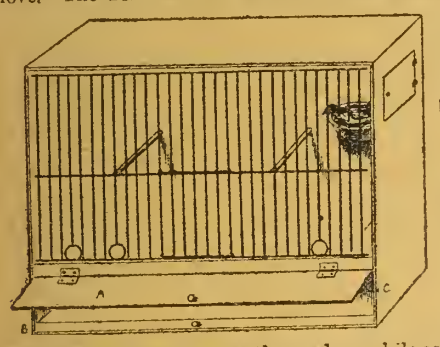
No. 89.

EASY METHOD OF REMOVING SAND-TRAY.

Sent by C. Crook, 12a, Little Ealing Lane, Ealing, W.

I enclose a sketch of a Breeding Cage showing an easy method of removing the sand tray, for use in the case of nervous hens, when sitting, as sometimes grit gets under the tray, making it fit tightly, and therefore hard to remove. The noise it then makes is sometimes



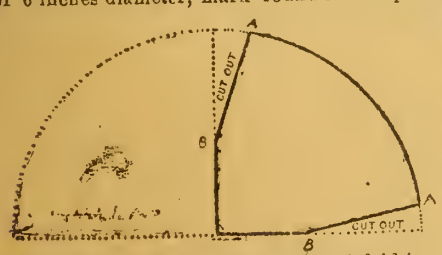
enough to put your own teeth on edge, while as often as not it comes out with a jerk, and serves to upset the eggs as well as the hen. A is a 3-inch flap; B is the draw-board; C is a wire nail going through a hole made with a bradawl from the outer side of the cage, passing into the flap when closed, for fastening purposes.—C. CROOK.

No. 90.

TO MAKE NEST-PAN LININGS.

Sent by Sidney Parkins, 57, Collingdon Street, Luton, Beds.

Herein is a sketch with instructions for making nest-pan linings, which probably may be of use to many of your readers. For use with a 4-inch nest-pan take a breakfast saucer of 6 inches diameter, mark round it on a piece



of white paper, cut the latter out and fold it as shown in sketch. Cut ½ inch off corners, from A to B, which are 2 inches apart. Open the paper (when you have a Maltese Cross) and use it as a pattern. In fitting to nest-pan, use *strong* paste and apply to one side of lining only and be sure to overlap the cut out parts, say ½ of an inch, which will prevent the nesting material from shifting during incubation. Press down very firmly and dry well.—S. PARKINS.

CLUB REPORTS.

MORECAMBE F.A.

Annual meeting, March 20th, 1907, Mr. Edmondson in the chair. The balance sheet was adopted, and showed a balance of £5. At the election of officers Mr. Edmondson was again chosen Chairman and Mr. Nutter Treasurer, with Mr. John H. Ireland as Secretary of the Cage Bird Section. The next Show will take place on October 30th, 1907, under C.B.U. rules.—JNO. H. IRELAND.

WESTERN COUNTIES O.S.

The election of officers and committee for the ensuing year took place on March 26th, and resulted as follows:—President, The Mayor of Plymouth, R. F. Winnicott, Esq. Chairman, Mr. C. Dart. Vice-Chairman, Mr. W. G. French. Hon. Sec. and Treas., Mr. T. Pope. Hon. Assist. Sec., Mr. W. A. Dyer. Auditors, Mr. H. A. Clear and Mr. W. Spillman. Committee, Messrs. J. Ryder, S. Tucker, C. Garland, W. H. Tottle, C. Reed, T. Deeble, C. Hoar, E. Skey, J. H. Full, R. Browning, F. G. Snell, A. E. Cheney, and G. A. Hamilton.—T. POPE, Hon. Sec.

LAISTERDYKE B.F.A.

The members and their wives held their annual tea and concert at Royal Oak Hotel, when 60 sat down to a most excellent repast. After tea a splendid concert was given in the large concert room, and was much enjoyed. Mr. Robinson, the popular tenor, was given rousing applause for his rendering of "Marguerite," "Flight of Ages," "Ora pro nobis," etc. The comic side was taken care of by Mr. Parker, who brought down the house with "Tin Tacks," "A silly thing to do," "A very foolish thing to do," etc. The other artistes were Messrs. Shoesmith, Pounall, Hall, Bottomley, and Miss Richmond, of Rodley. Eleven o'clock came all too soon; all expressed themselves satisfied when we adjourned for home.—J. POUNALL, Sec., 69, New Hey-road, Bradford.

RUTHERGLEN AND DIS. O.S.

Meeting held on 18th March, Mr. Wm. Moffat, M.A., in the chair. Dr. Manson then made reference to the deaths of some of his young Canaries, which seemed to be due to some form of brain mischief. A discussion followed, and as a result of the various opinions, it was decided to hand over two of the avine corpses to Dr. Gray (a pathologist of some note) for examination. The result of Dr. Gray's investigations will be put before the members at next meeting, on 15th April. The next business was the defining of the radius within which members must reside. It was decided to fix no limit, and to make all fanciers of good repute welcome. It was also decided that members should bring friends who were interested in natural history in general, and ornithology in particular, to the meeting. The following gentlemen were then proposed and accepted as members:—Dr. George Gray, M.B., Ch.B., Councillor D. C. Dawson, Messrs. Smart, Carruthers, sen., Livingstone, Munro, Lindsay, and Ross.—F. WILSON, Sec.

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SANDY LANE C.B.A.

There was a good turn up of members and friends of this young, thriving society to hear a lecture from that old fancier, Mr. R. Halliday, on March 21st. Mr. Halliday spoke about three quarters of an hour on the Pairing of Yorkshires, and seemed to have a good grasp of his subject. His speech was greatly enjoyed by all present. There was some good round table talk. The older members of the society, Messrs. Wilson, Bailey, Milburn, Hodgson and Whatmough, took part in a lively discussion on the breeding of Cinamon Marks which was very interesting to the young members. Altogether a most enjoyable evening was spent, closing with a vote of thanks to the chairman and lecturer.

CHELTENHAM C.B.S.

Annual supper and smoking concert, held at headquarters (Sydney Arms Hotel) on Wednesday evening, when a good number of friends and visitors sat down to an excellent repast provided by Host Shinton. The President, Mr. T. J. King, proposed the loyal toasts. Mr. H. Boulter next proposed "The Society and its Officers," to which the President, Vice-President, Mr. Grant, and Hon. Sec., Mr. A. S. Treasurer responded. Mr. Grant then proposed "The Visitors," coupling with it the names of Messrs. H. Boulter and E. A. Evans. The rest of the evening was devoted to harmony. Songs were sung by Messrs. King, Lewis, Harvey, Boulter, etc., and were interspersed by some maudoline solos, given in capital style by Mr. C. Knight. A gramophone kindly lent by Mr. J. Hands, who brought some first-class records with him, also gave great pleasure.

LANCASHIRE C.A.

Meeting, March 16th. Mr. J. Nadin occupied the chair. It was resolved that 10s., the loss incurred at the Crystal Palace, be paid at once. A letter received from the L.C.B.A., applying for our support at this show, was left over. Then came a suggestion from Mr. Laycock as to ringing young birds and guaranteeing classes for same. This was well discussed, but it was deemed inadvisable to proceed in this direction at present, as it would not be possible to procure rings, etc., in time for fixing on birds this coming season. This discussion will be on the agenda for next meeting, and no doubt some satisfactory arrangement will be come to, and will be in working order for 1908. It was resolved that we ask Mr. Robert Barrass to give a lecture on the Lancashire Canary. A suggestion that seemed to be favourable to all present was a ramble to the Trout Fisheries at Skye, and then return to the Rochdale O.C. to hear the lecture by Mr. Barrass. Next meeting at Textile Dining Rooms, Oldham, on June 15th, at 7 p.m.—JAMES LAW, Sec.

Y.C.C. OF IRELAND.

Annual general meeting, held at Dublin, on March 11th, for the election of officers. As all the offices were vacant, it was proposed that Mr. Taylor take the chair, Messrs. Kenny and Cloke to act as scrutineers. Twenty-eight voting papers were received, and the following were declared elected:—President, Major Trotter (25). Vice-Presidents, J. D. Rowe (20), J. M. Barclay (17), J. Reilly (11). Chairman, R. Devitt (26). Treasurer, R. F. Duignau (24). Secretary, W. C. Sholedice (27). Committee (Dublin and County), W. H. Sheridan (23), P. H. Kenry (23), F. R. Fry (21), J. J. Cloke (20), J. Huggard (19), T. Farrell (13), J. R. Hennessy (11), P. Gillen (11); (Country), C. J. Mulligan (25), N. Thompson (23), F. O'Neill (21), W. Hawkins (21), J. McQuaile (21), A. South (20), H. Fulton (20), J. Short (7). Auditors, G. Bray and J. Emoe. A vote of thanks was proposed to Mr. Taylor for the courteous manner in which he occupied the chair, and also to the scrutineers. Mr. R. Devitt, the elected Chairman, then took the chair, and adjourned the meeting until the 18th inst.

At the adjourned meeting, on March 18th, the following alterations were made in the Bye-laws and Rules of the Club:—To Bye-law 2, the following addition was made: "No novice can compete oftener than three successive seasons. Points to count the same as for Challenge Cup; said rule to be retrospective, and to date from first showing." Bye-law 4, governing cups, the word "Secretary" to be struck out, and the word "Treasurer" substituted. After a long discussion about non-feds competing for cup, it was agreed that in the future non-feds can compete for cups as heretofore. The following were admitted members:—Messrs. Crawford (Bray), Devins (Sligo), Graham (Bootherstown). The Chairman then presented Mr. Fortune (Sligo) with the Challenge Cup; a letter was read from Mr. C. A. O'Rielly stating his inability to attend to receive the Novice Cup. Mr. Gillen was presented with medal as runner-up of the Novice Cup. Mr. Devitt then left the chair, and Mr. Fortune presented Mr. Devitt with medal for runner-up of the Challenge Cup. This brought the annual meeting to a close.—W. C. SHOLEDICE, Hon. Sec.

DALKEITH AND DIS. C.C.

Special meeting was held on March 30th, Mr. W. B. Smart, president, in the chair. Several new members joined, making in all 35, the largest number we have had for years.—T. BRIGGS, Sec.

SUNDERLAND C.B.A.

Show fixed for November 22nd and 23rd. Judges, Messrs. G. E. Russell and J. Cameron. Messrs. Young, Stewart, and Page were elected members. New rules and cards distributed to members.—F. GORDON, Sec.

ROTHERHAM C.B.S.

Special meeting was held on Saturday at College Inn, when our old friend, Mr. J. Atter, after a long illness, took the chair. Three new members made. The society is in a good financial position, having a balance of over £5. The date for Open Show is December 6th and 7th. Nest Feather Show, June 29th. Next meeting we are to have a lecture by one of our old members.—J. E. HAYES, Sec.

SALE OPEN O.S.

Meeting, held March 25, Mr. C. H. Smith presiding. Mr. Thos. Harrison, of Altrincham, gave a paper on "Seeds and Other Foods," which was listened to with great attention. At the close the Chairman invited questions and general discussion. After answers had been given, Mr. Harrison received the thanks of the meeting for his very able paper, many of our members receiving very valuable hints. Four new members were made.—GEO. F. HARDCASTLE, Sec.

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Proposed Testimonial to the Honorary Secretary.

SIR,—Kindly give me a little space in your next issue to announce that it was proposed at the annual general meeting of the Yorkshire C.C. of Ireland that a presentation be made to our Hon. Sec. (Mr. W. C. Sholedice) in appreciation of his services towards the success of the club, and in putting it into its present flourishing condition. You might also mention that the committee have appointed me Hon. Sec. of the fund, and that I would be glad to receive donations from members towards the same.—CHAS. J. MILLIGAN, Holborn Street, Sligo.

EGG CAKE RECIPE.

SIR,—"G.W." asks for the egg cake recipe mentioned in my article before the members of the Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S. This, as well as being a splendid cake for using with colour feed, I find very good for young birds after weaning them, in place of egg food, until they get on hard seed. The cake is made as follows:—Eight eggs, ½ lb. pure lard, 1½ lbs. castor sugar, 1½ ozs. baking powder, 1½ ozs. salt, 3½ lbs. flour. Allow the loaves to stand about a week, and then rub them up as fine as possible; mix the colour feed to what you consider a nice strength, adding a little more sugar.—J. LEES.

DOES COLOUR FEEDING SHORTEN THE LIVES OF CANARIES?

SIR—May I ask Canary breeders whether colour feeding tends to materially shorten life? I have just had a most lamentable experience in the death during this passing month of every cock in my bird room (except one, a green). They were all picked birds, large and handsome, in full song, and to all appearance in splendid condition until (in each case two or three days before death) the song suddenly ceased, the bird sat thick, and the droppings were milky. I take a great interest in this hobby, have leisure to devote to it, am scrupulously clean, and have a large airy room, with cages of approved make and up-to-date appliances. It has been my boast that, during the three years I have been breeding, I had never lost a bird after getting it on the perches. I am at a complete loss to account for all this sudden misfortune. The birds dying in this way were those picked for this year's work, and were just those which had been colour fed last year. The hens, retained for breeding, were not fed, and are well and hearty. The green cock, unfed, is also well, and has a hen on six eggs. I may add that I buy the best seed, and follow closely all instructions given by experts in CAGE BIRDS. I shall be only too grateful for advice or suggestions from any experienced breeders.—ANNA DUKE.

THE SQUARE FEATHER CONTROVERSY.

SIR,—Since the spirited discussion at the C.C.A. rooms, when Mr. Ramsden attended, I have had the opportunity of examining a number of birds showing these "trimmed" feathers. At the time, after carefully examining the feathers from the disqualified Palace birds, I fully agreed with the conclusions arrived at by certain ornithological experts, that the feathers had been cut or damaged by some means, but not by scissors, because under a strong glass a distinct fringe could be seen along the cut edge, formed by the little barbs (barbules), projecting over the cut end of each barb. I made the suggestion at the meeting that the damage might have been caused by an instrument like a bird's beak. I received invitations from several Green Canary fanciers to visit their rooms and examine some of these feathers in situ. I have availed myself of this opportunity, and I am astonished to find so many birds with apparently "trimmed" feathers, and in each case chiefly upon the bird's back. Mr. Benson, of New Brighton, has given me a bird to make what use I can of to discover the cause of these damaged feathers. This bird (which is not a show specimen) has, speaking roughly, about fifty of these feathers, with their ends, to all appearance, nipped off in exactly the same manner as the birds I saw disqualified at the Palace Show. I intend to breed with this bird, to observe whether there is a hereditary taint running through some of these Green birds. I shall also carefully moult this bird, and watch for results. I may add that this is an unflighted bird, and most of these feathers are found upon such. I am entirely unbiassed on this question. I am neither a Green Canary fancier nor a lover of the variety (I have bred a few only), my sole object is to try and solve this mystery. It certainly ought to be cleared up scientifically; and no hasty decision ought to be taken concerning the Palace disqualifications, because, in my opinion, no living man can say for certain that these feathers have been cut or trimmed by human hand.—J. W. CUTMORE.

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THE NORWICH PLAINHEAD AT BOLTON.

A Difference of Opinion.

SIR,—In reading through my copy of this week's CAGE BIRDS, I notice an effusion from the pen of Messrs. Hopkins, under the above heading, in the form of an attack upon the lecture delivered by myself at Bolton, which, for sheer audaeity and cheek will, I think, be hard to beat. I would like to remind them that I am not in the habit of making statements other than truthful ones, when giving lectures on any subject whatever. I was totally unaware that I had been publicly assailing either themselves or their birds for the last eight or nine years. Were this true, I should have had to begin almost before they commenced keeping cage birds at all. It cannot be more than five years or so since they used to come to me to solicit advice, at the time they were first getting the rudiments of bird keeping—advice, which I offered freely and willingly, as I am always pleased to do, either to beginners or any others in our hobby. Before affecting such an injured tone, I would advise them to look nearer home, and remove the mote from their own eye before looking for it in others; also to study well the old saying, "That people who live in glass houses should not throw stones." The remark that they don't like being told by a comparitive stranger that Mr. B. had said that he had "mopped the floor" with them at the Scottish National, savours very much of the vapourings that have reached me, purporting to have come from their quarter, in allusion to my own birds and person. I am positive that they feel sure in their own minds that I did not make it. Surely the remark referred to must have been made by this comparative stranger in a bantering mood? They characterise the lecture as being boastful and insulting. This I most strongly refute, and contend that there was nothing, either over boastful or in any way insulting in its composition, and that the lecture was a common-sense one, calculated to be of benefit to the novice and beginner. They take exception to a passage in which I make the statement that I consider the time most opportune for such a lecture "as the society has been considerably augmented of late by novice recruits." The above remark with characteristic conceit they take as applying to themselves. Perhaps it may be news to them to learn that the greater part of the lecture was prepared some time previous to their joining the society, the remark being made in all good faith, without a thought of these clever youths in any shape or form. Most of our members being novices, the remark was quite in order, as the lecture was prepared and delivered chiefly for the benefit of such. I should certainly have given them credit for more commonsense than to imagine that I should have classed them in this category. They doubt my claim to be the champion exhibitor of Norwich Plainheads in the district, and go on to state that they won more prizes than I last season. This I do not deny; but in what competition did they win these prizes? I base my claim to the title of champion exhibitor on the ground that I have won higher honours and in far hotter competition than any exhibitor in the town. There are prizes and prizes, you know, Messrs. H. Don't forget that I did not in any way claim to be the only exhibitor in the town who had won prizes in champion classes. Regarding their remark of giving credit to the gentleman from whom I bought two of my birds, they know full well that I have always done this. But surely I am entitled to a little credit? In the first place, on my astuteness as a buyer, and in the second on my ability to moult and stage to perfection the yellow I purchased from Mr. Shaw. The said gentleman himself complimented me on this point when I exhibited the bird at Manchester in 1905. If they themselves practised what they preached, they would have given Mr. W. Vardy credit for breeding the yellow cock they were showing in season 1905 to 1906; also the breeder of the 3rd prize in selling class at Scottish National 1906 Show (and which they claimed in the selling class at Wigan) instead of boasting that they had bred all the birds they won with. They allude to the 15s. selling class bird at the Scottish National, but, of course, omit to state that this bird stood first in a class of 44 entries, forty different exhibitors competing, many of these being leading lights in the Fancy, which fact points to the bird being something above the average. Not only this, but the bird was sold at 30s. Did you ever experience the like of this with any of your boasted specimens, Messrs. H.? They also remark that the yellow hen was the best show bird I ever bred. What a senseless remark to make, as I have bred many grand birds which they have never seen or heard of. And they go on to state that her best performance was at the Scottish National, since which (mark the sarcasm) the following Saturday she got 4th in a class of seven at Manchester Members' Show. As usual, they fail to state the reason, which was that the bird was soft and out of condition—the effect of her journey to Edinburgh. She cannot be such a duffer, however, having won 1st Altrincham, 1905, also in 1906, 2nd Barrow, vhc Altrincham (in which class the best yellow hen they ever exhibited stood cardless), also 1st Scottish National. These are the only times she was shown at open shows. Could Messrs. H. mention any single one of their own birds which has done so well? They may easily find out when I first won a money prize in open Norwich classes, by scanning the show catalogues. And as they ask this question, will they kindly explain how they reconcile themselves to the statement made by the brother, John, when giving a paper on the Norwich last year before the Bury C.B.S., where he made use of the expression that they had been breeding, and he thought he might say exhibiting successfully the Norwich Plainhead for the last ten years. As a matter of fact, they had not been in the Fancy for so long a time as that, and the first time they won a money prize whatever in open competition was about 1902 or 1903, when they won a 3rd in a 12s. 6d. selling class. This is a sample of their bluff. Again, they take exception when I state that those who do not recommend inbreeding cannot have had much experience. Dear, dear; do they imagine that they are the first persons who have depreeated the practice? This was discussed long before they left their cradle. They also say: Don't sneer at the nice little Norwich—taking this as another thrust at them. I might inform them that I have been in many breeders' rooms in Lancashire (and out of it) and have there seen these little good ones I refered to. Lots of fanciers possess such besides Messrs. Hopkins, and lots of them are anxious to possess larger and better specimens. As regards what other winnners I have supplied during the last twelve years, I may inform them that I don't boast the names of my clients, the letters received from them being satisfaction enough for me. As regards the bother they hit at towards the latter part of their letter, I must confess entire ignorance. This must surely exist in their own imagination. I am not aware that I have by word or deed done anything to injure their business. Far from this being any wish of mine, I have on several occasions (although they may not be cognisant of the fact) recommended different persons to deal with them. Their letter throughout has been actuated by one motive—that of jealousy. At the conclusion of the lecture, I invited all present to ask any questions they wished, and I would do my best to answer them. Mr. John Hopkins was present, yet he answered never a word. I think this was the time and place to air his grievance. In conclusion, I would advise the Bros. Hopkins to mind *their* own business, to take less heed of the tales of the scandal monger, and, in future, to refrain from making insinuations similar to some of those contained in their letter, unless they are fully prepared to substantiate them.—JOHN W. BANCROFT.

ALLEGED REFUSAL OF MEMBERSHIP THROUGH ASKING FOR PRIZE MONEY.

SIR,—I saw a letter in your paper of March 16th with the above heading. As our society (the Bath and Dis. F.A.) is the society alluded to, I am instructed by my committee to reply and say that the statements in the said letter are incorrect. The writer of it knows well why he was asked to resign. The committee has the power and reserve the right to expel or to ask any member to resign.—H. TURTLE, Hon. Sec. Bath and District F.A.

YELLOW HENS v. BUFF HENS.

SIR,—I have noticed of late what a craze there is for yellow hens. The question has very often crossed my mind—Why? I have been asked several times for yellow hens. They must be yellow or they are no use to me—so say my enquirers. I always try my best to put forward the good qualities of buffs, but no one will have them at any price. For Mule breeding, I prefer a good-sized buff before a yellow, provided the buff has plenty of green blood in her. I find that by using a large buff hen for Mule breeding the majority of the young ones take the finest shape, i.e., the Bullfinch shape—a lemon with a head and tail stuck on is the shape I am alluding to. And, after all, is it not the shape which makes an exhibition bird, or should do so? I am bound to admit that you do not get such a blaze of colour by using such a hen; but colour food does a lot in that direction. If I were judging a class of birds, I should go for shape first. I do not think it possible to get the type of bird I have mentioned from a yellow hen. I know there are exceptions, but I am speaking of the majority of Mules that are bred. Those that are bred from yellow hens run slimmer in the body; at least that has been my experience. I once ran a Greenfinch with a buff hen. Two young ones were hatched, and they both turned out cocks, heavily variegated. I exhibited one of these, an exceptionally fine bird, at Winchester Show, and was awarded first prize. CAGE BIRDS report said, "Such size!" I afterwards sold the two to a well-known exhibitor, and he exhibited the same bird at Bournemouth, and was awarded first prize. I next ran a Goldfinch with this hen for the finish up of the season, and two young ones were hatched—both turned out cocks. One had just a tick of light feathers on its head, and the other was dark throughout. I colour-fed them, and exhibited one at Walthamstow, class of 18, and got vhc. I showed it again at Newport, and was awarded second prize, and I showed it again at the Crystal Palace, 1907, limit class of 22, and secured vhc. This same buff hen, who was mated with the Greenfinch I have been speaking about, is now sitting on four eggs, and is due to hatch. All her eggs appear to be fertilised. These are the crosses I am trying for this year:—Canary-Bullfinch, Chaffinch-Canary, Greenfinch-Chaffinch, Goldfinch-Greenfinch, Greenfinch-Canary, Linnet-Canary, Goldfinch-Canary.—W. WHITE.

THE KEYSTONE OF THE C.B.U.

SIR,—Mr. Ramsden states in your last issue that my statement re Palace Show and Rule 17 is "false, and absolutely without the slightest foundation"; he further says that I should confine myself to "facts within my knowledge." Mr. Ramsden tells us that the Palace Show was held under C.B.U. rules, but I would like to point out that nothing to the contrary was stated in my letter, the particular subject under discussion being Rule 17. Accepting Mr. Ramsden's statement that the Palace Show was held under C.B.U. rules (although I fail to find it recorded in any of the adverts. in the Fancy press) we will return to Rule 17, and to prove that I do "confine myself to facts within my knowledge," I would respectfully refer your readers to CAGE BIRDS' report of the meeting of the C.B.U. delegates at the late Palace Show, in issue of February 23rd, page 178, columns 2 and 3, wherein Mr. Ramsden is reported to say: "I say this, that it is impossible to run a National Show unless you get the Crystal Palace to agree with you, and the condition under which a National Show is to be held is that it is open to all, and as long as I have anything to do with it, it will be open to all." I think the above statement by Mr. Ramsden coincides with the portion of my letter which he objects to; and if Mr. Ramsden prefers to take his statement from another point of view, it simply shows how inconsistent he is regarding Rule 17, inasmuch as that while he objects to affiliated members of the Union exhibiting at non-affiliated shows, he does not wish to prevent non-affiliated exhibitors from exhibiting at affiliated shows. This is proved by his objection to having Rule 17 amended, for had Rule 17 been amended as was proposed in the first instance, the Palace Show would perhaps have lost the future support of the majority of the 140 exhibitors residing within a short distance of the Palace mentioned by Mr. Ramsden at the delegates' meeting. Was that the cause of the objection by Mr. Ramsden? If so, it would appear that in the opinion of Mr. Ramsden the Crystal Palace comes first and the great body of fanciers last. And yet we are to believe that the Union was formed for the benefit of the Fancy! These things appear to be straightening themselves out at last.—WM. REID.

SIR,—Would a body composed of sectional representatives better raise the cage bird fancy by investigating cases of doubtful honesty and punishing guilty offenders—or, in short, doing what the present C.B.U. can do with the help of all those individuals who are anxious to have "things done," and who say the Union is not a representative one? To talk of the C.B.U. not being representative, when it is composed of so many societies, whose members keep the different varieties of birds, is, to say the least of it, a gross libel on the great number of keen and successful breeders and exhibitors who send their experiences to the Press, and lecture throughout the country on their particular Fancy for our instruction and delight. The fact that a fancier belongs to a specialist society does not necessarily make him better fitted to be an administrator or judge on all the affairs pertaining to the well-being of the Fancy. Neither does it follow, because the Union has certain rules in its constitution, that all the specialist societies are to be wrecked and their secretaries deposed. Perhaps it is policy to shout with fear, but would it not be more fancier-like to wait and see what mischief the Union intends before concluding that destruction is inevitable? I have read nothing in the rules, or in the Press, from the officials which states it to be the intention of the Union to be "detrimental to the Fancy." Every man is entitled to his opinion, but he has no right to condemn on supposition. No club will become a "nonentity" on joining the Union, which will build societies up and draw them together by compelling all who keep cage birds and aspire to win prizes to become members of some society, as it is only by the efforts of such that prizes are to be obtained. As matters are at present, a judge has no protection. If one disqualifies a bird to-day he is in danger of not being engaged by another society, as his action makes him unpopular, and fanciers will not show under him. Thus the society appreciating a good, honest judge risks a financial loss; therefore, in self-defence, they (both judge and society) are compelled to pass glaring cases of stained birds, instead of carrying out to the letter the rule that all responsible societies consider needful for the good of the Fancy. If fanciers had not grievances that have so long been in their midst, I could understand the uselessness of a body with the objects of the C.B.U.; but when there is, and fanciers are willing to pay one shilling each to have them remedied, there is need for the Union with rule 17, as such an injury may fall on any or every exhibitor or breeder who makes use of the railway. There can be no such thing as a "boycott" when every society has the same opportunity, and it is no fault of the Union if each fancier or society will not, or cannot, see that it is the duty of each to protect and raise the whole. To make us perform our duty coercion in some form or other is necessary. It is an obligation on every one to get rid of grievances. If it is evident the Union is not to blame, but those who refuse to perform their duty by joining the Union. When all become members the hardship will cease, and what was looked on with hate will be the saving link—rule 17.—G. W. MACPARTLING.

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PRESENTATION TO AN OLD BRADFORD FANCIER.

SIR,—"Bill" Horsman is as well known, I think, as any Canary fancier in Bradford, or I might say in Yorkshire, and, although he has not exhibited much of late, he still takes a keen interest in anything pertaining to birdie matters. He was a most successful breeder and exhibitor of the Norwich Canary in the days of the late Jack Thackray, Ben Exley, Pete Rawnsley, etc. He is also now a breeder of prize dogs, and was the proud possessor of that renowned Airedale Terrier, "Briar Test," now defunct. He is the owner also of that famous Fox Terrier dog, "Briar Tackler," a great winner, but now at stud. "Bill" is landlord of "The Travellers' Rest," headquarters of the City of Bradford O.S., and he is the oldest licence-holder in the neighbourhood. Fanciers come from far and near to have a chat with him, and to ask his advice, which he is always ready and willing to give. To show their regard and esteem the fanciers of both sections (bird men and dog men) entertained him at dinner the other evening, after which he was presented with a beautiful marble time-piece and two bronze ornaments. A social had been arranged, and some excellent local talent was got together. Mr. A. M. Harris, chairman, made the presentation, and in so doing said he had known Mr. Horsman for a good number of years, and it had always been a pleasure to him to be in his company. He trusted that he and Mrs. Horsman might long be spared, and that on looking on those beautiful things now before him, it would remind him in after years of the good feeling that existed between himself and those that came to that house. Mr. Horsman, in response, thanked all that had so kindly subscribed to the presentation, also those who had so ably contributed to the evening's entertainment.—F. LUDBROOK.

BRITISH BIRDS AT THE PALACE SHOW.

SIR,—Surely your correspondent, Mr. W. Lewis, in your issue of March 23rd, must be suffering from a very much swollen head, caused possibly by his anxiety to rush into print over my letter about the Great Grey Shrike. I am also afraid his eyesight is defective, as on referring to my letter I find no suggestion that I contemplate exhibiting my Shrike at the Palace next year; so neither he nor the Palace authorites need worry about "upsetting" my plan. Perhaps Mr. Lewis may have had more experience in grinding axes than I. He says I "take the biscuit" for daring to say I had a Great Grey Shrike in my possession, but I notice my friend Mr. Galloway also says he has a specimen of that species, so perhaps we had better divide the biscuit between us, and subscribe for a cake for Mr. Lewis! My Shrike is undoubtedly a British-caught specimen, although purchased from the shop of a dealer and importer. It might surprise Mr. Lewis to learn that the present price of Great Grey Shrikes on the Continent is well over 25 marks and carriage (25s.), so that obviously no dealer could import them and make a profit by selling them for a few shillings. If Mr. Lewis has ever kept a Great Grey Shrike—or a Red-backed Shrike for that matter—(which I very much doubt) and steadied it down, I should be very pleased to know how he did it. I might also mention that the price quoted for Treecreepers is 5 marks (5s.), so that one may fairly assume that the latter are considered common in captivity as compared with the former.

I quite agree with Mr. Galloway in what he says on the difference in feeding the Shrike and the Treecreeper. But I think he must have overlooked the fact that to keep up a constant supply of mice, birds, etc., would be a somewhat difficult task except to a fancier residing on a farm or some such place, while it is well within the reach of most fanciers to get a good food suitable for Treecreepers and the like by simply glancing through the columns of "C.B." and picking out some known advertiser. On the point of rarity, we see probably 50 Treecreepers on the show bench to every one Great Grey Shrike.

Regarding Mr. W. Cook's letter in your last issue, I an sorry he persists in his assertion that the Nutcracker he exhibited was caught in Scotland, when it could, if necessary, be so easily proved where it came from. It strikes me that if so rare a bird as the Nutcracker were seen wild in Great Britain, the "man with the gun" would soon sally forth to shoot it. I am quite aware that the species has been known to visit our shores, but in very small numbers. Mr. Howard Saunders, in his Manual (published in the early nineties) says there are some 30 recorded instances. The columns of the Fancy Press are a very good guide as to how such rarities as Nutcrackers, Waxwings, Meadow Buntings, etc., arrive. We see advertisements on the lines of "Waxwings expected shortly," etc. I don't suppose there is one Waxwing in 50 actually caught in England.

I am sorry, Mr. Editor, you found it necessary to delete part of my last letter under this heading, and as your comment that the deleted portions referred to Mr. Sam Cook, the judge, might give that gentleman a wrong impression of their purport, permit me to say that I was simply trying to reason why he should have passed the bird in question in its class, and then awarded it the special as the rarest British bird. From your editorial note I now see that the other two judges had a finger in the pie. But why I fail to see—at any rate, so far as Mr. Weston is concerned—as he had nothing to put forward as rare in his classes. The show authorities' instructions that the British bird judges were to award the specials jointly could only possibly mean that, if they each had something rare in their respective sections, they were to agree upon the award. Therefore, it must follow that if Mr. Sam Cook was the only judge who had rarities he had the right, and he alone, to award the special. I now understand he protested against the award, and very rightly so. I have discussed this point with several prominent exhibitors, and they all take my view—hence my putting it forward here. What is a rare bird? Is it one that is difficult to keep in captivity, and therefore not generally kept, or is it one not often seen? I venture to think the latter.—S. A. SANDY.

SIR,—Mr. Birchley meets my letter with hard words such as "ridiculous," "unsportsmanlike," and "ungentlemanly." I believe readers will not be deceived, however, by what seems to me to be simply bluff to cover his inability to reply to it. He would have us believe now that he is an injured person—simply "a man who is trying to fish out what is eligible to compete as a British bird and what is not." Why didn't he keep to that point in the first place, then? Twice before when his Great Grey Shrike was put back (at Gateshead and the Swansea Fanciers' Show) he wrote letters complaining of the judges' decisions. He repeats this conduct over the Palace Show awards. If this is not the action of an annoyed and disappointed exhibitor, what is it? Anyone who reads his letters in CAGE BIRDS for March 2nd can see plainly that he is getting at the judges, and trying to make them appear incompetent. Is that "sportsmanlike," I should like to know? He grudgingly admits the winning Treecreeper was a good one, but saw fit to add that his own had beaten it "under the self-same judge this season." Is this not holding the judge up to ridicule? Now, I asked him to tell us where this happened, saying I could find no record of it. Mr. Birchley does not reply. Therefore we can only assume Mr. Birchley stated what was not true. Is that "gentlemanly" conduct? I should think the least he can do would be to apologise to Mr. Sam Cook—if, that is, he made an unintentional misstatement. Let us have fair play, at any rate. Now, Mr. Birchley also states in his last letter that "to show Continental-caught birds in British classes . . . is unjust to an exhibitor of true British specimens." Why, he himself has been showing and winning last season with a Blue-headed Wagtail which was imported from the Continent! Is this "ridiculous" enough for him? When he has had a little more experience in the British bird Fancy he will know more about such matters, and, like other old hands, say less—they know better. Mr. Galloway's remarks are very sensible; he knows what he is talking about.—W. LEWIS.

[We have had to "tone down" this communication somewhat. Correspondents must please keep their "hard words" within bounds.—EDITOR.]

A FAMOUS LORIKEET.

SIR,—Many thanks for fine drawing of my Lorikeet in a recent issue of your grand paper. I may tell you it has been on the show bench now for eight years. Mr. Duncan (Glasgow) bought the pair from Mr. Dewar (Edinburgh), and after having them in his possession for about six months, I got him to try and breed them in an aviary. But after having them for about a year the cock bird put his hill through his tongue, which caused his death. I have had the hen in my possession ever since. Two years ago it laid two eggs, and I thought they might be of some use for the museum at Carlisle, but they did not accept them. It has won between forty and fifty firsts and seconds at various shows throughout Scotland, and is well known, especially among children, as it has a very amusing way of dancing and carrying on, especially if you take notice of it. It is very easily kept on canary seed, and hemp and sunflower, and is very fond of a piece of biscuit. I have never come across one to mate to it, but I believe they would breed in an aviary. Glad to see CAGE BIRDS taking such strides. I had a week-end ramble last week in Northumberland; if I can spare time I will let you know what I saw on my travels.—GEORGE MCWILLIAMS.

THE POINTS OF AN EXHIBITION LINNET.

SIR,—I notice in CAGE BIRDS of March 23rd you publish a paper given by Mr. F. Marwood before the members of the Darlington C.B.S., in which he describes his idea of what a Linnet should be to enable it to have a winning chance on the show bench. Seeing that Mr. Marwood is a judge of British birds, I should like to ask him, and other lovers of the Linnet, if they really think a bird such as is described would stand any chance at all if shown in good company? If it really would do so, then I for one have been labouring under a delusion for years. Mr. Marwood says that the Linnet should have a light throat, continuing light down the centre of the breast, and running off to white at the vent. Now, my contention is that he should be sound nutty-brown from back to tip of tail, except the white in wing and tail. So one of us must be wrong. Then, again, Mr. M. tells us that the Linnet should show a distinct black spangle on sides of head, breast and neck, but does not mention the ticking or pencilling on front of breast, without which a Linnet, in my opinion, can never be a real tip-top specimen. Mr. M. also says that a Linnet should stand as erect as possible, which I think rather misleading, because I have seen a few as straight up as a good Yorkshire Canary, and surely Mr. M. cannot wish to give the impression that the position of the Yorkshire is the correct one for a Linnet? My reason for writing you, Mr. Editor, is that I think it high time something was done in the way of fixing a "standard of perfection" for the Linnet, and for some of the other most popular British birds. If only the judges knew what was wanted, then the exhibitor would have a chance. But, as things are at present, you may win one week and be cardless the next under the same conditions, but with different judges.—F. KING.

IN MEMORIAM.

Mr. H. Howe, Wellingborough.

SIR,—By the demise of Mr. H. Howe, of Wellinghorough, the Fancy has lost another of its old pillars. The deceased gentleman was, years ago, known to most fanciers under the style of Howe and Rohinson, and at one time was the talk of the exhibition world. Well do I remember in the eighties a show which was at Wellingborough—Mr. W. A. Blackston was the judge—when friend Howe won with a very heavy Green Crest, which was purchased with others of the same stud, at a big figure, by a well-known exhibitor. At that time there was always a good Cinnamon or two to be seen in the Wellinghorough aviaries. His noted yellow, and an extra large Buff, were both winners at several leading shows, including the Palace. At that time it was K.N. fed classes. Mr. Howe was also a keen fancier of Norwich Plainheads, the even marked—a bird that found great favour in those days—being a special favourite of his. When I paid my visit I also found him a keen fancier of Hamburghs and Bantams. Taking his life throughout, it was full of interest. At the late Wellingborough Show I paid, at his special request, a visit to his bedside to have a chat on birdy matters. Poor old Harry was a true-hearted fancier in every sense, and I trust that the mantle so ably carried by him for so many years may be successfully borne by the fancier sons left behind—Mr. W. H. Howe, who is a keen fancier of Norwich Plainheads; Mr. A. Howe, of British bird fame; Mr. F. Howe, a lover of Foreigners; and Mr. R. J. Howe, whose achievements at the last Palace Show are so fresh in the minds of fanciers of British. These, with two daughters and widow, mourn his sad loss. The funeral took place on Monday last, amidst many signs of respect shown by the townsfolk. Leading tradesmen and fanciers walked at the head of the procession. The first portion of the service was held in St. Luke's Church, being conducted by the Rev. R. W. Wynter, the last rites taking place at the cemetery. May the turf lie lightly upon one who held the respect of a great many fanciers and friends, including—J. NASON.

A CURE FOR COLDS AND WHEEZING.

SIR,—A short time ago one of my birds, a Yorkshire hen, was taken very ill with asthma, and it got so bad, and she used to sneeze for so long, that I have seen her fall off the perch in doing so. I tried all kinds of remedies, but nothing eased her for long. Several of my friends told me that I could only destroy her, but I hardly liked doing that, and kept giving the bird another chance. Well, one day, whilst in the market, I came across an old book on birds, and giving diseases and cures. Needless to say I immediately bought it, and, to my delight, I found several remedies, one of which took my fancy, as it seemed so strange. It was: Drop a few drops of coal tar in the drinking water each morning. The writer said he had never known it fail except in the last stages of "consumption." By this time my bird was in a very bad state, so I thought I would give it a trial. I can assure you that in a few days I saw a change for the better, and in a little over a week the sneezing and coughing had ceased. Now you would not know her for the same bird—she is so well and lively. I am sorry I cannot tell you the name of the author, as the book is so old; his name is completely obliterated. The spelling is very ancient. I write you this letter hoping that some of your readers may also find it beneficial. I may say that I am only a new reader of your valuable paper, and find it most interesting and useful. I think CAGE BIRDS a wonderful pennyworth, and wish it good luck. —JOHN PATRICK.

SCOTCH FANCY INQUIRY.

SIR,—Some weeks ago I noticed a letter in CAGE BIRDS inquiring what has become of "One anxious to learn"? I at once asked myself the motive of such an inquiry. Was it with a view of writing up the S.F.N.D.O., or was it to write up that improved photo of Jackson's huff cock, that quite an army of photographers have had a hand in improving? Surely such cannot be claimed a model, or no such farce as three champions in one? "St. Bride" says the Edinburgh fanciers in future aim at producing in life the model. Surely he has not the impertinence to say that men who clearly stated at the meeting they did not believe in models, and refused to take part in such, except to oppose the whole farce, as it was termed, are now breeding to a photo that is so out of proportion that it is impossible to produce in life? I for one do not believe this. The Edinburgh fanciers know a good bird, and we have had it clearly stated they would not confine themselves to this, or any model, at present. Was it to bring to mind those meetings of last year? Surely not. The sub-committee meeting for instance, when only four out of that committee assembled to discuss this vexed question, the model, and when that altered photo of Jackson's huff cock was beaten. It had added substance without length, and what a model it was!—deformed feet, eye closed—merely a patch of outline. I venture to suggest the owner learned a lesson at that meeting of four in number, for he afterwards altered it by adding length, such as neither of the three champions in one never had, and also put back on, without adding substance all over. As it is now produced it is quite out of balance. Was it to revive the memory of that general meeting of last year, with its many heated discussions? Surely these badly-managed affairs were not in the mind of this person when he wrote that letter. Perhaps he will more clearly state his reasons for such a letter, and I will answer him.—BELGIAN.

CHAFFINCH-BRAMBLEFINCH HYBRIDS.

SIR,—For the benefit of your readers let me give you my experience with the above cross. I have tried for several years to obtain Hybrids from these varieties, and have had fertile eggs on several occasions. This last season I had the good luck to hatch out four from six fertile eggs in one nest, but lost them all in two days. Now, I want to give warning to anyone who has the luck to get fertile eggs from this cross. Leave them alone with the parents, as I am convinced they cannot be reared with Canaries. I placed mine under a splendid feeding hen, and she did her best to feed them, but they pined away in two days. I gave the same hen (after the Hybrids died) three young Canaries, and she reared them splendidly. Now, when I took the eggs away from the hen Bramble she went wild, and flew against the wires of the aviary for two days. I tried to pacify her by giving her some Canary eggs in the nest, but she went to the nest and pulled them out on to the floor and broke them. If I have the good fortune to get any this season I shall leave them with the parents; they are looking very likely for going to nest soon this season. I shall try and follow Mr. Howe's advice. I thank that gentleman for his information. We are never too old to learn. I also had two nests from the Greenfinch-Bullfinch—four eggs in the first nest and three in the second, all fertile. Four hatched of these. How is this for a record? I only had 13 eggs from my Hybrid breeding pairs last season—every egg full. Eight hatched out of 13, which I have all preserved in spirits, if anyone would like to see them. I might say I am going in largely for breeding this season, having 15 pairs up for Hybrids of various crosses. I have four flights or aviaries, two 6 ft. square, and two a little smaller. These are in a top attic, which is well lighted and ventilated. I shall let your readers know results after the breeding season is over.—J. R. SLACK.

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(Continued from page 287.)

Erratum: In the last instalment the word "exhibition," in line 25, should have read, exhibitor.

DOUBLE YELLOWING AND BUFFING.

With regard to this method of pairing, I should not advise the novice to attempt it. No doubt certain advantages may be gained when the breeder knows his stock, as for instance, you possess some yellow birds, good in type, size, etc., but possessing a trifle too much feather. These paired together, sometimes hit it off all right, at other times, again, they don't. I have produced some smart birds occasionally from double yellow, and also bred weeds at others. Some have been beautifully tight and nice feathered, others have been open and slovenly in feather. You are also apt to get birds hollow in neck and long in barrel by breeding this way.

In double buffing, unless the birds are both short and very silky in feather and clean cut about the waist, you are going to get youngsters long in flights and tail, with lovely breeches (as the loose feathers hanging about the thighs are sometimes termed) in addition. Never on any account double buff more than once. The idea of double buffing is to improve the shape and increase size in your birds. It is a moot point whether any real advantage is gained, and I would therefore advise the novice to stick to the more natural mode of pairing, viz., yellow to buff or buff to yellow, until he has gained some experience.

The buffs which come from the double yellows, I consider valuable, and are in my idea the birds to use on one side, when double buffing, for in these you have shortness of feather, and lovely quality and colour as a rule. I have yet to see a real short-tailed and flighted buff Norwich the produce of two buffs. I have seen double buffs shown and win prizes, but they have been far from my idea of what a typical Buff Norwich ought to be. There is one way in which I believe this double breeding is beneficial, and that is in case, say, we are losing colour and quality in our stock, then by pairing up two yellows of extra good colour, nice size, and with good broad heads and short full necks, also two Buffs of extra good quality and fine feather, clean cut about the waist and with plenty of substance, and by pairing the following season the yellows from the double yellows, to the buffs from the double buffs, we shall improve the colour and quality of feather in the yellows and the colour and meal in the buffs. This I have amply proved in my own experience.

GREEN BLOOD.

Often we are recommended to use green blood, to get colour into our stock; more often, I think, than is necessary. If we must be constantly introducing green or marked birds into our room, the percentage of clear birds is going to be small, and we must not overlook the fact, that to breed a typical clear yellow Norwich show bird, is to attain to the highest standard of excellence in the breeder's art.

If discretion be used in the selection of stock birds (choosing the very hottest coloured cocks), the breeder may pair clear birds together, for several generations, without having the need to resort to the marked birds for colour. Personally, I do not consider too many of these "circus horses" (as I once heard a fancier term the variegated birds) any ornament to the bird room. I don't use a very great deal of the green blood myself, yet each season I have birds as high up in colour as anyone I know.

When one has really got short of colour in his birds he should either introduce a yellow variegated cock or two from some fancier he can depend upon, as high up in colour as possible, or else work on the lines recommended by that great authority on the Norwich Plainhead, Mr. J. H. Payne, in his clever and classic article, viz., the pairing of two variegated yellows together. Some breeders use a yellow self-green cock to a clear buff hen, but the former plan is preferable as the greens from the variegated pair break up much quicker than those from the pure green, with the result that clear birds are bred all the sooner.

CINNAMON BLOOD.

The introduction of cinnamon blood in the Norwich as a means of improving the quality of feather I do not advise, as quality and silkiness of feather is one of the chief characteristics of our highly bred Norwich specimen. I contend that we have it at present, without the necessity of an outcross amongst the different breeders' stocks, which is easily available if one desires to acquire it. Moreover, the present day cinnamon is far removed in regard to quality of feather from the old Dun Canary of years ago. When the craze for size and colour began different varieties were grafted into the cinnamon in order to gain these requirements. With what results? An increase of size and colour certainly, but at what a cost! Where was the lovely feather and shape of the old variety? "Gone!" In place of them we had got those Crestbred-cum-Lancashire-cum-cinnamon; and what sights some of them were! Large and hot coloured, I admit, but what length of barrel, flights and tails, browy heads, harsh and open feather, with bad carriage and type—in fact, any other than the Norwich type! It is true that during the last few seasons great strides have been made in this variety, and it is very pleasing nowadays when visiting a decent show which has provided a good cinnamon classification to see the wonderful improvement in the bird as regards feather and type, some of the gems shown by such exponents of the art as Messrs. Dormer, Godley, etc., being perfect models of Norwich type.

As a means of obtaining colour in the Norwich Plainhead the introduction of the cinnamon blood will, I think, prove very disappointing; I have known of several fanciers who, acting on the advice so often offered regarding the use of green blood in order to increase colour, have procured a cinnamon-green bird, and although they have produced variegated birds in abundance, they have had no increase in real colour in their stock. The birds bred thus are only fit for exhibiting in natural colour classes, as their plumage simply would not take the colour feed sufficiently well to render them hot enough for present day colour fed competition. Of course the birds used for the natural colour classes must not be placed on colour food at all.

INTRODUCTION OF SIZE.

I would strongly advise the Norwich breeder never, upon any account whatever, when desirous of obtaining size in his stock, to resort to the Crestbred for the purpose, as the addition of size by this means is greatly out-weighed by very serious faults which the Crestbred cross will possess, viz., sour look, browing, long flights and tail, looseness of thighs and waist, etc. There is now no necessity for this course, nor yet having recourse to the double buffing to gain size. There are many Norwich breeders' rooms in and about Lancashire where one may acquire stock birds, as large as it is possible to breed them, which, in addition to their great size, possess good quality of feather. Personally, I like to breed from a yellow cock and buff hen, and find that I can breed birds this way large and good enough for all practical purposes. I bred a clear buff hen this last season from a monster clear yellow cock and a ticked buff hen, which is the shortest and thickest bodied as well as the largest clear buff hen I have seen for some time past; she is also equal in quality of feather, shortness of wing, flights and tail to any buff hen I have seen staged during the last show season.

PURCHASE OF STOCK BIRDS.

I should strongly advise the beginner when purchasing his birds for breeding purposes to procure the very best his pocket will allow, even though it be only a solitary pair, for the breeding of even one decent show specimen will add more lustre to his name than the production of a roomful of second or third raters. Don't notice those advertisements which offer pairs matched to breed winners at, say, 12s. 6d. per pair. No sane person with any knowledge of the Fancy could reasonably expect to get such for anything like so small a sum. The 12s. 6d. pairs are all right for a first beginning, just to get one's hand in, as it were, but when you go in for the breed in real earnest I consider from 30s. to 40s. each for the cocks and 20s. each upwards for the hens a fair price to pay for decent stock birds from a successful breeder who has the right stuff. Of course, cheaper may be bought, but if the purse will allow of it, this is about the figure you might reasonably expect to get stock birds at, which, under ordinary circumstances, ought to breed you something fit to place on the show bench.

A word of advice to purchasers. Before you buy a bird handle it to see that it possesses real substance. Many a time you may inspect birds in a breeder's room which, when viewed from the breeding cage or flight, appear thick set and full of substance; in fact, so far as outward appearances go, very desirable; but handle some of these birds and they prove scarcely anything but feather. They may appear all right in the breeding cage, showing no looseness at thigh or body whatever; but run them into a show cage, and if they have not been previously trained and steadied they have more the appearance of Crestbreds than Plainhead Norwich. I need scarcely tell you that this class of bird is useless for stock purposes. If a bird handles well, and has plenty of real body substance, we may expect to get body and chest properties reproduced in its offspring.

Now, when I say substance I mean flesh and bone, not fat. Some strains of Norwich are very prone to lay on this fatty accumulation; avoid this if possible. When handling, blow up the feather from about the crop, just on the front of the chest, when, if the bird be too fat you will notice a round lump in evidence; blow also the feathers from the abdomen, the fat will be noticeable there as well. Now this excessive lump of fat certainly makes a bird appear to have a good deep chest, yet if at all overdone entirely spoils the contour of the bird, and tends to make the head appear out of all proportion to the bird's body. Some people go so far as to assert that this fattiness is a disease, and that you cannot breed from birds so affected, maintaining that clear eggs are certain to be the result in case such birds be used in the breeding cage. Whilst allowing that such birds are to be avoided if possible, I cannot wholly admit the truth of these assertions, and will point out cases which have come under my own experience as being exactly the reverse of the statements previously quoted.

Firstly, I have bred from pairs, both cock and hen of the fatty persuasion, and amongst their progeny only a slight percentage have taken after the parents in regard to this fatty growth, the majority of the offspring being entirely free from this undesirable acquisition. Secondly: I have known the very fattest of hens lay fertile eggs and prove most exemplary mothers. One I have in my mind's eye at present with which I supplied a fancier in this town; I had got her for an experiment, and had tried all sorts of dodges to get her fat down, as she was without doubt the fattest Canary I have ever handled. But it was all of no avail. No matter how I fed her she managed to keep her fat up. Well, the fancier referred to took a liking to her, and after I had explained her state to him, stating that I hardly thought she would be of any use to breed from, he took her away, paired her up to a lively, vigorous young cock, when in due time she built, laid five eggs, hatched from them (one being double-yolked) six healthy youngsters and reared them all, two of which were of great size for yellows. So you see, gentlemen, appearances are at times very deceptive.

(To be continued.)

PAIRING BIRDS FOR BREEDING.

By J. C. BARNES.

A Paper read before the Huddersfield O.S. on February 25th.

(Continued from page 310.)

In the Yorkshire variety double buffing is not practised so often; still, it is very useful to help to rectify thin necks. Should your birds have a tendency to run somewhat thin in neck (a common failing), you can double buff a pair or two, and amongst the youngsters you get, you no doubt will find several of them with very full necks. Choose from these the best hens by pairing them up next season to the best quality cocks you have; you will help to remedy the fault of thin necks.

DOUBLE YELLOWING.

Double yellowing can be resorted to should your birds lack quality somewhat, but must not be overdone. When pairing two yellows together let them both be of close feather, and at the same time be as thick in neck as possible, whether you are breeding Norwich or Yorkshires. Double yellowing reduces feather, and youngsters bred in this fashion are exceedingly useful to run with birds that are possessed of more clothing than one cares to see.

At times good birds are got by this process, and I know one fancier who swears by it, and says that the best, or some of the best birds he has ever bred, were procured this way. I cannot go so far as to say that from my own experience; in fact, I would say rather the contrary, as I have bred birds with feather of a very open or wavy description from double yellows. Therefore, I cannot recommend pairing yellow to yellow except for the purpose of toning down feather in one's stock, and not with the idea of breeding show birds.

GREEN BLOOD.

For the improvement of colour in your birds, green blood, of the proper quality, is necessary. In dealing with quality, I made mention of the use of Cinnamon blood, and in the pairing up process I stated that one bird should be clear and the other ticked, the latter showing that a certain amount of dark blood ran in its veins. Now, to make this a little more clear, I will describe how to procure suitable birds of the variegated stamp.

Supposing you are breeding the Norwich variety, obtain a yellow Cinnamon cock (Norwich type), and pair up to a dark-eyed yellow hen. From this cross, the youngsters will vary very much. Some will come almost green, others heavily variegated, others lightly marked. Most of these birds will have a bronze appearance with their markings, and my advice to you is to select the most typical and keep for the following season's use. Should you desire to breed birds for show purposes, keep the lightly marked youngsters, and pair up to clear birds another year. By so doing you will not get your birds too heavily marked for the show bench.

If your stock runs pretty well clear throughout, and has been bred so for a fair length of time, you can keep with advantage one or two of the most heavily marked ones, and pair them up to clear birds. In due course the colour in your stock will be improved.

You will notice that in pairing up a yellow Cinnamon cock, I advise the same to be put to a dark-eyed yellow hen; both birds yellow, mind you. My reason for advising this is, that in the rage for substance in the Cinnamon, the Crestbred has played a rather prominent part, which means more feather than is cared for; therefore, by utilising a yellow Cinnamon cock with a yellow hen (double yellowing) it somewhat does away with abundance of feather which would have a great tendency to crop up were you not to double-yellow.

As regards the Yorkshire, you can use either a yellow Cinnamon marked cock, or a buff one (Yorkshire type, of course), and pair up to a dark-eyed Yorkshire hen of the opposite colour.

I might mention here, that by breeding with marked cocks, you are apt to get more marked youngsters than you would if you utilised marked hens. Hens breed out the markings quicker than do cocks, so your own judgment must be brought to bear on your needs. Again, double yellowing is inclined to get your birds thin in neck, a thing most undesirable, and should you be breeding the Norwich variety, you will be likely to get them too long in barrel, also a great detriment.

GETTING BIRDS INTO CONDITION.

A few weeks previously to pairing up some of your birds may require a little assistance as regards their condition. As I have said, I am not one who cares to force Nature, but, at the same time, Nature calls for help occasionally.

To get my birds into the form essential for success, I provide them with the following:—Egg and bread crumbs (eggs to be boiled about fifteen minutes and allowed to get cold previously to chopping up), with a little castor sugar and maw seed mixed with it. To this I add the following liquid, just enough to make it fairly moist:—Procure 1 lb. of best honey, 1 pint best port wine, and 1 oz. citrate of iron and ammonia. Heat the wine, mix the honey and citrate well with it, and, when cold, bottle up, and it is ready for use. Supposing you have only a few birds to feed up you need not make up so much of the mixture.

Another good conditioner is, Allen and Hanbury's "Byno-Phospates"; a teaspoonful in every ounce of water or thereabouts every day. This preparation also acts wonderfully for bowel complaints and so forth. A few drops of Parrish's Chemical Food given in the birds' drinking water (as much as turns the same port wine colour) is likewise very beneficial.

INGA AND OTHER SEEDS.

Inga, or niger, seed I use pretty freely during February and March especially with my hens. It has a soothing influence, and it is a capital preventive of egg-binding. Many fanciers fight shy of this seed altogether, labouring under the impression that it is a liver destroyer. No doubt if the seed is abused it may cause ill effects, but given judiciously, it is of great value. I highly recommend its use, with discretion.

Hemp seed I use in great quantity during the breeding season, and find the birds thrive on it equally as well as on egg and bread; I would not like to be without it, and I give ad lib. German summer rape is also good. This I boil for about fifteen minutes, then rinse and strain, and provide each pair of birds with a little, along with the egg food and hemp, at least once a day, twice if convenient.

Green food: Watercress, dandelion, and lettuce all come in useful, with dandelion for preference. A change is good, so all three are valuable.

I might just say that, whichever I use, I make a practice of procuring young leaves, washing same before giving to the birds. Gritty sand is an essential, also cuttlefish bone is useful for the shelling of the eggs.

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SOME OBSERVATIONS ON HARD-BILLED BRITISH BIRDS.

By S. W. Birchley.

A Lecture delivered February 20th before Swindon C.B.A.

(*Continued from page 311.*)

YELLOWHAMMER AND CHAFFINCH.

The hen Chaffinch was the one before mentioned, which used to come nearly into the house. I used to feed it on the steps, which was the cause of my upsetting my Chaffinch. She had not mated, or else would not have been about so much and so tame. The Yellowhammer was a stranger. I had never seen one before in the garden. I think it could not have paired, for it was the beginning of July when I caught them. I placed the pair in a large cage out of doors, quite away from the house and out of reach of cats and the hearing of my other birds, so they could not influence each other. I did not expect to get any results from these, and I could not watch them or feed them. They were left entirely to a boy. He procured a Chaffinch's nest and placed it in a box in some branches. The hen at once took to the nest and laid two eggs, which I did not take the trouble to test, but let her sit the full time, and at last got my nephew to bring them in. They turned out as I expected to find them—both clear. By some means or other they did not go on again, or show any signs of building afresh.

THE BEST OF THE BUNTING FAMILY.

The Yellow Bunting, or Yellowhammer, as it is commonly called, is the brightest and best of the Bunting variety, but even at that, to my mind, its attractions are few compared with other birds I have named. Like all the Bunting tribe, it is very hard to steady, and is a great bird to sulk. It very often tries one's patience, and frequently one feels inclined to give it liberty rather than be pestered with it. Even then it is a great chance if its tail and wing flights are not badly damaged through mad rushes to regain liberty.

It is by no means a hardy bird (just the reverse in my experience), and if a few mealworms and an insect or two are not in evidence when first caged, there is a great chance if the bird lives. You will find it rather fond of rape seed and chickweed, also the majority of other wild herbage when ripe.

An exhibition specimen should be well defined in head markings (particularly the eye streak), and the yellow on head, chest, etc., should be as bright a yellow as possible. The cinnamon and brown on the body should be of a good sound colour. Get as large a bird as possible, after the Bullfinch type of body, with good headpiece, and not pinched in the skull. I strongly recommend the bath, as the long tail is very apt to get soiled in the excreta. Feed him on ordinary stock mixture, not forgetting, as before stated, a mealworm or caterpillar occasionally.

OUR LITTLE FRIEND THE TWITE.

I would like to say a few words on our sweet little friend, the Twite, which is apparently the connecting link between the Linnet and Redpoll. He is to my mind one of our most fascinating friends, and is not found, like the Linnet, in any part of England, but mostly in the more desolate parts of our islands, particularly on the mountain sides. He is by no means hard to steady, and, if treated with care, will soon prove a most docile little chap. A good show specimen should be as follows:—The whole of the upper part of the body should be striped lengthways with a darker shade. The flights and outer feathers of tail (as in the Linnet) should be marked with white. Rump should be crimson on a fresh-caught bird, changing to a crimson gold when house-moulted. The throat should be of a mixture of cinnamon and white, chest pale cinnamon, and should be well ticked lengthways down the sides and throat. The belly and under parts a dirty white colour.

Of course, size in this case, as in all others, is a great factor, not forgetting a good, rich, sound colour throughout. The feeding is practically the same as the case of the Linnet. Don't forget the bath; give wild seeds when obtainable.

HINTS ON COLOUR FEEDING.

I think, before I finally close, it would be helpful and interesting if I were to give you a few words on the colour feeding of the species I have described to you. I would like you to understand that I do not agree with the colour feeding of many, if not all, of our native birds that are very hotly fed to-day. For instance, take the Yellow Bunting, Siskin, and Chaffinch, as cases in point; also the Goldie and Bullie; these birds are most beautiful in the colours Nature has painted them, and I really fail to see where colour feeding enhances their beauty; but it is done, and will be, I suppose, until a league is formed to condemn it.

As regards the colouring agents themselves, I recommend the darkest possible pepper, as the majority of the colours to be improved are Browns and Cinnamons; this dark red pepper has a better effect. I do not believe in using colour food at all for Yellows and Greens, but the flowers of the nasturtium and marigold will be found far more beneficial; throw these into the cage, and the birds will eat them when they feel inclined. As regards the administering of the powdered colouring agent, the best way to give it is in the form of a soft food. Mix two parts Osbourne sweet biscuit (powdered) to one part ants' eggs and dried flies to measure, and gradually increase the amount of pepper from practically none till you get it the same colour as the pepper itself; continue this on until quite three weeks after the bird has apparently finished casting its feathers, and then gradually reduce the same as you began. Great care must be taken not to miss one single day, or your bird will probably become blotchy. The best time to commence colour feeding is about the third week in July for Britishers, but this must be regulated a little by the state of the weather.

THE NORWICH PLAINHEAD AND ITS CRITICS.

A Lecture by Mr. C. Gardner.

At a meeting of the London and Counties Association of Canary Breeders, at the Bay Malton, Great Portland Street, Mr. Tringham in the chair, there was a capital attendance of members to listen to a lecture by Mr. Geo. Gardner on "The Norwich Plainhead and its Critics." The Chairman, in introducing Mr. Gardner, said no words of his were needed for that purpose, as the lecturer was known far and wide as an authority on the subject he proposed to speak upon, and no doubt they would hear something of benefit to them from his lips.

Mr. Gardner first described what he considered an ideal Norwich Plainhead, and in doing so said he could not accept the illustration by Mr. Bancroft as that of a typical living bird. Chest was needed, but he thought Mr. Bancroft had overdone it. Proceeding to remark upon the history of the Norwich Plainhead during the past few years, Mr. Gardner said possibly there were more coarse-feathered larger birds than there used to be in the old days, but, while these birds were to be deprecated, it had also to be borne in mind that the Norwich Plainhead had been passing through what he might call improvement phases. A bigger bird than the dapper little close boxwood-feathered bird of the days of Adams and Athersuch was sought for, and the process of bringing this about had led to the introduction of Crestbred blood, and that often of ill-selection. Consequently, coarse feather, long flights and tails and other defects had crept in. But it was not well to criticise too closely. One thing was certain—breeders of the Norwich Plainhead were aiming at a bird larger than of old, but of equally grand feather, and if they persevered they would one day get it. Mr. Gardner alluded in somewhat critical terms to the remarks of Mr. F. White, of Melbourne, in his article on the Norwich Plainheads at the Crystal Palace Show, and said he thought it a somewhat difficult task to draw a comparison between the Australian and the English birds, with the ocean in between. It was only by close comparison, side by side, that we could correctly guage the relative merits of the birds of either country. Mr. White said we had colour and size in our birds, but ours failed in shape beside the Australian birds. Our birds were not cut away clean enough underneath, and were not long enough in the leg! Mr. Gardner jokingly opined that he would have the chairman chiding him for poaching on the Yorkshire preserves if he claimed that an ideal Norwich Plainhead should be long in the leg and clean cut away underneath! We should call such a bird "stilty" or Yorky in type. But wherefore this severe criticism of Mr. White? If our Norwich were so bad by comparison, it seemed strange that Mr. White should single out the ideal medal winner at the Palace—the bird which an English judge selected as the acme of perfection of all the Norwich at the great national show—and declare that he would like to take it home with him. It did not look from that as if the English breeders or the English judges were travelling so far wide of the mark in their race after perfection, even when their work was seen through Australian eyes! It appeared that an ideal English-bred bird was good enough to fill Mr. White's eye and cause him to long to take it to Australia, and it occurred to him (Mr. Gardner) that it was, perhaps, cause for congratulation that so able and caustic a critic as Mr. White could even find an English bird good enough to fill his eye. There was little need for heart-searching over the secondraters, when it was admitted that the champions met the wishes of the New World critics. Passing on to note the many contradictory views of the different writers recently in the cage bird papers on the Norwich Plainhead, Mr. Gardner said it might be that in the multitude of counsellors there was wisdom, but there might also be confusion. He recommended his hearers to study well the remarks of Mr. Vardy on the Norwich bird, and closed with a few hints on the use of colour, blood and other points.

The chairman, in moving a vote of thanks to the lecturer for his able lecture, gave an instance in which, last season, he had proved the soundness of Mr. Gardner's arguments as to green blood and what it would produce. The vote was seconded, heartily carried and replied to, and the meeting terminated, Mr. Gardner having spoken for about an hour.

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Early Arrivals.

The Cuckoo was reported to have been heard here on Friday, March 29th, and on Easter Sunday, March 31st, a solitary pair of Sand-martins arrived at their old haunts in Ashbourne.—J. H. Henstock.

Concerning the Teal.

The male Teal is one of the handsomest of the Ducks, while his partner is just as sober-coloured as she can possibly be. Many breed in this country, but the majority of the birds killed for market are no doubt of foreign origin. When settling, Teal will often pitch into a reed bed, apparently head foremost.

Early Youngsters.

In a certain old-fashioned garden in a village surrounded by an ancient wall (with ivy creeping over it) a pair of Thrushes started nesting some time ago. They have now four youngsters. In a day or so these will be venturing into the big world on their own account. They have already feathers upon their wings and bodies.

Freakish Blackbirds.

A white Blackbird is reported to have been seen at Newcastle-on-Tyne. It is described as pure white, except the tail, which is black with a single white feather down the centre. The curious Blackbird, half white and half black, reported as having been seen at Headingley, was still in that locality up to a few days ago.

Quick-change Artistes.

The Chaffinches in the London parks, says "G. B. D.," in the "Daily News," have grown so bright in their rosy plumage with white spangles, that everyone notices them as they flash about with their undulating flight. There is no more striking phenomenon than the rapidity with which birds acquire their best plumage in spring. These Chaffinches were all young birds apparently, and they flashed from a sober, henlike garb into full cock plumage in the space of about forty-eight hours. The Redwings also are twice as handsome as they were a week ago, and the Gulls on the river are putting on their black caps almost as though they had been carrying them in their pockets ready for the first warm day.

A Note on Owls.

Owls swallow their prey whole, and cast up the indigestible portions in the form of pellets, which may be seen in quantities near their retreats. Careful examination of these pellets will often reveal the nature of their food.

Rough on the Kestrel.

All species of Hawks lead a very hazardous life. They are the natural enemies of smaller birds and have a right to exist as decreed by Nature. Man is their greatest enemy, and generally destroys them at sight—especially if they are seen anywhere near game preserves. In this matter all Hawks fare alike. A Kestrel is shot down as quickly as a Sparrow Hawk; there is no "First Offenders Act" to give him a chance. To be seen anywhere in the vicinity of a hen coop is quite sufficient to sentence him to death. There is not the least doubt but that many inoffensive birds have been wantonly destroyed, for it is well known that mice frequently visit the coops to feast upon the scattered corn, even in broad daylight. I once saw the remains of a Kestrel that was actually shot with a mouse in its possession.

Rooks.

Where one has the opportunity of watching certain birds all the year round one is able to note peculiar habits that may escape the ordinary observer for the want of opportunity. Perhaps there are no birds more easy to watch than the Rooks. They live in trees that are always conspicuous. This makes it an easy matter to find them. On the other hand, among a community of birds, all of the same colour, it is a difficult matter to watch individuals. So that, although we are able to study and record the doings of the rookery, we are not able to say much about single birds.

Do they or do they not pair for life? During the present breeding season they are so mixed up that it is impossible to make out individual pairs (although they may exist). If one considers how a pair takes possession of a certain nest (while the others allow them to retain it, without any dispute or squabble), it appears to the observer that the birds have every right to the structure. In that case one would unhesitatingly say that Rooks pair for life.

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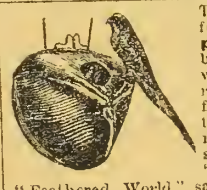

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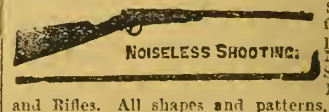

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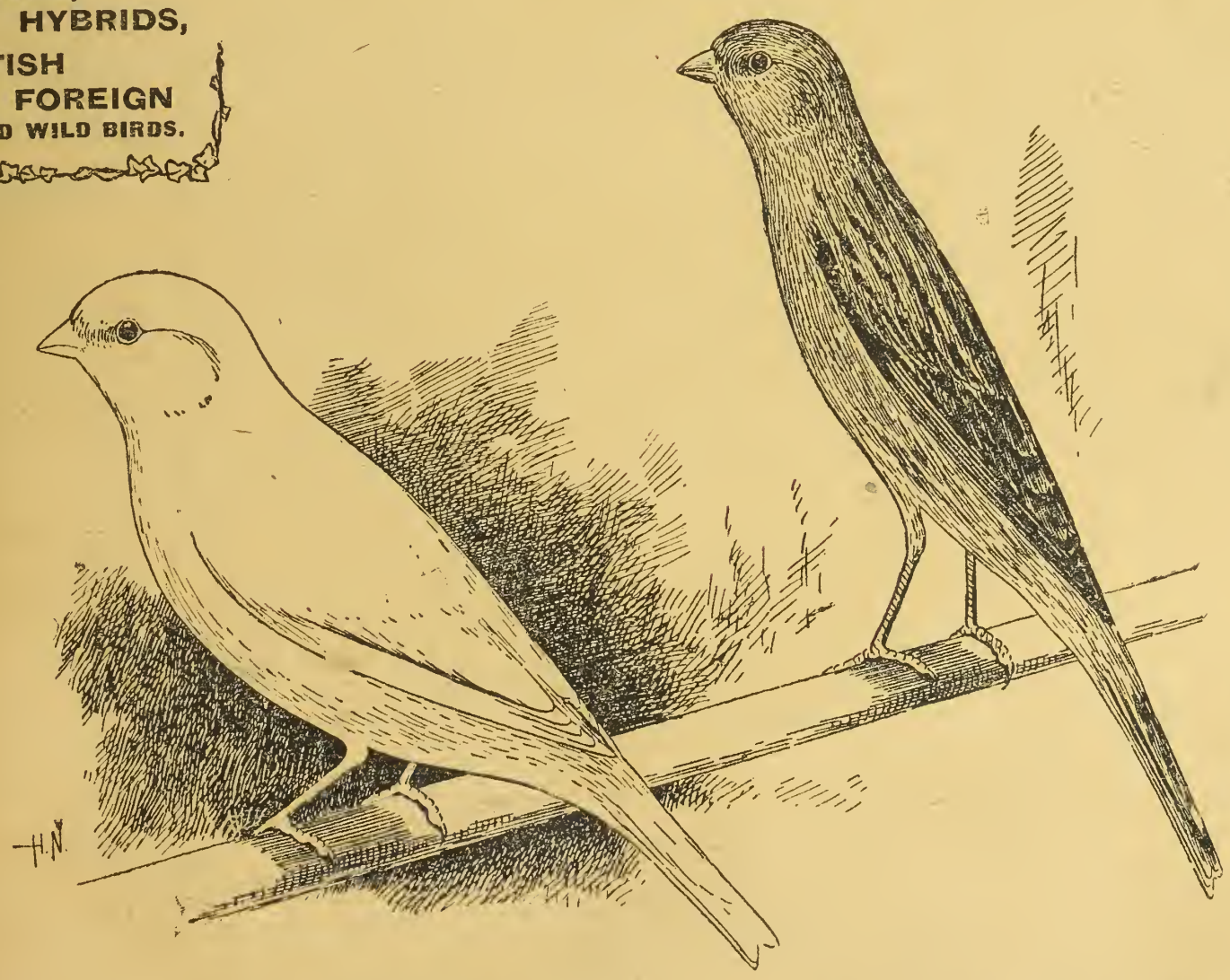

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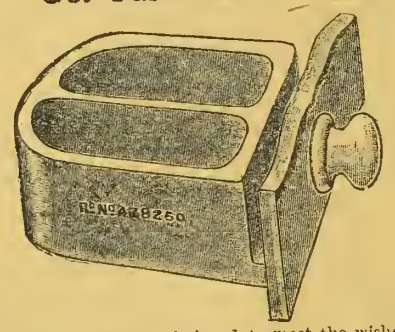

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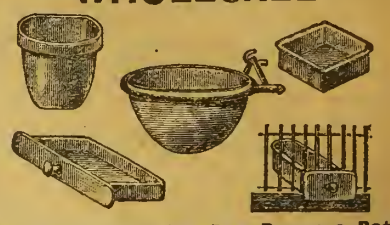

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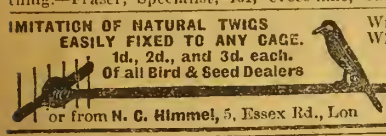

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PURE bred Norwich cocks, full song, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6; hens, same strain, 2/6, 3/6; pairs properly matched for breeding, 7/-, 8/6, 10/6 pair; guaranteed large healthy birds, cold room bred (1906); if not satisfied money returned.—Fred Heathcote, 55, Havelock-st., Leicester.

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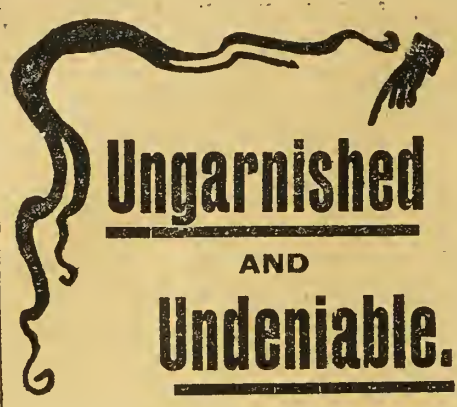

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Dozens of People, etc.

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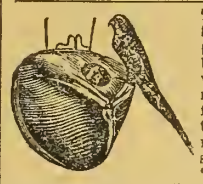

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WANTED, good cock Yorkshire Canary, for Yorkshire hen, untried.—Owen Bros., Narberth.

WANTED Canaries, exchange two exhibition muling Goldfinches.—Sadler, 16, Sparsholt-rd., N.

WANTED, singing birds in exchange for new cages or seed.—Rollinson, Waugh-st., Oldham.

WANTED Mice, any size, colour, or quantity.—De Von, 114, Bethnal Green-rd., London.

NOTICE.—Wanted, all kinds of British birds, Canaries for cash.—Brain, Aston, Birmingham.

WANTED immediately a cock Blue Robin.—Address, Mrs. Longden, Brae Lea, Guildford.

WANTED foreign dealers to send their trade lists to Miles, St. Andrew's, Norwich.

WANTED pure white Doves, particulars.—Swift, 56, Potter-st., Worksop, Notts.

WANTED, steady Siberian Goldfinch and hen Bullie.—Jenkins, 55, Commercial-st., Abergwynfi.

WANTED, cock and hen Mules; state lowest price.—Santon, 4, Blossom-st., Norton Folgate, E.C.

WANTED, Canaries, Pigeons, or Poultry; give a pedigree English wire-haired Terrier dog pup, value £2 10s.—John Brittain, Tring.

WANTED, hen Goldfinch Mules, give 1/- each. Any kind of birds bought.—Perks, 294, East-st., Old Kent-rd., London.

DIAMOND glass cutter and joiners' cramps wanted, good and cheap, or exchange Canaries or cages.—Pass, cage maker, Hucknall Torkard, Notts.

WANTED 1906 Yorkshire cock, healthy; exchange three buff Orpingtons, pullets, laying.—Payn, 59, High-st., Glastonbury.

POSTAL ORDERS, PLEASE.

Owing to the new Post Office Regulations respecting the use of stamps upon Postal Orders, we are reluctantly compelled to state that in future our rule re **sending Postal Orders as far as possible instead of stamps** *must be strictly enforced. Advertisers unable to obtain Postal Orders must remit an extra halfpenny with every four penny stamps.*

WANTED Lizard cock Canary, gold or silver; also two Norwich hens; exchange pair Dragon pigeons.—Merson, 2, Portessie, Buckie.

WANTED offers in Canarics for 30 6d. parts "Flag to Pretoria," good condition.—Botell, Whytelcafe, Surrey.

WANTED Canaries, Goldfinch and Linnet Mules; hand-reared Larks, songsters, for cash.—Barlow, 105, City-rd., Hulme, Manchester.

WANTED cock and two hen Canaries; exchange tweed suit, youth, pattern scut, sell £1.—Drummond, Hutcheson-st., Glasgow.

WANTED Norwich hens, Goldfinch, two variegated cock Mules, Goldfinch song, cheap, cash.—Bignett, 53, Winstanley-rd., Clapham Junction.

WANTED anything useful exchange Partridge Wyandotte eggs, guaranteed fertile.—Dawson, Blyburgate, Beccles.

WANTED, Norwich cock for twice house moulted cock Siskin and two Canary-reared cock Linnets.—Smith, 26, Abbey-rd., Abbey Wood, Kent.

WANTED, German Rollers, exchange Crestbred cock, Short-faced Tumbler Pigeons.—19, Piccadilly, Westcliff-on-sea.

WANTED gent's pneumatic cycle, good make and light; will give splendid pen prize-bred black Orpingtons, laying, and cash.—Finney, grocer, Oswestry.

WANTED, African Grey Parrot, must be good talker, seven days' approval; lowest price.—Matson, 2, Westmorland-pl., Harrogate.

WANTED, two Crestbred hens, one variegated or self green, one clear yellow or buff, for cash.—Edward Wycrs, Adelaide-st., Redditch.

WANTED, any number of Canaries, weekly, cheap, for resale; state lowest cash price.—J. Thorn, 37, Plumstead-rd., Woolwich.

WANTED, Fowls, Canaries, Pigeons, common; exchange two Crest hens, 1905, 8/6 each.—Long, 18, Prent-rd., Clapton.

WANTED Canaries, Crests, Yorkshires, Norwich, Linnets, Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Thrushes, Parrots.—Baker, Herbert-st., Bedminster.

WANTED, 1,000 Canaries, in large and small quantities, for cash.—Send particulars, C. Wressell, Crowle, Lincolnshire.

WANTED, offers Canarics or cage birds, exchange pair Scotch blankets, 25/-, or tweed suit length, sell 15/-.—Drummond, Hutcheson-st., Glasgow.

WANTED, Norwich cock Canary, eager to pair; 90 CAGE BIRDS coloured plates; pair Wheatears; pair Bluetits; offers.—Fenn, Station-rd., Isleham, Cambs.

WANTED, your surplus stock you don't want; will exchange it for stock you do.—Pearson, Greenwich.

WANTED, Norwich and Yorkshire, any quantity, cheap, for cash.—B. Soanes, 92, Bevan-st., Lowestoft.

WANTED, yellow Crestbred cock; will give buff Norwich hen, perfect Bullfinch type; or sell 25/-.—Sewery, Windsor-ter., Lyme Regis.

WANTED, Goldfinches, cock and hens, large or small quantities, also talking Parrots, for spot cash; state price and particulars; Bankers, Lloyds, Ltd.—Gore, 131, Gooch-st., Birmingham

WANTED, any quantities of Canaries (any variety), Goldfinch and Linnet Mules, for cash; approval.—Marsh, Freemasons' Aviaries, Percira-st., Bethnal Green.

WANTED, a large Norwich cinnamon cock, must have a good big body, big head and neck, short tail and flights; on approval.—Apply, S. Dunn, 9, Belford-ter., North Shields.

WANTED, Canaries, British birds, Pigeons, Fowls, Bantams, Cavies, Dogs, any kind livo stock, for cash; or exchange.—R. Parker, 32, Churchill-rd., South Croydon.

WANTED, cock Canary or cock Goldie, will give four cock Chaffinches, three hens, two cock Bramble-finches, one cock Skylark, all caged three months.—Gardner, The Crown, Outwell, Wisbech.

WANTED Canaries, exchange large aquarium, value 42/-; three large square Parrot cages, 15/- each; Squirrel cage, 8/6; young Amazon Parrot, two guineas.—H., 183, Church-rd., Hove.

WANTED Cage Birds and cage, exchange set nearly new kid boxing gloves and punchball, sell 22/-, mutual approval.—Hayden, Kendal-avenue, Epping.

WANTED grey African talking Parrot and cage for Green's 12-in. lawn mower, perfect condition, nearly new, no grass box.—Harrison, 47, Hartingtouter., Lidget Green, Bradford.

WANTED cock Blackbird, Thrush or Lark in full, free song; exchange young flying Homers from good long distance birds; particulars.—E. Satterthwaite, Ilford.

WANTED offers in British for ¼-plate camera, with printing frame and dark lamp, a dozen phonograph records and roller cock, full song; or sell 7/6 each.—Horne, 45, Cranworth-street, Bootle, Liverpool.

WANTED, offers in exchange for two pens Black Rosecomb Bantams, one cock and two hens, other cock and hen, also cross-bred, for sitting. Canaries preferred, or sell lot 20/-, or separate.—R. Hubbuck, 230, Old-rd., Chesterfield.

WANTED, Crested Norwich, Belgians, Scotch Fancies, Plainhead Norwich, Lizards, and other varieties; no stock too large or too small; send price and particulars to J. Thompson, 29, Edmund-st., Bradford.

WANTED, high-class Canaries, for the following:—One pair of Raymond's roller, road, extension skates, one pair of lady's skates, rollers, one ecclestina, with 200 ft. of music, a fine piece of furniture.—Henry Leah, Earl's Barton, Northampton.

WANTED, for outdoor aviary, Zebra Finch, black and red-headed Gouldian Finch cocks, pairs Rufus-tailed, Long-tailed Grass Finches, Cutthroats, Silverbills, White Java Sparrows, Diamond Doves Chinese Quails, British Goldfinches, hen Bullfinch; send particulars.—Foot, Whitebill, Berkhamsted.

WANTED, cash offers 800 new 1d. improved water fountains and seed hoppers, fit any cage; exchange birds or poultry; send two stamps for samples to cover postage; or sell 8d. dozen, carriage paid; have cock Goldfinch Mule, Finch song, 7/6; exchange two cock Goldfinches.—Smith, 79, Astonville-st., Southfields, London, S.W.

JOHN GARLAND

Wants to buy any quantity of cock Canaries, Norwich or Yorkshire; will deposit with Editor.—64, Bordesley, Birmingham.

SALE OR EXCHANGE.

Mainly British
To be Sold or Exchanged

WHITE and black cock Blackbird, mottled all over, quite steady, price 15/-, or useful exchange.—Gardner, The Crown, Outwell, Wisbech.

SPLENDID hand-reared cock Blackbird, full song, sell 6/-; exchange pair Canaries.—A. Chapman, Upton, near Acle, Norwich.

MAINLY BRITISH—continued.

WHITE-LEGGED cock Goldfiuch, full song, 7/6; cock Linnet, 4/-; both bred; exchange Canaries; songsters.—17, Blakey-st., Longsight, Manchester.

GRAND cock Goldfinch, clean cut, vhc only time shown, class of ten, open, 15/-; exchange Canarics.—Stacey, Park Villa, East Hill, Dartford.

TWO cock Goldfinches, Bullfinch hen, Canary hen; exchange for good buff Yorkshire hen; approval.—E. Hind, Victoria-rd., Brimscombe, Stroud, Glos.

EXCHANGE pair English Owls, winners, for two trained singing Hartz Roller cocks; sell 30/-.—Peters, Greenrig Cottage, Uddingston.

EXHIBITION Goldfiuch, 3rd Preston; exchange Toy Pom.; also cycle, good order; exchange Bull-dog.—Jackson, Joiner, 15, May-st., Burslem.

EXCHANGE twice house moulted Linnet and breeder for pair outer covers, size 28 by 1½; or sell 7/6.—Gilman, Church Institute, Buxton.

HEN Bullfinch, cock brown Linnet, house moulted, mulers; exchange singing Canarics (Germans).—Prophett, William-st., Crewe.

WANTED, good Goldfinch, also Mule, cocks; give good exchange in winning Tumblers.—Dudley, Liver-pool-rd., Patricroft.

SPLENDID cock Goldfinch, clear beak, 7/6; York-shire cock, 6/6.—Legget, 35, Cleveland-rd., Islington, London.

NORWICH cock wanted, 1906; exchange cage moulted cock Goldfinch and hen Goldfinch Mule.—W. W., 15, Chapel-st., Bognor.

THREE cock Linnets, two cock Chaffinches; ex-change muling Goldfinch, or anything useful.—H. Pinnell, Warminster.

COCK Linnet, with splendid cage, 2/9; another, with cage, 2/-; aviary (two-domed); exchange Canarics.—Banks, 36, Hazledon-rd., Brockley.

TWO high-class Norwich hens, 1906, yellow buff, 15/- each, short, fine silky-feathered birds, exchange good yellow cock.—E. Mullis, Winslow, Bucks.

MIXED birds for aviary, Mules, Linnets, Gold-finches for sale; or exchange for Canaries, rabbits.—Cundy, Priory-av., Prittlewell.

COCK Bullfinch and three hens, in splendid con-dition, accept 2/6; or exchange for cock Siskin.—C. E. English, St. John's-rd., Mortimer Common.

THREE-DOMED aviary, cock Linnets, 2/6; Gold-finch, 7/6, singing; or exchange Norwich Canaries.—Cross, 64, Hartington-rd., Tottenham.

WHAT offers in Norwich for twice house moulted cock Goldfinch, sure muler? Or sell, 10/6.—160, Langham-rd., West Green, Tottenham.

EXHIBITION Bullfinch, 2nd St. Albans, Bramble-finch, 4th Luton, sell 10/-; or exchange Yorkshire show cages and case.—24, Jubilee-st., Luton, Beds.

COCK Goldfinch, house moulted, proved muler, 8/6; another, 3/6; cock Reed Bunting, 5/-; exchange Canaries.—80, Military-rd., Colchester.

PAIRS Reed Buntings, 1/-; Yellowhammers, 8d.; Linnets, 1/-; Greenfinches, 8d.; exchange.—G. Fenn, Church-lane, Isleham.

TWO Linnets, in full song, two hen Canarics, and cages, 12/-; exchange yellow Yorkshire cock, or anything useful.—Read, Grocer, County-st. House, Totterdown, Bristol.

1906 HAND-REARED Thrush, singing, splendid condition, with good clean cage, cottage top, bar-gain, 10/-; would exchange for clothing.—237, Kirk-stall-rd., Leeds.

HOUSE moulted cock Goldfinch, in song; ex-change singing cock Canary; two steady hen Bull-finches; exchange anything.—Winstone, 2, Soundwell-rd., Staplehill, Bristol.

COCK Goldfinch Mule, 1905, 6/-; variegated hen Mule, 1906, 1/6; two-year-old cock Linnet, 3/6; 10/- the lot; exchange boy's clothing to 15/-; stamp.—Aikens, Ellenhorough, Maryport.

THREE grand muling Goldfinches, full song, 6/6 each, or exchange Yorkshire cocks or hens; must be sent on approval.—Sergeant Winchester, 21st Bat-tery, Birmingham.

TWO house moulted Goldies, breeders, also one Greypate, all in full song, sell 15/- the three, or exchange wanted green bone mill; approval.—Long-den, Strand, Swansea.

FOUR cock Goldfinches, 3/- and 4/-; cock Chaf-finches, 1/-; one, house moulted, 2/-; three Red-polls, 9d. each; exchange Canaries.—Morter, Photo-grapher, Colchester.

EXCHANGE three genuine house moulted cock Linnets, one ditto cock Redpoll, one tame Green-finch, for one cock singing Canary or two good cock Goldfinches.—Mackett, 108, Capstone-rd., Bourne-mouth.

COCK Brown Linnets, 7/- dozen; hens 1/6. Cock Greenfinches, 1/6. Cock Blackbirds, in song, 1/- each. Pair Reed Buntings, 1/6 pair. Bluetits, 1/6. Twelve mixed seed Birds, 1/6. Exchange.—G. Fenn, Fleet's-yard, Isleham, Cambs.

SIBERIANS.—Last this season and the best. Cock Goldies, 5/- and 7/6; hens, giants, 3/-; Linnets, cocks, 2/6, hens 1/-; cock Siskins, 4/-, hens 4/-; Bull-finches, cocks, 5/-, hens 7/6. Every bird in perfect health and condition. Or exchange Canaries.—Pearson, Greenwich Market.

Mainly Canaries
To be Sold or Exchanged

GOOD 1906 Yorkshire hen Canary, 3/-, or exchange Norwich.—Williams, Pendre, Builth.

THREE Norwich, three Yorkshire hens, sell 15/-, or offers in exchange.—Merry, George-st., Taunton.

PAIR yellow Yorkshires, 12/-, exchange poultry.—?, Fulton-villas, Boundary-rd., Wood Green.

BUFF Cinnamon hen, exchange Norwich cock; approval.—Thomas Herbert, Headless Cross, Red-ditch.

NOTICE.—Grand African Grey Parrot, with red tail, price 60/-, or exchange Canaries, or offers.—McKeand, Hamilton-pl., Castle Douglas.

EXCHANGE three Scifert hens and one cock Lin-net, full song, for two Roller cocks, full song; offers.—J. Fisher, 40, Parker-st., Bradford, Manchester.

FOR Sale, one pair Scotch Fancies, or exchange Norwich, good birds, or sell £1.—Reeker, 23, Quality-st., Kirkcaldy, Fife.

SOME good Mules and Muling Finches going cheap; also Norwich; inspection invited evenings.—Hardy, 24, Pathfield-rd., Streatham.

SEVEN hen Canaries, exchange anything useful, or sell 19s., stamp for particulars.—Stephen Andrews, 109, Mersey-rd., Widnes.

WANTED good Roller cock, exchange splendid crested cock, even marked, or sell 15/-.—Poole, Auricula, Victoria-rd., Quarry Bank.

WHAT offers in Borders or Norwich for large pairs Crests, sell 25/-.—Dempster, 12, Galloway-st., Paisley.

HEALTHY Norwich hens, cold room, 3/6 each; feeding hens, 2/6, approval; exchange cocks.—205, Albert-rd., Aston, Birmingham.

1906 VARIEGATED Crestbred cock, exchange for 1906 yellow Yorkshire cock, or sell 12/6.—Gorton, 65, East-st., Bury, Lancashire.

THREE Scotch Fancy yellow cocks, 30/- the lot, or exchange cloth value £2.—R. Gardener, Hatters-lane, Berwick-on-Tweed.

GRAND Yorkshire cocks, full song, 6/- each, would exchange for good Yorkshire or Norwich hens—Roe, Whitington Moor.

NORWICH hen, buff, 5/6, exchange 1905 clear buff Yorkshire hen.—Cowper, Jacobs' Well-lane, Wake-field.

FOR sale or exchange, three German hen Ca-naries, 2/- each.—Kay, 54, Melbourne-st., High Bank, Gorton, Manchester.

TWO buff Norwich cocks; exchange Norwich hens or feeding hens.—Ransome, Three Horse Shoes, Saw-bridgeworth, Herts.

THREE good Crested hens, 10/- lot, 4/- each; also two Plainhead cocks, 7/- the two; or what offers in Rollers?—Hall, 5, Holly-ter., Whetstone, London.

LARGE yellow variegated Norwich hen and feed-ing hen; exchange yellow Norwich cock; approval.—Smith, 102, Russell-st., Northampton.

BUFF Norwich hen, 1906, 3/-; yellow Yorkshire hen, 4/-; exchange for good Yorkshire, 1906, cock; approval.—F., 22, Pembridge-mews, London, W.

A GOOD pair of clear Yorkshires, breeding condi-tion, 10/6, or exchange baby's push cart or anything useful.—Trenholm, 126, Popple-st., Sheffield.

YORKSHIRE hen (yellow) and cage, 12 months, 5/6; exchange curtains, boy's boots.—Mrs. Gregg, 19, Scotia-rd., Tunstall.

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IN THE COURTS.

ALLEGED FRAUD BY A NOTTING-HAM BIRD DEALER.

At the Chesterfield County Magistrates' Clerk's Office, on April 4th, before Ald. Johnson Pearson, Henry Tindall, alias Swift, of 31, West Street, Nottingham, was charged with obtaining credit to the amount of 19s. by fraud other than false pretences. Mr. W. B. Smith, solicitor, Nottingham, appeared for the prisoner.

John Burge, of Whittington Moor, grocer's assistant, said that he was a bird fancier. On Nov. 10th last he had an advertisement in CAGE BIRDS as follows:—"Two cocks, six hens, accept 20s. or separate." In reply to that advt. he received a postcard on Nov. 13th offering him 19s. from "H. Tindall, Notting-ham." He sent the birds off at once by the Midland Railway. The day after he received a letter from the defendant enclosing a P.O. for 5s. and in the letter he stated that he would send the balance at the end of the week. On Nov. 23rd he received a postcard from Tin-dall to the effect that the cocks had not sung yet, and he was afraid that they were all hens, but as soon as he was satisfied they were cocks he would send the balance. Witness replied: If not satisfied with the birds send them back, and he would return the 5s. In reply to that prisoner wrote stating that there was not one of the birds which had sung, and that he did not think there were any cocks amougst them. He had not had any communication from the prisoner afterwards, and had never received the balance of 14s.

Mr. Smith: What do you say is the fraud that has been perpetrated upon you? Wit-ness: He got the birds upon a promise to pay for them, and he has not paid for them.

You say another pretence was that he said they were all hens?—Yes.

And this is the reason why you took out a warrant for him, and had him arrested?—I believe I had another communication from Mr. Tindall, saying that two of them died.

Was it after the end of November that you had this communication to say that these birds were dead?—Possibly so.

And then you leave the matter from the end of November until the end of March before you take any proceedings at all?—That is so.

You are a bird fancier, an amatcur bird fan-cier?—Yes.

Could you tell a cock from a hen?—Yes, I think so, but I am not an expert at it.

At this point a cage containing eight birds was produced, but witness was unable to pick out a cock from amongst them, although prisoner stated that there were two cocks amongst them.

Mr. Smith: What did it cost you to put this advt. in CAGE BIRDS?—About fourpence.

Have you sold many birds in this way?—I have sold a tidy few.

Do you breed them simply for the purpose of making profit on them?—No; simply a hobby.

Do you know that Tindall has kept a stall in the Market for 40 years?—I have heard that he has kept one for a number of years.

The Chairman: I think you said that you wrote to him to send the birds back if he was not satisfied?— Yes. The Chairman (to prisoner's solicitor): You did not ask any question on that? Mr. Smith: Oh, no; it is admitted.

The Assistant Magistrates' Clerk: The ques-tion has been asked why you did not take action sooner? I suppose you were making enquiries in the meantime?—That is so.

P. Kerry, E. Evans, and C. F. Tranter, proved delivery of the birds, the latter, a vanman employed on the Midland Railway at Nottingham, stating that he had delivered many birds to Tindall, and apparently he did a large trade.

Arthur William Goddard, detective sergeant of the Nottingham City force, said he knew the defendant well. Witness had visited him many times respecting complaints made as to the manner in which he conducted his busi-ness.

Mr. Smith: I object to this. I say that in a charge of false pretences undoubtedly evi-dence is allowed to be given of other offences of a similar character, but this is a charge under the Debtors Act. The Chairman: Your complaint is that we have no right to enquire into the method in which the man con-ducts his business? Mr. Smith: That is so.

The Assistant Magistrates' Clerk made a note of the objection, but the Chairman al-lowed the evidence to be taken.

Witness added that he had complaints from people all over the country, and that invaria-bly after sending birds to Tindall they re-ceived a communication back that either some of the birds had died or that there was some-thing wrong with them. Generally prisoner sent some money on account.

The Assistant Magistrates' Clerk: You have cautioned him about his mode of procedure?

Witness: Yes, but he said it was no matter of ours and that it was a case for the County Court.

At this stage the prisoner's solicitor put in a number of letters, one from the Chief Con-stable of Nottingham (Mr. Samuel Stevens) and one from the Nottingham Coroner, tes-tifying to witness's good character.

Inspector Sharpe gave evidence of the arrest. In reply to the charge, prisoner replied, "It is not fraud; it is a debt."

The Magistrates' Clerk: That completes the case so far as Burge is concerned. We now propose to call others who have had similar dealings with the prisoner. No doubt Mr. Smith will object to this evidence. Mr. Smith: I do object to all this evidence.

Geo. Brockbank, of Kirkby Stephen, West-moreland, said that he advertised some Pome-ranian puppies, and amongst the replies he re-ceived one from Tindall, of Nottingham. Wit-ness wrote and agreed to sell two at 32s. 6d. each. On Oct. 20th he received a postcard from Tindall: "Puppies safe to hand. Send me lowest price; you know I have to sell them again." On Oct. 24th witness received £1 on account, leaving a balance of £2 5s. which he had never received, although he had written for it.

Walter Hughes, of Oswestry, grocer, stated that he advertised in CAGE BIRDS on Nov. 24th some birds for sale, and amongst the re-plies he received an offer of 9s. for them from Tindall. Witness sent them on, and a few days later he received the wing of a bird back which Tindall said belonged to one of his birds which had died. The wing produced was not the wing of his bird, as it was of a different colour. Witness wrote him and asked him if he had not made a mistake, and the prisoner replied that he had not and that two of the Bulfinches had also died. He had not received any money yet.

Henry Hardacre, 23 New Scarboro' Road, Guiseley, near Leeds, woollen spinner, said he advertised 30 pairs of Canaries in CAGE BIRDS on Jan. 12th last, and he, like the others, had received a reply from Tindall, and he subse-quently sent him ten pairs at 7s. a pair. Prisoner sent a pair back and asked him to send another pair, but he did not do so, and he wrote him to send on his money at once, but he got no reply.

Wm. Haywood, carpenter, of Bath, stated that he also advertised in CAGE BIRDS, and had a reply from Tindall amongst others. As a result he sent him eight birds, and sub-sequently received 10s. on account. On Nov. 13th witness received a postcard from Tindall that he had not forgotten about the balance, but that he was also waiting to hear tho birds sing. Two days later he got another postcard which said, "It seems strange the Mules sang with you; they have never sung with me." On Jan. 30th witness received another com-munication from the prisoner, in which he said with reference to the birds witness had sent to the following effect:—"I found four hens amongst them. Do you call that a fair way of dealing? I still have them by me. I have seen my solicitor and he has told me what to do."

Prisoner pleaded not guilty, and reserved his defence. Mr. Smith said that as a ques-tion of law would arise as to the legality of taking some of the evidence that had been given, he would press for the case to go before a Judge of Assize.

Prisoner was accordingly committed for trial at the next Derbyshire Assizes, bail being allowed.—From the "Derbyshire Times."

CLUB REPORTS.

SCOTTISH B.B.M.C.

The Sub-committee met the General Committee, on April 2nd, at Edinburgh, and the trophy pro-posals submitted by Mr. Livingstone, with Sub-committee's amendments were read. The following were unanimously agreed upon:—(1) That it be competed for annually; (2) that it shall be competed for at four open shows annually. Exhibitor gaining most points to he the winner, and to receive a gold medal of a different design from club medal; also to have his name inserted on the trophy. Runner-up to have silver medal, but this medal not to count for gold medal (this last clause open for dis-cussion). (3) The four shows to be fixed at the September meeting, and that Edinburgh and Glas-gow National Shows be included annually. The other two shows selected not to be the same the following year. Mr. C. S. Crockatt, the well-known exhibitor, sent a handsome donation to the Fund, along with two proposals, one of which was unani-mously agreed upon—namely, "That members must nominate not more than six birds at the time of making their entries, and that points gained by those birds count for the trophy." Further sub-scriptions have been promised, and the matter will be on the agenda for next meeting to decide future action.—R. FARMER, Sec.

GLASGOW, WEST OF SCOTLAND N.M.B.F.B.C.

Show of British birds and monthly meeting, held in the Club Rooms, on 26th ult. There was a large turn out, and six new members were added; 99 birds were staged in the nine classes, and the judges, Messrs. George Henderson, T. Erskine, and R. Watson, jun., had a difficult task in selecting the best birds. The awards gave great satisfaction. LINNET (17): 1, spl, G. Henderson; 2, Watson, jun.; 3, Abercrombie; 4, Graham; vhc, A. Henderson; hc, Craig, McCallum. SISKIN (7): 1, G. Henderson; 2, Eastman; 3, 4, spl, Craig; vhc, McLintock; bc, Crawford; c, spl, Jas. Graham. TWITE (5): 1, Craig; 2, 3, Ward; 4, G. Henderson; vhc, Thaw. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (12): 1, spl, Erskine; 2, hc, Jas. Graham; 3, Alexander; 4, Smith; vhc, Todd; c, G. Henderson. FOR. GOLD. (13): 1, hc, G. Hender-son; 2, Jas. Graham; 4, spl, P. Thaw; vhc, Todd; c, D. Graham. BULLFINCH HEN (10): 1, McLin-tock; 2, Erskine; 3, Craig; 4, Abercrombie; vhc, G. Henderson; hc, Jas. Graham; c, spl, Hendry. GREENFINCH (18): 1, spl, Erskine; 2, Craig; 3, Watson, jun.; 4, Scott; vhc, Todd; hc, Ward; c, spl, McLintock. REDPOLL (9): 1, Watson, jun.; 2, Scott; 3, Erskine; 4, spl, Ward; vhc, Hendry; hc, McCallum; c, Craig. A.O.V. BRIT. HEN (8): 1, c, Scott; 2, Watson, jun.; 3, 4, Craig; vhc, McCallum; hc, Donaghy.—R. A. BROWN, Sec.

GLASGOW & WESTERN COUNTIES N.C.M.B. & F.B.C.

Monthly meeting, held in the Good Templars' Hall on 30th March. Mr. Peter Pettigrew presided. The following were nominated for membership:—Messrs. Cassels, Wilson, Lister, Davis, Brawley, Henderson, Montgomery, Stewart, Duddie, Hayes, Gordon, Riley, Thomson, Hayworth, Aitken, Begg, Fulton, Wm. Craig, Prentice, Kilpatrick, McIloy, Sharkey, Bran-nigan, Buchanan, Dick, W. Murdock, Hardie, John-stone, Whiteford, Murray, Sinclair, Sorley, Lawson, Bald, Livingstone, Fernie. It was agreed to give the following classes at next meeting, 27th April:—Greenfinch, Chaffinch, Bramblefinch, Bullfinch, with numerous specials. The following gentlement adjudi-cated, viz.: Messrs. Morrison, Murray, Kilpatrick, Park, and Weir. The judging competition resulted in Messrs. Young and Brannigan securing first and second prizes respectively. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (19): 1, Lawson, grand rose and condition, inclined to be unsteady; 2, Craig, excellent blaze, rich colour; 3, Marlin, nice rose, rich plumage, well on legs; 3, Renfrew, neat rose, very clear in colour; vhc, Brownlie; hc, Fulton; c, Young. LINNETS (20): 1, Hobson, splendid size, grand head and front, shown in faultless condition; 2, Shearer, rare size, A1 for steadiness; 3, McFarlane, splendid head and very shapely; 4, Adam, stout-built exhibit, rich and even colour; vhc, Park; hc, Ren-frew; c, Marlin. SISKINS (16): 1, Rodie, quite a little swell, good size, rich even colour; 2, Shearer, splendid natural colour bird, neat cap and magnificent wings; 3, Connelly, very taking bird, natural colour, good wings; 4, McFarlane, very rich natural colour; vhc, Brownlie; hc, Lawson; c, Davis. REDPOLL OR TWITE (20): 1, Marlin, splendid Twite, very stylish, and well marked; 2, McFarlane, very taking Mealy Redpoll, grand size; 3, Connelly, Twite, lovely condition, very rich; 4, Young, an excellent Redpoll, lovely condition; vhc, A. Roulstone; hc, Lawson; c, Malcolmson. FOR. GOLDFINCH (15): 1, spl, Wm. Craig, with one of the handsomest exhibits going, shown in faultless condition; 2, Mal-colmson, large well-made Finch, in rare fettle; 3, Pet-tigrew, fine size and shape, grand blaze; 4, McFar-lane, very neat exhibit, lovely distinct colours; vhc, A. Roulstone; hc, Lawson; c, Renfrew.

YORKSHIRE C.C.

Challenge Cup Competition, £21: 1, cup and medal (£1 1s.), Bailey and Swanger, 124 points; 2, cup (£2 2s.), J. Wilcock, 119; 3, teapot (£1 10s.), W. H. Shackleton, 52. Money specials: 1, teapot (£1 10s.), Ogden Bros., 74; 2, £1, W. H. Shackleton, 69; 3, 15s., J. Wilcock, 59; 4, 10s., Sutcliffe and Sons, 47. Novice competition: 1, cup (£2 10s.), Ogden Bros., 74; 2, teapot (£1 10s.), W. Wads-worth, 40; 3, 10s., E. B. Denton, 34. Taylor's £10 10s. cup competition: 1, £10 10s. cup, G. W. Cuthbertson, 110; 2, painting (£2 10s.), W. Brough-ton, 65; 3, medal (10s. 6d.), A. Hirst, 34; 4, medal, J. F. Gibbons, 29. A meeting will be held on April 27th, at 4 p.m., at Oddfellows' Hall, Thorn-ton-road, Bradford. Mr. Brotherton will preside, and present to successful members trophies and money specials. Mr. Cuthbertson, having won the Taylor challenge cup outright, it now becomes his own property. Members and friends kindly attend. If any errors regarding points, will members please notify before the meeting, and then they will be rectified.—MUNDELL and BROADLEY, Hon. Secs.

SWINDON AND DIS. C.B.A.

Meeting held March 20th, a goodly company of members and friends assembling to hear Mr. P. F. M. Galloway, of Reading, lecture on "The Keeping and Management of British Softbills in Captivity." Mr. Galloway is well-known as one, if not the most, successful of present day Softbill experts, and his lecture fully justified the high expectations formed. In introducing his subject he mentioned that the Blackcap Warbler was about the best bird for a beginner to start with, as being a great berry eater its natural food could be provided with very little trouble all the year round. Mr. Galloway described his methods of hand-rearing, interspersing these with anecdotes of various strange happenings that has befallen him on several occasions. Continuing, he described the correct manner of feeding and caging, etc., also giving hints with regard to their manage-ment during that most trying period—the moult. In conclusion he trusted that although the majority of those present were Hardbilled fanciers, his remarks might have been interesting and instructive to them, and he assured them that in his opinion once a man took up Softbills he never went back on them. His favourites required more attention, yet he asserted that this was more than repaid by their almost human intelligence. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Galloway. This lecture will live long in the memories of those present. Delivered in faultless style Mr. Galloway handled his subject perfectly, and while it was thoroughly instructive the matter was such as to keep everyone interested for over an hour. A discussion took place with re-gard to a country ramble, and, providing proper ar-rangements can be made, this will take place on Whit Monday. Then came the outline of a scheme probably unique in the history of the Fancy. Briefly put, the scheme is as follows: That three cups be obtained for competition amongst the members, one for Canaries, one for British Birds and Mules, and one for Foreign Birds. The cups to be won by the member gaining the highest number of points at guaranteed Shows outside of those belonging to a society of which he is a member. This is to en-courage the members to send out their birds. Whether it will materialise or not depends upon the members themselves, for everyone has equal share in the management of the Club's affairs, but the idea has caught on, and the matter will be settled later on. A cup has already been promised by the President, but this is for the best bird bred by a member during the current season. Three more members were elected. Next meeting, April 17th, when the Rev. D. P. Harrison will deliver a lecture entitled "Some Problems to be Solved which can only be Solved by Careful Observation of Birds in Captivity."—JAS. T. EDMUNDS, Sec.

Many reports unavoidably held over.

DULWICH AND PECKHAM C.B.S.

A large number of members and friends met at Headquarters, on April 4th, to hear Mr. J. Robson lecture on the breeding and exhibiting of Canaries. The subject proved to be a most interesting one, Mr. Robson dealing with the various points in a very able and thorough manner, much valuable information being gained by those present. At the close of the lecture the Chairman, Mr. G. J. Woolhouse, invited anyone to ask questions, the lecturer being only too pleased to answer any questions that might be put. Much enthusiasm was here evinced, the questions coming thick and fast for a long time, which kept the lecturer continually on his feet answering same, much valuable information being here again obtained by the answers given. The Chairman moved a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Robson, which was carried unanimously. Mr. Robson briefly replied.—W. HODSON, Hon. Sec.

BORDER COUNTIES N. & C.C.

Meeting held at 37, Clayton Street, Newcastle, April 6th, at 6 p.m., Mr. A. Brown in the chair. The balance-sheet, showing a balance of 5s., was adopted. Election of officers: President, J. McDonald; Vice-presidents, J. Robson, A. Grey, A. G. Cameron, and T. Floyd; committee, J. Stanger, R. S. Bewick, J. Brown, T. Taylor, T. Winter, T. Dixon, R. Rowell, J. S. Wilson; Chairman, A. Brown; Auditor, J. Paterson. It was agreed that club's patronage be given to the following societies, providing their judge becomes a member of club:—For silver bowl competition—Shields, Wallsend, Gateshead, Hawick, and Sunderland. At these cup shows a gold medal is to be given for most points gained by a novice, providing sufficient novices join the club. A novice to be a member that has never won a first prize in open competition in Norwich or Cinnamon classes previous to season 1907. Will all novices please take note and join as soon as possible, so as to be entitled to compete for medal? Annual subscription 2s. 6d., payable now. Other shows receiving patronage are Morpeth, Kelso, and Newcastle. Will all secretaries see that their judge become a member, otherwise patronage will not be given?—ANTHONY HAY, Scc., 30, Main Road, Tweedmouth, Bewick.

BLAYDON AND DIS. C.B.S.

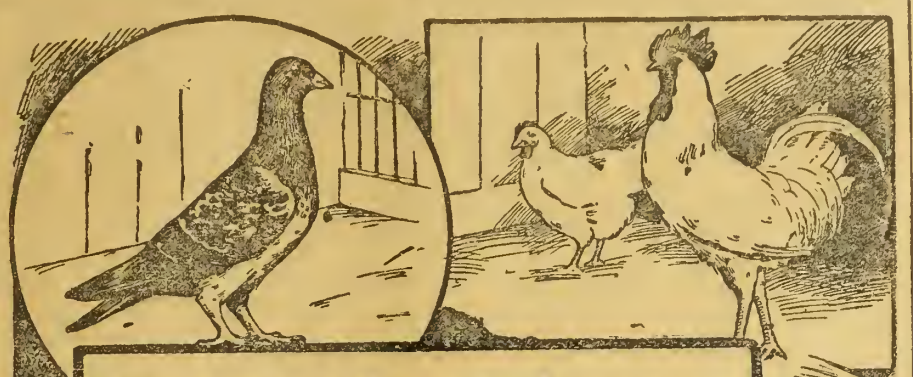
Meeting held 6th inst. Mr. J. Maddison, of Mule fame, gave a most efficient and instructive exhibition of the art of washing cage birds. I say instructive, for Mr. Maddison was most particular in explaining every detail of the whole business as he went along. He said there was no correct way. Some fanciers thought one way the best, and some another, of attaining their object—i.e., getting out the dirt without leaving any sign of soap behind, and went on to explain other known methods of handling and washing. He gave good reasons in favour of the method he had adopted, and which he must have given a fair trial, having washed every one of his own birds from beginning of his career as a fancier. This, I think, is enough to justify not only his method, but himself as an exponent of same in the eyes of all who are accustomed to see the splendid manner in which our genial friend's birds are always staged. Mr. Maddison then suggested someone else have a deal, and, at request of those present, our Chairman, Mr. J. Hands, well known as a Crest fancier and capable washer to boot, put a brace through the lather in workmanlike fashion, the difference between the two methods being very slight indeed. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Messrs. Maddison and Hands, to which both suitably replied. Two new members were enrolled, and then concluded the most entertaining and edifying meeting in the history of our society.—D. A. OGILVIE, Hon. Sec.

BRISTOL C.B.S.

Meeting at Crown Hotel, April 3rd. The members and friends turned up in large numbers, and a most enjoyable evening was passed, Mr. Manley giving his lecture in a most business-like manner, proving that he was thoroughly up to the work of breeding and managing Canaries, giving a number of useful wrinkles to both young and old. Eight new members joined, bringing the number up to 78, proving that a cage bird society, run in a good and business-like manner, giving plenty of interest, advice, and encouragement to its members fills a long-felt want in this large city, where a good number of bird fanciers abound. It is hoped in the near future to have the greatest experts to lecture at our meetings. Mr. H. Fowler has kindly consented to give some practical instruction in cage making at our next meeting. It was carried that the society join the Cage Bird Union, and that the Open Show be held in the Engineers' Drill Hall (lent by kind permission of Colonel C. C. Gibbs, V.D.) on November 20th and 21st, two well-known and popular judges, Messrs. C. A. House and H. Norman, being engaged to officiate. It was decided to hold a Members' First Feather Show and Judging Competition, for which suitable prizes will be given, on July 3rd. A large number of ladies and gentlemen (prominent citizens) have given and promised their support to the society. Anyone desiring information regarding membership, etc., should apply to the Secretary, J. Munro, Pretoria Villa, St. John's-lane, Bedminster.

NEWCASTLE C.B.S.

Meeting held Lockhart's Cafe, 4th April. Mr. Currah presided. The esteemed President of the Society, A. J. Haggie, Esq., J.P., honoured the company with his presence. Several new members enrolled. Heated discussion took place as to what should constitute a novice. Mr. Slack proposed and Mr. Scott seconded that a novice be a person who has never won a first prize in novice competition, and that an amateur be a person who has never won a first prize in open competition. Mr. Crawhall proposed and Mr. Hutchinson seconded, as an amendment, that a person be a novice until he has won three first prizes in novice classes, or one first prize in open competition. Mr. Crawhall's amendment was carried. Mr. Maddison said things were being arranged just to suit a few, and it appeared to him the older fanciers were to be boycotted. Mr. Hutchinson said as our society was a new one composed largely of young fanciers he thought it only fair that there should be better classification for them, as it was very disheartening for novices to have to show year after year in members' classes and never get a prize, as they had the same birds to meet as if they were showing in open competition, and it caused a good many of them to give up in disgust; if they only got a card it would incite them to try again. Mr. Crawhall said he was sorry he was one of the boycotted, but his chief desire was to further the interests of the society. Mr. Haggie then said that as it has now been finally agreed as to what constitutes a novice it would afford him great pleasure to present a piece of silver worth £2 2s. to the member of the society who exhibited the best bird in the novice classes; to be won outright, for he thought that the novice was the backbone of all societies. A hearty vote of thanks was given to Mr. Haggie, who suitably responded. Members are reminded that schedule for show will be drawn up at next meeting, May 2nd.—CURRY and HUTCHINSON, Hon. Secs.



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SINGING CONTESTS.

BLACKBURN.

The Small Bird Protection and Linnet F.A. held their contest on March 30th at Old Red Lion, Blackburn, when there was a record entry of 57 birds. 1, spl, 5, Topping; 2, Heaps, 3, Barker; 4, Barnes; 6, Rostrow.—R. HAYHURST, Sec.

WARRINGTON L.S.A.

The above held Easter contest April 1st, at the Alexandra Vaults. Twenty-four members competed for twelve good prizes, to the value of £6. The birds were in splendid order, and some good singing was heard, everybody present being well satisfied. The room was crowded. Judges, Messrs. J. Lanten and T. Crawford; timekeeper, Mr. W. Leah. The members were well satisfied with their decisions. After the contest Mrs. Thompson kindly handed the prizes to the winners:—1st, Stanway; 2nd, Leigh; 3rd, Ball; 4th, Leah; 5th, Tryner; 6th, Hallbrook; 7th, Richardson; 8th, Armitage; 9th, Bowers; 10th, Archer; 11th, Turner; 12th, Spencer. After the contest members and friends sat down to tea, which was very much enjoyed. Songs were given by W. Drury, J. Jones (Leigh), J. Cox, and R. Clare, who sang "Little Billie," which was very much applauded. Result of Novice Class, held April 6th:—1st, Mather; 2nd, Drury; 3rd, Robinson.—G. TRYNER, Hon. Sec.

LONDON & COUNTIES ASSOCIATION OF CANARY BREEDERS.

A Successful British Bird Show.

This new and successful society have inaugurated a new Spring Show of British Birds, Hybrids, and Foreign Birds, which has proved a very instructive and attractive venture. Some 90 entries were staged at the new headquarters, The Bay Malton, Great Portland Street, W., on March 23rd. The management of the concern was under London's senior secretary, Mr. R. J. Pretty, and the association is to be congratulated upon having such a secretary, whose experience of eleven years' continuous service is worth having. He was ably assisted by his assistant, Mr. Ransley, also by various members of the committee, Messrs. Williams, Morrison, G. Elgar, T. Kelly, H. J. Pearce, P. Adamthwaite, etc. The classification provided was extended to nearly every kind of Finch, Bunting, and also classes from both cage moulted and field moulted birds. The absence of Mr. J. Goodall's team was disappointing, as it robbed the foreign section of its attraction (perhaps Fulham was a bit too much for Watford. Eh! John?). Goldfinches were not very numerous, but were of good quality, and Mr. Bell's field moulted bird scored a victory over his cage moulted brethren by capturing the special. He was not a big one, but of good colour, and had a nice square blaze, and, with a good moult, he has the making of a champion. One of the surprises of the show was a team of six birds, shown by that staid old Nottingham Canary breeder, Mr. Bell; they were a credit to his judgment and selection. The Redpoll and Twite class was exceptionally strong; 15 entries, 14 of which were Redpolls. Mr. Williams took first with a field moulted bird of nice colour and markings. The Linnets were of a goodly number, Mr. Adamthwaite being first in the field moulted with a finely-marked bird, but he was beaten for the special by the cage moulted exhibit of Mr. Sparkes'. Greenfinches were weak, but some good coloured specimens were shown by Messrs. Morrison, Hammant, and Heine. Chaffinches were also very fine, but the pick was shown in the field moulted class, the winner being of splendid colour and markings, owned by Mr. E. Pretty. The A.O.V. class consisted principally of Bramblings, with a Hawfinch and Red Bunting, and Yellow Bunting. Mr. Allen Silver judged, and gave every satisfaction.

GOLDFINCHES, CAGE MOULTED (6): 1, Heine; 2, Hawes; 3, Sparkes; 4, R. J. Pretty. FIELD MOULTED: 1, spl., Bell; 2, Thorpe; 3, Clark; 4, W. Elgar. BULLFINCHES, COCK: 1, R. J. Pretty; HENS: 1, Morrison; 2, Adamthwaite; 3, Thorpe; 4, W. Elgar; vhc, G. Elgar. LINNETS, CAGE MOULTED: 1, spl. Sparke; 2, Morrison; 3, Kelly; 4, W. Elgar; vhc, Heine. FIELD MOULTED (13): 1, Adamthwaite; 2, vhc, Clark; 3, Bell; 4, hc, c, and spl, Hawes. GREENFINCHES, CAGE MOULTED: 1, Morrison; 2, Heine; 3, Hammant. FIELD MOULTED: 1, Hammant; 2, Hawes; 3, Bell. CHAFFINCHES, CAGE MOULTED: 1, 2, R. J. Pretty; 3, Heine; vhc, Goodall. FIELD MOULTED: 1, E. Pretty; 2, Bell; 3, 4, Adamthwaite; vhc, R. J. Pretty. REDPOLL AND TWITE (15): 1, spl, Williams; 2, c, R. J. Pretty; 3, Morrison; 4, hc, Hawes; vhc and spl, G. Elgar. SISKIN: 1, G. Elgar; 2, Thorpe; 3, E. Pretty. A. O. FINCH, COCK: 1, Williams, Bramble; 2, Thorpe, do.; 3, Heine, do.; 4, c, Hawes, Hawfinch; vhc, R. J. Pretty, Reed Bunting; hc, Morrison. HENS: 1, Morrison, Yellow Bunting; 2, Hawes, Greenfinch; others absent. INSECTIVOROUS, LARGE (3): R. J. Pretty, absent. FOREIGN: Goodall, all absent. CANARY, HYBRID DARK: 1, R. J. Pretty, Greenfinch; 2, W. Elgar, Linnet.

JUDGES OF CAGE BIRDS.

The attention of Show Secretaries is directed to the following list of gentlemen willing to act as Judges. Terms for insertion on application.

A. AMBLER, 17, Lytton Road, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Life experience. 11 years reporter to the Fancy Press.
H. W. AXE, 55, Market Place, Doncaster. Judge of Canaries and other Cage Birds. Practical experience (Norwich and British speciality).
W. O BARLOW, The Aviaries, Malpas, Cheshire. Judge of Canaries, British Birds and Mules. Terms moderate
J. C. BARNES, 149, Duncombe Street, Walkley, Sheffield. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Long practical experience. Terms moderate.
W. P. BARNES, Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Life practical experience. Breeder and exhibitor. Reporter for Fancy Press. Commercial Road, Grantham.
GEO. BENNETT, 46, Wenlock Street, Luton, Beds. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Thirty years' experience. Terms moderate.
W. A. COWGILL, 115, Washington Street, Girlington, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Over twenty years' experience. Terms moderate.
A. G. DAVIS, Judge of all Classes of Cage Birds. Long practical experience. Terms moderate. 110, Tib Street, Manchester.
T. DIXON, Pioneer Terrace, Bedlington Station Northumberland. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Life experience.
J. DOBSON, 14, East Road, London, N. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds.
J. W. DRIVER, (Adnitt & Driver), Gladstone Street, South Normanton, Alfreton. Judge of Cage Birds.
GEO. GARDNER, 11, Haverstock Road, London, N.W. Judge of all kinds of Cage Birds.
C. A. HOUSE, 82, Upper Walthamstow Road, Walthamstow Judge of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds.
W H. LINDLEY, 4, Summer Lane, Wombwell, near Barnsley. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds only.
E. A. LOVELL, 19, Islington Road, Southville, Bristol. Judge of Cage Birds (all varieties). Life experience.
F. MARWOOD, 1, Barnard Street, Thornaby-on-Tees, Mules, British and Foreign, a Speciality. 17 years exhibitor. Terms moderate.
W. R. MILES, The Aviaries, Chichester. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Life experience.
W. MUNDELL, 6, Carlisle Place, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds.
J. NORTH, 435, Oxford Road, Reading. Canaries, British and Foreign Birds. Author of "The Common Sense of Canary Rearing."
J. PATTERSON, Chirnside. Judge of Cage Birds. All varieties. Wide practical experience. Specialist Border Fancy Judge.
J. H. PAYNE, 17, Northgate Street, Gloucester. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Cage Birds.
PARKER ROBINSON, N.B.B. & M. Club, 1, Back Hartington Street South, Barrow-in-Furness. Cage Birds, all Varieties.
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LLANDUDNO.

This Show, held April 4th, in connection with dogs and pigeons, was a very attractive one. Seven classes were provided for cage birds, some of which filled well. The quality, except in a few instances, was not up to the average for North Wales, but we anticipate a great future for this show, visitors being numerous. Special mention may be made of the following:—Mr. Davies' King Parrot, a wonderful bird, and must have run a tight race for best in show; Mr. Sheldon's buff Norwich, which stood first, is a gem, but could just do with a little more size. Mr. E. J. Jones won cup for best in show, guinea special, and special for best Norwich, with a good clear yellow; the same owner's head marked buff was a clinker, too. The winning Hybrids are well known and need no comment. Mr. W. C. Roberts judged, and Mr. Sheldon represented the C.B. Union. NOR. CL. (11): 1, 2, Sheldon, buff, beautiful type, grand head, nice short bird all over, exquisite colour and full of bloom, second a good yellow, built on slimmer lines, neat head, fair body, crosses wings, good feather; 3, vhc, Sedgewick, buff, fine head, neck, and body, rather long in tail; res., Vaughan, extra large, really choice, fine stamp; hc, Walker. TKD., ETC. (17) 1, 2, Sedgewick, grizzle neck yellow, good head and body, very nice colour, second cap marked buff, fine quality, not so pleasing in shape; 3, Brown, moderate specimen, foul green; hc, Walker. YORKS. (9): 1, 2, Ellis, fair variegated buff, coarse and frilly, good shape, second a much better clear yellow; 3, vhc, hc, Alcock, neat and stylish, wings well braced, nice pipe tail, stands well. CANARY, A.O.V. (11): 1, res., Fisher, silver and gold Lizards respectively, both well capped and full of work; 2, Jones, very fair green Crestbred; 3, Leigh, dark Crest, a real good bird; vhc, hc, Sheldon, very good Borders, well-known winners. MULES (8): 1, spl, Leigh, well-known Greenie-Bullie; 2, Davies, equally well-known Linnet-Bullie; 3, res., Hughes, very pretty variegated Goldie-Canary, reserve good dark buff Goldie-Canary; vhc, Morris, Jones; hc, Relf. BRITISH GOLD. OR BULL. (23): 1, spl, vhc, hc, E. R. Owen, Bullie leading, good size and shape, somewhat smoky in colour; 2, Davies, another Bullie, better colour, good cap, beaten in size; 3, W. P. Jones, very good Goldie, rather brassy in blaze; res., Jones and Owen; vhc, Alcock; hc, Jones. FOREIGN (3): 1, 2 spls, Davies, 2, 3, Roberts.

SHOW DATES FIXED.

To secure insertion in this column a guarantee that the show will be advertised in "C.B." to the extent of at least 25/- must be sent to our manager.
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*Oct. 4 and 5.—**Burnley** (J.H.R.)
Oct. 10.—**Peterborough C.B.A.**
*Oct. 11 and 12.—**Great Harwood.**
Oct 12.—**Broughty Ferry C.B.S.**
Oct 12.—**Crook.**
*Oct. 16 and 17.—**Grimsby & Dis. C.B.S.** (J.C.B.)
*Oct. 16 and 17.—**Hayle & District F.A.** (J.H.R.)
*Oct. 17 and 18.—**Dulwich and Peckham** (J.R., G.E.W., W.V.)
*Oct. 18 and 19.—**Rochdale O.C.** (C.A.H. & W.M.)
*Oct. 18 and 19.—**Newcastle and District Good Intent** (T.H., J.C.B., C.H. and J.P.)
Oct. 18 and 19.—**Accrington & Dis.** (J.R., J.W.)
*Oct. 22 and 23.—**Plymouth W.C.O.S.**
Oct. 25 & 26.—**Chesterfield & Dis. F.A.** (J.O.B)
*Oct. 25 and 26.—**Manchester and Northern Counties, O.S.**
Oct, 25 and 26.—**South Shields C.B.S.** (H.W.B., F.M.)
*Oct. 26.—**Middlesborough Tee-side C.B.S.**
*Oct. 26 & 28.—**Cheltenham C.B.S.** (J.HP., J.R.)
*Oct. 30.—**Morecambe F.A.**
Oct. 30.—**Torbay O.S.**
*Oct. 30 and 31.—**Welsh National C.B.S.** (G.E.W., J.N., J.B.E.)
Oct. 30 and 31.—**Wellingborough C.B.S.**
Oct. 30 and 31.—**Wolverhampton C.B.S.** (J.R)
Oct. 31.—**Oswestry F. & F.A.**
Oct. 31.—**Potteries and District C.B.A.** (W.V.)
*Nov 1 and 2.—**Mansfield.**
*Nov. 1 & 2.—**Blackburn & Dis. C.B.S.** (J.H.R.)
*Nov. 1 and 2.—**Blaydon-on-Tyne and District C. B.S.** (J.R., J.T.)
*Nov. 2.—**Rochdale Good Intent** (H.W.B., R.B.)
*Nov. 2.—**Bramley O.S. (Leeds)** (J.C.B.)
Nov. 2.—**Cleator Moor F.S.** (C.H. & A.H.)
*Nov. 2 and 4.—**Leicester Hand in Hand C.B.S.**
Nov. 2 and 4.—**Norwich Alliance (All England) C. B.A.**
*Nov. 5 and 6.—**York C.B.S.** (J.H.R., H.W.B.)
Nov. 6 and 7.—**Portsmouth.**
*Nov. 6 and 7.—**Swansea and District C.B.A.** (T. H.M., J.R., D.H.T., J.H.J., A.H.)
*Nov. 7 and 8.—**Greenwich and Deptford** (J.R., J.D.
*Nov. 8 and 9.—**Preston O.S.** (J.C.B., P.R.)
*Nov. 8 and 9.—**Hinckley** (J.R.)
*Nov. 8 and 9.—**Sheffield and District C.B.S.** (A.A., W.V.)
*Nov. 8 and 9.—**Wallsend & Mid Tyne C.B.A.** (W.P.B., W.M., J.W.B.)
*Nov. 8 and 9.—**Warrington C.B.S.**
*Nov. 9.—**Bo'ness.**
*Nov. 9.—**Stockton-on-Tees & District C.B.S.** (J.B., J.S., J M.)
*Nov. 12.—**Cambridge and Cambridgeshire C.B.S.** (J.R.)
*Nov. 13.—**Luton** (J.R.)
*Nov. 14.—**Merthyr Tydfil.**
Nov. 15 and 16.—**Blackpool** (J.H.R.)
*Nov. 15 and 16.—**Leeds** (P.R. J.R. & H.W.B.)
Nov. 15 and 16.—**Whitehaven C.B.S.**
Nov. 16.—**Consett.**
Nov. 16.—**Galashiels O.S.**
*Nov. 16.—**Morpeth** (W.V., J.P.)
*Nov. 16 and 18.—**Nottingham** (J.H.P., W.E.G. C.H.)
Nov. 19.—**Wishaw and District C.S.**
Nov. 19 and 20.—**Southend-on-Sea.**
Nov. 20. —**Inverness O.A.**
Nov. 20 and 21.—**Margate** (J.R.)
Nov. 20 & 21—**Northampton Good Intent O.S.**
*Nov. 20 and 21.—**Bristol C.B.S.** (C.A.H., H.N.)
*Nov. 21. **Morriston & District C.B.S.**
Nov. 22 and 23.—**Bolton.**
*Nov. 22 and 23.—**Hull** (J.C.B., C.H.)
*Nov. 22 and 23.—**Sunderland.**
Nov. 23—**City and County of Perth.**
*Nov. 26 and 27.—**Bournemouth and District C.B.S.**
*Nov. 26 and 27.—**Derby** (J.B. J.R., J.H.R., J.H.S.)
*Nov. 27 and 28.—**Cardiff and District C.B.S.** (J.H.P. & J.R.)
Nov. 28 and 29.—**Y.C.C. of Ireland** (H.W.B.)
Nov. 30.—**City of Dundee.**
Nov. 30.—**Darlington C.B.S.**
Dec. 4 and 5.—**Bristol Fanciers' Association.**
Dec. 4 and 5.—**Weybridge & Dis. F.S.**
Dec. 6 and 7.—**Hartlepools C.B.S.** (H.W.B., J.M.)
Dec. 6 and 7.—**L.C.B.A. (Westminster).**
Dec. 7.—**Cupar, Fife** (E.G.W., J. McL., H.B., P. McQ.)
Dec. 13 and 14.—**Edinburgh Ornithological Open Society.**
Dec. 13 and 14.—**Gateshead & Dis.** (W.V., G.G., J.R., G.E.W.)
Dec. 13 and 14.—**Pendleton and Salford O.S.** (H.W.B., W.B.)
Dec. 14.—**Harrogate C.B.S.** (H.W.B.)
*Dec. 21.—**Seaham Harbour & Dis. C.B.A.**
Jan. 1 and 2, 1908.—**Scottish National C.B.S.**
Jan. 31.— } **Great National (Crystal**
Feb. 1, 3 & 4. } **Palace) Show**

(Secretaries desiring the initials of their Judges inserted, should forward same on at once.)

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4 ...	715	8 ...	488	12 ...	2054		

I sold every bird from my advertisement last week.—H. C. Ainge (Malton).

Will you be so kind as to stop my advertisement in Cage Birds, as I am pleased to say I have sold all out but my breeding stock.—J. Wilcock (Eccleshill).

Thanks for splendid plate of Canaries; it is a masterpiece. What should we fanciers do without Cage Birds? I opened the paper in front of one of my cock Canaries; he started calling directly. He saw it, and then burst into song.—Hy. Pettit (Horley).

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I might say that with the advertising I have done, I have had a great deal of success with advts. in your paper.—W. M. Catt (Hailsham).

Mr. A. Wilkinson, the Secretary of the Crewe O.S., wishes to thank all who have so kindly assisted in the sale of tickets for the recent prize drawing.

The Nest-feather Show of the Birmingham C.B.S. has been fixed for July 17th, with Mr. J. E. Russell as judge, writes Mr. H. C. Wilkins, the Hon. Sec.

Mr. W. Garthwaite, of Lifebelt fame, writing April 8th, says: My business has been established entirely through Cage Birds. I am astonished at the result of my last advertisement.

Mr. W. Brotherton, of Rotherham, is to lecture on the breeding and rearing of Canaries on April 13th before the Goldthorpe, Thurnscoe and District C.B.S., writes Mr. W. Jackson, Hon. Sec.

The Sunderland Show Committee having engaged a member of Border Counties Norwich and Cinnamon Club as judge, will receive club's patronage for silver bowl and novice gold medal competition.

Mr. J. D. Hamlyn, the well-known dealer, of St. George's, E., sends us his April price list, which is a very comprehensive one, and comprises a goodly list of Foreign and British birds, Waterfowl, etc.

Broughty Ferry C.B.S. held a well-attended meeting on April 3rd, with Mr. Carmyllie in the chair, when the date of the Open Show was fixed for October 12th. Selection of judges was delayed until next meeting, May 1st.—Chas. Muir, Sec.

We have fixed the dates of Whitehaven Annual Show for Nov. 15th and 16th, writes Mr. W. J. Douglas, the hon. sec., and will send names of judges later. We have departed from our old date to avoid Preston and other shows in the North.

Our country ramble, writes Mr. W. Hodson, Hon. Sec. Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S., 209, Crystal Palace Road, S.E., has been fixed for Sunday, May 12th, and we invite any fancier to join us. All information regarding same can be obtained from myself.

The Falkirk and Dis. C.B.S. now numbers twenty-eight members, several being enrolled at the last meeting. It has been decided to give a medal to the best bird in each section at the annual show. The secretary is Mr. W. Chubb, 14, Cockburn-street, Falkirk.

Mr. A. E. Bailey (late of Bristol), who sails on the "Empress of Britain" on the 19th inst. for Canada, would like to know of any cage bird fancier sailing on the same boat, second class. Address immediately to A. E. Bailey, c/o "The Cottage," Shirley, Southampton.

Mr. H. Booth, of Thorne, writes: I sold all the birds advertised in one lot. Please thank all applicants for same through Cage Birds. They are far too numerous for me to do so. I had replies from all over the country, sadly too many. One wants a clerk after an advertisement appears in Cage Birds.

I feel justified in giving a word of praise for the knowledge on birds which I have received by reading Cage Birds. Though this coming season is practically only my second, I begin to think I know something, for a breeder actually asked my advice re pairing some of his birds only last week. I feel assured by that I *must* know something!—C. T. Mansfield (London, S.W.).

A well-known Norwich dealer writes us in reference to a canard about the German Canary industry, which appears in another paper, and says: What about the estimated 4,000 breeders in Norwich alone? Suppose these breed on an average 10 to 20 pairs each, what becomes of the boasted 50,000 bred in the Hartz Mountains? England, not Germany, controls the Canary industry of the world.

What are Norwich breeders doing? In sending us the report for the year, Mr. J. Raynes regrets that the Norwich Plainhead Club has again an adverse balance, and that there is a falling away in the membership, the latter totalling 141 against 158, and the adverse balance £4 10s. 2d. It is difficult to assign a reason for this state of things, the club having been most energetically managed. The present state of affairs is really serious, and the members should rally round the committee and help them to put things on a better footing.

Over fifteen years ago I was an enthusiastic aviculturist, but dropped out of the Fancy. About two years ago I saw a copy of Cage Birds (I had been reading — and — in the interval) and bought it. The replies to the various questions I found given in a gentlemanly, generous-hearted way, that showed a living, lively interest taken in them, and after reading a few of the articles, I then and there decided to get your paper every week. Now I have a large aviary with Madagascar Lovebirds, Green and Yellow Budgerigars, Java Sparrows, Cockatiels, and Red Rosellas, and this week I have got a pair of Blue Mountain Lorrikeets and Moustache Parrakeet, so that I think I am gradually coming round again.—M. Brown (Belfast).

Through advertising in Cage Birds I quickly sold all my birds that I had to spare.—John Angus (Falkland).

We are quite satisfied with the results of advertising in Cage Birds.—Midland Cage Works (Nottingham).

Allow me to congratulate you on the rapid strides and success of your excellently got up Cage Birds.—R. H. Jones (Swansea).

Replies re my Goldie-Bullie Hybrid keep pouring in though the bird has been sold some little time now.—W. Andrew (Olney).

The dates of the next Great National Crystal Palace Cage Bird Show have, we learn, been fixed from January 31st to February 4th, inclusive.

At our last meeting several new members were enrolled, and Mr. H. W. Battye selected to judge the cage birds, writes Mr. A. Bowes, Sec. of Crook C.B.S.

At the last meeting of the Bristol Cage Bird Society, writes Mr. J. Munro, the hon. sec., it was unanimously carried that the society join the Cage Bird Union.

There was a large gathering at the last meeting of the Edinburgh Norwich and M.B.S., writes Mr. W. Dunlop, the Secretary, and four new members were elected.

I beg to return thanks to Mr. J. Lees, writes "G. W.," for his very ready reply in giving recipe for egg cake. It saves a lot of trouble to have a good food ready at hand.

The Wibsey and District Cage Bird Society has arranged two First Feather Shows and four Second Feather Shows during the year, the judges elected being Messrs. C. Stebbings, J. Hartley, J. Townend, S. Dean, F. Benn and L. Bolton.

Will all members of the Leeds Cage Bird Society, write Messrs. Stephenson and Hornby, the Secretaries, who intend being present at the dinner and smoker on Friday, February 19th, please send in their names to us not later than Monday, April 15th (tickets, 1s. 6d.)?

Writing, March 22nd, from 463, Langside Street, Winnipeg, Canada, Mr. J. Wenham says:—Please thank all your readers who answered my advertisement. I could not attempt to answer them all by letter. This speaks well for Cage Birds as an advertising medium.

We understand that the Crystal Palace Company has paid up all monies due from them to date in connection with the L. and P.O.S. (Great National) Cage Bird Shows for 1905-6-7. This is a pleasing reform from last year's experiences, and seems to augur a bright future for exhibitions at the Great Glass House.

At the last meeting of the West London F.A. there was a very large attendance to hear Mr. Allen Silver's lecture on the "Range and Distribution of British Birds." It was a most interesting lecture, and much appreciated by the members. The discussion after the lecture was also very instructive, and the members spent a very enjoyable evening. A hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Silver closed the evening.

Capt G. A. Perreau, writing from Bakloh, Punjab, India, on March 11th, says of Cage Birds and "The Bird World Magazine":—I must say your publications give uncommon good value even to me, who take little interest in Canaries and living at a distance. To those keen on Canaries and British birds in England the value must be greatly increased. You seem to find excuse for giving an extra good number at short intervals.

Mr. W. Mundell writes that he is resigning the office of Secretary and Treasurer to the Yorkshire Canary Club, which he has held for nine years. His judging engagements take him away from the Bradford district (the home of the Yorkshire) during the show season, and he thinks it would benefit the club to have a secretary who could attend the shows and mix more with the fanciers in the district. Members of the Y.C.C. are asked to note this in sending in their nomination papers.

A cheery note is struck by Mr. Robinson, of the Eastern District O.S., Edinburgh. He says: Our Annual Club Show will be held on November 9th, in Free Gardeners' Hall, Abbey Mount. Mr. John M'Lennan will judge the Scotch Fancy classes, and Mr. George Scaife, Fauldhouse, the Norwich. We have added two classes for British birds this year for the first time, and have also added two more classes to the Borders. Our membership has increased this year, and at present things look all right for the Eastern District Club.

We had our first show at Llandudno on April 4th, writes Mr. C. Brown, and I cannot tell you how pleased I am at the success achieved. It opened my eyes to see so many beautiful birds. I entered a pair of my Canaries just to help the show, and was surprised to find that one, a variegated hen, had the third-prize card. I have read Cage Birds for two years now, and find it most useful and instructive. It has always something fresh and interesting, and I must thank you for the great help it has been to me.

We hope to complete our scrutiny of the "Rhyming," "Blaze of Colour" and "Hybrid Guessing" Competitions in time for next week's issue.—Editor.

A New Orleans judge has just fined a merchant £10 or 60 days for selling Aigrette plumes.

Please thank readers of Cage Birds for the number of answers I had to my advertisement last week, as I am quite unable to answer all. J. Maynard (London, W.C.).

Local Names.

The Blackcap and Garden Warblers are sometimes called the Hay Jack, it is supposed on account of the flimsy, hay-like nests they build.

An International Barter.

The Royal Menagerie at Schoubrunn has made an exchange with the New Zealand Government, Austria sending out a consignment of Chamois in return for some rare Antipodean birds, including Kuvis and Weka Rails.

Wholesale Bird Slaughter.

One thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight packages of Osprey feathers were sold in six "plume-auctions" at the Commercial Sale Rooms, London, in 1906. This probably represents the feathers of nearly 150,000 birds.

Yorkshire Canary Club.

The nominations of officers for the season 1907-8, which closed March 31st, have been extended until April 27th, as so few papers have been sent in. Members please note that I am resigning the office of Sec. and Treas. at the end of this season (June).—W. Mundell, Hon. Sec.

Jarrow's New Society.

At the meeting of the Jarrow and District C.B.F.S., held April 3rd, writes Mr. J. T. Carrick, Sec., it was decided to change our show dates to November 29th and 30th. Several new members have been elected, and the outlook is very promising. Meeting night, first Wednesday in every month, at 7.30, at Lockhart's Cafe, Ormond Street; yearly subscription, 2s. 6d.

The "Bird World" to be Enlarged.

In order to justify an enlargement and further improvement which we contemplate making in our attractive little magazine, "The Bird World" monthly, we are, after the next issue, raising the price per issue to sixpence. We find that this publication is reaching the hands of those to whom sixpence is no consideration, providing a good article be given. And we cannot find room in "The Bird World" for all the interesting matter which reaches it at the present price. Hence our decision.

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Where Sparrows are Encouraged.

3000 cases of fruit grown in America recently landed in Sydney, and were greatly admired when exhibited. Mr. Wagner, who grew the apples, came to Australia with the fruit. Referring to the codlin moth and the Sparrow pest Mr. Wagner said—"I encourage the Sparrows and other birds by all means in my power. For the winter I plant China lettuces, which grow about 2ft. high, shelter the Sparrows from the snow, and provide them with food, in the shape of seed similar to that of rape, so that there is no necessity for them to migrate. I also run 1000 chickens in the orchard, and the result is that the codlin moth has not the slightest chance. Immediately it appears it is destroyed by my feathered friends. When I find that the birds eat too many cherries I plant more trees for their benefit."

Items from Gateshead.

The judges appointed for Gateshead Show are Messrs. Vardy, G. Gardner, J. Robson and G. E. Weston, writes Mr. T. Taylor, the hon. sec., and perhaps we will require another judge for Border Fancies, as we hope to get the International contest between England and Scotland. But this is not to be settled till July, therefore we are holding back till we see. We have every hope of getting it, as Gateshead is a most convenient centre both for exhibitors and railway facilities, and my committee are equally willing to give the classification required—namely, 14 classes—also to provide a specialist judge. We are prepared to give every encouragement to hold the contest at Gateshead. The weather here has been exceedingly fine lately, the birds are in a most forward condition, and breeding operations have already commenced, some youngsters, indeed, being reported. But an easterly wind has just set in, and breeders will have to move with caution. I hope the weather will keep fine, though, as we have had enough winter for once.

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THE PALACE SHOW DISQUALIFICATIONS.

Cut or Natural?

The London Centre of the C.B.U. Upholds the Judge's Decision.

A meeting of the committee attached to the London centre of the Cage Bird Union was held at the "Raglan," Aldersgate-street, E.C., on April 4th last, to consider the disqualification of Messrs. P. Clayton (Halifax), and C. Stewart (Liverpool) for exhibiting Green Canaries at the recent Crystal Palace Show with alleged cut feathers. After a lengthy and thorough thrashing out of the case, it was decided unanimously to uphold the judge's (Mr. T. Heath's) decision.

There were present Messrs. A. W. Curtis (in the chair), Tyson, Dewhurst, R. J. Pretty, Morris and Ramsden (committee), Lambert-Brown (representing the L. and P.O.S.), and Fisher (representing the exhibitors).

The disqualified exhibitors have appealed to the Council of the C.B.U. against the verdict.

Points about the Cases.

It was pointed out that the question was not "whether Canaries had square feathers naturally," but "whether those particular feathers disqualified by the judge were natural." The said feathers were seen by two fellow judges (Messrs. Robson and Mundell) who agreed with the disqualification; they were shown to the authorities at two leading natural history museums, who agreed they were not natural; other experts, including Mr. E. J. Parry, B.Sc., F.C.I., public analyst, also advanced the same opinion.

At a certain museum numerous skins were examined, and on only one were blunt-ended feathers found—that of a Madeira Canary in nesting season, and the abrasion to be seen was assumed to be due to nesting duties.

It was said that the effect as seen on the two Canaries could be produced with forceps, or nail clippers, or similar instruments, but not with sharp scissors.

A lot of square (or blunt) ended feathers had been received by the Crystal Palace show manager since the case came on, and these were allowed by the authorities who saw them to be natural.

Mr. Tyson produced a jagged feather to the meeting which he had that morning taken from the neck of a green Crestbred hen in his own room.

The feathers taken from the back of Mr. Clayton's bird had grown again with the usual rounded ends. The tips had come quite sound in colour, though now rounded where previously square or jagged.

The feathers in Mr. Stewart's bird had also grown with rounded ends. It was alleged in a certain place they had come with bronzed tips. This bird, it was said, had previously been disqualified when the property of another exhibitor of Greens, and was sent to the Palace by Mr. Stewart (who in the meantime had bought it), he relying on the G.C.A. resolution that square-ended feathers were a natural growth.

It was thought the G.C.A. resolution tended to put all on a footing—i.e., if square-ended feathers were to be ignored, a deliberately faked bird could come in and beat a non-faked one.

Mr. Fisher expressed himself as quite satisfied at the impartial and thorough manner in which the evidence had been put forward and sifted; naturally he was disappointed at the result, being firm in his stand that all Greens are liable to come with square-ended feathers, also that birds might well bite and jag their own plumage, or have the latter affected in the moult. Those present quite agreed with his conclusions, but said, of course, that they had only to consider the particular feathers disqualified by the judge.

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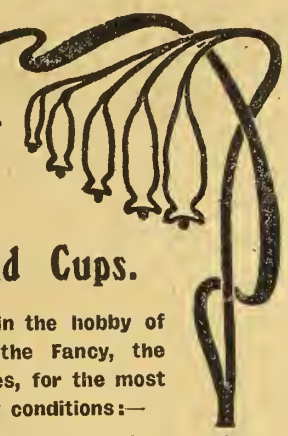

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1. Only Novice Breeders are eligible for the Competition, a "Novice" to mean anyone who has never bred Canaries before.
2. The Prizes will be: **A**, Cup, value £5, First Prize; **B**, Cash, £3, Second Prize; **C**, Cash, £2, Third Prize; and **D**, Five £1 Cash Prizes for the next best in succession.
3. Prizes to go to the "most successful" breeders, meaning those of the competitors who are most successful in satisfactorily rearing the largest number of healthy young birds during 1907 Canary breeding season now in progress.
4. The young Canaries must be bred by the competitors on or before July 15th, 1907, next. None bred after that date will be eligible.
5. Competitors must have the results of their breeding operations attested to by two responsible officials of any recognised Cage Bird Society, or may swear a declaration attested to by two responsible witnesses (form on application).
6. From now till the date of the Competition closing, August 3rd, each issue of CAGE BIRDS will contain a Conpon, and when sending in the declaration competitors must enclose the whole series of coupons to show that they have been during the period regular readers of CAGE BIRDS. The first Coupon appears at the foot of *this announcement.*

Secretaries and Officials of Societies are invited to communicate with our Manager, when a scheme of co-operation by which new recruits for their Societies may be enlisted, will be forwarded.

Persuade all Young Friends to enter our Great Breeding Competition.

Canary Breeding Competition.

APRIL 13th, 1907. Coupon No. 1.

THE CRESTED CANARY CLUB AND THE C.B.U.

Extraordinary General Meeting.

At the extraordinary general meeting of the C.C.C., convened for Wednesday evening last, April 3rd, the resolution passed at the annual meeting held at the Crystal Palace Show, by which the C.C.C. became affiliated to the C.B.U., was unanimously rescinded, and it was decided to refer the question to a vote of the whole of the membership of the Club.

Mr. R. L. Crisp presided, and he was supported by Messrs. J. Tyson (Secretary), Compton, Dobson, Oldaker, Horton, Mason, Turner, Franz, Stevenson, Prance, Willis, Robson, Bloomfield, Broad, Lazarus, Johnson and Braund. Mr. Tyson read the proposition carried at the annual meeting, and said he had received well over the 40 letters necessary to the convening of an extraordinary general meeting to consider the question of its rescinding. Mr. J. Broad proposed, and Mr. Stevenson seconded, that the resolution deciding to join the C.B.U. be rescinded. Mr. Crisp proposed, and Mr. Dobson seconded, that the whole question be referred to the whole of the members to vote upon. Both propositions were carried without dissent. It was also decided that the auditors of the C.C.C. receive the voting papers and bring them to a specially convened meeting to be opened and counted.

During the discusion many and varied views were expressed. The proposer of the resolution (Mr. Broad) said that he at present belonged to no society affiliated to the C.B.U., and that, if the C.C.C. joined, it would prevent him showing at the many small shows in his district (Kent, we believe), which were neither licensed nor affiliated. Mr. Stevenson said he saw no reason why the C.C.C should support the C.B.U., as it could do nothing to help them. He didn't even see that it was any good to the ordinary exhibitor. It had not protected himself in the least. He exhibited at Ealing Show, where, according to the catalogue, the second prize was awarded to a bird which had never been in the show at all. As winner of third, he claimed the second prize; but although he had had considerable correspondence with the show authorities and the C.B.U. secretary, and had written to a Fancy paper, the tangle had never been unravelled. Mr. Bloomfield said he had been waiting five or six months for prize-money for a show held under C.B.U. rules, which should be paid out in 28 days. He afterwards admitted it was a society of which he was a member, and that he had not reported it to the C.B.U.

Mr. Tyson read letters from Messrs. Colledge (Derby), Rev. Joyce (Wellington), R. B. Tope (Plymouth), Roberts (Blackpool), Miles and Spencer (Trowbridge), Lilley (London, S.W.), and Greeves (Wrentham) supporting the rescinding of the resolution, and said further that considerably more than half of those who had written him on the matter (including the 40 aforementioned) had threatened to resign if the resolution to affiliate were adhered to. Mr. Dobson characterised this as childish and unsportsmanlike. He himself was in favour of a governing body, and thought past happenings proved such to be badly needed. He, however, did not think a specialist club like the C.C.C. needed "governing," and he should not resign if the resolution to affiliate were thrown out. He considered it shabby and childish to hold out any such threats. Several others present also said they were not opposed to the C.B.U. in principle, but thought the C.C.C., as a body of Crest specialists, was able to look after the bird it fostered without being under the control of any other body. Mr. Compton said it was "like throwing dirty water in the face of Mr. Crisp and Mr. Tyson to place someone over them." This view of the matter was promptly disclaimed by Mr. Crisp. Mr. J. Robson said his chief objection to affiliation was that it "tied the hands of the club in dealing with the interests of the bird it represented." Mr. Stevenson considered it would be a retrograde movement, as the C.C.C. would be unable to give its patronage at other than C.B.U. shows. It was pointed out that, as most members of the C.C.C. were already affiliated to the C.B.U. through other societies, they themselves would be unable to exhibit at such shows. This gave rise to the interesting point whether the C.C.C. competitions could rank as "members' shows," so that members could exhibit anywhere for the club specials if they took no prize-money from the non-C.B.U. fixtures. No one seemed able to give an authoritative opinion on the point. Mr. Crisp pointed out what he considered were undoubtedly advantages to be obtained from such a body as the C.B.U., but did not think specialist clubs stood in the same position as ordinary societies.

C.C.C. Business.

Considerable business connected with the C.C.C. was transacted. The question of awarding the specials seemed a particularly knotty one, the chairman (Mr. Crisp) giving it as his emphatic opinion that no really satisfactory system of points specials could be devised. The novice cup question was also troublesome, Mr. Stevenson pointing out that he was probably debarred from winning one owing to not being able to compete as a novice to the end of the season, the Crystal Palace Show rules throwing him out, the officials declining to take his entries. Mr. Crisp thought the best way out of the difficulty was to give every novice a guinea teapot, or any other selected special to value, when he qualified for champion rank by winning three firsts at three separate shows. This was eventually carried, as a recommendation to the committee. Another recommendation was that 10 one-guinea specials be offered for competition at 10 separate shows for the best young Crest or Crestbred, no member to win more than one of the said specials, and not less than four members to compete. The usual votes of thanks closed the meeting.

At the close of the recent summoned general meeting of the Crested Canary Club a pleasant surprise was provided those present by the offer of the proprietor of the "Old Napier" (the meeting house) to present a silver cup, or other trophy, to the club. A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Shepherd for his generosity.

CLUB NOTICES.

No charge is made for notices of forthcoming meetings, but they can only be inserted once. Should secretaries desire to secure immediate insertion of their announcements **exactly as written** they can do so by prepayment at the rate of three words a penny.

Birkenhead C.F.A.—April 16th, at Temperance Hall, 8 p.m. Schedule for Young Bird Show.—J. T. Harding, sec.

Bolton Woods C.B.S.—April 13th, at Victoria Hotel, 8 p.m. Judges First Feather Show; dates for winter shows.—E. Shepherd, sec.

Bradford (West) C.B.A.—April 13th, at Red Lion Hotel, 8 p.m. Important—T Clegg, sec

Brighouse and Dis. C.B.S.—April 16th, at Headquarters, 7.30 p.m. Very important business.—A. Morton, hon. sec.

Cardiff C.B.S.—April 18th, at "Maskell's," Queen Street, 8 p.m.—W. Sampson, sec.

City of Bradford O.S.—April 13th, at Travellers' Rest, 8. Classification for Members' Shows, etc.—P. Stansfield, sec.

Civil Service F.A.—April 16th, at Parkinson's, 30, Aldersgate Street, E.C., 8.30 p.m. Annual general meeting.—A. Watson, sec.

Dewsbury and Dis. C.B.S.—April 13th, at Royal Hotel, 7.30. Lecture by Mr. Bottomley, of Laisterdyke.—B. Cook, sec.

East Bowling and Dis. B.F.A.—April 13th, at Barley Mow Hotel, 7.30 p.m. Important.—T. E. Higgins, sec.

Garston B.B.A.—April 17th, at Wellington Hotel, 7.30. Schedule and date for Nest Feather Show; also selection of judges for shows.—A. Wilkinson, sec.

Gateshead and Dis. C.B.S.—April 17th, at Newton and Skeen's Cafe, 7.30 p.m. Paper by Mr. J. Robson, "The Breeding Room and its Occupants"; arranging of other lectures, washing competition, etc.; last date for subscriptions.—T. Taylor, sec.

Goldthorpe, Thurnscoe, and Dis. C.B.S.—April 12th, at Horse and Groom Hotel, 6.30 p.m. Lecture on "Breeding and Rearing of Canaries," by Mr. W. Brotherton, of Rotherham; all fanciers cordially invited.—W. Jackson, sec.

Gt. Horton O.S.—April 13th, at Butchers' Arms, 8 p.m. Monthly meeting and Members' Show; in addition to scheduled classes an A.V. British class is provided.—S. Dean, sec.

Leigh and Dis. C.B.S.—April 16th, at Railway Hotel, 7.30 p.m. Lecture by Mr. J. Marsh on "The Norwich Canary"; friends invited—A. Parks, sec.

Llanelly C.B.S.—April 12th, at the Bird in Hand, 8 p.m.—W. Lewis, sec.

L. and P.O.S.—April 18th, at The Raglan, Aldersgate Street, 8 o'clock. A lecture by J. Dobson, Esq., "London Bird Life"; all fanciers welcome.—H. Lambert Brown, sec.

Manningham C.B.A.—April 13th, at Mowbray Arms, 7.30. Presentation to late President; classification Members' Shows, etc.—Edwin Kemp, sec.

Nottingham and Notts O.S.—April 17th, at Cobden Hall, 8 p.m. Mr. Chick's lecture on British Birds.—G. E. Wilkinson, sec.

Porth and Dis. C.B.F.S.—April 13th, at Danix Temperance Bar, Hannah Street, Porth, 7.30 p.m. Election of judge for coming Show and other business of importance.—J. Challenger, sec.

Queen's Park and Dis. C.B.A.—April 18th, at Windsor Hotel, Harrow Road, 8 p.m. Important business.—J. C. Birch, sec.

Rochdale O.C.—April 15th, at Club Rooms, 8 p.m. All England Show business.—J. Butterworth, sec.

St. Helens O.S.—April 15th, at George Inn, Water Street, 8 p.m. To arrange date for show.—T. Vose, sec.

South Metropolitan F.A.—April 18th, at Club Rooms, 8 p.m. Member's Show.—A. Maddison, sec.

Spen Valley C.B.S.—April 15th, at Northgate Hotel. Special meeting; important business.—A. Whitehead, sec.

Tamworth and Dis. C.B.S.—April 27th, at Cottage Lane School, 7.45 p.m. Nest Feather Show.—J. E. Brown, sec.

Walthamstow F.A.—April 18th, at Headquarters, 7.45 p.m. Committee meeting; all members invited.—C. W. Mead, sec.

Wandsworth and Dis.—April 18th, at Ye Olde Swan, 8 p.m. Important discussion re Poultry Club's circular re the late entry question.—W. Summers, sec.

Welsh National C.B.S.—April 16th, at Mansel's Arms Hotel, 7 p.m. Table Show of British birds.—S. J. Nicholas, hon. sec.

BLACKBURN C.B.S.

There was a good attendance at the Melioria Restaurant, on Thursday night, to witness the bird-washing exhibition. The operators were Messrs. R. Howarth, S. Tweddle, W. Dormer, and J. Walsh, who successfully "tubbed" one bird each in a very short space of time, and judging from the number of questions asked both during and after the performance, it must have been very interesting, especially to the novice section of the gathering. A hearty vote of thanks to the above-named gentlemen closed one of the most enjoyable evenings spent at the club.—J. W. MARSDEN, Sec.

WALLSEND & MID. TYNE C.B.A.

Monthly meeting, March 28th. A large number of members and friends turned up to hear a lecture by Mr. Thos. H. Welch. Mr. J. M. Macdonald presided, and introduced Mr. Welch as an able keeper and exhibitor of British Softbills, who had achieved very considerable distinction on the show bench. After election of new members, the Chairman intimated that Mr. Percy Hood was intending to give, for open competition, a very handsome marble clock, worth from £7 to £10. Hearty cheers were raised for Mr. Hood. We now have for next show the clock and two silver cups, with the prospect of another cup. Mr. Welch's lecture was indeed a treat to listen to. He spoke of the various species of Magpie. The Jay, said Mr. Welch, when two years old, is in the best show condition. Speaking of the Woodpecker, Nuthatch, Redwing, and Thrush, he told how he hand-reared them, feeding from the small hours of morning and all day. His recital was very amusing, whilst also showing what an amount of trouble is needed to succeed in rearing young wild birds. His homely anecdotes, in trying to rear Treecreepers and caging them, were fine. Mr. Welch considers the maggot is the best for rearing young on, and he fully described how to get both them and the ants' eggs. He also strongly recommended the novice to start with a Blackcap, as being easy to keep, and an engaging pet. At the close a hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Welch, and a most pleasant discussion went round the table on questions of feeding, caging, and staging. At this meeting a lady was accepted as a member. We mean to have many more, as we believe that ladies have a fine influence in the Fancy, and make grand exhibitors. It was settled to go on with our trip to Whit Monday. Mr. Crawhall will lecture at our next meeting, April 25th, on "A Novice's Experience of the Yorkshire Canary." We invite all local fanciers to hear him.—JOHN R. EVANS.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

DOUBTS AND DIFFICULTIES SOLVED BY SPECIALISTS.

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(1)—*All questions must be clearly written in ink (or typewritten) on one side only of paper, and must conclude with either the correct name of querist, or a pseudonym, or initials.*

(2)—*The proper name and address in full of querist must always be written on a separate sheet of paper and enclosed with the query. In no case must the address appear on the query.*

(3)—*Queries intended for different specialists must not be written on the same sheet of paper.*

(4)—**Queries must not include** *or be included in orders for books, instructions re advertisements, or any other matter for publication.*

(5)—*The department to which the queries refer must be stated in bold letters on the left-hand corner of the query.*

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(9)—*All queries must be addressed* **the Editor, "Cage Birds,"** *154, Fleet Street, London, E.C. Only queries so sent will be answered. Postcards are not admissible.*

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THE following gentlemen represent CAGE BIRDS staff of **ADVISORY EXPERTS.** Queries must in no case be addressed to any of them individually, but to the Editor.

Norwich Plainheads.—**J. H. Payne.** Yorkshires.—**H. W. Battye.** Crests & Crestbreds—**W. E. Greeves.** Cinnamons & Miscellaneous Canary Queries—**J. North.** Border Fancies—**J. Patterson.** Scotch Fancies—**R. Wright.** Lizards **Barker Clegg.** Lancashires—**S. R. Compston.** Greens—**S. Hadwin.** Belgians—**W. B. Cobb.** Rollers—**F. A. Lester.** British Birds, Mules & Hybrids—**G. E. Weston.** Foreign Birds—**Wesley T. Page,** F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S., &c. Park and Lake Aviculture—**Frank Finn,** B.A., F.Z.S., M.B O.U. &c. Wild Bird Life—**H. Norman.**

CANARIES.

NORWICH PLAINHEADS.

Answered by J. H. PAYNE.

Various Matters (Trio).—Give your hen, in the drinking water, twice in a week, just sufficient Epsom salts to make it slightly taste. Put a piece of apple between the bars of the cage for it to peck at, and also give it a few dandelion leaves, and a spray or two of watercress. (2) From your variegated buff cock and clear buff hen you will probably get some clears, lightly marked and ticked. They should be good in shape and size. (3) When the young are hatched, let the parents have some crushed biscuit, or well crumbled home-made bread, and equal weight of hard-boiled egg. This should be well mixed together, and if you can manage to do so, let your old birds have this put to them three or four times a day, together with plenty of hemp seed, dandelion leaves, lettuce, watercress, or chickweed.

Tail Feathers Missing (T.J.J.).—Are you quite sure the tail feathers of your bird are missing, or are they only broken off? I fancy if you examine it you will find the stump there. Had you said it had dropped some of its body feathers, I should have said it was in a soft moult; but as you say nothing about this, it makes me think the tail feathers are only broken off, as birds do not throw tail or wing feathers without shedding some body feathers as well. The roughness at the tips of the wings may be caused by the hen biting them, a thing they will frequently do when they are ready to go to nest. Put her with a cock at once.

Dropping Feathers (A.W.S.).—The change of room, and also being transferred from a box cage to an open wire one, is the cause of your bird dropping feathers. Cover him over at nights with a warm cloth, and during the daytime keep him in a cosy corner away from all draughts. Give him, in his egg food (which you may now give three times a week instead of twice), five drops of Parrish's Chemical Food. Let him have, in his drinking water, every other day for a fortnight, ten drops of tincture of quinine. Put a piece of apple between the bars of the cage for him to peck at.

Fighting Couples (Phœnix).—I should advise you to put the two birds you say fight when you put them together, so that they may see each other, and let them remain so for a full week. In the meantime feed them up well. Give the hen some dandelion leaves and a pinch of maw seed three times a week. There is no accounting for some birds fighting (as yours have done), but I have had them fight right through the breeding season, yet breed and bring up their young well. I think you will find if you do as I suggest that they will settle down eventually and live a quiet and peaceful life.

Pulling Nest About, Etc. (A.R.W.).—You can procure nest pans lined with a good nesting material, and if you search these columns you will find what you want. No doubt many hens will pull their nest to pieces again after making it; this shows they are not quite in tip-top breeding condition. When yours are ready, you will find they will make their nests and settle down to business. Give your hen, in her drinking water, for a fortnight, 15 drops of syrup of tolu, and ten drops of paregoric.

In Outdoor Room (C. F. Hayman).—I should say you may keep your Canaries in your wooden structure all the year round, as I should imagine, from your description of it, that it is a very cosy place. Canaries can stand the cold, but not draughts. Cover over your cast window well in the winter at nights. (2) As you say your hen is quite well and lively, she is simply not quite ready for breeding. Feed her as you are doing, and give in addition a pinch of maw seed two or three times a week, and a few dandelion leaves. I should advise you to whitewash the top of your house just before the heat of the summer, as you will find this will make several degrees difference to the temperature inside.

Cock Bird Stopped Singing (H. B.).—As you say your bird is quite lively and appears thoroughly healthy, you may rest assured that there is no cause for anxiety on your part, notwithstanding the fact that he has not sung a note since you put him with the hen. Such cases are of frequent occurrence, and old breeders take no notice of same. So you see there is no need for you to give him anything beyond the ordinary food used in the breeding season.

Breeding Difficulties (D. O'Connor).—By this time you will, of course, know whether you have had any young from the first hen. Should you have any, and you find she is feeding them all right, I should advise you not to return the cock to her, but keep him with the dark green hen you now have with him. The latter is probably not quite in breeding condition, but if she is healthy she will no doubt soon be. If you have no chicks from the hen you say had five eggs, then you may return the cock to her, if the hen he is now with does not show any signs of nesting. Probably, by the time the first hen has another clutch of eggs, the green hen will then be eager to nest. Give your birds, when they have young, equal weights of hard-boiled egg and biscuit, or, for preference, if you can procure it, good home-made bread. When the young are a few days old you may give them, with the egg food, a little German rape, which should be scalded and afterwards rinsed with cold water, which is best done by putting it in a strainer and allowing the tap water to run through it for a minute or two. Put a good tablespoonful to one egg, and the usual quantity of biscuit. Let your old birds have, during the breeding season, as much hemp seed as they will eat, and also plenty of green food, dandelion, lettuce, watercress, and chickweed. I have known hens, when the latter has been ripe and in seed, to feed almost exclusively upon it.

YORKSHIRES.

Answered by H. W. BATTYE.

Cock Too Forward (Hopeful).—I should advise running the cock with the hen morning, noon, and night, say, for five or ten minutes at a time until you see them pair, when you may try letting him stay with her again. Some cocks are very peevish until they have paired with the hen, yet after that become very kind and friendly. If this is not the case with yours continue running him in two or three times a day, and, as you say he feeds her, I don't think you need be afraid. He will probably fertilise the eggs. When the hen has laid her third egg, you can set her, and if they are not by that time on friendly terms with each other take him away, and let the hen have the cage to herself. Keep her on canary seed during the time she is sitting, giving in addition, separately every day, half a teaspoonful of summer rape until she hatches. Are you sure the hen is as forward in condition as the cock is?

Hen with Sore Foot (C.G.L.).—Separate the birds until the hen's foot is better, as with her foot in the condition you describe I don't think she will have fertile eggs. If she had you could hardly expect her to hatch them, as in building her nest, and afterwards in turning her eggs, she would not give the foot a chance to get better. If she did hatch out her eggs it is very doubtful about her rearing the young. Wash the foot and anoint it with a little Homocea, and then put a little soft rag over it in the form of a bag, fastening the ends round the leg just tight enough to keep it on. Wash and dress it every two days. When you pair her up again, if she still wants to build in the water vessel, take it away, letting her have it on three or four times a day for a minute or two, taking it away again as soon as she has had a drink.

Birds Not Mating (Trumpeter).—You do not say if your two year old cock is in song or not, but I think he will not be. I should take him away and let the hen have a day to herself. Then put the year old cock in with her in place of his father. Give them a few leaves of young dandelion, taking care to wash it well before giving it to them. Your other feeding is all right. You need have no hesitation about asking questions, as this portion of CAGE BIRDS is set apart for the purpose of answering them.

CRESTS AND CRESTBREDS.

Answered by W. E. GREEVES.

Crestbred not Shelling Seed (Gooseberry).—Birds, especially those highly bred, have their idiosyncrasies. I have a very valuable hen which will only take her seed out of a water tin hung inside the cage. A friend of mine has one which will not eat canary seed. As your bird can shell maw seed, I should consider it capable of doing it with other seeds. If in good health, I should continue to treat as you have been doing. I know of no mill which shells seed only, but would advise you to apply to Messrs. James Carter and Co., 97, High Holborn, London. I remember some time ago seeing a sample of canary seed from this firm from which the husk was removed without breaking the kernel. Many Crests and Crestbreds—more so the big heavily-feathered birds—are very sluggish, and instead of singing out boldly make only a gutteral noise. If in sound health, neither of the defects mentioned would interfere with its breeding.

CINNAMONS.

Answered by J. NORTH.

Mishap with Hen (J. Clarke).—Your Cinnamon hen, which has been paired two weeks, and has laid seven eggs by dropping them from the perch, and which also will not agree with the cock that you have run her with (although she was free at responding to the singing of the cock birds), may very likely have chosen by the voice a different cock from the one you have paired her to. You cannot do better than feed the couple up and try again; but you would find it a good plan to divide them by a sliding partition for a few days. There is plenty of time yet for better luck; in fact, the birds were probably paired some little time before they were ready.

BORDERS.

Answered by J. PATTERSON.

Cock Bald (G. G. Hay).—I am pleased to have a little more information from you. Wash the head with permanganate of potash as advised every morning, anoint it with a little of the following, which you can prepare yourself: ¼ oz. beeswax, 1 oz. lard, ¼ oz. flour sulphur; put all into a saucer together, place in oven for five minutes till melted slightly, stir till well mixed, let it stand till cold when it is ready for use. (2) Wash the cage with warm water to which a little ammonia and carbolic have been added, and go carefully into all crevices and scrub them out, rinse in clear cold water, let stand in open air twenty-four hours to dry. Give bird a good dusting all over the body with insect powder. Place a little soft soap on the end of perches so as they may rest on the soft soap and the wires of cage. (3) Your feeding has been a little too heating. Give plain canary seed (best Spanish) as staple diet, every other day a pinch of German rape, half a teaspoonful egg food, with a pinch of maw seed and three drops of chemical food added. Don't give any hemp till the hen is feeding young, and be sure to give the young dandelions every day now as advised. If he is otherwise in good health and song you need not annoy yourself about the disfigurement.

Cock Out of Song (New Reader).—I am a little afraid the bird you have bought will turn out a hen, from the description you give. As you don't mention anything regarding its health I take it to be in good order. Let some experienced fancier see it, and at this time of the season he ought to be able to tell you at a glance whether it is a cock or hen. Should it be a cock and down in condition feed as advised to G. G. Hay, and add to the drinking water for the next ten days ten drops tincture of gentian; after replace it with six drops syrup of buckthorn. Give a bath twice a week on warm days early in the morning.

Various (Redrob).—Let their stable diet be the finest Spanish canary seed, every other day add half teaspoonful German rape per bird, give a little egg food once a week with a pinch of maw seed added to it. It is very difficult to advise the exact proportions allowable to each individual bird. Birds are like ourselves, they vary very much; no hard and fast rules can be laid down. The best plan is to fill up their seed hopper fresh in the morning, after blowing out husks pass the seeds through a seive once a week so as to clean out all dust. (2) Spanish canary seed and rape, and mix together ½ lb. maw, ½ lb. hemp, ½ lb. linseed, a pinch of niger; let them have have a teaspoonful of this every other day. Give half teaspoonful egg food with three drops chemical food added on the days you do not give the seed mixture; a piece of boiled carrot twice a week after they are half-way through the moult, as I take your query to apply. Give the bath early in the morning on warm days. (3) Canary and rape as a seed diet, egg food—one egg to three Osborne biscuits—with a pinch of maw seed added to each egg three times a day freshly made. Crushed hemp every morning; increase the quantity of each every day as the young get older. Give a clean nest after the young are six days old. I give green food twice daily, early in the morning for the first feed and not later than three o'clock in the afternoon for the last. I prefer dandelions for the first feed, young tender lettuce for the second, and all kinds of ripened seeds such as chickweed, shepherd's purse, mouse ear for the last round.

LIZARDS.

Answered by BARKER CLEGG.

Are Lizards Good Feeders? (T. Kay).—What you have heard is very misleading. No doubt you may at times get a Lizard hen that does not feed her offspring. But this occurs in all varieties; many fanciers express themselves, however, simply upon their own experiences. The trouble may sometimes be the result of unhealthy conditions of the stock. I can assure you that Lizards compare favourably in their feeding propensities with any variety. I was in a Lizard breeder's rooms, in June last year, who was separating the pairs, as he had so many young birds he could not find cage room for them. I venture to wish you similar success.

ROLLERS.

Answered by F. A. LESTER.

Wire Cages for Breeding Rollers (A.T.K.).—The advantage claimed usually by those who advise breeding in all wire cages is freedom from red mite, but, personally, I do not see what it matters whether you use the most elaborate cage that is made, or the rough box with front in it, the results will be much the same, and the principal influence at work is your own fancy and the depth of your pocket. I cannot agree that the water and seed should be always inside, as they get very badly fouled that way. This again is a matter of fancy, the Roller Canary not needing this precaution any more than any other variety. He is one of the hardiest and yet folk pamper him more than any other.

No Benefit Follows Treatment Prescribed (J. Mc.).—We are sorry to hear that your bird is not any better, and I suppose it is one of those frequent cases where nothing will help. The difference there should be between the Hartz and the St. Andreasburg is that the Hartz is the ordinary German Canary with a free, loud song, and the other is a partially trained Canary at the higher scale of song. The Hartz are usually sold at from 5/- to 7/6, and the St. Andreashurg from 7/6 to 21/-, according to the dealer's estimate of their abilities. Yes, you will get a fair bird for that price; use the deposit system, and try a week's approval. You will not get a home bred bird at your price now I fear.

Difficulty with Feeding while Crossing (B. Wharton).—You need anticipate no difficulty with your feeding, as the green Yorkshire hen will take just as readily to the German rape if good and sweet, and will derive a benefit from the change. I should always use that mixture whatever Canaries I kept. You should breed some fine large free singers from this cross.

Hens Backward in Coming into Breeding Condition (W.H.C.).—There may be several reasons for your hens being backward. You may have late hatched birds from last year; they are perhaps in cold room; have they plenty of room for exercise? Your feeding is generous, and if you will have patience all will soon be well. If you have nests any time this month you will be plenty early enough. It is not always those who start early that finish well.

MISCELLANEOUS CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by J. NORTH.

Hen Puffed Out.—Hen sits on perch all puffed out, and at other times is quite lively. Fed on plain seed and bread and milk sop. The excreta is very soft.—A.L.

This hen would seem to have got liver trouble, and if it has not assumed a chronic form may yield to a diet consisting of seed and sop as hitherto, but with the addition of a daily ration of fresh salad, such as young leaves of dandelion, chickweed, watercress, or groundsel.

Canary with Fit.—Cock Canary had a fit, or stroke of some kind. He rolled over two or there times, and laid on his side, with his head over his shoulder, making a squeaking noise. I bathed his head with water, and to-day he has been eating seed as usual, which he did not do yesterday.—F. W. TRANTER.

This bird certainly appears to have had a fit of some kind, and if he is very "rank," as fanciers say—meaning a bird is in full song and anxious to find a mate—it would be well to run him with a hen in a breeding cage. In addition to his usual diet, let him have some green leaves of chickweed, dandelion, watercress, or groundsel. Your treatment was quite rational, but if it is a mate that he wants cold water bathing of the head won't cure him.

Removing Pair of Canaries from Aviary.—When is the best time to remove a pair of Canaries from an outdoor aviary, from amongst a number of British birds, into a cage by themselves, so that the young may have the food that is necessary to their being reared? Should I remove the hen when sitting, or after hatching?—A. WILLIAMS.

Any time during this month would be suitable, and the transfer should not be delayed if the hen is showing signs of wanting to nest by "calling," or by carrying about any available nesting material. It sometimes happens that Canaries get very wild and timid in outdoor aviaries, and then take some considerable time to steady down to cage life. The hen cannot be removed either when sitting or after hatching, but sometimes it seems advisable to take the cock away, although when he feeds the hen and behaves himself properly there is no occasion to so treat him.

Feather Plucking.—Canary has started to pluck all its feathers out, and is quite bare except about the head, yet seems in good health.—CONSTANT READER.

This is either a case of feather-eating or the work of redmite. Search the bird and cage by candlelight, and if the insects can be seen proceed to exterminate them by scalding out the cage and peppering the bird with freshly ground pyrethrum insect powder. If it is feather plucking, let the bird have a large piece of cuttlefish bone fixed in the cage wires, also dried and crushed egg-shells mixed with the sand, pieces of tape fastened to the wires for him to play with, and hard stems of groundsel or chickweed to bite. In either case plenty of green leaves should be given, and the cage kept in a warm place.

Soaking Seed.—Is it advisable to soak all a Canary's seed (canary, rape, and hemp) for feeding the young with from the time they are hatched?—J.S.

No, it is not usual or advisable to soak any of the seed except rape. The hemp seed kernel is soft enough naturally, and the canary seed gets broken up sufficiently by the action of the mandibles. It is assumed that you will be giving some sort of soft food, such as crushed biscuit, hard-boiled egg, and bread crumbs or "canary cake," such as has been often described in these columns.

Want of Success.—Have tried two years to breed Canaries, but without success Last year I bought a cock in nest feather, but ever since he has been moulting or pulling out his feathers. He sings, though not in tune. I hung the hen bird close to his cage, and she keeps calling to him, but he takes no notice. Fed on egg food, salad, and seed, sample of which I send for your opinion. He will not bathe. Is he fit for breeding.—G.W.

Answering the latter portion of this query first, I must say that this bird does not at present commend itself as a profitable occupant of a breeding cage; in fact, I suspect that it is not a cock bird, because it sings out of tune, and because it does not respond to the calling of the hen. It may have sung sufficiently last year to have deceived you as to its being a cock bird. The seed sample is very fair, and if the birds consume it all one would not advise its being changed, but the changing of the seed would not change the sex, if that is wrong. Anyway, some fresh young green leaves might now be given daily, and will tend to bring the bird into breeding condition. When a bird will not bathe and keep himself clean, he must be coerced, but the process may be done steadily by first dipping his feet and legs and the ends of his wings and tail into the water; then run him into a clean cage, placed in a bright and warm position, when he will be bound to preen himself before he can feel comfortable.

No Progress.—Pair Canaries put together month ago. Hen takes away everything cock puts in nest. They seem friendly.—J. PATTERSON.

Are you quite certain that you have a proper pair—that is, are you quite sure one is a cock and the other a hen? Because, being unable to examine the birds, and in the absence of any verification of one being a cock, I am inclined to think they are both hens. If it is not so, time will solve the difficulty. You run them together somewhat too early, so it would be well to separate them for a few days, keeping them close enough together for the cock to feed the hen, giving him for this purpose some egg food and salad.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

Wild Seed (J. G. Taylor).—The samples you send seem to be a very fair example of the residue gathered from a threshing machine, and looks quite all right for use with seed-eating birds, to give in the way of occasional treats. Apparently it contains an unusual proportion of plantain seed, which possibly has been added afterwards; that does not affect its utility, however.

Variety in a Cage (B. Dpt.).—You cannot expect to be particularly successful in keeping any great quantity of British Birds in a cage 6 ft. by 2 ft. 6 ins. by 14 ins. It is not large enough to accommodate more than five or six in comfort. In most mixed collections there is always more or less squabbling; if any particular bird seems unduly aggressive and quarrelsome one can only remove it. And where a number of birds of the same species is kept together the same bickering and fighting are found. "Birds in their little nests agree," the poet tells us; but the saying loses whatever truth it possessed as soon as they are well out of them. You could try cock birds of the following species: Goldfinch, Linnet, Bullfinch, Redpoll, Siskin and Twite. As a matter of fact the smaller Foreign seed-eaters are much the more suitable for keeping together in small indoor aviaries and the like. This seed mixture will suit the birds mentioned: Canary and teazle three pints each, summer rape one pint, linseed and charlock half pint each. Give hemp (a little every day), sunflower (a feed daily) and maw, inga, wild seed mixture, etc., as occasional treats. There is no regulation distance for perches to be apart. Use your own judgment. Put them at different heights, and let the birds make use of their wings in getting from one to the other. Crushed and dried egg shells are good for birds, but more especially for hens about to lay (during the breeding season, in fact). I prefer to crush my hemp seed fresh every day—it does not want really "crushing," however, but only cracking, either for feeding hens or for young birds.

Birds in an Aviary (Oiseau).—No, no, my friend—you can't mix such birds as Larks and Canaries in a small aviary. Larks will certainly breed in captivity, in an aviary, though every pair tried could not be expected to do so. In CAGE BIRDS some while back an account appeared of the successful experiments of a Birmingham fancier in this direction. Only one pair of Larks could be kept in the same compartment, however; and you will be ill-advised to try to keep any other species along with them. The collection of food on which

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to feed the young is a matter of no little difficulty, for live (insect) food of some suitable kind must be provided. If you could get plenty of live ants' eggs you would probably be well fixed up in this respect. If you have had little or no experience in bird keeping, however, I would advise you to get together a collection of British Finches and Buntings. You will find it interesting, and not difficult to cater for. If you put in all males you could accommodate 16 to 20 in your aviary 8 ft. by 6 ft. by 3 ft. Bramblefinches and Chaffinches are often spiteful to other birds; also Greenfinches and Yellowhammers. In fact, individuals of many species seem on occasion to be blessed with wicked tempers (I had a most vicious Bullfinch once), and owners of mixed collections need always to keep an eye open for incorrigible offenders against the common peace. The Larks might do all right in the aviary if kept in their ordinary cages. You must provide some shelter from the sun's rays during the summer.

Linnet's Voice (Rita).—If you really feel sure it is the oil stove and the varying temperature of the room which upset your Linnet's song (and I quite believe you are correct in your judgment) then obviously the only thing to do is to remove him to "fields and pastures new." It is not possible for me or anyone else to prescribe medicine to counteract the atmospheric conditions the bird has to endure. Let him have uncontaminated air to breathe, and feed him well, giving half a teaspoonful of maw seed daily. Well stir one tablespoonful of glycerine into the same quantity of honey (both of best quality only), and mix a teaspoonful of this into every two tablespoonsful of drinking water, fresh daily. Continue this treatment for 12 or 14 days, and there should be improvement. Gather the bird some young and tender dandelion leaves (also shepherd's purse and chickweed) and let him have a good feed every day.

Hand-rearing Blue and Long-tailed Tits (Experiment).—Notwithstanding what you have heard and read to the contrary, both Blue and Long-tailed Tits can certainly be reared from the nest—hand-reared, that is. But I cannot say that I recommend you to try the experiment unless you are expert in such matters, and possess an inexhaustible fund of what I might term loving patience. Without these qualifications, I am quite sure failure will be your portion. The young should be taken when from nine to eleven days old. Nestling Blue Tits, by the way, are usually not easy to get at. The only food you are likely to be successful with is the following: Soak some best quality ants' eggs (quite free from bits of rubbish) in warmed new milk; drain, and mix two teaspoonsful with the finely-beaten yolk of a hard-boiled new laid egg; then stir in a small teaspoonful of Plasmon powder. It should be of a rather sloppy consistency when used. This needs preparing fresh at least daily (twice a day were better), and is best used with just the chill off. As the birds grow older, cut some mealworms in two, and squeeze them out amongst the food. Small flies will also be appreciated at this stage; blight (green fly) off fruit trees, etc. You must keep the youngsters very clean and cosy. But please don't tackle the job unless you have the time to go through with it properly, and really mean to do so. It will be a shame, otherwise.

Norwich Hen for Light Muling (W. A. Rountree).—Yours is almost an impossible question to answer. No one can recommend any particular type of Norwich hen as "likely to throw light Mules." If you knew a fancier with a strain of Sib bred hens of Norwich type which throws light Mules, then the queston would be simplified; the answer would be: Buy from that fancier. But the purchase of Sib bred hens is a ticklish matter. There is no means of telling by their looks whether they really are inbred, so that one has to accept the seller's word for it, and if the latter is unscrupulous one can easily waste considerable money—the price of "Sibs" is not low. With other hens it is mostly a matter of speculation whether they will throw light Mules; and it must be at once said that the latter crop up in extraordinary manner at times. To sum up, I can only recommend you, as most likely, to get clear or ticked hens, clear bred (that is coming from parents bred from clears for several generations back). If they come from a cinnamon marked strain, so much the better; but Norwich with Cinnamon blood in them are far from common.

Concerning an Aviary (Saddler).—The size you now mention I consider hardly any more suitable than the first. A very fair size would be 6 ft. long, 6 ft. high, and 4 ft. from front to back; the length, of course, will be much improved by having a foot or two tacked on. I should not divide it. Put in Bullfinch hens only, and you might possibly get a Hybrid or two out of them. Say you put in half-a-dozen hens and ten or twelve assorted cock Finches (but no cock Bullfinches). That would provide you with a very fair collection, and at the same time not wholly preclude chances of breeding. Concerning the hen Goldfinch, stir half a teaspoonful of taraxacum (dandelion juice) into two tablespoonsful of drinking water, fresh daily.

Brass Cage and Deaths (Argument).—There is an element of danger about brass cages—especially the cheap kinds—as you seem to know. At the same time, many birds live for years in brass cages without taking the slightest harm. The deaths of your three birds are certainly curious, but I should hesitate to ascribe them to the cage. You certainly ought to have sent a body to our Mr. North, and had a post mortem held on it, which would have settled the point. I really cannot tell you of any "best bird" to keep in a brass cage; I do not know that there is such a one. A Norwich Canary must be as likely a bird as any to keep therein.

A Variegated List (Peter).—I wish you success, Peter, on your entry into the British Bird Fancy on a large scale. (1) The birds in small cages tied up in a black cloth, which you see carried about the London streets, are mostly Chaffinches which have been trained (or are being trained) for singing contests. Sometimes Linnets and Goldfinches may be therein, with a similar object in view. (2) The colour of a Linnet has no bearing on its singing capacity. As a general rule the lighter coloured birds are younger birds than the nutty-brown ones—especially when the latter have a lot of red on breast and poll. I am referring to cocks, of course, for the hens are uniformly lighter in colour. A Linnet showing red on its breast is a certain cock; hens do not possess it—unless put on by the seller, wheu, of course, it can be easily rubbed or washed off. At other times, choose a bird with real nut-brown wing-butts (shoulders), and with plenty of white in its wing flights, and you cannot well get wrong. (3) Yellowhammers have uo real song at the best of times—it consists of only one phrase practically. Feed as recommended "T.W." last week. (4) A Twite's song is much inferior to a Linnet's. It is fairly pleasing, though. (5) The best cages for regular use are not "back cages," but those made on the lines of Finch stock cage, illustrated and described in the 1906 ANNUAL. You are not the only beginner who has bought "Linnets" which afterwards turned out to be Twites. Take heart; you will soon learn better than to be deceived in this way. Very pleased to receive the addresses you mention.

Bullfinch-Canary (N.O.W.).—You ought to be able to find all the hints you want on managing a Muling couple in this (see reply to "Derby"), and the last two or three issues of "C.B." "Feed up" your hen Canary on the usual lines. Let the couple strike up an acquaintanceship before being finally put together. As I am frequently stating, there is no fixed and settled time when birds should be paired; the "proper time" is when one's birds are ready, and as all birds do not arrive at "breeding condition" at the same time, it follows that no precise date can possibly be given. Let your cock Bullie have a half teaspoonful of hemp one day and the same quantity of maw and niger on the two succeeding days; then hemp again, and so on. Gather him a daily feed of young dandelion leaves, and a few sprigs of buds from off fruit trees or bushes, and hawthorn hedges, also seeding chickweed, shepherd's purse and groundsel. He should also have a little sunflower seed daily. Treatment on these lines will very soon bring him into high condition. If he likes egg food let him have a "pinch" now and again.

Cock to Mate to Light Muling Hen (North).—A buff Crestbred cock, even though a clear, is not by any means the best mate you can find for your clear yellow Yorkshire hen you are desirous of getting Muling hens from. I would, rather, strongly recommend you to get a big (heavily built) pink-eyed Yorkshire cock, either clear or ticked, and either yellow or buff. Many breeders take a nest of Canaries from their Muling hens before running the latter with their Finches.

Seed Samples (W. F. Hill).—(1) Is a sample of small canary seed, which, however, looks good of its kind. (2) Is pretty good maw seed—still, better can be bought. (3) Is excellent niger seed. (4) Is good red millet, but this is eaten but little by Canaries, and practically not at all by British birds. (5) Is very nice linseed. (6) Is very nice gold of pleasure.

Finch Mixture (E.S.W.B.)—I cannot detect anything wrong with the Finch mixture, so far as looks go, and am inclined to question whether it had any connection with the death of your Goldfinches. Still, I have not tried it on my own Finches. You won't mind me declining to do this, I feel sure. It contains canary, teazle, hemp, linseed, maw, gold of pleasure, niger, summer rape, "bird rape" (probably charlock), and a few grains of red millet and oats—the two latter may have got in accidentally. Rape of any kind is of no use to give Goldies. Why not adopt the stock mixture I so frequently recommend for these birds, and which I myself use with every success?

Corn and Meadow Buntings (J.A.)—I told an enquirer at length last week how to feed Corn Buntings, and exactly the same treatment is applicable to the Meadow Bunting. Kindly refer back. Young birds—i.e., not thoroughly on to hard seed—must be given insectivorous mixture, freely sprinkled with sprouting (soaked) rape seed.

Linnet "Off Colour" (P.C.).—Give your Linnet two daily "doses" of sulphate of soda, dissolving each morning in two tablespoonsful of drinking water as much as will cover a sixpence. For one week afterwards stir every day half a teaspoonful of taraxaeum (dandelion juice) into the same quantity of water. Gather and give the green foods recommended other querists in this issue.

Thrush Ailing (Scarboro').—By your account of the "warbling" I should say your Song Thrush is certainly a cock. Evidently he is constipated. Give sulphate of soda for two days, as recommended "P.C." this week. I have frequently dwelt on the importance of vegetable ingredients in the daily diet of these birds. Yet you do not seem to ever give any. Read back replies, and amend your feeding methods at once. Your bird will then soon be all right, and keep well, and sing, too. He evidently has a splendidly large eage. Give him every opportunity to bathe.

A "Slipped" Wing (J.A.H.).—By slipped wing, I take it you mean a wing that has been broken (or "put out"), and which has set wrongly—either appearing cocked up over the back, or hanging in a drooping fashion at the side. If so, you cannot cure it, I am afraid. The only chance of effecting a cure lay in treating the member at the time the injury occurred. Had the wing then been bound into position by a bandage fitting round the bird's body, it doubtless would have set properly, and there would have been no sign of any injury left when the bandage was removed, after an interval of, say, twelve to fourteen days. I have used a piece of very wide tape, sewn round not too tightly, with excellent results. It is a difficult material for the bird to fray away by means of pecking it with its beak. The only method of righting matters now would be by getting a veterinary surgeon (perhaps your family doctor might undertake the task) to break the wing at the original point of fracture, and then bandage it up in position. I can quite believe that the injury was caused by the bird jerking its wing away when being handled; that is how such damage is usually brought about. Fanciers need to be careful when handling birds (especially Britishers with powerful wings). Any nervousness or hesitation may easily bring about a disaster.

Choice of Two Linnets (J. S. B.).—It is a fairly safe assumption that the Linnet which shows so much more red on the breast is the older of the couple. Neither of them will be house moulted. As regards choice of the twain for muling, I should to a certain extent be guided by the situation in which the muling operations are to be carried on. If the breeding cage is to be hung in a very quiet spot, removed from inquisitive human beings and prying human eyes, then I should say one bird will be just as good as the other. If, however, you are contemplating breeding in a room wherein people are constantly present, or constantly entering, I should choose the steadiest of the two—the one which shows least concern, and which sings freely, when human beings are close at hand. When fit for muling, the Linnets will be in full, vigorous song, and have deep slaty-blue colored beaks.

Items on Mule Breeding (Derby).—There is no reason why you should not use both of the hen Canaries you possess. One Goldfinch is capable of attending to two or three wives, and usually "makes no bones" about doing so. I don't know whether you have any other birds in the indoor aviary, 6 ft. long by 3 ft. wide by 8 ft. high, which you mention. If not, the trio could safely be left therein for the season. If you must take them out, however, you should let the Goldie hang in such a position as permits him to see both the hens—a three-compartment breeding cage would help you immensely. Feed up the hens in the usual way (see numerous articles recently in CAGE BIRDS) by giving a little hemp and niger seeds occasionally, and a teaspoonful of egg food every second day. Let them also have three or four young, tender dandelion leaves each every day. Let the Goldfinch also have a free supply of dandelion, and feed him generously as regards seeds, not forgetting half-a-teaspoonful of niger daily. When the first hen shows signs of being ready to nest, run the Goldie with her for a few hours daily until the third egg is laid—early morning and the evening are the best times. Then leave her to sitting and rearing duties, and repeat the proeedure with hen number two. If both hens show a desire to go to nest at the same time, run him with one in the morning and the other in the evening, reversing things next day—i.e., letting the evening hen (so to speak) be the morning hen. It is quite erroneous to think a Goldfinch (or any other male bird for that matter) must be with his wife always—a few minutes daily will be all sufficient, providing the hen "calls" to him, and he does his duty in that period. From what you say, I should think your Goldie quite likely to turn out a free breeder. As he is not house moulted, however, it might be well to carry on the breeding operations in a quiet corner, and to guard against over-interference.

Linnet and Hen Canaries "Wrong" (New Reader).—Queries like yours reduce me to a state bordering on despair. You give me absolutely no particulars to work upon—describe no symptom, and don't even say how you are feeding—yet you desire me to cure your birds. I should have to be something more than a wizard to do it. Possibly your Linnet is suffering from constipation. Dissolve as much sulphate of soda as will lie on a sixpence in two tablespoonsful of water, and give this the bird to drink for two days (fresh daily). Let it have plenty of maw seed, and give every day a few young dandelion leaves. Well stir 4 or 5 (not more) drops of chlorodyne into two tablespoonsful of drinking water, and see if a five or six day course of this regulates the bowels of your hen Canaries; mix it fresh every day. Feed them on plain canary seed, and milk sop made as follows: Soak an arrowroot biscuit in new milk, squeeze it as dry as you can, then sprinkle it liberally with maw seed. This must be given fresh frequently—say twice a day. Never on any account let sour food remain in the eage. Please give full details (especially describing the state of the bird's excreta) next time you seek advice.

Goldfinch Paired to a Mule (A. Bilson).—I don't think there is the slightest chance of your being successful (if by successful you mean the production of young) with the mating of a cock Goldfinch to a hen Goldfinch Mule. A hen Mule of this description has never yet been proved to produce fertile eggs, no matter to what bird mated. I am assuming, of course, your hen is really a Mule, and not what so many people think is a Mule, viz., a marked, or splashed Canary. You can make the experiment, though; if you succeed you will have achieved something sensational.

Greenie-Bullie Hybrid Ailing (J.W.).—Your seed diet is not by any means that which I myself use for Hybrids. If you have found it successful in the past, all well and good; I never try to force my own methods on any fancier, believing, rather, in everyone sticking to that which long usage has convinced him is good. Should your present trouble, however, incline you to make a change, I recommend you at present to give the following stock mixture: Canary three parts, teazle two parts, summer rape one part, and maw half a part, by measure. Offer also a dessert spoonful of cracked sunflower seed every day. Hemp I should be sparing with until he is well; niger likewise. Instead of the egg food, give the milk sop recommended "New Reader" this week, but with the addition of a small teaspoonful of best quality ants' eggs (free from bits of rubbish) well mixed in; he might have a feed of this every day. For a tonic get a bottle of Allen and Hanbury's Byno-phosphates, and well stir one teaspoonful into two tablespoonsful of drinking water. Give this fresh every day for a fortnight; then on alternate days for as much longer as seems necessary. You cannot better young, small dandelion leaves as green food; likewise the seeding heads, and seeding chickweed, shepherds purse, and groundsel. I think your bird is simply weak owing to the heavy moult he has undergone, and am confirmed in this opinion by the lack of success of the "asthma" remedies you have tried. You will see, however, Mr. John Patrick mentions a remarkable cure in our correspondence columns last week, and you may feel inclined to try his remedy.

Various Troubles (W.D.F.B.).—You really should have separated the cock Goldies and the hen Bullie before; not left it until the poor male had been practically stripped bare! I expect the two cock Goldies have been indulging in fierce battles over the hen Bullie; though at this time of the year it is unsafe to keep any two cock Goldies together, for, if in good condition, they are certain to fight. The wings, etc., will no doubt come all right again in due course. Birds which will not bathe should be lightly sprayed now and again. It is not often Goldfinches are non-bathers, however. Try them with a different sort of bath (dish). Some birds will use one kind freely and be shy at entering another. Feed them on plenty of good, sound hemp, teazle, linseed and canary. On alternate days offer a small teaspoonful of niger and maw seeds in a separate dish (maw one day, niger the next). Gather young, tender dandelion leaves and give them

freely; also the flowering and seeding heads of both dandelion and groundsel, when available. Treat the hen Bullie in the same way as regards green food, giving, in addition, however, seeding chickweed and shepherd's purse Let her have maw and niger seed also; but omit hemp in stock mixture, giving it on a third day, following after the two afore-mentioned seeds. Stock seeds: Teazle, canary, summer rape and linseed; also a feed of sunflower seed daily.

Breeding with Chaffinch (Novice).—It is a notion which appears to find many believers, but I can assure you it is entirely erroneous to state that the Chaffinch copulates only on the wing—i.e., when flying. At the same time, I do not hold out any great hope of your cock Chaffinch hen Greenfinch mating proving successful. I would like you to clearly understand, though, that I know no real reason why it should not prove successful. I do not for one moment desire to discourage you from attempting the cross; should you succeed you will be well rewarded. If, however, you realise at the beginning what a tough task you have undertaken, you will not, or ought not to be, disgusted later on at the non-success of your efforts, and feel like renouncing Hybrid breeding for all time as "all rot."

Some Interesting Questions (Thank You).—An original non-de-plume and some uncommon questions!—such an unusual combination almost roused me into the performance of saltatory feats on the office floor. No private owner of land can over-ride the law of England; therefore, no one can "legally" give you permission to collect on his estate the eggs of protected birds. Still, if you have that permission, you are not likely to come to much harm, providing you keep out of the clutch (fitting word!) of the "boy in blue." The penalty varies, of course, according to the eggs taken and the testiness of the magistrate you are hauled before—if you filched a Golden Oriole's nest you would probably get fined two-and-sixpence; if you took a Pheasant's egg you would get a month "without the option." In the former case, if I were only the magistrate you would get a dozen with the "cat." If you feed a Goldfinch Mule as you would a Goldie you cannot go far wrong; do not give so much hemp daily, however. Neither young Bullfinches nor young Woodpeckers would come to any harm over a two or three hours' journey to your own home from the place where they were taken It would not even be necessary to feed them in between; still, if you can manage this, so much the better. Do you mean, however, they would have to undergo a two or three hours' journey strapped to a bicycle? This, of course, would be a somewhat different matter. I have had delicate nestling insectivorous birds sent me by rail (three or four hours' journey) without coming to harm. They were packed in a suitably sized box, among soft warm hay, with a piece of flannel stretched tightly just above their heads—a sort of soft, false roof, against which they might bump without coming to harm. A pocket in a lounge coat (especially one with buttons) is not at all a bad place to carry young birds in—bulge it out at the bottom with a lining of soft, short hay. You would need to ride slowly, however, and with tyres only moderately inflated.

Stocking an Aviary (W. L. Tilley).—You must address that part of your question which refers to Foreign Birds to our Mr. W. T. Page (vide Rules). His reply might modify my own, for some of the species he may recommend may not be suitable for keeping with those I myself mention. An aviary (partly or wholly sheltered) 9 ft. by 6 ft. by 5 ft. 6 ins. from back to front will house about 30 birds the size of a Canary very comfortably. If you will read other replies this week you will find some remarks about individuals agreeing in small aviaries (yours, of course, is not really a large one). You could make your selection from amongst the Finch and Bunting families (strictly from the ornithologist's point of view these are sub-families only). Don't have more than one pair each of Chaffinches and Bramblefinches, and don't, if you can avoid it, have the sexes unequal in any of the species. Crossbills (if you indulge in them) are, however, reputed dangerous when kept in pairs. A cock bird I knew kept in an aviary was a very inoffensive and amusing creature, though. You will soon, however, be able to regulate your collection of birds, if you bring your powers of observation to bear upon them.

A Metamorphosed Pigeon House (Constant Reader).—I do not see why your one-time Pigeon house should not answer very well to keep birds in, and your plan of utilising it seems promising enough. You will not need any artificial heat providing the place is free from draughts and damp. The 7 ft. by 6 ft. flight will accommodate 20 to 24 birds of the size of a Canary with every comfort. See other replies respecting "mixed" collections this week. You will need some ventilation at top of the house. Could you not arrange for the roof lights to be open? They would afford very efficient ventilation during the hot weather, and could, of course, be closed at other seasons. I do not approve of the 1 ft. 6 ins. strip of open wire at the front—it would only let in a draught. Board it up right to the glass, and have the latter arranged to open—in the form of windows, that is. All the glasswork should be protected with wire netting, and inside, not outside.

Linnets in Cross Moult (P.B.).—I am sure I have no idea why your Linnets should be in the "soft moult." I can only hazard the opinion that there must be something wrong with your methods. If birds are kept in rooms which experience great changes in temperature (from hot to cold, or vice versa), or are changed about from heated to unheated rooms, or vice versa, "soft moult" usually results. Have you been guilty of things of this kind? Many people, too, make the mistake of hanging their pets out of doors at the first glimpse of spring-like sunshine; then, if there happens to be a cold wind about, their mistaken kindness ends up in their birds falling into cross (or soft) moult. The only thing you can do is to keep your Linnets cosy and out of draughts (not in au over hot place) and wait patiently for them to get their out-of-season moult over. Buy twopennyworth of citrate of iron from a chemist. Every second day, dissolve a tiny pinch (as much as half covers a threepenny bit) in two tablespoonsful of water, and give it them to drink. Give plain water, of course, on the days you are not giving the citrate of iron. Give a feed of maw seed daily; also a few young, tender dandelion leaves, and any seeding shepherd's purse and chickweed you can find.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S.

Outdoor Aviary.—I am building two outdoor aviaries (6 x 4½ x 10 feet high) for British and Foreign birds respectively. How many and what kinds can I keep in each?—AUBREY NEAVE.

As to kinds of birds note our reply to "Novice" in this issue. You have accommodation for from 20 to 30 birds, but if you want to breed put in half a dozen pairs only—say Rufus-tailed, Gouldian, Zebra and Ribbon Finches, Silverbills and Diamond Doves. Diet: Canary, white, Indian and spray millet, green food, grit, cuttle-fish and continuous supply of water for drinking and bathing. Also such greenfly (aphides), spiders, earwigs, small beetles and horse flies as you can capture for them. When they have young to feed they must have some good soft food mixture; the following is about one of the best: Best ants' eggs (cocoons), crushed Osborne biscuit, crumbled sponge cake and dried flies in equal parts, make crumbly moist for use. Re your British bird aviary repeat this query next week to our Mr. G. E. Weston—I cannot trespass on his preserves.

Birds for Aviary.—What inexpensive British and Foreign Birds, how many, and what kind can I keep in outdoor aviary 10 x 5—7½ feet high?—BIRD LOVER.

As to kind of birds see our reply to "Novice" in this issue; and as to diet see reply to Aubrey Neave also in this issue. You have space for from 40 to 50 birds the size of a Norwich Canary, half as many again of Waxbills or small Foreign Finches. You could also include Red-crested Cardinals, Madagascar, Napoleon, Black-faced and Red-billed Weavers, also Paradise Whydahs. Do not include Pintailed Whydahs for they are murderous little wretches in a mixed collection when in colour. The following British Birds will agree with the Foreigners named in our replies: Brown Linnet, Redpoll, Siskin, Gold and Bullfinches. The Weavers would require a few mealworms and such other spiders, beetles, etc., as you could capture for them. It is best to put the smaller birds in first, let them get used to the place, and then introduce the others at intervals as opportunity offers.

Orange-cheek Waxbill Ill.—The bird pants, opens and shuts its beak as if he could hardly breathe. How can I treat it?—NEW SEAR.

It is very difficult to say whether your bird is suffering from severe indigestion, some bronchial affection or possibly pneumonia. You give me no particulars as to how you are treating. In the case of the first-named make the drinking water quite saline with Epsom salts for one day, and repeat same in three days time if necessary. The bowels must be kept freely moving, the excreta should not be hard, neither should it be watery loose. If it appears at all weak put three or four drops of brandy in its drinking water. In case of some bronchial effection, get from your chemist the following mixture: Ipecacuanha wine, oxymel of squills and glycerine in equal parts, take half a teaspoonful of this to one tablespoonful of water, and let the bird have this to drink till relief is given. Its diet should be: Canary, white and spray millet, green food, grit, cuttle-fish, etc. If it will eat it a little crumbled sponge cake and ants' eggs (cocoons), slightly damped will be helpful. It must be kept warm and out of draught. Only use a crock or glass drinking vessel while giving drugs.

Cork-bark and Birds.—Have covered my nest boxes with cork-bark and I find them nibbling at same. Is it likely to injure the birds?—COWANLEY.

I never tolerate cork-bark inside my aviaries, and though I have known birds to nibble at same for some time without apparent injury, yet for such birds as Parrakeets, which seem to occupy their time apart from eating in nibbling or chewing up something or other, I cannot consider it other than injurious and likely to give rise to stomach troubles sooner or later, and I certainly advise you to remove same from the interior of your aviary. Of course if the birds simply nibble and do not swallow the bark no harm will be done, but I should not take the risk myself.

Blue-Mountain Lorikeets, etc.—(1) Will Blue-Mountains agree with Rosellas, Cockatiels, etc., and will they breed in this country? (2) What is their food and treatment; is a vegetable and seed diet sufficient? (3) Will Moustache Parrakeets live out of doors, and what is their food, etc. (4) Is dari, wheat, millet, canary, grit, etc., sufficient for Red Rosellas? My birds will not touch apple.—WHITELANDS.

(1) I should not put the Blue-Mountains out for another six weeks, unless you know they have come straight to you from an outdoor aviary. They have the reputation of being unsafe in a mixed series, though some have so kept them. If you elect to keep them with your Rosellas, etc., you must keep a watch upon them till their demeanour is ascertained, at least this should be done with all, there is so much individualism in birds. They have been bred in this country, but such cases are uncommon. (2) Canary seed, *ripe* fruit, green food (fresh and clean lettuce) and milk sop, prepared with *boiling* milk only. (3) Yes, the Moustache Parrakeet will live out of doors, but you must not put it out before the middle of May in our uncertain climate. Diet: A seed mixture of canary, millet, dari, wheat, hemp, *small* Indian corn and sunflower seed in equal parts; also *ripe* fruit, green food, plain biscuit, nuts, etc., with regular supplies of grit, cuttle-fish and water. (4) My Rosellas are very fond of apple, but this is not really necessary. The diet you name is sufficient, providing you supply plenty of green food—lettuce, tufts of grass in flower, and any wholesome weeds—but green food must not be given in a frosted or sodden condition. Cut an apple in half, get a stick say 18 inches long, push it through the the apple and then into the ground, so that the skin of the apple rests on the ground. Supplied so, I think your birds will soon take to it. My Rosellas eat freely of orange given in the same way.

East Indian Rice Birds (Hal Chris).—The birds you describe are Grey Java Sparrows. Diet:—Canary, white and spray millet, with a few white oats and a little rice in the husk (paddy rice), at times as a change, green food, such as lettuce, chickweed, and any non-poisonous weeds, grit, cuttlefish, and water, ad lib, for drinking and bathing. Most Foreign birds are unlikely breeders in cages, though some do so; and most probably yours will settle down to nesting once they have become thoroughly accustomed to their cage; any box, formiug a cube, say five inches square, will answer as a nesting receptacle; you must cut an oval hole, say, 2 by 1½ inches, in one of its sides for entrance Give them a little hay and long grass as nesting material. They are hardy and long-lived birds, do not need artificial heat, but, like all birds, must be kept out of draught.

Is Ivy Injurious to Parrakeets? (A.C.T. and Another).—I have never known ivy to injure any species of birds; but that Parrakeets are injurious to ivy there is no manner of doubt. They will strip the wall for you very rapidly, and tear off all new growths as fast as they appear. This destructiveness applies to all manner of trees, shrubs, etc.

Persian Bulbul.—How can I distinguish the male? What is their food and treatment?—W. STRICKLAND.

The male has the head jet black; sides of face, pure white; back of neck, warm brown, narrowly banded with blackish brown; remainder of upper surface, dusky brown with paler edgings to most of the feathers; under surface, brownish-white; ventral region, rich yellow; bill and legs, black; iris, brown. Diet:—Let the bird have as much ripe fruit (as in season) as it will eat, also a few mealworms daily, and such spiders, beetles, smooth caterpillars, etc., as you can capture. You must keep a saucer of some good soft food mixture in its cage (this should be a roomy one), chopped lettuce, chickweed, etc., should be stirred in with the soft food after it has been mixed. All green food must be fresh and clean. The following is a good soft food mixture (or see advertisement columns):—Equal parts of chicken meal, best ants' cocoons, dried flies, and crumbled sponge cake; well mix, and make crumbly moist for use.

Californian Quails.—What is their diet and treatment?—WATERTON.

Almost any kind of small corn will do for these really beautiful birds, but I should not give hemp. When I kept these birds they had access to the Dove and Parrakeet mixtures, and they certainly throve on it. A good mixture for them would be: Canary, millet, dari and buckwheat. They must have a liberal supply of green food, lawn slipping, lettuce, etc. Insects of some kind must be given, mealworms, live ants' cocoons, maggots, or, better, the chrysalids (pupæ) of the flesh fly. Green food should not be given in a frosted or wet condition. If you have any young birds hatched, live ants' cocoons are almost essential, also dried ditto, first soaked and then scattered on ground in their proximity; they are also fond of soaked groats. For the first fortnight green food should be chopped up small for the chicks. These birds need a sand bath in some dry corner, and it is a good plan to mingle a little sulphur with the same.

Collar for Feather-plucking Grey (E.B.B.).—For obvious reasons I am not permitted to recommend special advertisers, but any metal cage maker advertising in our columns will make you one, as also would your local cage maker. It must fit the bird's neck comfortably, not to in any way restrict, yet not too loose, and from it there must be a light steel chain dangling down the bird's breast; the collar should be of zinc and not heavily made. Note. Saturate the parts the bird is in the habit of plucking with a fairly strong quassia solution; this must be persisted in. It is a work of time checking a bird of this objectionable habit. I certainly advise you to treat this as well as having the collar. Diet your bird as advised regularly in this column. Note other birds in this issue

Budgerigar Ill (E.M.G.).—Regret to hear of your loss. I forget how you were keeping your birds. It certainly appears as if your birds had got some contagious complaint, and that the present bird had caught it from the one you lost. The bird should be caged separately and kept warm. I should advise you to blow the feathers aside on the abdomen, and lightly touch the bare skin with a camel-hair brush that has been dipped in turpentine; avoid getting it on the feathers as much as possible. For two or three days put five drops of aromatic sulphuric acid to one ounce of drinking water, and let it have only this to drink: supply it fresh daily. The bird must be kept warm and quiet. I much fear you will lose it, as the trouble seems already pretty well advanced, and will be more so by the time you see this.

Parson Finches (G. E. Brown).—These birds are somewhat irregularly imported, and are not always to be obtained. For obvious reasons I am not allowed to recommend special advertisers, but if you write those advertising Australian birds in our columns I am of the opinion you will succeed in obtaining a pair. If you find these are not on the market, you will find Ruficauda (Rufus-tailed) Finches pretty and interesting birds for the aviary.

Rose-breasted Cockatoo Ill (Hulbert).—It is most mysterious; but, however this may be, its diet has not caused the trouble. It must have picked up something while at liberty which its system has not yet got rid of. As you have already treated with magnesia, dissolve 5 grains of bicarbonate of potash in two tablespoonsful of water daily for three days, and let it have only this to drink, save for a few sips occasionally of water to which has been added 3 drops of brandy to each tablespoonful. Water must not be left in cage, but it must have a few sips at intervals during the day. Keep it warm and quiet. On the fourth day, to one ounce of water add 15 drops of sulphuric acid and one drop of laudanum. Let the bird have a drink of this mixture morning and evening, with clear water at mid-day, for a couple of days. As the bird has lasted so long it should recover; they are hardy and long-lived as a rule. Let me know the result.

Virginian Cardinal with Sore Feet (Gessner).—Your diet appears to be fairly correct, but you make no mention of fruit or green food. Give the bird a liberal supply of such *ripe* fruit as is in season—as much as it will eat. The taste of individual birds varies in this respect, but most species eat ripe banana and apple readily. It should have a little fresh green food daily. Give three or four mealworms also; I give these freely to all my birds, with very good results. Canary seed should form half the bulk of its mixture; the other half to consist of the seeds enumerated. While the soreness continues keep the sand tray covered with peat moss litter, and supply grit in a tin. Soak the foot in hot water (not to scald), remove matter, if any, by gentle pressure, then immerse the foot in a 10 per cent. carbolic solution; dry, and return to cage, which should be kept strictly clean. Continue the above treatment till soreness disappears. I am of opinion the trouble already existed when the bird came into your possession, but has since become more apparent.

Feather Plucking Grey.—My bird has eaten away all its breast and neck feathers. It is fed as follows: Soft bread, biscuit, meat, fruit and a bone occasionally. How shall I treat it?—G.H.B.

Your diet is altogether wrong. Stop the meat and bone at once. Do not give Parrot foods, slops, sops, or any kind of animal food whatever. Diet as follows: Seed mixture one quart each canary and oats and one pint each hemp, wheat, dari and sunflower seeds; well mix and always keep a tin in its cage. Daily supplies should be given of green food, *ripe* fruit as in season, grit, cuttle-fish and water. Also, as extras to vary the diet, nuts, plain biscuits (dry), boiled potato (dry), raw carrot and crust or dry household bread. Treatment is very tedious, make its drinking water quite saline with Epsom salts for one day only, and repeat this as necessary to keep its bowels freely moving, not loose; on other days well colour the drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food. Also saturate the affected parts with quassia solution, but improvement is very slow. Only use a glass or crock drinking vessel while giving drugs. You might also get a light zinc collar made to go round its neck from which dangles a piece of light steel chain. Any metal cage maker will make you one.

Outdoor Aviary and Birds.—In my aviary (6 x 5 x 5 ft.) I have pairs of Lovebirds, Bullfinches, Redpoll and Linnets. How many and what kind can I keep with above? Can I keep Budgerigars with them?—NOVICE.

Lovebirds and Budgerigars are dangerous company for British and Foreign Finches of any kind; one pair of each might be fairly safe, but when they multiply and get fairly numerous they are really dangerous to the other birds as I know to my cost. You have space for two dozen birds the size of a Norwich Canary, or half as many again Waxbills and *small* Finches. The following are very hardy, inexpensive and pretty birds: Common or Green Avadavats; Grey and Golden-breasted Waxbills; Zebra, Ribbon (Cutthroats), Diamond, Rufus-tailed, Yellow-rumped and Pectoral Finches; Bronze and Black-headed Mannikins; Silverbills; Java Sparrows; Spice Birds; Pekin Robins; and Diamond Doves (very small and pretty). All the above are easily kept, and once they have got over the hardships of the voyage to this country are hardy and long-lived. But a certain percentage of losses are almost unavoidable.

PARK & LAKE AVICULTURE.

Answered by FRANK FINN, B.A., F.Z.S., M.B.O.U., etc.

Swans.—(1) How can I sex Swans? (2) At what age to they begin to breed?—CONSTANT READER.

(1) Swans are easy enough to sex if a true pair are seen together; the male is larger and stronger looking, has a larger knob on the bill, floats higher in the water and shows off, with neck laid back and unfurled wings, much more than his mate. The difference is, of course, less marked in a young male in some respects, especially with regard to the knob, which also varies in size according to individuals to some extent. A single Swan is hard to sex; the best plan is to study a known pair, and note the differences for yourself, if you can manage this. (2) Swans should breed in their third year.

Management of Pigeons.—(1) Would a breakfast cup of seed twice a day be sufficient food? (2) Do they need mutton-fat or cuttle-fish bone? (3) Do they eat green food? (4) What food do they need when feeding young? (5) Do they bathe in water? (6) May they be allowed to breed all the year?—G. W. S. PARKER.

(1) It is always hard to lay down the ration for any bird, but I don't think you would find Pigeons require a breakfast cup full of food each for all day, let alone at two meals. Many fanciers leave food always with them in a hopper. You say "seed," but I suppose you know small seed is merely a luxury for pigeons; one usually feeds them, like poultry, on various kinds of grain, and especially on the dark peas. (2) Cuttle-fish bone is also a luxury; old mortar, mixed up with salt, is quite good enough. The salt may be given separately, as rock salt; but it should always be supplied, as well as large grit. Crushed oyster shells are good. Mutton fat is not given, but I think a little chopped hard fat of any kind would not do any harm. (3) They will eat lettuce, cabbage, etc., which should be tied up firmly. (4) Their ordinary food will do for them to rear young on, but if you give some small seed or broken biscuit it is especially appreciated at such times. (5) Yes, they bathe in water, but not so freely as most birds; what they particularly like is a shower bath, and part of the aviary should always be open-wired, unless they fly loose. (6) No, it is best not to let them breed all the year round.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. J. North, 435, Oxford Road, Reading, will examine cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for a reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post-mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to J. North, with fee. Any sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

Grey Parrot (W. Baker).—Well-established enlargement of the liver, consequent inflammation and rupture of blood vessel.

Linnet Mule (H.O.).—This bird, and possibly the seventeen others that have gone before, died of septic inflammation of liver and lungs, ending in rupture of blood vessels. This is an infectious condition.

Canary (T. F. Bonhote).—Severe chill or inflammation of lungs and liver, with rupture of blood vessel on the latter organ. The bird may have been affected by the wide range of temperature we have had lately; its own bodily temperature may have fluctuated in presence of the "pairing fever." Kindly note that birds which die on Friday are better examined at once than kept till Monday.

GENERAL.

Answered by the EDITOR.

Paper (A. Parks).—The paper you mention is in type and only awaits an opportunity to appear.

Cutting (Miss Bushnell).—Thanks for drawing our attention to this matter, which we shall hope to deal with.

"Being" (J.W.B.).—We are quite unable to see that the substitution of "being" for "are" would make any difference other than to spoil the grammar of the passage.

Report (T. Boyle).—We much appreciate your kindness in forwarding report so promptly, and regret that on its receipt our columns were so full as to preclude our using it this week.

Suggestions (M. Brown).—Accept our thanks for your kindly suggestions, which shall receive every attention. Specimen copies have been forwarded, and we are much obliged to you for the trouble taken in distributing them.

Papers (F. K., A. P., W. D. N., R. P. B., G. A., F. B., Waysider.).—We have to acknowledge receipt of your contributions, and tender our best thanks for same. We shall hope to use them at an early date.

"Blaze of Colour" (W.W.F.).—It has all along been our intention to do as you suggest. A pronouncement will be made in our next issue. Your remarks concerning coloured plates shall receive our consideration.

Non-payment (E. G. Olliffe).—We sympathise with you in the matter, but we could not possibly publish your letter. The case being sub judice, we should be liable to committment for contempt of court.

Talon (J.S.N.).—As the word talon indicates the "claw of a bird" (bird of prey chiefly), it could not, in our opinion, be correctly used to designate the whole foot. Such a loose use of the word might pass muster under certain circumstances; but it would always be best avoided.

Iron Work (Juggins).—We cannot at the moment recollect any particular work giving the information you desire. But if you communicate with Upcott Gill, Publisher, Drury-lane, W.C., we think you will find he has a handbook which treats of the subject.

Seeds and Food (C. W. Rockcliff).—The seed you send is (as stated on the package) black rape, and not suitable as a food for Rollers. What you need is the red summer, or German, rape. The food you send is a really good article, and widely recognised as a substitute for egg food.

Nets (M. M. Blacker).—It is against our rules to recommend individual advertisers. The small nets you mention may be bought from any of the advertisers of nets who use our columns during the season. Refer to back numbers; or consult the ANNUAL.

THE NORWICH PLAINHEAD CANARY.

Where are We?

SIR,—I am tempted to ask this question from the diversity of opinion expressed hy three of our leading fanciers in CAGE BIRDS of March 22nd issue. The three opinions were each expressed at lectures, and it is quite possible the speakers may not have heen correctly reported. Be that as it may, your readers can only judge by what appears in your columns.

At a meeting of the Bury and District C.B.S. Mr. J. Raynes, the Hon. Sec. of the Norwich Plainhead Club, is reported as follows: "Mr. Raynes gave a hrief definition of what he considered a typical Norwich, and contrasted the same with the so-called Norwich, which frequently finds its way into the list of prize-winners at every show; hut so long as the present diversity of opinion among judges existed, so then would these hirds appear as prize-winners. The idea was prevalent that a hig bird with plenty of colour attracted the eye of the judge in preference to the typical Norwich, which had not heen suhject to colour-feeding. Mr. Raynes regretted that some of the Norwich Plainhead Cluh's judges were too much impressed by the size and colour of the bird, instead of having a standard. In his opinion, type ought to receive first consideration, and colour last."

Mr. J. C. Barnes, in a paper read before the Huddersfield O.S., said: "Substance is in great demand at present, and one must he with the times if one's hirds are to he heard of when in competition. Type and quality, which should he the first consideration, appears in a good number of cases to have been neglected somewhat. The rage for size of late years has heen such that one often wonders where we shall drift to, especially in tho Norwich. However, the times demands size, and size we must have, with as much colour as possible."

Mr. J. W. Bancroft, in his lecture hefore the Bolton and District P.C.B.S., emphasised the fact that he wanted "large, bold birds," and not "those nice little undersized things which sometimes manage to creep into the prize list. I care naught for this class. It is the good hig 'uns we want." Again, he says: "In our Norwich there are three necessary points which we must never lose sight of—viz., colour, quality, type."

Now, reading these three opinions, a novice would he plunged into a sea of douht. All three gentlemen are authorities, yet all differ. Mr. Raynes inveighs against the judges because they go for size and colour in preference to type, making it plain that type should como first and colour last. Mr. Bancroft puts things quite the other way ahout. He declares for the "good hig 'uns" and "large, hold hirds," and finishes hy placing the required points in reverse position to Mr. Raynes, putting colour first and type last. Mr. Barnes does not take a decided line. He expresses a preference for "type and quality, which should he the first consideration"; but, like the ladies, he evidently considers that to he in the nation one must he in the fashion, and, as large birds seem to he fashionable, he says: "However, the times demands size, and size we must have."

The Norwich Plainhead Cluh possesses a standard. The Hon. Sec. of the cluh charges the club's judges with not adhering to that standard, and he is not the only one who brings the same accusation against the club's elect. One of the principal reasons for the existence of a specialist club is that the hreed over which it watches should he judged by men who are specialists in that hreed—men who are supposed to know far better than the all-round judge what is required, who will judge to standard, and not to their own individual fancy. In the case of the Norwich Plainhead Club, Mr. Raynes tells us this is not so. I am not a memher of one Norwich Plainhead Cluh, so will not pursue the point further than to say that it is hoth sad and strange that the secretary of the cluh and its judges are at variance in their opinions. What have Norwich breeders to say upon the matter? Who is right—Mr. Raynes, Mr. Bancroft, or Mr. Barnes? My sympathies are with Mr. Raynes. Type should certainly come first, then quality, and lastly colour.—A SOUTHERN BREEDER.

THE KEYSTONE OF THE C.B.U.

SIR,—The defence set up by your correspondent last week is not a very good one. I do not consider it a lihel upon any fancier or exhibitor to say that the Union is not a representative one. Taking up the same line of argument, might not those fanciers and exhibitors who are not members of the Union consider it a lihel if we said the Union was a representative one? When we are told that we have no right to condemn the Union on supposition, we may certainly expect to know hy what right the other side exalts the Union on supposition. Very few will say that the Union has done anything to be proud of up to the present. I also think that when societies become affiliated to the Union, they do become non-entities to a certain extent, for the objects of the Union, as stated, are simply a repetition of the objects for which most cage bird societies are formed. Therefore, societies are simply contributing funds to the Union to do what they are quite able to do themselves, with this significant addition, that while societies have no control over the Union, the Union has supreme power over all societies, so that, instead of the Union existing for the henefit of fanciers, fanciers are existing for the henefit of the Union, which has been my conteution from the first. The one great argument used in favour of the Union is the prevention of fraud. What a poor opinion of fanciers and exhibitors these writers must have! They appear to think that the Fancy is largely composed of rogues and fraudulent exhibitors, and that there are no honest fanciers hut themselves. To say, as a correspondent did last week, that judges knowingly pass faked birds in order that they may be engaged hy other societies, and that they are aided and abetted hy the societies which engage them, and, worst of all, to say that fanciers will not exhihit under honest judges, is to cast a great slur upon the three principal branches of our hohby, and, in my opinion, needs verification. For my own part, I think the best protection a judge can have is that he gives his decisions fairly and without fear; and, so far from refusing to show under honest judges, exhibitors as a rule *prefer* to exhihit their hirds under a judge who has the courage of his convictions. These judges are the most popular and the most sought for. I maintain that, had the C.B.U. really heen beneficial to the Fancy, coercion would not have heen necessary in any form whatever. Would it not have been better if the Union, instead of trying to rule the Fancy by means of boycott and coercion, had left societies to manage their affairs, and contented itself with forming some plan whereby any society fallen upon evil days, instead of heing sued for payment of prize-money, as per rule 13, would he able to pay their way hy means of a grant from the Union (repayable within a given time and at a small interest), and also to help any fancier with legal and financial aid who might happen to have trouble with the railway companies? These are the worst things we have to contend with, and I believe if the Union had confined itself to mitigating these it would at the present time have within its ranks every cage bird society in the country, and that without coercion. Please understand, Sir, the above does not come under the category of "those with fertile hrains for hatching schemes." It is not intended as a suggestion, hut is simply my own opinion.—WM. REID.

[Pressure on space has compelled us to condense the above letter. Correspondents must please he as hrief as possihle, and avoid going over old ground.—EDITOR.]

SIR,—Mr. Wm. Reid makes an ingenious attempt to evade the point at issue. In your issue of March 23rd Mr. Reid distinctly states that the C.B.U. exempted the Palace Show from rule 17, for the sole reason "hecause the Palace Show wouldn't have it." I replied that there was not a shadow of truth in the assertion, and I repeat my statement. The Palace Show was held under C.B.U. rules, rule 17 included. The Show was advertised in CAGE BIRDS under fixtures marked with a *, denoting that the Show was being held under C.B.U. rules, and you, Sir, fully noted the fact in your lengthy critique of the schedule. So I again ask Mr. Reid to confine himself to facts within his knowledge.—J. W. RAMSDEN.

GATESHEAD AND THE C.B.U.

SIR,—I have tried to meet the principal objections raised against the C.B.U. and rule 17 in a general and kindly way, and hope the effort has done some good. In case some reader may think I have some grudge against Gateshead Society, I will reply to Mr. Taylor. I have no desire to injure either societies or fanciers, hut was quite justified in the reference I made to Gateshead. To refuse to let members have the rules because a few advertisements were deemed a good way of paying the cost was childish in the extreme. Too much paint, too little paint, or perhaps it was the colour of the paint that displeased. If he says it was neither, hut the preference shown to particular artists, then let me tell him that preference is a natural and daily necessity and practised by every fancier, and I have a knowledge of one great coup that was tried over the Border. It would have been absurd to ask all the world to advertise. All that was necessary by those who objected to advertisements appearing on the rule book was to pass a resolution that such a step be not taken by the council on a future occasion. We must be prepared for criticism when actions are of an injurious nature, and it was an injury to the members who were affiliated to tho Union to have these rules detained. I can find nothing in my letters that warrants him in accusing me of spite, hut of jealousy—yes. I am jealous as to the effect of some people's actions, and it appeared to me Gateshead might have a greater import than the injustice inflicted on its own members who were absent from the meeting. I write as a member of the Union, and, even though Gateshead was affiliated (under protest) to the Union last year, it remains to be seen whether or not it is this. In saying some fine men were in the society I simply stated what can he said of every society. As I said nothing about "misleaders," I can only think the knowledge possessed by Mr. Taylor has supplied the inference that pricks his conscience and upsets his equanimity to the extent of writing two letters to the Press that ring with the spirit of enmity hoth to Mr. Robson and myself for daring to mention Gateshead. Should it he necessary, I will not he so reserved in my remarks, hut write as plainly as he knows I can. There is one statement in Mr. Taylor's letter that should be most gratifying to the members of Gateshead Society, and that is: "I am quite willing, as long as my members wish it, to carry on the work of this society to the best of my ability, without hope of any pecuniary reward." I hope Mr. Taylor will remember that. I am not an official of the Union, nor am I seeking to be; but I wish it life, growth and usefulness. There is much that such a Union can do, and, as the result of a thoughtful, hroad-minded policy, may Gateshead flourish!—G. W. MACPARTLING.

KEEPING BIRDS IN THE OPEN.

SIR,—Now that the warm weather is again approaching I would like to say a few words as to the advisability of putting birds outside (hoth British and Foreign). There may possihly he some fanciers who, like myself, thought it right to keep their hirds indoors. For their benefit I would like to give my experience. About two years since I started to hang mine outside the house, and after having them out for fully that time, hoth summer and winter, I have come to the conclusion that it is hy far the hest. The birds look better, seem far happier, and have become thoroughly hardened. During the past severe winter I have hung them out almost every day, and, although the frost has several times cracked their glasses, yet not one of the hirds has come to any harm. My hirds are not all British, for in one cage I have a Cowbird, in another a Nonpareil Bunting, and a third contains a Cordon Bleu Avadavat, Waxbill and Nutmeg Finch. I have also seven British birds. I may state they are all in box cages. Over the cages I have fitted up a cover to throw off the rain and keep off the strength of the summer sun. The frame is made of three-quarter inch quartering, and covered with either felt or oilcloth. This runs the whole length of the cages, just wide enough to throw off the rain. I am sure that anyone who has never tried keeping their hirds thus would be well repaid hy giving it a trial. I know it means a little extra trouble hanging them out and taking them in at night, but the true lover of hirds doesn't mind a little trouble for their sake. My advice, therefore, to those who have not done so is to try it. The manifest pleasure of their birds, their better appearance, and their singing, which will sound better out-doors, will cause their owners to have no regret they tried it. This is the experience of one who has tried and proved the henefit of the practice.—W. J. P.

BRITISH-GROWN CANARY SEED.

Now's the time to Plant.

SIR,—It will be remembered that last year a number of Northampton fanciers, having allotments, decided to grow canary seed, and I may say the results caused much interesting talk and friendly visits to the seed patches to compare samples, etc. Some fanciers had well-manured loamy soil; others had dry, sandy soil. On the loamy soil the straw grew much taller, and the seed heads were larger, hut when the final test of threshing came, the seeds grown on the dry sandy soil were the hest in shape, ripeness, hrightness, and colour. It grows ahout three feet in height, a number of stalks coming from one root, and there is one ear at the end of each stalk like wheat, the ear is not unlike the hop in shape and size, and when ripe each ear contains from fifteen to twenty seeds. It should he sown in rows, ahout eight inches apart to allow for weeding. We measured off a piece, threshed and weighed the seed, and it worked out close on four quarters to the acre, which I think is not had, when one considers the price of canary seed. I send you samples of the seed from the two different soils. Will you kindly remark on same, also photos. of seeds, life size, and a seed patch as grown, which will illustrate better than all the descriptions I can possihly give. I do not write this with any intentions of urging people to grow canary seed to feed their birds with as a staple food, hecause we found that on comparison with Spanish, Turkish, and other foreign grown seed, the British grown seed is very inferior in size, etc., hut if any fancier has a spare piece of ground in his yard or garden, and grows a nice piece of canary seed, he will find it very useful at moulting time. If cut and tied in small hundles and stuck up in the flight cages and aviaries, tho hirds will simply revel in it, and it will give the young birds plenty of occupation. They will pick out every seed from the new heads, before they will touch any other seed you may give them, and while so engaged will not pluck each other. British bird keepers will also find it usoful for seeding off Greypates and Linnets, etc. The seed can he sown in April, and cut in August and September.—G. SARGEANT.

(The canary seed Mr. Sargeant kindly sends looks excellent, though small, and tastes well. The photographs we shall hope to reproduce in the near future.—EDITOR.)

CONCERNING SOLDERING.

SIR,—If this should meet the eye of Mr. Thos. Soar I would be much obliged if he would tell me how to tin a soldering iron.—J. A. Y.

(*Correspondence continued on page 346.*)

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THE LINNET IN CAPTIVITY.

SIR,—I have read with interest all that has appeared in CAGE BIRDS on Linnets during the last two years. I have a good few Linnets in my possession, most of which are last year's birds, and all are in full song. My greatest difficulty is to get my Linnets steady, and make suitable cages for them. I have tried all-wire cages, hut found these were not suitable. I then made oblong cages, wired at the front and two sides only; these also did not suit them. Now I have box cages about 14 ins. long, 10 ins. high, and 6 ins. hroad, wired in front only, with food hox and water tin outside. Two perches are fitted from hack to front of cage, and one right along the front, all 3 inches from the hottom. The front ledge (including the sand tray) measures 3 inches high. Now for the Linnets. One is continually fluttering his wings, and running along the perch endeavouring to get out; another will flutter his wings, give a jump on to the wire front and down on the hottom of the cage; one will employ himself in jumping up into the top corner of his cage, and yet another will hide himself behind the ledge of his cage and poke his head up like a snake, now and again, and see if any person is near. If not, he will jump holdly up on one of the perches and sing as well as any Nightingale or Blackcap. And a hird holder than the rest is continually on the perch giving us the best of his song; when not doing this he is jumping from perch to perch in an almost upright position, hut if you stand near his cage for any length of time he will hide himself behind the ledge like all the others. The great point in steadying Linnets is, I think, to put them into cages in which they can see all that is going on in front of them, and where they cannot hide themselves when approached. I have a very old hook on hirds in which it says, "Linnets should he kept in square cages, as they are then less suhject to giddiness, and the cages (which are generally much too small) should be sufficiently large to admit of the introduction of a hathing pan every morning." Would the "Linnet King," and other Linnet fanciers, give us a few hints on the caging up of fresh-caught Linnets? I am sure there are hundreds like myself who would he greatly benefited if some successful Linnet fanciers gave us a sketch or two of the cages they use to keep this brown songster in.—LINNET ON THE BRAIN.

THE POINTS OF AN EXHIBITION LINNET.

White Throats or not?

SIR,—Your correspondent, Mr. F. King, wants to know if I really think a Linnet such as I described in the paper which I read before the members of the Darlington Cage Bird Society would have any chance at all if shown in good company. I say yes; hut would like to know what, in his estimation, constitutes good company? In answer to his first question, the statement I made (and I say the same still) was that the Linnet should have a light throat—i.e., a light underground—the same continuing down the centre of breast. When I say light I mean a very pale shade of brown, and running off to white at the vent. The latter may he a little misleading, and should have read, "running off to a 'dirty' white at the vent." Mr. King says his contention is that the hird should be a sound nutty hrown from the hack (this should have read beak.—EDITOR) to the tip of tho tail, which differs little from what I stated, with the exception of the tail, which should be black, not hrown, the four outer feathers having a deep margin of white; also the wing coverts are hlack edged with white. My paper says, "Head and hack should he a rich nutty hrown." Mr. K. next takes that portion of my paper which says the Linnet should show distinct black spangling or lacing on sides of head, neck and breast, and states that I do not mention the ticking on centre of hreast, without which, in his opinion, a Linnet can never he a real tip-top specimen. Surely, Mr. K., you do not understand my meaning. When I say a light throat, the same continuing down centre of breast, each side of *that* must he the sides I mention—"side-front," if you can understand it hetter that way—and they should he well ticked, running well up under the wing. He is astounded at my saying the Linnet should stand as erect as possihle, and says it is very misleading, as he has seen a few as straight as a good Yorkshire, hut says I cannot surely wish to give the impression that a Yorkshire is the correct type for a Linnet. Well, not exactly, Mr. K.; but I should most certainly prefer a little of the Yorkshire type to that of a Norwich for a Linnet. You may, at times, visit a show and not find a good type of a Linnet in the class, and the person who may be appointed to judge will then have to take the other points into consideration, and, to the hest of his ability, make his selection irrespective of type. My contention is that a bird standing fairly erect, and with a good chest (what I call of good position or type) should always stand in front of the short, chubby Norwich type, although the latter may excel in colour and markings. What does Mr. Houlton, one of our recognised British experts, say about type? He says: "As erect as possible, with a good hroad chest"; and, if I am not mistaken, he, together with Messrs. Battye and Maddison, favours the light throat. What is the B.B. and Mule Club's standard? Why, "as erect as possible." You must, as you say, Mr. K., be under a delusion. In CAGE BIRDS for April, 1902, four different types of Linnets usually met with were illustrated, the one given as an ideal specimen heing a hird standing erect (but nothing by comparison to a good Yorkshire). CAGE BIRDS, in a supplement dated November 26th, 1904, published one of the finest types of a Linnet that I should think your readers have ever had the pleasure of studying. If you preserve your back numbers, Mr. King, it would be worth your while to carefully study the above. You will therehy he hetter ahle to judge if such a hird as I described would stand any chance at all if shown in good company.—F. MARWOOD.

SIR,—Once again in your columns I notice two leading advertisers announcing that they do not sell little sea-coasters. As Secretary of the Bradford Linnet Singing Club, I should once more like to ask your readers not to be misled. The proof of the pudding is in the eating. I have no Linnets to sell, hut our club has had a consignment of the sea-coasters this season, and they have proved heyond all doubt as game as anything we have had. Moreover, they are fit to hang against hirds caught in the hills, or made in Germany for that matter. The opinion of a man like Jim Clarke, the original Linnet King of Leeds, a popular and practical judge of Linnets, would he good reading for all lovers of the Linnet. Newcastle, Whitby, Scarhorough and Hull men have as good home-caught stuff as others elsewhere, and no doubt, like some of our members, are prepared to match them. The staple diet used here seems to bo equal parts canary and rape seed (both sorts of rape), with a sprinkling of teazel and linseed combined. They spring their hirds with dandelion and lettuce seeds, and Capern's Refresher, which is a mixture of wild seeds, ohtainable from most big seed dealers. The seeding heads of the dandelion will he obtainahle in a few weeks now, and these beat dry packet food. In conclusion I may say, in reply to Mr. F. King, I have seen no good show Linnet with a continuation of light feather from throat to vent, as per Mr. Marwood's ideal, and I certainly think Mr. King is on the right track. The hright throat markings are all right with the usual four spangles dividing the whites below the mandible and running down the throat a little way. Let us have a nice full brown chest, one mass of moon pencilling from shoulder to shoulder. These moon-shaped, dark-brown pencillings identically correspond with the shape of the red feather in the adult cock, and any birds with the straight hlack spangle are undouhtedly hens. I have seen three hens on the show hench competing with cocks, and one with a first-prize card on. If this is disputed I can name the shows and also the exhihitors. A nice light thumb-mark on the cheeks and good tanning on the hack, together with prominent whites and the ahove-mentioned pencilling, make up a good Linnet. Bear in mind the largest does not always win, as I have noticed at two large Yorkshire shows. The fault of tne judging in Linnets, as with many other British hirds, is that the judge is seldom a fancier or specialist of one variety, and in 99 cases out of the 100 is purely a Canary fancier. The reason is not far to seek. All shows are the outcome of some fancier society's efforts, and, having sat on the committee of one for some years, I know only too well that the voice of the British hird fancier is absolutely lost when judges are appointed, and the Canary judge is carried by the strength of the voting. What chance have we? How many Canary judges can tell a cock house-moulted Linnet from a hen at sight? Very few!—F. W. S. (Bradford).

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THE BRAMBLEFINCH AND OTHER PETS OF A BIRD-LOVER.

SIR,—A correspondence has lately taken place in the "Dundee Courier" about the Bramblefinch, which has been seen in great flocks in Scotland this winter. I enclose a copy of one of the letters, thinking it would interest you. The writer, "A Lover of Birds," says:—"I happen to know a little about the Bramblefinch from personal experience and observation. In the ordinary acceptation of the term these birds are not migratory, but in extra severe weather, when food is scarcely obtainable in their own Norwegian home, they gather together in exceptionally large flocks and seek these shores. One of your correspondents says—'Small birds never move during winter nights; only large birds migrate in the darkness—at least in January.' What does he mean by 'small' birds? Does it refer to strength? Would it apply, for instance, to a Starling? Has he seen a Bramblefinch? If so, he has to my mind seen the very picture of bird strength. Its every appearance denotes strength. It is so firmly knit together, its feathers lie so close to its body, that—well, I cannot describe it better than by saying, as our friends over the way might, it looks as if 'born to boss it.' And it did in my aviary. In short, its lines, its symmetry, are perfect. That it does migrate during the night is proved by the fact that many of them in the year I speak of met the fate such numbers of our birds do that are attracted by the lighthouses on their way. 'Bramblefinches will thrive in a cage like the Chinese slaves in a compound. They rather like it.' So says another of your correspondents. This seems a bit sarcastic. What does he mean by a cage? In my aviary they did thrive, and if like the 'slaves' above mentioned, I can only say theirs must be a happy lot indeed. I can tell him that Messrs. Bramblefinch, Yellow Bunting, and Java Sparrow were always first among my hands in the feeding boxes, and the others had to stand aside until their lordships had dined. One particular feature of these three birds was that they did not care for strangers of the human type, and immediately made for the bushes if any such appeared. What happened to them? Well, mice robbed me. They got into the place in such numbers and devoured so much seed, etc., that the hobby got too expensive. I gave it up, giving all my British birds and the stronger Foreign their liberty. They all reluctantly took it, most of them hovering around their old home for days, and fain would they have gone back again. 'Blackie' was the exception, and I must tell you of him. A greenhouse was attached to the aviary, and in it the birds were allowed exercise. The place was well known, and into this greenhouse a sailor dropped a Blackbird with a broken wing. An old bird he was, with his bright yellow beak. With the aid of a couple of matches I set his wing. It healed splendidly, and from that day 'Blackie' was my friend. Liberty for him meant being with me. He would flop down from a tree in the garden on to my finger, and there sing as one seldom hears them except from the high bough of a neighbouring tree. His delight was to get among my feet in the garden, and the worms turned up were shown little mercy. Poor 'Blackie!' A friend lost a cage-bird, got hold of him while I was from home, and imprisoned him. He sat moping on the perch for an hour or so, and then dropped over dead. A broken heart! My wrath can be better imagined than described. Fain would I tell you of our ruse—pouring water from a pan into a barrel to set our Linnet friends agoing, and they did sing—sang for all they were worth; of the funny little Siskins; of German 'Bullie,' who perched on my hand, and, we thought, attempted to speak. If your correspondent does try the Bramblefinch in a cage, let it be a big one, and let him see that his Finch is always provided with a box of clean, dry sand, a sand bath as well as a water bath. He is a most promiscuous bather—the one minute in sand, the next in water—and is unique in this respect as far as I know. Let him 'meat off' the bird, and it will not surprise me if he become not only as tame, but as friendly as my 'Blackie.' The Cock Sparrow, as I have proved, becomes friendly in captivity and most mischievously, laughably cheeky to boot. Let me explain that I do not advocate, as I may seem to, the keeping of cage-birds commonly so-called, but I do the keeping of pet birds. Let Tommy keep a Canary, and his dad will become as interested and as fond of it as he is himself if some night when they are sitting at the fireside together the cage is opened, and Dickie alights on his boy's finger and sings a song to him, and more—I have seen it—when lifted to his mouth, gives him a kiss. Keep pets, not prisoners."—A. MCINROY.

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TREATMENT OF FRESH-CAUGHT BIRDS.

How to Lessen the Death-rate.

SIR,—Most people who have had much experience in keeping wild birds cannot fail to have been struck by the high mortality occuring among freshly-acquired specimens, and it is soon obvious to an observant individual that the death rate varies according to the source from which they are ohtained, reaching the maximum among freshly-caught hirds which have heen retained for a few days in hadly-kept and over-crowded hird shops. Every other week one hears the opinion expressed that newly-caught hirds die from indigestion, resulting from the sudden change from moist food to the dry seeds offered them in captivity. That this is not the whole truth appears from the fact that when one can trap his own birds, or obtain them direct from the catcher, the death rate is greatly diminished, though the birds are suhjected to the same food conditions. This being true, there must he other and more powerful factors in operation than the mere alteration of diet; and if ever hird fanciers are to progress towards better conditions they must discard this oft-reiterated explanation, seek out the real cause, and, hy a united and intelligent policy, try to remove it. In my own mind, there is not the slightest douht that the vast majority of the hirds succumh to some infective disease, epidemic in those bird shops where insanitary conditions prevail, and, except something can he done to change the horrible conditions under which they are compelled to await a purchaser, the difficulty will never be overcome. Allow your mind to dwell for a little on the insufficient ventilation, the almost constant use of artificial light, the overcrowding, underfeeding and terrihly filthy surroundings of these hapless captives, and I think you will he forced to admit that here is a combination of all the forces conducive to the outhreak and fostering of infectious disease. If you remember also the sudden transition from a state of Nature, where food and water are abundant, and the supply of fresh air is unlimited, you will understand why the majority of these birds, instead of becoming acclimatised, are attacked by some disease which renders their lives miserable and in almost every case leads to a fatal issue. Now, if we had only constipation to deal with, a little castor oil, Epsom salts or sulphate of soda would afford relief until the hird's digestive system had time to accommodate itself to the change of diet and altered conditions of life, and a majority would not only survive, but would give their owners comparatively little trouble. On the contrary, although laxatives give some relief, the disease steadily progresses and haffles our every effort. Sometimes the most pronounced symptom of the disease may be diarrhœa, hut these cases are not more amenahle to treatment than the others, for even if the diarrhœa be checked again and again, the temporary improvement is not maintained, and the birds ultimately perish. Medicinal and dietetic treatment being unavailing, our only hope is to hring pressure to hear on the dealers, and if possible compel them to improve the conditions under which the hirds are kept. Of course, the motives of many bird sellers are purely mercenary, and they will scarcely move in this except under compulsion; hut now that the Fancy has its own papers, with many thousands of readers, it has a voice that could become very loud and powerful, and might accomplish much more than some people dream of. This suhject should interest us not only from a pecuniary point of view, but there is also the question of cruelty, which is a standing reproach to the whole Fancy, and the dangers that this wanton and wholesale destruction may lead to the extinction of some of our most valuable and interesting species. Trusting some others who have the welfare of our feathered friends at heart may favour us with their views on this question, which I am inclined to regard as of the very first importance.—LINNET FANCIER.

WHY ARE SHOWS FAILURES?

SIR,—In reply to "One who wants to know" why shows are failures, I would say hecause the novices, or new members are not provided with classes, and have to compete with the professional exhibitor. To alter this, have one or more limit price classes to each popular variety, any hird claimed hy more than one intending purchaser hefore 6 p.m. on the first day to bo then offered for sale, the owner and those who have claimed the hird only allowed to bid for the same. If a member is an auctioneer, and will give his services, then all claimed hirds can legally he put up for auction and purchased by any person present. The whole of the money paid over the entered price to go to the funds of the show; this will stop the professional exhihitor. Another point: Do not fix the date of the show the same as any other show within fifty miles (see show date fixtures in CAGE BIRDS). Have a low price charge for admission to view the show each night and the afternoon of the second day, which might also include a catalogue. Do all you can to induce strangers and visitors to become members of the society, and be sure and have some signs outside of the huilding announcing that a Cage Bird Show is on view. Have a judging competition open to all for the hest hird in the show, entry fee one shilling, the fees to ho shared amongst those selecting the bird that has received the most votes. A small hlank card to he given as a receipt for the shilling, on which the competitor will write his name, and the number of the cage he or she has chosen, the card to he dropped into a hox near the exit of the show any time before the show closes.—A VETERAN.

A WINGED WOLF.

THE HARPY EAGLE AT THE ZOO.

However keen a fancier, and however sincere an admirer of the fair sex a man may be, he could not be expected to admire the creatures of ancient Greek fable known as Harpies—a horrible combination of woman and vulture. These monsters were credited with being very voracious, and hence their name has been transferred to one of the most powerful of birds of prey, the Harpy Eagle (*Thrasaetus harpyia*) of South America. This species has been exhibited at the Zoo many years ago, but of late no specimens of it have turned up, so the arrival of one is rather an event.

The Harpy Eagle is a curious looking bird. About as big as a Golden Eagle, it is very different in colour and proportions. Its plumage is pale grey, shading to white on

THE HARPY EAGLE.

the face, and slate on the quills of wings and tail, while it has, with its loose soft plumage, double crest, and tendency to a ruff, some resemblance to the Eagle Owls. Its wings are very much shorter than the Golden Eagle's, but its bill and legs are immensely powerful. It is a Forest Eagle, soaring above the trees for its prey, and pouncing on Foxes, Monkeys, young Peccaries, wild Turkeys.

In some localities the Harpy is called "Lobo Volante"—the flying wolf, a name which expresses what its fellow countrymen think of its ferocity. Nevertheless, this fierce bird has had its place in aviculture, having been trained for hawking by the ancient Mexican nobles before the Spanish Conquest. Cortez, the redoubtable "Conquistador" himself, had to feel the power of the great bird, a trained specimen of which he possessed, and killed in a fit of temper. The bird did not die on the spot, but succeeded in crushing the finger of his cruel master with his bill before death overtook him, thus avenging his wrongs better than his human compatriots, for no Mexican could boast of having wounded this Spanish tyrant. F. FINN, F.Z.S.

A FEMALE SONGSTER.

SIR,—I was interested in Mr. Kinch's article on the above. In 1873 or 1874 I was living at Worksop. A friend of mine was a large breeder of Lizards and Norwich, and well known in that part of the country. The late E. Ormc, of Derby, sent to him for 12 Norwich hens. They were great friends, those good old fanciers! The birds were sent off. In a few weeks one of them was returned as a cock. My friend knew at the time it was a hen, although it could sing out like a cock. Well, this hen was paired up to breed, and bred 13 young ones, and 12 of these were cocks. This shows the best of us can be deceived, when fanciers like Teddy Ormie could be. What he did not know was not worth learning. This was the time when we used to see colour in Norwich, not Crestbreds in Norwich classes. Breeders in those days used to breed for the show bench, not for the market.—E. FULLER.

SHOWING YOUNG BIRDS.

SIR,—Can any of your readers (perhaps some secretaries will oblige) inform me how in club shows, where the club rules state that only young birds can be shown, owned and bred by the exhibitor, a class for British birds can be added?—MAC.

DOES COLOUR FEEDING SHORTEN THE LIVES OF CANARIES?

SIR,—Your fair correspondent asks, Does colour-feeding shorten life? Of course it does, and nobody who has the slightest modicum of commonsense will deny it. Any feeding that is not in strict accordance with Nature will produce ill-health and early death, not only with birds, but with every living thing, and the awful colour of some poor red-fed birds seen at some of our shows is only equalled by the noses of some of their owners, who have also evidently been fed for colour. Let Miss Duke continue with her large cages, good sound food, clean water, etc., etc., and never trouble about the shows, for the true bird fancier is not found there, and the health and bright looks of her pets will be a far greater reward to her than the paltry 10s. first prize, and so on. The true bird lover would as little dream of giving cayenne to his birds as he would to his children. —W. H. MOORE.

THE MAKING OF EGG FOOD.

SIR,—Having been a reader of CAGE BIRDS for two years, and not having seen any method like mine described for the making of egg food, I venture to send you the same. I get half a pound of arrowroot biscuits, divide into three equal quantities, and crush with a rolling pin. To each of these quantities I use one egg. I boil the egg for 15 minutes, then take it out of the water, strip the shell, and, whilst hot, roll egg and biscuit between my hands. The egg rubs into the biscuit, and it becomes like oatmeal. I have kept egg food so prepared for five or six days, and it has not turned sour. I think it is because the egg rolls into the biscuit whilst hot, which it will not do when cold, as the white remains in lumps. Fanciers say birds cannot eat the white, and it is wasted. It is not so with my method. The food looks so nice that it disappears like magic.—W. WORSLEY.

A WEEK-END IN THE HIGHLANDS.

SIR,—Arriving at Campbelltown Pier I found my friend Mr. J. McCallum waiting me, and at 18, Broad Street, I found the usual hospitality. I may mention Mrs. McCallum, her daughter and two sons, are all keen fanciers, so all fanciers paying a visit to Campbelltown should call, and they will be heartily received. Messrs. McC., like many other fanciers, found yellow hens very scarce this season, so had to run double buffs. Their first pair is made up of the Buff cock (3rd City show) and a Buff green hen (also a ticket-hitter at the City); second pair, a first cross Buff cock, procured from Mr. Finlay, Darvil, with Buff pied hen from Mr. Thornton, Edinboro'; third pair, the old Buff cock with a Buff Belgian hen, also from Mr. Finlay. Arriving at the corner of Long Row and Back Street, I could not help thinking that 20 years ago, within 40 yards, there lived four of the keenest of fanciers in Scotland. To-day there is only one left—Mr. D. Stalker. I gave Donald a call, and was pleased to find him hale and hearty, not much changed in such a long time. After losing his three friends he went more into the Norwich, and by careful breeding for some years he built up a good stock. Then he had the misfortune to have a fire in his house, so lost his stock. Last season, after getting a good hen, he bought an expensive cock from England. It also died at the beginning of the breeding season, so left the hen without a mate. Very hard lines! Being, however, a keen fancier, he is going to try again. Better luck this time, Donald! I next called on Mr. Colville, and was sorry to find him suffering from influenza. I did not wish, under the circumstances, to take him into the bird room. He laughed and said, coming so far, I must see his stock. His fancy is Yorkshires. He also has had the misfortune to lose his best, the 1st at Campbelltown. I noticed he is going strong for Hybrids. He has mated his 1st Goldie to a nice Cinnamon hen. He has a large aviary, with Goldfinch cocks, Linnets, a very nice yellow Greenfinch, and a Yellowhammer, hen Bullfinches, and yellow Canary hens. He is allowing them to select their own mates for the breeding season. Leaving Campbelltown on Monday morning at 8 o'clock, after a very pleasant sail I arrived at Gourock in time to catch the mid-day mail south, feeling much the better for my week-end in the Highlands.—RAMBLER.

THE CRESTED CANARY CLUB.

SIR,—My time will not permit me to reply to the numerous letters received in connection with the above joining the C.B.U., therefore I trust all those who have written (irrespective of their views) will accept through the Fancy Press my very best thanks for the keen interest they have displayed, and allow me to assure them that such zeal in the club's welfare is very gratifying to those in official positions.—R. L. CRISP.

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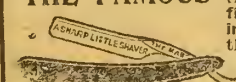

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COAL TAR FOR ASTHMA.

SIR,—I saw in last week's CAGE BIRDS a coal-tar recipe for wheezing and asthma, by Mr. John Patrick. Will that gentleman please tell me if it is common tar, and where it is to be bought?—W. WALLIS.

A PIED LARK.

SIR,—When in a well-known Brighton naturalist's shop I saw an excellent pied cock Skylark. Its head and neck were all white, and the sides were spotted with white. Skylarks are not often seen with much white plumage; cinnamon and black are more common. He had also an albino hen Blackbird.—J. H. VERRALL.

ANOTHER BLACK LARK.

SIR,—Seeing a notice in last week's CAGE BIRDS of three Black Larks having been caught, I thought it might be of interest to your readers to know that I caught one in September or October, 1903. At that time I thought it was a "freak," and gave it to my grandfather, who put it in his aviary. Last season it laid one or two eggs. My brother has one now. It is rather longer than an ordinary Lark's egg, but is not so large round. The bird was very tame, but it died last month.—E. H. TUNMER.

PARROT PRATTLE.

A Medley of Notes.

SIR,—We have had many useful hints of late in your Correspondence columns anent the treatment and acclimatisation of foreign birds, so that perhaps a medley of notes, just as they come to mind, about the Parrot race in particular may not come amiss at this season. It is just about this time that many of the Parrot kind which have been imported during the late summer, and are, consequently, just now entering upon their first winter experience of our dull and variable climate, are beginning to be a cause of some anxiety to their owners. This anxiety is not infrequently intensified by the fact that the bird or birds often represent the outlay of a fair amount of hard cash, and in the case of the working-man fancier are often acquired at some personal sacrifice; so that when they quickly shuffle off the coils of mortality, and all that remains is a very trifling avoirdupois of organic matter—including a bunch of more or less brilliant-hued feathers—the owner is apt to get a little disheartened and rue his speculation. The Grey Parrot, charming companion that it is, is one of these risky lives—to use an insurance office term—and yet with proper care a very good proportion of the birds would survive. They should not be fed on slops and messes of any kind, neither should one go quite to the other extreme of believing that sops are at the root of all Parrot evils. It is notorious that such foods do not figure largely amongst practical Parrot keepers; whilst, on the other hand, one invariably finds on enquiry that the Grey Parrot which has survived for 20, 40 or more years as the pet of the family has had his bit of bread or biscuit sop through it all. But as this is not a dissertation on foods, I will only say that in this matter the bounds of discretion must not be over-stepped. A seed diet as a staple should be preferred, and, if the bird is observed to sneeze, or show other symptoms of a cold, at once begin to add a few pods of chillies to his seed pan daily until the symptoms have passed away, and occasionally give a small piece of plain biscuit or sponge cake dipped in sherry wine. Always keep a covering of flannel or baize to slip over the cage at night, leaving open a circular space at the top, about eight or nine inches in diameter, to prevent the inside getting hot aud stuffy. Slip this cover over the cage after the bird has gone to roost at night all through the winter and spring following the importation. It effectually excludes draughts, and is far better than placing the open cage in a warm corner at night. It is, in fact, the greatest help one can have to the proper acclimatisation of these birds, or, indeed, of delicate birds generally. Should the birds be troubled with mites, simply douche the cover into boiling water for a few minutes when it is taken off the cage in the morning, and these pests will be kept pretty well at bay. Amazons, as a rule, are a more hardy class of bird, and more easily acclimatised; but if they show signs of being affected by the cold, similar treatment for a short time, or during any exceptional severity of weather, will generally bring them through without any ill-effects. Lories and Lorikeets are rather birds for the fancier who has already acquired some practical knowledge with the hardier kinds than for the tyro who has to learn the elements of Parrot keeping. And there is always this one invariable rule to guide one—that extremes of heat and cold are to be strictly avoided until the birds have been gradually "hardened off," and the more delicate the species one has to deal with, the more strictly this general rule must be adhered to. Damp and draughts, it must be remembered, are most deadly foes of newly-imported foreign birds. Even such hardy birds as Budgerigars, which will often rear successfully broods of young outdoors in the winter months, when freshly imported often show susceptibility to cold, so much so that I have had apparently strong, robust birds which would look quite miserable during severe cold in their first winter after importation. Here it is rather an easier matter to counteract the effect, as a sufficiency of cosy boxes or husks hung about, to which they can retire, will remedy this serious evil. The birds will not be slow to avail themselves of protection by using the boxes as sleeping places by night and as squatting places by day when they feel the effects of cold.—FOREIGN BIRD KEEPER.

(Many thanks for an instructive and interesting letter.—Editor "C.B.").

BETTER LATE THAN NEVER.

SIR,—I have a Grey Parrot, which has been in my possession about 15 years. Last Sunday (March 30th) it laid an egg, also one on last Wednesday. Could you or any reader tell me if this is a rare act for a Parrot after having had it so long?—JOSEPH JOHNSTON.

[It is not uncommon for Parrots to lay eggs in the manner of the above bird. Odd cases have been recorded of eggs having put in an appearance after Polly has spent upwards of fifty years of blameless caged life.—EDITOR.]

SOME FOREIGN BIRDS I HAVE KEPT.

SIR,—I have always been a bird lover, have reared hundreds of Canaries, and my birds were a beautiful sight, as I did not sell any, only sometimes gave a friend one. I took such care of them that red mite was only known to me in books, unless I bought a bird occasionally; but I always washed the new ones for fear of the shop ones giving the horrible things to my stock. A man in a bird shop once said if everyone was so successful as I was, birds would be very cheap. I believe no cages can be kept too clean. My birds were out daily, and then the aviaries washed in all parts. The birds had their baths out of the cages, so went back fresh and lovely to a clean house. But as this paper is for Foreign birds only, I must not write any more about Canaries. Patience, plenty of time, and thorough cleanliness is the only way to be successful, I find, in all kinds of birds. Now for my Foreign birds. I will begin with Virginian Nightingales. The cock is bright red, with black face, and rather fierce looking; hen, russet brown, very pretty shades of red. The pair I had were very wild at first, but I always succeed in taming all my birds, so anyone coming into my bird room may enjoy looking at them. I never let strangers go close to the cages, as the birds hate strangers, except at a little distance. The cock sings at night. Mine used to commence about midnight, so I had to put them in my dressing room, with the door open for a time, to hear the song, as I go to bed long before. I thought it well worth listening to. The hen sings, too; some people like the hen's singing best. They were never ill, so I consider them strong birds. I did not find when put in the aviary they did any harm to the other birds. Their food is canary, millet, oats and hemp seeds, but they are fond of egg food, ants' eggs, mealworms, ripe fruit—especially gooseberries; they eat, also, green peas. They come from North America. I have been told they are not difficult to breed, but am sorry to say, though I have had eggs from some Foreign birds, I never succeeded in hatching any; so my success has only been with Canaries. Waxbills come from West Africa and other places. They are very amiable in the aviary. Some kinds are so small that the cage wires must be very close to prevent them getting through. I found they liked warmth, and the best food is canary, millet and a few ants' eggs. Amaduvade Finches come from India. The dealer's name is Avadavats. They were lovely little birds, the pair I had. The cock was red with white spots, and the hen yellow and white spots. They are very delicate, or so I found all I had, as they were not in good condition when they arrived. The Indigo bird, from North America, is a brown bird, about the size of English Linnet, until March, when he changes into a beautiful blue. It is very interesting seeing the brown feathers gradually disappear and the blue ones coming. When pure blue he is a lovely bird in the aviary. In autumn he changes to brown again until the spring. The hen remains brown. He will eat seeds, but is very fond of ants' eggs. I put a cupful of earth and living ants in the cage. It was amusing to see him catch them. He also likes a mealworm. He is easily tamed, and was one of my great favourites. The common Redbeak Weaver is interesting to watch weaving cotton—soft cotton is best to give them. The Red-headed Weaver is very handsome. There are other varieties—Napoleon, or Orange Weaver, Yellow and Black ditto, and Black and Red. The Saffron Finches are hardy birds, of bright yellow, shaded with orange. The Nonpareil is North American, something like the English Chaffinch, but even more beautiful. The slate colour of Chaffinch is bright blue in the Nonpareil, back olive, breast vermillion—such a lovely bird, and ought to be in every aviary. Food, seed of all kinds, and little insect food. The Chestnut Finches are little brown and white birds. The hen lays a great number of eggs, sits for a day or two, then forsakes nest and lays more. It is best to hatch the eggs under Canary; they are very like tiny sugarplums. I always put a variety of food in my aviary, so that all birds can have their choice.—E. G. BENNETT.

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My Favourite British Birds.

A Paper by Mr. W. G. Bull (Bristol), read before the Bristol Cage Bird Society on March 6th.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,—Before going into my subject, I wish to ask you all to make an allowance for my shortcomings, this being my first attempt at anything of the sort. I will first give you my experience of the Goldfinch, this being, to my idea, the most handsome of our British Finches. I will try to explain the ideal bird for exhibition purposes. I believe that is what the majority here this evening want Finches for. The first thing to look for is size; pick out the largest, and see that he has a big head, very wide in the forehead, or entrance, as the Canary men call it. When you look him in the face, see that he has got plenty of space from eye to eye; then look for tanning on the breast, that is, rich, dark chestnut colour running from the shoulders well down the body. The yellow bars on the wings should he large and bright, the back a rich, dark hrown. The wings should be niccly buttoned or tipped with white. The most important point in an exhibition Finch I have left till the last, for this reason: some of you may he huying greypates, and, of course, their hlazes are not out in colour till they moult the first time.

Now, gentlemen, you see why I mention the hlaze last, and why you must select one with a hig head, as he has got more space to carry the blaze. Coming back to the blaze, it should come well hack over the eye, reaching well down under the hill, which is even more important than on the top of the head. And you want them as clean cut and as square as possible. Of course, I don't mean to say a Finch with a round blaze won't win, far from it. If any of you saw the last Palace winner, you will have noticed that he had not a square-cut hlaze; but I always fancy if it is square-cut it appears larger than a round one.

Another thing ahout the blaze; see that it is free from too much black,also from the beard, that little line of black extending down each side of the bill, which breaks up the blaze, and I think mars the beauty of an otherwise good face. Let the colour be as hright as possihle. Then there is the cap. I like to see it dense hlack (free from any grey or hrown feathers) coming well down the poll, and elean cut. Some Finches have a very light mark between the cap and the hack of the neck, which I would rather not see. Foreign Finches run very light in this respect.

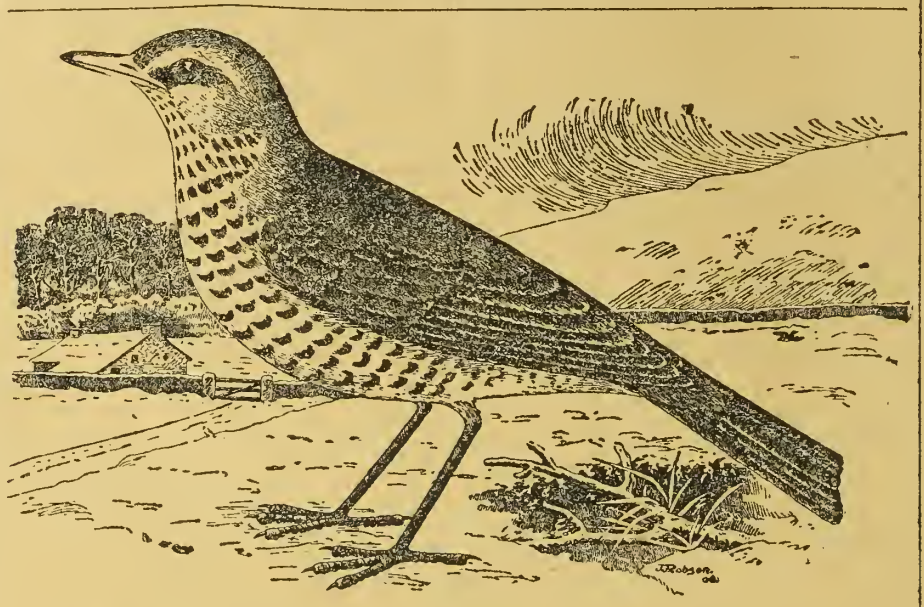
The cheek or collar, I like to see nice and clean, but if it is too white you will very often hear people call it a foreigner, so that if you happen to have one with the cheeks a little hit tanned, so much the hetter. I also like to see the wings just meet at the ends, and the tail well folded.

TYPE TO CONSIDER.

Now, gentlemen, there is type to consider. You will get all types in Finches. For my part, I favour a rather stout set bird, standing fairly well up from the perch. There is another point we must not overlook—that is tameness. It is impossihle for the judge to see all the good qualities of a bird if it is wild, so that, hefore you can show it, you must get it accustomed to the cage, and to people looking, before you stand any chance on the show bench. How often we hear the reporter at a show say, "good bird, but very wild." To accomplish this tameness, I put the bird in rather a small cage, say, about 12 ins. by 12 ins., and 6 ins. deep, not one of those small cages that you very often see some men have them in, not large enough to put your hand in. To keep a bird in such is cruel in the extreme. Hang your cage where people are frequently ahout, and, when passing, take it down and handle as much as possible. Try coaxing, give him a little seed that you know he is fond of, and stop there and watch him eat it. Try him with a little teazle, dandelion, thistle, niger, or maw seed. Another thing I do when I get a very wild bird, if the first and second remedies fail—I spray him with water until he is very wet, then handle the cage. I generally find this tame them, but, as a rule, you always find them wild, little or much, until they are moulted in the house.

I don't know if there is anyone here that cannot tell a cock from a hen; the cock is generally a larger bird, and the blaze on the hen does not run back over the eye like the cock's, and is not so large and good coloured as a rule. Then there is another way of telling the sex; the cock has a black shoulder or wing butt (or should have), while the hen's is generally brown; then hens are duller in colour throughout, and the cap on the head is not so dense a black.

Now, gentlemen, coming to the feeding. If you have freshly caught birds the best thing to do is to put them in rather a large cage, with plenty of light, and put them in a place where they won't get disturbed much. The best seeds to give them are crushed hemp teazle, and canary; of course, don't orush the teazle or canary. Then wean them off the crushed hemp after, say, a week of this treatment, and give as a stock mixture, say, equal parts canary and teazle, and twice the amount of hemp, with a little niger, maw, and rape seed. I give mine, as a change, some crushed sunflower seeds and a mealworm, if I can get them to eat it. You want to start with a very small one first, gradually increasing the size. There is one item you must not forget—the greatest conditioner of all—that is, the bath every day, when it is fine. They do say cleanliness is next to Godliness; anyhow, you will never succeed on the show bench unless you practice cleanliness. I not only clean my cages, but let the hird have a bath, and see that the perches are kept clean. I was asked by one of our members if a Cheveril Finch would be allowed to compete in the class for Goldfinches. Well, gentlemen, you all know that a Cheveril is a mis-marked hird; it is not natural, or a freak of Nature; it has a tendency to albinism.



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ALBINOS IN COMPETITION.

An Albino should not be allowed to compete with normal coloured hirds, or certain points should be deducted for the mis-marking of the Cheveril or Peathroat, which is similar, only the white under the throat does not quite sever the hlaze. We now come to the cage for showing our little favourite in. I like a cage size 11 ins. by 11 ins., and 5 ins. deep. The colour I like, and which I enamel mine, is holly grcen, that is to say, the green of the leaf of the holly. It seems to blend with the colouring of the hird more than pale blue. I always fancy hlue is too showy, and takes off from the importance of the bird; the colour, instead of the bird, seems to strike you first. You notice, gentlemen, I mentioned enamel; well, I like enamel. One fancier I know said he did not like the inside of his show cages to shine. Well, they cannot shine too much for me, as I know by experience that it adds to the lustre of the bird. It reflects, as it were, its brightness, and therefore improves the look of the bird.

There is another thing I would like to say ahout the Goldfinch; that is, never moult him in a heated room or kitchen, for, if you do, you will never get that rich coloured hlaze. Let him have plenty of fresh air; do not keep him in a draught, which is most deadly to all cage hirds; hang him out of doors when there is a nice warm day, and don't forget the hath. If you have got such a hird as I have described, I am sure we shall have a hot time of it with Finches at our next winter shows.

THE ATTRACTIVE LINNET.

Now we will take the Linnet. This Finch, to my mind, runs the Goldfinch very close for premier honours as a general favourite. Though he is rather somhre in colour, there is something about him very attractive and fascinating. See the little bead-like eyes, like black diamonds set in copper; then the white on the wings. Taking the Linnet on the whole, he is a most beautiful little creature. Listen to his charming song, hear the variations; the hest German Roller is not in it. Now, I will take him as a show hird. Of course, he does not stand such a chance on the show bench in a mixed British class as the Goldfinch. He is not hlessed with such a gaudy coat of feathers.

In selecting a Linnet for show, you must pick out the ones with rich, nutty brown hacks (a painter would term the colour burnt sienna), hut they are very difficult to find. The back must be pencilled, laced, or spotted, as some call it; the pencilling on the breast must commence from the wing butts, extending well down each side, reaching right to the vent, if you can get them. The more pencilling you can get on a Linnet the better, providing, of course, that it is pronounced or distinct in the marking. The pencilling on a Linnet is just as important as the blaze on the Goldfinch. The Linnet should be as solid in colour as possible, free from any margin down the hreast; the whites in the wings and tail should be plentiful, and show up well against the hrown. There is another place I always look for the pencilling, that is on the head; it should be distinct, and run well down the poll.

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MULE BREEDING WITH HEN BRITISH BIRDS.

By T. H. Kinch.

This paper on Mule hreeding is to encourage the young breeders who may have several cock Canaries in hand. Of course, you cannot expect to get a clear Mule in this way; hut you may get a good dark one. If possible, I should use or prefer a Green or Cinnamon, as the hens take to this colour before a bright coloured yellow. This I have found out in my experience in this hohby, after a great many trials. If the Chaffinch-Canary Mule is to he got, this is the way it will be done. I expect that this season the Chaffinch cross will be tried very extensively, and that the hen will he the one used. I hope to hear at the end of the season it has been got. Last year I did get fertile eggs from the cock Chaffinch, but its mate was a hen Bullie. I have for years tried the cock, hut never before did I get fertile eggs. I am not satisfied yet that it cannot he done. I shall still try a pair in various ways.

Another cross which might be successful with a cock Canary is the hen Greenfinch. She most readily takes to the cage, and frequently builds a good nest. I have always found British birds to prefer the wooden nest box to any other. I have had them sit as well as Canaries. The hen Linnet also makes a good cross, and generally breeds well. I have also found the Redpoll takes well to a nest-hox.

The hen Yellowhammer might also be tried. This cross has yet to be obtained, and, like the Chaffinch, I expect we shall only get it from the hen side. I have never tried the hen Bramhlefinch with a Canary, but I have with the Bullfinch, Linnet, and Chaffinch, yet could never get any eggs. The Bramhlefinch hen is generally a very spiteful hird, and often does a lot of damage to other hirds with her powerful heak. I am afraid it would not he safe to trust a Canary with her; they would want a lot of watching. If you did get any eggs from her, they should be at once removed for safety's sake. In fact, it would be also wise to remove all eggs from British hens, if it could be managed.

Some may not attempt any one of these crosses, hecause they cannot get house moulted hcn British birds. But I think they would get nearly as good results from the fresh-caught hirds if put together in small cages, as they tame much quicker. I don't helieve in giving them much room until they get steady. If they should be very wild I should advise, as I have done frequently, cutting wing feathers. This would help to steady them, and prevent them flying about so mnch, and not do them any harm; only it makes them look unsightly.

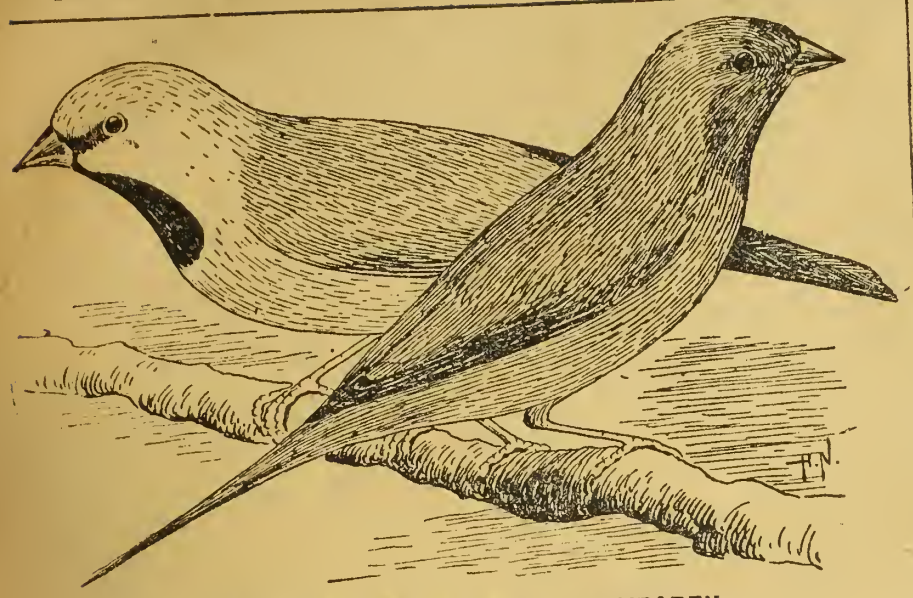
The hen Goldfinch might also he tried with a large cock Canary. But, as a rule, I have found her a very shy hreeder indeed; she is quite the opposite of the cock Goldfinch. Still, I did, some years ago, raise young from the cock and hen Goldfinch in a breeding cage. I also heard of a pair last year which had eggs and raised the young until ten days old, then let them die; they may have been neglected by their owner, as he used to show them to everyone.

Other crosses might also be tried. I hope myself this year to try a great many more experimcnts if I can get a few hen Canaries for fosters. Whether we shall ever be able to get the Canary to pair with any insectivorous birds remains to be scen. It is quite possible we shall hear of the production of some rare cross before the season is over, as I believe more are going into this fascinating hobhy than ever. In my humble opinion, we have yet a lot to learn.

It has come to my knowledge that a fancier who has a rare-feathered Goldie intends to mate this with a large Norwich hcn. This he thinks will beat the use of any Sib-hred hen. But I douht it, as I have the greatest faith in the "Sibs," and bclieve our best and clearest Mules may be expected this way. It would be utter nonsense to expect to get them all clears or light markcd, however, no matter what systcm of mating was adopted.

The Cinnamon Marked Yorkshire Canary Club.

At the recent smoking concert of the Cinnamon Markod Yorkshire C.C. the chairman, Mr. Sunderland spoke of the loss the Yorkshire, and particularly the Bradford, fanciers had sustained by the death of Mr. J. Thackery. He mentioned the success Mr. Thackery had attained in his day, particularly among the Marked Yorkshires. When in his best days he had made as many as 100 cntries per week. He exhibited all kinds of Canaries, and was undoubtedly, in his day, the champion in Yorkshires. If memory served him right Mr. Thackery had gone to Norwich and beaten Messrs. Mackley (then in their fame) in the Norwich classes at an all-England show. A vote of condolence was accorded the widow and son.



PARSON FINCH and PINTAIL NONPAREIL.

Two pleasing Foreign Seed-eaters.

SOME FOREIGN BIRDS TO BREED.

By F.Z.S.

There can be no doubt that foreign bird keeping has of late years taken a great hold in this country, with the result that we now possess a fairly extensive list of foreign birds which have been bred successfully in confinement by enthusiastic amateurs, and almost every year sees the addition of one or more species to this list. There can be no gainsaying the fact that specimens bred in confinement are in many ways to be greatly preferred to wild-caught birds. Not only are they more tame and steady, but their systems are more perfectly inured to the vagaries of our climate, and each brood bred and reared must be gradually but surely paving the way out of difficulties for future breeders, and leading to an increase in the number of species which are to be classed as domestically bred, thus making the hobbyist independent of wild-caught birds.

My sole object now is to mention a few species with which the amateur may dabble during the coming summer, with the object of adding still another name to the list of species successfully bred and reared; at least, in most cases, that would be the result if success crowned their efforts, but not in all cases, as there may be one or two species named which are already on the list. In the latter cases, however, the number of times the species has bred successfully will be limited to a few units.

In the case of the Pekin Robin, for example, which I may mention first, I believe it has been successfully bred on only one solitary occasion. Given a roomy aviary, thickly planted in some portion with shrubs, there seems absolutely no reason at all why this species should not breed quite freely. It takes so readily to confinement, and is very adaptable to circumstances. The lack of some item of food is probably the cause of it not breeding more freely, and in an outdoor aviary I should encourage vegetation to run wild in a sunny spot in order to attract a variety of butterflies and other winged insects, and also try the experiment of attracting flies to some spot by keeping there a scrap of meat protected by a wire gauze so that the birds could not devour it. In this way they would procure a goodly proportion of varied live insect food, for the Pekin is by no means a bad fly-catcher.

To attempt breeding any of the Parrot family, one requires a large amount of space, and in most cases, except with the smallest Parrakeets and the Lovebirds, a separate aviary or enclosed space is necessary for each pair of birds. Among this class the Rosy-faced Lovebird, Mealy Rosella, Quaker Parrakeet, Tovi Parrakeet, might be experimented with.

Such charming Finches as the Parrot Finch, White-eared Grassfinch, White-throated Finch, Quail Finch, Red-headed Finch, Pectoral, and Australian Crimson Finch, are well worthy trying for. The Violet Tanager and the Scarlet Tanager would well repay the trouble of breeding.

Of the Waxbills, the Violet-cared, the Golden-breasted, and the Grey Waxbill, also the Bronze and Magpie Mannikins, the Crimson-crowned, and Orange Weavers, and last, but not least, the Desert Trumpeter Bullfinch, will afford a fairly wide range of choice for the experimental foreign bird breeder.

All these species have made some efforts to breed in captivity, but, except in one or two cases, these efforts have been limited to building nests and laying eggs. It is only in the exceptional cases that they have got so far as hatching out young, so that the amateur must scarcely expect to find the breeding of them to be all plain sailing. He must, on the contrary, be prepared to find many of them hard nuts to crack, but with patience and perseverance the kernel may possibly be extracted, and will prove all the sweeter for the difficulties that have been overcome.

Starling's Sagacity.

A remarkable instance of the sagacity of the Starling is reported from Muston Gorse, a few miles distant from Belvoir Castle. A Starling had entered a hole in a hollow ash tree which proved too small for its exit. Shortly after another bird of the same species was seen at the orifice, endeavouring to release its imprisoned comrade by seizing the captive just above the beak, and pulling with its feet propped against the tree. Although frightened away, the Starling returned and renewed its efforts, which were eventually successful in obtaining the release of its mate.

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The Housing and Treatment of Foreign Birds in Captivity.

By WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., etc.

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THE MASKED TANAGER (*Calliste larvata*).—Habitat: Costa Rica and Veragua. Adult male: Upper surface, forehead, lores, eye circlet, and upper back, black; sides of face, bluish; nape and sides of neck, pale refulgent copper colour; lower back and rump, bright blue; wings and tail, black, partially edged with blue and bluish-green; throat, refulgent copper colour; middle of abdomen, white; remainder of under surface, black, glossed with purple on sides and flanks; beak, black; legs and feet, blackish brown. Total length 5in., tail 2in. Female: Similar, but less refulgent.

BLACK-BANDED TANAGER (*Calliste nigricincta*).—Habitat: Peru, Ecuador, Bolivia, Colombia, Amazon region, Rio Negro, and British Guiana. Adult male: Head and neck, lilacine; upper back, black; lower back and rump, bright blue; wings and tail, black; primaries and secondaries edged with green; greater wing coverts, green; lesser, bright blue; throat, lilacine; sides of face, greenish; breast, black; sides, blue; middle of abdomen, white; beak, black; legs and feet, blackish-brown. Total length 4¾in., tail 2in. Female: Similar, but colours not so intense.

BLUE-NECKED TANAGER (*Calliste cyaneicollis*).—Habitat: Peru, Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, and Venezuela. Adult male: Lores, black; head and whole of neck, refulgent blue; upper back, black; wings and tail, black, edged with bright green; rump, refulgent green; wing coverts, coppery; under surface, black, with purplish reflection on the flanks; vent, greenish; beak, black; legs and feet, blackish-brown. Total length, 4¾in., tail 2in. Female: Similar, but less refulgent; rather variable in the various localities.

METALLIC-GREEN TANAGER (*Calliste labradorides*).—Habitat: Colombia, Bogota, Antioquia, and Ecuador. Adult male: Forehead, shining peacock-blue with silvery sheen; lores, eye region, back of head and nape, black; upper and lower back and rump, refulgent greenish blue; wings and tail, black; primaries and secondaries, edged with blue; lesser wing coverts, brilliant blue; under surface, refulgent green with a bluish sheen; middle of abdomen and vent, pale tawny; beak, black; legs and feet, brown. Total length 4½in., tail 1¾in. Female: Similar, but duller.

RUFOUS-CHEEKED TANAGER (*Calliste rufigenis*).—Habitat: Venezuela. Almost entire upper and lower surface, refulgent grass-green; bluish on the head and rump; lores, chin, and sides of the head, rufous; beak, black; legs and feet, dark brown. Total length 5in., tail 1¾in. Female: Unknown.

PARZUDAKIS TANAGERS (*Calliste parzudakii*).—Habitat: Bogota, Colombia, Ecuador, and Peru. Forehead and sides of head, scarlet; crown and nape, rich golden-yellow; back, black; rump, upper tail coverts, lesser and edges of greater wing coverts, bright green, with a silvery sheen; under parts, green, with a silvery-ochraceous sheen; middle of abdomen and vent, tawny; beak, black; legs and feet, dark brown. Total length 5½in., tail 2in. Female: Similar, but less refulgent. Mr. W. Goodfellow, who met with this Tanager in Ecuador, describes it ("Avic. Mag.," vol. vi.) as "decidedly one of the most beautiful of all the genus *Calliste*. The mother-of-pearl-like reflection on the whole of the breast and back is truly remarkable. These rich-looking birds went about in small groups of three or four together, and like all the *Calliste*, seem ever on the move, flitting from twig to twig, with the same little note uttered by the Superb Tanager."

BLACK-EARED TANAGER (*Calliste lunigeva*).—Habitat: Ecuador. Adult male: Top and sides of head, rich orange; lores and eye region, black; nape and upper back, wing and tail, black; lower back, and edges of wing coverts and secondaries, rich grass-green; under parts, refulgent grass-green, mingled with rufous; middle of abdomen and vent, dark tawny; beak, black; legs and feet, dark brown. Total length 5¼in., tail 1¾in. Could not get access to a female skin, but museum catalogue gives this as similar to the male.

GOLDEN-EARED TANAGER (*Calliste chrysotis*).—Habitat: Ecuador and Peru. Adult male: Top of head, black; forehead and ear coverts, rich green, washed with coppery gold; upper back, wings, and tail, black, with bright green edgings to most of the feathers; sides of neck and lower back, shining grass-green; underparts, refulgent green; middle of abdomen and vent, golden rufous; beak, black; legs and feet, dark brown. Total length 5½in., tail 2in. According to museum catalogue female is similar.

ORANGE-CROWNED TANAGER (*Calliste xanthocephala*).—Habitat: Peru and Bolivia. Adult male: Crown, rich orange; sides of head, golden yellow; lores and nape, black; upper back, black, splashed with peacock-green; lower back, peacock-green; wing and tail, black, edged with bluish-green; under parts, blue, washed with green; middle of abdomen and vent, tawny; beak, black; legs and feet, dark brown. Total length 5½in., tail 2in.

THE PLAIN-COLOURED TANAGER (*Calliste inornata*).—This, the most sombre-plumaged of all the Tanagers, is certainly plain indeed, compared with the other gorgeously apparelled members of this genus. It has certainly little to recommend it to the aviculturist save rarity and the desire to know as much as possible of its life history from living specimens. In this sense the most sombre-plumaged and ill-formed bird appeals to the student of bird lore. Habitat: Colombia, Panama, and Veragua. Adult male: Upper parts, ashen-umber; wings and tail, blackish-umber; upper wing coverts, bright blue; under parts, as upper but paler; middle of abdomen and vent whitish; beak, blackish; legs and feet, dark leaden-grey. Total length 4¾in., tail 2in.

THE BLACK-AND-BLUE TANAGER (*Calliste atricærulea*).—Habitat: Bolivia and Peru. Adult male: Upper parts, head and neck, blue washed greyish; lores and upper back, black; rump and upper tail coverts, rich blue; wings and tail, black, edged with rich blue; under parts, rich blue, washed silvery on the throat, and flecked with black spots on the breast and flanks; beak, black; legs and feet, brown. Total length, 4¾in.; tail, 1½in. Young: "Dusky grey beneath, slightly varied with whitish; wings and tail dark, with slight blue edgings to the remiges and rectrices." (British Museum Cat., vol. xi.)

RED-NAPED TANAGER (*Calliste ruficervix*).—Adult male: Upper surface, blue, lightly flecked with black on the upper back; head, black, with a purple sheen; nape, orange-rufous; wings and tail, black, edged with blue; under surface, blue; middle of abdomen and vent, pale tawny; beak, blackish; legs and feet, brown. Total length, 5in.; tail, 2in. Habitat: Colombia, Ecuador, and Peru.

BLACK-CAPPED TANAGER (*Calliste atricapilla*).—Habitat: Colombia, Venezuela, and district. Adult male: Upper surface, silvery-grey, washed bluish; crown, black; wings and tail, black, edged with pale bluish; under surface, dark blue; feathers of neck, breast and sides of head, black at their base, broadly tipped with green, giving a spangled surface of black and green; beak, blackish; legs and feet, brownish-black. Total length, 4¾in.; tail, 1¾in. Female: Upper surface, green; crown, green, washed bluish; throat and breast as male, but duller; flanks, greenish; remainder of under surface, ashen.

THE SILVERY TANAGER (*Calliste argenta*).—Habitat: Ecuador and Peru. Adult male: Upper surface, greenish-grey, with a silvery sheen; crown, black; wings and tail, black, edged with silvery green; throat and sides of head, golden-tawny; beak, black; legs and feet, blackish-brown. Total length, 5½in.; tail, 2¼in. Female: Upper surface, bright green; wings and tail, greenish-black, edged with green; crown, dark brown; throat as male; breast and flanks, greenish; remainder of under surface, cinerous.

NEW GRENADIAN AND VENEZUELAN BLUE-AND-BLACK TANAGER (*Calliste nigriviridis* and *Calliste cyanescens*). These are merely local races and are now both included as one species (*C. nigriviridis*) in the British Museum Cat. (vol. xi., page 123). The Venezuelan form is larger and more bluish than the New Grenadian variety. Habitat: Colombia, Ecuador, Venezuela, and Peru. Adult male: Upper surface, black; forehead and sides of head, black; crown, black, edged with shining peacock-blue; rump, bluish-green; wings and tail, black, edged with blue, and a bright blue patch at bend of wing; middle of abdomen, whitish; remainder of under surface, black, each feather having its end broadly edged with bluish-green; beak, black, greyish at base; legs and feet, blackish-brown. Total length, 4¾in.; tail, 2in. Female: Similar, but plumage less refulgent.

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The Management of the Bird Room.

Lecture by Mr. Geo. Packwood before the Members of Reading and District C.B.S. on April 3rd, 1907.

In giving a few words on management in the bird room, some of my remarks may not fit in with the experience of some of my brother fanciers. But my idea is to try and lessen the work in the bird room, and to give a system to work on. I may say the methods mentioned are those I carry out in my own room as far as possible, and which I find answer very well for a working man whose time is very limited.

POSITION OF ROOM AND ASPECT.

Well, the first consideration is the place where the birds are to be kept, and a great deal depends on this matter. It does not fall to everyone's lot to have a room in the living house, which is the best plan if it can be managed. If it can be arranged have one that faces somewhat to the south, and if full south so much the better; never have a room that is exposed to the east if it can be avoided, or you will want artificial heat in the winter. Should you possess a room entirely devoted to the birds, have in it nothing that is not wanted, as the more there is in the room the more there will be to be kept clean, and you al. know how soon dust accumulates.

Have the floor covered with floor cloth, so that the waste seed is easily swept up, and have the floor washed over at least once a week. Perhaps you will say: It is all very well to have the floor washed and scrubbed, but who is going to do it? Well, if you cannot do it yourself, or have not the time, I can tell you how to manage this. Those of you that are married should get the wife to do it for you, for no doubt she will make a better job of it than yourself. Of course, you must not expect to get it done with the usual house work. Just leave a shilling on the floor where it can easily be found, then ask your wife or sister to give the room a tidy up; there will not be any trouble to get it done afterwards.

Another thing: Do not be afraid to have the room well ventilated. If the outside weather is too bad to allow the window to be open, then have the door open; but this may be arranged by the position of the window; at any rate, keep the room from getting close and stuffy, and let me say as regards the open window that you want a wire covering for this. I have for my own window a light frame covered with small wire netting, and the full size of window, so that if a bird gets out of the cage during my absence it cannot escape. Be careful the birds are not exposed to any draught, as they cannot stand draughts.

CAGES AND APPLIANCES.

Now, assuming we have the matter of the room settled, this brings us to the cages. No doubt the best cages are those of the box pattern, without any fixed fittings inside, known as double breeding cages, but which may be used as two single cages by placing the centre slide in. You can get them of various sizes. Be sure to have them plenty large enough, and, if possible, have them all of one pattern and size, as this gives a smarter appearance to the bird room; also have one or two long flight cages to turn the young birds into, and when fitting up the stack of cages have them at least twelve inches off the floor, so that they will not get the bottom draught.

I daresay you have noticed that glass or earthenware drinkers and egg pans are mostly used now; you seldom see tin drinkers used, except on show cages. As regards nest pans, you must be guided by your own success. Some fanciers favour the earthenware with felt lining; I have used these, but I don't care much for them. The best pans I find are the tin ones; they are well ventilated, and hold the nest much better, so that it does not slip on one side so much.

The cages should be painted inside and out, so that you can give them a good scrub out now and then. Have two sets of perches, so that when one is in use the other can be cleaned. The best and quickest way to clean them is to place them in a bath and pour boiling water on them; let them get thoroughly dry before you put them in the cages. Clean the birds out at least once a week; every day when feeding young. Some fanciers use sawdust for the bottom of the cages, but I prefer sand. I know this comes rather expensive to buy; still, it is more suitable for the birds than sawdust, and does not get blown about the room so much.

One of our worst troubles is the red mite. There are many remedies brought out for the extermination of this pest, and some may be well worth a trial; but I don't think anyone can really say they are free from them. Of course, they can be kept down, but it does not matter how clean everything is kept, we still find them. How I manage is to give the inside of cages a good dressing, so as to drive them on the outside, and between the cages while they are in the stack. You will find they get in clusters between the cages. Take the cages down now and then, and you will find you can get rid of them as well by this method as any. However, if you keep two or three birds, or a hundred, they must be kept clean or you cannot expect good results.

CARE OF STOCK.

We now come to the management of the stock. I won't touch on feeding, as this was dealt with at our last meeting. When feeding and watering, go through the whole every day. Start at one place and continue on till the last cage is done; by this means you do not miss any.

You will find if you give it your careful study that you scarcely get two birds with the same temperament, especially hens in the breeding season. You will want to watch these. Some hens I have found will nest on the bottom of the cage instead of in the nest pan. I think the cause is shyness; they want to get out of sight. I have found placing a piece of stiff brown paper over part of the cage front, and having the nest pan in the darkest corner, will entice the hen to build in the proper place. If you do get a hen like this, leave her alone as much as possible.

Regarding ailing birds, if you can find the cause of the trouble try and remedy by dieting, but if you must have resource to medicines be very careful what you give them, and get reliable advice before so doing. I am speaking of birds that are seriously ill. Minor ailments such as colds or other small matters, of course, you would know how to treat.

FEEDING YOUNG.

When birds are feeding young you will find some will feed mostly on one kind of food, and some on another. If you get any like this, let them have plenty of the food they fancy. When you have got everything in order, cages fitted up, and birds paired, this is the time you gain more practical knowledge of the ways of Canaries than at any other season. Give them all the attention you can, and what spare time you have, spend it with the birds so that when they have youngsters they will be quite used to you, and will not mind when you approach their cage. Never go up to the cages quietly, so as to startle the birds that is, but just give them a word or call that they will be on the alert.

I am certain if you wish to have the best results you must study well all the birds' ways and wants. You will find plenty of little jobs to do, too, and, however small, don't neglect anything. Some may say this is only a lot of unnecessary trouble; but, as I said at the commencement, it is what I carry out myself, and if others care to follow this plan I hope they will benefit by these few remarks. Always bear in mind birds must have good food, be kept clean, have plenty of fresh air, and be not overcrowded. Then when you have anyone drop in to see the birds, they will be impressed by the manner in which they are kept, and think to themselves—"Well, at any rate, that chap must spend some time attending to his birds to keep them like he does."

The Standard Book on Canaries.

The value and interest attaching to the new edition (just out) of Mr. C. A. House's book on the Canary, "The Canary Manual," is proved by the fact that this is the fourth of this work that has been ordered by the public, while the demand seems in no way satiated. Mr. Norman has surpassed himself in illustrating this work. Each specimen shown may be taken as a guide for the breeder, and every possible point to be studied by the Canary breeder is thoroughly and carefully dealt with.

Parasites which Infest Cage Birds.

A Paper read by Mr. Fred Procter before the Bolton O. & R.C.S. on April 1st, 1907.

It is said there is nothing new under the sun. This is hardly correct, for Josh Billings, the American humourist, says they had not heard of the New River time table then. That there is not much left to discuss about out little friend the Canary is quite true. Yet I venture to think we shall be able to break up new ground to-night, and gather some grains of information.

For some time past I have paid considerable attention to the parasites which infest cage birds. I do not propose to say much about that troublesome enemy the red mite, but this much I will say, he is not guilty of all the wickedness that is laid at his door. That he is guilty of doing much mischief every fancier is well aware, but I believe we should not hear such a cry out about this pest if a few simple rules were observed. Light and air are the two things the red mite wants nothing to do with. I might here apply a very appropriate quotation which I would recommend the young fancier to remember: "Their ways are ways of darkness, but all their wicked ways are brought to light."

DEALING WITH RED MITE.

Some of you will be asking: How are we to deal with this pest? In the first place don't give them lodging room; they will not lodge in the light of day. Do away with whitewash and use paint instead. Putty up every crack and crevice, after the first coat of paint, with putty made as follows:—Get some whiting or lime that has been slacked for some time, and is almost as fine as flour, put this in the oven and dry off every bit of moisture, then add boiled linseed oil, and work it up to the consistency of ordinary putty. This will set as hard as stone, and will not shrink like the commercial article.

Have loose fronts to your cages, and leave a space of at least an eighth of an inch all round them. Keep your cages well away from the wall, and let light fall at the back if possible, and with ordinary care you will be able to deal with the red mite. I had some hens last season that had two broods of young in the same nests without being changed, and yet I saw no red mite.

A GREAT PLAGUE.

Now I should like to tell you something about a totally different form of parasite, one that is a great plague to the Canary, even a greater pest than the one we have been dealing with, though not so difficult to exterminate. That is the Canary louse.

There seems to be a great want of knowledge concerning this insect, judging from the questions asked through the Fancy Press nearly every week, and the answers that are given. A question often asked is: "What is the cause of my Canary loosing feathers off the back of head and neck?" The answer usually given is: "We expect red mite or liver trouble." There is never any suspicion of the grey louse. Yet birds become pestered with them by day and night, lose rest, get into a low condition and other troubles are set up. I have thought that such birds seem much hotter when handled than others not so affected.

If I have a bird that feels hot I should at once look for the grey louse. If there happens to be any on the bird you may get some on your hand when you have held it still for a short time, but this will not always happen and is not an infallible test. You may often see them by raising the wing, which is their favourite haunt. When the wing is lifted they dart to the nearest cover. You must be quick and have good eyesight to detect them. So do not be deceived or satisfied with one examination. Now should you fail to catch them at home under the wing, you must turn your attention to the feathers round the neck, and more especially the throat. You will not see any lice here, but they deposit their eggs at the quill end of the feathers, and this causes feathers to drop out. I recently paid a visit to one of our member's rooms, and in the flight were several valuable birds, which he said were out of condition. I handled them, and in every case discovered the small grey louse.

TWO KINDS OF LICE.

Here let me point out that there are two kinds of lice, and I am inclined to think there is a third, as they all seem to act differently. The small kind travel quickly through the feathers and never come on to the hand like the large. The third is longer in body, moves very slowly and is usually found on the feathers above the vent.

There is not much I can tell you further respecting these parasites. That they do exist often where not expected, and do much harm to our birds is quite clear. That they are not so well understood by many fanciers, and old fanciers, too, I have had ample proof.

METHOD OF EXTERMINATION.

I will explain the way I have exterminated them; it is not very difficult. In the first place give the birds a good dusting with Keating's Insect Powder, and rub it well into the feathers. Then wrap your bird in a white cloth and lay it aside for a short time. The parasites cannot stand this treatment. Next day examine the bird to see if any eggs of the louse are on the feathers about the throat. If so give them a small dose of parrafin, a very little will do. Follow this up with a good wash, having previously added some quassia to the water. This treatment you will find prove effective, but it is advisable to keep your eye on such birds for a week or two, and make sure the parasites have all been wiped out.

THE EVOLUTION OF THE CANARY.

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"Look! look!" said Kitty, "there is a Bullfinch flying along the hedge. Oh! poor thing, he must have hurt his wing. See how low he flutters." "I will catch him," said Peter; "he will be company for Garibaldi." And Peter crept along by the hedge after the Bullfinch, who kept fluttering on a little way and then dropping to rest on the bank. Peter got very near to him once or twice, and tried to throw his cap over him, but each time the bird flitted on with drooping flight till they had gone about a quarter of a mile, and Peter was hot and breathless. Then, with a soft, piping call, the Bullfinch turned round and flew right over Peter's head, straight back to the place whence it had started. "There now! he was not hurt at all," exclaimed Peter. "He was only laughing at me, and, I daresay, trying to entice me away from his eggs, as the Peewits do. I shall just go back and find them, though. I won't be taken in by a deceitful bird."

"Eggs, Peter! in September! What are you thinking about?" queried his sister. "Bullfinches nest in April or May, and even a second brood would not be as late as this." "I don't care," said Peter; "I am sure he must have his nest in those bushes by the stream, and I shall go and see." And on ran Peter, his sister following more slowly. "Here it is," called Peter; "quite low down in this hawthorn. How beautifully it is made, with a network of twigs for the outside and the inside softly lined with fine roots. But you were right about the eggs, May, the nest is quite empty." "What a pity," sighed Kitty. "I should so love to have seen a Bullfinch's egg. How many do they lay, and what are they like, Peter?" "Four or five, mostly; and they are very pale blue, spotted and blotched with red and purplish brown. You shall see the one in my collection, Kitty," answered Peter. "Let us eat our luncheon here by the water, and then we had better start home. It would never do to be late for tea to-day, and your tin is already full of good things for Garibaldi," said May. "But surely, Peter, those festoons of bright red berries and polished, heart-shaped leaves are Briony. Don't give them to Bullie, for they are poison."

* About the Ptarmigan.

This bird is only found now among the rocky tops of the highest hills and mountains, in the centre and north of Scotland. It is the smallest species of Grouse in Britain, and its plumage varies greatly with the season, becoming nearly pure white in winter. It lays seven to ten eggs, frequently on hare stones. They are of a yellowish ground colour, blotched and spotted with rich dark brown.—ALBERT HEMSLEY (age 14), Tintern Villa, 8, Beeston Road, Old Lenton, Nottingham.

* * Crow Stories.

A lady relates how she once brought up a Crow that had been taken from the nest before it could fly. This Crow furnished amusement for a whole neighbourhood. He would pry into the lady's work-basket, distribute the spools of cotton here and there, and drop the thimble into the aquarium. Afterwards he ate up the fish, and when the aquarium was emptied there came to light two thimbles, a pair of scissors, and a spoon. One of the queerest things this Crow did was to catch small chickens, put them into holes and cover them with dirt. He was excessively fond of butter, and could eat half a pound at a time. On one occasion he stole a quantity and hid it in a hole near the chimney; it melted, and when he saw it trickling down the wall, betrayed himself by his astonished "caws."—TOM WHITE (aged 13), Shepherd's Newlyn, East Cornwall.

* The Peregrine.

The Peregrine is the Falcon held so much in esteem by falconers, by whom the female only was called the "Falcon," the male, which is smaller, being known as a "Tiercel." The female was used for the capture of Herons and Rooks, whilst the male was flown only at Partridges and sometimes Magpies. In a wild state the Peregrine Falcon is regarded by other birds with the greatest terror. Ducks feeding on the banks of streams or lakes, on perceiving it, immediately take to the water; whilst Plovers and Lapwings rise to an immense height in the air and remain there for hours. Ussher, who has had many opportunities of studying this bird in Ireland, where it is quite common, relates an instance of the tenacity with which it follows its prey—in this case a Lapwing. "The Falcon," he says, "after several stoops, cleverly avoided by the Lapwing, was so near clutching that the poor bird, quite worn out, dropped into the water, and the Falcon, after rising from her stoop, poised a moment on her wings and then, quietly lowering herself with extended legs, lifted the Lapwing from the water and bore her off."—Sent by CONSTANCE SMITH (age 10), 38, Harriet Street, Derby.

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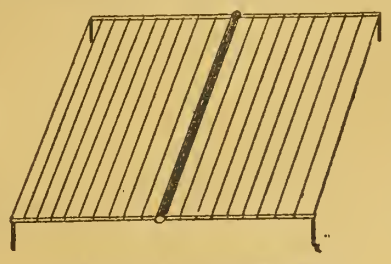
No. 91.

TO SAVE HEN FINCHES EGGS.

Sent by F. Ayscough, 42, Thornville Road, West Hartlepool.

Hen Finches frequently decline to lay in an artificial nest, but the following method is a sure means of saving their eggs, where loose



To Save Hen Finches Eggs.

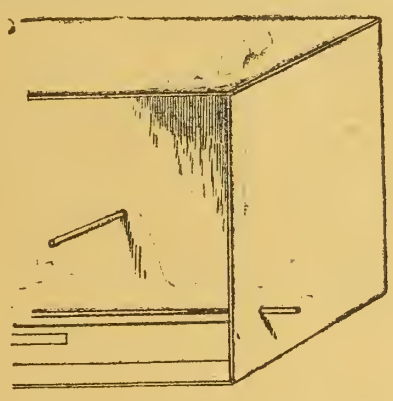
wire-fronts are used. Sketch shows a wire false-bottom made to the size of the compartment, on the same principle as the fronts, with the addition of four feet, about 1½ inches in length at the corners. A perch is fixed in the centre by means of a small staple at each side. The hen is driven into this compartment each night when about to lay. The egg will roll on to the cage bottom, which is covered with bran or sawdust.

No. 92.

FIXING PERCHES.

Sent by C. J. Pike, 33, Queen-st. Buildings, Edgware Road, W.

When I first commenced keeping birds, I experienced a difficulty in cleaning the perch in my cages, which run the length of the cage, and from which the birds reach their seed, etc. In all cages this perch appears to be either nailed or screwed to the side of the cage, making it a fixture. I make a hole in



the side of the cage. one in the centre partition (if there is such), and a corresponding hole at the other side of the cage. The perch is then pushed through the holes, leaving about an inch projecting from the most convenient side. When the perch requires cleaning, it is pulled out, scrubbed, and returned when dry, without disturbing the birds. If it is not convenient to have the end of the perch projecting from the side of the cage, it can be cut off flush, and is easily pushed out with a pencil or a spare perch.—C. J. PIKE.

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The Promise of Spring.

Although we have had sharp frosts at night, the days have been perfect. The bright sunshine and soft summer-like breezes make the countryside delightful. All the birds are in song; Blackbirds and Thrushes everywhere; Skylarks rising from every patch of green; the "chee," "chee," of the Greenfinch, mingled with the sparkling song of the Chaffinch; while the simple lay of the Hedge Sparrow enlivens the hedgerows. His mate is already busy in the thicket, and when she shows herself for rest and refreshment he chases her round in a very comical manner. Even the most sober-looking birds act strangely at this season of the year. The hen Hedge Sparrow is quietly pecking about the pathway, and the cock bird is fairly dancing round her, like one possessed. His behaviour is really comical. No one could imagine that such a quiet, sober bird could act so. While this performance is going on the quiet little hen is busily feeding. She is apparently quite oblivious to his presence, unless he comes too close, when she gives him a vicious peck, which makes him keep his distance. In the woods bird songs are repeated. The gaudy cock Pheasant also adds his strong voice to the cries, and overhead the cooing of the Wood Pigeons lends a charm to the surroundings. By a little careful manœuvring we are able to catch sight of the pigeons. They are upon a thick branch of a beech tree; the hen sits quiet, while the cock bird struts up and down, swelling his neck, and dropping his wings, occasionally making little rushes at his mate, in the usual pigeon-like manner. After generations of domestication Pigeon nature does not appear to have undergone any great change, for the antics of the wild bird when love making is apparently the same as the familiar birds of our towns and cities.

One more feathered creature has been added to the downs and uplands of the country. The Wheatear has returned. While roaming over the hills near Tadworth we heard the familiar call of this bird. He was small and pale in colour, as the majority of the early arrivals are, flitting along from bank to bank, calling, and flirting his tail. He was a most conspicuous object in the bright sunlight, and seemed bent upon showing himself off and attracting attention. Possibly the sight of human beings is novel to him, for who knows where he has spent the winter—may be in Africa, or upon the slopes of the Himalayas?—for the Wheatears are great travellers, and wander far during spring and autumn. Many nest in the far north almost to the Arctic circle. These specimens are described as larger and brighter coloured than our British specimens. Whether this is so or not is difficult to say, for although some authorities are confident that only one type exists others have no doubt but that we get two types visiting on these shores.

The early arrivals are invariably smaller and more delicate in colouration, some of them

THE WHEATEAR.

appearing almost white about the body, especially when contrasted with the green turf or rich brown earth of the ploughed lands. The larger birds are big, bold specimens, richer in colour and more decided in markings. Aviarists who have had the opportunity of keeping and studying many species of birds know well that many of them do not attain full growth and colour for a year or two; some, such as the Yellow Bunting, will improve even to the fourth year. Therefore, one is inclined to think that these early Wheatears are possibly the young birds of the previous season; for, in the autumn migration, many young birds lead the way. May they not be the first to return?

Notes and Queries.

Tit and the Bees.

Beekeepers are terribly afraid of Tits; one of these birds will sit outside a hive and pounce upon every bee that comes out. It is the Great Tit only that indulges in this method of obtaining insect life.

Snow in April.

The heavy fall of snow we had on the 7th fortunately did not stay long, or there would have been considerable damage among the early nestlings, as it would have been impossible for the old birds to feed. During these heavy storms many nests with just an egg or two get waterlogged, and are then deserted by their owners.

The Honey Buzzard.

It is on record that Lord Lilford once possessed a pet Honey Buzzard, and that it was once taken to a wasp nest. It soon commenced to scratch and work with its beak, tearing away the turf and roots. The wasps, which swarmed over the bird, did not inconvenience it in the least, for, although they could manage to burrow under the bird's feathers, they could not turn to sting it, owing to the plumage being held tightly to the body.

Early Nightingale.

We shall soon have the chief musician of the woodlands' choir with us, in fact he has already been reported as arrived in some districts. I often wonder if these early arrivals take place, or if in some cases the wish is father to the thought, and the listener has mistaken some sweet passage of the Song Thrush's melody for the notes of the rarer bird. Yesterday one was singing between the showers, and occasionally rendered a passage so like the song of the Gale that one might easily be deceived; but following the "swot, swot, swotty" note of the Nightingale came the unmistakable trill of the Thrush; even this was better than usual. Occasionally one may hear such a bird, and no doubt these are the musicians who, singing late in the evening, are sometimes mistaken for an early migrant.

Early Thrush's Eggs.

Already this season I have found a Thrush's nest with three eggs. A most remarkable thing about these eggs is that there is a kind of pimple at the large end, of about a quarter inch diameter. Has this peculiarity in any eggs ever been noticed before?—FRED. HOLLOWAY (Brierley Hill).

[Eggs are occasionally found with incrustations upon them, probably caused through a superabundance of shell-forming material.—H. N.]

Plovers' Eggs.

Expert collectors of these judge of the locality of the nest by the actions of the birds, chiefly the female, who, upon leaving the eggs, runs a short distance and then flies close to the ground for a little way, always in silence. On the other hand, the cock bird is noisy and clamorous, flying round and round, trying to distract one's attention from the nest. Upon the regular breeding grounds the search for eggs continues daily. The eggs of other birds, such as the Snipe and Redshank, are occasionally mixed in with them. Many of the eggs seen in the London market come from the Continent, although numbers are collected in Norfolk, Essex and Cambridgeshire.

Watch the Birds.

Now is the time to watch and study the birds to aid one to determine the good or ill done by them. From now onwards the insect-eaters will be daily consuming destructive grubs and caterpillars, occasionally wandering from the path of usefulness to take toll of a ruddy cherry or raspberry. If the Starlings have a nestful of hungry youngsters just notice how, time after time, they carry grubs from your lawn to their hiding place, hour by hour, day after day; in this way they must get rid of thousands of insects which the gardener can easily do without. And when they take a few cherries please give them credit for the good already done.

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MAINLY CANARIES—continued.

EXCHANGE one gross and half new bicycle spokes for two hen Canaries or singing cock Canary.—Milton, 26, Love-st., Paisley.

GREENFINCH cock, paired Bullfinch hen, exchange hen Canaries; what offers?—Hill, 10, Ilton-rd., Queen's-rd., Walthamstow.

EXCHANGE Crested cock and Crestbred hen, 1905 birds, for Plainhead cock and hen, or sell 12/-.—H. Sewell, Eastbrook-rd., Waltham Abbey.

LARGE green Crestbred cock, £1; green Crested cock, 15/-; useful exchange.—Arthur Wood, Postman, Radcliffe, Manchester.

WANTED, long, slim, yellow green Yorkshire hen; will give in exchange buff Crestbred Norwich cock, cost 12/6 last year.—D. Burr, 33, Rodway-rd., Bromley, Kent.

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LARGE yellow Lancashire coppy cock, '06 bred 30/-, exchange for large '06 Crestbred cock, good scull, plenty feather, approval.—F. W. Walsh, 11, Princess-st., Glossop.

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COCK Goldfinch Mule, full song, 10/-; cock Linnet, full song, muler, 4/-, exchange pair Yorkshires or Norwich; buff Yorkshire cock, 9/-, exchange Norwich or varicgated Yorkshire cock, or offers.—Tutty, 22, Smith's-ter., Common Side, Mitcham.

CLEARING aviary of British birds for Canaries.—Splendid cock Blackbird, in full song, and large cage, 8/-; grand Song Thrush and cage, 8/6, or what offers in Canaries, carpenter's tools?—Hy., Pettit, Horley.

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TALKING Amazon Parrot, with cage; exchange for photographic outfit, bicycle; offers; cash £2 10s.—Marriott, Old Court, Springfield, Essex.

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AMAZON Parrot, young, healthy, and acclimatised, talking, feeds from hand, comes on finger, good cage, 40/-; exchange Canaries.—Pearson, Greenwich.

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EIGHT-DAY mahogany clock, good timekeeper, sell 12/6, or exchange.—Wine, Cheddon-rd., Taunton.

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CAMERA, hand, cost 25/-, sacrifice 10/-; exchange Canaries.—Pearson, Greenwich.

BANTAMS, cock and four hens, Game, laying, 15/-; or exchange Canaries.—Pearson, Greenwich Market.

GOLDFISH, 12 assorted, in rustic aquarium, with shells and plants, 5/-; or exchange Canaries.—Pearson, Greenwich.

TWO fowls, white-legged cock Goldfinch, three cock Greenfinches, good working Ferret; exchange hen Canaries or Mules.—Clements, Jeynes-row, Tewkesbury.

PAIR tennis trousers, fancy vest, new, 7/6; silver-mounted stick, 4/6; gold-mounted fountain pen, 10/6; exchange Canaries.—Hellier, 43, Sydenham-ter., Portsmouth.

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EXCHANGE silver watch for four hen Canaries or four cock Bullfinches.—Royles, 260, Beet-st., Sheffield.

NOTICE.—What offers in Canaries or British for new Palace-shaped aviary; or sell 25/- show or breeding cage.—Hogg, Arcade, Carlisle.

GRAND Whippet dog, very fast, with coat and lead, 25/-, or exchange for 1906 Yorksbire greens or Pom.—H. Pound, 290, Newfoundland-rd., Bristol.

EXCHANGE phonograph and 30 records, as new, for Parrot or Canaries, or sell 30/-.—Bennell, North-st., Lynn.

IRISH Terrier pup, nine weeks' old, very sharp, what offer in birds? No rubbish.—Holland, 26, High-st., Homerton, London.

PAIR Yellow Bald-heads, rung, sell 20/-, exchange punching ball; what offer?—Foster, 32, Patriot-sq., London, E.

MANCHESTER Terrier, good house dog, nine months; will exchange for yellow Budgerigars or foreign birds.—W. A., 21, Alma-st., Kentish Town.

AVIARY, sale or exchange, 3 ft. 6 in. by 2 ft., 3 ft. high, oval top, Canaries or chicks.—Burgess, 86, Ulverscroft-rd., E. Dulwich.

ONE silver grey doe, 2/6; grand Dutch doe, 3/-; four young from above, 6d. each.—S. Crossley, 4, Victoria-ter., Bedale.

BROWNIE camera (new), hollow-ground razor, cost 5/6; exchange birds; stamp particulars.—47, Gwladys-st., Caerauco, Dowlais, Wales.

ONE three-year-old cock Linnet, bred Mules, also one Avadavat; what offers?—Hollings, Llanidloes, N. Wales.

EXCHANGE half-plate camera and outfit, in perfect condition, for Rollers or Norwich, sell 14/-.—Higgins, North-rd., Brighton.

EXCHANGE Belgium Hare Doe for Yorkshire Canaries value 30/-, or sell; particulars.—Geo. Towell, 18, Greenfield-rd., Scarborough.

PAIR buff Pekin Bantams, winners 1st, laying, with six eggs, 10/6, exchange, value 15/-, pair good Norwich; particulars.—Catt, Willingdon, Sussex.

YELLOW Norwich cock, 7/6; 36 lb. Charlock seed, 3/-; or exchange one or two good hens; offers.—Brain, Glastonbury.

SMART Fox Terrier, good guard, seven months, 12/6; exchange Canaries; offers, approval.—Folley, Cuddington, Aylesbury.

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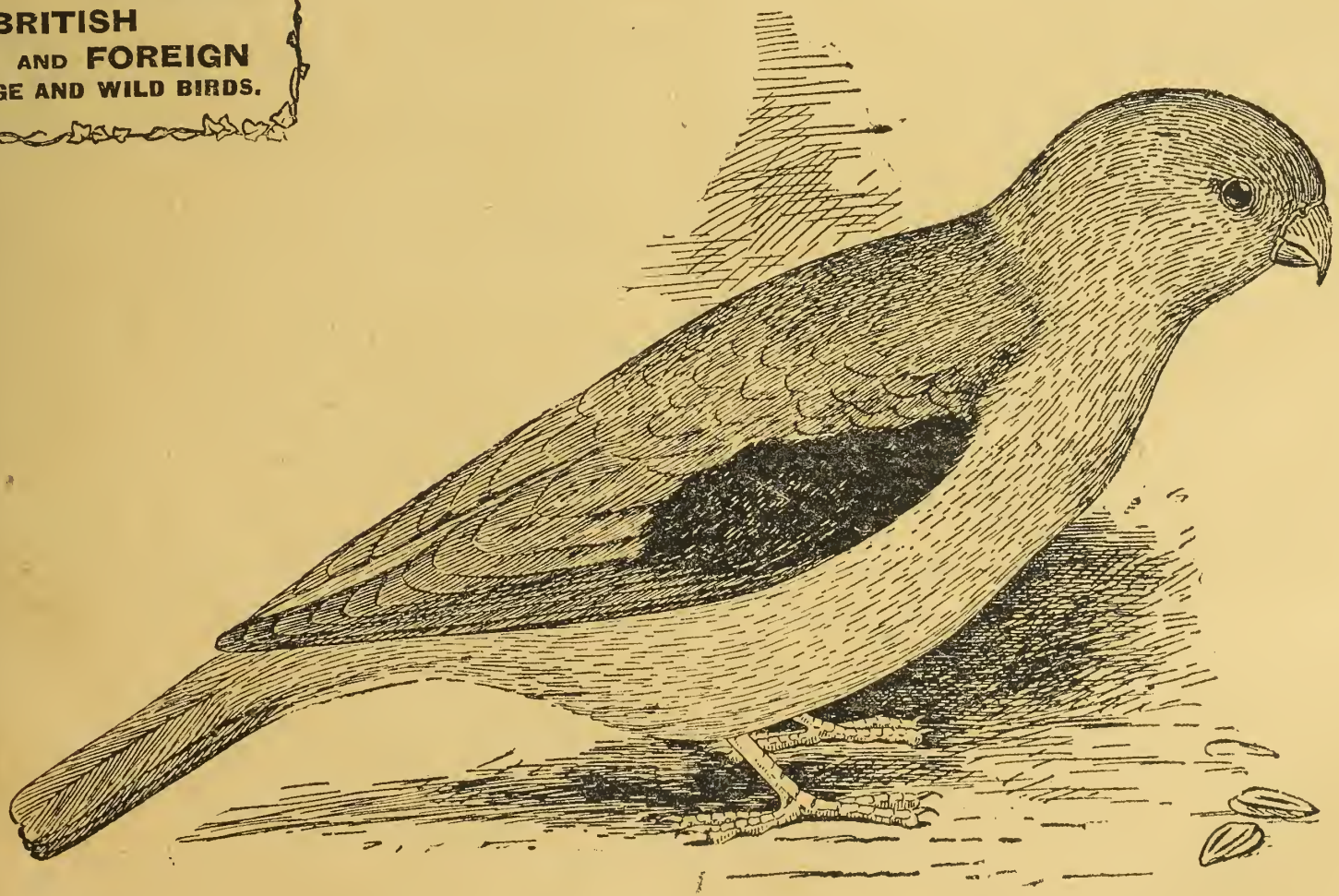

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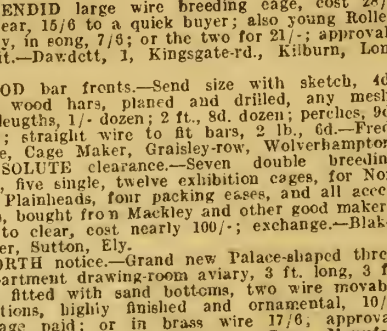

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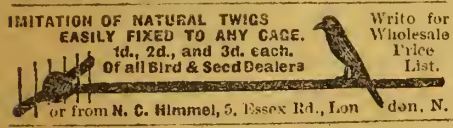

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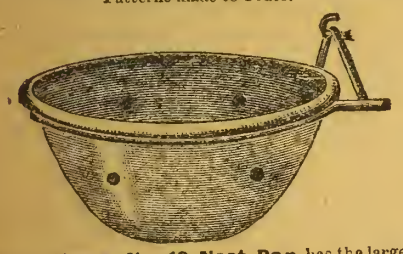

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PARRAKEETS. Stanley Parrakeets (Platycercus icterotis), **£4 4s.**; Many Colour Parrakeets, **£3**; Yellow Collar Parrakeets (Barnardius Semitorquatus), **£3**; Port Lincoln Parrakeets (Banardius zouarius), **£3**; Budgerigars, **7/6.**

PIGEONS AND DOVES.—Bronzewing Pigeons (P. Chalcoptera), **£3**; Brush Bronzewing Pigeons (P. Elegans), **£3**; Plumed Pigeons (Lophophaps leucogaster), **£3**; Bronze Neck Doves, **£3**; Diamond Doves, **15/-.**

FINCHES.—Black Headed Gouldians, **17/6**; Masked Finches, **17/6**; Bicheno Finches, **15/-**; Chestnut Finches, **15/-**; Ruficauda Finches, **15/-**; Long-tailed Grass Finches, **10/-**; Pectoralis Finches, **10/-**; Yellow Rump Finches, **10/-**; Zebra Finches, **5/-.**

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WANTED.

WANTED, cock Mealy Redpoll, cock Twite.—Particulars (postcard), Thos. Soar, Nottingham.

WANTED, singing birds in exchange for new cages or seed.—Rollinson, Waugh-st., Oldham.

WANTED, cock and hen Mules; state lowest price.—Santon, 4, Blossom-st., Norton Folgate, E.C.

WANTED, large outdoor aviary; state price and particulars.—Cook, Lynwood, Tarleton, Preston.

WANTED, Foreign bird dealers to send trade lists to Miles, St. Andrew's, Norwich.

WANTED, cock Canaries, in full song, any breed, no fancy prices.—Maggs Bros., Swansea.

WANTED, to purchase cock Canaries, guaranteed full song.—A. G. Coplin, Killigrew-st., Falmouth.

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FOREIGN birds, exchange splendid Goldfinch, proved muler, value 10/-.—Green, Great Bowden, Leicestershire.

WANTED, Yorkshire cock Canary, exchange zither banjo, perfect; bird sent first.—Wyatt, 26, Upper Bland-st., London, S.E.

WANTED, gent's cycle, exchange high-class Yorkshires and breeding cages to value; approval.—Powick, Eastfield House, Dewsbury.

WANTED Canaries, exchange large Palace aviary and Cassell's "Illustrated Shakespeare," sell; approval.—Spencer, 47, Burmester-rd., Tooting, London.

WANTED, good Crestbred cock for Crested hen, songsters or feeders; will sell cheap; offers.—Groves, 24, Bromley-lane, Peronett, near Dudley.

WANTED, one or two good Grey talking Parrots; send price, particulars, and time allowed for approval.—Broxton, Orrell Post, Wigan.

WANTED, four cock Rollers, must be in song; state cash price; approval.—Jinks, 2, Bramall-lane, Sheffield.

WANTED, typical buff Norwich cock; exchange foul Green Norwich hen, sell 8/6; hen Bullfinch, 2/6.—Atkinson, Market-pl., Guisborough.

CASH offers, 12 breeding cages, new last season, pans, glasses, drawers complete.—Coates, Whitfield, Glossop.

DIAMOND glass cutter and joiners' cramps wanted, good and cheap, or exchange Canaries or cages.—Pass, cage maker, Hucknall Torkard, Notts.

WANTED cock and two hen Canaries; exchange tweed suit length, patterns sent, sell £1.—Drummond, Hutcheson-st., Glasgow.

WANTED, any number of Canaries, weekly, cheap, for resale; state lowest cash price.—J. Thorn, 37, Plumstead-rd., Woolwich.

WANTED Canaries, Crests, Yorkshires, Norwich, Linnets, Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Thrushes, Parrots.—Baker, Herbert-st., Bedminster.

WANTED, 1,000 Canaries, in large and small quantities, for cash.—Send particulars, C. Wressell, Crowle, Lincolnshire.

WANTED, offers in Canaries for Columbia gramophone, horn, recorder, reproducer.—Ward, 93, Stricklandgate, Kendal.

WANTED, cock and hen Canaries; state lowest price.—S. Goodchild, 3, Delta-st., Gossett-st., Bethnal Green-rd.

WANTED, hen Canaries, cheap for cash, must be healthy, cold room bred.—Fraser, Specialist, 161, Cross-lane, Salford.

WANTED, cinnamon marked Yorkshire cock, 1906, in exchange for two smart buff hens, 1906.—Kightley, Hairdresser, Mount Pleasant-rd., Stroud Green, N.

WANTED, Norwich cock, 1906, in exchange for three Norwich hens, 1905, and two 1906, healthy.—Kightley, Hairdresser, Mount Pleasant-rd., Stroud Green, N.

WANTED Canaries, will exchange two cock brown Linnets, cock Goldfinch, cock Bullfinch, and muzzle-loading shot gun.—Leefe, Cambridge-st., Scarborough.

WANTED, any quantities of Canaries (any variety), Goldfinch and Linnet Mules, for cash; approval.—Marsh, Freemasons' Aviaries, Pereira-st., Bethnal Green.

WANTED, Yorkshires, Norwich, and Crests, for cash, small or large stocks, cocks and hens.—State particulars and price to Taylor, 36, Aireville-rd., Frizinghall, Bradford.

NORWICH or Borders; exchange big buff Yorkshire cock, house moulted, white-legged Goldfinch cock, muler.—McConnachie, 65, Exeter-drive, Partick.

WANTED, offers for double barrel gun, almost new, centre fire, straight barrels, top lever, pistol grip, kill anything 50 yards, sell 28/-.—B. Young, Oulton Stores, Oulton Broad.

WANTED, Crested Norwich, Belgians, Scotch Fancies, Plainhead Norwich, Lizards, and other varieties; no stock too large or too small; send price and particulars to J. Thompson, 29, Edmund-st. Bradford.

WANTED, a good Grey talking Parrot and cage, or bicycle, no rubbish, for a gramophone, almost new, cost £5, also six records, or old violin, grand tone, cost £7, or mandoline, cost 70/-, or what offers in exchange?—W. Neame, 13, Durnford-st., Stonehouse, Plymouth.

MESSRS. HARDY and BARRON are open to purchase for cash all kinds of birds in large or small quantities; wanted, hen Goldfinch Mules, will pay 1/2 each; highest prices given for cock and hen Canaries and cock Mules. In future please send all letters and parcels to my private address, 3, Ainsworth House, Shoreditch, one minute's walk from the old address, 63, Sclater-st., Shoreditch. Established over 20 years.

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EXCHANGE two show cock Bullfinches, cock Thrush and Blackbird, for Rollers or Yorkshires.—Mr. Thompson, 7, Volunteer-st., Chester.

EXCHANGE pair English Owls, winners, for two trained singing Hartz Roller cocks; sell 30/-.—Peters, Greenrig Cottage, Uddingston.

SPLENDID cock Goldfinch and hen Canary, nesting; sale or exchange.—G. Gaute, 96, The Crescent, Slough.

WILL give good cock Goldfinch for two healthy hen Bullfinches, or sell 3/6; no postcards.—Schoolmaster, Swerford, Oxford.

THREE large cock Brambiefinches, 1/6 each, or exchange.—F. Salmon, 37, Laws-st., Newport, Middlesbro'.

EXCHANGE Skylark (in song) with cage, for steady hen Bullfinch.—28, Chestnut-villas, New Malden.

SEVERAL cages, two cock Linnets (one bred Mules last year), for sale cheap, or exchange; offers, no live stock.—37, Southam-st., N. Kensington.

HOUSE moulted cock Goldfinch, 5/-; Canary-reared cock Chaffinch, 2/6; exchange hen Canaries.—Sheldon, 98, Kent-st., Upper Gornal, Dudley.

THREE hand-reared Song Thrushes, 3/- each, exchange lot for pair good Norwich.—Shirley, Crofthouse-lane, Utley, Keighley.

WILL exchange good cock Goldfinch, proved muler, for two good buff Yorkshire or Norwich hens.—Snell, Rea Barn, Brixham, Devon.

EXCHANGE for pair Norwich White-legged Goldfinch, Greenfinch, Redpoll, cocks, show cage, case.—Lawrence, Chestnut-rd., Horley, Surrey.

SKYLARK, 1906, reared from nest, with cage, in full wild song; exchange Canaries, or sell 15/-.—Gadsden, Secretary, Hamilton.

WILL give two cock Greenfinches, two hen Bullies, one cock house moulted bird for buff Yorkshire cock; also splendid Fox Terrier for a good pair Canaries.—Sewery, Windsor-ter., Lyme Regis.

LARGE cock Linnet-Canary Mule, full song, 1906 bird; exchange for hand-reared cock Skylark; must be in full song; or sell 10/6.—Outram, Riber Cottage, Heanor, Derbyshire.

GREENFINCH-BULLFINCH, had fertile eggs last year, pair Canaries, hen Siskin, house moulted, sell or exchange small Whippet bitch.—C. Kean, 70, Broomgate, Lanark.

I WANT to exchange three white Fantail cock Pigeons for three pairs of Brown Linnets, or two cock Goldfinches and one hen.—C. E. Noyce, Bigthan House, Earle-st., Yeovil.

EXCHANGE one hen Canary, two cock green Linnets, one cock Chaffinch, for bitch Ferret or cock muling Goldfinch.—Murch, Ringmore-rd., Shaldon, Teignmouth.

TWICE house-moulted Chaffinch, tame, take worm from finger, full song, good plumage; exchange 1906 Norwich or Yorkshire hen.—Malcolm, 3, Grosvenor-st., Islington, London, N.

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MORRISTON AND DIS. C.B.S.

Meeting held 13th inst. It was decided that J. H. Payne, Esq., shall officiate at Annual Show on November 21st. On April 27th a Table Show of Goldfinches and Linnets at Woodfield Coffee Tavern; entry fee, 3d.; prizes on the sliding scale. Mr. D. Jeremy judge. Messrs. T Morgan, E. Samuel, D. M. Price, and A. E. Taylor elected members.

D. JEREMY, Sec.

"CAGE BIRDS" RECENT COMPETITIONS.

FINAL RESULTS.

In the first announcement concerning our recent competitions, we spoke of the quite extraordinary interest they had aroused, and of the phenomenal number of entries received. In two of the "tests of skill," it will be remembered, no competitor succeeded in giving the exact result, and this has necessitated considerable delay in announcing the winners, owing to the task of going through the heaps of papers and coupons being of such a formidable nature, the necessity for carefully comparing every one of them adding to the difficulty. However, we have got through with it, and have pleasure in announcing the winners.

Hybrid Guessing Competition.

Mr. Norman's nomenclature of the specimens depicted in our plate was, it may be as well to state once more, as follows:—

1, Greenfinch-Bullfinch; 2, Siskin-Greenfinch; 3, Linnet-Canary; 4, Siskin-Canary; 5, Greenfinch-Canary; 6, Goldfinch-Siskin.

The reader getting nearest to the correct solution proves to be a lady:

MISS JANET JOHNSTONE,
Helenlea,
Wallace-street,
Grangemouth,
Stirlingshire,

who made but one slip, and therefore becomes entitled to the half-guinea prize. No. 2 she named a Goldfinch-Greenfinch; a near thing to being absolutely correct.

Three other readers follow closely behind, with two mistakes each. These are Mr. E. Smith (Downham), who made No. 1 Canary-Bullie, and No. 2 Goldfinch-Greenie; Mr. S. L. Cocks (Peterboro') with No. 3 Linnet-Bullfinch and No. 4 Redpoll-Siskin; Mr. T. O'Sullivan (Cork), with No. 2 Goldfinch-Greenfinch and No. 3 Linnet-Greenfinch.

Many Parents.

An interesting side to this competition was the remarkable variety of parents attributed to almost every one of the Hybrids depicted. Thus No. 1 (Greenfinch-Bullfinch) became variously a Canary, Siskin, Linnet and Goldfinch-Bullfinch and Greenfinch-Canary. No. 2 (Siskin-Greenfinch) was given as Goldfinch-Greenfinch, Bullfinch, Linnet, and Canary, Siskin-Goldfinch, Goldfinch-Bullfinch, Siskin-Bullfinch, Goldie-Redpoll and Siskin-Twite. No. 3 (Linnet-Canary) some thought a Linnet-Bullfinch, Goldfinch and Greenfinch-Linnet, Siskin-Greenfinch, Canary and Linnet, Linnet-Greenfinch, and Redpoll-Bullfinch. No. 4 (Siskin-Canary) was written down a Siskin-Linnet, Goldfinch-Redpoll, Redpoll-Siskin, Goldfinch-Greenfinch, Goldfinch-Chaffinch, Siskin-Goldfinch and Greenfinch, Twite-Siskin, Redpoll-Canary and Chaffinch-Canary. No. 5 (Greenfinch-Canary) changed to a Goldfinch-Bullfinch and Greenfinch, Greenie-Bullie and Linnet, Siskin-Greenfinch, Linnet-Bullie, Greenfinch-Chaffinch, and Greenfinch-Redpoll. No. 6 (Goldfinch-Siskin) was re-christened Goldfinch-Linnet, Canary and Greenfinch, Siskin-Canary and Goldfinch-Bullfinch.

Rhyming Competition.

THE WINNING RHYME.

The Owl, with keen inspection, views
CAGE BIRDS—so full of birdy news,
With free advice and ready plan
To help the perplexed birdy man.

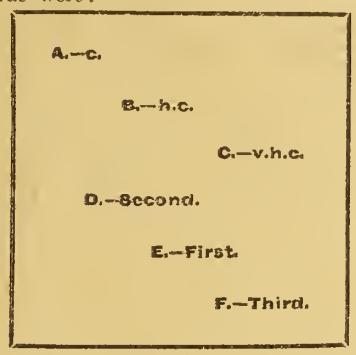
Thus spake the Owl: "From fledgling small
Thou hast most quickly out-grown all
Thy kith and kin; so shalt thou soar
Supreme from now for evermore."

H. C. FARMERY, 252, Water Street,
Accrington, Lancs.

A selection of other rhymes will be given next week.

The "Blaze of Colour" Competition.

In the judging competition promoted in connection with the coloured plate, "A Blaze of Colour," which accompanied the Crystal Palace Show Number, the judge's awards were:—



First, E; second, D; third, F; vhc, C; hc, B; c, A.

The gentleman who "placed the cards" was that well-known judge and expert on the Norwich Plainhead Canary, Mr. J. H. Payne.

Reasons for Awards

The reasons for the placings are embodied in the following comments from him:—

The Judge's Reasons.

I have pleasure in acceding to your request to give my reasons for placing as I did the birds which were depicted on your recent coloured plate, "A Blaze of Colour." FIRST: I placed the six-pointed bird first, as I fully recognise the great difficulty there is in breeding a bird anything approaching it as regards marking. And apart from markings, it is of very good size and shape for a yellow. Its chief fault is that it is a bit long in the neck. SECOND: I put the Clear Buff second, on account of its good shape, short wings, and nicely rounded head. It is beautifully rounded in chest, and full just where it ought to be—that is, right in the front. THIRD: The uneven marked Buff I placed third, because of its shape and position. It stands well across the perch, has a good neck, and has the tail set as I like to see it—that is, straight away from the body. There is no suspicion of hinge-tail here. I think had this bird been highly coloured, it would have taken the place of the clear yellow (which I put vhc) in the estimation of a great many of the competitors. VHC: This, the clear yellow, was, I felt sure, the bird that would upset the calculations of a great many, and I feel equally sure that had this bird been put amongst the winners, there would have been a great many correct placings to chronicle. I dropped this bird to the "carded division," because he has, in my opinion, several bad points, and is made what I call a "good flat catcher" solely by his high colour. Firstly, he is far too long in head, and he has a decided "roach" or wheel back. His legs are not set far enough back, which makes him appear long in the waist, and the wings at the butts are too low set, which makes them appear slipping away from the shoulders. Take the high colour away, and then he would appear quite a different looking bird. HC and C: There is not much difference in the hc and the c birds, but I put the former in its position because I could see more of it than I could of the latter.

J. H. PAYNE.

The competitor who gets nearest to Mr. J. H. Payne's decisions is

MR. J. LOCKE,
21, Queen's Park,
Redfield,
St. George's,
Bristol,

and to this gentleman the prize of half-a-guinea will be forwarded. Mr. Locke reversed the positions of first and second birds, and placed all the remainder correctly. He was closely pressed by

MR. F. W. MARTIN,
M 2 Ward,
Berry Wood,
Northampton,

who, however, has the satisfaction of winning the one guinea prize for giving the reasons for his awards in the most explicit and at the same time accurate manner. The awarding of this special, we may say, was a source of much trouble, the best efforts from the literary point of view being so far out of it as regards the correctness of their decisions. Mr. Martin's paper reads as follows:—

In judging the six birds, I put E first, the even-marked, as it is very hard to get type quality and markings in combination, and I make him a grand bird all round. D second, the clear buff, as he is very level in type right through, and of beautiful quality, with perfect wing carriage, and a splendid tail. C, third, clear yellow, a bit too hollow at back of neck, and a little too round in back, also a little faulty in tail. F, very highly commended, because pale in colour, and might be a little fuller at back of neck, though very good in substance and quality. A, highly commended, very nice head and chest, but patchy in colour, and seems out of condition. B, commended, much too narrow.

F. W. MARTIN.

It will be seen that Mr. Martin places first and second correctly, but reverses both 3 and vhc, and hc, and c.

The decorative heading, "Reasons for Awards," used on this page, is a reproduction of a beautiful specimen of penmanship which accompanied the paper of Mr. C. H. Dring, of Enfield Lock, Middlesex.

Selection from Competitors' Comments.

FIRST—E.

Beautiful markings, same being hard to produce, rather deficient in neck, still a real good one.—Fails in shape.—Beaten in size, but a bonny bird.—All there for colour and quality, short wings and tail.—Bad type for a Norwich, more the Lizard type.—Too upright in carriage, nice beak.—Grand markings and shape, beautiful quality, hardly big enough.—Excellent type, quality and position, fine markings and colour, a trifle small, or would have been my winner.—Body short and neat, back well filled in, good tail and wings, fine carriage, neck not quite filled in enough.—Fails in size.—Nice short bird, good flights and tail, fails size and colour.—Lovely specimen of this hard-to-breed variety.—Typical bird, losing a little in fulness of chest and head.—Grand shape for a markod bird, in life would be a handsome fellow.—Stands very badly, too much like the Yorkshire, or I should have put him first.—One of the best, perfect in markings, good short bird, rather small, or I should most undoubtedly have put him first.—Bonny bird, grand markings, just beaten in size, but not disgraced.—Wins on markings and general type.—Pinched in head and too upright.—Rare good bird, one must give an even-marked preference, especially such a grand yellow.—Fails in size and substance, head, and neck.—Too much like an enlarged Border Fancy.—Truly a most desirable bird.

SECOND—D.

Perfection, beautiful body, head, wings and tail.—Long in tail.—Tail short, close and well packed.—Clear win, splendid shape and size, well frosted, good head, neck and back.—A trifle longer than the clear yellow.—Rather too long.—Bad tail carriage spoils an otherwise good specimen.—Too upright in carriage, and long.—Hardly substance enough, good shape.—Too long in neck.—A grand typical specimen.—Head best of any, but neck too straight under bill, back too flat and body too long.—Back not well filled in.—Grand size, beautiful type, a model.—A true Norwich in every detail.—Much too long in the barrel for a Buff, and a trifle humpy at the shoulders.—Wins easily, perfect type and symmetry.—Good, typical bird, nicely over perch.—Very good, plump bird.—Nice head and lovely chest, but very weak at the backend.

THIRD—F.

A little slack at root of tail.—Fails in colour, good type all over, clean cut.—Good shape, if he had the head and neck of D, would be a beauty.—Typical bird, of good position.—Head too flat, neck too hollow, back too flat, body too long.—Loses in colour, probably a hen.—Nice fronted bird, of good quality and style.—Very typical in body, well balanced wings and tail.—Wants a little more rise of skull.—Lacks substance, and is long-sided.—Full, short neck, good chest and wings, fails only a little in head.—Nice, chubby, well-set bird, good body, head and neck, proper Bullfinch type, fails only in colour.—Rather shapely, but little slack in wing carriage.—Poor colour, but good chest and cleanly cut.—Good size and substance, good even colour, trifle long in barrel.

VHC—C.

An ideal specimen for the stock room.—Short, cobby, excellent colour, might have tail more closely packed.—Might have carried wings better, yet magnificent deep colour.—Very shapely, stands well on legs, grand, thick-set bird.—Hot one, very short and chubby, good quality, nice head, full, short neck, well cut away, short wings and tail, a topper.—Not the up-to-date type, and rather small.—Grand red-hot one, legs well set, short and compact body, splendid size, a gem.—Red-hot, cobby bird, easy winner.—Well across perch, not cobby enough. Best all round for type and quality, grand colour, ideal specimen.—Very short and chubby all over, but drops tail a bit.—Fails in head.—First for its chubby body, short tail and flights, and wonderful colour.—Has that great fault, a hinged tail.—Truly a "blaze of colour," only one fault, a little droop in the tail.—Extra short and thick-set for a yellow, nice short flights and tail.—Too browed.—A topper, hard to find fault with.

HC—B.

Good body and neck, flat on head, carries flights too high and tail too loose.—Tips of wings crossed, fish-tailed, evidently out of sorts. Stands badly, bit snaky on head.—High in wing carriage, and looks as though a tail feather is missing.—Not the right shape.—A few tail feathers to be drawn.—Bad in pose.—Head too small, neck too thin, body too long, wings and tail bad, chest too pointed.—Very nice bird, but too down on the perch.—A poor specimen altogether.—Good bird, though somewhat flat on head.—Nice round head, good body, stands well over perch, good quality and colour.—Too full in chest.

C—A.

Lovely tick on eye, lacks style, too much jumped up.—A bit horny.—A gem, lovely shape, head and neck.—A bit unsteady.—Rough in feather.—Grand even colour, grand head and neck, short, compact body, broad chest, lovely carriage, nice beak and feather, legs well set, wins nicely.—Head and beak badly proportioned, loose in feather, and drop-tailed.—Head nice and round, neck full and neat.—Too straight up.—I make this second, and losing to winner only in colour and closeness of feather.—Can't see enough of him.—Hardly the sort of head that commends itself.—What is he like behind?

Copies of the plate in question may be had on receipt of a sixpenny postal order.

FANCIERS' FESTIVITIES.

BOURNEMOUTH C.B.A.

Successful Annual Dinner.

The Bournemouth C.B.A. held their second annual dinner on April 12th at the Quadrant Restaurant, and the function proved in every way a great success, a most enjoyable time being spent by all. Dr. J. A. Hosker, J.P., presided over a company which numbered nearly fifty, including, among others, Messrs. W. Chapman, J. E. Cole, Pratt, Burton, Holder, Parsons, Stonley, Botterill, H. J. Bailey, J. A. Crawshaw, Brooke, Earp, G. W. Jones, and E. Leech (Secretary), and Mrs. Joseph.

The Chairman, in proposing "The Bournemouth and District Cage Bird Association," said there was nothing that tended to give one pleasure more than the propagation of some hobby, whether it was the hobby of breeding and keeping cage birds or keeping dogs, a hobby in which he took the greatest pleasure. There was undoubtedly a large amount of pleasure to be got—the pleasure of anticipation, as one looked forward to producing something that had never been seen before, and one felt they were doing some good in the world for creation when they were looking after the lower animals. Cage birds had a way of showing their affection, and he was sure his Canary was pleased to see him when he got downstairs every morning. He had the greatest sympathy for anyone whose chords were not touched in that direction. The Bournemouth Society was doing a great deal of good, and was prospering more and more, and he believed the townspeople would do all they could to encourage the members of the Society in making it one of the most successful in the South of England. He was delighted to hear that they had secured the Winter Gardens for this year's show, and that they were determined to offer such prizes as would attract exhibits from all over the country. They could not secure such exhibits unless they offered adequate prizes, and he hoped the townspeople would back up the Society in that respect. In proposing the toast he wished the Society the success it deserved. They had most enthusiastic officers, who were anxious to do anything to promote its welfare. At the exhibition last year one member who had won the cup by a mistake was the first to admit the mistake, and in a sportsmanlike spirit handed over the cup to the lawful winner. That was the spirit that should pervade any society—strive their utmost to win, but do all they possibly could to win fairly. Dr. Hosker referred to the services rendered by Mr. Brooke (Chairman of Committee), whose name he coupled with the toast.

Mr. Brooke, in reply, gave a review of the progress of the Society. The Association was founded in 1890, and was therefore nearly 17 years old. It had met with many palmy days, and had also met with adversity. Last year they had only a balance of 4s. 3d., but after the exhibition that was turned into a balance of over £7, and he hoped the balance of £15, which was reached a year or two ago, would soon be surpassed.

Mr. Crawshaw proposed "The Visitors," and the toast was responded to by Messrs. Chapman and Pratt. The remaining toast was "The Chairman," proposed by Mr. Cole. During the evening a number of songs were contributed, and the programme was taken part in by members of the Municipal Orchestra. Mr. W. Pardy acted as accompanist.

LIVERPOOL BIRD BREEDERS.

Held at the Star and Garter Hotel, Liverpool, on March 26th. Mr. S. Hadwin presided. A goodly number of fanciers, their wives and friends, sat down to a beautifully-served repast, after which toasts and songs succeeded each other in quick and enjoyable succession. "The King," proposed by the chairman, was responded to by the company singing "God save the King." "The Liverpool Bird Breeders," proposed by Mr. Metcalfe, and replied to by Mr. Barrett; "The Green Canary Association," proposed by Mr. Handley, and replied to by Mr. S. Hadwin; "The Ladies," proposed by Mr. Daniels, and facetiously replied to by Mr. S. Hadwin; "The Visitors and Artistes," proposed by Mr. Nimmo, and replied to by Mr. Graham with a soug. During the evening the presentation took place of the prizes given in connection with the Green Canary Association's season's competition. The President, in making the presentations, heartily congratulated the different winners, and promised an extended competition for the following year. Mr. Ryno very feelingly replied to the toast of "The Prize Winners," and gave great credit to Mrs. Ryno for the help she had given him during the year. Songs were rendered in a highly creditable manner by the following artistes:—"Ain't it a pity I have to die," Joe Ray; "How dare you?" J. Schofield; "Seaweed," Mr. Morcland; "Tobermory," J. Graham; "Billy Muggins," Mr. Bennett; "The Bandolero," Mr. Cooke; "A Dream," Dan Ray; "The old armchair," Mr. Ryno; "I love a Lassie," Mr. Graham; "A Society idol," Mr. Schofield; "Gallery and Boxes," Dan Ray; "I see you've got your old brown hat on," Mr. Bennett; "Till death I love you," Mr. Cooke. Amongst the company we noticed Messrs. Braithwaite, Dixon, Doughty, Daniels, Hillman, Bretherton, Irwin, Rawlands, A. Thompson, W. Thompson, Deacon, Stewart, Benson, Hawkins, Slater, Beaty, Mr. and Mrs. Barratt, Mr. and Mrs. Ryno, Mr. and Mrs. Nimmo, Mr. and Mrs. Davies, Mr. and Mrs. Metcalfe, Mr. and Mrs. Handley, Mr. and Mrs. McMurtey, Mr. and Mrs. Brotherton, Master Ryno, Mr. Hadwin, Miss Hadwin (niece), and Miss Harding, and several others whose names we did not catch.—HADWIN and BARRATT, Secs.

WIBSEY & DIS. C.B.S.

The above society held a successful Beast Heart supper and social evening on April 6th. Twenty to thirty persons sat down to supper, which was catered for by the landlord of headquarters (Mr. Gent Ormondroyd), and full justice was done to the fare provided. During the evening songs and duets were rendered by Messrs. W. Chapman, H. Bairstow, S. Foster, W. Norton, H. and J. Taylor, and also two comic songs, entitled "Towser" and "Gathering Coals in Thornton Road," by the well-known Wibsey humourist, Mr. Smith Pearson. A very pleasant evening was brought to a close by a vote of thanks to the host and hostess.—E. W. JOHNSON, Sec.

THE AMALGAMATED YORKS. O.S.

The smoking concert on April 6th proved most enjoyable, and was a decided success. The President, Mr. J. Townend, occupied the chair most ably. The opening item was a duet on the piano and violin, by Messrs. Hudson Bros., and the great applause of the company testified to the excellence of the rendering. Mr. Willock sang with good effect his favourite song, "The Moss-grown Well." Mr. Townend, the chairman, who is well known as an elocutionist of repute, gave "Sarah at the Play," which was productive of much mirth and hilarity. A song, "The Trumpeter," by Mr. H. Pollard, was excellently rendered, as was "Will-o'-the-Wisp" by Mr. W. Northrop, both gentlemen coming in for rounds of applause. Messrs. Hudson Bros. had now the attention of the company with another duet on piano and violin, then came a cornet solo by Mr. P. Stansfield, followed by Mr. W. Northrop's speciality, "The Admiral's Broom," all the performers being in the good graces of the company. At this juncture the chairman presented to Mr. Hammond the splendid brass timepiece subscribed for by the societies and friends of the late A.Y.O.S. in grateful recognition of his valuable services in the position of secretary during the two years of its existence. Mr. Townend was loud in his praise of the capabilities of Mr. Hammond, and of the excellent manner in which he had conducted the business of the society. Mr. Hammond, in accepting the gift, expressed his greatest thanks to the societies and friends for their kindness in providing such a handsome present, which he said would always remind him of the many friends he made during his term of office. After Mr. Hammond's speech Mr. H. Pollard gave a song entitled "The Star of the Desert," Mr. Hammond next rendering "Ora Pro Nobis," followed by Mr. Townend reciting "The Game of Life"; and then Messrs. Hudson Bros. brought the musical programme to a close with an overture on piano and violin, all the items being well received. Mr. J. S. Clarkson proposed, and Mr. W. A. Cowgill seconded, a vote of thanks to the chairman, artistes, and the committee for the very enjoyable evening which had been provided for the company. Mr. Townend responded, and brought to a close one of the most enjoyable evenings it was possible to have.—S. DEAN.

LANCASHIRE AND LIZARD F.A.

Saturday night, April 6th, was set apart by the above association as a social one, and indeed it was, when a large number of members and friends, including the fair sex, wended their way to the Spinners' Hotel, Shaw Road, Oldham, to partake of a splendid dinner, which was well catered for by the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. J. Riley. After dinner Mr. Baker obliged us with a few selections on the Phonograph. Then a short business meeting was held, which included several applications from shows for our patronage, the same being left over until the next meeting. Next came a very important part of the evening's functions—viz., the presentation of the silver cups and gold medals, which were greatly admired, as were the two beautiful cards, nicely adorned with the name of the Association and those of the winners of the cups for 1906-7. Mr. Baker made the presentations in a masterly way to Mr. John Garner, the winner of the Lancashire cup, and Mr. John Rukin, the winner of the Lizard cup, and these gentlemen responded in an able manner. The cups are valued at six guincas each, and are well worth fighting for. Mr. John Vickers was the runner-up for the Lancashire cup, and Mr. John Hamer the runner-up for the Lizard cup. Next came the presentation of the gold medals by our President, Mr. John Garner, who spoke in high praise of the winners of these medals. He hoped before long we should be able to give cups to the novice as well as the champions, and which can be done if Lancashire and Lizard fanciers will only rally round us. He then presented to Mr. L. Haslam the Lancashire gold medal, and Mr. Wm. Lawton that for Lizards, and these gentlemen responded. Mr. Lawton now ceases to be a novice. Good luck to him, and may he have the good fortune to be near the final for the cup next year! Mr. Baker now gave us a few more selections, and the ladies obliged with a little of their talent. Mr. Garner here rose and said he was very sorry to hear of the loss the L. and L.F.A. were sustaining in the departure of one of their best members, Mr. J. H. Booth, for Canada. Mr. Garner spoke very feelingly, and wished Mr. Booth much success and a pleasant voyage. Mr. Ben Buckley seconded with a few choice remarks. Mr. Booth said he was sorry to leave the L. and L.F.A., but he was going to no strange land, having gone over it beforetimes, and concluding by saying that he hoped to be among us again. The rest of the evening was spent in an enjoyable way, Mr. Baker's Phono. being a big success, and catered well for dancing. Let us hope that these gatherings will be annual, and preserve a good spirit among the Lancashire and Lizard fanciers, as was the case on Saturday night.—H. OLIVER, Sec.

THE SHOWS.

SWINTON.

The ninth annual show was held in the Congregational Schoolroom on Easter Monday. The entry in the Canary section was very poor indeed, but there was quite a good number of Britishers staged. The Show was opened by Mr. J. W. Hattersley. The thanks of exhibitors are due to Messrs. J. T. Murfin and F. Jackson, both real good workers for the Fancy; while the stewards did their work splendidly. Mr. W. Brotherton, of Rotherham, judged, and his awards were well received.

YORKS. COCK: 1, Wainwright, good colour and length, nice legs and head, but crossed wings at times; 2, Green, splendid type, close as boxwood, stands up to his work well, but beaten in colour; 3, Humphreys, very stylish, had one bad wing, or would have won; 4, Lockwood, very long, a grand stock bird. NOR. COCKS: 1, Hinchcliffe, the old winner, but not at his best; 2, Peplow, nice short-set body, good wings and legs, but the head was patchy; 3, Lockwood, good head and body, a bit thin in neck. GREENFINCH, SISKIN, ETC.: 1, Humphreys, very nice Linnet, stands like a top; 2, vhc, Wainwright, real gem of a Greenfinch, the best I have ever seen in a cage; 3, Lockwood; 4, Pogmore; hc, Axe. BRITISH HARDBILL: 1, Pogmore, a Goldfinch, a real topper, as pretty as paint; 2, Axe, Yellowhammer, splendid type and feather, but the legs have got too thick; 3, Axe, Hawfinch, few feathers out of each side of breast; 4, Lockwood. SOFTBILL: 1, Axe, Thrush, looking splendid, in the pink of condition; 2, Milne, Whitethroat, a real little gem; 3, Bescoby, Redwing, in grand condition; vhc, Milne, Waxwing, had been bathing or would have held his own with most of them. MULE OR HYBRID: 1, Wainwright, a sweet Mule, slightly ticked, a grand bird, should keep himself this summer and leave a bit for the master; 2, Green, another nice Mule; 3, Humphreys, dark Goldfinch Mule; 4, Green, Siskin-Canary Mule.

CITY AND SUBURBAN A.C.B.

Annual Finch Show held at Headquarters, the Church Institute, Marylebone, on April 8th, when a splendid total of 123 birds faced the judge, Mr. C. Prior. The birds were well staged, and previous to Mr. Prior commencing his duties, many of the members took part in a judging competition, the result of which will be made known as soon as the Secretary has had an opportunity of comparing the members' papers with the judging slips. There were some good birds on view, many well-known winners during the past show season doing battle. Mr. F. Vincent's Goldfinch looked very fit and secured 1st and special in its class. Mr. Francis's well-known Hawfinch won easily, and also secured the special for best bird in the show. The Bullfinch classes—both cock and hen—brought out some good birds. Miss Brain's winning Bullie struck us as being an exceptionally nice rich coloured bird. The Bunting class was a most representative collection, containing the Yellow, Snow, Cirl, Corn, Ortolan and Reed Buntings. The judge awarded 3rd prize to the Ortolan Bunting, usually regarded as a "wooden-cage" migrant; the bird was in capital form and a good specimen. The Linnet class contained some very nicely pencilled birds, while the Siskin, Redpoll or Twite class was well filled—19 birds competing—Mr. Turnher winning with a very large Twite, the same exhibitor winning also in the Greenfinch class with a good sound coloured Finch, while Mr. Rouse took second place with another rich coloured bird. The A.O.S. Hen class had six species represented, Mr. Curry winning with a nice hen Linnet, well pencilled and in good order. The time proved all too short to allow visitors much opportunity of comparing the respective prize winners. GOLDFINCH (C.M.) (16): 1, spl, Vincent; 2, vhc, hc, Martin; 3, c, Curry. GOLDFINCH (NOT C.M.) (19): 1, Rouse; 2, Thorpe; 3, Martin; vhc, Porter; hc, Lathleiff; c, Morrison. BULLFINCH (CK.) (8): 1, Miss Brain; 2, Rouse; 3, Potter; vhc, Easterling; hc, Wyse; c, Curry. HEN (13): 1, vhc, Lathleiff; 2, Rouse; 3, Martin; hc, Morrison; c, Turnher. LINNET (C.M.) (12): 1, Francis; 2, Kelly; 3, vhc, Wyse; hc, Morrison; c, Miss Shephard. LINNET (NOT C.M.) (2): 1, Curry; 2, Wyse. GREENFINCH (8): 1, Turnher; 2, Rouse; 3, Morrison; vhc, Curry; hc, Miss Brain; c, Allen. SISKIN, ETC. (19): 1, 3, Turnher (Twites); 2, Easterliug; vhc, Miss Brain; hc, Morrison; c, Miss Shephard. A.O.S. FINCH (9): 1, two spls, Francis (Hawfinch); 2, Curry; 3, Rouse; vhc, Miss Shephard; hc, Miss Brain; c, Thorpe. BUNTING (9): 1, (Corn), 2 (Reed), vhc, Wynn; 3, Francis (Ortolan); hc, Turnber (Reed); c, Rouse. A.O.S. HEN: 1, Curry; 2, 3, Morrison; vhc, Miss Shephard; hc, Miss Brain; c, Thorpe.

SINGING CONTESTS.

BRADFORD.

Contest held at Bradford, 12 Linnets competed. C. Tarlton awarded prizes :—1, Morrell, 2, Smith, 3, Burton, 4, Simmonds.—A. MARK, Sec.

BARNSLEY.

There was a fair attendance at the Lark Sing at the Cherry Tree on April 1st; eleven birds entered for seven minutes' sing. Result:—1, Scamp, 5.54; 2, Stott, 5.51; 3, Allot, 5.30; 4, Brushey, 5.3.

WEST HOUGHTON.

Open Lark singing contest at Victoria Inn, Market-street, West Houghton, on April 27th. The proprietress will give £1 towards prizes, to an entrance fee of 1/6 each bird, 6d. returned in refreshments, three minutes staging, fifteen miuutes singing. First bird staged at two o'clock. There will also be a special prize for the handsomest bird that competes.—ADVT.

WARRINGTON.

Contest at Alexandra Vaults, April 13th. Thirty-four of the best birds of Warrington, Swinton and Leigh competed for five good prizes, given by Mr. R. Thompson. The birds were in splendid order, and we had some of the finest time singing ever beard in Warrington. These birds were allowed half a minute to face, singing not to count, and 6½ to sing. 1st, Statham, 139 seconds; 2nd, Armitage, 131; 3rd, Tryner, 84; 4th, Stanway, 73; 5th, Leah, 70; The judges were Messrs. T. Crawford and J. Ball; timekeeper, Mr. H. Holbrook.—G. TRYNER, Hon. Sec.

SHEFFIELD.

Contest held, April 14th, before a large company. Twenty-nine birds competed for three good prizes at the Shrewsbury Hotel, Park, Sheffield. 1st, Robinson; 2nd and 3rd, Soldier Jack.

LEEDS.

A grand Linnet Singing Contest was held at the Fisherman's Hut Hotel, Ellerby Lane, April 1st, when 22 of the best birds in Yorkshire competed for six prizes, to value of £3, given by Mr. C. Tobin. 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, Allen; 3, W. Lacey. Judges, Jackson, Towers, and Naylor. Our next contest takes place on April 20th.—G. COCKROFT, Sec.

Usual week-end match, at Skinners Arms, Buslingthorpe Lane, on April 7th, when eleven birds competed for three good prizes. Result:—1st, Galley; Reed and Galley shared 2nd and 3rd. Judges, T. Somers, and C. Hunt. April 14th, fifteen birds competed. 1st, Galley; 2nd, Reed; 3rd, Kirk. Judges, F. Raper and J. Grainger.—C. HUNT, Sec.

The Prince Albert Inn Linnet Association, Newtown, met on March 31st to compete for three good prizes, given by Mr. J. R. Saynor. There was a good attendance of visitors. Fifteen previous winners competed. Judges, J. Binner and G. Towers; timekeeper, B. Jackson. Result:—1st, Allen; 2nd, Thompsou; 3rd, Dean. Contest held April 7th, there was a good entry to compete for three good prizes, given by Mr. Sayner. Judges in this contest were: J. Chippendale and S. Green. Result:—1st, 2nd, 3rd, Allen.—E. WOOD, Hon. Sec.

Contest took place at the King's Head, April 13th, when 16 selected birds competed for three prizes given by Mr. J. Booth. There was a large attendance of visitors and members. 1st, Hardcastle, 2nd, Hayes, 3rd, Harrold. Judges:—J. Melia, T. Summers, and W. Naylor. On Sunday 29 birds competed for four prizes. The room was literally packed with visitors. 1st, Whittaker, 2nd. Hoban, 3rd. Stead, 4th, Naylor. Mr. J. Booth purchased the winner for £3 10s., and is open to match his bird to sing any bird in Yorkshire. The bird, which is a champion of champions, can be heard any time at the Old King's Head.—J. MELIA, Hon. Sec.

Our big match, at the Skinners' Arms, Buslingthorpe Lane, on Easter Tuesday, proved a great success, as 32 of the best Linnets in Leeds competed for four good prizes before fanciers from all parts of Yorkshire, who were highly delighted with the singing, as every bird was in splendid condition, and gave the judges many anxious moments to separate them. The singing of the winners was worth going a long way to hear, as they ran note after note in grand style, and will take beating. Judges, T. Crane and G. Towers. Timekeeper, C. Whitaker. 1, J. Clark; 2, H. Galley; 3, T. Stead; 4, A. Hodgson. Usual week-end contest held March 31st, when 16 birds competed. Judges, T. Somers and C. Whitaker. 1, F. Galley; 2, J. Clark; 3, G. Reed.—C. HUNT, Sec.

GREEN CANARY ASSOCIATION.

Annual Report.

The appeal to members for cash specials did not meet with the response of previous years; this is to be regretted, as these specials do a lot towards encouraging exhibitors, and popularising the variety. The Champion Cup has been won by Mr. Ryno two years in succession, so now becomes his property. The fight for the Cup at the commencement was very keen, but eventually Messrs. Ryno and Thompson sorted themselves out from the rest and a straight run home ensued, each side gaining and losing in turn until at the last hurdle at the Palace the old veteran gained the verdict by one point. The competition for the Novice medals at the start looked very uninteresting, Mr. Martin practically being the only starter, but he was not allowed to complete the journey alone, several others joined in at the next turn, but towards the finish it became a question of Martin or Deacon, Mr. Martin just holding his own to the end of a most exciting but pleasant contest. The contest for the cash specials was not so good as usual, those born fighters Messrs. Wardale and Metcalfe dropping out about half way spoiled what promised to be a fine race. Generally speaking, good numbers have turned out at the patronage shows, and prospects for next year are distinctly good, especially in the Yorkshire section. There is room for a great improvement in the number of Norwich Green fanciers. There is a fairly good increase in membership. The Club shows have been good, especially, the Old Show which was a record in every respect. Our financial position was never better, although the balance in hand—18s. 10d.—is less than last year, caused by the exceptional expenditure voted from time to time. We very much regret the disqualifications which took place at Liverpool and the Palace, yet we hope the very large amount of rebutting evidence which we placed before Mr. Ramsden will have the desired effect and lead to the perfect clearance of the characters of Messrs. Clayton and Stewart. These gentlemen must be gratified at the vote of confidence unanimously passed by their fellow members. In conclusion, gentlemen, we would again remind you that it is not advisable to stand still. Our position is good, but it can be made better, and until the Green Canary is "The Bird" in every town and village in the country we are not even nearing the end.

J. W. METCALFE, Chairman.
S. HADWIN, Secretary.

CLUB REPORTS.

ADMIRAL DUNCAN (NOTTS.) O.S.

Owing to the resignation of our Secretary, Mr. T. Whyler, a general meeting was held on April 6th, Mr. J. Bowes presiding. There was a good muster of members, and Mr. W. Healey (who has previously held the office) was unanimously elected as secretary. Afterwards a discussion took place respecting the schedule for First Feather Show on July 6th, and judge nominated for same.—WM. HEALEY, Sec.

DARLINGTON C.B.S.

Show held April 3rd, when three classes for British birds were judged by Mr. E. Brunskill, as the gentlemen nominated were unable to be present. GOLD. OR BULLFINCH: 1, P. M. Carter; 2, H. Carter; 3, Todd and Son; 4, Reeks; vhc, Raine. LINNET, SISKIN, ETC.: 1, Moss; 2, H. Carter; 3, 4, vhc, hc, Todd and Son. A.O.V.: 1, Reeks; 2, P. M. Carter; 3, vhc, Todd and Son; 4, Moss.—E. BRUNSKILL, Sec.

ATTERCLIFFE C.B.S.

A large number of members and friends met at the Horse and Jockey Hotel to hear Mr. Taylor lecture on the Norwich Green. The subject proved to be very interesting, Mr. Taylor dealing with it in a very able manner, many valuable hints being picked up by our members. At the end of the lecture the Chairman, Mr. Perry, asked for questions. There were a lot, and Mr. Taylor answered them to everybody's satisfaction, much valuable information being obtained from them. The Chairman moved a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Taylor, which was carried unanimously.

W. RICHINSON, Sec.

CITY OF WAKEFIELD O.S.

Meeting at Victoria Café, April 9th. Mr. Sam Sheard in the chair. Mr. Isherwood at our last meeting gave a most instructive paper on British Finches. Our Vice-chairman, Mr. S. H. Ellis followed this evening with a bright and witty paper on "Foreign Birds I Have Kept." It was decided to hold an Open Show on Nov. 5th and 6th at the Corn Exchange, Wakefield. Mr. J. C. Barnes, of Sheffield, was appointed judge. Being a new Society and therefore unknown the members agreed to subscribe £30 towards the expenses of the Show, to ensure it being an unqualified success.

ARMISWOOD and KEELEY, Secs.

BOLTON AND DIS. PROGRESSIVE C.B.S.

Meeting held in the Olinda Cafe, when Mr. W. A. Bladon, Manchester, delivered a very interesting lecture on "The Management of the Bird Room, which was listened to very attentively by all present. A hearty vote of thanks was unanimously accorded the lecturer at the close. Later in the evening one of the members (Mr. Allen) displayed a caseful of bird-room novelties and appliances, which created much attention. A vote of thanks to that gentleman for his kindness in bringing the novelties brought a very interesting meeting to a close.—JOHN W. BANCROFT, Hon. Sec.

SALE OPEN O.S.

Meetiug held April 5th. Charles Swettenham, Esq., was elected a vice-president, and Messrs. J. Gray and J. Dunning members. It was resolved that any person joining this society on or before June 1st next pay no entrance fee. Show of birds. Mr. Tom Harrison judged, and gave every satisfaction. GOLD, OR BULLFINCH: 1, 2, 3, Hurst; 4, Stanford. LINNET: 1, 3, Hurst; 2, Smith. GREENFINCH: 1, Whitney; 2, 3, Hurst; 4, Leigh; vhc, Smith. CHAFFINCH OR BRAMBLE: 1, Smith; 2, Whitney; 3, vhc, Plant; 4, Hurst. A.O.V. BRIT.: 1, 4, Hurst; 2, Whitney; 3, vhc, Smith. FOR.: 1, Smith; 2, Whitney. SELL., 12/6: 1, 2, Hardcastle. During the evening we were pleased to see so many visitors having a look over the exhibits, one and all being very enthusiastic about the future of the Society. Intending members please apply to G. F. HARDCASTLE, Hon. Sec., 63, Harley-road, Sale.

NATIONAL B.B.M.C.

Committee meeting, at Headquarters, March 28th. Present: Mr. Robson (chairman), Messrs. Silver, Dewhurst, Trower, Cooper, Maxwell, Goodchild, Plumbridge, and Carr. Letters were read from Messrs. Swaysland and Walsh re standing for provincial committee. A letter was read from Mr. R. J. Howe, suggesting that a form for exhibitors to count their own points for cups, medals, etc., be sent out at the commencement of each show season. It was unanimously agreed by the committee that this would be unworkable. Mr. Trower proposed. Mr. Dewhurst seconded, the following addition to rule 16:—"That any member nominating more than the specified number of birds in the respective sections shall have the whole of the exhibits disqualified for the cups." A letter was read from Mr. Tyson for the club's patronage for their forthcoming show; this was put back until July, when all applications will be dealt with. It was proposed that the Hon. Secs. approach the L.C.B.A. respecting holding a club show in conjunction with their annual show. Letters were read from Messrs. Fulljames, Swaysland, Weston, Walsh, Howe, and Hills respecting the classification of the Grossbill and Snow Bunting. A long discussion followed. Mr. Silver brought forward authentic statements by well-known up-to-date authorities, such as Messrs. Kearton, Bowdler Sharp, etc., of the Crossbill's nest and eggs frequently being found in Scotland and Ireland. On the Chairman putting the proposition for the Crosshill to be classed as a resident, five of the committee, and two who voted by proxy, were for, and one of the committee, and three who voted by proxy, were against. On the Chairman putting the proposition for the Snow Bunting to be classed as a resident, it found only one supporter. An amendment on the club's list of British birds was proposed by Mr. Dewhurst: "That the list be left open, with the exclusion of Hawks, Owls, and Ravens." This was seconded by Mr. Cooper. New members elected:—Miss Grace Ashford, Branksome Wood-road, Bournemouth, and Mr. J. Dobson, 14, East-road, N. A hearty vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded the meeting.—PLUMBRIDGE and CARR, Hon. Secs.

DEAL, WALMER AND DIS. F.A.

Annual meeting held in Clarence Hall, under the presidency of Cr. W. H. Redsull. The chairman heartily congratulated the members upon the success of the year's working, and upon the balance in hand, which was larger this year than last, being £9 19s. 4d. on an income of £54 16s. 7d. Their numbers now reached the total of 110 which, compared very favourably indeed with similar societies in the neighbourhood.

A pleasing ceremony was the presentation to Mr. W. A. Darracott, jun., on his retirement from the post of secretary, of a handsome dressing case. In making the presentation, Cr. Redsull spoke of the untiring lahours of Mr. Darracott. They all knew the vast amount of trouble he had taken in the early days of the association's existence, and the members thought they would like to present him with some memento of the time he had spent among them. He was pleased to hear that they would not be losing him entirely for some time yet, but he hoped that when he left Deal, he would carry with him pleasant recollections of the time spent among them.

Mr. Darracott, said words failed to express his thanks for the handsome present they had given him. He should always look back on the time he spent as one of their secretaries as one of the happiest times of his life. Of course, there had been the usual "ups and downs" inseparable from such an office, but on the whole things had gone on very harmoniously. As he expected to be in Deal for some time yet, he should endeavour to do his utmost to further the interests of the society.

Election of officers: Chairman, Cr. W. H. Redsull; Vice-chairman, Mr. A. Atkins; Treas., Cr. A. S. Taylor; Committee, Messrs. S. Baker, G. Bringer, T. Dixon, W. Lacy, C. R. Mowle, S. Smith, W. T. Stoate, W. T. Street, H. Thompson, S. Miller, W. A. Darracott, junr., W. Smith, W. J. Cavell, and Neeve; Hon. Secs., Messrs. M. N. Avis and W. H. Thompson.

Hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mrs. and Mr. Thompson for so generously allowing the use of Clarence Hall for their meetings. Considerable discussion took place with reference to whether the annual show should be thrown open to the whole of Kent or not. Poll was taken, when the narrow margin of six votes decided in favour of an open show. The chairman thought such a small majority was not decisive enough on such an important thing, and it was resolved that a special meeting should be held to come to a definite conclusion on the matter. October 9th and 10th were fixed as the dates.

METROPOLITAN A.C.M. AND H.B.

Meeting on April 11th. Messrs. C. Mabey, W. J. Honeysett, and F. Simmonds were elected members. Mrs. Lesless was nominated for membership. Mrs D. Mabey was nominated as Vice-President. Matters were discussed for the welfare of the Society.

A. J. HEAD, Hon. Sec.

SWINDON F. AND F.A.

Annual meeting held March 30th. The following officers were elected:—Committee: Messrs. Hill, Wallington, Barnes, Sprules, Patterson, Page, Wilkins, Simmons, and Reeves. Treas., Mr. Allsopp. Will other secretaries please note: Hon. Sec.'s, W. Northover and T. Watson, 154, Redcliff-street, to whom all communications should be sent?

CITY OF BIRMINGHAM C.B.S.

At a meeting, held April 3rd, a very instructive lecture on "Yorkshires" was delivered by Mr. A. Paddock. Four new members were elected, and three more nominated for election at the next monthly meeting. The annual Members' Nest Feather Show was fixed for Wednesday, 17th July, Mr. G. Russell, of this town, to judge. The meeting terminated with a hearty vote of thanks to the lecturer.—H. C. WILKINS, Hon. Sec.

READING AND DIS. C.B.S.

Meeting held in Palmer Hall, on April 3rd. It was decided to communicate with a few gentlemen re judge for show to be held end November or early in December next. Mr. G. Packwood gave a very interesting and able paper on "Management in the Bird Room." Considerable discussion ensued. The paper was very much appreciated, and Mr. Packwood was accorded a hearty vote of thanks for same. At next meeting, May 1st, Mr. Wooldridge will give an address on "My Experience as a Canary Breeder."—G. A. CHARLES, Sec.

LANCASTER AND DIS. C.B.S.

Meeting held April 6th, Mr. S. Mulliner in the chair. Show of British birds, Mr. T. Fisher judged. A few good specimens were staged. A judging competition followed. Mr. H. Capstick was the winner. Mr. Fisher then described the birds in the show, and the reason for the awards. Annual show business took up a great deal of time, a good number of the members not wishing to change the date, as we have practically had the same dates since the Society commenced. Preston O.S. have claimed our date, and it being at an easy distance from Lancaster we have decided on November 15th and 16th. Judge, Mr. R. Sutcliffe, Shipley. It is hoped members will turn up for the next meeting, on Wednesday, May 1st, at 7.30 p.m., as a great deal of business respecting the show is left undone.

H. J. BROWN, Hon. Sec.

BRADFORD (EAST) O.S.

Mr. W. A. Cowgill, of Girlington, gave a splendid lecture on the "Management of Canaries," before the members on April 9th. His remarks anent the successful breeding of Yorkshires were full of interest throughout, being a practical review of over twenty years' experience in breeding this variety. He described very minutely the various details through which a fancier has to plod in order to attain his object. Starting with the novice he touched upon nearly every phase of the subject, leading to a full-blown exhibitor. He said that many fanciers were not successful in breeding, because they did not study the individual habits of their birds, which vary considerably. He strongly advised running two hens with one cock, as it gives the breeder more scope to select the kind of hens most suitable to bring forward good results. He also said that novices as a rule were too apt to part with their best birds when offered a tempting price, largely to their own detriment. It was only by keeping the best for himself year by year to breed with, that a man was able to succeed in breeding exhibition specimens. The open-hearted manner in which Mr. Cowgill gave his lecture met with the general approval of those present, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to him for his effort. This is the last of a series of lectures given by prominent breeders, which have proved very interesting and instructive to the members. The meetings have been well attended, a good audience facing the lecturer on each occasion, and the Society feel grateful to these gentlemen who have so kindly come forward and helped us in the process of welding the members more closely together. Three new members were enrolled during the evening and the Society now stands with a membership of forty.—H. HILL, Sec.

WELSH CAGE BIRD CLUB.

Annual Meeting held at the Ship and Bell, Merthyr, on April 2nd. There was a good attendance of members, who displayed the go-ahead spirit which is characteristic of a Welshman and which is excelled by none. The club has had a record year, both in members' subscriptions and cash, as there is a nice little balance in hand to be carried forward. It shows signs of doing even better this year, the members being determined to make the club's influence felt in Wales. The chair was taken by Mr. T. L. Castree. Letters, apologising for non-attendance, were received from Messrs. J. R. Leech, D. A. S. Longden, R. W. Jones, D. Jenkins, and T. H. Melhuish, also a wire from Mr. R. Thomas. A vote of sympathy was proposed to Mr. J. B. Rees, on account of his mother's death; also to Mr. L. Hughes, upon the death of his sister. The committee invited Mr. J. R. Leech to present the medals and cash specials to the winners, but he wrote expressing his regret at being unable on account of previous arrangements. He said that he recognised the good work that the club was doing in Wales, and wished it every success. To assist it he enclosed a cheque for a handsome amount, giving the committee a free hand to use it as they thought fit. It was decided to purchase two cups, to be called the Leech Cups, which will be competed for amongst members. The Secretary was asked to write to Mr. Leech and thank him for his generosity. The following gentlemen were elected:—Dr. G. P. Francis, J.P., vice-president; Messrs. G. T. Jones, R. A. Mills, and S. Jones as members, all from Brecon. The accounts were audited and found correct hy Messrs. A. E. Jones and B. Davies, who commented on the satisfactory way the books had been kept and the balance-sheet made out. Several rules were amended. The deliberations of the committee were upheld hy the meeting. The Secretary read a letter which he received on October 16th from the Llanelly Poultry and Pigeon, Etc., Club, in which the Secretary said that they were joining the Cage Bird Union, and writing that night. The action of the committee in connection with this show was upheld, and no further notice will he taken of the matter. It was decided that all shows receiving our patronage shall agree to admit a delegate, who has been selected to visit the show, and he shall have free access to look after the interest of the members and the exhibits at such show. The committee was instructed to draw up a scheme for holding a Club Show and submit to a general meeting. A vote of thanks was proposed to the officers for their services during the year. The annual subscription remains the same, 2s. 6d. per year, and is now due.—D. H. TEDSTONE, Hon. Sec., 4, George Street, Brecon.

CREST AND NORWICH C.C. OF IRELAND.

A very successful meeting was held in the Avenue Hall, Belfast, on March 26th. About twenty new members joined the club, and paid their subscriptions. Members and fanciers please note our next meeting will he held in the same hall on April 23rd, at 8 p.m. A large attendance is earnestly requested.

JAS. STEWART, Hon. Sec.

359, Donegal-road, Belfast.

ALTRINCHAM C.B.S.

Meeting April 9th, at new headquarters, the Central Cafe, Stamford-street, Altrincham, and a very interesting evening was spent. Mr. T. Brennan introduced a discussion on "Pairing Up," illustrating his ideas with two pairs of Yorkshires. The subject was handled in a very able manner, and brought forward some good sound arguments. Almost every member in the room took part in the discussion. Two new members were made.—TOM HARRISON.

GREAT HORTON O.S.

Monthly show held April 13th. Judge, Mr. H. Kellett. Awards:—CL. OR TICK. YELL. YORKS.: 1, 2, Brayshaw and Jowett; 3, Self. BUFF: 1, Self; 2, Brayshaw and Jowett; 3, 4, Barraclough. UNEVEN MARKED YORKS.: 1, Self; 2, Dean. CINN. MARKED: 1, Self; 2, 3, Brayshaw and Jowett. NOV. CL. OR TICK. YELL. YORKS.: 1, Oliver; 2, Whittaker; 3, Kay; 4, Gudgeon. BUFF: 1, 2, Gelder; 3, Gudgeon; 4, Whittaker. UN. OR FOUL-MARKED CIN. YORKS.: 1, Gelder. A.V. BRIT.: 1, 3, Myers; 2, 4, Barraclough.

S. DEAN, Sec.

LEYTON AND DIS. C.B.A.

Meeting held at the Leyton Constitutional Club, April 8th. Mr. J. Robson lectured on the "Breeding of Canaries etc." An abundance of questions were asked and admirably answered by Mr. Robson, to the satisfaction of every one present. Five new members were given in for nomination. A hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Robson brought a pleasant evening to a close.

B. F. FORSE, Sec.

SOUTHEND AND DIS. O.S.

Meeting held at Alexandra Hotel, April 10th. Mr. A. E. Pattrick in chair. The Secretary introduced the question of keeping an address book (containing the names and addresses of local fanciers who are members of the Society), the said book to he kept in one of the public rooms of the Society's headquarters and accessible to all who care to consult it. The idea was that Southend, being a holiday resort, there would possibly be, during the holiday season, some brother fanciers in Southend. What then is more natural than that they should want to fraternise with us and see the class of bird we have, and how the Fancy in this district is progressing. It was decided to have an address book similar to the one described by the Secretary, with the addition that, opposite each name should be entered the section of the Fancy each member was engaged in. The Secretary also introduced the question of seed and bird room requisites, and pointed out how difficult it was to get a really good seed in Southend, because of the antipathy of the local seed merchant, who either did not care to, or did not realise, the rapid growth of the cage bird Fancy in the district. As for bird room requisites, it was impossible to get what one wanted. To get over this difficulty the Secretary suggested that the Society should buy their own seed and requisites and retail them to its members, the Society to take over the profits, to be used for the benefit of all the members. After a lively discussion for and against, it was decided not to put it to the vote, but to hold it over for further discussion at a future meeting. The Secretary and Assistant Secretary were instructed to visit the local chandlers and ask for samples and prices of seed, and at the same time try to induce them to cater for the cage bird fanciers of Southend. Six new members accepted. Members joining within three months are exempt from the nomination fee.

J. DOBSON, Sec., 42, Queen's-road, Southend.

CITY AND SUBURBAN A.C.B.

Canaries that are Popular, and Why.

Meeting March 25th. Miss M. G. Shepherd, Mrs. A. M. Maher, Messrs. E. Morris and A. C. Cox were unanimously elected members; Messrs. W. Knight and T. Monger were nominated. At the forthcoming Finch Show it was decided to award the judging competition medals to the three members making the highest number of points, and that the public should he invited free of charge. Eight special prizes for the same were announced. Mr. C. E. Truscott was thanked for his handsome special prize for the coming Young Bird Show. Mr. R. L. Crisp expressed his appreciation of the confidence reposed in him in electing him trustee. Mr. J. Robson then proceeded with his lecture entitled "Canaries that are Popular, and Why." Speaking from knowledge gained by visits to shows in all parts of the country and to breeders rooms, the three varieties of Canaries that are the most popular were, he said, the Yorkshire, Norwich, and Border Fancy. The reasons they were so popular were they were more hardy and prolific, not requiring care or experience with breeding, less expensive, not requiring foster parents, more attractive and active looking in appearance; the medium-sized stock birds could he disposed of as songsters, and the hens as feeders, but the one great secret was that no one had the monopoly of these varieties. He (Mr. Robson) was delighted to see the green Canary coming to the front again, because a few years ago it was in the hands of few, hut now they were to be seen outside Liverpool. Crests were practically monopolised by one man, and the exhorbitant prices were a great obstacle to their popularity, as well as the fact of them being indifferent feeders. Lancashires, Cinnamons, and Lizards suffered from confinement to one district, and in the case of the Lizards the preservation of the nest lights and tails, and they being but one year birds, seemed to have a detrimental effect upon their popularity. Belgians were a monopoly in three hands, and the same might almost he said of the Scotch Fancy. A variety coming from one source on to the show bench undoubtedly meant good-bye to its popularity, as others taking it up eventually gave up in despair, unable to make any headway. Canarics to be popular must be bred in every district, and the monopoly done away with. What he (Mr. Robson) complained of was that fanciers would not help one another, that there was a great want of broad-mindedness, and that instead of disclosing their "secrets," they carried them with them to the grave. Such things as monopolies and these secrets tended to destroy rather than elevate the Fancy. At the close of his exposition, which was listened to with great interest, questions were asked by Messrs. Curtis, Wheller, Easterling, Burn, Pooley, Tyson, and Crisp. A vote of thanks to Mr. Robson, who suitably replied, and thanks to the chairman closed a pleasant evening.—V. WYNN, Hon. Sec.

JUDGES OF CAGE BIRDS.

The attention of Show Secretaries is directed to the following list of gentlemen willing to act as Judges. Terms for insertion on application.

A. AMBLER, 17, Lytton Road, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Life experience. 11 years reporter to the Fancy Press.

H. W. AXE, 55, Market Place, Doncaster. Judge of Canaries and other Cage Birds. Practical experience (Norwich and British speciality).

W. O BARLOW, The Aviaries, Malpas, Cheshire. Judge of Canaries, British Birds and Mules. Terms moderate

J. C. BARNES, 149, Duncombe Street, Walkley, Sheffield. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Long practical experience. Terms moderate.

W. P. BARNES, Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Life practical experience. Breeder and exhibitor. Reporter for Fancy Press. Commercial Road, Grantham.

GEO. BENNETT, 46, Wenlock Street, Luton, Beds. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Thirty years' experience. Terms moderate.

W. A. COWGILL, 115, Washington Street, Girlington, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Over twenty years' experience. Terms moderate.

A. G. DAVIS, Judge of all Classes of Cage Birds. Long practical experience. Terms moderate. 110, Tib Street, Manchester.

T. DIXON, Pioneer Terrace, Bedlington Station Northumberland. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Life experience.

J. DOBSON, 14, East Road, London, N. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds.

J. W. DRIVER, (Adnitt & Driver), Gladstone Street, South Normanton, Alfreton. Judge of Cage Birds.

GEO. GARDNER, 11, Haverstock Road, London, N.W. Judge of all kinds of Cage Birds.

C. A. HOUSE, 82, Upper Walthamstow Road, Walthamstow Judge of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds.

W H. LINDLEY, 4, Summer Lane, Wombwell, near Barnsley. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds only.

E. A. LOVELL, 19, Islington Road, Southville, Bristol. Judge of Cage Birds (all varieties). Life experience.

F. MARWOOD, 1, Barnard Street, Thornaby-on Tees, Mules, British and Foreign, a Speciality. 17 years exhibitor. Terms moderate.

W. R. MILES, The Aviaries, Chichester, Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Life experience.

W. MUNDELL, 6, Carlisle Place, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds.

J. NORTH, 435, Oxford Road, Reading. Canaries, British and Foreign Birds. Author of "The Common Sense of Canary Rearing."

J. PATTERSON, Chirnside. Judge of Cage Birds. All varieties. Wide practical experience. Specialist Border Fancy Judge.

J. H. PAYNE, 17, Northgate Street, Gloucester. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Cage Birds.

PARKER ROBINSON, N.B.B. & M. Club, 1, Back Hartington Street South, Barrow-in-Furness. Cage Birds, all Varieties.

J. H. ROE, 167, Clarence Rd., Derby. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Twenty years' practical experience.

WILLIAM J. ROSS, 19, Haulgh Road, Inverness, N.B. Judge of Pigeons, Canaries and Cage Birds. All varieties. Life experience.

C. E. SILK, The Aviaries, Emsworth, Hants. Judge of Canaries and all Cage Birds. Life experience.

HENRY TAMS, Orchard Place, Longton, Staffs. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Birds. Twenty-five years Breeder and Exhibitor.

R. B. TOPE, Hoe Street, Plymouth. Judge of Cage Birds, Rabbits, Cats, and Cavies. Twenty-five years' experience.

J. WILCOCK, 14, Chapel Street, Eccleshill, near Bradford, Yorkshire. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. 25 years Breeder and Exhibitor leading shows.

J. C. WILMOT, 17, Sandhurst Road, Bedford. Judge of Canaries & British Birds. Thirty years experience.

H. WRIGHT (WRIGHT & SON), 84, Heath Road, Norwich. Judge of Cage Birds. Life experience.

SUNDERLAND C.B.A.

Meeting held April 13th, Mr. John Fauer in the chair. Mr. E. Baker (Cowes), and Mr. J. Fountain (Sunderland) become members, which means a round dozen new members. We hold our First Feather Show on July 6th. The classes are two each for Norwich, Cinnamon, Yorkshire, Lizards, Borders, and one each for Crests, Crestbreds, Mules, Linnet, etc., British Finch, British A.O.V.; entrance fee, 6d. Judge, Mr. J. T. Clark. A generous offer was then made by Dr. O. Neal to present a good special for the best exhibit in the young classes. A good discussion arose in respect to novice classes in our Open Show, and we shall be pleased if exhibitors will assist us, as we mean business.—J. GORDON.

W. SCOTLAND N., ETC., A.

Meeting held April 7th, in Nelson's Temperance Hotel, Glasgow, Dr. Manson in the chair. The President presented the Association with two handsome silver cups, one to replace the British Bird Cup, which was won outright at the last show. The other was left to the discretion of the members, and is to be given for best young Canary, Mule, or Hybrid bred in 1907. It was unanimously agreed to record a vote of thanks to our worthy President for his handsome gift. The rules were revised, and new copies will be forward at next meeting. Messrs. R. Gordon, A. Wilson, Jas. McGirren, J. Shields, H. Cockburn, and T. Lindsay were elected members. Mr. John Young, Rutherglen, will lecture at next meeting on "Crests and Crestbreds." New and intending members are specially invited. We have now six silver cups and medals for young birds bred by the members. A syllabus of limelight lectures, "Bird Washing and Cage Making," will he drawn up at next meeting.

GEORGE SMART, Sec., Carmyle, Glasgow.

DARLINGTON C. & B.F.A.

Monthly meeting held at George Hotel, April 10th, Mr. W. A. Simpson in the chair. After the usual business, a washing exhibition was given by Mr. Hawkins and his movements in handling the birds were keenly watched by the members. Mr. Hawkins washed two birds, one with a powder soap recommended for washing birds, and the other with Dobbie's soap. He commenced washing the flights first, then the under part of the body, back, tail, and head last. After rinsing the birds in two lots of water they were rolled in flannel and laid before the fire for ten minutes and then put into the drying cage. Mr. Hawkins explained that he preferred Dobbie's soap, it giving a good lather, and the soap being easily got out of the feathers again. Much credit is due to Mr. Hawkins for the remarkably short time the birds were in his hands and out again. It was decided to hold our First Feather Show on June 29th, and our Open Show on November 2nd, judges for same to he elected at our next meeting night. One new member was enrolled.

R. S. BLACK, Hon. Sec.

SHOW DATES FIXED.

To secure insertion in this column a guarantee that the show will be advertised in "C.B." to the extent of at least 25/- must be sent to our manager.
* Under the Rules of the C.B. Union.

*Oct. 4 and 5.—**Burnley** (J.H.R.)
*Oct. 10.—**Peterborough C.B.A.**
*Oct. 11 and 12.—**Great Harwood.**
Oct 12.—**Broughty Ferry C.B.S.**
Oct 12.—**Crook.**
*Oct. 16.—**Exeter & Devon P.P. & C.B.S.** (J.H.P.)
*Oct. 16 and 17.—**Grimsby & Dis. C.B.S.** (J.C.B.)
*Oct. 16 and 17.—**Hayle & District F.A.** (J.H.R.)
*Oct. 17 and 18.—**Dulwich and Peckham** (J.R., G.E.W., W.V.)
*Oct. 18 and 19.—**Rochdale O.C.** (C.A.H. & W.M.)
*Oct. 18 and 19. — **Newcastle and District Good Intent** (T.H., J.C.B., C.H. and J.P.)
Oct. 18 and 19.—**Accrington & Dis.** (J.R., J.W.)
*Oct. 22 and 23.—**Plymouth W.C.O.S.** (C.A.H., J.R., G.E.W.)
Oct. 25 & 26.—**Chesterfield & Dis. F.A.** (J.C.B)
*Oct. 25 and 26.—**Manchester and Northern Counties, O.S.**
Oct, 25 and 26.—**South Shields C.B.S.** (H.W.B., F.M.)
*Oct. 26.—**Middlesborough Tee-side C.B.S.**
*Oct. 26.—**Coventry O.S.**
*Oct. 26 & 28.—**Cheltenham C.B.S.** (J.HP., J.R.)
*Oct. 30.—**Morecambe F.A.**
Oct. 30.—**Torbay O.S.**
*Oct. 30 and 31.—**Welsh National C.B.S.** (G.E.W., J.N., J.B.E.)
Oct. 30 and 31.—**Wellingborough C.B.S.**
Oct. 30 and 31.—**Wolverhampton C.B.S.** (J.R.)
Oct. 31.—**Oswestry F. & F.A.**
Oct.31.—**Potteries and District C.B.A.** (W.V.)
*Nov 1 and 2.—**Mansfield.**
*Nov. 1 & 2.—**Blackburn C.B.S.** (J.H.R., J.W.)
*Nov. 1 and 2.—**Blaydon-on-Tyne and District C.B.S.** (J.R., J.T.)
*Nov. 2.—**Rochdale Good Intent** (H.W.B., R.B.)
*Nov. 2.—**Bramley O.S. (Leeds)** (J.C.B.)
*Nov. 2—**Cleator Moor F.S.** (C.H. & A.H.)
*Nov. 2. and 4.—**Leicester Hand in Hand C.B.S**
Nov. 2 and 4.—**Norwich Alliance (All England) C.B.A.**
*Nov. 5 and 6.—**York C.B.S.** (J.H.R., H.W.B.)
Nov. 5 and 6.—**City of Wakefield O.S.** (J.C.B.)
Nov. 6 and 7.—**Portsmouth.**
*Nov. 6 and 7.—**Swansea and District C.B.A.** (T.H.M., J.R., D.H.T., J.H.J., A.H.)
*Nov. 7 and 8.—**Greenwich and Deptford** (J.R., J.D.)
*Nov. 8 and 9.—**Preston O.S.** (J.C.B., P.R.)
*Nov. 8 and 9.—**Hinckley** (J.R.)
*Nov. 8 and 9.—**Sheffield and District C.B.S.** (A.A., W.V.)
*Nov. 8 and 9.—**Wallsend & Mid Tyne C.B.A.** (W.P.B., W.M., J.W.B.)
*Nov. 8 and 9.—**Warrington C.B.S.**
*Nov. 9.—**Bo'ness.**
*Nov. 9.—**Stockton-on-Tees & District C.B.S.** (J.B., J.S., J.M.)
*Nov. 12.—**Cambridge and Cambridgeshire C.B.S.** (J.R.)
*Nov. 13.—**Luton** (J.R.)
*Nov. 14.—**Merthyr Tydfil.**
Nov. 15 and 16.—**Blackpool** (J.H.R.)
*Nov. 15 and 16.—**Leeds** (P.R., J.R., H.W.B.)
Nov. 15 and 16.—**Whitehaven C.B.S.**
Nov. 16- **Consett.**
Nov. 16.—**Galashiels O.S.** (J.D., G.F., W.H., J.W.B.)
*Nov. 16.—**Morpeth** (W.V., J.P.)
*Nov. 16 and 18.—**Nottingham** (J.H.P., W.E.G. C.H.)
Nov. 19 & 20.—**Hastings United C.B.S.** (J.H.P.)
Nov. 19 and 20.—**Southend-on-Sea.**
Nov. 20. —**Inverness O.A.**
Nov. 20 and 21.—**Margate** (J.R.)
Nov. 20 & 21—**Northampton Good Intent O.S.**
*Nov. 20 and 21.—**Bristol C.B.S.** (C.A.H., H.N.)
*Nov. 21. **Morriston & District C.B.S.**
*Nov. 22 and 23.—**Bolton & District O. & R.C.S.** (J.T.)
*Nov. 22 and 23.—**Hull** (J.C.B., C.H.)
*Nov. 22 and 23.—**Sunderland.**
Nov. 23.—**City and County of Perth.**
*Nov. 26 and 27.—**Bournemouth and District C.B.S.** (J.H.P.)
*Nov. 26 and 27.—**Derby** (J.B. J.R., J.H.R., J.H.S.)
*Nov. 27 and 28.—**Cardiff and District C.B.S.** (J.H.P. & J.R.)
Nov. 28 and 29.—**Y.C.C. of Ireland** (H.W.B.)
Nov. 30.—**City of Dundee.**
Nov. 30.—**Darlington C.B.S.**
Nov. 30 —**Eccles & District C.B.S.**
Dec. 4 and 5.—**Bristol Fanciers' Association.**
Dec. 4 and 5.—**Weybridge & Dis. F.S.**
Dec. 6 and 7.—**Hartlepools C.B.S.** (H.W.B., J.M.)
Dec. 6 and 7.—**L.C.B.A. (Westminster).**
Dec. 7.—**Cupar, Fife** (E.G.W., J. McL., H.B., P. McQ.)
Dec. 13 and 14.—**Edinburgh Ornithological Open Society.**
Dec. 13 and 14.—**Gateshead & Dis.** (W.V., G.G., J.R., G.E.W.)
Dec. 13 and 14.—**Pendleton and Salford O.S.** (H.W.B., W.B.)
Dec. 14.—**Harrogate C.B.S.** (H.W.B.)
*Dec. 21.—**Seaham Harbour C.B.A.** (H.W.B.)
Jan. 1 and 2, 1908.—**Scottish National C.B.S.**
*Jan. 31.— } **Great National (Crystal**
Feb. 1, 3 & 4. } **Palace) Show**

(Secretaries desiring the initials of their Judges inserted, should forward same on at once.)

RUNCORN and District **Show of Poultry and Cage Birds, Saturday, Aug. 10, 1907.** —Schedules from GODWIN & HARDY, Secs.

FIRST FEATHER SHOWS.

The dates fixed for First Feather Shows are inserted in this column free of charge. Secretaries should notify us of same as soon as decided upon.

May 6 and June 3.—Hull C.B.S.
May 18.—Hucknall Torkard C.B.S.
June 1 and 27.—Bradford East O.S.
June 1 and July 20.—Shipley O.S.
June 12.—Grimsby C.B.S.
June 22.—Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.
June 29.—Rotherham C.B.S.
June 29.— Potteries C.B.A.
June 29.—Darlington C. and B.B.F.A.
July 3.—Bristol C.B.S.
July 6.—Coventry O.S.
July 6.—Ormskirk and Dis. C.B.S.
July 6.—Blackburn C.B.S.
July 6.—Bradford West C.B.A.
July 6.—Sunderland C.B.A.
July 12.—Cumberland Yorkshire C.C.
July 13.—Hartlepools C.B.S.
July 13.—Suffolk C.B.S.
July 17.—Birmingham C.B.S.
July 20.—Wallsend and Mid-Tyne C.B.S.

Mr. A. E. Silk (Whitstable) writes:—I have sold a pair of my stock birds to a well-known Scottish fancier for £8 the pair.

Will Miss Constance Smith, late of 38, Harriet Street. Derby, send her new address? A prize from Uncle Peter has been returned through the post office.

An excellent sample of nesting material, such as is used in the parcels advertised in our columns, reaches us from Mr. Hicks, the Aviaries, Holsworthy. It is most suitable for its intended purpose.

I inserted an advt. in your paper last week for sale of Canaries, and I have had more applications for them than I can possibly answer. CAGE BIRDS is, indeed, a very valuable paper, writes John Fletcher, Grindleford, Sheffield.

Kindly insert the following advt. in this week's CAGE BIRDS. Your paper, as an advertising medium, is better than all the other Fancy papers put together.—M. HARDY (Streatham).

Mr. John Ferguson, Hon. Sec. of the Cumberland Yorkshire Canary Club, writes:—Our Young Bird Show will be held at Whitehaven on July 12th. Mr. J. Nixon, of Maryport, has been selected to judge.

Mr. C. Roehl (London, W.) is advertising in our columns this week an interesting consignment of insectivorous birds, including Blue-headed Wagtails, Blue-throated Warblers, Nightingales, Woodpeckers, Tree Creepers, etc.

Our printer exercised his genius on Messrs. Payne and Wallace's advertisement last week, making them offer "Zebra-rumped Grass-finches." As the well-known Bath firm of importers remark, "People will think we are trying to 'fake' a new species on them!"

Fanciers who are thinking of joining the Norwich Plainhead Club may obtain all the necessary information from Mr. John Raynes, the hon. sec., whose address was inadvertently left out of the note which we published last week. Mr. Raynes's address is 9, Richmond Road, Chorlton-cum-Hardy, Manchester.

In our advertisement columns last week one of Mr. Rudd's testimonials, thanks to the printer, appeared with the date as April 19th, 1907. The testimonial came from Ireland. Our readers will doubtless remark, "Irish with a vengeance!" If March be substituted for April, then the testimonial becomes understandable.

The quarterly balance sheet of the City and Suburban A.C.B., which comes to hand this week, shows the cash assets total the highly satisfactory sum of £23 1s. 11d. The frequent notices sent us by the untiring secretary render comment on the work and progress of the club unnecessary.

Gay indeed are the members of the Bournemouth and District C.B.A. A dinner on April 12th and a ball on April 17th show the local fanciers to be possessed of a desire to enjoy life, and these two social events held at the beginning of the breeding season should encourage the members, and fortify them against any little incidental disappointments.

At the request of Mr. C. A. House, his lecture on "The Lancashire" to the members of the London and Counties A.C.B. has been postponed until Thursday next, the 25th inst. This meeting, to which all fanciers and others are invited, will be held at the "Bay Malton," Great Portland Street, W. (a few minutes' walk either from Portland Road Station or Oxford Circus), at 8.30 p.m.

The result of the first year's working of the London and Counties Association of Canary Breeders is such as to gratify all its members. It has held four shows, each of which has been well supported. The balance in hand is £1 15s. 10d., and with medals, staging, etc., the total assets are £3 16s. 6d. The Association has over forty members, and is in a most flourishing condition, thanks to the good work done by its hard-working officials, and the efforts of that smiling fancier, Mr. R. J. Pretty, the Hon. Sec., whose address is 6, Old Burlington-street.

The paper which Mr. Cutmore gave before the members of our society, on the subject of "British Birds, their Habits, Structure and Colouration," proved of the greatest interest, being far more instructive than the ordinary run of birdy lectures. The 100 or more specimens of birds, eggs, nests, etc., besides several diagrams, which Mr. Cutmore exhibited to show the various organs, and the skins, nests, etc., illustrated very vividly the lecturer's remarks on the protective colouration of birds and of their nests and eggs. Thus writes Mr. G. W. F. Lythgoe, the hon. sec. of the Manchester and Northern Counties O.S.

Messrs. Wrigglesworth and Son, the well-known cage and wire-work makers, of Stonegate Wireworks, York, have sent us their latest price-list, just published, which is one of the neatest and most comprehensive of its kind we have had brought to our notice. It comprises fanciers' pottery, nest-pans, baths, etc., breeding, show, stock and fancy cages, wire, wire fronts, punched bars, and all kinds of garden wirework. The practical value of this price-list is considerably enhanced by the up-to-date illustrations it contains. A copy will be sent post-free to all readers of CAGE BIRDS who send a post-card for it and mention this paper at the same time.

Eccles and District Cage Bird Society will hold their Open Show on November 30th, writes Mr. A. Wheatley, the Sec.

Your CAGE BIRDS Annual is brimful of interest.—Robt. Watson, jun., 56, Market-street, East Glasgow.

Mr. H. J. Knapp has removed to Priory Road, Carisbrooke, and asks that our readers will note the change of address.

Cleator Moor F.S. Show will be held under C.B.U. rules, writes Mr. J. E. Byrne, the hon. sec. I have applied for a license to Mr. Lythgoe, and received the same.

"The Darlington C. and B.B.F.A. have fixed June 29th for the First Feather Show, and November 2nd for the Open Show," writes Mr. R. S. Black, the Hon. Sec.

From Mr. F. Howes, the Hon. Sec., we learn that the Wolverhampton and District Cage Bird Society has decided to join the Cage Bird Union.

The City of Wakefield O.S. have decided to hold their Open Show on Nov. 5th and 6th, write Messrs. Netherwood and Keeley, Secs., with Mr. J. C. Barnes, of Walkley, as judge.

Glasgow and West of Scotland are having an Open Show next November. The last pair Show, held February 26th, and Annual Show, on December 6th, proved very successful.

The Crewe O.S. have decided to extend their radius from three to ten miles inside Cheshire. Fanciers desirous of taking advantage of the same should write to me for information, writes Mr. A. Wilkinson, 49, Vincent Street, Crewe.

At our Open Show, Nov. 22nd and 23rd, and First Feather Show, July 13th, Mr. J. Trengove has been appointed judge. Both events are under Cage Bird Union rules.—J. STRINGER, Sec. Bolton Ornithologieal and Roller Canary Society.

Mr. Alex. Smith, of the Galashiels O.S., writes:—The judges for our show on Nov. 16th are—Scotch Fancies, Messrs. J. Dalgleish, Leith, and G. Fulson, Partick; Borders, Mr. W. Haddow, Hamilton; British, Foreign, etc., Mr. J. W. Bruce, Coldstream.

Mr. A. A. Asbury, hon. sec. of the Hucknall Torkard C.B.S. writes:—We have engaged Messrs. J. W. Driver and Geo. Marshall to judge our show on Nov. 8th and 9th. We have also fixed a First Feather Show for May 18th. Mr. F. Beardall will judge.

At the last meeting of the Mansfield Cage Bird Club, the members, we learn from Mr. W. Roslyn, had to regretfully accept the resignation of its Secretary, Mr. E. W. Booth, whose services must cease owing to ill-health. Mr. Joseph Duckworth, Tennyson-street, will now combine the offices of Corresponding and Financial Secretaries. Illness has been very busy this winter with the members, one old and respected fancier, Mr. W. Barwise, having been near to the "great divide" for many weeks, and is only just getting about again, a mere shadow of his former self. We are sure all fanciers to whom these gentlemen are known will wish them a speedy recovery.

Resignations at Barrow.

Please announce that I have resigned the office of President of Barrow and District Cage Bird Association.—J. WAGSTAFF.

Please notify I have resigned the office of Treasurer for 1907 for Barrow and District C.B.A.—W. ROOKE.

I have resigned the office of show secretary for Barrow and District C.B.A. for 1907.—ANDREW CHERRY.

Hastings United C.B.S.

Messrs. Godden, the hon. secs. of the Hastings United C.B.S., write:—Our Open Show will be held on Nov. 19th and 20th, at the Central Hall, Hastings, the finest room in the town for the purpose, with splendid light and freedom from draughts. Mr. J. H. Payne has been elected to judge. The show will be held under C.B.U. rules.

The Final Tie.

Many readers of CAGE BIRDS are also enthusiastic lovers of our great winter pastime. To-day (Saturday) is the day of the year to followers of the Association code, and many will find themselves in London, intent on seeing the final tie between Everton and Sheffield Wednesday. Should any of them feel inclined for a chat about the Fancy on Saturday morning, we shall be pleased to welcome them at the office of CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet Street, E.C. We cannot promise them champagne and cigars, but we can assure them a hearty greeting.

Fines in Societies.

The North and South Heigham Bird Breeding Society, of which Mr. H. Chettleburgh is Chairman, and Mr. W. Key Hon. Sec., has issued a very handy members' rule and subscription card. One very noticeable feature in the rules is the fines which are imposed for different offences. A member missing two meetings in succession is fined 1d.; 3d. is the fine for not paying the subscription on the night it becomes due, 1d. is demanded from each member absent from a special meeting, whilst for misconduct, or using obscene language, 1d. is the penalty. Some sensitive folks might consider the last penalty slightly inadequate to the offence

SCARCITY OF COLOUR FOOD.

IS THE MARKET CORNERED?

Threatened Shortage of the Deep Red Pepper Pods.

Rumours having reached this office that there was likely to be a shortage in the supply of the vegetable from which the colour food of the Canary Fancy is manufactured, and that as a consequence there would be a great increase in the price of colour food this season, we thought it our duty to make enquiries from the principal vendors of colour food as to the truth or otherwise of the whispers which we had heard. The reasons given were two: One that owing to last season's crop having to be harvested in bad weather the pods were not properly ripened, and therefore the rich, deep red colour so much valued was absent. The other was, it was said that an attempt had been made by one large vendor to capture the bulk of the supply for the English market, and thus create something of a corner. His designs in this respect, however, if ever he had any, seem to have failed, or at least not to have reached the extent which he desired. Had the market been cornered it might or might not have been a serious matter for exhibitors, but anyway it appears this is not to be. Although, as will be gathered from the replies which we have received from the colour food vendors, there is some truth in the rumour as to the shortage, owing to the bad harvesting of the crop, yet there is likely to be little material increase in the price, and that increase not very general or sustained.

If, in soliciting opinions, we should have inadvertently overlooked any dealer in colour food, we express our regret, and trust that we may be favoured with his views in time for our next issue.

I will reply to your enquiry at the end of the week. I have been waiting for samples for two weeks. I suppose there is something in it by the delay. E. PRETTY.

In answer to your query, April 12th, re Colour Food, I am glad to say I shall be able to supply my customers at the same price as previous years, viz., 1s. 7d. tasteless red feed, and 1s. 11d. Hot Natal per lb., and I am informed that there is no prospect of raising the price. J. GOSTLING.

In reply to yours, I beg to state there is a scarcity of peppers for colour feeding. I have, fortunately, bought my pepper at a price that will enable me to sell as last year—viz., 1s. 6d. per lb.—but I have been able to secure only a small parcel, which I do not think will be sufficient for my trade. If I have to buy more at an enhanced figure, I shall certainly have to raise my price. GEO. LECLAIR.

In reply to yours of the 12th I may say that, although from the information that I have received it seems likely that tasteless pepper will be both scarce and dear this season, yet I hope to be able to supply my customers as usual. Although I cannot speak with certainty as regards price yet, I shall not advance my price unless I am absolutely compelled to do so. WM. ERRINGTON.

In reply to yours re colour feed, I think it impossible to form any opinion as to failure of the coming crop. This crop is a quick-growing one, and will hardly be above ground yet. At least half of the feed each season is the leavings of the past season's crop. The harvest is, I am informed, about July. I have no fear of the price being seriously advanced, if at all, and am prepared to fill any orders at the prices in CAGE BIRD ANNUAL advertisement. J. F. SMITH.

In reply to yours, it is hardly correct to describe the crop as a failure. The crop was a fairly good one, but the climatic conditions under which it was harvested were somewhat unfavourable. Most of the pods are slightly variegated in colour, and many are a light red instead of the deep red required by fanciers for colour feeding. These lighter-coloured pods make an ideal yellow feed, and are also useful for salads, pickles, etc. Growers were in many cases unwilling to pick out the perfectly coloured deep-red pods, as in so doing they reduced the value of the remainder. My buying agent could only persuade them to do so by offering a very high price for the selected pods. In November last I secured a quantity equivalent to my entire sales for last season, but owing to the increased demand from abroad for the very best coloured sweet pepper, I cabled my agent to secure further consignments. This he found very difficult to do, but after some weeks' search he secured enough to cover my probable sales for the coming season. He writes that the supply is now exhausted, so I expect it is the late buyers who are feeling it, and report the crop a failure. I have raised my price slightly to the trade, but have decided not to raise the retail prices at present. I do not anticipate any difficulty in supplying my retail customers during the season, but trade buyers must buy subject to the fluctuations of the market. My advice to both is—place their season's orders early. J. W. RAMSDEN.

In reply to yours re colour food, I am informed from the firm in Spain that I import my feed from that the crop has not been so good as was expected, and that the price will be a trifle more than what I paid last year; but I shall sell at exactly the same price. I have now two tons, and if I require more I can get it. I hope to do well with colour food soon, as I buy the best I can come across.
J. WALSH.

Re your enquiry about Colour Feed, there has been a poor crop of pimento, or what I call my Royal Red feed, this season, my people in Spain not being able to supply me with my full order. They have, however, with a lot of extra expense secured me ten tons, this being two tons less than I ordered. There is any quantity of the inferior quality to be had, but not the best, and it has cost me much more than last year. This has caused me to advance my prices this year, but with ordinary luck they will drop again next year. I adviso big breeders to get a good supply before July, for should my supply run out I shall not be able to get any more of the same quality this year. What I have I guarantee to be the very best, same quality as last year, which had such record successes.
T. SANDIFORD.

OUR CANARY BREEDING COMPETITION.

An extraordinary number of people have sent in applications for particulars of our competition and declaration form. The particulars are published in CAGE BIRDS, and the form will not be required till there are results to declare. We are, however, sending the form to all who apply.

Several correspondents have written enquiriug whether the words, "most successful" mean the best average result, and if a novice who has only a pair or two of birds stands the same chance as the one with half a dozen.

We have pleasure in answering these queries in the affirmative. The number of young birds reared must be taken in conjunction with the number of pairs bred with, and editorial discretion will be exercised in each case.

Miss M. Keys (Pimlico) writes:—Where I am working they are not breeding this year, but have offered me a pair of Yorkshires if I like to try. I should like to enter, but cannot afford to buy any birds myself.—I am sorry to say, Miss Keys, you would not be eligible. All birds must be the bona-fido property of the competitor.

Being a Cauary fancier of about six months' standing, I shall feel much pleasure in joiniug your Novice Competition, if you will kindly send me a form. I may say that I have taken in CAGE BIRDS ever since I started the Fancy, and have found it very useful in every way. As I am not a member of any club, could you tell me one of the nearest to us, and will you tell me how I can join one? I shall be more than pleased.
S. B. SMEETON.
Whetstone.

I noto with pleasure your intention of awarding £15 in prizes to amateurs who have never bred a Canary before. With a view to entering this competition, I am taking up the Fancy; but I am rather perplexed on this point:—I am going to spend two or three pounds on stock birds. Now, shall I buy a lot of cheap German birds, which can easily be procured at the rate of three pairs for a sovereign, or act on the advice of old fanciers, who tell me not to breed rubbish, but invest in two pairs of good Norwich birds? If I adopt the latter course, I shall not stand a very big chance for your competition, as the prizes are given for the greatest number of healthy birds reared, irrespective of quality or value. [These words are not ours.—Ed. "C. B."] So, shall I breed for quantity or quality?
B. L. L.

[Breed for both, we should say, as far as possible. B. L. L. will find it easier, we think, to breed successfully with first-class, well-bred Norwich or Yorkshires than he would with German birds. Let him follow his own inclinations.—EDITOR "C. B."]

G. Reynolds (Pendlebury) writes:—My birds are all Norwich. Your esteemed paper has been of great value to me. Re your competition for novices, is a novice compelled to get cage bird club members to be witnesses? I am just outside town, but not in touch with any club members. Yet I know a few men in the Fancy, but not members of any club. Also you could have private names and addresses. If I have to fish for club members to act as witnesses, I should have to hunt Pendleton and Salford up. It would cost me nearly 5s. for railway fares and expenses, as I am certain men would not do it for nothing; and this is an item out of a working man's pocket. Trusting you will be able to remedy this. Allow me to make one remark more re your valuablo CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL. This book contains grand and useful information, and is a book that all bird fanciers should have in their possession.

[Mr. Reynolds need not obtain the depositions of anyone as to his purchasing "C. B." each week. The mere fact that he has the coupon out of each copy while the competition is on will be sufficient for our purpose. Nor is it absolutely compulsory for the witnesses to his results to bo members of a cage bird society, so long as they aro people of good reputa and in an established way of business. —EDITOR "C. B."]

OUR

CANARY BREEDING COMPETITION.

Received by all with enthusiasm. **NOTE! TWO NEW RULES, 5 and 8.**

With the idea of stimulating the interest of outsiders in the hobby of Canary Breeding, and so provoking new recruits for the Fancy, the Editor of "CAGE BIRDS" has decided to offer £28 in Prizes, for the most successful Novico Breeder of Canaries, under the following conditions:—

1. Only Novice Breeders are eligible for the Competition, a "Novice" to mean anyone who has never bred Canaries before.
2. The Prizes will be: **A**, Cup, value £5 (or Cash), First Prize; **B**, Cash, £3, Second Prize; **C**, Cash, £2, Third Prize; and **D**, Five £1 Cash Prizes for the next best in succession.
3. Prizes to go to the "most successful" breeders, meaning those of tho competitors who are most successful in satisfactorily rearing the largest number of healthy young birds during 1907 Canary breeding season now in progress.
4. Tho young Canaries must bo bred by the competitors on or before July 15th, 1907, next. None bred after that dato will bo eligible.
5. All stock birds used must be the *bona fide* property of the Competitor.
6. Competitors must have tho results of their breeding operations attested to by two responsible officials of any recognised Cage Bird Society, or may swear a declaration attested to by two responsible witnesses (form on application).
7. From now till the date of the Competition closing, August 3rd, each issue of CAGE BIRDS will contain a Coupon, and when sending in tho declaration competitors must onclose the whole series of coupons to show that they havo been during the period regular readors of CAGE BIRDS. The second Coupon appears at tho foot of *this announcement*, the first appeared last week.
8. The Editor's decision shall be final.

Secretaries and Officials of Societies are invited to communicate with our Manager, when a scheme of co-operation by which new recruits for their Societies may be enlisted, will be forwarded.

A Prize offered for the Old Hands.

It has been represented to us that though our Canary Breeding Competition is of vast interest to the raw recruit, the absolute novice, it leaves the experienced hand out in the cold. To remedy this we have decided to offer **FIVE POUNDS** Cash, or Cup to full value, at winner's option, to the most successful Canary breeder of any experience. All breeders of one season's experience and upwards eligiblo. Same conditions as for Novices. The Editor's decision to be final.

We also invite the hearty co-operation of all readers in the following "rolliug" scheme:—

THE "TELL SIX" PLAN.

By simply procuring SIX Signatures you may be able to win £6.

The plan is as follows: All you have to do is to tell six of your friends, unrelated to each other, about CAGE BIRDS' great Canary Breeding Competition, and persuade each of them to enter and tell six of their friends about it also. You send in to us the first six signatures to an undertaking to this effect, and if any of the signers aro successful in our Canary Breeding Competition we will award you £1 for each successful competitor nominated by you. If any of the six people you tell fill up our forms as appended with signatures of six of their friends whom they have persuaded to enter, we will award them £1 for each successful competitor nomiuated by them. If two or more people nominate the same successful competitor the nomination prize will be divided amongst the successful nominators. The nomination forms must reach us by May 27, 1907, and the *bonâ fide* signatures and addresses in full of the competitors you have induced to enter must be given in each case. Here is the

NOMINATION FORM.

We, the undersigned, having carefully read, or had read to us, the rules of CAGE BIRDS' great Canary Breeding Competition, agree to enter for the Competition and abide by tho rules of same. We further, each of us, undertake to try and induce six of our friends to enter the Competition and tell six of their friends about it also:—

Full Name and Address.

1. .....
2. .....
3. .....
4. .....
5. .....
6. .....

The above are the *bonâ fide* signatures and the complete addresses of six intending competitors in CAGE BIRDS' Canary Breeding Competition, and I hereby nominate them to win one of your prizes. If any of them are successful I should like my prize money sent to me addressed as under:—

Name .....

Address .....

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Every form sent in, if properly filled up, will entitle the sender, whether a successful nominator or not, to a set of picture postcards, "Dickie in the Dumps."

All forms must bo sent in on or before May 27, 1907.

Now you want to know WHY you should adopt our "Tell Six" plan. We will tell you:

1. It will make new recruits for your hobby.
2. It will teach people to look after their pets better.
3. You may be successful in winning ono or more of our prizes.
4. The friends you persuade to enter may win one or more of our prizes.
5. The friends your friends persuade to enter may win one or more of our prizes.
6. You may be a novice or an experienced hand; you have still a chance to win a prize.
7. If you are a member of a society you may enlist a new member by means of this Competition.
8. Rich or poor—a lot of birds or a single pair—it makes no difference. All have an equal chance.
9. It will take your mind off your business or private troubles and give you a little spare-time recreation of a novel kind with the chance of making a pound or two.

Roughly and briefly these are the benefits of the "TELL SIX" plan. Follow it up for all you are worth and see how much you can win.

You need not necessarily enter for the Canary Breeding Competition to win one of the nomination prizes. It will be sufficient if a breeder nominated by you on one of our forms is successful in winning one of our prizes. That is to say, if he or she is successful you will be successful. If there is any point you are dubious on, write—

F. CARL, 154, FLEET STREET, LONDON, E.C.

Have you a young friend? Induce him or her to enter for our Great Breeding Competition.

Canary Breeding Competition.
APRIL 20th, 1907. Coupon No. 2.

CLUB NOTICES.

No charge is made for notices of forthcoming meetings, but they can only be inserted once. Should secretaries desire to secure immediate insertion of their announcements **exactly as written** they can do so by prepayment at the rate of three words a penny.

Altrincham C.B.S.—April 23rd, at Central Cafe, Stamford Street, Altrincham, 8 p.m. First Feather Show and other important items; members please note new headquarters.—Tom Harrison, sec.

Barnsley and Dis. C.B.S.—April 20th, at Maltsters' Rest, 7.30. Show arrangements.—T. Coward, sec.

Blackburn Linnet Singing Association.—Will all members and friends meet at Blackburn Station at 8.30 a.m. on Sunday, April 28th, for a day's walk through the country? We shall take train to Langa, then to Stonehurst College by Hacking boat, and back through Whalley. It will be a very interesting outing for bird lovers. Everybody welcome. —G. Rostron.

Cinnamon Marked Yorkshire C.C.—April 20th, at Market Tavern, Bradford, 5 p.m. Balance-sheet for 1906; election of officers 1907; members are earnestly invited to attend.—R. Garnett, sec.

City and Suburban A.C.B.—April 22nd, at Church Institute, 60, Paddington Street, Marylebone, W., 8.15 p.m. Essay competition on "Breeding"; 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d. prizes.—V. Wynn, sec.

City of Bradford O.S.—April 27th, at Travellers' Rest, 8 p.m. Very important.—P. Stansfield, sec.

City of Wakefield O.S.—April 23rd, at Victoria Cafe, 8 p.m. Schedule for Open Show.—Netherwood and Keeley, secs.

Crewe O.S.—April 23rd, at Swan Hotel, 7.30. Postponed annual general meeting.—A. Wilkinson, sec.

Derby C.B.C.—April 27th, at Victoria Street Congregational Schoolroom, 7 p.m. Appointment of visiting committees and other important business.—W. H. Bamsey, hon. sec.

Ealing, Hanwell and Dis. F.S.—April 25th, at Mission Hall, Church Road, Hanwell, 8 p.m. Mr. Norcott will lecture on "The Racing Pigeon."—W. Bird, sec.

Federation of C.B. (Ashton-under-Lyne Centre).—April 20th, at George and Dragon, Market Place, Ashton, 6.30. Election of officers, C.B.U., and other important business.—A. Ackroyd, sec.

Glasgow and Western Counties Norwich, Etc., B.C.—April 27th, at Good Templars' Hall, 7 p.m. Show of British birds; (1) Bramblefinch, (2) Chaffinch, (3) Greenfinch, (4) Bullfinch.—J. H. Adam, sec.

Gt. Harwood and Dis. C.B.S.—April 22nd, at Headquarters, 7.30. Messrs. W. Clough and J. Wilson will give a washing exhibition; all fanciers heartily invited.—F. Sharples, sec.

Gt. Horton Good Intent O.S.—April 25th, at Church Schools, 8 p.m. Lecture on "The Breeding Room and its Requisites—Illustrated," by the President, Mr. J. T. Brook; all fanciers invited.—A. Holden, sec.

Green Canary Association.—April 25th, at Oldham Hall, Renshaw Street, Liverpool, 8 p.m. Adjourned general meeting; very important business.—S. Hadwin, sec.

Hoyland and Dis. O.S.—April 27th, at the Clothiers' Arms, 7.30. Open Show.—J. Warrender, sec.

Huddersfield O.S.—April 22nd, at White Hart Hotel, 7.30. Paper by Mr. R. Halliday, "Feeding and Rearing of Canaries"; all fanciers cordially invited.—S. Lodge, sec.

Hyde and Dis. C.B.S.—April 22nd, at St. George's School, 8 p.m. Lecture, "Catching and Treatment of British Birds," by Mr. Matthews, of Hyde.—T. Allsop, sec.

Laisterdyke B.F.A.—April 27th, at Royal Oak Hotel, 8 p.m. Mr. A. Bottomley will lecture on "Breeding and Preparing Birds for Exhibition."—J. Pownall, sec.

Larkhall C.C.C.—April 27th, at Miners' Hall, 6 p.m.—Geo. Kirk, sec.

Leicester C.B.S.—April 24th, at Headquarters, 8 p.m. Guarantees for Nest Feather Show, etc.—J. Beighton, sec.

London and Counties A.C.B.—April 25th, at the Bay Malton, Gt. Portland Street, W., 8.30 p.m. Lecture by Mr. C. A. House, "The Lancashire."—R. J. Pretty, sec.

Manchester and N.C.O.S.—April 22nd, at Deansgate Hotel, 7.45. Discussion, "The Norwich Plainhead," with hints from Mr Sam Cook.—E. Jones, asst. sec.

Metropolitan A.C.M.H.B.—April 25th, at Crown Hotel, Lavender Hill, S.W., 8.15 p.m. Important lecture by well-known authority; all fanciers heartily welcome.—A. J. Head, sec.

Morpeth and Dis. O.S.—April 19th, at King's Head, 8 p.m. General business.—A. Dippie, sec.

N.B.B. and M.C.—April 25th, at 25, High Holborn, 8 p.m. To consider the amendment to open the list to all British birds; members please attend.—Plumbridge and Carr, secs.

North Manchester C.B.S.—April 23rd, at Christ Church Schools, Harpurhey, 8 p.m. Classification of First Feather Show; members wishing to show at above show must pay their subscriptions by April 23rd or will not be allowed to show.—J. Davey, sec.

Oldham and Dis. C.B.S—April 23rd, at Textile Rooms, 8 p.m. Adjourned revision of cup rules, etc.—A. Ackroyd, sec.

Sale Open O.S.—April 22nd, at Sale Hotel, Marsland Road, 8 p.m. "Hints for the Novice in the Breeding Room," by G. F. Hardcastle.—G. F. Hardcastle, sec.

Seaham Harbour and Dis. C.B.B.A.—April 20th, at Station Hotel, 7. To arrange first summer ramble.—J. M. Nicholson, sec.

Stockport B.F.A.—April 23rd, at Boar's Head Hotel, 8 p.m. General Show business.—W. Stafford, sec.

Swansea and Dis. C.B.A.—April 25th, at Oxford College Tavern, 7.30. Table Show; four classes Linnets and Greenfinches, moulted and non-moulted; also a lecture on "Hybrid Breeding," by Mr. Robbins.—Alf. Hitchings, sec.

Swindon and Dis. C.B.A.—April 17th, at Mechanics' Institute, 7.30 p.m. Lecture by Rev. D. P. Harrison, "Some Problems to be Solved, which can only be Solved by Careful Observation of Birds in Captivity."—Jas. T. Edmunds, sec.

Wallsend and Mid-Tyne C.B.S.—April 25th, at Station Hotel, Wallsend, 7.30 p.m. Lecture by T. C. Crawhall, "The Yorkshire Canary: A Beginner's Gleanings."—J. R. Evans, sec.

Warrington and Dis. O.S.—April 25th, at 7.30 p.m. Discussion on "Rearing Young Birds."—J. Emmett, sec

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Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. It kills all insects, harmless to everything else.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

DOUBTS AND DIFFICULTIES SOLVED BY SPECIALISTS.

Queries will be answered under the following conditions:—

(1)—*All questions must be clearly written in ink (or typewritten) on one side only of paper, and must conclude with either the correct name of querist, or a pseudonym, or initials.*

(2)—*The proper name and address in full of querist must always be written on a separate sheet of paper and enclosed with the query. In no case must the address appear on the query.*

(3)—*Queries intended for different specialists must not be written on the same sheet of paper.*

(4)—**Queries must not include or be included in** *orders for books, instructions re advertisements, or any other matter for publication.*

(5)—*The department to which the queries refer must be stated in bold letters on the left-hand corner of the query.*

(6)—*If an answer in the same week's issue is desired, queries must be posted to reach us by* **Monday's first post** *at latest. Queries will be dealt with in the order in which they are received, and only as space permits. The earlier queries are received the better attention they are likely to have.*

(7)—*Queries relating to illnesses of birds, except enquiries as to cause of death (for which see Post Mortems) will be answered by return of post on receipt of a postal order for sixpence and an addressed stamped envelope. Queries of an ordinary nature will be answered by post, if desired, on receipt of a postal order for one shilling and a stamped addressed envelope.*

(8)—*All who require letters of complaint written to advertisers must state grounds for doing so clearly and fully, and enclose a fee of sixpence to pay postage expenses, &c., otherwise their letters will not receive attention.*

(9)—*All queries must be addressed* **the Editor, "Cage Birds,"** *154, Fleet Street, London, E.C. Only queries so sent will be answered. Postcards are not admissible.*

NOTE.—Readers are requested to carefully study past numbers and current issue before submitting questions. By doing so they may save trouble and unnecessary repetition.

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CANARIES.

NORWICH PLAINHEADS.

Answered by J. H. PAYNE.

Hen Commencing to Wheeze.

W.D.—Give your hen, in the drinking water, fresh daily for a fortnight, 15 drops of syrup of tolu and six drops of paregoric, well mixed. Cover her cage over at nights with a warm cloth, and keep her away from any draught. Put a piece of apple between the bars of the cage for her to peck at.

Cock Bird and Young.

W.W.—I suspect that what you took to be "pecking" on the part of the cock bird was only gentle tapping to rouse the youngstere up so that he could feed them. You are not the only one by a long way to be so deceived. I think, now, you had better return him to the hen when the young are fit to take away, and let him stop with the hen through the next nest, unless, of course, you see he is really molesting the young, when remove him at once.

Wheezes at Night.

Billposter.—Give your Norwich cock ten drops of ipecacuanha wine, five drops of paregoric, and ten drops of glycerine in the drinking water, fresh daily for a fortnight, when I think you will find a great improvement in him. If you do not cover him over at night, by all means do so. The temperature of your kitchen will be very much lower in the early morning, unless you have a fire burning all night.

Birds Going Blind.

Easterfield.—The fact of your cock bird being blind in one eye would not have been the cause of the infertile eggs, if, as you say, he was in good health and singing well. I am inclined to the opinion that the open loft door was the cause of the birds going wrong in their eyes, as there was probably a great draught there. Your blind hen will be of no use; and if she is, as you say, totally so, then I should recommend you to destroy her. I do not think your cock bird will go the same way, as I see no reason to think there is any infectious disease. Do not keep your birds in a direct draught, and do not hang any more in the window.

Various Matters.

Markham.—The egg which you damaged, and which you say you broke the shell of, will not be any good, so I should advise you to remove it, as it may probably only get entirely broken, and thus cause the other eggs to get stuck and soiled with its contents. (2) I think the cause of your hen not sitting on the nest is because she is not quite in good breeding trim—that is, not properly broody. Am afraid this nest will be a failure, unless she settled down after you wrote me. I am inclined to think your cock bird is of a mischievous disposition, and I should advise you to take him away when you set the hen next time. Many breeders take the cocks away from many of their hens, but your friend is wrong in advising you always to do so. When they agree thoroughly, and settle down in a business-like manner, I should always advise keeping them together. (3) I am pleased to hear your birds like the rape seed prepared as I recommended.

Young Ones Dying.

Napper Tandy.—It is impossible for me to tell you the cause of your young Canaries dying; but I should fancy it is through the hens ceasing feeding from some cause, perhaps through the changeable weather we have had. I fancy you will be more successful with your next round. Do not sprinkle the maw seed on the egg and bread, but sprinkle on instead a little castor sugar. Let the old birds have as much hemp seed as they will eat.

Behaviour of Cock Bird.

C.K.S.—Your cock bird seems to me, from what you say, to be one of those mischievous ones which most breeders are troubled with at some time or other. I should advise you to take him away when the hen goes to nest next time—that is, unless he has been leading an exemplary life since you wrote, and has not interfered with the remaining eggs or the nest. Your feeding is quite correct. Let your old birds have plenty of hemp seed when they have young.

A Mixed Trio.

Golden Shadow.—(1) From your description of this hen, I should say you had better not place any reliance on her, as she certainly seems to me to be very unreliable. I should put her aside for a month. In the meantime feed her generously, and give a few dandelion leaves two or three times a week. If she does not then settle down and lay a full complement of eggs, I should discard her altogether. (2) This hen, if she hatches out and feeds the young, will no doubt afterwards lay herself, as the feeding of the young will reduce her excessive fatness, which no doubt is the present cause of her not laying. Let her have plenty of green food whilst feeding the young. (3) There is no cure for the bird which you say is blind in one eye, and from what you tell me I expect the other eye will go the same way. It is no doubt cataract.

YORKSHIRES.

Answered by H. W. BATTYE.

A Continuous Moult.

Querist.—Are you sure your bird has not been exposed to some slight draught during either day or night? My advice is, to take him back into your bird room, and try to make sure whether there is any draught, and as a precautionary measure, cut and fix a piece of paper so that it will reach about an inch below the top perches. Let his food be canary seed in the seed hopper, and give for two weeks as much maw seed as he will eat, when I should expect him to have a thorough moult. When he seems to have got rid of most of his old feathers put in his drinking water a few drops of some kind of tonic, such as quiniue, tincture of iron, or chemical food. Do not give the wild seeds. Should the bird go through his moult, he will probably regain his voice, and gradually get into full song. Thanks for kind remarks re answers to queries.

Gone Off in Condition.

New Reader.—Stop egg food for a week or ten days and let the bird's staple food be white canary seed, with just a pinch of maw seed, also a small piece of apple in the wires to peck at. Put a pinch of Epsom Salts in his water (just enough to make it taste) on alternate days, and on the days you do not give the salts, give ten drops of the glycerine and whiskey. Your bird seems to have been fed on too highly stimulating food. Keep him as near the light as you can, but free from draughts, when I think you will find him come much better in health. Then you can give him about half the quantity of egg food you are giving at present, adding a pinch of maw seed and a little moist sugar. In the course of a few weeks your bird will probably be all right, and in breeding condition.

Clear Eggs.

No Name.—Evidently you paired your birds up early, and before the cocks were in proper condition for breeding. Separate them, and feed your cock birds as follows:—Plain white canary seed in seed hoppers, and give one teaspoonful of egg food daily, to which add half a teaspoonful of maw seed. Also give one or two young dandelion leaves daily, and put sufficient Parrish's Chemical Food in the drinking water to make it the colour of red ink. Feed as above until the birds are in full song, when you may again pair them up, with very probably much better results.

Hen Refusing to Sit.

Elroy.—There may be several reasons for your hen not sitting. One may be because you disturbed her too often. Some hens are very shy and nervous with their first nest, and such hens should be set not later than the day they have laid their third egg. The cold nights, however, may have been the cause. Let her have a week's rest by herself, and then pair her up again, and try leaving her eggs with her, disturbing her as little as possible.

Loss of Voice.

G.A.Z.—From what you write, I am surprised your bird will attempt to sing at all, as taking him into a cold shop out of a warm kitchen was calculated to both cause him to lose his voice and to drop into the loose moult as well. You do not say whether you want him to breed, or only for song. You would be all right breeding with him, as he is healthy in other respects. To assist him in recovering his song, mix equal parts glycerine, syrup of squills, and good Scotch whisky, and give ten drops in his drinking water fresh every morning. Continue this treatment for at least two or three weeks, when I think you will find your bird get all right.

Nesting Troubles.

Constant Reader.—In the first place, you paired your birds two or three weeks too early. This pairing up too soon in the year has been condemned so frequently by nearly every writer on the subject for years, that ignorance is hardly an excuse. Still, breeders who do, or ought to know better, will still keep putting their birds together early in March. This early pairing is inadvisable on account of inclement weather, which is sure to come. Some seem to suppose, as soon as they are flattered by a nice day or two, that summer has come. They at once put their birds together, with similar results to yours. In nine cases out of ten, it will pay to wait till the first or second week in April, as if the weather is as cold, or even colder, than in March, the birds are more matured, and in more vigorous condition, and thus have more strength in reserve to help them to withstand any variations of temperature that may occur. Also when the young hatch out they will have at least an hour longer daylight at each end of the day; thus the interval between the last feed at night and the first feed on the following morning will be two hours shorter, and this means much in the way of rearing strong, robust, and healthy youngsters. If you have been letting your hens sit up to the time you see this, examine their eggs before a window, and if they all seem clear, or there is only one dark (or fertile), I should throw them away. If there are two fertile eggs, I would give them to one hen and let her sit them out. If there are no good eggs, let your hens have three or four days to themselves, and then pair up again. Let their staple food be white canary seed, also giving to each pair of birds one good sized teaspoonful of egg food daily, mixing with it fresh twice a day a little maw seed, till the hen has laid her third egg. While the hen is sitting, give, in place of the egg food, half a teaspoonful of good summer rape daily. Treat as above, and you will have a fair chance of success.

CRESTS AND CRESTBREDS.

Answered by W. E. GREEVES.

Colour-feeding Crests.

Novice X.—No; there is no need to colour feed either Crests or Crestbreds for the show bench.

Breeding Crestbreds or Crests.

Roberts.—It would be difficult to say for certain whether or not your hen is Crestbred, i.e., bred from one Crest parent and one Plainhead, the description you give certainly points that way. The overhanging eyebrow is characteristic of the Crestbred, as is also the long feather. Are you not able to find out from the breeder? Whether Crestbred or not, if mated with a Crest it would throw some Crests, but they would be very small, and no use for breeding for exhibition.

CINNAMONS.

Answered by J. NORTH.

Cinnamon Out-crossing.

Chairman.—I have very much pleasure in replying to the two queries which you tell me have given rise to a prolonged discussion amongst the members of your society. (1) No; a Cinnamon son cannot be got from a non-Cinnamon bred mother mated with a Cinnamon coloured father. All the Cinnamon or pink-eyed produce of such a pair would be hens; and all the young cocks would be dark-eyed. But it would be untrue to say that all the young hens would be pink-eyed, for some might come with dark eyes, and if they were variegated their marking would be of the usual dark greenish brown colour. The sweeping assertion that all the young hens would be Cinnamons has got into the records, and the error is occasionally repeated by those who have inadequately studied the subject. Two crosses must be taken before a young Cinnamon cock can be produced. (2) No; no Cinnamon sons can be got from a Cinnamon hen when paired to a cock that has no Cinnamon blood in him. It is beyond the power of a Cinnamon hen to so reproduce her own colour. The dark-eyed cocks from both these crosses will throw Cinnamon chicks when judiciously mated with Cinnamon hens of known pedigree; but the sons of a Cinnamon sire perpetuate the Cinnamon colour more easily than the dark-eyed sons of a Cinnamon mother. Two dark eyed birds may throw a pink-eyed chick; but two pink-eyed stock birds are not likely to produce any dark-eyed progeny.

BORDERS.

Answered by J. PATTERSON.

Pairing.

Mrs. Muir.—From your description the pair of birds seem both in breeding condition, and with a little time may yet live in harmony. No doubt you have a tartar of a hen to deal with, spiteful and jealous, and perhaps she may have given her love to the other cock bird (as you mention two pairs). You have neglected to give me their colour and markings. Spend a little spare time in a corner of your bird room, out of sight of birds if possible, and listen to their "calling." If the hen you had paired up is answering the other cock bird, then they have taken to one another, and I should advise you either to run them together or change the cock bird into another room until the hen and No. 1 cock have become more agreeable, and the hen is sitting. Let the cock bird into the small cage you have the hen in for a few minutes two or three times daily, and if they do have a stand up battle they cannot damage one another in a small cage to the same extent as when they have the length of a breeding cage. Watch how they proceed, and separate them when needed, and I think after a few days she will come round to him. Should they not, you must just run the hen in the breeding cage, and the cock in the small cage; give her a nest to build in, and when once the nesting fever is on her she will call to him. Run him in beside her a few minutes each night and morning until the pairing takes place, then return him back to the small cage. The hen will sit and bring up the brood herself until they are about two weeks old. You can then run the cock back beside her, and he will put her to nest again, and assist to rear the brood, as by this time she should feel kindly towards him. (2) It is customary to pair a yellow and buff together. If your cock is yellow pair him to a buff hen, or vice versa. A green cock and a marked hen would throw greens and heavily variegated. If you want lightly marked young you should pair him to a clear hen, that is, one with no markings. Very pleased to assist you, and welcome you into our hobby.

ROLLERS.

Answered by F. A. LESTER.

Food for Fresh Bought Rollers.

Ignorant.—Your feeding with soaked rape seed is entirely wrong, and is only required where young birds fresh off egg food are in question. The staple diet for your Roller will be two parts German summer rape seed and one part canary; a little of the packet seed you mention will be a change once or twice a week. Knowing the dealer's shop you mention very well, it is kept very hot, and your bird will require being carefully broken to a cooler temperature. Sand must be given in very small quantities, as the bird has been so long without it that he may eat greedily and suffer in consequence. If he does not appear to brighten up shortly give him 10 drops of Parrish's Chemical Food in his drinking water; also give him a little cress or apple now and then. The dealer you bought him off may have had him a few weeks, and I expect he will be a 1906 bred bird.

Roller Out of Sorts.

Reader.—Your bird has possibly caught a cold, which is not to be wondered at considering the changes we are having. Give him in his drinking water 10 drops of whisky for a few days, and then 10 drops of Parrish's Chemical Food. Keep out of draughts, and in any way that occurs to you make a change in his food, his position in the room, and, in fact, any little thing that may rouse him up.

Clear Eggs: Cause and Prevention.

First Nest.—You appear to have done everything that is correct, and yet you have the bitter disappointment of your two first nests being clear. When you read this, take your cock birds in your hands and examine their vents, as I surmise you you find the vent is still well-feathered, and this being so, when the act of coition takes place the seed is diverted and does not enter the vent of the hen. I have to thank our secretary for pointing this out to me, and in many cases I have found this has been the only cause of the failure. There are several other things that tend to the same end, such as not having suitable perches, loose perches, etc. It is not always possible to see the act you speak of; it usually takes place in the early light of the morning, or in the fading light of the evening. However, you will try again, and if the feathers are there, as I expect, get a pair of scissors, take the bird in your left hand, and clip them as closely as you can. It is an easy job if you are careful, and do not lose confidence in yourself.

MISCELLANEOUS CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by "OLD JUDGE."

Canary with Swollen Leg.

Anxious.—Your bird has probably caught himself in the cage wires, and in his endeavour to release himself has strained the muscles of his leg. Soak the leg in warm water for three or four minutes two or three times daily, when dry paint with tincture of arnica, using a small camel hair brush for the purpose. It will be advisable to remove the perches for a few days, and to cover the cage bottom with a piece of soft flannel.

Losing Birds.

Lost seven cock birds in five months. Feeding, the best Spanish Canary seed, and mixed seed. They start by feathers becoming loose and ruffled about neck, go all into a ball, and die in three or four days. Six hens in same room and fed same way are the picture of health.—J.P.

J.P.—Frankly, your query puzzles me. Had the whole of your birds been taken I should at once have thought the bird fever was the cause, but seeing that the hens living under the same conditions are strong and well, that cannot be the cause. The case is a most peculiar one, and the only advice I can give you is to send the body of the next one that dies to our Mr. North for post-mortem examination. He doubtless would be able to give you the cause of death, and also be able to advise you how to remove the contributory circumstances.

Concerning Perches.

W. E. Sweetman—This is a matter upon which there is considerable difference of opinion. Flat, oval, round, and those with oval tops and flat sides all have their devotees. It is, I think, one of those little details of management which call for the exercise of a breeder's powers of observation. As men differ in the size of their feet so do birds, and as all shoes will not suit all men neither will all perches suit all birds. Feet vary in form and size, and the perches should be adapted to them. In a large flight cage it is wise to have perches of varying size and shape. Many cases of "slip claw" are caused by the use of perches which are too large for the young birds to grasp, and thus the muscles of the hind claw never being used become atrophied and useless. Speaking generally, I prefer perches which are oval on top, and flat on the sides, and varying in size from three eighths of an inch in width across the top, and half an inch in the depth of side to half an inch in width and seven-eighths in depth. The wild birds are continually moving from branch to branch, and doubtless do so to ease and rest their feet. A little thought will convince anyone that for a bird to be forced to stand by day and night from one year's end to another upon perches of exactly the same size must, to say the least, not be conducive to its comfort and happiness. It should also be remembered that perches suitable for such birds as Borders and Lizards are not large enough for Lancashires and Crests, whilst the peculiar carriage of the Scotch Fancy necessitates one that is round in shape and grooved or roughened.

Chinese Canary Moulting.

E. China Canary.—Seeing that your bird only arrived from China a month ago, he has not had time to become acclimatised, and having commenced moulting will probably go on for the next seven or eight weeks. Continue the egg food and plain canary seed, and twice or thrice a week give him a little mixed seed, about half a teaspoonful, on the bottom of the cage, after fresh sand has been given him. It would also be advisable to give a little Parrish's Chemical Food in the drinking water each day, just enough to turn the water a rich pink colour. Give a sprig of watercress, and some other kind of green food daily.

Canary with Insects.

My Canary, bought some time since from a shop, seems to be troubled with insects, and is continually picking his feathers, being quite bare on the shoulders; kept in a wire cage.—R.Q.R.

R.Q.R.—In buying birds from shops it is wise to give them a good washing before putting them into a cage. This should be done with warm water and carbolic soap, using a shaving brush. If unversed in the art of washing, you should seek some fancier who would give you a lesson, or purchase some cheap handbook on Canaries. House's "Canary Manual" contains a chapter on washing. It would be the best thing to do even now. In addition to washing the bird, you should boil the cage in the copper on the weekly washing day after the day's wash is finished. Dry it well, and then paint all the corners and crevices with turpentine; also give the perch ends a soaking with turpentine.

Canary not Singing.

R.J.S.—Judging from what you say, your bird has evidently dropped into a soft moult. You must keep him warm and cosy, and away from all draught. Seeing that there is a fire in the room during the day, you should throw a woollen cover over his cage before retiring for the night. Feed on plain canary seed, giving about half a teaspoonful of mixed seed twice or thrice a week. Yes, a rusty nail in his drinking water will be of service, but in preference I should advise giving a little of Parrish's Chemical Food daily, just enough to colour the water a nice rosy pink. If you place a piece of raw fat bacon between the wires it will prove of great benefit to the bird; renew it twice a week.

Sudden Death.

Paired two Canaries two weeks ago, had just started building. Seemed all right on Wednesday, on Thursday cock was dead and hen nearly so; placed her in a warm room and she has come round a bit. Cock very thin, windpipe red and enlarged. Other Canaries in room not affected. Will the hen be all right with another cock.—DOWNHEARTED.

Downhearted.—I should say your bird died from diarrhœa, caused by some irritant in its food. Had it not been that the hen was also ill, I should have thought it a case of wasting or atrophy, but both birds being affected, it looks as though food or water were wrong. Possibly the egg food. Great care is necessary in giving egg food to see that it is fresh. Stale egg food is responsible for the deaths of hundreds of birds each season. I should advise you to let the hen rest for three weeks or a month before pairing her up to another cock. If you pair her now, shortly after her illness, she will most probably die.

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Cock Crouching.

A. Pike.—I don't think you need worry about the bird crouching on his perch. You say he sings well, is lively, and feeds the hen all right, therefore there can be no need for anxiety. If the birds are well and lively as you say, why give Chemical Food? It is not needed. There is no sense in doctoring birds when they are in good health. It is the right way to make them go wrong. Give them sound food, plenty of clean water for drinking and bathing, sand, cuttlefish, and green food, and they should go on all right.

Young Birds Dying.

Clutch of four, three lived till eight weeks, sit on perch in a hall, head under wing, puffing and blowing, and eyes closed. One has died. Their food has been canary seed, with egg food occasionally, cuttlefish, and bath; their bowels do not seem so free as I should like them to be. Had same trouble last year, lost all except one about the same age. Kindly tell me why I lose them, and the best remedy.—S.T. (Clapham).

S.T. (Clapham).—To commence, you paired your birds far too early. The majority of experienced breeders are only just hatching out their first nest, and yet you have young birds over two months of age. By early breeding last year and this, the probability is that your old birds are not so healthy as they should be, hence their young are not very robust, and the recent cold winds have proved too much for them. It may be that you put them too suddenly on to hard food, and thus unable to digest the seed they have not received nutriment sufficient to keep them in health. In addition to the egg food, which you should have given daily and not occasionally, give them a little scalded summer rape each day. In their drinking water mix 30 drops of Fellows' Compound Syrup. It may be obtained from any chemist or drug store.

Hens gone Wrong.

(1) Hen in breeding condition, put with cock, at once huddled up like a ball of wool, have removed her, given aperient, and she is better. Is there a chance of her mating? What was the cause of her going off so suddenly? (2) I purchased two birds as cocks last autumn, they sang, but I thought they were hens, stopped singing, went into moult. One of them is now in splendid feather, and has every appearance of being a hen. Have tried to mate, but there are continual rows. Do you think it any use me trying any longer. To all appearances it is a hen?—H.S. (Rhondda).

H.S. (Rhondda)—(1) It is difficult to say why your hen went suddenly wrong, unless it was due to excitement. Let her rest a week or two and then try her again. The fact that an aperient had a beneficial effect points to her having been too fat and gross. Put her in a large cage, so that she may get plenty of exercise before you pair her up again. (2) Many hens sing, especially when young, and curiously enough singing hens are generally somewhat pugnacious and over-bearing when mated up. Such hens require an extra robust cock, they then settle down, and make the best of mothers. It however, is useless mating them with effeminate or sickly cocks. If the cock seems to be master, leave them together for a while, that is, if you are convinced as to the sex. If you still doubt then try the bird with another hen.

Canary Panting and Squeaking.

Beginner.—Your bird is undoubtedly suffering from asthma, and badly, too, from the symptoms as described by you. I am afraid I can hold out little hope of a complete cure, yet you may considerably alleviate your bird's suffering, and make its life fairly comfortable and happy. Medicate its drinking water by adding to each wineglassful of water ten drops each of tincture of lobelia and paregoric. For a time, say two or three weeks, remove its seed, and in place thereof give one of the prepared foods advertised in our columns, which should be mixed with boiled milk and then have from ten to twenty drops of Scott's Emulsion added to it. Keep the bird warm and away from all draughts. You certainly ought not to attempt breeding with a bird suffering from this disease. If the treatment recommended does not improve matters, write again, giving me full particulars as to feeding, and where bird is kept.

Hen in Trouble.

Pairod birds April 10th. On Friday I found an egg on cage floor. On Saturday she laid in the nest. But this morning, Sunday, she has not laid, yesterday and to-day she seemed to be in pain. Will not sit on her nest, and makes a funny little noise. She seems swollen and inflamed underneath. She is not constipated.—B. J. LAMBERT.

B. J. Lambert.—It is quite possible your hen is suffering from inflammation of the egg passage. Give her one drop of laudanum in three of milk or sweet oil three times a day. Work a little sweet oil into the vent by the aid of a fine camel hair brush. In the place of egg food and seed give her a portion of arrowroot biscuit moistened with boiled milk. Let this be fresh twice a day; if thrice so much the better.

Canary making Noise.

C. Melhuish.—As your bird is strong and vigorous, and the young ones from him are well, why worry? The whistling noise is doubtless due to excitement more than anything else, as you say he only makes it when you try to catch him. However, to be on the safe side, it will be wise to only let him be with the hen for about half an hour morning and night, and when she has gone to nest remove him altogether. She will incubate and bring up the young without him, and you avoid the risk which worries you.

Eggs not Hatching.

G. Reynolds.—It is not usual, but hens do sometimes exceed the fourteen days. Several things conduce to this end, such as extreme cold, the hen not settling down and sitting close at first, or the hen being a little out of sorts and not generating the normal amount of heat during the period of incubation. Very pleased to know you find CAGE BIRDS so helpful. May I ask if you kindly help us by mentioning the paper to your friends? See our Tell Six Competition announced in this issue.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

Thrush not Singing after Nine.

J. C. Smith.—Your letter is a puzzle. I can't for the life of me imagine why your Song Thrush should refuse to whistle after nine o'clock in the morning, and your communication sheds no light on the matter. True, birds hung outdoors commence singing at unheard-of early hours during spring and summer. Perhaps your Thrush is a particularly "early bird," and considers he has "earned his little bit of corn" by the time nine o'clock strikes. Joking apart, however, many birds sing freely early morn and late evening, and are comparatively silent during the middle of the day; especially is this so in the summer-time. But I gather you wish me to understand your bird shuts down completely at 9 a.m., and I must candidly confess that I cannot understand the situation. Is there another Thrush kept near by which has "sung him down"?—i.e., got the master of him so far as singing goes. This sort of thing is unquestionably liable to happen. I was talking only last Saturday with an old bird-keeping acquaintance of mine, and he was complaining that the importation of a fresh Thrush into his street had "killed" his own bird—stopped its song, he meant. The newcomer was a young bird, and a vigorous, masterful singer; after a few "duels" the old bird had "gone sulky" and kept more or less mute. Curious, but true. There is one thing: If you cover your bird over until eight or nine o'clock in the morning for a few days, you will soon see then whether he opens out afterwards.

Jackdaw Poor in Plumage.

Bertram.—Confinement in a cage—unless exceptionally large—would tend to make any Jackdaw get loose in plumage, and ragged. Such birds want opportunity for exercise outside. Pity you cannot make some provision for your bird to take this. Your feeding method reads quite correct. Get some hazeline ointment from a chemist, and very lightly smear the bald places on the head with this daily. If you mean by "sore" wing a wing that is raw, you should paint a little Friars' Balsam over the place. This "stings" a little for a moment or two after being applied, and the bird should be held for a minute or so to prevent him pecking it. Afterwards he will quite likely let it alone, when it will quickly heal.

"Will they, Won't they?"

A. Etherington.—If you had read my answers recently, you would have seen I have stated several times that the Chaffinch has so far only been known to produce Hybrids with the Bramblefinch. A letter from a breeder of such was printed about a fortnight ago in our correspondence columns. Other Hybrids from the Chaffinch have been claimed, but never to the present satisfactorily established. Among them has been the Chaffinch-Canary cross. Hybrids from cock Goldfinch and hen Chaffinch are unknown as yet. This need not necessarily discourage you from trying, however. If no one ever tries we are, of course, never likely to see any. Said to be impossible crosses have been produced in the past, and I am quite sure they will be again in the future. I should certainly like to see a Goldfinch-Chaffinch Hybrid; it would surely be a beautiful bird. You could try a hen Chaffinch with a cock Canary; I should hazard the opinion that this way of mating would be more likely to succeed than that with the sexes reversed. You should have not the slightest difficulty in producing Hybrids from the cock Goldfinch hen Canary mating. Goldfinch Mules, as they are more generally termed, are as common as hot-cross buns on Good Friday.

Birds for Outdoor Aviary.

Aubrey Neave.—I cannot add anything to the answers given in last week's issue on this subject. See replies to "Oiseau," "B. Dpt.," "W. L. Tilley," etc., and choose your birds as therein advised. You say your aviary is 6 ft. by 4 ft. by 10 ft. This is difficult to understand. I should, in the ordinary way, take it to mean 6 ft. long by 4 ft. high by 10 ft. wide (back to front); but these seem curious dimensions. Probably you mean me to understand it is 6 ft. long by 10 ft. high by 4 ft. wide. Taking this to be so, such a place will hold 16 to 20 small birds very nicely, though not with any prospect of breeding results. Don't put any acceptedly pugnacious species therein; or, if you do, remove them at the first sign of damage being done. I might mention that an aviary of this size is best entirely roofed over; any other method you will find unsatisfactory.

Mule Breeding Procedure.

J. Statham.—You are certainly doing right; in fact, are only adopting the method of procedure followed by nine Mule breeders out of every ten. Unless one has full knowledge of the disposition of one's Goldfinch, and confidence in the correctness of his behaviour, it is always best to remove him entirely once the hen Canary settles down to sit in earnest, which, of course, should be on the evening her eggs are returned to her. The Goldfinch may be run with another hen as soon as ever the latter is ready to commence domestic duties. In reply to "Derby" only last week I fully went into all this; kindly refer back. When he should he again put with hen No. 1 must depend on how that lady comports herself. If she favours you with a clutch of clear (unfertile) eggs only, she will be ready for another trial after a rest of seven or eight days, during which period she should be well fed, a little egg food being given daily. If she hatches, then don't begin to think about a second nest until the brood is safe—a bird in the hand is worth two in the next round of eggs, as Shakespeare omitted to remark. Young Mules are more precocious than young Canaries, and can usually feed themselves a day or two earlier. It is always the best plan, however, to let the hen keep steadily on feeding them until they show signs of picking up for themselves. This will happen somewhere about the twenty-second day after hatching. Round about this time young Mules can be safely transferred to nursery cages, or shut off from their mother by means of a wired slide. But if she shows no impatience to commence with the second nest (by plucking the young, or in other quite unmistakable ways) don't hurry to separate them. If necessary, it is possible to part the hen and her young for an hour of a morning or evening, while the Goldfinch is run along with her. It is best not to trust the Finch with the young unless you know him well. Cock Bullfinches are birds fanciers very seldom have any success with as Hybrid producers. I do not know that I can recommend you any "best" bird to mate to him. You might try either a hen Greenfinch, or Linnet, or Canary. But don't build your hopes of success too high.

What Bird is it?

F.W.B.—Black cap, forming a black ring round neck, coming to a patch on throat, and continuing in a line down centre of breast, cheeks white, back and wings green and blue, breast yellowish. This is a broad description of the Great (or Oxeye) Tit. The Blue Tit is not unlike the Great in colour and markings, but is at once distinguishable by its much smaller size and the absence of the black on the head and breast, this being replaced with blue. As regards feeding: Briefly, the species require some good insectivorous food daily, and a supply of canary, sunflower, hemp, and maw seed; also mealworms and other available insect life. They are fond of various table scraps—fat meat, suet, cheese, vegetables—but these things should not be overdone during the hot weather. Berries of many kinds are also relished. They must have plenty of live food whenever it is obtainable, otherwise they are very liable to go "light," when there is nothing for it but to give them their liberty.

Linnet's Erratic Behaviour.

Starter.—I cannot offer any definite opinion as to the cause of the erratic manner in which your Linnet sheds its plumage—at all sorts of unseasonable times, according to your letter. I agree with the other birdie men you mention that it is a "completo puzzle." So far as I can see, no explanation lies hidden in the details you give, which outline quite the usual treatment accorded their birds by Linnet keepers. The fact that the other Linnet you have should behave normally under precisely similar treatment serves to make the matter still more mysterious. On one point your letter is not clear: whether the Linnet was house moulted or fresh caught when you "got it" (as you put it) in October. If the former, then I should say the solution to the mystery lies in the probability that he had not moulted for the current season when you bought him. He might commence to drop a few feathers just before Christmas, and a spell of cold weather would cut this short. Now, when the warmer weather is with us, the growth of new plumage commences again, and the bird proceeds to entirely cast its old (or partially old) coat. Linnet No. 2, having renewed its plumage at the proper season, would not, of course, be affected in like manner. This, however, is pure assumption; you are in possession of the facts of the case, and if my "guess" fits, all well and good. If I fail to score a "bull"—well, we won't be any the worse friends for that.

Old Thrushes Feeding Young in Cages.

Dora.—Yes; the parent Song Thrushes (and Blackbirds, too) will continue to feed their young if the latter are placed in a cage, nest and all, near the spot the latter came from. It is not even necessary to be very precise about last-mentioned item though, according to some tall yarns I have both read and listened to, where the parents have travelled quite considerable distances in order to feed their sequestrated nestlings. The wiring of the cage will need to be fairly open—inch and a quarter or inch and a half wide. I suppose you are in a position to guard against cats or two-legged marauders discovering and making away with the cage or its contents. You could transfer the young Thrushes when from ten to twelve days old—anyway just before they get to that age when interference with the nest causes them to scramble out over the side. Birds so reared would not be anything like as tame as hand-fed specimens, but could soon be got so. It is really quite easy to hand-rear Thrushes. If the parent birds should desert their progeny, indeed, someone certainly ought to be prepared to undertake to do so; it would be heartless to let them starve to death.

Sex of Redpolls.

F. Bennett.—It is exceedingly difficult to sex house moulted Lesser Redpolls. A bird that is a free singer can, of course, be put down a male; but beyond this one has little to work on. You can only go for the deepest coloured bird, the one carrying the densest (blackest) pencilling, and that is densest in colour on the rump. An adult male in a state of Nature can be spotted at once, for he has a rose-tinted breast, and this the female lacks. Both cock and hen have the red on the poll. If your two examples are not house moulted, then I should imagine you have two hens. But the fact that they have as yet made no attempt at breeding is nothing to go by, for the simple reason that it is much too early in the season for Redpolls to think of breeding in captivity. The beaks of Lesser Redpolls are normally yellow, with black streak at the tip of the upper mandible. Feed them exactly as you would a Linnet.

Birdroom and Two Goldfinches.

Bulley.—It is a mistake to have the window facing east to open and not the one facing the other quarter (curiously enough you do not state what quarter). Birds don't like east winds any more than human beings. If you could let iron ventilating grids (to open and close at will) into the south and west walls, the former at bottom and the latter at top of wall, you would have a very efficient means of ventilation, which could be supplemented by the open windows during the heat of summer. Our new book, "Canary Breeding for Beginners," contains some helpful observations on this subject which you would do well to peruse. There is no reason why you should wait until May before pairing up your Goldfinches with the hen Canaries seeing they are, as you say, in full song and with clear beaks. If you mean, however, that one of the Finches has been in a very warm room all winter, and is there now, I certainly should not risk taking this one outdoors until May has turned. He might drop into cross moult, and be spoilt for the rest of the season; it would probably kill him, in fact.

Two Hen Bullfinches.

Constant Reader.—The bronchial syrup you mention is very good, and I should give it a lengthy trial before commencing with anything else. Read the replies to "N.O.W." and "W.D.F.B." last week, and follow feeding advice therein. Simply roughness of plumage is not catching; red mite, of course, are, if they happen to be the cause. You

need not let the two bare places on the wing-butts deter you from pairing up the hen Bullie, providing she is otherwise sound and in high condition. Try anointing them gently and lightly with hazeline ointment for a short time, once or twice daily. Give both plenty of seeding green food every day.

Another Softbill Aviarist.

Beginner.—An outdoor aviary, 6 ft. by 6 ft. by 8 ft., would house 12 to 16 small insectivorous birds comfortably. Yours appears to be very well designed for the purpose, especially if it faces south, as it ought (or south-west). Both ends should be boarded up, and the wire netting will need to be half-inch mesh, if very small species are indulged in. An addition of a foot to the width (making it 4 ft.) would be a decided improvement to the aviary. As regards the selection of its inmates, read the reply to "W. F. M. H." I should avoid the Wagtails (as yours is but a small place), though one specimen might do very well. If you try Creepers, Wrynecks, and other climbing birds, mind you fix up suitable stumps around the place. A few hollow logs, boxes, husks, etc., are also generally appreciated by one or other of the birds.

Goldfinch-Bullfinch Cross.

Winson.—Both Goldfinches and Bullfinches come into breeding condition in due course if correctly fed. Follow the lines laid down in my recent answers, and you ought not to go wrong; I have no difficulty with my own birds. Both species should have plenty of young dandelion leaves, likewise the flowering and seeding heads of dandelion and groundsel, shepherd's purse, and chickweed. Give good feeds of niger and maw seeds to both birds daily, and do not stint the Goldie of hemp nor the Bullie of sunflower, while the latter may have a taste of egg food every day is she shows any liking for it. Some fanciers believe in transferring the eggs to hen Canaries, and some prefer to give the hen Britishers a chance to hatch them and rear the young. When the couples are in cages, the former invariably proves the most certain method, especially with hen Bullies, whom I never found any too reliable. In small aviaries they often behave all right. Should you get young offer all of the above-mentioned seeding green foods freely, egg food (or rich insectivorous food, if the hen Bullie likes it), small mealworms, and sprays off rose or fruit bushes which are infested with smother fly (aphides).

Song Thrush not Singing.

Mavis.—I can only say to you, as I have said to so many in my time, that you do not feed your bird well enough for it to sing. It is not sufficient to buy a packet of somebody's food (no matter if it boasts a thousand testimonials), and give it month in and month out, mixed with just a spot or two of cold water. The food needs properly mixing, and the bird needs insect life in addition. Until you amend your feeding methods you cannot expect the bird to sing; nor do you deserve to have him sing. Proceed on the following lines: Damp the quantity of food required for use with grated raw carrot, or finely chopped tender dandelion, chickweed, lettuce, watercress, etc., according to season, or cold boiled potato, or even a little ripe fruit, varying it as much as possible. Give a few mealworms daily, and any live foods you can get in season—for instance, smooth caterpillars, flies, spiders, wasp-grub, gentles, earwigs, beetles, cockroaches, and the like. A little ripe fruit and various berries, sweet apple, pear, split grapes, orange, red and white currants, banana, etc., straw, rasp, black, privet, elder, haw, etc., berries are also relished. Into the stock food a proportion of preserved yolk of egg (flake) should be well mixed now and again; or a hard-boiled egg; or a little finely-scraped raw lean meat makes a nice change at times, but should not be overdone.

A Linnet Muling Venture.

Novice in Doubt.—There is no reason whatever why you should not be successful with your cock Linnet mated to your buff Yorkshire hen, providing the birds are in breeding condition, and you proceed on the right lines. The end of April is not too late to commence breeding Canaries (read our Yorkshire Canary expert's, Mr. H. W. Battye's, replies to querists for an opinion on the point), and I am quite certain it not too late to commence Mule breeding—it is much more likely to be too soon. To come to the point, I am convinced you paired your birds without finding out whether they were ready for breeding or whether they were not. You can leave a cock and hen together for a year—much more a week—and they still will not show signs of nesting unless they come into breeding condition. Pair your birds up again in ten or fourteen days time, and in the meantime feed them generously. Let your Linnet have a teaspoonful of hemp seed one day, and a teaspoonful of mixed niger and maw seeds the next, in addition to the usual stock mixture, and a liberal allowance of young dandelion leaves and sprigs of chickweed and shepherd's purse. The hen Canary should have a feed of egg food daily, with a teaspoonful of mixed seed one day, and a teaspoonful of mixed niger and maw the next, in addition to her usual seed diet. Let her also have a good feed of young, tender dandelion leaves every day.

Song Thrush with Fits.

Acton.—I am often asked by fanciers the treatment for Thrushes, etc., troubled with fits, and replied to one some three or four weeks ago. I notice the fits always attack birds which, according to my own ideas, are not given sufficiently generous (nourishing) food, and I am always "laying the law down" on this point. This applies equally to your own case; read and learn of the diet the Song Thrush subsists on when at liberty; then ask yourself whether your own menu is an adequate substitute. Feed your birds as I am so frequently recommending. If you must use packet food of the kind you name, then supplement it with five or six mealworms daily; also boiled and chopped snails, spiders, blackbeetles, small earthworms, and all the likely insect life you can lay hands on by way of variety. A little scraped raw lean beef or mutton may be added to the food now and again; or a piece of liver may be dried in the oven and grated, and a teaspoonful or so be mixed in. The fact of it having been off song and subject to fits for so long should be sufficient to at once tell you the bird is hopelessly out of condition. If you amend your feeding methods, it is possible he will recover. It will help you to this end if you mix a half-teaspoonful of tasteless cod liver oil with his daily food supply. It is best to commence with a smaller quantity, and gradually work up to this dose. On alternate days you could put a small teaspoonful of Parrish's Chemical Food into every two tablespoonfuls of drinking water—that is, plain water one day, medicine the next. As regards treatment for the fits, many fanciers have told me of their success when using bromide of potassium. If you immerse a bird's head in cold water for a moment, it usually suffices to end a fit at once. Also drop into the beak three or four drops (not more) of a 10 per cent. solution of potassium bromide, which any chemist will prepare for you. Give two or three drops daily for a time, and at once on any sign of a fit. If you experience any difficulty in catching, etc., the bird to administer it direct into the beak, stir a small teaspoonful of the solution into two tablespoonfuls of drinking water. Don't give the Chemical Food at the same time, however; also allow frequent intervals on plain water when giving the bromide of potassium.

Sample of Canary Seed.

John Fox.—It seems curious, and not a little suspicious, that birds should have died when being fed on the canary seed, and the rest have recovered after you had changed it for another kind. But we do not undertake the analysis of seeds at this office. Such a task requires the services of a professional analyst, whose fee would be a guinea at least, and most probably more. Your best plan would have been to have sent a dead body to our Mr. North for post-mortem examination (see rules), accompanied by a letter giving the circumstances of the case, when he would have at once acquainted you of the presence or otherwise of any irritant poison. The seed looks all right. But I don't feel equal to trying it on any of my own birds. Have laid it down for the benefit of the office mice.

What Bird?—And Others.

A. J. Brown.—I can only conclude that you have a pair of Cirl Buntings. Your description in some parts is not particularly illuminating—as when you say, "top of head darkish streaky"—but, taken all together, it answers closely to that of the species above-mentioned. Cirl Buntings are distinctly local birds, unknown in many parts of the British Isles, and probably more common in the South of England than elsewhere, though far from common even there. Feed exactly as advised another enquirer this week concerning another member of the Bunting family. Have never heard of them having bred in a cage, and very much question whether they would do so. Most Cirl Buntings are too wild in disposition. Fanciers usually have a difficulty in getting them steady enough for exhibition. When newly caught they are not of more than a few shillings' value. I wish you success in your efforts to produce the Blackbird-Thrush Hybrid. Have never inspected anything I felt was at all likely to be this much-debated Hybrid; still, it has often been claimed as bred, and I believe some of the instances have been well authenticated. Have been told of several cases where a Thrush and a Blackbird were mated and nesting out of doors; but the said cases never withstood investigation.

Thrush off Colour.

T. Warden.—Bathe the Thrush's eyes twice or thrice every day in warm water tinged with Condy's Fluid. For two days give an aperient in the drinking water—dissolve as much sulphate of soda as will cover a shilling in every three tablespoonfuls. Afterwards, for a week or ten days, well mix as much flowers of sulphur as will lie on a sixpence in every tablespoonful of the bird's daily soft food. Possibly your feeding is at fault. But you do not say anything on this point. However, I am frequently giving advice on feeding. Do you mix plenty of vegetable food with his soft food every day?

Cock Bullfinch—Hen Canary.

Novice.—Several fanciers have claimed to have produced young from the cock Bullfinch when mated to a hen Canary. Their claims have generally been sceptically received, however, owing probably to the non-success which invariably attends attempts to produce Hybrids from the Bullie male. I myself saw the said-to-be results of one cock Bullfinch and hen Canary mating; but the youngsters struck me as being Canaries purely and simply—pointing to some mistake on the part of the breeder. The fact that your friend's hen Canary mated to a cock Bullie has gone to nest and is sitting on four eggs proves nothing at all. I would like to lay him even money the said eggs are unfertile, providing no other male bird has had access to her. Hen Canaries will go to nest just the same, whether eggs be fertile or unfertile: the proof of the pudding lies only in the eating, which this time means that one should never count his Hybrids until they are hatched. Further, the act of coition may take place (or appear to do so), and eggs still be unfertile. It is full early yet for any cock Bullfinch to be thinking of egg-filling; they are quite late breeders, as a rule.

Birds in an Aviary.

G.C.P.—In an outdoor aviary, 5 ft. long, 7 ft. high, and 3 ft. 6 in. wide, you can certainly keep a few small British birds—say 12 to 15. You would need to keep cats away from the front; they are brutes at jumping on the front and frightening the birds. Roof it entirely over, and board up both ends. As regards making a choice of birds, the smaller seed-eaters alone would be suitable to keep in it all the year round, and for advice on their selection, see three or four replies given this week and last week.

A Trio of Questions.

New Reader.—(1) Crested Mules are not common; but this is only because they are not popular—i.e., few people try to produce them. They are of no more value than ordinary dark Mules. A really good Crested Mule, however, might fetch a crown or two more because of its top-knot. But fanciers can generally find hens likely to throw good crests something better to do than breed Crested Mules. (2) Try your Yellowhammer, which has a cold, with a 14-day course of the following medicine:—Best honey and best glycerine, equal parts, well mixed. Of this, stir one teaspoonful into two tablespoonfuls of water, and give it the bird to drink, fresh daily. (3) Do you mean—let them fly loose in the room? You can do so, of course; but the plan is seldom so successful (never, so far as breeding is concerned) as keeping the various couples in cages. Heat is not at any time necessary for the hardier British birds; neither is it for the hardier breeds of Canaries. If flying loose, it would be doubly unnecessary, if that is possible.

Softbills in an Aviary.

W.F.M.H.—You say your aviary is "about 7 ft. 6 in." But what do you intend to convey by this—7 ft. 6 in. square? Most of the smaller Softbills can be kept together in a decent sized aviary. The Robin and the Great Tit should be barred absolutely, and the Blue Tit and Nuthatch are best not kept with other birds unless in a very large place. Song Thrushes are not usually quarrelsome with other birds, though I don't consider them fitted to be kept with smaller Softbills in confined quarters, for they keep the latter away from the food-troughs, and scare them at other times. By the way, split the food amongst several vessels, and keep these in different parts of the aviary. You can easily get together a charming collection. Stick to the male sex if you can manage it. Were your place larger, this would not matter, though it seems rather cruel, from the sentimental point, to confine the hens, seeing the long journey they have made with a view to propagating their kind. From this list you should find ample choice:—Wheatear, Whinchat, Stonechat, Nightingale, Blackcap, Redstart, Whitethroat, Hedge Sparrow, Bearded and Long-tailed Tits, Wren, Tree Creeper, Wryneck, Grey and Yellow Wagtails, Tree Pipit, Pied Flycatcher, and Woodlark. You will find them expensive to feed, ample live food being a daily necessity, likewise a good insectivorous mixture. If you turn in newly caught birds, you are certain to lose a few through not "getting on" with the soft food mixture. "Meated-off" birds would be much better as regards chances of survival. At any rate, one or two birds freely on food should be in the place before any newcomers are released therein.

Will Redpolls Breed in Cages?

Liverpool.—Redpolls are about the easiest of all British birds to breed with in a cage. They do not often make much fuss about the matter, once well settled down to life in captivity. It is no sure sign of sex, however, that two birds should feed each other. Two cock Redpolls in forward condition will feed one another most industriously; so will two cock Linnets or Goldfinches, etc. Still, it is a good sign, and quite likely you have a true pair. See other remarks on sexing Redpolls in this week's issue. A cage, 3 ft. long, 2 ft. high, and 2 ft. from back to front, makes a rattling good cage to try to breed either British birds or Hybrids in, the good width affording seclusion. Give them an ordinary nest-bag and a supply of charpie for nesting materials. My own Redpolls were very fond of charpie, and built a fine, clean-looking, cosy nest practically entirely of it. They used an earthenware nest pan, but the majority of hen British birds prefer wooden nest-boxes, or Roller travelling cages with the end (or top) and inside fitments removed. They will rear the young on the ordinary seeds, but must have unlimited seeding shepherd's purse, groundsel, chickweed, and the like. In addition, mine also relished soft foods, and egg food well sprinkled with maw seed.

A "Fat" Linnet; also Hybrid Breeding.

Esperanto.—Take my tip, and don't worry about the supposed excess of adipose tissue on your cock Linnet. If he sings and appears otherwise healthy, let well alone; good health is the chief point. I'd sooner be a little too fat than a little too thin myself (it feels much nicer, I'll bet), and I would most decidedly sooner see my birds that way. I have kept a good few birds in my time, and think I can claim to have studied them keenly, and I am very far from being convinced that a sort of Banting diet is correct for them, and a sort of slim waist a prime essential to healthy condition. I don't believe in giving Linnets hemp in their stock mixture; only a feed very occasionally, unless moulting. Linseed also need not now be given, except in very small quantity. His stock mixture would be:—Canary two parts, teazle and summer rape one part each, linseed a quarter part. You are quite right in giving flowering and seedy green foods—dandelion, chickweed, shepherd's purse, groundsel, and plantain cannot be beaten for Linnets, and Nos. 2, 3, and 4 on this list are obtainable during greater part of the year. You can certainly run a cock Goldfinch with a hen Canary for a nest, then (after a rest) transfer him to a hen Linnet for the remainder of the season. This is the right mating to pursue—Goldie cock to Linnet hen—for the production of Goldfinch-Linnet Hybrids.

Aviary Breeding.

H. T. Woolage.—Your scheme is an interesting one, and ought to meet with a certain amount of success in the last few issues I have given at length my opinion on attempts at breeding in aviaries with mixed groups of birds, and cannot add anything thereto. I should say the weakest points in your own scheme are a tendency to get too many birds into each compartment, and a tendency to mix the species of hens employed somewhat too much. A lot of Goldfinch cocks together, too, are pretty certain to squabble; likewise a lot of Greenfinch and Linnet cocks. In all probability, if you halved the number of birds you have planned to use, you would in the end have more success to place to their credit.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S.

Amazon.

Thanks to your reply, my bird is much better, but the looseness is still in evidence every morning. Can you suggest any further remedy?—S. TREWEEK.

S. Treweek.—Glad to note the bird is better. I take it you have corrected your dietary, as advised in my previous reply. Let your bird have as much cuttlefish as it will eat. Give eight drops of tincture of rhubarb direct to the bird's mouth, then, three hours afterwards, let it have the following to drink:—Five drops of aromatic sulphuric acid to one ounce of water for two or three days. Afterwards follow on with directions already given. Cage must be kept strictly clean; it is better to remove voidings at once if possible. If the bird appears in pain, give three drops of tincture of opium direct to the mouth. Continue to give the Chemical Food as already advised. Keep the bird warm and quiet.

Outdoor Aviary, &c.

A. A.—A brick shelter shed is, of course, the best, more lasting, more weather-proof, etc.; but this depends on what you wish to spend. A wooden shed, if made wind and wet proof is equally efficacious; a good plan is to have two thicknesses of boards with a layer of felt between for all walls. In like manner a boiler and hot-water pipes are valuable adjuncts, increasing the range of birds you keep, while you have provision for exceptional extremes of weather. If you have such, see that all woodwork is properly protected in region of boiler, or you may have a deplorable catastrophe. In your case you cannot concrete the whole of your aviary, therefore it will help you but little to have such in your shed. You can make yourself secure against rodents of all kinds by taking wire netting below ground level, as per my previous reply. After soil is well trodden down in your shelter, put three inches of gritty sand on same, rake this over and renew as necessary, and the place should be kept quite sweet. As regards ventilation, fix a revolving cowl on roof, and have a sash to open in the front of aviary for very hot weather, in such position that it will not create a through draught. I have marked up and returned plan. Gold and Bullfinches will agree with your Foreigners, but the Bullfinches make havoc of your bushes by eating the young buds in spring time. Goldfinches and Bullfinches I reared without difficulty when I was a keeper of British Birds. Goldfinches you can treat much as you would Canaries as to extra food when rearing young. My cage was smaller than yours and I reared several broods without difficulty as above; but a continuous supply of fresh green food is important for both these birds when rearing young.

Paradise Whydah, etc.

(1) My bird pants. It is fed on white millet and ants' eggs. What can I do for it? (2) Is Hall's Distemper safe after it has been on about 12 hours? (3) Can I put a pair of Cockatiels out of doors now? They have been in the house all the winter.—J.W.G.

J.W.G.—(1) Diet:—Canary, white and spray millet, ants' eggs, green food, grit, cuttlefish, and water; also several mealworms or other insects (spiders, beetles, smooth caterpillars) daily. Make its drinking water just saline with Epsom salts for one day, providing the bowels are not too loose repeat the dose in a week's time. The insects will help the bird materially at this juncture. You can procure mealworms through our advertisement columns. This bird should be kept warm, free from draught, and below the level of any gas jets. (2) Quite safe. (3) If your locality is a southern one, you can put them out at once, but if it is northern I should wait till the first week in May before doing so, though unless we have an unexpected and very severe spell of weather, they should be safe enough. In our uncertain climate it is best to be on the safe side and wait till the end of the month.

Scarlet Tanager.

(1) What is its value? (2) Are they much use for exhibition purposes? What is their diet and treatment?—T.C.C.

T.C.C.—(1) A newly imported specimen, 12/6 to 15/- each; a steady and acclimatised specimen, in good feather, almost, if not quite, double that price. (2) If in very finest condition, perfect as to toes, etc., and fine and sleek in feather, it should stand a good chance of catching the judge's eye; but of late so many rare species have come to hand, and been shown in good condition, that the well-known but beautiful Scarlet has had to take a back seat for the time being. Of course, this principally refers to the large shows. If in good condition they should always stand a good chance of a card. (3) They need some good soft food mixture (see advertisement columns) or equal parts of crumbled sponge cake, crushed Osborne biscuits, best ants' eggs (cocoons), dried flies, and game meal; well mix and make crumbly moist for use. Also a plentiful supply of ripe fruit, and several mealworms or other insects daily. They are not delicate birds when once acclimatised, but they should not be kept in a small cage; the smallest cage I keep such a bird or pair in is 30 in. by 15 in. by 18 in. high.

Cordon Bleus, etc.

(1) My new purchases are mostly dull, though bright at times. What can I do for them? (2) Have I room for any more in my aviary cage, 3 ft. by 3 ft. by 1½ ft.? (3) If so, what kind would you advise? (4) What diet?—NEW YEAR.

New Year.—(1) These lovely little birds come to hand in a very delicate condition, and very many of them speedily die. I should advise you to keep them for two or three weeks in a cage to themselves, or they may contaminate your other birds. Keep them warm, free from draught, and they may recover, but don't mix them with your healthy stock till they are quite lively and sprightly. Make their drinking water just saline with Epsom salts for one day only, and if you can procure it give a spray from a rose bush that is covered with green fly; of course, at this season this must not be given when frosted; also let them have tufts of grass in flower to pick over. (2) If the cage is cleaned daily you could keep a dozen small birds in it. By the way, all new purchases ought to be placed in quarantine for a few weeks before being mixed with healthy stock. (3) Zebra and Common Waxbills, Green and Common Avadavats. (4) Canary, white, small brown, and spray millet, green food (especially sprays of blighty foliage of a non-poisonous character), grit, cuttlefish, and water ad lib, for drinking and bathing. A few ants' eggs (cocoons), if your birds will eat them, are very wholesome.

Red Cardinals, etc.

(1) Will these breed in an indoor aviary 6 ft. by 5 ft. by 8 ft. high? (2) Will egg food do them any harm?—S. T. HASELTON.

S. T. Haselton.—(1) These birds often nest, but do not often rear their young in captivity, owing to the difficulty of keeping up a supply of live insects for them. Though they eat prepared foods at ordinary times, for the first fortnight of the youngsters' lives they will not touch it, and you must either leave them a good supply in some vessel from which they cannot escape, or give them a supply of live insects (cockroaches, mealworms, beetles, smooth caterpillars, maggots, in fact, almost anything that creeps or flies, save bees and wasps), every one or two hours, from sunrise to sunset. If you keep them with birds that do not require insect food, then you could put in a "Demon" beetle trap half full of cockroaches, and the birds could help themselves, but you must keep up the supply and variety. Also plenty of fresh green stuff. (2) About three years ago, I came to the conclusion that the weight of evidence showed egg to be a dangerous food, and I determined to feed without egg. The result of that experiment has been such that I have never used it since, nor recommended anyone else to do so. A good mixture consists of game meal, dried ants' cocoons (very best), dried flies, dried pupæ, and crushed Osborne biscuits; well mix and make crumbly moist for use.

Budgerigar Ill.

R. De. S.—In addition to seed your bird should have grit, cuttlefish, green food, and water ad lib for drinking. Make its drinking water quite saline with Epsom salts for one day only, and give it two drops of glycerine direct to the mouth for three days. If this does not give relief, get from your chemist the mixture as follows:—Ipecacuanha wine, oxymel of squills, and glycerine in equal parts; take half a teaspoonful of the mixture to tablespoonful of water, and let the bird have only this to drink for a week or ten days, or a little longer if necessary; of course, you will give a fresh supply each day. It should be kept warm and free from draught till recovery is complete.

"Pink and Grey Parrot" Pecking Itself.

McGinty.—You do not say how you have been dieting your bird: improper diet is the cause of the great majority of cases of feather pulling. The proper diet for this bird is:—A mixture of two parts canary and oats, and one part each hemp, wheat, dari, small Indian corn, and hemp. Give, in addition, at intervals, ripe fruit, plain biscuits (dry), and nuts; with regular supplies of grit, cuttlefish, green food; and water three times a day to satisfy its thirst. Do not give sops, fats, or any kind of animal food. It will be a work of time improving your bird. Sponge the bare parts daily with quassia solution. Put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's magnesia in its drinking water for one day, and repeat this weekly for several weeks, providing its bowels are not loose; on the other days (that is, in between) well colour its drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food. You will have to persevere probably for a few months before

much improvement is apparent. You must not use a metal drinking vessel while giving drugs.

Which is the Egg Eater?

W. H. Wheelwright.—Any one of the following: Chaffinch, Crossbill, Bullfinch (both kinds), Starling, and Ortolan Bunting, would be fully equal to the deed you name. The Zebra Finches are cunning little fellows, and will soon learn to build where they can defend and rear their progeny in security, if you provide them with cover, in the shape of masses of twiggy branches, and square nest boxes, with an oval hole (1 in. by 1¼ in.) in front. Do not spare the number of nest boxes—put them in every suitable corner—and I am of the opinion that before the summer is over you will have a small tribe of Zebra Finches disporting themselves in your aviary.

Red-breasted Cockatoo Wheezing.

T. E. Collings.—You will find the correct diet for these birds in reply to "McGinty" in this issue. Get from your chemist the following mixture:—Ipecacuanha wine, oxymel of squills, and glycerine, in equal parts. Put half a teaspoonful of this into the bird's drinking water (two tablespoonfuls), till relief is given. The water should not be left continuously in the cage, but allow the bird to satisfy its thirst three or four times a day. Keep it warm and out of all draughts. Twice a week soak half a teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia into a crust of dry household bread, plain biscuit, or any other absorbent food the bird will eat, so as to keep its bowels moving freely, but not looscly.

Java Sparrows Nesting.

Phyllis Yaldwyn.—Sorry to hear your birds do not behave better, but I think they will settle down a little later. What sort of nest box have they? These birds do best with a square box, say six inches all ways, with an oval hole about 1½ by 1 in. cut in for entrance, near the top of one side. Hang this up near the top of cage, and I do not think you will have any more broken eggs. But you must not be too inquisitive; if you get looking into the nest boxes often to see how many eggs there are and whether they are hatching, this alone will unsettle, cause them to turn out their nest box and begin building over again. Hope you will have better luck next time.

Budgerigars not Breeding.

"Dunno."—I think the sex of your bird is correct, but that she has gone out of breeding for the time being, and that about a month hence she will settle down again all right, and her cere resume its normal colour. Observation should soon decide this for you. Sooner or later, if a true pair, you should catch them in the act of pairing. It is impossible to say with certainty, as abnormalities occur with every species, and we hear of female occasionally with blue ceres, so that in such a case, without having the birds under observation, it is impossible to give a positive reply, but I am of the strong opinion your bird is a female. Two pairs of Budgerigars, providing they have space, frequently settle down to breeding quicker than a single pair; one stimulates the other, but sooner or later, even a single pair in a cage settle down to reproduce their kind. Your diet is satisfactory; give them tufts of grass in flower, when you can procure such free from frost and not sodden with rain.

Breeding in Captivity.

C. Melhuish.—Foreign birds are somewhat erratic as to breeding, except a few of the so-called common, or rather, freely imported species. Zebra and Ribbonfinches, White Java Sparrows Bengalese, the diminutive Diamond Dove, Budgerigars, and Cockatiels may all be accepted as reliable breeders. The following have all bred more or less freely:—Silverbills, Grey and Green Singing Finches, Gouldian, Rufous-tailed Saffron, and Diamond Finches, Bronze Mannikins, Spice Birds, and many others. The most likely to cross with the Canary hens would be:—Alario Finch, Grey and Green Singing Finch, Grey-necked and other Serins, all of which should produce good singing Hybrids, and with the exception of the first-named, also pretty birds: the Alario-Canary Hybrid is very plain, but usually a good singer. You must understand that there is the same uncertainty as to producing Foreign Hybrids that there is in producing British ones. The following purely Foreign Hybrids appear to be obtained fairly readily:—Spice Finch and Bengalee, Spice Finch and Silverbill, Silverbill and Bengalee, and Bengalee and Striated Finch, and several others of closely allied species.

Parrakeets and Finches.

J. H. Adan.—I have, even in a comparatively small and crowded aviary, found the Cockatiel absolutely safe at all seasons, and the same may be said for the Turquoisine, and I believe the Many Colour. But as for the Blossom-head, I should say most decidedly no; in the breeding season they can scarcely be trusted with kindred species. Some individuals are very treacherous during this period and need careful watching, even with other Parrakects as large as themselves. Of course, every rule has its exceptions, and occasionally an amicable pair of this species comes along, as occurs with every other species. I am afraid, generally speaking, Blossom-heads must be relegated to the class that cannot be kept with others of any kind smaller or weaker than themselves.

Budgerigars Going Wrong.

New Beginner.—I do not think either of your hens would have been of any use for breeding; the surviving one will certainly not be any use for two or three months at least. Any young she produced would be weak, puny things. If nothing worse, they were afflicted with what is commonly called "French Moult," and such stock is of absolutely no use, for reproduction at any rate. If your males are sprightly, strong, and well-feathered birds, get two more hens for them from some good strain of aviary bred birds (see advertisement columns), and destroy the one you have. Give your cage a good clean, and put it in your brick house, it will be better there, but arrange it so that it will get plenty of sun and not be in a draught. Hang up four hunks; it is large enough for two pairs. Your diet is satisfactory; give as an extra a tablespoonful of oats twice a week.

Red-faced Lovebirds.

L.G.—These birds mostly come to hand in a very frail condition, and very many of them never get over the hardships of the voyage to this country. Do not leave the water continuously in the cage, but let it satisfy its thirst three times a day. Keep a piece of cuttlefish in its cage, and lightly colour its drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food. Diet: Canary, white and spray millet, grit, cuttlefish, also a piece of ripe apple, fixed between wires of cage, and, when procurable free from frost, a tuft of grass in flower for it to pull about. Till it is in condition it should be kept warm and free from draught.

Mynahs?

T. E. Ryves.—I am in doubt as to what bird you mean. If you mean Mynahs, they require a cage as large as a full sized Parrot's cage, and about the same treatment as to temperature, that is if suitably fed. They will thrive in the atmosphere of an ordinary living room, but they must be kept very clean or they soon become offensive. They should be fed on some good soft food mixture (see advertisement columns), or the following:—Boiled potato, crushed Osborne biscuit, game meal, ants' cocoons, dried flies, and dried pupæ, in equal parts; well mix, and make crumbly moist for use. Ripe fruit, as much as they will eat, live insects, mealworms, and any spiders, beetles, cockroaches, etc., you can catch. It should be trained to take a bath out of its cage, as it makes a rare splash, and it will not keep in health without its bath. A few scraps of finely minced raw meat, also suet, may be given once or twice a week. Fed and treated as above they are healthy birds, and interesting from the facility with which some individuals learn to utter words in a very human voice. If I have not guessed the bird you mean aright, you must repeat your query.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. J. North, 435, Oxford Road, Reading, will examine cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for a reply direct 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post-mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to J. North, with fee. Any sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

Hen Canary.

C. K. Eaton.—This hen died of inflammation of the egg passage. It is a good plan to give some such soft food as bread and milk sop during the egg laying period.

Nursing Hen.

S.D.—The immediate cause of unexpected death was apoplexy, but this was the result of enlargement of liver, and a too generous diet. It is suggested that more green food be supplied.

GENERAL.

Answered by the EDITOR.

A Testimonial (T. T. 8.).—We have duly noted contents of your communication.

Feather Troubles (J. C.).—Your query will be answered by our Mr. J. North in next week's issue.

Cuttings (R. Jolliffe).—Thanks very much for your thoughtfulness.

"Eggshell."—Yes, if you pierce the eggs as mentioned they will be rendered useless.

"Bird World Magazine" (B. H. Clegg).—You will find your question answered in another reply given this week in this column.

Lecture (G. W.).—We will use our endeavours to secure the lecture you mention for insertion in our columns.

Paper for "Bird World" (Mrs. E. G. B.).—Many thanks for a most interesting article. Will certainly utilise.

Order Executed at Last (A. Dolphin).—Glad to hear there has been no necessity for harsh measures.

A Mishap (J. B. Woodhouse).—We much regret the mishap to the plate, and are sending another, which we hope will reach you safely.

Birthday Number for 1906 (J. U. G.).—We have only an odd copy or two of this, but can let you have same post free on receipt of a postal order for sixpence.

Remuneration (G. H. S. E.).—We are extremely obliged to you for your communication, but it is not our custom to pay for mutual help of this nature.

Article on the Blackcap (C. Fairey).—A very thorough and practical article on keeping the Blackcap Warbler, ran through Nos 198, 199 and 200, which can be sent you post free on receipt of 3d—one is a special number containing two plates.

Verdict (F. R.).—It reads very like a case of "hard lines," and we regret your society should have been treated in the manner you were. Thanks for cutting forwarded; also for kind promise of local items, which are always most acceptable.

Alteration to "Bird World" (H. Rees).—Your remarks noted. We have thought the matter well out and see no reason to alter our decision. Sorry to hear that you are still lacking employment, and trust affairs will quickly mend for you.

Foreign Subscription to "Cage Birds" (F. Bouche).—The subscription to CAGE BIRDS for Belgium is from this date 8s. 8d. per annum, postage paid. We are delighted to enroll you on our list and hope you will persuade still more of your countrymen who understand English to join us.

First Steps in Canary Breeding (Lt.-Col. Brodie-Mills).—We agree with you. It was our intention to issue the book simultaneously with CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL, but the printers ordained otherwise. However, it is out now, and a copy has been sent you. We can send you a book on Mule breeding, on receipt of 1s. 1d. post free.

Cuttings, The Shamah, etc. (T. Aitken).—Accept our thanks for your interesting letter and the cuttings, which we shall have pleasure in using as space permits. Your query respecting the "Imperial Bustard" has been referred to Mr. Frank Finn, who will give you an answer in our columns next week.

Enlargement of the "Bird World" (J. G. Taylor).—We are waiting for the first volume to be completed before altering the BIRD WORLD, so that subscribers can have the series in the same form. The number of pages will be increased, but the superficial area of the page will not be greater than at present.

Breeding Cages (W. Munn).—You have mistaken our position in the matter. Our mission is to give readers all the latest information on breeding cages; but we do not make and sell them. Turn to our advertisement columns, and you will find therein the addresses of many good and reliable makers of breeding cages, who will supply to order, any pattern you wish.

Glasgow and West of Scotland (Robt. Watson, jun.).—Why should you think you were getting the cold shoulder? I fear you are but one of many who, alas, are too ready to imagine bias and favouritism where they do not exist. I believe the reason we did not have a report of your Annual Show was because our reporter could not manage to get a catalogue. We publish all reports we receive. Make no mistake about that. I sincerely hope your open show will be a successful one.

"On the Make" (Roland Mein).—You talk arrant nonsense, sir, and have given the matter no thought. If we received the full penny from the newsagent the case would be different, but we get a bare fraction over a halfpenny for our copies, and now on account of trade union developments amongst pubishers' assistants, we are being requested for further discounts. However, we have the workhouse at Poplar, and shall probably have an old age pension, if hard work does not kill us meanwhile.

Several Queries answered by post.

A GOOD START.

SIR,—I have taken CAGE BIRDS for about 18 months now, and am very pleased to be able to tell you I have gained a lot of knowledge from it, as regards Canary breeding. I have eight hens and four cocks. This is my second year of breeding. I have two hens which hatched this week-end seven young out of nine eggs, and have also four hens sitting, while, according to appearances, another will be laying by Tuesday next. Then I have another to pair. I have also taken "Bird World Magazine" since its commencement, and it is a good 3d. If you give anything like extra value for the extra 3d., I shall not grumble. B. H. CLEGG.

THE LINNET IN CAPTIVITY.

I think many are troubled with the same difficulty of steadying the birds. Having kept Linnets now between six and seven years, my experience is that getting them finger tame, as they term it, is out of the question. I have birds now, caged three years ago, almost as unsteady as that of "Linnet on the Brain." They sing well and appear very contented, yet there is not that tameness which we all are wanting to accomplish. In your issue dated March 30th we read "Linnet Fancier's" treatment, which I have tried without much success. Admitting that some are more confiding than others, I am inclined to think still that there is a secret somewhere. For instance, I saw an old Linnet singer open his cage door and offer a tit-bit (what, I could not see) to the bird, which lowered its head to be scratched like a Parrot. On enquiring of him his method, after telling my own trouble, he smiled and said, "You started wrong first off." If some of the leading fanciers would give a few hints, it would make the little brown bird more popular with us ordinary fanciers, who keep them purely as a hobby.

WM. HUCKLE.

CAGE BIRD SOCIETIES AND THE PROTECTION OF MEMBERS.

SIR,—I have read the accounts published by you of the charges against a certain dealer, and feel prompted to bring to the notice of the various societies a rule of the Mansfield C.B.C. which deals very effectively with dishonest people, and is a means of protecting our members from the ways of persons who seem to consider the fancier fair game for their shady practices. The fanciers hereabouts are in a particularly unfortunate position for the sale or purchase of stock. We have no bird market, and there is no really recognised dealer in the town, so that almost all birds have to be bought from or sold to a distance. When we formed our club we found that most of the fanciers joining had, at some time or other, been the victims of some unscrupulous dealer or fancier, and we determined to adopt some means of protecting members. I wish it to be clearly understood that I do not class all dealers alike. Far from it, for I know many dealers with whom it is a pleasure to do business. Some will doubtless read these lines with whom I have had dealings for years, and whose transactions have always been of the most honourable kind, and with whom my relations have ever been of a most cordial nature. But there are others whose dealings seem based on very different methods. The rule I refer to reads as follows:—"It shall be the duty of all members to report to the club any transaction of a fraudulent character that may have occurred to them in their dealings with other fanciers or dealers, and if the members think such a course justifiable, such fanciers or dealers shall have their names entered in a book called the 'Black List,' as a protection to its members." We have had a few cases where the same method of procedure as is outlined in the case published has been tried on one or other of our members, and where no reply could even be obtained as to receipt of birds or otherwise. In these cases a letter from our secretary, intimating that, unless a satisfactory reply was at once received, the matter would at once be placed in the hands of our solicitor, has always led to the recovery of the member's money without legal action being taken. It should be clearly understood that we do not issue this as an empty threat, for we are at all times willing to take up the cause of a member (always supposing that it is just), even to spending the last shilling of the club's funds, and, those being exhausted, to rally round him with a special subscription, to prove that we are in earnest about this matter. If the fanciers mentioned in the particular case in question had been members of a society with a similar rule, they need not have suffered, and I should like to impress on all societies that, by adopting similar tactics, the bird trade would be considerably purged of a lot of the dishonest people who, with alluring advertisement and in other ways, prey upon fanciers, many of whom are unable to afford to make a stir about the matter when they have been "done." The honest, business-like dealer has nothing to fear, and it is not against him that we wage war; but, as far as our society is concerned, we will have none of the other kind, and will see that he gets none of our members' hard-earned money.

W. ROSLYN.

THE PALACE WINNING GOLDFINCH.

SIR,—Mr. W. G. Bull, in his lecture on British Birds, given before the Bristol Cage Bird Society, says: "If any of you saw the last Palace winning Goldie, you will have noticed that he had not a square blaze." Dear, dear! What are we coming to? By the "winning Goldie" I take it he means the first-prize winner, which belonged to me; and, if this is so, how on earth has he arrived at this conclusion? I have had many good Goldies since I commenced the hobby of bird keeping, and have seen many more, but never have I had the pleasure of seeing one with a more square-cut blaze. His winnings are probably equal to (or nearly so) any Goldie that has ever lived, and each time he has been reported on in your valuable paper the following has appeared:—"Perfect square-cut blaze." So, Mr. Bull, you see you have made a big mistake. In his report of the Palace Show, one reporter goes so far as to say that he is an "ideal British Goldfinch," and I feel certain this could not be said of one with a round blaze. Perhaps your Mr. Weston, who judged, will kindly give his opinion. D. G. LEWIS.

[Our Mr. Weston says that in his opinion the 1907 Palace winning Goldfinch would be hard to beat as regards the square cut of its blaze. He thinks it probable Mr. Bull was referring to the 1906 winner, which had not a particularly square under-blaze.—EDITOR.]

TESTIMONIAL TO Mr. D. H. TEDSTONE, HON. SEC. WELSH C.B.C.

SIR,—May I call the attention of the members of the club to a movement that was unanimously decided upon at the annual meeting at the Ship and Bell, Merthyr Tydvil, on April 2nd? All members will agree that Mr. Tedstone has had much hard work while he has been in the office in endeavouring to make the club the success which it is now. It is more flourishing than ever, and has a good prospect; therefore I trust all will put their shoulders to the wheel to work the movement to a success, which can easily be done with every member's assistance. It was decided that a committee should be appointed from various districts, in order to work the movement successfully, each committeeman to have a subscription book, so that he may receive subscriptions; or, if more convenient, members may send their subscriptions direct to me or Mr. J. H. Jones, Ship and Bell, Merthyr. I hope that every member will respond to this appeal, so that we may be able to encourage our most deserving and worthy secretary. The amount (one guinea) collected at the meeting gives us a very good start. The following is the appointed committee:—Secretary, B. Davies; treasurer, Mr. J. H. Jones; committee, Messrs. T. L. Cartree (Aberdare), E. A. Jones (Dowlais), J. H. Jones (Merthyr), D. Jenkins and A. G. Camden (Swansea), F. P. Dymond (Cardiff), T. Oriel (Abertillery), D. R. Jones (Llanelly), H. S. Davies (Llandilo), G. T. Jones (Brecon).

B. DAVIES.

21, Cardiff Street, Abercanaid.

ALLEGED REFUSAL OF MEMBERSHIP THROUGH ASKING FOR PRIZE-MONEY.

SIR,—In your last issue, referring to the above, the sec. states the heading is incorrect. I can prove by letters received from the sec. that the above heading is straightforward and perfectly correct. The sec. says: "The writer knows well why he was asked to resign." The only, and no doubt the correct, reason why they wished me to resign was because I asked for what was honourably due to me—viz., the balance of my prize-money. I honourably won everything in the Canary section under Judge Payne (which gentleman's name I overlooked in my first letter). Now, I am perfectly willing to send in my resignation on receiving a straightforward, satisfactory and correct reason—not because a member of a society asks for his prize-money. Being successful with his ten exhibits I can prove was very disappointing to two or three of the committeemen, whom my first letter refers to as "no doubt disappointed exhibitors." If such so-called fanciers would allow me to publish their names in your valuable paper, and explain why they are "disappointed exhibitors," I should be most pleased to enlighten them of what I am "in the know." Re my challenge, up till to-day, I may advise your numerous readers that this has not been accepted. I will leave it for your readers to think whether they consider it is jealousy on the part of a few members of the society, or if they think they are acting straightforward in wishing me to send in my resignation as a member without a reason (which I particularly asked for through your columns). Would the sec. care for me to send the letters, he sent me, to the Editor for publication, also mine in answer to his? If so I should be most willing to do so, and then allow readers to pass their opinions. Having been proposed as a member, and paid my subscription, I consider myself still a member of the Bath and Dis. F.A. until they give me a satisfactory reason to the contrary. I am certain of my birds being again in the prize-list some day.—G. E. LANHAM.

THE KEYSTONE OF THE C.B.U.

SIR,—With all the letters criticising rule 17 of the C.B.U., which is the most vital rule I have not noticed even from its most bitter opponents any suggestion which could be taken as an amendment to it. It would be of much greater benefit to all fanciers if those who object to rule 17 could suggest something to take its place—that is, to protect, not coerce, the fancier—and which would enable the C.B.U. to force an open show committee to act honestly to the exhibitors without having to go to the County Courts.

SYDNEY L. COCKS.

SIR,—Mr. Ramsden accuses me of attempting to evade the point at issue. He repeats that the Palace Show was held under C.B.U. rules, although I pointed out that nothing to the contrary had been stated. Mr. Ramsden purposely misquotes my statement, in order to make it appear untrue. He says that I distinctly stated that the C.B.U. "exempted" the Palace Show from rule 17 because they (the Palace) would not have it. If he cares to look my letter up, he will find that the word "exempted" was never used, neither was my allusion made to the late Palace Show. By using "exempted," he makes it appear that my statement referred to the late Palace Show. The word I used was "exempts," which gives my statement a totally different meaning. I based my statement on the remarks made by Mr. Ramsden at the delegates' meeting, and what I wished to point out to fanciers was that, no matter how members of the C.B.U. voted for rule 17, if it did not agree with the Palace company, they would not have it, for Mr. Ramsden distinctly stated that the Palace Show "will be open to all." Therefore, my statement is quite correct. Perhaps I should have used the words "will exempt" to make my meaning more clear. Now, Mr. Ramsden, can a society holding a show "open to all" conform with rule 17? I think that I have again proved that I do "confine myself to facts within my knowledge."

WM. REID.

PROPOSED NEW SOCIETIES.

Heywood and District C.B.S.

SIR,—A meeting of fanciers was held on Ap. 9th, when it was decided that a Society be formed, to be called the Heywood and District Cage Bird Society. Twenty-two members associated themselves in the effort, "and paid." A first feather show was arranged, and there is every indication of great success attending the fixture. The next meeting will be held on April 23rd, when Mr. James Lee, of Rochdale, will address the meeting.—R. D. MCMURNO, Hon. Sec., 27, Market-place, Heywood, Lancs.

Handsworth and Dis.

SIR,—As there does not seem very much headway made with the West Bromwich proposed society, why not try a society for the Handsworth and district fanciers? I have noticed a few letters in one or two recent issues, and I think there are not the fanciers in West Bromwich to take the matter up as there are in Handsworth and district, because we could probably draw them from over the border to join us. Most likely the following gentlemen, who have written on the subject before, would take it up again—viz., Mr. Lewis, Mr. Key and Mr. Green. I do not mind which of the two societies I myself support, but I should prefer the one for my own district. I would thank anyone else in this district interested on the subject for a reply. J. H. JENNINGS.

16, Cornwall Road, Handsworth.

THE POINTS OF AN EXHIBITION LINNET.

SIR,—I am pleased to see that Mr. Marwood admits some of his remarks re Exhibition Linnet may have been misleading, and my reason for again trespassing on your valuable space, Mr. Editor, is that his ideas, even in their amended form, are still, I think, far from being the correct ones, especially when he still contends that the Linnet should have a light throat continuing down centre of breast, and running off to dirty white at vent. Mr. Marwood kindly advises me to study my back numbers of CAGE BIRDS, so that then I shall be better able to judge if such a bird as he describes would have a chance if shown in good company. I respectfully beg to inform Mr. M. that I do not require to turn back to study them. I have done so from the first number issued, and thereby gained, along with practical experience, such knowledge that enables me, and, I hope, without appearing arrogant, to advise the British Bird novice when selecting a Linnet for exhibition, to discard all birds with light throats and breaks down centre of breast. For the other points of an exhibition Linnet, let them turn to Mr. W. G. Bull's description given to the members of the Bristol C.B.S., and published in last week's CAGE BIRDS, with every word of which I agree. Mr. Marwood contends that a bird "fairly erect." with a good chest, should always stand in front of the short, chubby Norwich type, although the latter may excel in colour and markings. Now, what does the standard say Mr. M.? Shape and position 10 points, markings 20 points, colour 15 points; that is, 35 points against 10. This does not square very well with your ideas, does it? I also think that you are very much mistaken when you suggest that Messrs. Houlton and Battye favour the light throat. I have exhibited and won under both those gentlemen, and have also seen a large number of Linnets that they have placed in the money, but I have never yet seen them favour the light throats. Further, judging by the class of Linnet exhibited by Mr. Maddison at the Leeds Show, held October, 1903 (Mr. Battye, judge), I should not think that he does this either.

F. KING.

THE ART OF SOLDERING.

SIR,—Your correspondent, J. A. Y., asks me to tell him how to use a soldering iron. I will with pleasure. First file the copper bit to the required angle, then heat your iron fairly hot, and with an old file carefully clean the part to be tinned. Put some resin on a flat surfaced stone (a stone door step will do, but it must be dry and free from grease) melt the resin with the tool, next melt some solder into the resin, rub your soldering iron in this mixture, as though you were trying to sharpen it on the stone, and the solder will adhere to the copper bit. When soldering, use a clear sharp fire, and avoid letting your iron get red-hot, as this, and a smoky fire (sulphur) will remove the tinning; if this should happen, proceed as before mentioned.

THOS. SOAR.

SIR,—Seeing that one of your readers is anxious to gain a little information as to how to tin a soldering iron, or, to be more correct, a copper bit, and as the writer has had several years' experience as a tinman, being daily called upon to solder all sorts of articles, in tin, iron, copper, brass, etc., possibly it would not be out of place if I were to give a few practical hints to those who are desirous of learning the art of soldering, which is an interesting and at all times a useful art, when once properly learnt. In order to affix the solder on to the face of the copper bit we require a flux for the purpose. There are several of these fluxes upon the market, namely, resin, spirits of salts, and soldering composition fluxes. Resin is not of much use generally, and then spirits of salts is an evil-smelling and troublesome liquid to meddle with, as it has to be "killed" by cutting up, and putting some small pieces of zinc in it, until the poisonous liquid ceases to boil or effervesce. The writer does not admire spirits of salts as a good soldering agent, as it soon leaves a rust mark if not quickly rubbed or washed off the article. The writer himself, who is employed in a large factory, has for some years used a soldering flux known as "Baker's soldering preparation, or flux," and which is obtainable at all good ironmongers in 6d. and 1s. stone bottles. By using this liquid, soldering is quite easy and delightful, it will not rust, and it is always ready for instant use. Used with care, a small bottle of it will go a long way, and it should be always kept well corked when not in use. We pour out a little of the liquid, say half an egg-cup full, then get our soldering iron and file it with a medium rough file on each of the four sides of the copper bit, say about ½ to ¾-inch from the point, according to the size of the bit. Having got it fairly bright, we put it into a clear part of the fire, and let it get hot there. On no account must we let it remain quite long enough there to get red-hot, as that spoils it and takes all the good qualities out of the copper. A little practice will soon determine what is the exact heat required for the soldering iron. Having got our soldering iron sufficiently warm enough, something just below red heat, we dip the point of it into the egg cup of flux, and afterwards put the point of the soldering iron on to a piece of solder; if it melts the solder, turn the handle round a little, so that the four sides or faces of the soldering iron gets a chance of having some solder upon them. Dip again the point of the soldering iron into the egg-cup and put it again on the solder, and once again into the flux and solder; you should now have a beautiful tinned soldering iron. When soldering any article, make a little brush with a few hairs taken out of the soft household broom, and tie them with cotton or twine to a piece of stick. Cut off the hairs with a pair of seissors about a quarter of an inch from the end of the stick where tied. Then if you wish to solder a hole in a kettle, or any wires together for a cage or anything else, just brush a little of the liquid out of the egg-cup on to the article, get your soldering iron warm enough, dip it into the flux, and then with it in your right hand and a piece of solder in your left, melt a little solder on to the desired spot and slightly work it in with the point of the soldering iron a little, especially if the spot is a rough one, or has not been previously tinned or soldered. In soldering any metal article, it is an excellent rule, at all times, to get the spot as bright as you can which you wish to solder; use a little emery paper, or scrape with a knife or scraper, but be sure to get it bright, as that is half the battle in soldering anything. In soldering any rough iron, after having got it as bright as you can get it and having put some flux on it, rub or work the hot soldering iron with a little solder back and fore upon the part to get it warm, then put more flux on it and a little more solder, repeating this process time after time with the soldering iron, flux and solder, until you get it satisfactorily soldered. That, in brief, is an explanation of the art of soldering, which can be easily learnt by those who wish to do many little jobs for themselves. A well tinned soldering bit, a clean surface, a little practice and much patience, will soon make you a good hand at the art of soldering.

G. H. S. ESHELBY.

SIR,—Procure one pennyworth of rock sal-ammoniac, which can be obtained at nearly all chemists and ironmongers. File the required place on soldering iron smooth, heat to a good heat (not red hot), hold iron on sal-ammoniac with a little solder. This will be found a simple and good way. By filing iron smooth it enables anyone to do work much neater and quicker.

LINEMAN.

SIR,—Being an ardent reader of CAGE BIRDS, and seeing J. A. Y.'s query for tinning a soldering iron, I take the liberty of describing the process for him. First file the copper end of the soldering iron quite clean, and heat it until one can just bear it being held half-an-inch from the face. Then procure an old tin with some killed spirits of salts in, and put some small pieces of solder in an earthenware or clay saucer. Having heated the iron, dip the end in the spirits and then roll it round in the solder until it melts and adheres to the iron, rub quickly with a piece of old felt until the solder on the iron looks bright and smooth. The iron will then be ready for use.

A. T.

SIR,—J. A. T. wants information on above. I have had every success as follows:—Clean tip of iron with a smooth file, heat to a dull red, then dip in zinc chloride. Place a piece of solder on a clean piece of tin and, while the iron is still hot, allow it to pick up some. Then dip the tip again in zinc chloride, and it is ready for use. After tinning it is only necessary to dip the iron in zinc chloride after each subsequent heating. Zinc chloride is made by dissolving scrap zinc in spirits of salts. Use a glass or earthenware vessel. You can pour off the solution or not as you wish. Three rules to remember when soldering:—(1) Have close, clean joints, well moistened with zinc chloride; (2) have iron hot and well tinned; (3) have the parts to be soldered securely fixed, so they cannot slip when applying the iron.

H. W. S.

THE BOLDNESS OF HAWKS.

SIR,—The following incident I thought might interest your readers as to the boldness of a Hawk. It was sent by Mr. T. Lanceley, of Malpas, Cheshire, to a weekly paper the other day. He says:—A few days ago I was out cycling, when I saw quite close to me a large brown Hawk. I thought at first that it was wounded and unable to fly, and got off my bicycle intending to catch it. I was much surprised when I discovered it had a Starling in its claws. I went towards it, but when I was about 10 yards away it flew a little way off, dragging its prey along the ground with it. I followed, came within a few yards of it again, and saw that its face and beak were covered with blood. I then frightened it, and it dropped the Starling, which had apparently been just killed and was bleeding at the neck. While I was examining it, the Hawk flew round and round over my head. I went a little way off, and the Hawk again seized its prey; when I followed it, as I had done before, it dropped the Starling. The head now was nearly bitten off. I again went a little way from the Starling, and the Hawk returned, but this time seized its prey, soared into the air, and was soon out of sight.—ALBERT SMITH.

THE NORWICH PLAINHEAD C.C.

SIR,—As a member of the above club, I am sorry to learn that the number of members are falling off. I think it is quite time we rallied round and supported judges who are specialists in this breed. The all-round judge is at fault a good deal, for I find he generally goes for size and colour, or vice versa, omitting type completely. I have seen such at several shows, and have been fairly disgusted at the judging, when seeing a long-barrelled bird standing first and special, and often a typical bird, which perhaps looked a little smaller, out of the cards completely. As there is a standard, why not keep to it? It is all right to go in for big 'uns, but we want typical birds, and not long rough ones full of colour, such as we see winning at the present time. In fact, I have some of fair size and typical, but I have to pick my birds to suit the judges, or else it is of no use sending them out. This shows you also the state of things. I bought from a noted exhibitor a Norwich cock about four years ago for a stock bird. He informed me that I must not show him under a certain judge, but he would win under the others; so he did, and in the money every time out. Why cannot all the judges stick to the proper fixed standard, and not go by their own individual taste?

J. M. WILLIAMS.

THE SPOOK ALBINO LINNET.

SIR,—During the bird-catching season it is my habit to take a ramble into the country occasionally on fine Sunday mornings for the purpose of coming across the usual catchers, and purchasing a few Linnets—the pick of the plums if possible. On the morning in question I had arrived at the old place by the drinking hole, not to see there my usual friends, but two rather disconsolate colliers just picking up their tackle ready for home. "Well, chaps," says I, "what luck? Ow't to sell?" "Nay," says one, in rather awe-inspiring tones, "I'll niver cop another bord at Sunday as lang as I live. We've just copped a white 'un wi' pink 'ees, and when it wor on't hedge it sang like t' nightingel. When I hed it i' my hand it fair talked tul us, so I let it go, and believe me, mate, I made up my mind I'd niver come ketching again at Sundays, nor I weant orther." My friend can prove the accuracy of this story. My only regret is that I did not arrive half an hour sooner, to try the effect on this tender spirit with a good-looking coin, that might have made me the possessor of the Angelic Albino Linnet which had struck terror into the heart of the humble catcher. May his conscience for ever feel easy, and Frank (of Bradford) will wish him luck.

F. W. S.

THE SQUARE FEATHER CONTROVERSY.

SIR,—Having attended the two meetings held to consider the disqualification of two Green Canaries at the Palace Show, I should like to give my views on the matter. I have kept Greens for three years, but never had any idea there were such things as square feathers until after the Palace Show, when I went through my stock and found only one of my birds had these feathers. He is a very heavily-variegated bird, two years old, and not a show specimen. I produced this bird at the meeting on April 4th. Since then he has gone into a moult, and on examining the feathers which he had shed I found some exactly like those which the Greens were disqualified for. I enclose you a few, and should like you to reproduce them in the next edition of CAGE BIRDS. My opinion is they are chewed by the bird itself. I am now alluding to those with the little "nicks" in them, and, if the cause is ever found, I am absolutely certain that this will be the verdict. Those feathers which are square at the ends are perfectly natural, and are caused by a slow moult. The bird these feathers came from is not a show specimen, and I should, therefore, have no motive whatever for trimming his feathers—a thing which I shall never stoop to do, not even in the hope of getting the coveted 1st prize at the Palace, which so many exhibitors think a great honour. This fact points out that these feathers are there by no fault of my own. Say this bird had been a very grand show bird, and I had shown him at the Palace, I should have been disqualified for trimmed feathers. I should have been branded a faker, and also have the knowledge that I had never cut a feather in the bird. This is precisely the same feeling Messrs. Clayton and Stewart have. If the Council of the C.B.U. only do the thing that is right, they will decide against the decision of the judge at the coming meeting, and clear the names of Messrs. Clayton and Stewart, who, I am certain, are two very honest exhibitors. If the judge had done the thing that was right, he would have put the birds down according to the extent of the disfigurement. I hope my letter will be read by those who will sit at the coming meeting, and make a good impression on them—so much so that they will decide in favour of the exhibitors.

C. A. FISHER.

[We had not sufficient time at our disposal to get a drawing of the feathers sent.—ED.]

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NOTES ON THE TANAGER IN CAPTIVITY.

SIR,—Reading the very interesting articles on "The Treatment and Housing of Foreign Birds in Captivity," I should like to know if it is not a fact, that most of the Tanagers particularised in this article never come into the English market? At any rate, it has only been my pleasure to see a few. I should like to see more of these lovely birds amongst, and in the care of, our Foreign bird fanciers. I think the common idea is that Tanagers cannot stand the cold. I have Tanagers that have stood the severe test of this winter without the slightest artificial heat, and I have also 25 of these beautiful birds flying loose in my outdoor aviary—comprising Superbs, Blue, Olive, Brown, and Scarlet (the latter in both sexes)—and these have not had any heat. During the past month, the thermometer has many times registered 36 degrees, and probably during the night has passed freezing point, yet I have not had a single loss from these outdoors. I received these birds in exceedingly rough plumage, but at present all are getting in the pink of condition, whilst several are in the finest exhibition form. All are in perfect health. I have my own particular method of feeding them, and probably this has much to do with their condition. I crush and mix my own soft food, which consists of nine different ingredients. I have discontinued the use of hard-boiled egg some time now, and my birds seem all the better without it. The daily menu of this little collection is:—½ lb. of my food; 8 oranges; four bananas; 100 mealworms. It may interest many to know that I have one Brown Tanager that is very fond of canary and millet seeds. I see him daily eating from the seed hoppers placed in the same aviary for Giant Longtailed Whydahs and Ruddy-shouldered Cowbirds that are flying with the Tanagers. It is a charming sight to see these birds perched on the branches under the open portion of their aviary. Granted, I close them in the covered portion at nights, or during very wet or exceptionally cold, windy days, but even yesterday (Thursday, April 11th) they were in the open having a rain bath. The fact remains, that they are outdoors, and are the healthier for it. Before I put them out, I had several deaths, but have not had one since. I should like to know if other fanciers have tried a similar experiment with their birds? I write this letter purely to show fanciers that even the delicate foreigners can be acclimatised to our changeable open air life. Anyone passing through this town can see for themselves the birds enjoying their freedom—or, rather, their freedom from cages. O. MILLSUM.

Swindon.

THE NORWICH PLAINHEAD AT BOLTON.

A Difference of Opinion.

SIR,—We have perused Mr. Bancroft's letter on the above subject, and before passing any comments on it, we must confess that we cannot see how he can construe our letter to be "sheer audacity and cheek," after so plainly asking for all he got by his extraordinary boastful lecture. Assuming that, as he says, he has never given us cause for complaint by his talk (which, however, we still hold to, as we have not been told by merely one person but by several; but, as we have no wish to draw anyone else into this controversy, we will for the moment let same pass), we should think that his lecture is quite sufficient provocation for our letter, and therefore have no excuse to offer. We can, and have, put up with a lot (whether true or untrue Mr. B. should know best), but, at any rate, we have now got something tangible to work on, and which he cannot very well deny. As to his letter, he has (as we anticipated) glided over the important parts, and also (as we expected) denied that he intended to imply either us or our birds in certain parts of it. We may be a little thin skinned, Mr. Bancroft, when we took it that you included us in the term "novice recruits," but there is no doubt whatever as to whom you refer to when you say "nice little Norwich." We are not the only ones who have put the same construction on this. If the lecture was not meant for us what was his reason for saying, "Any other firm in Bolton, etc." We are the only firm exhibiting in Bolton and district; so if that did not mean us, who does it mean, and what was his reason for making the special effort to include "firm"? As for the saying, "That people who live in glass houses should not throw stones," does Mr. B. not remember saying to a certain party that we should have to be careful what we said when we read the paper on the Yorkshire Canary (which was read the meeting before Mr. B. read his paper)? Does he not think it would have been better if he had himself taken the advice he offered to us? We have no objection to Mr. B. giving as many lectures as he wishes, but he must not draw odious comparisons, and refer either directly or indirectly to us, or to our birds; if he does, he must be prepared to see an effusion (as he calls it) from our pen. With reference to the number of years he has been breeding, we may say that our first season was 1897. We may also say that we are not aware of, and emphatically deny, that we ever went to him for advice. There are older and more experienced fanciers in Bolton to whom we have been and still (when necessary) go to for advice. As a matter of fact, and to show how long this matter dates back, we closed our bird room to him over six years ago, through some talk which was at that time going on, and have never admitted him since. He refers to the statement made by "the brother John" (as he terms him) at Bury. If Mr. B. will look at the back number of "C.B.," containing the article, he will see that he said that: "They had been breeding, and he thought he might say exhibiting successfully, the Norwich Plainhead during the last ten years"—— not "for," as Mr. B. states, and what we said then we say now. As a matter of fact, we have not been exhibiting Norwich for the last ten years, and have never said so; we have, however, been breeding ten years. This is not the first time Mr. B. has referred to this, and we make this "confession" in the hope that it will relieve his mind. What we said in our lecture at Bury was the truth, and he will remember we did not need to draw comparison in order to make it appear that we were the only people in the district capable of speaking on the Norwich Plainhead. Just another point. About the attendance of our Mr. John Hopkins at the meeting at which Mr. B. read his lecture. Does he (Mr. B.) think that he (Mr. J. H.) has no more sense than to say anything which would have resulted in a lot of talk, and maybe a general row? We still deny Mr. B.'s claim to be champion exhibitor in Bolton and district. In 1905 Mr. B. showed at the principal shows in amateur classes. How does his "hotter competition" come in here? We were in the champions, and then won more prizes than he did. Last season we have been to practically the same principal shows (only more), and have come away with more prizes than he has. Where does his "hotter competition" come in here? Of course, we know his reply. But, if some of our wins were with natural colours, we had some in the colour fed classes, and did as well there as Mr. B., in proportion. The natural colour classes, too, are open to everyone, and everybody has the same chance. Mr. B. had a natural colour hen at the Scottish National, but it did not come off. Why? Because, so he says, it was not washed. Does he expect us to believe that a breeder and exhibitor of his so-called experience would send an unwashed bird (at nearly the end of the show season) to a show like the National? As regards exhibiting bought birds. If Mr. B. will only refer to our former letter, he will see that we said with the exception of one. By this we, of course, meant the yellow cock we got from Mr. W. Vardy, and which we exhibited also in 1904 (if Mr. B. will look at show catalogues) as well as 1905 and 1906. The Scottish National selling class bird he mentions we do not count as a win. We claimed this bird at Wigan out of the 12/6 selling class; exhibited it a short time after at the Scottish National in a 30s. selling class of twenty-three birds, where it won (as Mr. B. says), and was afterwards claimed for about 33s. We think this is quite as good a performance as Mr. B.'s 15/- selling class bird, at the same time showing our "abilities or astuteness as buyers" (as he terms it), and being able to "tell a good bird when we see one." We have, however, never boasted about the win, and do not count selling class wins. With the exception, therefore, of the yellow cock mentioned, we have bred all the other birds that we show. Has Mr. B. now, or has he ever had as many birds which have won prizes in open Norwich classes (not selling or members' classes) as we have at the present time, which birds he either saw or read about in show reports last season? The yellow hen is the only bird he won with last season in open Norwich competition (besides the two bought birds). Again, even if we did only win our first money prize with a Norwich Plainhead in 1902 or 1903 (as he states) may we ask when he won his first money prize? With the exception of a few British (principally a Magpie) we cannot find he won any money prize until 1905, and then with a bought bird. So if his claim to be champion exhibitor of Norwich Plainheads in Bolton and district is not "sheer audacity and cheek," what is it? We still maintain that the yellow hen is the best bird he has ever bred, and should like to see "the many grand birds which we have never seen or heard tell of," as he puts it. Mr. B. would only have been too delighted to have told everybody about them. As to our yellow hen, which he said he beat at Altrincham: this hen has done as much winning as his, in the keenest competition (including two N.P.C. Cup shows last season), and would, in all probability have done more, only she has the misfortune (as is fairly well known) to be a little delicate. As Mr. B. knows, she had the hard luck to be overlooked at a show we sent her to just before Altrincham, and was not unpacked until late in the afternoon of the show day, and was consequently thrown quite out of condition for Altrincham. We may have made a mistake in entering her; and it appears that Mr. B. intends to take advantage of it. If our memory serves us well, the first birds Mr. B. won with in open competition were with the two bought birds in 1905; so it will seem that after breeding twenty years, and making a speciality of Norwich Plainheads twelve years, he had to buy his first two winners. These winners have certainly done well for him, breeding several nice birds in 1905 (including the yellow hen), and maybe several nice birds in 1906. But what about the old strain that he has been working up by "brother and sister inbreeding," etc., the last twelve years? We must congratulate Mr. B. on the admirable way he has of sliding out of awkward questions. We asked in our former letter the following questions, and are still waiting for definite answers. (1) When did Mr. B. win his first money prize in open Norwich classes? (2) What other winners has he supplied during the last twelve years, other than the one sold to the Northern exhibitor? (3) Where are all the Palace winners he has bred through brother and sister inbreeding, etc.? As regards the latter question. It may have been discussed before we left our cradles (but not by Mr. B.), and we know it is a very open question, but before Mr. B. makes such a positive statement, and says that those who do not recommend it "cannot have had much experience," we contend that he should be prepared with some proof. If Mr. B. would answer these questions instead of issuing vague threats as he does, this matter would stand a much better chance of coming to a satisfactory conclusion. If he is not prepared to answer them, we do not see the use of continuing this controversy. The motive for our former letter was not, as he puts it, jealousy. There is no necessity for us to be at all jealous of him. We were simply drawing his (as well as other fanciers) attention to certain very misleading statements he had made in his lecture. We may inform him that whatever other faults we may possess as "youths," he certainly cannot accuse us of alluding to anyone, and not having the courage to allude to those persons by name. If Mr. B. did not mention names in his lecture, we think it is as clear as can be to whom and what he refers. Then when we accept the challenge he issues in such lecture, he writes a high-sounding letter and throws out some vague threats, just because we speak the truth and he does not like it. Play the game fair, and if you want to be the champion exhibitor in Bolton and district, obtain your claim to it by solid exhibiting, not try to bounce everybody else out of it by means of a lecture.—J. and J. HOPKINS.

THE CRESTED CANARY CLUB AND THE C.B.U.

SIR,—The rescinding of the resolution passed at the annual meeting of the Crested Canary Club at the Crystal Palace, affiliating the Crested Canary Club with the Cage Bird Union, I venture to hope may be the means of saving the Crested Canary Club from being totally wrecked, which is my firm conviction will be the case if that resolution be adhered to. It seems to me to be superfluous to give the reason why; it is obvious, as may be seen from the fact that already so many members have intimated their intention to resign. I see nothing childish or unsportsmanlike in resigning from anything you do not approve of, and I much doubt if anyone would willingly contribute or help to maintain anything one did not approve of; being compelled to do so is another thing. It is now for the members to decide, and it is the duty of everyone to vote for or against, as he thinks fit; neglect to do so shows apathy, which should not exist when so much is at stake, and the accurate feeling of the members is desired. My object in writing is solely in the best interest of the Crested Canary Club. Up to date I have heard of only one reason why affiliation should take place; and that is, it would strengthen the hands of the Union. No doubt it would, but at the expense of the Crested Canary Club. Not a single word has been said as to in what way it will benefit the Crested Canary Club. It is purely a case of give all and take nothing. If I am wrong, will someone kindly point out how and in what manner anything will accrue for the benefit of the Crested Canary Club? I have before me a leaflet on which is printed a number of rules, issued by, for, or on behalf of the Cage Bird Union, the first of which is as follows:—"In the event of conflict, these rules shall prevail over any other." If the Crested Canary Club agrees to this, I maintain it becomes a nonentity; if not absolute, it does so far as power is concerned. I fail to see where one wants anything plainer. It may maintain its name, it may have subscribers, it may contribute to the funds of the Cage Bird Union, but its rules and regulations, made from years of practical experience at the expense of much gratuitous time, will not be final—it becomes subservient to the Cage Bird Union. Now the question is: Do the members of the Crested Canary Club want a governing body? I have nothing whatever to say against a central authority, but I must confess that I am not an optimist so far as the present Union is concerned. Already evidence is not wanting, judging from the report of the meeting of the Crested Canary Club on the 3rd inst., that matters have not been altogether satisfactory. There is ample scope (if it is needed) for the Cage Bird Union to do a lot of useful work, in which I have not the slightest doubt the Crested Canary Club would be willing to assist. By this means let it, the Union, gain the extra confidence of the Fancy, by showing in some tangible form its ability to do this satisfactorily. There is much the Crested Canary Club might have done that has been left undone. Had the same spirit of enthusiasm animated the breasts of its members, that has been the case with its Secretary, coupled with determination, many reforms by this time might have become a reality. Personally, I have nothing to gain and nothing to lose either way, but I should be sorry to see the constitution of the Crested Canary Club undermined, the more so now that it is in such a satisfactory condition. I would suggest that the members give the question their careful consideration before voting. W. E. GREEVES.

Many letters unavoidably held over.

Home to Roost.

The distance which birds fly to feed is considerably more than some people imagine. Rooks will make their way four or five miles from home in the early morning, returning at sundown. Wildfowl fly in from the sea twenty to thirty miles, to feed during the night. Many of the Gulls so common about the Thames in London, during the winter months, fly down to the mouth of the river to roost upon the edge of the marshes, below Gravesend, a distance of about twenty miles. They may be seen passing down the river during the afternoon in flocks of various sizes.

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"A Battle of Song."

A BATTLE OF SONG.

Chaffinch Singing in the East End of London.

Among a large section of metropolitan bird-keepers, chiefly those located East, singing contests are the vogue, to the exclusion practically of every other phase of the cage-bird hobby. Not that the love of matching one bird to sing against another is confined to London solely; far from it, as singing contests are as popular in many parts of the provinces as in the great city itself. Your typical cockney, however, places the sprightly Chaffinch before all other birds in his estimation, whereas outside the Metropolitan area the Linnet is the favourite songster, though the Lark is held in very high esteem. Considerable stakes are often lost and won at these singing contests, though useful articles of one kind or another more generally constitute the prizes. It is a curious fact that London fanciers will tell you the Chaffinches coming from different counties "do" different kinds of song—the Essex Finch, for instance, singing "Toll-loll-loll-chickweedo" whilst the Kentish Finch distinctly turns out "Toll-loll-loll-kiss-me-dear." One of the raciest and most humorous description of a singing contest appeared many years ago in a journal now defunct, and which readers may be interested to see reproduced.

"Alighting at Church Street, Shoreditch," says the writer, "I found Hare Street the second turning on the right, and the 'Queen of Spades' towards the further end. My friend was waiting for me on the 'Queen's' steps, and I was presently ushered into the parlour. I was not the first arrival; I should say that in the long, narrow room there were at least forty men present, and every one of them smoking, so that the apartment was literally choked with tobacco-smoke. Nevertheless, the twenty or thirty birds that hung in cages round the room hopped about as busily, and sang as merrily, if not as sweetly, as though it were a summer morning, and they were free in the merry greenwood. I inquired after the famous bird I came to see, and was informed that he was upstairs in the landlord's bedroom, that being the most secluded part of the premises; but I was shown the bird's owner, who sat up in a corner, anxiously turning to the door every time it opened, and nervously wiping his forehead with a corner of his neckerchief.

"The Kingsland Roarer was late, but presently he made his appearance, in company of an oily-looking man, with perverted side-locks. He was greeted as 'Meatey,' and the company asked him 'What cheer?' and offered him their liquor. My friend the birdcatcher informed me that 'Meatey' was a cats'-meat man, and that the Roarer had not got a chance against the other bird, which my friend, moreover, opined was a good job too, for, whereas the cats'-meat man earned lots of money, and kept two ponies, his opponent was only a market porter.

"'Now, gentlemen,' said the landlord, bustling into the room, 'I'll thank you to clear your birds out, the match is on in ten minutes.'

"The company took down their birds, and placing them in safe keeping outside the house, returned to their seats. Pots and pipes were replenished, and, amid a dead silence, the birds were brought in, each cage being tied up in a black bag.

"'Now you know, Meatey,' observed the market porter, as the former produced his bird, 'don't let's have no tricks, that's a good fellow, let it be a square (fair) match.'

"'Me?' replied the oily man, with the most edifying innocence. 'Why, you knows me, don't yer?'

"'I do *so*,' responded the porter, with most uncomplimentary emphasis; 'that's what made me make the observation.'

"My companion informed me at this juncture that the admonition of the porter was not altogether uncalled for, it being the meat man's boast that he could set any of his birds singing, or stop them while in full song, either by his voice or a motion of his hand.

"The men now tossed up for choice of position, an advantage, as I understood, of considerable importance, the aim being to secure the snuggest and warmest corner, or the one farthest removed from door or window. The bird who loses the toss is bound to take up his position opposite the window. This being the case, the winner will not always take full advantage of his privilege, but will choose an inferior position, if by so doing he can throw his adversary into a very undesirable part of the room. The advantage, in this case, was gained by the Kingsland Roarer.

"'There he is, sir,' exclaimed the old bird-catcher with rapture, as the birds were uncovered; 'there he is; and a bigger beauty never sang atween wood and wire!'

"I must say I was not dazzled by the 'beauty's' appearance. For, to begin with, he had no tail, which gave him the appearance of being much too tall on his legs; his head, unrecovered from the last moult, was entirely bald and white and shiny; and of eyes he had only one, which, I suppose, induced him to carry his head all on one side, in so queer a manner. I never saw any one thing in my life that he could be compared with; but if I were permitted to mention what three things he most reminded me of, I should say a raven, a ticket-of-leave man, and a recruiting sergeant. The Roarer, on the contrary, was a decent-looking Finch, had both his eyes, sufficient tail to save him from perjury if he swore by it, and, indeed, seemed altogether much the bald-head's superior.

"The conditions of the match were, that the bird who delivered the greatest number of notes in fifteen minutes was to be declared the winner; the birds being left entirely to themselves, and to receive no encouragement from their owners. A perfect note, according to bird-keeping phraseology, is a perfect and complete *toll-loll-loll-chickweedo:* if this phrase is a syllable short, it counts for nothing.

"The umpire now placed himself midway between the birds, with a stop-watch in his hand, while the 'scorers' took their positions, each before a bird, with a slate and chalk before him. A scorer cannot take a note till he has the umpire's nod of approval. 'Off!' says the umpire, and the match has begun in earnest. The Recruiting Sergeant unlimbers his artillery, and fires salvoes of 'chickweedoes' thick and fast at the enemy, in hopes to bully him into subjection; but the Roarer does not belie his name, and stands it like Gibraltar. It is as much as the umpire can do (and very interesting he looks, gravely wagging his head, first to one scorer then to the other) to get through his business; for the birds keep time as evenly as a pendulum. Presently, however, the Recruiting Sergeant changes his tactics; he ceases singing, and takes to seed and water, whereat everyone looks annoyed save the porter, who has an insight into that bird's character almost amounting to inspiration. The Roarer, observing the indifference of his opponent, delivers another note, and then he also descends for refreshment. Now, with a burst echoing through the room, the Sergeant begins again. This *coup* evidently astonishes the Roarer, who affects not to hear the challenge, and quietly goes on with his repast. One, two, three notes ahead. The meat man grows excited, he bites his lips, and looks savagely towards the victorious Sergeant. Four, five notes ahead. The meat man absolutely goes wild, and, spasmodically jerking his nose, mocks the Roarer quietly picking up seed. Six, seven, eight notes ahead! With a desperate lunge the meat man takes his handkerchief from his pocket, and blows a violent blast. In an instant his bird begins again.

"'Now, Meatey,' says the porter, 'cut that, you know.'

"'Cut what?' replied the injured Meatey. 'Mustn't a fellow wipe his nose? Well, I'm blowed!'

"'Not with the hanksher you carries him about in,' responded the porter. 'I knows yer.'

"Meanwhile, the Roarer, who seemed to understand he had incurred his master's displeasure, tried hard to make up for lost time. He tried too hard. He galloped over his notes so furiously that one out of every three was imperfect. He would get as far as 'chickwee' and utterly lose sight of the 'do'; whilst the old soldier, with a steady tramp, marched in double quick time through every note he uttered. The fifteen minutes passed over, and the Sergeant won the match by ten notes."

AN AVICULTURAL DEPARTURE.

The New Bird House at the Zoo.

By F. Finn, B.A., F.Z.S.

Setting aside Canaries, I think most people will agree that cage birds can be readily classified into two categories—"Parrots" and "all the rest." The Parrots have long had fair and adequate representation at the Zoo, but the other cage birds, to a great extent, have languished under their shadow in the Parrot House. Often did one hear complaints that when one had just discovered and was delightfully contemplating some exquisite little creatures in the small bird line, the Parrots—envious no doubt of the attention their tiny rivals were receiving—would raise a hair-lifting yawp, which would make the house uninhabitable, and the visitor would flee in horror and disgust.

A Generous Donor.

Now all this is changed. A Fellow of the Society, Mr. C. Czarnikow, came forward with the princely donation of £1,000 for a house for cage birds, and, with this as a foundation, the undertaking has been decided upon and completed; so that now we have in the gardens a house devoted entirely to cage birds. This, I think, may be fairly claimed to mark an epoch in English aviculture, for the influence of what may now be seen at the Zoo cannot fail to have an important effect on the foreign bird fancy, at any rate—and it is precisely this section that most needs stimulating.

Details of Construction.

The new house is situated in a position which all will admit to be well chosen. It is close to the main entrance, and just beyond the monkey house, thus being in just the position to attract the notice of visitors. It is a span-roofed erection of oblong shape, made of fire-proof slabs set in an iron framework, and very well lighted by skylights all along, and other windows in the roof and at the two ends. All along the front on each side of the porch are flights, roofed at the back and open in front; these house birds of the Crow tribe. Besides the front door, there is also one on the Monkey House side.

Inside Arrangements.

The house is warmed by a hot-air system, and has gas-burners for the provision of light on dark days. All the cages and flights are on a masonry foundation 2 ft. high, and they are arranged as follows:—On each side of the front entrance will be found a row of flight cages separated by wire partitions, and reaching nearly up to the roof. Each of these rows ends in a small keeper's room, occupying the two corners. The whole back of the house is taken up by six much larger flights. These flights are painted of a pleasing light green at the back, and provided with natural branches.

Cages.

Most people will think there are far too many small cages in the house. The two ends are occupied by them, three tiers in each, and, in addition, there are two blocks of cages occupying the centre of the house, with a space in between, opposite the front entrance. In each of these blocks there are three tiers of cages on each side of the block, the cages being back to back. These, like the flights, are painted green inside, the wiring being black. Half the tops of the cages are of wood, the front halves being wired—an excellent arrangement. These centre blocks might well have been flight cages, however.

Inmates of the House.

The house is not yet fully stocked, and it is not to be regarded as quite final. The flights are occupied by soft-food-eating birds—small Toucans, foreign Thrushes, Mynahs, etc. In the small cages at the Monkey House end may be found a collection of Troupials, while those at the opposite end contain Bulbuls, etc., and some British Finches—rather out of place in a warm house. The centre blocks of cages contain chiefly foreign Finches, of which a very fairly representative collection is already on view, and these are certainly the best inmates for such cages. Softbills requiring so much larger space. Altogether the house, as it stands, is extremely satisfactory, and will no doubt attract a large number of visitors both in summer and winter.

THE DESERT TRUMPETER BULLFINCH.

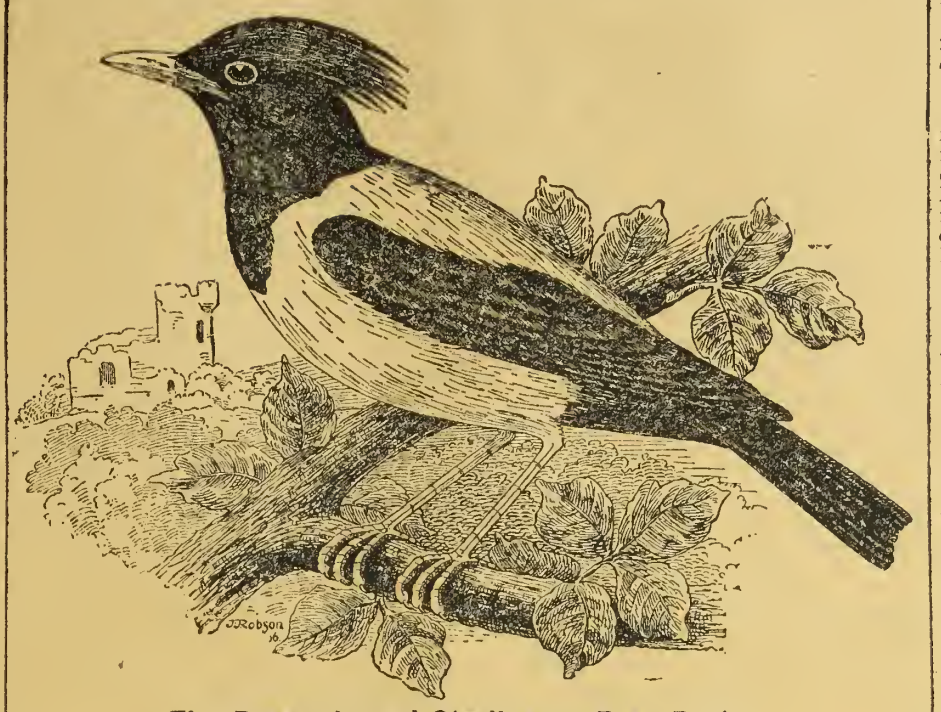
By Bully.

Although one rarely meets with this bird in confinement, it must be due much more to a lack of opportunities for acquiring specimens than to the specie being regarded with any disfavour. It is, in fact, a very desirable bird for captivity, either as an exhibition specimen or as part of the amateur's collection, of which the sole idea is to qualify the æsthetic taste of the bird-loving owner, so that it seems very strange that it is not imported more freely and frequently than it is. Of course, as things are now, the meagreness of the supply in the market renders the Trumpeter Bullfinch a valuable and somewhat high-priced species, which it would not be if it was imported in greater numbers. It is a typical Finch, and is a native of the country south of the Mediterranean, ranging eastwards through Persia and on to Western India. In appearance it is rather a contrast to our native chubby "Bully," being of a more slender build, and also somewhat smaller in size. In colour, too, it differs from its European relative.

The male is of a generally ashy brown on the upper parts, with narrow ruddy margin to the feathers, and the rump and upper tail coverts are of a reddish tint, in which point it differs markedly from our English bird's pure white patch of colour. The larger flights are slightly tipped with white, and the under surface generally of a roseate hue, tinged with brownish on the throat and flanks. The beak is red, and the legs and feet orange coloured. The female has similar markings, but is duller throughout and more tinged with ashy-brown. It has a little seasonal change of plumage, both sexes losing some of their ruddy tint after the breeding season, when they become decidedly more ashy-brown all over, and the colour of the beak also loses some of its brightness. The young are described by Von Henglin as "greyish earth-brown, below clearer," and in a wild state it nests from March to May, and lays five or six pale blue eggs spotted lightly with dark purple.

As a songster it does not rank very high, its chirping chatter being freely interspersed with the sounds of the tin toy which gives it part of its name, and the call note is interpreted by Mr. Meade-Waldo, with whom the bird bred freely in this country, as a "Twang-twang." The young appeared to be fed from the crop by partly digested seed, and soft food does not seem to be greatly relished. The readiness with which it appears to nest in captivity should make it a special favourite with the amateur who desires to experiment in breeding foreign birds, and in course of time it should be quite possible to raise a supply of aviary-bred specimens, which would reproduce their kind in confinement with just as much ease as many of the free breeders, and the value of the birds should make such efforts well worth the trouble—or, rather, pleasure—of raising such a strain.

The chief food consists of canary, millet, and bunches of spray millet. They are especially fond of the latter, and also of bunches of seedy grasses, chickweed, and shepherd's purse. When rearing young, it is most essential to keep them well supplied with half-ripened seeds of these and various other plants, as they feed largely upon them. The seeds of the common docks would doubtless be appreciated as much by these birds as by their European name-sake, with whom they are prime favourites. A piece of cuttle-fish should be always provided, and, of course, coarse, gritty sand, and a constant supply of fresh, pure water for drinking and bathing.



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PROTECTED BIRDS OF TASMANIA.

By J. W. Archer.

While on a visit to Launceston, Tasmania, I was greatly interested in gleaning information as to the manner in which bird life is protected in our Southern Colony. No one makes a livelihood out of birds in Tasmania, and the only hawkers one sees are those who come from Sydney and Melbourne with consignments of birds of various kinds. At certain periods of the year these hawkers generally make their appearance if the other markets are at all glutted. No trapping of the local birds is allowed in the Colony on any consideration, and recently when a few Goldfinches were sold by auction in the local market the attention of the sellers was drawn by the authorities to the following extracts from the Game Protection Act:—Edward VII. No. 23, 1903. Section 3.—If any person buys, sells or offers for sale any of the birds enumerated in the schedule (2) of the said Act, every such person shall, for every such bird so bought, sold or offered for sale, incur a penalty not exceeding twenty shillings. Also: Edward VII. No. 24, 1904. No. 26-14.—Every person who shoots at or wilfully kills any of the birds enumerated in the schedule (2), or takes or destroys the nest or eggs, or takes the young of any of the birds enumerated in the said schedule, without the written consent of a Justice of the Peace, shall forfeit and pay a penalty not exceeding twenty shillings.

The result of this rigid law is that birdlife throughout Tasmania is on the increase especially in the case of Goldfinches, Blue Tits and the pretty little Diamond Bird. These are of great service to the farmer, Goldfinches being his especial favourites. You may walk through the streets of Launceston and hear Goldfinches piping lustily from every coign of advantage. From telegraph wire or from hedge it is just the same, the Finches allowing you to approach them quite closely without showing any signs of fear or alarm.

GOLDFINCHES IN THE STREETS.

Sometimes they may be seen feeding in the streets after the fashion of the Sparrows in our more northern climes. Since their importation into Tasmania Goldfinches seem to have improved both in stamina and plumage, and in my rambles I saw many which would have made splendid exhibition birds. The shape of some of them is somewhat altered from that of the English type, the head being longish with, consequently, a smaller blaze. Others, again, are perfect in proportion throughout, with what may be called a square-cut blaze covering two-thirds of the face; large in body, with excellent colour and markings.

Another interesting bird, but one seldom seen in captivity, is the Flame-breasted Robin. This is a gorgeously plumaged bird and may often be seen flitting in and out of the boughs, followed by his more sombre coloured mate.

The Gorge, an ideal picnic ground in the neighbourhood of Launceston, is very rich in bird life. In the early morning various kinds of birds may be seen flying to the fresh water below for a drink at their usual drinking places. Among them I noticed Robins, Goldfinches, Fly-catchers, Fantails, Honey-eaters, Wrens, White-eyes, Diamond-birds, Firetails, Blue Tits, Kingfishers and Magpies. The Blue Tit is a superb little bird and his colours glisten as he flits about in the sunshine. These pretty birds are very plentiful in the neighbourhood of Launceston, and the hedges adjoining the roads seem to be possessed by them. Every few yards out pops a pair of Tits to see if there are any insects about.

THE FIRETAIL FINCH.

Firetails, though not as numerous as in former years, are still to be seen in numbers, in certain districts. Many of our noted Finch exhibitors have been sorely disappointed with Firetail Finches. Speaking to one of the leading fanciers in Launceston about the treatment of the Finch in captivity, he stated that he had no luck wth them until he changed their usual diet. He now gives them grass seed and canary seed ad lib., and green food every day. Since he has done this he has had them building in his aviary with no deaths to speak of. They consort readily in an aviary with Goldfinches and smaller Finches, such as Blackthroats, Zebras, Nuns, Mannikins, etc., and are peaceful until the breeding season comes round, when the male becomes slightly pugnacious if the nest is approached too closely by the other birds. On parts of the road to Glen Garry Ground Thrushes and Ground Larks seem to be very plentiful. They feed in the fields adjoining the road, and fly off to a safe distance as one approaches. The banks of the river also seem to be a domicile for Moreporks, Gulls and Plovers, who feed on the mud flats and waste land in the long reaches of the river.

Going further inland and following the road to Garrick, Black and White Magpies, Thickheads and Topnut Pigeons may be seen in abundance. Other pretty Pigeons often met with are the superb Fruit Pigeon and the Bronze-winged Pigeon. These are very quick on the wing, and cannot be approached closely. Swallows do well, and their neatly constructed nests of mud may be seen on nearly every old porch throughout the country districts. They are quite tame and will continue building their nests in your presence, the birds showing no signs of fear. They place the damp particles of mud in the position desired and shape the inside of the nest with their breasts.

A near relation of the Swallow, but one seldom seen, is the Spine-tail Swift. Other birds protected by the Game Protection Act are Owls, Cuckoos, Crested Night-jars, Summer Birds, Whistling Shrike, Grass-birds, Brush Wattlebirds, Skylarks, Rails, Crakes, Oyster-Catchers, Sand-pipers, Stints, Turnstones, Whimbrels, Stilts, Ovocets, Dottrels, Terns, Petrels, Prious, Pelicans, Gannets, Musk Ducks, Herons, Egrets, Bitterns, Grebes, Penguins, Ibis, Pheasants, Partridges and Grouse.

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How I Breed, Moult and Exhibit Them.

By JOHN W. BANCROFT.

Lecture before the Bolton and Dist. Progressive C.B.S., March 5, 1907.

(Continued from page 326.)

GOOD BIRDS NOT ALWAYS DEAR.

Doubtless the prices I have previously quoted for stock birds may appear somewhat high, and lest some of you beginners might get disheartened by putting a wrong construction on my remarks, and imagine that to commence the keeping of good stock Norwich you will of necessity be compelled to go to a considerable outlay of capital, as a counter to this, I may tell you that it is quite possible to acquire much cheaper birds for stock purposes which, with fair luck, might turn out something decent. In fact, very inferior looking stock birds, if rightly bred, sometimes produce really choice show birds.

One of our leading and most successful exhibitors of Norwich informed me quite recently that a noted champion of his was bred thus, yet the parents were such indifferent looking speciments that he hardly liked to tell anyone of the fact. In my own stock I have a smallish hen, very well bred, but to look at her no one would care to offer 5s. for her, yet she has bred some grand youngsters for the last two seasons, and open winners each time.

One well-known breeder and exhibitor, and who has bred a bird which, until the Palace show, was never once beaten this last season, told me that his motto for stock birds was "Blood, not appearance." With all due deference to this fancier's views, I must confess to a weakness myself for a little measure of appearance in addition to blood; further, were I to be given the choice of two pairs of birds, one of which was what we might term an up-to-date, typical pair, but of altogether unknown pedigree, whilst the other was a very inferior looking couple but boasting the blood of champions, I should unhesitatingly prefer the former, and take my chances.

A START IN EARNEST.

We will suppose, now, that the beginner has decided to make a start in earnest, in which case I should advise (provided the purse will allow of it) the purchase, say, of a clear yellow cock, well up in size, colour, quality, etc. To match him we will get two buff hens, one clear, the other heavily variegated, each to be of extra good shape, good in under colour, and nicely mealed or frosted. For our second set we will reverse the order of things, and get a variegated buff cock, extra large, and red hot in colour, and as good in feather as we can get him; also two medium sized yellow hens, one clear and the other ticked, or very lightly variegated, of extra good type and teeming with quality. By breeding from these two sets, and then in the following season pairing up such as are suitable of the young from one set to the parents of the opposite set, I think the beginner will have the right nucleus for the building up of a reliable strain of his own.

Should the necessity at any time arise which makes it advisable for the introduction of a change of blood, by all means, if practicable, procure it from the source that the original birds came from. By this method you will generally find that the blood will blend much easier, and with more satisfactory results than would be the case if the fresh blood be procured from a totally different source.

Perhaps some of you may wonder why I advocate the use of two hens to each cock. Well, I have different reasons for this procedure, which I will explain. In the first place, by having two hens to work with you have a much better chance of getting a fair amount of youngsters to show for your season's working. Suppose one turns out a "wrong 'un," you would still have another to go on with. Not so in the case of one cock one hen. If the one hen turn out wrong, then your hopes are dashed to the ground—for that season at any rate. Then it is also what we might term a more economical way, as it saves the purchase of another cock bird. There are many people who uphold the theory that the best results are got from the one cock one hen mode of pairing, allowing the pair to remain together right through the breeding season. As many of you present are aware, this is a theory I place little faith in, feeling confident, after an extensive trial, that I get quite as good results, if not better, in regard to size and robustness, when running a cock with two or more hens, providing I allow him to remain with each hen only until she has laid the third egg in her clutch, and taking good care to feed him up on a generous diet for a few days after he has got the hen down, and until I run him with another one, as I do when using the cock bird to one hen only. In this latter case the cock is continually paying attention to his partner; this, and feeding first the hen, and later assisting to rear the brood, does far more, in my opinion, to impair his vigour and stamina than being run with different hens simply for the purposes of fertilising their eggs.

Just a case in point. In 1905 I ran my champion clear yellow, then an inflighted bird, with four different hens, in spite of which he moulted splendidly and quickly, afterwards winning at five open shows four firsts and a third, also first and special best bird in show at our own Members' Show. In 1906 I ran him with three different hens, yet he came up smiling again through the moult, and took fourth Great Harwood, second Leeds, and then first and championship medal at Manchester, where he was acknowledged by all competent to judge to be in the pink of condition.

FEEDING AND PREPARING FOR BREEDING.

I will commence this heading by starting just after the end of the show season, or thereabouts, say, middle of February. From finishing the moult, up to this time, the stock birds, and such as have not been sent about to the shows, will have been having very little but plain, sound canary seed, with just a little mixture, once or twice weekly, consisting of German rape two parts, hemp, maw, niga, teazle, and gold of pleasure one part each; also a few sunflower seeds, slightly cracked, which are a grand conditioner, with a slice of sweet apple or boiled carrot, the latter for preference, as I find the apple too relaxing for some Canaries, especially those which have been going the rounds of the shows, and are somewhat run down in consequence. These I turn out into the largest flights, so that they can get plenty of wing exercise, and recover somewhat of the vigour they have lost. I also supply plenty of cuttle fish all the year round. I have great faith in this useful commodity. Such birds as have felt the strain of the show season and are below par, I give a little egg food now, or a good teaspoonful of milk-sop, two or three times a week, made as follows:—I boil some fresh milk and pour on to the soft part of a slice of stale home-made bread, just sufficient milk for the bread to properly absorb, previous to pouring on the milk. I scatter a little soft sugar on the top of the bread. This makes a grand pick-me-up. I also add eight drops of tincture of iron or steel in the drinking water twice a week. This, with a pinch of maw seed daily, generally puts them in good condition, if continued for a week or two. The cocks should now be separated from the hens (if this has not previously been done). I continue the ordinary winter treatment, until about the end of the first week in March, at which time I substitute young dandelion shoots for the apple or carrot. A little egg food once a week is added, about half a teaspoonful at the commencement of its use, as this high feeding must not be sprung on the birds too suddenly. The egg food I make by boiling a fresh egg for about ten minutes, then, when cold, I press through a sieve. This I mix with the soft part of a thick slice of good stale home-made bread, that I have previously rubbed up fine between my hands, and to which has been added a half-teaspoonful of soft sugar. In case the hens get relaxed, I omit the sugar and add a good dash of maw seed to counteract the looseness. After the second week I allow the egg food twice weekly, until the birds are paired up, when they have a little every day until the hen has laid her clutch and commenced to sit. I do not care to start pairing up, if I can avoid it, before the latter end of March or the beginning of April.

DEALING WITH FORWARD HENS.

Sometimes, however, circumstances make it imperative that we should put certain hens up earlier than we care about. I allude to such as are constantly calling for the cocks, flapping their wings, appearing very full at the abdomen, and are, to use a common expression, "very ripe and breeding mad." There is no advantage to be gained by keeping them back, better far to let them go their own sweet way, even although clear eggs be the result of the first round. As a rule the keeping back of these very forward hens spells disaster, as many of them if denied their desire are of no use whatever during the remainder of the breeding season. Where practicable, it is a capital plan to keep all the cocks in one room, and the hens in another, as these forward hussies have a knack of pairing to the cocks at sight, or by calling to one another. When this occurs it often happens awkwardly, for nine times out of ten the birds which pair on their own are not suited to each other. I will tell you how I have surmounted this difficulty successfully with my own birds. I have before now run a cock with a hen which, unknown to me, has already paired to a cock on sight, or by call. The poor fellow has usually been led a lively dance by the hen chasing him about, plucking out his feathers, and causing him to look a most miserable and dejected object generally. If this state of things is not noticed there is a danger of the cowed cock starving for want of food, for these hens generally make for him the moment he attempts to approach the seed hopper, and a very few days of this may mean the death of a good bird by starvation. Now for the remedy. In the first place, I endeavour by close watching and listening to find out which particular cock answers to the hen's call. This discovery made, I take him out, place him in a linnet or similar open cage, and hang him in front of the couple I am anxious to get on friendly terms. Most likely the cock in the small cage, to which the hen has been paired on sight or call, will, the moment he catches sight of her, burst forth into joyous and triumphant song, at which the hen will begin to twitter and bustle about, plainly showing her delight in getting into such close proximity to her self-chosen lord and master. But wait a bit. Look at her cage companion. Where is that cowed, dejected bird of a short time ago? In his place has come a defiant bird, overcome with jealous hate. He ejects one short song of defiance, then burning with jealousy and anger, assumes the aggressive on the hen, treating her to a dose of the same physic as that to which she had previously treated himself, and quickly driving her into a state of submission. I now remove the cock bird from the front, returning him to his own living cage, after which nine times out of every ten, the pair will get on the most friendly terms, and breed without further trouble.

TRIMMING BEAKS AND NAILS.

Before proceeding further, I wish to mention a custom I have, and which is, that just previous to pairing my birds up I overhaul my whole stock, cocks and hens, and, with a pair of sharp scissors in hand, clip off any overgrowth of the beak. Those which have much overgrowth will need the beak trimming up afterwards with a sharp knife or file. I also shorten any of the birds' toe nails which may have grown longer than is necessary for their comfort. Then I clip the feathers from about the vent, to allow greater freedom for fecundity. Many a fertile egg has been perforated and spoiled, many a plump, hearty nestling has been dragged out of the nest to meet a cold death on the cage bottom, and many a valuable breeding hen has met with a broken leg, the result of her too nails having been neglected and allowed to grow to an unnecessary length. An abundance of feather about the thighs and abdomen, when a hen has been at all inclined to sweat her young, has been the means of nestlings being carried out of the nest, on account of their getting stuck, or gummed as it were, to the mother's feathers. Therefore, I say, shorten this abundance before your hens commence breeding operations, and be on the safe side. Some breeders I am acquainted with make a practice of cutting about one half of the hens' tails off before pairing up, and no doubt some advantage is gained thereby, especially so in the case of slovenly hens, to whom an accumulation of excreta and filth seem to be part and parcel of their stock-in-trade.

THE PAIRING TIME.

When my birds have paired nicely, I introduce a little building material, and also hang the nesting receptacle in its place. The white earthenware one is what I favour most, although it matters little which kind you use, for if your hens are going to breed successfully, breed they will, no matter what nest you provide them with. As nesting material for the first round I like good clean cow hair, or the cotton used for candle wicks, cut into one-inch lengths; this makes a capital nest. Afterwards I use chiefly dried moss, as besides being a good moisture absorber, it is also much cooler in the hot weather. The dried stiffish grass one can gather on the moorland, or disused pasture land, is also capital nesting, and with which most hens will make a very neat nest indeed if supplied with same. Whilst the hens are feeding the young, egg food must be constantly supplied; three times a day mine get it, breakfast, dinner and tea time, then again last thing at night, so that they may commence operations with the egg food at break of day. In addition to the egg food, I supply plain canary seed in the hopper, also, in a separate vessel placed inside the cage, I give hemp seed ad lib., a little summer rape, and a dash of maw seed. In former years I used to allow my hens, after the young were two or three days old, green food daily whilst rearing their young broods. Latterly, however, I have been more sparing, and this last season I tried the experiment of withholding the green food almost entirely, and with pronounced success, having experienced the best and most successful breeding season that I have ever had. In future I intend to give green food very sparingly to breeding hens, and then not so much in the way of a food to nourish and sustain, but rather as a medicine, a little at a time, just to stimulate and purify the bird's system. I have a theory that were green food to be given more sparingly we should be troubled far less by those bugbears of the breeding season, sweating hens, and nesting diarrhœa. At such times as a hen seems to lag in her duties a little suitable green food will help to brace her up, and stimulate her in the performance of her maternal duties.

REMOVING THE YOUNG.

At the age of 28 days the young are usually able to feed themselves, at least on the egg food; so to assist them I give cracked hemp, mixed with uncrushed summer rape and maw. Canary seed is always in the hopper. At five or six weeks of age the youngsters are usually able to shell the hard seeds. I now begin to wean them from the egg food gradually, until they can manage on hard seed alone. If at any time any of the youngsters seem listless, mopish, or in any way out of sorts after weaning, I at once place them on the milk sop diet, allowing them nothing else, either seed or water (unless it be a little maw), for a few days, which treatment usually puts them right. I have had youngsters go bad just when weaning, getting like veritable skeletons, and almost dead, which, after having been placed on the milk-sop diet for three days or so, have become "as plump as partridges." Personally, I consider the above diet a certain panacea for almost all the ills the Canary is heir to. After the youngsters are weaned from the egg food, I gradually reduce their allowance of hemp, until they are weaned from this as well, giving nothing but plain canary, summer rape, and maw. Green food I never allow to the young birds from being weaned until after the completion of the first moult. A few ripe heads of the plaintain may be given with advantage, which they will greatly relish.

THE SECOND NEST.

Should the hen be desirous of going to nest before the young are old enough to feed themselves properly, and such is very often the case, I make a practice of removing the brood as soon as they make any attempt to leave the nest, placing them in a nursery cage, fixed to the front of the breeding cage. At the same time I furnish the hen with a clean nest pan, also some fresh nesting material, with which to build herself a new nest, which she will do, and feed her brood until she has laid her clutch and commenced to sit. When the hen appears well on with her new nest the cock should again be introduced to her, so that her eggs may be properly fertilised, removing him again when she has laid her third egg.

(To be continued.)

LEEDS C.B.S.

"Breeding and Rearing."

Meeting held April 6th, at Lockhart's Cafe, Mr. Cobb in the chair. There was a splendid attendance of members and friends, to hear a paper on "Breeding and Rearing," from Mr. F. King. It was quite evident that the same was thoroughly enjoyed, as everyone present was very attentive. Mr. King gave some very good hints in regard to feeding stock when getting ready for breeding, and also when rearing young. He strongly advocated not being too anxious during incubation, and the time when the young were hatching. He also believed in leaving the cock with the hen all the time, and giving a little egg food once or twice whilst sitting; his reason for doing so was because this would give the cock a rest from continually cracking hard seed. Other most practical and useful knowledge, beneficial to both novices and champions, was given. The following members then asked questions: Messrs. Nichols, Chambers, Stead, Jennings, and many others, which were satisfactorily explained. On the meeting terminating, a hearty vote of thanks was given Mr. King. Proposed in a few well-chosen words by Mr. Harrison (of Greenock), well known in Scotch Fancy circles, who kindly gave us a few of his experiences. Mr. Nichols then seconded. This brought a most enjoyable and instructive meeting to a close.—STEPHENSON and HORNBY, Secs.

WIMBLEDON C.B.S.

"Seeds for Birds."

At the usual monthly meeting of the Wimbledon Cage Bird Society, held at Mr. Johnstone's Rooms, 6, The Broadway, on April 15th, and presided over by Mr. W. H. Stoakley, the members listened to a very instructive and interesting lecture by Mr T. R. Trower on "Seeds for Birds." The various sorts in general use amongst cage bird fanciers were illustrated in a practical manner by a considerable number of samples of good, bad and indifferent seeds, thoughtfully provided by the lecturer.

He first dealt with canary seed, showing some nine or ten samples, and giving a list of the various countries in which they were produced. He said at one time considerable quantities of this seed were grown in Essex, Norfolk, Sussex and the Isle of Thanet, but, owing to competition, it had now practically gone out of cultivation in England, at any rate for market purposes, and very little of it was now produced, but for sweetness the English grown variety wanted some beating. The Spanish canary seed he considered the best, but said the best seed from this country was not easily obtained. Rape seed was the next to come under review. He said how difficult it was to distinguish between the genuine seed and charlock and turnip seed. Hemp seed—samples of which were handed round, he said, was grown chiefly in Russia, and the best qualities came from that country, but it was also grown in other countries, and a little, he said was produced in England. As to flax seed, he said, when it was grown in England there was nothing to beat it, but, as in the case of canary seed, the low prices obtaining had practically killed its cultivation. Samples of millet, maw, niger, teazle, dandelion, thistle, plantain, safflower and different sorts of sunflower seeds, as well as paddy rice, were also shown. A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded the lecturer by acclamation.

THE YOUNG NATURALIST.

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When the children got home they found their friend Charlie had just arrived and was busy untying the string which held the brown paper round the small travelling cage wherein was the Bullfinch. "Oh! thank you, Charlie," exclaimed Peter, as the paper fell from the cage. "What a beauty he is! He looks both bigger and brighter-coloured than the wild one we saw just now." "He is a Russian," said Charlie. "He cannot pipe a tune as the German Bullfinches are trained to do; but he is a larger, handsomer fellow than they; and for my part I prefer a bird's natural wild note to any sort of musical-box performance taught by art. I am glad to give him to you, Peter, because I am sure you will feed him well, and not forget to give him plenty of water. Bullfinches are thirsty birds, and they are very fond of bathing, too. You need not be afraid of giving him a good supply of hemp and sunnower seed. So long as he has green stuff and sufficient exercise there is no danger of fits. Nearly all the Bullfinches I have seen when their owners told me they had died of overeating were in reality quite emaciated, it was only their puffed out feathers that made them look fat." "I will take good care of him," said Peter. "I think a Bullfinch is the very nicest bird there is. And Garibaldi seems quite tame already. Did you see him take that sunflower seed from my fingers?"

* My Pets.

The other day I sent away for a pair of foreign birds called Avadavats. I had not the least idea of what they were like. In two days' time they came. When I opened the box I felt for a bird of fairish size, but instead I caught hold of a bird a bit smaller than a Wren. They were very funny little birds. Their backs were brown, spotted with white; their breasts were a coppery colour, and they had red beaks. They were constantly uttering a little cry. I gave them some mixed millet and canary seed to eat. The cock bird would preen the hen bird. The hen bird would sit by him and hold her head on one side, while he put her feathers straight. Shortly afterwards the hen bird got mopy. I put a few drops of brandy in the drinking water, and it livened her up greatly. At night they cuddle up closely on the perch to keep each other warm.—Sent by W. HOLLINGS (age 12), Gas Works, Llanidloes.

* A Tame Jackdaw.

During the summer months my cousin had a tame Jackdaw, called "Jack." When he cycled into the town each morning "Jack" would sit on his shoulder for some distance, but always turned at the same point. When he returned at night "Jack" would greet him with loud cries. At last "Jack" disappeared for three days. When he returned he looked ruffled and thin; he was again absent next day, and we have not heard of him since.—Sent by W. DORIE (age 13), Craigielea, Maxwelltown, Dumfries.

* Birds in the Suburbs.

It has been extremely interesting to notice the effect the cold has had on birds this winter. During the snow after Christmas large flocks of Larks arrived, but went away as soon as it began to thaw. At that time also I noticed six Ducks flying high up. Sea Gulls came up from the river every morning, flying in a north-easterly direction, sometimes in ones or twos, and sometimes in flocks of about ten. It has not been cold enough this year to induce the Rooks to enter the gardens, but they carefully watch till a Sparrow has got a piece of bread and then pursue him and take it. Blackbirds and Blue Tits are driven into town by the cold, but never stay past March.—C. G. LEAROYD (aged 15), 1, Dalgarno Gardens, North Kensington, W.

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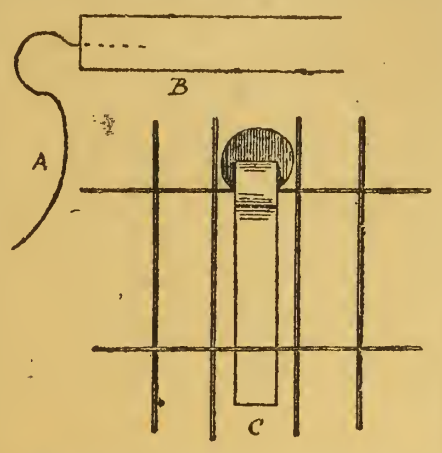
No. 93.

A SPRING PERCH.

Sent by C. S. Dowell, 6, High View Road, Upper Norwood, S.W.

I send a sketch of a spring perch, which your readers might find useful, especially when two or three birds, or more, are in a cage together. Buy a lock spring, and at the end of the perch insert the blade of a penknife as far as possible. Then push in one end of the spring about 1¼ in. There is



A: Lock spring. B: Perch. C: Perch, with spring attachment, in position, two pieces of cage wire being inserted between existing cage wires.

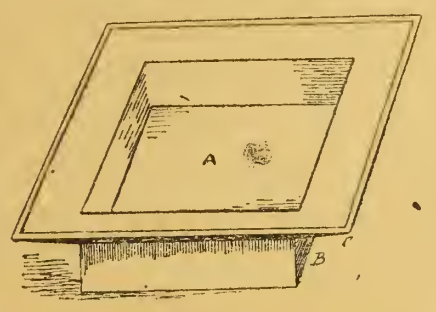
then about half of the spring out. This can be smeared with oil to prevent red-mite. Then take two lengths of cage wire rather longer than the space between four of the wires of the cage, and place as seen in sketch, wherein the rest of the method can be seen. I have used it myself for some months now in a flight cage containing several birds, and find the perches have plenty of spring, yet at the same time do not sag with use as I have found others.—C. S. DOWELL.

No. 94.

WATER OR BATH TROUGH.

Sent by H. Heel, Paliton, near Rugby.

I enclose a sketch of a drinking trough (which also makes a useful bath, if desired) for an aviary. The flange on the side prevents the water from being slopped over on the aviary floor. I have made and used



A: Well for the water. B: Zinc trough. C: Flange with raised edge.

them for some time, and find them in every way satisfactory. Sketch shows the trough as seen from above. It is a zinc trough set into a wooden frame, the size just as is thought suitable, but 1¾ inches deep. The flange at side of the frame I make 2½ in. wide, with a raised edge for the birds to get a good grip on with their feet, and this also serves to prevent any water coming over.

Is the Hedge Sparrow Obnoxious?

A farmers' club in Gloucestershire is waging war against certain species of wild birds, and looks upon the Starling and Hedge Sparrow as two very destructive birds to crops and fruit. It is a difficult matter to see eye-to-eye with our West Country friends regarding the latter bird, for small seeds and insects appear to be its food during the whole of the year. While carefully watching some exceedingly dark specimens through the glasses as they hunted over the grasses of the newly-mown lawn the other day, it was seen that they fed exclusively upon small worms and insects found among the roots of the grass. And such appears to be their food the whole of the summer, adding the seeds of different weeds as they ripen.

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Use of Straw in Nesting.

We have had a cold, wet week, weather conditions quite unfavourable to the doings of the wild birds. Spring is here, and neither wet nor cold will quite stop the busy creatures from proceeding with their nesting affairs. A pair of Starlings have been collecting materials for several days now, and one notices that straw forms the bulk. It is seldom one meets with a nest away in the woods, or along the country hedgerow, in which any of this material has been used in the construction. Either the birds find plenty of roots, grass, moss, etc., to hand, or

The Starling.

for some reason or other they do not take kindly to it. Straw would certainly not be so warm as hay; but when used in the outward construction would scarcely affect the warmth of the whole, and therefore this can hardly be the reason of its disuse.

Sparrows, Robins, and Starlings are birds that pass most of their time in the vicinity of buildings, and all of them generally use a good deal of straw with the other materials. Possibly their dependence upon man has something to do with it, for they are equally ready to appropriate such trifles as string, rag, etc., that come their way.

The Pushful Starling.

The Starling is increasing rapidly in this country, and is undoubtedly extending its range westward. The last few years they have also made their way northward, and can now be seen in the Scottish Highlands and the Hebrides.

The First Swallow.

The Swallows have arrived. One was seen hawking along the banks of the Medway on the 13th. A cold, easterly wind was blowing at the time, and as the day declined we were glad to get indoors to enjoy the sight of a cheerful fire. This was not ideal weather for a bird that had only recently journeyed from sunny lands. I was told that some of them had been seen for several days at a farm away on the higher ground. There is a pond there, with plenty of rank vegetation growing right to the edge of the water, with flags, etc., along the shallow spots. This is an ideal place for insect life, and, of course, the different animals round the farm buildings help to keep up the supply. This Swallow may have been one of these birds roaming a little further afield, and he would no doubt return to the farm, for although a careful watch was kept the following day he was not seen again.

Pigeons and Peas.

A field freshly sown with peas is visited daily by the Wild Pigeons. These are not the Ring-neck Doves nor the Stock Doves, but lighter coloured, smaller birds, that nest in the cliffs of the big chalk quarries. They are very shy and difficult to get at. I was rather anxious to obtain one, as this same field was last season smothered with charlock, and thousands of Linnets fed daily upon it. Through the glasses one could see several parties of them now, together with a fair sprinkling of Greenfinches. They were as busy as bees, no doubt feeding upon some of the seeds recently brought to the surface by the farming implements.

It was just probable that the Pigeons were not wholly concerned with the seed peas, but were taking part in the general hunt for charlock; if so, it would be a point in their favour. One or two of the cock Linnets had already put on that lovely crimson tint which they get in the breeding season. It is about the most beautiful bit of colouring to be seen on any of our birds; so different to the browns and greys of the winter dress, that, if seen for the first time, the observer might well fail to identify the species.

Notes and Queries.

A Curious Nesting Site.

Having a workshop, about 8 ft. by 14 ft., situated at the bottom of my garden, on going into it on Good Friday to get a glue pot, I found that a Robin had built a nest inside it, and was sitting on five eggs. The old bird flew off and got outside. Not wishing her to let the eggs get cold, I went out again. I had been hammering away that day, and have done so for several days since, but she has taken no notice. I may say the pot is hung against the side; she must have got in through a broken window.—W. HAYWARD (Larkhall, Bath).

Protection of Wild Birds.

The protection of birds is gradually being taken in hand by the Governments of various countries throughout the world. In America the law is very strict, and, in addition to taking care of the wild ones during the breeding season, several sanctuaries have been established for the rarer species, for it had been recognised that unless something was done some of them would soon become extinct. The exportation of America's native birds to Europe was sadly thinning the ranks of many species. The law has now been extended to curtail this wholesale shipment, and no doubt in time the brighter-plumaged birds (which were the species to suffer) will regain their numbers.

A Note from Devon.

I see that original observations are invited, and I am sending you a list of a few of the birds I see around here. On March 25th I heard the Chiff Chaff, and on the 30th I saw two Swallows. The same afternoon I went to Torquay and had a walk around the cliffs, and saw a Chough; its beak showed up well when flying against the sun. I watched it for some time, and think it must have had a nest there, as it kept returning to the same place and going into a hole in the cliff. April 2nd I heard the Black Cap, also saw a small flock of Redwings. Bramblefinches have been very plentiful here this season. In the first week in January they nearly all went westward. I should think some of the flocks numbered quite two thousand.—R. W. WEBBER (Newton Abbot).

The Pipe of the Redshank.

The Redshanks have returned to the breeding sites upon the banks of the river. They are very conservative birds, and not easily driven from the marshes. Their curious yelping note can be heard a long way off, and is a cry quickly noted by other birds. The Redshank makes a perfect sentinel, and will fly round and round an intruder, repeatedly calling, until he has left the district.

To a Skylark Singing out of Sight.

Concerning the selected verses printed below, I was looking through a copy of the "Pontypool Free Press," dated 40 years back, says a writer in a contemporary, when I saw this poem. An editorial note appended announced it to be from the pen of a working man named John Jones, of Albion Road, Pontypool. It is palpably the spontaneous outburst into song of a poetic soul that longed to tell its rapture abroad. Wordsworth, Hogg, and others have written beautiful odes to the same poet-favoured bird, but this poem can be put to shame by none of them:—

Whence art thou, heaven haunting bird?
I saw thee not ascend,
Yet o'er the clouds I hear thy song
As it would never end.

What bubbling ecstacies of bliss,
What flutterings of glad sound
Are thine, O soul of love inteuse,
In melody unbound.

The Nightingale may shroud her deep
In darkness of the night;
But like thee is no other bird,
Thou singeth hid in light.

As from some fountain infinite
Dost thou thy strains prolong;
Or as a chain let down from Heaven—
A golden chain of song.

I hear thee, till thy strains no more
Seem modulated breath.
I cannot deem thou art allied
To dust-resolving death.

It must be that thou comest down,
And hoverest there to sing,
When earth a vision is of Heaven,
And life is love in spring.

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MAINLY BRITISH—continued.

EXHIBITORS.—Grand Siberian Bullie, 1st prize-winner Kirkcaldy, etc., very steady, takes seed from hand, in show condition; sell, or exchange two or three good breeding cages or a good Siberian Goldie.—Robert Dyer, Haystoun Farm, Peebles.

TWO Siberian cock Goldfinches, white legged, 7/- each; four cock Linnets, twice cage moulted, 3/- each, with cage; one Goldfinch Mule, 3/-, lot 28/-; exchange common fowls or anything useful.—Randall, 21, Bridge-st., Homerton, N.E.

COCK Crossbill, 7/-; two cock Bullfinches, 3/- each; two cock Chaffinches, 2/- each; two cock Brown Linnets, 2/- each; two cock Bramblefinches, 2/6 each; two cock Twites, 1/6 each; all selected for showing; 25/- lot; exchange Canaries, gun, cycle.—Thomas, 28, Mounts, Northampton.

COCK Hawfinches, 12/6; cock Crossbill, 7/6; two cock Bullfinches, 6/-; two cock Chaffinches, 4/-; two cock Brown Linnets, 5/-; two cock Bramblefinches, 5/-; two cock Twites, 3/6; £2 lot; exchange Canaries, gun, cycle.—Thomas, 28, Mounts, Northampton.

Mainly Canaries
To be Sold or Exchanged

WILL give pair of Rollers for exhibition Siberian Goldfinch.—Lee, 35, Marshall-av., Bridlington.

UNFLIGHTED yellow cock, 6/-; exchange good buff hen.—O. Cooper, Long Buckby.

COCK Siskin, cock Linnet, pair Dutch; exchange Canaries.—Daish, Ash-rd., Newport, Wight.

WILL sell or exchange four cock Canaries, in full song, and two breeding cages, 24/-.—Strecter, 5, Walnuttree Cottages, Church-rd., Wimbledon.

THREE grand large Roller hens, 2/6 each; one large buff Norwich hen, 3/-; bargain.—F. Simonds, Upper Houghton, Dunstable.

WILL exchange a long buff Yorkshire hen for a good yellow Norwich hen.—Hughes, 20, Wench-st., Walworth.

LARGE Crestbred cock, 15/6; or exchange for a good pair of Norwich; will give little cash; approval.—George, 119, Llewellyn-st., Pentre, Glam.

TWO good Norwich hens, 4/6 each; or exchange good cock.—W.S., 294, Lancaster-rd., Notting-hill, London.

EXCHANGE two variegated Yorkshire hens for a buff 1906 Norwich cock, or pair Budgerigars.—Wilson, 21, Church-st., Fleetwood.

SELL or exchange, for Norwich good, three Yorkshires, value 26/-; mutual approval.—Allnatt, The Knoll, Kingston-hill, Surrey.

YELLOW Norwich cock, 6/-; six hens, 13/-, or 2/6 each.—Oakley, Coroner's Court, Warwick-pl., Whitecross-st., E.C.

EXCHANGE large 1906 buff Norwich cock, singing, for large 1906 Green Crested hen.—Salmon, 11, Ariel-rd., West Hampstead, N.W.

EXCHANGE one clear yellow and two Cinnamons, Yorkshires, hens, for Yorkshire cock, or sell at 2/- each.—Address, A. Wipf, 3, Dunesgate, Lincoln.

GOOD yellow eye-marked Norwich hen, second prize winner, sell 7/-, or exchange Roller cock; approval.—Lewis, 32, Morris-st., Shirebrook, Mansfield.

TWO Yorkshire hens, one Cinnamon quarter Belgian, one yellow marked, 8/6; exchange good Green or yellow Yorkshire cock.—Butler, Plumber, Southwell.

EXCHANGE Norwich drooping Crest, Crestbred, for bike, watch, or Toy Yorkshire Terrier pups or Toy black, chocolate, or blue Poms.; sell 20/-, 30/-, 40/-, 60/- the pair.—L. Haywood, 3, Nevill-st., Nottingham.

EXCHANGE large heavily variegated Crestbred cock, for pair large Norwich (buff cock, yellow hen), or sell £1; white-legged cock Goldfinch, proved mulcr, 7/6, for yellow Yorkshire hen.—Cranston, Northwall Quarters, Pentonville Prison.

THREE hens, Crested, clear and marked, eager to nest, 2/6 each, 6/9 the lot; five young cock Canaries, splendid songsters, in good health, 6/- each; exchange for cock Goldfinches in song or yellow Budgerigars.—Nicholls, Aviaries, Whitstable.

GREEN Crestbred cock, Crested hen, 15/-; green Norwich cock, 8/6; buff Lancashire cock, 8/6; buff Yorks. cock, Bully hen, 10/- pair; nest four cocks, Norwich, Roller, hatched 1st March, offers, cutlery, Seifert Rollers, anything.—H. Woodhead, Caretaker, Athenæum, Manchester.

Mainly Foreign
To be Sold or Exchanged

CRIMSON-WING Whydah, in aviary 12 months, 20/-; or exchange acclimatised foreigners.—80, Manchester-rd., Swindon.

GALAH Parrot, cock, very tame, acclimatised, splendid colour and condition, good cage, 15/-; or exchange.—Pearson, Greenwich.

LONG-TAILED Whydah (*Chera Progne*), vhc Palace 1906, £2 10/-; or exchange for exhibition Parrakeet; King preferred.—80, Manchester-rd., Swindon.

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Sale or Exchange

PAIR of working Ferrets for good buff Norwich hen.—Ward, Nunburnholme Station, York.

AIREDALE dog, five months, exchange singing cock Canary.—Palmer, Parade, Child's Hill, Hendon.

EXCHANGE bullet rifle, good order, cost £1 1/-, for Norwich.—Terry, Union-st., Maidstone.

BAGATELLE board, exchange Canaries, or sell 30/-.—Cowper, Jacob's Well-lane, Wakefield.

EXCHANGE 40 vols. of magazines, clean, for aviary or Rollers.—Wilkins, 4, Rydon-cres., E.C.

PAIR good cycling knickers; exchange pair Borders or Norwich cock.—Raeside, Fullarton-st., Irvine, Ayrshire.

HAND-REARED Thrush, in song, sell 6/6, exchange two 1906 Norwich hens; also a pedigree Irish Terrier dog, 18 months, £2, or part exchange; particulars, stamp.—Brooks, 14, Ridley-rd., Dalston, London.

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EXCHANGE a pair of nets, store cage, four birds, for Pigeons or good Doe.—Cundy, 5, Priory-av., Prittlewell.

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MEERSCHAUM pipe, sailor's head, well coloured, cost 12/6; exchange good buff Border cock; or offers British.—Hunter, Aynam Cottage, Kendal.

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FOX Terrier bitch, white body, perfect marked head, very affectionate, exchange to good cock Canaries.—Morgan, 8, Perowne-st., Aldershot.

EXCHANGE 2 st. good maw seed, send sample, for two healthy Norwich hens.—Shead, 23, Canning-st., Bedford.

EXCHANGE lovely Seabright cock for orange yellow Yorkshire cock.—Stanton, Bootmaker, Wells, Somerset.

HALF-PLATE camera for sale cheap, 25/-, or would make part exchange for Foreign birds.—T. Jones, 46, Ridding-lane, Wednesbury.

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EXCHANGE first-class 4-bottle dinner cruet for three cocks or five hen Canaries; approval.—Marsden, 175, St. Phillip's-rd., Sheffield.

SILVER English lever watch, cost £5, exchange pair high-class Yorkshires, must be winners or lit to win.—Spier, King Edward-rd., Moseley, Birmingham.

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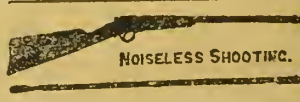

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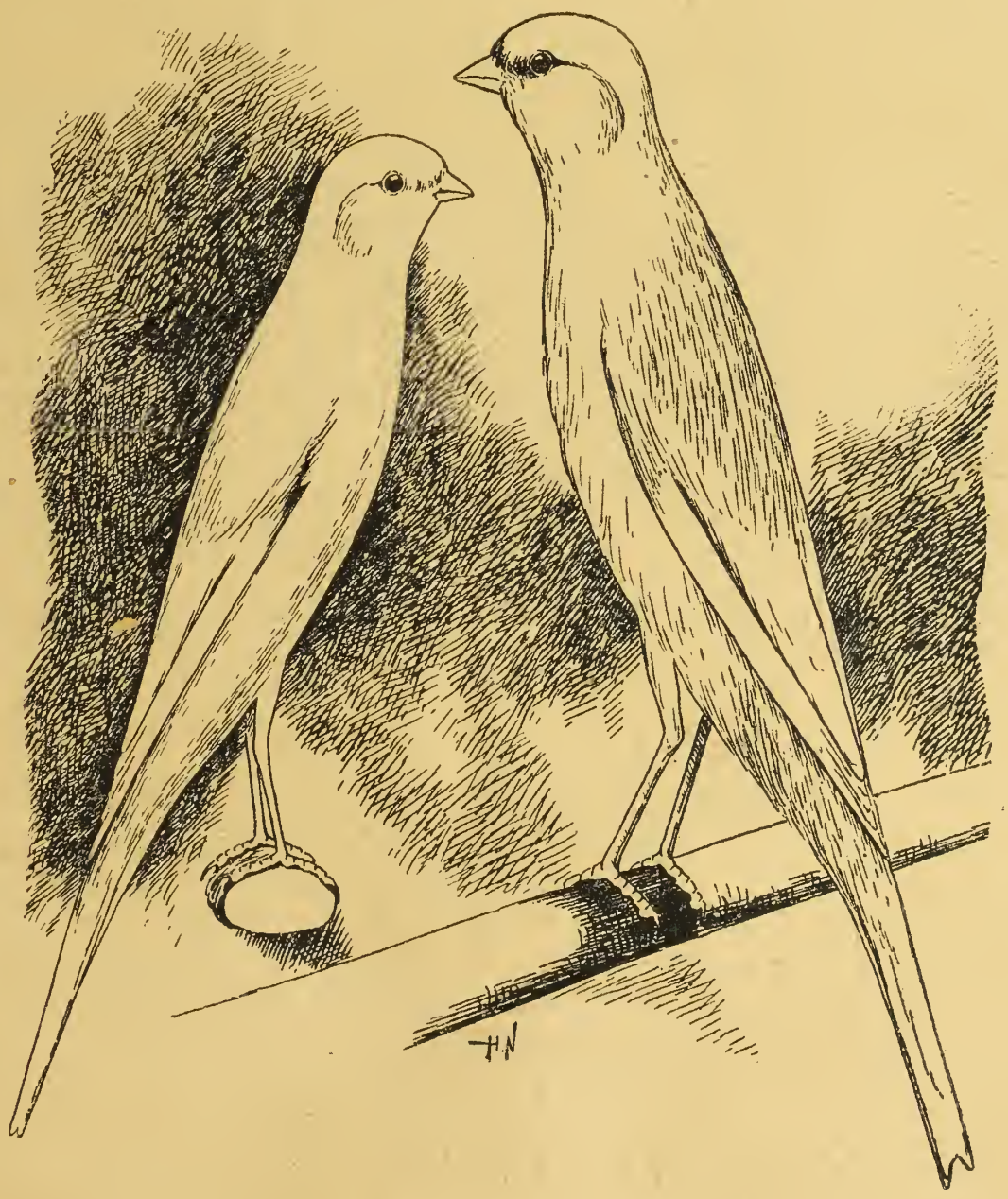

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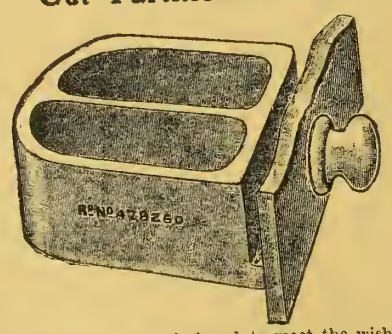

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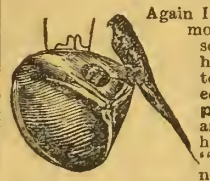

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EXHIBITION Song Thrush and show cage, exchange common hen Canaries.—Saunders, Paperhanger, Tiverton, Devon.

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TWITTERINGS.
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Mr. Cook has been elected to judge the Pendleton First Feather Show on June 29th.

Leigh First Feather Show, on June 22nd, will be judged by Mr. Trengove.

Mr. F. F. Potter, Hon. Sec. City of Hull Cage Bird Society, has removed to 178, Thoresby Street, Prince's Avenue, Hull.

Please forward me another stud register. I think it a very good thing for a breeder.—Thus writes Mr. E. Barker, of Long Eaton.

The Eastbourne and District Fur and Feather Society have fixed the 13th and 14th November to hold their show, writes Mr. C. Attree, the hon. sec.

Fanciers are asked to note that Mr. Wm. Rutherford, late Secretary of the Crook Cage Bird Society, has resigned that office, and that the present Secretary is Mr. Arthur Bowes, Wilson Street, Crook.

One of the best of Welsh fanciers, Mr. M. J. Daly, of the Raglan Hotel, Dowlais, has just joined the noble army of benedicts, and the heartiest wishes of all who know him will be given to him and his charming wife from the Emerald Isle.

All communications for the Millom C.B.A. should be addressed to F. Bradley, 18, Lapstone Road, Millom, as that gentleman has been appointed Secretary. I have resigned because I shall not be able to give the attention I should like, writes Mr. W. J. Park.

Mr. W. T. Simpson, Hon. Sec., Guisborough F.S., writes:—Owing to the small entry at our late Open Show in the Cage Bird section, through clashing with so many Shows, the Committee have decided to fix a separate date for cage birds, January 1st, 1908.

"What sort of company is to be found at this sporting resort in Church Street, Shoreditch?" said a questioner at Mr. Dobson's lecture on "London Bird Life" the other evening. "Quite good enough for you," answered the lecturer; "the present King, when Prince of Wales, the Duke of Cambridge, Geo. Crabb, and myself."

"Bird Notes" for April is No. I of a new volume, and is issued under the editorship of Mr. Wesley T. Page, F.Z.S. It is a most interesting number, containing articles from the pens of Mrs. Warren Vernon, "Further Additions to my Birdroom"; Dr. McDonagh, F.Z.S., "Wanderings in the Show"; Messrs. Payne and Wallace, "The Gouldian Finch"; Mr. W. H. Foster has an article on his own aviaries, which is illustrated by a couple of nice half-tone plates. Miss T. Saywell gives a short account of some breeding experiences, while the Editor gives a trio of articles which will be eagerly read by those interested in Foreign Bird culture, dealing as they do with "The Queen Whydah" (illustrated), "The National Bird Show," and "Notes on the Wild Life of the Inhabitants of our Aviaries.

Picture Postcards Pleasing.

Our picture postcards are booming! From far-off Montreal Mr. Hammond sends us a large order, and says, "we are well pleased with same."

Items from Peterborough.

Owing to the fact that I am removing in October, writes Mr. S. L. Cocks, Sec. Peterborough C.B.A., I have had to give up the office of Show Secretary, which, however, Mr. H. C. Lilley has kindly taken over, as well as the offices of Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, which I have no doubt he will fill to the greater advantage of both society and exhibitors than I have done. Mr. J. Robson and Mr. R. J. Howe (Wellingboro') will judge the Open Show on Oct. 10th. We intend sticking to the C.B.U. and holding the fixture under its rules. Breeding operations are in full swing here, but from most accounts the recent sudden wet and cold have played havoc with young birds and eggs, many being dead in the shell. Mr. S. H. Mays (King's Cliffe) has kindly consented to be president of the society for the third year in succession, and, with a balance of £1 more than last season, I have no doubt we shall jog on in the right direction. I wish CAGE BIRDS continued success.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. It kills all insects, harmless to everything else.

FOREIGN BIRD QUERIES.
Continued from p. 393.

Companion for Indian Green Parrakeets.

I want to put a small bird in with a pair of Green Parrakeets. What kind do you think would agree with them?—J. H. F.

J.H.F.—It would have to be some kind of a Parrakeet, and as the Indians are in possession, it would be rather a dangerous experiment, putting in a smaller, and consequently weaker species with them. All I can advise you to do is to bang up several cocoa-nut husks, and in two of the corners of your aviary fix up some faggots of twiggy branches (bean sticks answer well), and let the husks be behind them. With some such arrangement Budgerigars would be safe, I think, as most Parrakeets ignore such small fry. I also think Cockatiels would be safe, and given a suitable log at back of the branches, would breed. Madagascar Lovebirds also generally are fully capable of looking after themselves. With pairs of green and yellow Budgerigars, the Lovebirds and Cockatiels, your aviary would have quite a gay and animated appearance. You would have to supply seed in several hoppers, so as to obviate what is often a fruitful source of discord, viz., all wanting to feed at once from one hopper, with the result that the weaker birds are driven away, and, in some cases, starved to death. The birds I have named would require canary and white millet, a few oats, green food, grit, cuttlefish, and the egg shells left from your table crushed and scattered over grit. With moderate luck the sale of young Budgerigars at end of season should pretty well pay your seed bill for the year.

Breeding Budgerigars.

(1) How many pairs for breeding could I keep in a cage, 4¾ ft. by 13 in. by 4½ ft. high? (2) How many pairs of small Foreign birds could I keep in same cage for breeding? (3) How many pairs of Zebra Finches (for breeding) could I keep in a cage 36 by 13 by 15 in. high, and what is their diet, and kind of nest boxes required?—W. J.

W.J.—There are several other replies in this issue that will help you, and amplify what directions I can give you here. Only two pairs, as you must leave accommodation for the young broods; you must put up at least four husks, and supply plenty of perching accommodation. Keep up a continuous supply of grit, cuttlefish, green food, and water, other than the canary and white millet, with a few oats when they are feeding young, will fully meet their wants. (2) You could try three pairs, say Zebra, Ribbon, and Gouldian Finches, but only two pairs, say the first and last, would be more likely to lead to success. In any case, you must put up say two cocoa-nut husks, two Hartz Canary travelling cages, with fittings removed and two of the bars cut away for entrance, also two boxes, all as far apart as possible, and each one screened with twiggy branches, heather sprays, etc. (3) You will find this query fully met in our reply to "T. S. J." in this issue, as to birds and diet; as to nest boxes, see reply No. 2 above. For nesting material supply long grass, bay, and a Canary nest bag. Bake the egg shells left from your table, crush and scatter them over sand tray. Note: Good grit, clean water, fresh green food, and cuttlefish are sine qua non in the breeding season, for almost all species of birds, and should be given in liberal quantities too.

A Bulbul and Another.

(1) What is the diet and treatment for Red-vented Bulbul? (2) Can you tell the name of a South African Finch, good singer, something like English Linnet, but with yellow rump.—J. TAYLOR.

J. Taylor.—(1) The Bulbuls cannot have too much ripe fruit. You must as far as possible consult the bird's likes and dislikes according to what is in season; some individuals will take hardly anything else but banana, and others will hardly touch this fruit, but there is ample variety now at almost all seasons of the year to meet your need; candied fruits, apricots, etc., are also much appreciated by these birds. They must also have a continuous supply of some good soft food mixture (see advertisement columns), or make your own:—Equal parts game meal, dried flies, ants' eggs (very best), ground silkworm pupæ and crumbled sponge cake in equal parts; make crumbly moist for use. Green food, grit, and an abundance of water for drinking and bathing should be supplied. If they will not eat green food as thrown into the cage, a little must be minced and mixed with their soft food, but it must be fresh and clean. A few mealworms and such other insects as you can capture, almost any kind will be greedily eaten. (2) Your bird is the Yellow-rumped Serin (*Serinus angolensis*), a plainly clad, but pretty bird, and one of South Africa's sweetest songsters.

Diet and Cages for Bulbuls, etc.

Chloropsis.—The genus Chloropsis are about the same size as the other Bulbuls, certainly not larger, they have no crest, and while their capacity for song is fair, it does not equal that of *Otocompsa* and *Pycnonotus*; however, this is fully compensated for by their glorious plumage, for they are to be numbered amongst the most gorgeously apparelled of the feathered tribe. The Andaman Starling is only slightly larger than the Red-vented Bulbul, and has a somewhat Gull-like appearance as to plumage; it is a handsome bird of somewhat slender build, yet of true Starling contour. The others you name would be too large for you. Newly received birds should be kept warm and quiet, grit supplied with caution at first, and mild aperient is an advantage, providing you do not scour the birds. Dinneford's Magnesia and Epsom salts are both safe if not given too strong—the magnesia say half-a-teaspoonful to the ounce of water, and as to the salts make the drinking water just saline with it; cages should be kept strictly clean, peat moss litter is a good material for the sand tray; supply them with a liberal diet, according to their respective species, and as soon as they have picked up a little let them have a bath with water slightly chilled. A good soft food mixture is given to another querist in this issue. The cages at the Zoo for the Bulbuls are, speaking from memory, 20 to 24 in. long, but the condition of the birds at present must not be taken into consideration in connection with the cages; the birds have but recently been caught up from large outdoor aviaries, and for myself I am exceedingly sorry to see these active birds in their present quarters.

Food for Cockatiels.

H. Curtis.—This is most simple; canary and white millet, with a few oats, green food, grit, cuttlefish, and water for drinking and bathing about fill up their simple bill of fare. To obviated egg binding it is a good plan to first bake and then crush what egg shells you have left from your table and scatter these on aviary floor. When you can procure it free from frost give these birds tufts of grass in flower; they are very fond of it, and it is very wholesome for them. Some individuals when they have young to feed are very fond of a dry crust of stale household bread.

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THE YORKSHIRE UNION.

Election of Officers and the Revision of Rules.

The following fanciers have been nominated for office in the reorganised and united Yorkshire Union:—

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In the revision of rules it is proposed to alter rule 8, so as to allow the Vice-President to act as delegate. In rule 11 it is proposed to strike out the words "Nor officiate in a judging capacity at any winter show held by a society of which he is a member." Rule 13 it is proposed shall be struck out. It reads as follows: "That any person accepting an appointment as judge at a Union winter show be debarred from sitting on the Council during the remainder of the year." In rule 18 it is proposed to substitute May for September. An addition to rule 24 will, if carried, read as follows:—"Should this rule operate harshly upon any society, the Council may, on such being reported by the society, make such other arrangements as they think will meet the case." Additions are also proposed to rule 39. Addition No. 1 to read: "Four highest birds to count"; addition No. 2 to read: "Novice medals to be divided as follows—Three quarters for Yorkshire section and one quarter for Norwich section."

Mr. F. Hammond has been elected Secretary without opposition. All voting papers have to be returned to Messrs. Hollas and Wellock, the scrutineers, on or before Monday next, April 29th.

A Fasting Bird.

A bird dealer in Edinburgh has hit upon a scheme for calling atention to his shop. He has what purports to be a "fasting bird," which has been a certain number of days without food. We need hardly state that this is a hoax; the bird is simply a stuffed dead one.

We Wonder!

When we noticed in a contemporary last week-end an advertisement of St. Andreasberg Rollers classified under "garden produce," it at once brought to mind the story of the schoolboy who wrote that Canaries grew from canary seed. Can that boy have grown up and become a printer, we wonder?—or were the sweet-voiced ones mistaken for garden rollers?

A Blackbird's Romance.

A romance of bird life, it is said, has been enacted during the last few days in the garden of a Birmingham police inspector. He is the possessor of an aviary, and amongst its occupants is a magnificent cock Blackbird, whose appearance has impressed a too-susceptible hen, which has fallen head over heels in love, and pays constant visits to the aviary, chirping notes of endearment and endeavouring to coax the captive to follow her. But, alas! the lovers are divided by the inexorable wire partition. Moreover, their interviews and sweet converse are not allowed to proceed without interruption. They are jealously watched by a male bird, which, like the hen, rejoices in its freedom, and time after time he drives her away from the aviary and then attempts to fight his rival. But the wire again intervenes and prevents a combat that would probably be "to the death."

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As before me I gaze,
I see with amaze
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ALICE E. PRICE, Clifton, Bristol.

"Can you tell me now," said the wise old Owl,
as he gazed at the book with pride,
"A tome to compare, so large and rare, in all the countryside?
Great is its growth (I will e'en take my oath),
like the oak from the acorn small;
Each week, I trow—indeed, I vow—there are thousands for it call!
By the great round moon," said the wise old Owl, "which doth shine on this earth of ours,
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The bird of wisdom sits and thinks
Of CAGE BIRDS as a midget wight.
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THE SALE OF A PARROT.

A Singular Case.

At King's Heath, on April 10th, William Hambling, bird dealer, of Church Road, Yardley, was summoned for stealing a paste brooch, value 3s. 6d. The case was of an extraordinary nature. The prosecution stated that some time ago Mrs. Lancaster, of 19, Alcester Road, Moseley, bought a Parrot from Hambling. On Friday he brought her another Parrot, and left it for Mr. Lancaster to see, with a view to purchase. He called again on Saturday between one and two o'clock in the afternoon, but Mr. Lancaster was again not in. He was shown up to a bed-sitting room to wait with the Parrot for Mr. Lancaster's arrival. On the dressing table were two diamond rings of the value of £20, and two diamond ear-rings valued at £10, as well as the brooch the subject of the charge. About three o'clock defendant went out, saying he would return, and about five o'clock called again. In the meantime Mrs. Lancaster missed the jewellery, and on the return of Hambling she asked the servant, in his presence, if she had knocked them off the table. Hambling then said that he saw them there, but he had not got them. He added, "What about the lady and gentleman who have been here? They must have taken them." Mrs. Lancaster stated that no one had been to the house. On Mr. Lancaster's arrival the police were sent for. In reply to Inspector Kitchen, defendant said he had seen the rings on the table and a gold watch, but about four o'clock Mrs. Lancaster put the watch in the pocket at the head of the bed.—Inspector Kitchen found the watch there, as stated.—Mrs. Lancaster said she had also missed a brooch, the subject of the charge. Defendant, who denied the allegation, offered to be searched. Told to turn out his pockets himself, he searched his overcoat and then threw it on the bed, and proceeded to search his other pockets. The Inspector picked the coat up and, noticing something in the pocket, told him to turn it out. The brooch was then found, along with some Parrot food. Defendant said someone must have put it there.—The Clerk: Was he sober?—Inspector: No; he had evidently had something to drink.—The Clerk: Was Mrs. Lancaster sober?—Inspector: Well, in my opinion, she had taken something to drink.—Defendant went into the box and denied that he left the bed room from the time he entered it until he left it with the police. He told Mrs. Lancaster he would not go away without either the bird or the money. He wanted to take the bird away, but Mrs. Lancaster would not let him. He and Mrs. Lancaster sat talking the whole of the time. A young lady and gentleman came in during the afternoon and stayed for about half an hour. He and Mrs. Lancaster had three glasses of whisky and water during the time he was waiting. He saw the rings and ear-rings on the dressing table, but he did not see the brooch.—Asked by the Clerk how he accounted for the brooch being in his pocket, he suggested that the young gentleman who visited the room slipped it into his pocket. He pushed close against him. Defendant said he would swear he never took the brooch; in fact, he was never left alone. Defendant also said Mr. Lancaster was lying on the bed all the time.—The Bench dismissed the case without comment.

HEAVY FINE FOR CRUELTY TO CANARIES.

At Wellingborough Police Court, on April 5th, a Canary breeder, Johnson Turner, of Tinsley, Sheffield, was fined £6 and costs for cruelty to Canaries. Nine birds were sent from Sheffield to Earl's Barton in a 9 in. box, the only hole being covered with paper. On arrival six birds were dead and the others nearly so.

Mr. J. Walsh, of Blackburn, writes:—You will wonder why I have not been advertising with you this last four or five weeks. The reason is, I have been quite overrun with orders from Jersey, Montreal (Canada), Fall River (America), Punjab (India), all over England, Ireland, Scotland, and Wales, and most of my orders come through advertising in CAGE BIRDS. I have taken the Rechabites Hall, a very large building, and am making same into a workshop and warehouse. I expect to be in next week. I shall then have plenty of room, and be able to employ more staff, and deal more promptly with my orders than I have been able to do this

THE SINGING CANARY.

Lecture before the Inverness O.A.

At the April monthly meeting of the Inverness Ornithological Association, Mr. Thomas Murphy in the chair, in the unavoidable absence of our esteemed president, Mr. A. Sanderson, Mr. George Mackenzie, of Seaforth Lodge, delivered a lecture on the Singing Canary. There was a large attendance of members and friends. At the outset, the lecturer pointed out that in size and outline the Roller Canary resembled more closely than other varieties the original wild Canary of Cape de Verde and Madeira. The standard aimed at was the standard of song, and neither form nor feather. Mr. Mackenzie went on to describe the evolution of the Roller, and defined the striking points of difference between the German country Canary, the trained Hartz Mountain Canary, and the St. Andreasberg. He explained from what he had seen in the Ober Harz and Unter Harz villages, how the peasantry of the district bred and trained the Rollers, and how large an industry it had become. Referring to the origin of the famous Seifert and Trute strains, and the elaborate training by means of simple musical instruments or specially selected schoolmaster, he showed how the commercial value of the Roller was enhanced. He entirely discarded the idea that imported Rollers would sing for only one season. In his own experience, imported birds were vocally perfect after even four or five years, and it was merely a matter of correct feeding and treatment. In regard to muling, he had got the best results as to song from Siskin Mules. Those bred from Linnet and Roller or Goldfinch and Roller had less compass of song, with fewer Canary notes. He touched upon the progress made in establishing the British-bred Roller, and said that his own experience made him favour the yellow Yorkshire cross as the best for giving style and size without taking away greatly from the vocal powers. Breeders of the Roller could not be too careful in securing quality in the hens that they imported; it was essential to success. Mr. Mackenzie said the Roller Fancy was extending rapidly, and societies were becoming numerous. He commended the study of the Singing Canary as a delightful and instructive field for the bird fancier. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the lecturer, and a similar compliment was awarded to Mr. Murphy for his conduct in the chair.

In sending us his annual subscription for CAGE BIRDS, Major Trotter (Rathmolyon) writes:—You have never failed to send my paper weekly when at home or abroad, for which please accept my best thanks, also my congratulations on the work and efficiency of the staff connected with the production of such a valuable journal to every lover of birds.

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Nightingale's Voice Heard.

This last week has been horribly cold, wet, and windy, writes a valued correspondent from Rotherfield, Sussex, but I heard Nightingales singing very early on the morning of the 16th inst. We have heaps of nests of Blackbirds and Hedge Sparrows, some with young and some with eggs, but I have not found nests of any other birds yet (only Wood Pigeons, which are too high up for me).

NOTES FOR HYBRID BREEDERS.

By "MULER."

HYBRID BREEDING.

As is well known, breeding Hybrids between two species of Briitsh birds is not quite such easy work as when the hen Canary forms the female parent. There is first of all the difficulty of getting hen British birds to breed in a cage, and then, in many cases, to get them to nest in a proper manner. Much of this latter difficulty could doubtless be avoided by supplying the hens, when in proper breeding condition, with material for nesting as nearly as possible resembling what they would select themselves if at liberty. So long as one only provides the usual nest bag of moss and cow-hair for, say, a hen Bullfinch to build with, they are not giving her a fair chance. And it is practically the same with every species of British bird, as they each possess their own fixed idea as to what constitutes proper nesting material, and are not easily imposed upon with imitations. The breeder who can get out into the country might well try the effect of providing his hen Britishers with the material from a deserted nest of a hen of her own species.

PREVENTABLE ACCIDENTS TO EGGS.

The disinclination to construct a proper nest just spoken of is responsible for many accidents to eggs. Even when deposited in a nearly bare box or pan they are liable to be broken before being removed to safer quarters, and when laid on the floor of the cage the risk is no less great; but when the floors are covered with gritty sand and the eggs are dropped on to it from the perch, as is often the case, they are generally beyond redemption. Most, or all, such accidents may be prevented by a little foresight. The upper perches should be placed rather low down, and the bottom of the cage kept covered with a thick layer of fine sawdust. A layer of sawdust should also be placed in the bottom of the nest box. Then the chances of broken eggs from these causes will be very small. Of course, a supply of grit must be provided, but it should either be kept in a small tin in one corner of the cage or, better still, hung on the front inside, after the manner of a water vessel.

COCK BREAKING EGGS.

Another cause of loss of eggs that might or might not be valuable is the mischievous curiosity of the cock birds. This is not quite so easy to prevent without often disturbing the birds, for one must either separate the cock from the hen each night when eggs are expected, or be up betimes to forestall his evil designs as soon as the egg is deposited. This is accounting the cock to be the only culprit, which is scarcely just or fair. Still, he is only one we need reckon with. Egg-destroying hens there certainly are, but as we consider they are never worth the trouble of attempting to reform, once the habit is formed, we should prefer to totally discard them. Neither must it be supposed that all cocks are egg-destroyers. The cock Goldfinch is notoriously one of the worst offenders. Yet I have known Goldies that would sit on the nest beside the hen during incubation, and were as trustworthy as any Canary. But these are the exceptions that go to prove the rule, and one can only discover the trustworthiness, or otherwise, of individuals of any species by actual observation and experience. It is best, therefore, not to put too much confidence in any individual specimen until he has proved himself worthy of such trust.

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MY FAVOURITE BRITISH BIRDS.

By W. G. BULL.

(Continued from page 343.)

Now we come to type. You can get different types in Linnets just as in Goldfinches. You see here I have drawn two birds of extremely different types—one of the Yorkshire and the other of the Norwich type. I like a good, stout built bird, standing well up from the perch, with a good big head, and full neck. Get a stout bird, built on these lines, and you will hear the reporter say "beautiful, cone-shaped body." Don't forget size counts in a Linnet. Get them as large as you can. Well, when you have selected your Linnet, you must find out if he was caught in dry or in wet weather (that is, providing your bird is freshly caught), for this reason: In wet weather the seeds that they feed on are very soft, and if you put him on dry seeds at once, most likely he will have inflammation of the intestines, leading to diarrhœa, which very soon carries him off. So the best thing to start your freshly caught Linnet off is soaked rape seed. Put it in a pot with enough warm water to cover it; then strain and dry it, adding a little crushed hemp and canary seed, but be careful that you give fresh seed daily, as the soaked rape turns sour very quickly.

The stock mixture I use is the same as for Goldfinches, reducing the hemp half and adding rape instead. Some people say never give Linnets hemp seed; well, I have found no bad results, if given moderately. The bird is a free bather, so don't forget the bath. The show cage I like best is 11 ins. by 11 ins., and 5 ins. deep, enamelled a little lighter shade of green than that for the Goldfinch.

There are several ways of telling cocks from hens; the cock has a much browner shoulder or wing butt, and the white in the wing is much more plentiful. If you take a single flight feather of a cock bird you find white touches in the quill, which do not occur in the hen; but the best and surest way to tell is that the cock has red on its breast feather, which the hen entirely lacks.

SELECTING A BULLFINCH.

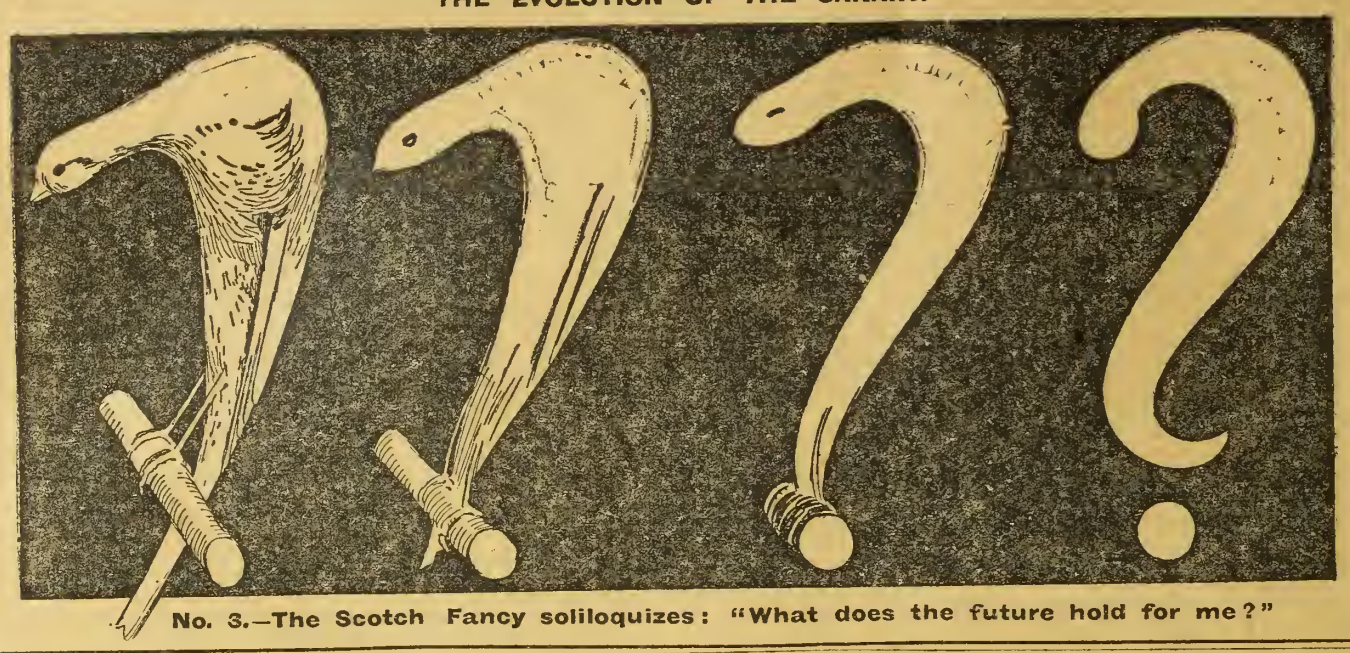
I can hardly say that the Bullfinch is such a great favourite with me as the two previously-mentioned birds; still, he is a beautiful bird, and commands a certain amount of attention. In selecting a Bullfinch for the show bench, you have got to consider size and colour of breast, which is a great item. It should be very bright and rich crimson, running from the base of the bill as far down the body as possible. The cap should be as large and as clean cut as you can get it, and a beautiful jet black. The back should be as bright a blue as you can obtain. The wings and tail also must be a dense black. The wing marking should be as large and as bright as possible, and the white on the rump, and under the vent, should be nice and clean. The type is often the John Bull style, as thick and as chubby as possible, with a full neck and large head. The legs must not be too long nor yet too short, or he will appear squatty.

The Bully is rather a difficult subject to cater for; his menu is large and varied. He is rather a short-lived bird in confinement, generally deteriorating in colour after being house-moulted. The best food to moult Master Bullie on is privet berries, blackberries, black currants, and ripe elderberries. These act as a colour food for him. For seeds, you had better let him have canary and a little rape. During the moult you must not give him any hemp seed, as it has the effect of making his plumage rather a dirty colour. I don't say a little after the moult will hurt him. Another thing the Bullfinch is very fond of (and this has earned him the dislike of the fruit-grower and the gardener) is the young shoots and buds of fruit trees. Still, I think he is merely in search of the blight and small insects that live on the trees. The best place to moult a Bullfinch is out of doors, or in a room free from any heat. I fancy they come out a better colour with plenty of fresh air. I dare say all of you can tell a cock from a hen by his crimson breast, as the hen is more of a chocolate colour.

Now, gentlemen, I thank you all for your very kind attention. If I have enlightened only one of you this evening on the selection, feeding, and management of my favourites—the Goldfinch, Linnet, and Bullfinch—I shall feel that my efforts have not been wasted.

A copy of No. 2 of the Douglas English Nature Books, entitled "One Hundred Photographs from Life of British Birds," reaches us from the publishers, Messrs. Bousfield and Co., London. The photographs are examples of the skill of Mr. K. B. Lodge, and a most charming booklet they make, the value of which is considerably enhanced by notes on the habits of the birds depicted. The shilling at which it is priced is a very reasonable charge.

THE EVOLUTION OF THE CANARY.



No. 3.—The Scotch Fancy soliloquizes: "What does the future hold for me?"

FROM OUR NOTE BOOK.

Formally Admitted.

The Black Lark (*Melanocorypha yeltonensis*) was formally placed on the list of British birds at the last meeting of the British Ornithologists Club. It will be remembered that a male was shot near Pevensey, Sussex, on January 29th, 1907, a female killed at Lydd, Kent, two days later, and a third specimen, also a male, killed at Rye on February 16th. This species, of course, can only be regarded as an accidental visitor to Great Britain, and it is improbable that it will ever be anything more, since its native habitat appears to be Turkestan, whence it sometimes strays into Russia. While the female might very well pass—to the uninitiated—for a common Skylark, the male differs remarkably, having a black livery, obscured during the autumn and winter by rusty brown fringes to the tips of the feathers. The short claw of the hind toe, however, readily distinguishes the female from the Skylark.

The White Blackbird Mates.

A little while ago we told of a white Blackbird in Newcastle—a wild white Blackbird. We learn now that this albino is mated, and that the nest is in process of being built. It seems evident, says a writer in the Newcastle "Journal," that in such a case the recognition of a particular colour plays no part in the choice of a spouse, and that the individuals of a species recognise one another independently of any perception of colour. The gentleman sending the above information said:—"About ten days ago I noticed the white Blackbird on the terrace in company with another Blackbird of normal colour, running backwards and forwards and circling round, and performing what appeared to me to be very curious antics. Both birds were so much absorbed that they allowed me to approach quite closely, and I then observed a (presumably) hen bird sitting on the palings. I came to the conclusion the performance was for her benefit, and the result has apparently been in favour of the white bird. I trust they may be allowed to carry out their domestic duties in peace and without disturbance."

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A Family Affair.

A curious occurrence is reported from Ellel, near Lancaster, where three species of Tits were found to have been caught in a bird-trap at one and the same time; they were the Great Tit, Coal Tit and Blue Tit.

The Fatal Draught.

A remarkable bird found in Mexico, the Bee Martin, is said to have a trick of ruffling up the feathers on the top of its head into the exact semblance of a beautiful flower, and when a bee comes along to sip honey from the supposed flower it is snapped up by the bird.

Trims it's own Feathers.

It is a curious fact that we have one bird which trims its feathers—the tail feathers—to a shape which, presumably, pleases it. This is the Motmot, an inhabitant of the dense forests of Mexico, and a bird akin to our own Kingfisher. It has a long tail, which the adult trims in an extraordinary fashion by mobbing away the barbules from the shafts of the long central feathers for a space of an inch at a short distance from their ends, giving the said feathers a racquet-shaped appearance, so that they hang down not unlike the pendulum of a clock.

To the Gentler Sex.

The Rev. K. A. Deakin, speaking recently at the Redditch Institute, said he felt strongly on the destruction of life simply for the purpose of personal adornment. There seemed to be something so utterly unwomanly in the encouragement of the taking of the lives of God's most bright and innocent creatures just because an odious fashion had pointed out some bright-hued bird as an ornament for a lady's hat. One might not be surprised at such an adornment finding favour in the eyes of ignorant savages, but that women of refinement and gentle breeding should take pleasure in such a thing was a satire on our boasted civilisation. If ladies must have feathers for their hats—and he did not deny that they were sometimes very becoming—why could they not be content with those of the birds which were killed for food, and which, by the dyer's art, they could have of any shade they pleased?

Bird Choked by Fish.

Whilst walking by the side of the Wharfe, near Crum Wheel, Ilkley, the other day, two men found a bird in the water with a fish fast in its throat, with which, in the attempt to swallow, it had evidently been choked. The bird was a Lesser Grebe (or Dabchick), one of the most beautiful and interesting of our river-frequenting web-footed birds. The fish which the bird attempted to swallow measures 3½ inches from head to tail, and two-thirds its length projected beyond the bird's beak. It was a bullhead, or miller's thumb, its large head having been too much for the bird. The bird and fish are being stuffed and mounted, and will find a place in the Ilkley Museum.

How Birds keep Warm.

A bird is clothed in the best of non-conducting substances, says a writer in a contemporary. Even the disorderly accumulation of feathers in a feather bed offers enormous resistance to the passage of heat, whereas living feathers arranged on the body like scales must constitute an armour against radiation that is almost perfect. By ruffling up its feathers, as a bird does when at rest in cold weather, a sheath of air, which soon becomes hot air, is created round the bird, and beyond that radiation is very slow. Moreover, within the skin are many air-chambers, in some cases connected with the lungs, and in others communicating with the outer air through pores in the skin. Their very bones are in most cases filled with air instead of marrow. Thus the bird resembles a double-walled house, with all its internal spaces filled with air warmed by a central stove, none of the heat of which escapes except through the labyrinth of jealous barriers. The same arrangement that in no small degree enables the bird to fly is also the best possible warming apparatus. As a matter of fact, birds seldom die of cold alone.

OBITUARY.

Mr. H. GOLLWITZER.

We regret to have to record the death of a well-known London Canary breeder, Mr. H. Gollwitzer (of Lambeth) who passed away on April 1st, and left his wife and children, we regret to say, practically unprovided for. His birds and cages, we believe, are being advertised in our pages.

MR. A. BENNET (GOVAN).

It is with the deepest regret and sympathy, writes Mr. J. A. Stewart, that I inform you of the death of Mr. Alexander Bennett, of Govan, who passed away on Saturday night, April 20th, after a long and painful illness. He was a genial, kind, warm-hearted man, and an enthusiastic breeder of Scotch Fancy Canaries. I am sure all who knew him will sympathise with his widow and family in their sad bereavement.

"Out, Damned Spot."

It is reported that a commuuity of Rooks at Poole, Dorset, was so horrified by the body of a tame relative, which they had put to death on the poor bird attempting to join them after escaping from its cage, that they have now abandoned the spot.

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FANCIERS' FESTIVITIES.

The Greenwich and Deptford Cage Bird Society held a most successful smoking concert at the Two Brewers, Church-street, Greenwich, on April 11th. During the evening the following artistes appeared:—Mr. Fred Putner, who kindly arranged the programme, and opened the concert with "A Different Girl Again." Mr. and Mr. Joe Bass greatly amused the company with a duet, composed of different choruses. Mr. Meads, the chairman, gave the toast of "The Society," dwelling upon the amicable feeling existing among the members, and the promising outlook of the society. Mr. Hill responded, and mentioned that five years ago the society was started with half-a-dozen members in a railway arch, and now the membership exceeds fifty. Mr. R. Simpson sang "The Jovial Monk," and after a few more songs and a gramophone selection, Mr. Putner proposed "The Visitors," which was responded to by Mr. Joe Bass, who remarked that the only association he had with the bird Fancy was when as a boy he accidentally liberated his father's pet Canary, which happened to be a hen, and consequently received a thrashing, but having enjoyed himself so much during the evening he felt inclined to enter the Fancy. Miss Simpson sang "Queen of the Earth," while Mr. Higett caused great mirth with his "Walker walked away, because he coudn't pay." Mr. Hill gave "The Ladies," saying how pleased he was to see so many present, and advising all fanciers present to endeavour to interest their wives in the Fancy, as then they would have no complaints of seed, sawdust, etc., on the stair carpet. Mr. Lees responded in a suitable manner on behalf of the ladies, and quite endorsed Mr. Hill's remarks. Mr. Gripton sang "I see you've got your old brown hat on." Mr. Fred Putner then splendidly rendered "The Wizard." Mr. Atwell sang a song in two voices. Mr. Powell obliged with "Where the sunset turns the ocean blue to gold." Time drawing on, and having toasted the artistes and host, a most enjoyable evening was brought to a close with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne."—SID. HACK, Sec.

SINGING CONTESTS.

WARRINGTON L.S.A.

Contest April 20th, at the File Cutter's Arms. Mr. G. Eastwood gave four prizes, which brought an entry of 27 birds. I was pleased to see such a good number of fanciers and friends. Some fine singing was heard, to the delight of all present. Judges, Messrs. T. Crawford and J. Ball; timekeeper, Mr. J. Lawton; 1st, Stanway; 2nd and 3rd, Tryner; 4th, Armitage.

BLACKBURN.

The Blackburn Linnet Singing Association held contest for quality on April 20th, at Club House. Twenty-five birds competed. The singing was of the best. 1st, Leeming; 2nd, R. Topping; 3rd, Bentley; 4th, W. H. Topping; 5th, Bentley; 6th, W. H. Topping. Judges, J. Dobson and M. Place; timekeeper, G. Rostron.

RD. HAYHURST, Sec.

LEEDS.

Usual week-end contests at the King's Head. The birds were in splendid condition, and gave a good account of themselves. April 21st, eighteen picked birds competed for £1 in three prizes, 1st, 2nd, Galley, 3rd, Booth; judges, Messrs. Mawson, Naylor, and Tours. April 22nd, twenty-two selected birds competed for four prizes given by Mr. J. Booth, the proud owner of the best quality singing Linnet in Yorkshire; judges, C. Cooper and W. Naylor; 1st, Clark, the Linnet king; 2nd, Booth; 3rd, Naylor; 4th, Pearson. I should like our Lancashire and Yorkshire members to know that May 4th is the latest date for paying up for our great Whitsuntide contest.—J. MELIA, Hon. Sec.

Contest at Skinner's Arms, Buslingthorpe-lane, April 21st, when sixteen birds competed, and some good singing was heard, to the delight of a good number of visitors and friends; judges, T. Crane and F. Raper. Laycock and Galley share 1st and 2nd; Galley takes 3rd.—C. HUNT, Sec.

The members of the Prince Albert Association held a contest April 21st. Mr. J. R. Saynor gave three prizes, and some of the best singing was heard for many a year. The large room was crowded, and the winning bird was loudly applauded. It is a marvellous Linnet. Judges, S. Green and B. Jackson; timekeeper, G. Towers. 1st, 2nd, Allen; 3rd, Binner. There was a gentleman present to hear the birds sing who said he will match Mr. Allen's bird for £25 a side, for quality singing, best and cleanest bird in ten minutes.

E. WOOD, Hon. Sec.

Seeing Mr. Booth has bought Mr. Whittaker's bird, and is now out with a challenge to sing any Linnet in Yorkshire, I will match my bird to sing Mr. Booth's for £25 a side, quality singing, best and cleanest bird, length, turns, and form; one minute spring, and nine minutes sing, ten minutes in all. The Editor of CAGE BIRDS to pick three judges who have judged neither bird before. The match to take place out of Leeds. I may state my bird can be matched up to £100. I don't want any paper talk; business only meant with me.—HARRY ALLEN, 42, Brown Hill-crescent, Harehills-lane, Leeds.

The Quality Linnet Singing Brigade were treated to four successive days Linuet singing at the Old Bird House during the Easter holidays. The majority said that they had never met such a gathering of fanciers. There were representatives from Blackburn, Wigan, Oldham, Keighley, Normanton, Bradford, Dewsbury, etc. The first contest on Good Friday brought 17 birds to the scratch. Judges, J. Melia and B. Mawson. 1, C. Whitaker; 2, P. Hohan; 3, T. Stead. Easter Saturday: 1, 2, T. Stead; 3, P. Hohan. Judges, Melia, Crane, and Somers. Easter Sunday: 1, S. Hardcastle; 2, T. Stead; 3, A. Nicholson; 4, shared by T. Chadwick and H. Hayes. Judges, J. Melia and C. Cooper. Twenty-seven birds. On Easter Monday 31 birds sung for six good prizes. Judges, J. Melia, Crane, and Cooper. 1, S. Hardcastle; 2, C. Whitaker; 3, T. Chadwick; 4, T. Davis; 5, 6, F. Galley. April 6th, 18 birds sung for three good prizes. 1, S. Hardcastle; 2, J. Clark; 3, shared by F. Galley and H. Hayes. Judges, Melia, Tours, and Naylor. On Sunday 26 birds competed. 1, Whitaker; 2, S. Hardcastle; 3, J. Clark; 4, T. Stead. Judges, Melia, Crane, and Cooper. The prizes were given by Mr. J. Booth, which, I think, is a record gift for the week.—J. MELIA, Sec.

Novice Breeding Competition. Send me at least 500 of the cards to display in the shop windows and amongst the cage bird fanciers I know in the district, as I think it will be a great advantage both to your paper and our society.—B. COOK, Hon. Sec. Dewsbury and District C.B.S.

JARROW & DIS, C.B.F.S.

Meeting held April 17th, and a very good attendance of members. Business was, show and selection of judge, Mr. J. H. Payne, also joining Cage Bird Union, which was carried unanimously; new members were enrolled, and a great amount of business gone through. Next meeting, May 1st.

J. T. CARRICK, Sec.

GLOUCESTER C.B.S.

Meeting held April 4th. Several new members enrolled. It was decided to hold First Feather Show at headquarters, on June 6th, Mr. Mansfield being unanimously elected to officiate as judge, and he has kindly accepted. Next meeting, May 2nd. J. Houghton, Hon. Sec., Dargai, Hatherley-road, Gloucester, to whom all communications should be sent.

CROOK AND DIS. C.B.S.

A meeting of fanciers was held on April 20th, at Love's Hotel. It was decided that a society be formed to be called the Crook and District Cage Bird Society, confined to cage birds only. Sixteen members associated themselves in the effort, and several promised at our next meeting held May 18th. Officers elected:—President, Mr. Thos. Fowler; chairman of committee, J. Horner; treasurer, E. Hutchinson; secretary, Wm. Rutherford, late of Crook C.B.S.

HAMILTON CADZOW OAK O.S.

Meeting held April 20th, Mr. Wm. Shearer in the chair. The balance-sheet, after clearing off last year's debt, leaves a nice little nest egg towards next show. The following office bearers were elected:—President, Wm. Shearer; Vice-President, D. Johnstone; Treas., J. B. Smith; Sec., R. Gadsden; Auditors, Wm. Haddon and Wm. Brownlie. It was agreed to hold show December 14th. Next meeting, May 18th. Selection of judges and classification.

R. GADSDEN, Sec.

TORBAY O.S.

This go-ahead society, which was recently formed at Paignton, has for its Chairman that good fancier, Mr. T. H. Vealc. First open show is fixed for October 30th next, and the Committee have secured the services of that noted specialist, Mr. J. H. Payne, to judge. Although this is looking well ahead, the Committee are to be congratulated on the success that has so far attended their efforts. Mr. H. Whitley, of Primley Hill, has been elected President, and the Committee recognise that they are fortunate in being able to secure him for that position, Mr. Whitley being held in great respect by all sections of the Fancy in the neighbourhood of Paignton.

E. C. PARNELL, Hon. Sec.

GATESHEAD & DIS. C.B.S.

Meeting held on April 17th. Correspondence was read from Mr. Hadwin, Sec. E. and W.B.F.C.C., informing us our offer to hold this international contest had been accepted by his members, and for which we are providing 14 classes. Mr. J. S. Wilson, Workington, was elected to judge. Nine new members were elected. A paper by Mr. J. Robson, "The Breeding Room and its Occupants," was read by our Chairman, Mr. Hawkins, and listened to with rapt attention. Discussion took place, and a resolution was carried unanimously that the Secretary he instructed to write and thank Mr. Robson for the very instructive paper, for the thorough and masterful way he had gone into every detail of the matter, and for which the members were deeply grateful. It was decided to remove the headquarters to Lockhart's Cafe, High-street. Next meeting, May 29th.

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ARBROATH SCOTCH FANCY C.C.

Annual meeting held April 18th. It was arranged that instead of restricting the British birds to one class there be six classes, to allow all fanciers to show their birds in their distinct classes. The election of office bearers was left over till next meeting, the first Thursday in May. The date for annual show was fixed for October 26th.

JOHN S. NAPIER, Sec.

RUTHERGLEN AND DIS. ASSOCIATION.

Meeting April 15th, Dr. Manson (vice-president) in the chair. The first business was the reading of Dr. Gray's report regarding Canaries that had died young, and was as follows.—"Viscera examined and found quite healthy; crops empty, but no sign of irritation; brain and spinal cord very much disintegrated, probably due to inflammation. This condition of the brain and cord I do not consider infectious, and was most likely brought about by the cold weather and too early pairing." This report was received with much interest by the members. It was decided to hold a First Feather Show on June 15th, at which it is expected to have classes for Borders, Plainhead Norwich, Crest and Crestbred, Scotch Fancy, Any Other Variety, and also for Mules and Hybrids, and a special prize was offered for Borders by Dr. Manson, and one for Plainheads by Mr. Lappin. It was decided to charge 3d. entry for each bird, to be divided as prizes.

SCOTTISH NORWICH PLAINHEAD CLUB.

The first meeting of the new Committee was held at Glasgow on April 20th, to elect the President and five Vice-Presidents, Mr. John Ferguson in the chair. Great satisfaction was expressed at the large vote of the members, which indicates that more interest is being taken in the affairs of the club. New rule provides that Secretary and Treasurer (combined), two Auditors, six judges, and eighteen of a Committee to be elected by and from its members. The Committee to elect their own president and vice-presidents from the eighteen members elected. The result has been a great success. Members of committee were asked to vote by letter if unable to be present at the meeting. Result of voting embodied in official report given below. Scale of points for judging will be given in new rules to be sent out to all members shortly. Societies wishing patronage and support of Scottish Plainhead Club must send the name of judge appointed, number of classes given, with date of show. Result of vote:—President, John Ferguson (Glasgow); Vice-Presidents, A. G. Cameron (Kelso), John Hector (Aberdeen), G. Scaife (Fauldhouse), W. Watson (Kilmarnock), and A. C. Daudie (Edinburgh; Committee, John Ferguson (Glasgow) (31), A. G. Cameron (Kelso) (26), John Young (Rutherglen) (26), W. Watson (Kilmarnock) (25), W. B. Mackie (Aberdeen) (25), C. Campbell (Stirling) (22), G. Scaife (Fauldhouse) (22), J. Winter (Edinburgh) (22), J. Hector (Aberdeen) (22), A. Chalmers (Kirkintilloch) (21), J. F. Dewar (Edinburgh) (21), J. McLay (Kirkintilloch) (21), J. Howe (Dundee) (20), W. Jaffrey (Brechin) (19), J. Adams (Dundee) (18), W. G. Muir (Kilmarnock) (18), A. McFarlane (Glasgow) (18), A. R. Langlands (Montrose) (16), A. C. Daudie (Edinburgh) (16). Judges, A. G. Cameron (Kelso) (28), J. McLay (Kirkintilloch) (25), W. Watson (Kilmarnock) (21), J. Robson (London) (19), J. Adams (Dundee) (18). J. Ferguson (Glasgow) (17); Auditors, J. Young (Rutherglen) (13), A. R. Langlands (Montrose) (11); Secretary and Treasurer, D. Smith (33). Votes certified by John Young and John Ferguson, scrutineers.

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GLASGOW & WEST OF SCOTLAND NORWICH M.B. & F.B.C.

On April 16th, special meeting, to hear a lecture by the prominent British bird and Canary judge, Mr. Matthew Craig, of Tolleross. Mr. Craig chose for his subject, "Mule and Hybrid Breeding," and divided his discourse into three parts, viz., Light Mules, Dark Mules, and Hybrids. He began with the Light Mules, and favoured box cages not less than 9 in. from front to back, and the length of the usual double breeding cage. The cages should be well washed and disinfected to free of redmite, and kept regularly cleaned while in use. The Canary hen should be a large clear bird, if possible from clear parents, and the Finches well set up large birds, not thick or cloddy, and the pairs should be run together for some time early in the season, then separated for a while. Two nests might be had from the Canary paired with a Canary cock, and then the Finch would be in trim for breeding. The cock might be run with the Canary for some time for a day or two; then left with her till she looked like laying, when the Finch should be separated at night. When the hen has laid her full clutch, she can be left to hatch and rear the young, getting the same food and attention as when rearing young Canaries. Mr. Craig is of opinion that fanciers trying for light Mules should breed their own strain of clear Sib-bred Canary hens, and thinks it probable that with careful pairing and patience none need despair of breeding a good light Mule. Much the same routine should be pursued in breeding for Dark Mules, and for preference a good-sized yellow Cinnamon hen should be used. Hybrid breeding Mr. Craig characterised as the most interesting study, the different nests, habits, and characteristics being most pleasing to notice, and the strange vagaries of the different Finches needing all the ingenuity of the breeder to forestall and checkmate the eccentricities of the hens. He mentioned that 28 crosses were known, all more or less pleasing, each and all offering difficulties sufficient to captivate the attention of the genuine fancier. The pairs should be run together in the same way as for muling, and the cages kept in as quiet a place as possible. In the case of Bullfinch hens plenty of young hawthorn buds and branches of other young budding trees should be supplied, and also a few mealworms; a small strawberry basket makes a good nest, and if a bit of hair is put in the cages before running in the cock you will soon see if the hen is ready. Mr. Craig found that wild birds were very fond of a small piece of bread soaked in water, and advised that when young Hybrids were hatched by the Canary fostermothers they should have some insect food along with the usual egg food. Mr. Craig finished with some general interesting remarks, and the members were asked to question the lecturer on any points they might wish made more clear. Nearly all of the forty members present took turn in the subsequent conversation, and a most profitable hour was spent, the young fanciers particularly getting many useful hints, some of us thinking that after all there was a "Royal Road" to Mule and Hybrid breeding, and that these lectures payed the way. A most enjoyable meeting was brought to a close with a vote of thanks to Mr. Craig and also to our President, Mr. Roland Eastman, for so ably presiding.

R. A. BROWN, Sec.

POTTERIES & DIS. C.B.A.

Special meeting held April 18th, to consider an appeal from the Wolverhampton C.B.S., asking if we could alter the date of our annual show, to avoid clashing with them, as their judge could not come on any other date. We decided finally to hold a two-days' show on October 23rd and 24th, as our judge, Mr. Vardy, could come on that date.

J. SIMCOCK, Sec.

DEAL, WALMER & DIS. F.A.

Special meeting held April 18th, to discuss the question of the annual show. Cr. W. H. Redsull presided. In compliance with an arrangement made at the last meeting a poll had been taken to decide whether the annual show should be thrown open to the whole of Kent, or restricted to members as on previous occasions. The majority proved to be in favour of an open show, the result being as follows:—For open show, 44; for members' show, 21. In expressing his pleasure at the result of the poll, the chairman said that he hoped all those who had voted for an open show would do their utmost to ensure its success. Three new members were proposed.

GUISBOROUGH F.S.

Annual dinner on April 20th, in Mr. Wear's Rooms, Church-street, where a very large number of fanciers and friends, presided over by Mr. Lawrenson, sat down to an excellent repast. The Chairman, in proposing the Guisboro' and other societies, spoke at great length upon the year's working, and the sound financial condition of the society. It had been a source of great pleasure to him in the past to be amongst us, and in congratulating the members upon the excellent manned in which they had worked together, felt certain that a brilliant future lay before the society. The hon. secretary, Mr. Simpson, in responding to the toast, drew the attention of the members to the large number of shows clashing with ours upon the same day, and yet with care they had come right side up, and had no doubt but that they would do so again with support similar to that received in the past. The King and Queen and Royal Family having been proposed by Mr. Jones, was responded to by the company singing "God Save the King." The "Chairman," and "Our Host," having been proposed by Mr Hodgson, was humorously replied to by Mr. Clarkson. During the remainder of the evening songs and duets were sung by the following artistes: Messrs. Thompson, Gendle, Pallister, Wear, and the Brothers Jones, Mr. King ably assisting at the piano. After enjoying themselves to near midnight, the company broke up with "God Save the King" and "Auld Lang Syne."

W. T. SIMPSON, Hon. Sec.

CINNAMON-MARKED YORKSHIRE C.C.

Annual meeting held at Bradford on April 20th. In the absence of the President, through illness, Mr. J. Greaves presided. The balance-sheet was considered, showing a profit on the year of nearly £3, and over £5 to the credit of the club. The following officers were elected:—Messrs. J. Greaves (Windhill), President; R. W. Gledhill (Huddersfield), Vice-President; R. Garnett (Windhill), Sec.; R. Sutcliffe (Windhill) and J. E. Brotherton (Bradford), Trustees; W. Crabtree, J. Hartley, T. Fortnam, F. Hammond, J. E. Brotherton, H. Simonett (Bradford), J. F. Gibbous, J. J. Norris (Manchester), W. Gladwin (London), W. T. Hall (Dewsbury), F. Armstrong, J. F. Clarkson (Halifax), H. H. Towers (Windhill), H. Dobson (Soltaire), A. Hirst (Accrington), T. Milburn (Allerton), M. Blakey, A. Dearden (Brighouse), J. W. Wharton, J. Holmshaw (Liversedge), M. Richmond (Rodley), T. Bentley (Cleckheaton), A. Kent (Hartshead Moor), A. Lowford (Huddersfield), T. Ogden (Dudley Hill). It was decided to again hold competitions for champions and novices, also that specials for best fourth prize birds, and for most points gained by novices at competition shows, either first feather or winter. It was decided that we adhere to our rule as to a separate judge for each competition show, the National Show included. The following gentlemen have kindly promised specials for 1907:—Messrs. J. E. Brotherton, first prize for novices: R. Sutcliffe and Son, medal; H. Dobson, watch; T. Bentley, teapot; J. F. Gibbons, 10/6, all for novices; Ogden Bros., value 7/6, for most points with consolation cards; J. Greaves, 10/6; W. H. Shackleton, 10/6; W. Gledhill, 10/6; F. Hammond, 5/-; H. Simonet, 5/-; W. Crabtree, 5/-; J. Hartley, 2/6; T. Fortnam, 2/6; T. Clegg, 2/6; A. Kent, 2/6.

R. GARNETT, Sec.

GRIMSBY AND DIS. C.B.S.

At our last meeting Mr. H. E. Stubbs opened a discussion on the Rearing and Feeding of Birds. He commenced by describing the action of the muscles of the maw and the process of the food through the body. In the feeding of young birds we should look to Nature as our guide. The yolk of the egg is attached to the vent of the young bird when it is in the shell, and is absorbed by the chick during the latter stages of incubation. Let this, therefore, be our guide, he says, in the selection of food for young birds. We must adopt some food of similar composition to that of the yolk. He advocates the use of the yolk, disregarding the white. The yolk is rich in fats and proteids, and necessarily contains all that is required for the construction of the body. The young should be gradually weaned from egg diet to one of rape seed, because this seed is similar in composition to that of the yolk, the analogy being that they both contain a high percentage of fats. He said birds thrive well on this seed as a staple diet, but unfortunately such a diet is unsatisfactory when colour-food is being used, because the amount of oil in this seed causes the colouring matter to be passed too quickly through the body. Canary seed contains too much starchy matter to be an ideal staple diet. Here he particularly warned novices not to change suddenly from one seed to another, but to gradually introduce the new kind by degrees. It was his opinion that an ideal way of feeding was to allow the birds only to feed at regular intervals. He has placed cards before their hoppers in order to prevent birds eating between meals. By such a treatment birds, like human beings, will be healthier and less subject to indigestion. He finds indigestion and tuberculosis the causes of much mortality among birds. He therefore advocated plenty of ventilation in the bird room. Green foods, such as lettuce, groundsel, and watercress are all reliable. They contain a large amount of water, which is helpful in carrying off the waste products of the body. In the discussion which followed, it was asked why Mr. Stubbs had not mentioned hemp seed, which had always been useful in rearing young birds. In reply he said analysis shows that the composition of hemp and rape is so similar that what you may say of one is true of the other. At the conclusion of a pleasant discussion, Mr. Clews proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Stubbs, which was seconded by Mr. Moore, who added further advice to the novice section. Next month we shall arrange the classification for our open show in October, together with other business.

HY. E. EMERSON, Hon. Sec.

FIRST FEATHER SHOWS.

The dates fixed for First Feather Shows are inserted in this column free of charge. Secretaries should notify us of same as soon as decided upon.

May 6 and June 3.—Hull C.B.S.
May 18.—Hucknall Torkard C.B.S.
June 1 and 27.—Bradford East O.S.
June 1 and July 20.—Shipley O.S.
June 6.—Gloucester and Dis. C.B.S.
June 12.—Grimsby C.B.S.
June 15.—Rutherglen and Dis. C.B.A.
June 20.—Goldsthorpe, Thurnscoe and Dis. C.B.S.
June 22.—Leigh and Dis. C.B.S.
June 22.—Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.
June 29.—Darlington C. and B.B.F.A.
June 29.—Littleborough C.B.S.
June 29.—North London C.B.A.
June 29.—Pendleton and Salford C.B.S.
June 29.— Potteries C.B.A.
June 29.—Sheffield C.B.S.
June 29.—Rotherham C.B.S.
July 1.—Wimbledon C.B.S.
July 3.—Bristol C.B.S.
July 6.—Admiral Duncan (Notts) O.S.
July 6.—Blackburn C.B.S.
July 6.—Bradford West C.B.A.
July 6.—Coventry O.S.
July 6.—Ormskirk and Dis. C.B.S.
July 6.—Sunderland C.B.A.
July 11.—Greenwich and Deptford C.B.S.
July 12.—Cumberland Yorkshire C.C.
July 13.—Bolton O. and R.C.S.
July 13.—Hartlepools C.B.S.
July 13.—Suffolk C.B.S.
July 17.—Birmingham C.B.S.
July 17.—Torbay O.S. (Paignton).
July 20.—Sale O.S.
July 20.—Wallsend and Mid-Tyne C.B.S.
July 23.—Stoke Newington F.S.

JUDGES OF CAGE BIRDS.

The attention of Show Secretaries is directed to the following list of gentlemen willing to act as Judges. Terms for insertion on application.

A. AMBLER, 17, Lytton Road, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Life experience. 11 years reporter to the Fancy Press.

H. W. AXE, 55, Market Place, Doncaster. Judge of Canaries and other Cage Birds. Practical experience (Norwich and British speciality).

W. O BARLOW, The Aviaries, Malpas, Cheshire. Judge of Canaries, British Birds and Mules. Terms moderate

J. C. BARNES, 119, Duncombe Street, Walkley, Sheffield. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Long practical experience. Terms moderate.

W. P. BARNES, Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Life practical experience. Breeder and exhibitor. Reporter for Fancy Press. Commercial Road, Grantham.

GEO. BENNETT, 46, Wenlock Street, Luton, Beds. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Thirty years' experience. Terms moderate.

J. BERTIE, 7, Mitchell-st., Nottingham, Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds; all classes; 30 years' practical experience.

W. A. COWGILL, 115, Washington Street, Girlington, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Over twenty years' experience. Terms moderate.

A. G. DAVIS, Judge of all Classes of Cage Birds. Long practical experience. Terms moderate. 110, Tib Street, Manchester.

T. DIXON, Pioneer Terrace, Bedlington Station Northumberland. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Life experience.

J. DOBSON, 14, East Road, London, N. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds.

J. W. DRIVER, (Adnitt & Driver), Gladstone Street, South Normanton, Alfreton. Judge of Cage Birds.

GEO. GARDNER, 11, Haverstock Road, London, N.W. Judge of all kinds of Cage Birds.

C. A. HOUSE, 82, Upper Walthamstow Road, Walthamstow Judge of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds.

W H. LINDLEY, 4, Summer Lane, Wombwell, near Barnsley. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds only.

E. A. LOVELL, 19, Islington Road, Southville, Bristol. Judge of Cage Birds (all varieties). Life experience.

F. MARWOOD, 1, Barnard Street, Thornaby-on-Tees, Mules, British and Foreign, a Specialty. 17 years exhibitor. Terms moderate.

W. R. MILES, The Aviaries, Chichester. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Life experience.

W. MUNDELL, 6, Carlisle Place, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds.

J. NORTH, 435, Oxford Road, Reading. Canaries, British and Foreign Birds. Author of "The Common Sense of Canary Rearing."

J. PATTERSON, Chirnside. Judge of Cage Birds. All varieties. Wide practical experience. Specialist Border Fancy Judge.

J. H. PAYNE, 17, Northgate Street, Gloucester. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Cage Birds.

PARKER ROBINSON, N.B.B. & M. Club, 1, Back Hartington Street South, Barrow-in-Furness. Cage Birds, all Varieties.

J. H. ROE, 167, Clarence Rd., Derby. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Twenty years' practical experience.

WILLIAM J. ROSS, 19, Haulgh Road, Inverness, N.B. Judge of Pigeons, Canaries and Cage Birds. All varieties. Life experience.

C. E. SILK, The Aviaries, Emsworth, Hants. Judge of Canaries and all Cage Birds. Life experience.

HENRY TAMS, Orchard Place, Longton, Staffs. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Birds. Twenty-five years Breeder and Exhibitor.

R. B. TOPE, Hoe Street, Plymouth. Judge of Cage Birds, Rabbits, Cats, and Cavies. Twenty-five years' experience.

J. WILCOCK, 14, Chapel Street, Eccleshill, near Bradford, Yorkshire. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. 25 years Breeder and Exhibitor leading shows.

J. C. WILMOT, 17, Sandhurst Road, Bedford. Judge of Canaries & British Birds. Thirty years' experience.

H. WRIGHT (WRIGHT & SON), 84, Heath Road, Norwich. Judge of Cage Birds. Life experience.

Canary Breeding Competition.

I notice a letter from Mr. Reynolds (Kendlebury) stating that he was not in touch with any club members, and that he did not think he would be able to get any without paying for them. Fortunately, however, there are members of the Pendleton and Salford Society in his district, and I can put him in touch with two if he cares to communicate with me, or I would visit him myself with a friend with pleasure. Trusting this competition will be successful from every point of view.—S. SKELTON, 63, Goulden Street, Seedley.

[We are much obliged to Mr. Skelton for his kind offer.—ED. "C. B."]

SHOW DATES FIXED.

To secure insertion in this column a guarantee that the show will be advertised in "C.B." to the extent of at east 25/- must be sent to our manager.
* Under the Rules of the C.B. Union.

*Oct. 4 and 5.—**Burnley** (J.H.R.)
*Oct. 10.—**Peterborough C.B.A.**
*Oct. 11 and 12.—**Great Harwood.**
Oct 12.—**Broughty Ferry C.B.S.**
Oct 12.—**Crook C.B.S.** (H.W.B.)
*Oct. 16.—**Exeter & Devon P.P. & C.B.S.** (J.H.P.)
*Oct. 16 and 17.—**Grimsby & Dis. C.B.S.** (J.C.B.)
*Oct. 16 and 17.—**Hayle & District F.A.** (J.H.R.)
*Oct. 17 and 18.—**Dulwich and Peckham** (J.R., G.E.W., W.V.)
*Oct. 18 and 19.—**Rochdale O.C.** (C.A.H. & W.M.)
*Oct. 18 and 19.—**Newcastle and District Good Intent** (T.H., J.C.B., C.H. and J.P.)
Oct. 19 and 19.—**Accrington & Dis.** (J.R., J.W.)
*Oct. 22 and 23.—**Plymouth W.C.C.S.** (C.A.H., J.R., G.E.W.)
*Oct. 23 & 24.—**Potterics and Dis. C.B.A.** (W.V.)
Oct. 25 & 26.—**Chesterfield & Dis. F.A.** (J.C.B)
*Oct. 25 and 26.—**Manchester and Northern Counties, O.S.**
*Oct, 25 and 26.—**South Shields C.B.S.** (H.W.B., F.M.)
*Oct. 26.—**Middlesborough Tee-side C.B.S.**
*Oct. 26.—**Coventry O.S.**
*Oct. 26 & 28.—**Cheltenham C.B.S.** (J.H.P., J.R.)
*Oct. 30.—**Morecambe F.A.**
Oct. 30.—**Torbay O.S., Paignton** (J.H.P.)
*Oct. 30 and 31.—**Welsh National C.B.S.** (G.E.W., J.N., J.B.E.)
Oct. 30 and 31.—**Wellingborough C.B.S.**
Oct. 30 and 31.—**Wolverhampton C.B.S.** (J.R.)
Oct. 31.—**Oswestry F. & F.A.**
*Nov 1 and 2.—**Mansfield.**
*Nov. 1 & 2.—**Blackburn C.B.S.** (J.H.R., J.W.)
*Nov. 1 and 2.—**Blaydon-on-Tyne and District C.B.S.** (J.R., J.T.)
*Nov. 2.—**Rochdale Good Intent** (H.W.B., R.B.)
*Nov. 2.—**Bramley O.S. (Leeds)** (J.C.B.)
*Nov. 2—**Cleator Moor F.S.** (C.H. & A.H.)
*Nov. 2. and 4.—**Leicester Hand in Hand C.B.S**
Nov. 2 and 4.—**Norwich Alliance (All England) C.B.A.** (W.E.G., J.R.)
*Nov. 5 and 6.—**York C.B.S.** (J.H.R., H.W.B.)
Nov. 5 and 6.—**City of Wakefield O.S.** (J.C.B.)
Nov. 6 and 7.—**Portsmouth.**
*Nov. 6 and 7.—**Swansea and District C.B.A.** (T.H.M., J.R., D.H.T., J.H.J., A.H.)
*Nov. 7 and 8.—**Greenwich and Deptford** (J.R., J.D.)
*Nov. 8 and 9.—**Preston O.S.** (J.C.B., P.R.)
*Nov. 8 and 9.—**Hinckley** (J.R.)
*Nov. 8 and 9.—**Sheffield and District C.B.S.** (A.A., W.V.)
*Nov. 8 and 9.—**Wallsend & Mid Tyne C.B.A.** (W.P.B., W.M., J.W.B.)
*Nov. 8 and 9.—**Warrington C.B.S.**
*Nov. 9.—**Bo'ness.**
*Nov. 9.—**Stockton-on-Tees & District C.B.S.** (J.B., J.S., J.M.)
*Nov. 12.—**Cambridge and Cambridgeshire C.B.S.** (J.R.)
*Nov. 13.—**Luton** (J.R., J.F.)
*Nov. 14.—**Merthyr Tydfil.**
Nov. 15 and 16.—**Blackpool** (J.H.R.)
*Nov. 15 and 16.—**Leeds** (P.R., J.R., H.W.B.)
Nov. 15 and 16.—**Whitehaven C.B.S.**
Nov. 16.—**Consett.**
Nov. 16.—**Galashiels O.S.** (J.D., G.F., W.H., J.W.B.)
*Nov. 16.—**Morpeth** (W.V., J.P.)
*Nov. 16 and 18.—**Nottingham** (J.H.P., W.E.G. C.H.)
Nov. 19 & 20.—**Hastings United C.B.S.** (J.H.P.)
Nov. 19 and 20.—**Southend-on-Sea.**
Nov. 20. —**Inverness O.A.**
Nov. 20 and 21.—**Margate** (J.R.)
Nov. 20 & 21—**Northampton Good Intent O.S**
*Nov. 20 and 21.—**Bristol C.B.S.** (C.A.H., H.N.)
*Nov. 21.—**Morriston & District C.B.S.**
*Nov. 22 and 23.—**Bolton & District O. & R.C.S.** (J.T.)
*Nov. 22 and 23.—**Hull** (J.C.B., C.H.)
*Nov. 22 and 23.—**Sunderland.**
Nov. 23.—**City and County of Perth.**
*Nov. 26 and 27.—**Bournemouth and District C.B.S.** (J.H.P.)
*Nov. 26 and 27.—**Derby** (J.B. J.R., J.H.R., J.H.S.)
*Nov. 27 and 28.—**Cardiff and District C.B.S.** (J.H.P. & J.R.)
Nov. 28 and 29.—**Y.C.C. of Ireland** (H.W.B.)
Nov. 29 and 30.—**Jarrow and District C.B.F.S.** (J.H.P.)
Nov. 30.—**City of Dundee.**
Nov. 30.—**Darlington C.B.S.**
Nov. 30.—**Eccles & District C.B.S.**
*Dec. 4 and 5.—**Bristol Fanciers' Association.** (J.H.P., T.H.)
Dec. 4 and 5.—**Weybridge & Dis. F.S.**
Dec. 6 and 7.—**Hartlepools C.B.S.** (H.W.B., J.M.)
Dec. 6 and 7.—**L.C.B.A. (Westminster).**
Dec. 7.—**Cupar, Fife** (E.G.W., J. McL., H.B., P. McQ.)
Dec. 12.—**Perth and District C.B.F.S.**
Dec. 13 and 14.—**Edinburgh Ornithological Open Society.**
Dec. 13 and 14.—**Gateshead & Dis.** (W.V., G.G., J.R., J.S.W., G.E.W.)
Dec. 13 and 14.—**Pendleton and Salford O.S.** (H.W.B., W.B.)
Dec. 14.—**Harrogate C.B.S.** (H.W.B.)
*Dec. 21.—**Seaham Harbour C.B.A.** (H.W.B.)
Jan. 1 and 2, 1908.—**Scottish National C.B.S.**
Jan, 8 and 9.—**Wimbledon C.B.S.**
*Jan. 31.— } **Great National (Crystal**
Feb. 1, 3 & 4. } **Palace) Show**

(Secretaries desiring the initials of their Judges inserted, should forward same on at once.)

HARPENDEN, WHIT-MONDAY,
Horse Jumping and Driving Competitions, Dogs.
POULTRY, PIGEONS, and CAGE BIRDS.
Entries close May 13th.
Particulars from the Secretary, J. B. Townend, Station Road, Harpenden.

RUNCORN and District Show of Poultry and Cage Birds, Saturday, Aug. 10, 1907.
—Schedules from Godwin & Hardy, Secs.

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Sheffield C.B.S. First Feather Show will be held on June 29th, writes Mr. T. Bishop, Sec.

For the third time in succession Mr. A. Hirst has been elected to judge Warrington Show. The date is November 8th.

I must congratulate you upon No. 5 of the "Bird World Magazine." It improves with every issue.—W. A. Mulliner (Wolverhampton).

We have arranged to hold our Young Stock Show on July 11th, and country rambles on Sundays, May 5th and 19th, writes Mr. G. Hill, the Greenwich and Deptford C.B.S. Hon. Sec.

The Cage Birds Annual to hand. If every person who kept birds would procure this wealth of information, there would be small need for your query column.—W. E. Greeves (Wrentham).

The Goldthorpe, Thurnscoe and District C.B.S. have decided to hold their Nest-Feather Show on July 20th, with Mr. W. Brotherton, of Rotherham, as judge, writes Mr. W. Jackson, the Sec.

At a meeting of the Sale Open O.S. on April 22nd, it was resolved to hold Nest-Feather Show on July 20th. Mr. Geo. F. Hardcastle gave a paper to novices on "Hints for the Breeding Room."

North London C.B.A. Young Stock Show has been fixed for June 29th, and the Annual Show (members only) for November 29th and 30th. Judges, Mr. J. Robson and Mr. S. Cook, writes Mr. R. P. Harper, Hon. Sec.

The Bristol Fanciers' Association Annual Show, December 4th and 5th, will be held under the rules of the Cage Bird Union, writes Mr. T. R. Ind, with Messrs. J. Payne (Gloucester) and T. Heath (London) as judges.

Mr. Harper, the North London C.B.A. Secretary, writes drawing attention to the fact that the date of Mr. Robson's lecture on "The Yorkshire" is May 1st, instead of May 8th, and requests those interested to notice the alteration.

Mr. B. Stevenson has removed from 69, Margravine Gardens, West Kensington, to 12, Great Church Lane, Hammersmith, W. Mr. Stevenson is the chairman of the West London Fanciers' Association, and would be glad to hear from any fancier wishing to join.

Mr. R. B. Tope (Plymouth), has been appointed judge of Cage Birds and Fur Section at the Royal Cornwall Show, June 11th and 12th, and the Western Fanciers' Show, Plymouth, and the Royal Society, Guernsey, December 4th and 5th.

A remarkable picture post card reaches us from Emsworth. It shows Mr. C. E. Silk and his shop. Judging from the splendid display of beef, mutton, dead poultry, etc., we should say that the genial Charles is certainly an expert on things other than Canaries.

With reference to Swindon Show, I beg to state that the vhc was awarded to me for Softbill class, not Mr. Milne. The Waxwing shown was the well-known bird "Ambition." I should be pleased if you would correct, as this sort of thing does not encourage novices.—C. D. Cooper.

From Thornaby-on-Tees, on April 22nd, Mr. T. Baldwin writes:—With my last advertisement I had numerous applications, and had to return several P.O.'s. I disposed of what I advertised and several extra pairs. There is no getting away from the fact—yours is the leading medium for disposing of surplus stock.

Mr. F. J. Green is desirous of increasing the interest felt in Cage Birds in the neighbourhood of Reigate and Redhill, and in our correspondence columns will be found a letter calling attention to a meeting which is to be held on Monday next at Redhill, in connection with the formation of a Cage Bird section of the Reigate F.A. We wish the promoters the best of good luck.

By one of those peculiar slips for which printers are famous, the address of Mr. Roll, the Secretary of the Norwich Alliance Cage Bird Association, appears in Cage Birds Annual as Fakenham. It should be Dolwood, Cecil Road, Lakenham, Norwich. All who have need to communicate with Mr. Roll on matters concerning the great show of the Eastern Counties should make a note of this fact.

E. L. A. Crow, Hon. Sec. Lowestoft Fanciers' Society, writes:—We are at present uncertain about our show for 1907. We have, unfortunately, been involved in an action for damages for injuries sustained at our late show. I had read of your novice prize scheme (I never miss Cage Birds—have been a subscriber almost from the first number), and I think it a very good idea; and if you send me the cards I will do my best to distribute them and make the competition known.

Many thanks for memo. forms to hand. Very artistic—just what I was short of. Your paper, sir, is excellent. I owe much of my success as a breeder to the valuable hints I have from time to time taken from it. Your "Illustrated Idea" column I look forward to each week for something new. Your prizes for novices, I trust, will meet with the success it deserves. Am glad to say I have a friend who is going in for it. Be good enough to send me down forms for same.—T. H. Davies (Liverpool).

The South and North Shields and District C.B.S. Annual Show, on October 25th and 26th, is to be held under Cage Bird Union rules, writes the Sec., Mr. Duke.

I had over 50 enquiries for my Yorkshires advertised last week, from all parts of England and Scotland, which shows you have a good circulation.—John Barker.

Mr. Wade has removed to 228, Mitcham Road, Tooting. He informs us that the Young Bird Show of the L.C.B.A. will be held at the Napier Tavern, High Holborn, on June 29th.

I have taken Cage Birds now six months, and think it a smart, useful weekly to all in the Fancy; and I wish we few breeders here had a society of our own. We might get strong enough some day.—A. E. Headech (Charing, Kent).

I wish to thank all who replied to my advertisement in your last issue, as they were so numerous—far more than I was able to reply to—answers coming from Ireland, Scotland and Wales and down to Land's End.—S. Andrews, Sec. Widnes O.S.

Writing on April 22nd, Mr. Moakes, of South Normanton, says:—I should like to speak a word of praise about your splendid paper, Cage Birds. I have sold all my surplus stock through it, and could have sold a lot more; so don't bother about putting my advt. in any more.

At our last committee meeting, writes Mr. W. H. Colman, Hon. Sec. Wimbledon C.B.S., it was decided to hold our Annual Show on January 8th and 9th, 1908. The judges we have not yet decided on. The Young Stock Show will be held on Monday, July 1st.

From the Norwich Record Bird Breeding Society comes a neat book of rules, and a perusal of the latter shows that they are well framed to assist the Canary breeder in his hobby. The Secretary is Mr. C. Hobart, of 22, Paddock Street. The annual show is fixed for October 14th, at headquarters, the Spread Eagle, Sussex Street.

Lovers of the Lancashire or Lizard should not overlook the claims of the Lancashire and Lizard Fanciers' Association, which Mr. Oliver tells us be is anxious should receive an addition to its membership. Mr. Oliver's address is 35, Hadfield Street, Glossop, and he will be pleased to give any information needed as to the aims and objects of the L.L.F.A.

Mr. Riley, of 8, Delamere, Dumpton Park Road, Ramsgate, sends us a sample of the New Grit he is advertising in our columns. It is claimed that it is equal to any grit on the market, and sold at a price very favourable to buyers. Judging by the sample before us, New Grit is most suitable for the use of cage-bird keepers, being really gritty and free from dust, while, being rich in iron, it is especially valuable during the breeding season.

The Exeter and Devon P.P. and C.B.S., write Messrs. Cornish and Adams, hon. secs., have decided to throw their Show open to all-comers this year for the first time, and will use every endeavour to make it a thorough success. The show will be held under the Cage Bird Union rules, and Mr. J. H. Payne, of Gloucester, will judge. The date selected is Oct. 16th. We all want to make the thing go, as this is the first time we have thrown the cage bird section open.

The members of the Oldham Natural History Society and Oldham Cage Bird Society have for some time been agitating for an aviary to be placed in the Alexandra Park, and their endeavours brought forth an interview with the Parks Committee. Messrs. Stubbs and Ackroyd waited on them last Wednesday, the 10th, and explained their views, and also gave promises of assistance and advice in any shape or form. They also pledged themselves to provide 25 pairs of suitable birds. It was eventually decided that £150 be put in next year's estimate for the provision of an aviary.

700 Eggs for Swansea.

Colonel Morgan, we learn, has presented to the Royal Institution at Swansea a collection of 700 birds' eggs, representing 118 different species, collected in the North of England by Mr. W. R. B. Richardson, now of Neath.

Made in Germany.

The lay press has been full of ridiculous and untruthful statements lately about the great fortunes the Germans are said to be making out of Canaries. But one paper "gave the show away" when it confessed that only 50,000 Canaries were raised yearly in St. Andreasberg. This figure is insignificant beside the annual output of the Canary breeders in Norwich.

The Type of the Norwich.

It has been arranged that a meeting of Norwich Canary fanciers shall be called during the second week in May to try and settle, or come to some arrangement with the idea of securing a fixed type of the Norwich Plainhead Canary. We invite all fanciers who may be interested to bring models, drawings or photos to be submitted to the meeting. Further arrangements will be stated in the Press as to time and exact date.—F. S. Matthes, Hon. Sec. Southern Norwich Plainhead Club, 34, Rotherhithe New Road, S.E.

OUR BREEDING COMPETITION.

The Scheme Booming.

The number of applications for forms in connection with our Canary-breeding competition is still considerable. One result of the competition is a great influx of new readers for Cage Birds. Extracts from a few letters published this week go far to show that societies all over the country will benefit materially by these recruits. No fewer than fifty societies have signified their approval of our co-operation scheme, and are briskly engaged in distributing the cards advertising the competition. Every club should help, if not for our sakes, for their own. We must express our sincere thanks for the many kind wishes and friendly suggestions that have reached us from all quarters about the competition.

We are offering to send, carriage paid, 500 neat cards, with the name of a society and the name and address of the secretary, referring novices to particulars of our competition to the address given. These cards are intended for distribution by the secretary and members in the shop windows, hairdressers' rooms, etc., of the district, and constitute a capital advertisement for each club.

I am pleased to see that you have organised a breeding competition, and I think it will be the means of getting a good few fresh starters in the clubs. I am sure that it will be a success, and will do all I can to encourage the new beginners in the Fancy. You may send me 700 cards—or more if you wish—and I will see that they get circulated about my district.—Joseph Smith, Mansfield and District C.B.S.

Your novice competition will no doubt be the means of making the Fancy grow, and getting more members into societies.—Thos. Smith (Ilkeston).

Your competition column says from now to July 15th. I have my first nest coming on all right, but hatched on the 11th inst. To be just, do they come within the limited time?—H. Burder (Ripon).

[Competitors may take into consideration all young hatched and reared this season up to date specified in rules.—Ed.]

C. Brown (Llandudno) writes:—Re Canary-breeding competition, I am going to have a good try to breed some Canaries this season. I had a try last season, but failed to rear one out of two hatches. I have been studying my Cage Birds paper for two years now, so I think that I will be able to do something with my Canaries this time. I have got one sitting on four eggs and one sitting on five. Will I be able to enter these for the competition?

[Mr. Brown will not be able, unfortunately, to enter as a novice. Although he failed to rear any Canaries last season, he has that season's experience to guide him. He is only eligible for the open competition.]

I have called the attention of one or two breeders whom I know come in line with your conditions. We have in Bingley a good many breeders who are not members of our society, and I don't see why it should be so. I have from time to time canvassed them, but have not yet been able to succeed, and I hope your admirable scheme will have the desired effect upon all societies. In conclusion, I will recommend your competition, and any applications, either personal or otherwise, will receive my prompt attention.—A. Livesey, Hon. Sec. Bingley and District O.S.

Noting your offer in Cage Birds of a prize for Canary rearing, I should like to know if your competition is based on the luck from a certain quantity of pairs. Personally, I have five pairs, but some may have 50. Therefore, if I had ever such good luck, I should stand no earthly chance.

I have at present one young 14 days old, and doing well; five eggs due to-morrow under one hen; five ditto due Wednesday; four due 30th, four due May 1st.—A. Carter, Bury-St.-Edmunds.

[This query is answered by rule 3 in its new form.—Ed. "C. B."]

I think this a grand idea, both for increasing the breeding of birds and the sales of Cage Birds.—H. G. Brooks (Leamington).

I think your scheme will be the means of introducing new members to any society, and will do my best to further your competition. All our members take in Cage Birds every week. We never make a new member but what we, the members, and myself, tell them what benefit they can get by taking Cage Birds. We have made about 12 new members since January, 1907, and I have two more to propose at our next meeting, so you will see we are in a flourishing condition now.—C. Gleadhall, Hon. Sec., Wombwell, Barnsley.

I read with pleasure your note of the 17th inst. re your breeding competition. I think it a capital idea, and one that should draw new recruits into all societies.—A. Parks, Leigh and District C.B.S.

I think your scheme ought to prove beneficial both to Cage Birds and our society, and I intend to have it discussed at our next meeting.—D. Harwood, Sec.

I have had a talk to our Chairman, and we have decided to co-operate in your scheme, as we think it will be, as you suggest, a good thing both for the society and your paper as well.—Jas. Metcalfe, Hon. Sec. Brainley and District O.S.

Wm. H. Campling (Norwich), North and South Heigham B.B.S., writes:—I am very glad to see the latest up-to-date scheme of our favourite—Cage Birds.

THE CANARY BREEDER.

A Special Literary Supplement to "Cage Birds."

Having a Special Interest for Canary Keepers and Enthusiasts.

The Fascinating Art of Breeding and Rearing Canaries.

By F. KING.

Hints from a Paper Read before the Leeds Cage Bird Society on April 6th.

We will take it for granted that you have your stock birds together, all strong, healthy birds. By together I do not mean paired up, because I want you to suppose that the time is somewhere about October or November. In my opinion, a great deal depends upon the treatment stock birds receive during the winter months, whether you have a successful breeding season or not. At one time I used to turn all the hens I intended breeding with into a large flight about 8 ft. long, 3 ft. high, and 2 ft. from back to front, and I found it answer very well for some time, but eventually I discarded it altogether, because I found that I could attend to them better and see that each individual bird was going on all right when eaged in a double breeder with the partition removed, about half-a-dozen hens to each cage, less if convenient. The cocks, I think, are best caged off singly if possible. I have not much faith in the advertised medicines for Canaries, because if disease has got that firm hold which a simple remedy will not remove, better for you and better for the bird that it should die.

FOOD DURING THE WINTER.

Taking it for granted that your birds are in good health to begin with, your ambition should be to keep them so, and to attain that desirable end, feed on good, sound canary and German rape as staple food; reserve all other seeds as tit-bits. If you notice one rather loose in the bowels give maw rather freely, if costive give a liberal supply of niger. Give a small quantity of hemp during the cold months, and at least once a week give a piece of sweet apple between the wires. For the cage bottoms, I prefer Hyde's shell gravel. This supplies them with all that is necessary both for shell forming and grit. I have never used cuttlefish, so cannot speak as to its merits. Keep them free from draught, but let them have plenty of fresh air. Don't forget birds want fresh air just as much as we do ourselves. I wonder how long we should remain healthy if obliged to spend the whole of our time shut up in some of the close, stuffy rooms that some fanciers give their birds? Not long. If you follow out the above, I think you will find that when the sun begins to shine and the days get longer, your birds will not want stuffing with egg food to get them into condition for breeding. This preparing birds for breeding, as some fanciers understand it, I have never been in favour of. Nature will do all the preparing for you if you only feed the birds in a rational manner. I do not say give them no egg before you pair them up, but use it very sparingly, not more than a teaspoonful to each bird about twice a week. I should advise the use of good old home-made bread, and do not be afraid of it; three parts bread to one of egg is, I think, quite rich enough.

THE TIME TO PAIR.

The majority of breeders do not pair their birds up until they think they are in rank breeding condition. Myself, I always paired up about the end of March or beginning of April, if the weather was at all suitable, and I generally found that they went on all right. Have all your cages clean, perches firm, and at a suitable distance from the nest-box, to enable the old birds to feed the young from them. See that screws are fixed firmly in proper position to suspend the nest boxes, that seed boxes fit properly, and are easy to remove; the same with the water glasses. These may seem small matters, but they are better attended to before you introduce your birds to their homes. Catch your birds and cut their claws, also cut away all loose feather around the vent. I do not say this is necessary with some of the close-feathered varieties, but it will do no harm if not overdone, and it is best to be on the safe side. I also cut away about one inch of the tail; if left full length they get messed up. As soon as you notice that they are getting kind to each other give them a nest. I do not advise taking the eggs from the first nest. The less you disturb them the better, and unless your hen is a very keen sitter I do not think that you will benefit very much by doing so at any time. Just before your hen commences to sit, dust the nest with Keatings insect powder.

THE PERIOD OF INCUBATION.

When you have got your hens all sitting, disturb them as little as possible. If, as sometimes happens, a hen has sat over her time, or you have forgotten when she should hatch, and are doubtful whether the young are alive, you can ascertain by the following process:—Fill a teacup nearly to the top with warm water; be careful not to have it too hot. Place the egg to be tested in the water, stand the cup on a firm table, and watch the egg carefully for a few moments. If the chick is alive, it will soon start kicking, and you will notice the egg rocking backwards and forwards. I prefer one hen to each cock, and as quality not quantity should be your motto, I think it will pay you in the end. I think it is too much to expect a hen to bring up her young unaided. You stand a great deal better chance of rearing fine, strong, healthy youngsters if the cock bird if left with the hen to help rear the young. Give a little egg food each day during the time the hen is sitting. The reason for this is that some hens sit so close that they will not give themselves time to crack sufficient seed to keep up their strength for the hard task that is awaiting them if they hatch a good nest of young.

CARE OF THE YOUNG BIRDS.

I will endeavour to tell you first how I manage my young birds. I do not presume to claim that it is the best way, far from it. We all have different methods, but this is mine, as plain as I can put it. When I know that a hen is about to hatch I do not disturb her, but put my ear close to the cage, and if there are any young out, I can generally hear them chirruping. If so, I leave them unmolested for a day or two, unless I see the hen off the nest, and then I have a peep. When the young are two or three days old I expect to see a little egg food in their crops; if not I feel afraid that the hen is not feeding, and do the best I can to find out before I interfere with them myself. I had a hole bored in my bird-room door, through which I could watch them unseen, because some hens, especially at the commencement of the season, will not feed while being watched. If I was convinced that a hen was not feeding I got a small portion of yolk of egg in the palm of my hand, moistened with water, and gave some to each youngster just a little. I did not want to take the job away from the hen, you may be sure, but just to keep the strength of the youngsters up until the hen finds out what her duty is, and sets to in right good earnest. Be very careful not to give them too much; leave them gaping, so that if after you have left them the hen wants to feed they will not refuse. I have saved dozens of nests in this way. I use for feeding hard-boiled egg pressed through perforated zinc, and mixed with good home-made bread, about three parts bread to one of egg, mixed fresh daily, without the addition of any moisture. I always use, right through the breeding season, scalded summer rape. I prepare it in the following manner, just sufficient to last one day: I put it in cold water, let it boil, turn all the lot into a strainer over the sink, and let cold water from the tap run into it until the seed is quite cold, and give to the birds just as it is without any drying, in separate glass vessels. You will find some hens will feed on this before egg. I never give very much green food—a little nice, fresh, young dandelion, lettuce, or watercress. I have lost fine nests of young through giving green stuff, and have heard of others doing the same, but have yet to hear of any young birds dying for the want of it. When your birds are feeding their young give them their food in small quantity and often.

THE FIRST FEED.

This should be given in the morning, as soon as possible, and bustle the hen off her nest just as you are leaving the room. This nearly always sets her feeding. I have a look at all youngsters that are about three to nine days old, just before dark, and if any have not been fed give them as much as they will take, but be careful not to do this if there is any chance of the hen wanting to feed again the same evening, or you will spoil the best feeding hen that ever lived. Keep the young in the nest as long as possible. Don't disturb them when they are old enough to fly, because if you once get them out, you will be very fortunate if you get them to settle down in the nest again. Watch the hen, and if she starts plucking get the young into a feeding cage as soon as possible, and if your hen has laid again take them away altogether; put the cock with them for a few days until they have got well into feeding themselves.

ERRORS OF JUDGMENT.

Some fanciers seem to have an ambition to get their young birds on to hard seed as soon as possible. This is a mistake. It is not wise to stop the egg food altogether. I always give my young birds a little egg food and boiled rape, right through the season, until they have finished the moult. If you have a hen egg bound, annoint vent and lower parts of body with a little warm castor oil. This I have found always acts, unless it is a very bad case. I have not often been troubled with nesting diarrhœa, but when I have had a case I have cured it by giving Epsom salts, both in the drinking water and mixed with the egg food.

MISFORTUNES AND DISAPPOINTMENTS.

I believe that most of the misfortunes and disappointments that a fancier has to contend with during the breeding season are caused by cramming the old birds with too much rich food; always put plenty of bread with your egg food, and rather let them go for a few hours with empty pots than always have them full. If you can manage it, I should advise you to keep all the birds you breed until after the moult, or you may be parting with some of the best. The best for the young bird shows are not often the best after the moult.

Canary Notes in Brief.

By CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Soft-shelled Eggs.

Egg-binding is such a real source of trouble and worry to many bird breeders and is so often associated with the laying of eggs with soft and imperfect shells, or no shells at all, that the latest theory as to the cause of soft-shelled eggs must be of vital interest to fanciers. This discovery, like so many others, comes from the United States, and I give it for just what it is worth. It is to the effect that excitement is the cause of soft-shelled eggs. This theory is based on a series of experiments conducted at the Kansas Agricultural Station, when it was found that these imperfectly shelled eggs could be produced by simply keeping the hen in a continual state of excitement. True, these experiments refer to poultry, but the development of eggs and shells is quite analogous in the case of birds. This may, perhaps, help to throw some new light on this trouble of the bird breeder. There is certainly something to be said in its favour. Persistent egg-binding—that is, when hens are repeatedly affected with different eggs—is nearly always accompanied by the laying of imperfectly shelled eggs, and it is equally certain that the cause is not always, as is too often supposed, due to the hens not consuming a sufficient amount of limey substances, because I have known hens to be affected whose consumption of limey material was all that could be desired. In any case, this theory should be an extra inducement to fanciers to disturb the birds as little as possible once they are mated.

Is a May Chick "Kind?"

One is at times a little apt to throw ridicule at what may be termed the unwritten laws of the old time fanciers. But this stock phrase of one of the "oldest inhabitants," well skilled in the hobby of breeding feathers, that "a May chick is always kind," would probably withstand all the light of modern progress and knowledge. Of course, the word "kind" was used in its obsolete sense as signifying something healthy, vigorous, and flourishing, and the old fellow, instead of being crazy to produce the earliest chick, strove rather to get the bulk of his chicks, whether of birds or poultry, hatched in May. There is much to be said in favour of such a theory, as doubtless at this time, when Nature itself is revivifying, quickening, and filling everything with the fulness of life, the advent of these delicate lives responds to the sympathetic influences of Nature, and receive the very best aid towards developing the little spark and making a good start in life. Canary breeders who start early rarely find the pick of the season's results in the first nests. If a vote could be taken it would probably be found that the great majority of the best birds that are bred were hatched out in May or within a few days of that month on either side, thus giving some colour to a very "old saw."

Lice on Canaries.

We are gradually getting fanciers as a body to appreciate at something like their true worth the injurious effects of parasites upon cage birds, if one may judge from the frequency with which they are now brought into prominence. The redmite everyone knows, or should know by now, and also an efficient remedy for them. But the grey louse which we have now in view is quite different from mites. It *is* a louse; whereas the redmite is more nearly related to the spiders. The treatment usually advised for mites is practically useless to exterminate these lice, which almost invariably will be found to attack either delicate, weakly birds, or birds which for some reason or other cannot properly attend to their toilet. I well remember a blind Crestbred Canary, which a well-known fancier once kindly gave me for purposes of observation becoming infested with this pest. Unlike the mites, these insects live permanently upon the host, so that to be really useful the bird itself must be treated. A good method of treatment is to catch the bird and, with a small bellows, such as are sold for distributing insect powder, puff a liberal supply of freshly ground pyrethrum powder into the feathers, particularly around the base of the neck, the root of the tail, and underneath the wings, and at once wrap the bird up in a handkerchief so that it cannot move, leaving its beak open to the air, and let it remain so for ten minutes; then return it to a temporary cage, and after it has shaken the bulk of the powder out of its feathers, give it a bath, with a little quassia added to it, before returning it to its proper cage. The bath may be given daily for a week or more, but the whole process of swathing the whole bird up in the powdered feathers should be repeated three or four times at intervals of as many days, in order to thoroughly oust any that may survive, and the young that are produced from the eggs, or "nits," which will be stowed away at the base of the feathers.

ANOTHER INJUSTICE TO IRELAND.

By J. STEEL.

Erin's need of a National Canary voiced in verse. To be sung to the air of "Father O'Flynn."

Of Canaries, no doubt, there are charming varieties;
Riprisinted by various clubs and societies;
Still do Oi claim, and widout impropriety,
Oireland should yit have a toipe all her own.
Faith, but Oi'll thry to discroibe, in a wurrd,
What 'tis Erin wants in her national burrd;
And sure its a nate wan—
Though Fancy's creation,
Loike the fairy Pat saw on the bog o' Tyrone.

Now oi won't be deluded wid strange ornithology,
Nor themes that requoire Liverpudlian apology,
While a writch wid a microscope cries "eriminology"!
Though me model's as green, as me emblem so dear;
And Oi won't have a frake, wid a back like Carn Tual.
Nor a frillifoid noitmare, wid fedders loike wool,
But a swate little creature,
Wid graee in each feature,
And as smart and erict as a Dub. fusilier.

A nait little swagger crist, tilted up sideyways;
If faked front and back, be the powers 'twould win praise;
And a full chist, that's tapered to waist, loike me eolleen's stays,
And a well carried tail, jist divided so nate.
It takes the twig quick, loike a Dan at the fair,
Recovers and turns, loike a rifleman square.
Now come on Enniskillen,
And sure Dublin's willing,
'Twill be faugh a ballah whin our own can compate.

NORWICH PLAINHEADS:

HOW TO BREED AND REAR.

By D. HUNTER.

A Lecture delivered before the York C.B.S.

The usual monthly meeting of the York Cage Bird Society was held on April 8th, at headquarters, All Saints' Church-rooms, to hear a paper read by Mr. D. Hunter, on the breeding and rearing of the ever-popular Norwich Plainhead. On being called upon by the Chairman, Mr. A. Richardson, he said: Mr. Chairman and brother fanciers,—I will endeavour to give you my system of breeding and feeding the Norwich Plainhead. I never pair up before Easter for various reasons; one is, the days are then longer, with more sunshine and with less frost at nights. I keep my birds at the top of the house, which is subject to changes, with hot days and cold nights. I always keep the hens in flights right up to pairing time; by this method I find they do better, are healthier and stronger for the breeding season, than by being confined in small cages, and are better able to stand the strain they have to undergo.

The cocks I keep in separate cages and give them little tit-bits to get them into good, hard, sound condition—a little bit of egg food twice a week, and a bit of mixed seed scattered in the bottom of their cages. In pairing up I like a large variegated cock, one with a good sized head, broad chest, good neck, short flights and tail, and plenty of feather, and a good upstanding bird. As to the hens, I like a nice typical hen, brimful of quality, one not over large, and of good type, soft and silky in feather, with a good position over the perch, and standing on nice, medium-sized sound legs. That goes a long way to make up a pair likely to throw a show bird. I like a bold hen, one with good full chest, full of action, not pinched at the front, and with good wings and short tail; that is the class of hen to breed with.

After pairing up, I give a little egg food and biscuit every morning. I put plenty of grit and crushed lime on the floor of my cages. As to the nest box, I have used the old square ones and the new round earthenware ones. I think the latter far the best, as it makes much less work and dirt. I use felt lining, as I find this answers very well; I give a little moss and cow-hair to finish off the nests with. After the first egg is laid, I take it away until the third is laid, and then replace them on the third night, as I find the hens take to the nest better at night than morning. Of course, some young hens are uneasy for a day or two, but then settle down to business in real earnest. If disturbed by the cock I take him out and leave the hen to hatch and rear the brood by herself. About the twelfth day I hang on the bath, as I find this greatly assists the hen in hatching off her brood. About the time of hatching I give the hen a little egg yolk only, and a little crushed hemp, in separate pots, for the first two or three days, and then I give yolk and white along with the biscuits until the brood is successfully reared. I like hens that feed on plenty of seed. Now, as to green food, I give them a bit of lettuce after the first three days of the young birds' life. I never stint them as to egg, hemp and green food. But here, my friends, take warning — don't overdo it, as there is nothing to be gained by cramming your birds with a lot of rich food.

When the young are about three weeks old, you have to watch them very closely Some hens want to go to nest sooner than others; and here your trouble commences. If this happens, put the young at once into a nursery, and hang it on in front of the breeding cage until they are able to do for themselves; that will be when about four weeks old. Then get them into the flight cage and give them a little soft food, as well as crushed seed, at first. Get them on to seed soon, but don't forget to give a little, very little, soft food, and as a change, instead of egg food give them a little milk sop, and you will be surprised how they thrive apace. Should there be any extra good ones or one that looks like making up into a show specimen, take him out and put him in a cage by himself. Hang on the bath bright, warm, sunny days, and train him to run into the show cage, as often as possible, and also give him a few minutes' drill; that's the way to steady a bird to show itself to perfection on the show bench.

I had forgotten to mention colour feeding, for Norwich are no use for showing unless they are colour fed, and you must have a rich, even colour throughout. Commence feeding for colour when about eight to ten weeks old the first nests, and about six or eight weeks old the last nests. There are various kinds of colour foods on the markets, look round, and through your CAGE BIRDS, and select what you think is the best. Don't mind the price; pay good money and get the best food you can possibly procure, and the results you will never regret.

Gentlemen, this concludes my paper on breeding and feeding the Norwich Canary. I thank you all for your kind attention, and hope the young members may benefit somewhat by it. If this has been achieved I shall be well repaid.

Here the Chairman, Mr. A. Richardson, threw open the meeting and asked all members and friends present to ask Mr. D. Hunter questions "thick and fast." A very interesting discussion followed, in which the following took part: Messrs. T. Wright, D. Alderson, H. Shorney, T. Boyle, A. Humphries, A. Waud, and A. Cardwell. After Mr. D. Hunter had replied in a masterly way, one of the most successful and instructive meetings the above Society has ever held came to a close.—T. BOYLE, Hon. Sec.

The Graceful Yorkshire.

By J. Cavanagh.

A Paper read on March 5th before the Leigh and Dis. C.B.S.

The graceful Yorkshire is well known, and much has been said of it in CAGE BIRDS (from which I have practically gained all my experience). It is with the greatest pleasure that I attempt to help some of the younger fanciers who are following the same variety. Excellent progress in quality has of late been made in this section, and one may reasonably expect greater improvement still in the near future. The novices now are fully alive to the fact that, after all, good birds are the cheapest.

Now as to what the real Yorkshire should be. I shall try to treat this subject from two standpoints, the one that I do agree with and the other that I object to. A source of difference of opinion, and of sharp division, is the question of length; let me say at once that I do not underestimate length for certain purposes. But there is a recognised standard length of $6\frac{3}{4}$ in., and I think that plenty long enough. In all shows of note the recognised Yorkshire standard is accepted, and although nine birds out of ten are never measured, they would, if so measured, be found to come within it. It takes a good long bird to go $6\frac{3}{4}$ in., and one about that length, or under, generally carries good quality with it.

Size has no influence on me in a Yorkshire; I like style and neatness. I think a Yorkshire should be finely drawn, well up on the leg, clean at the thighs, with neat head and beak, level back, as fine across the shoulders as possible, and tapering right down to the root of the tail. The latter should be nicely piped.

Getting to the front of the bird we come to

THE STUMBLING BLOCK

of Yorkshire breeders—I mean frills. If Yorkshires could be bred without frills some of you would think the millenium had come. A great deal has been written and said about frills; they are objectionable and to be avoided. This question of frills is often associated with another legacy which comes from the blood of the Belgian—a deep chest. These deep chests are usually pointed, and the feathers do not lie well upon them; therefore in selecting your breeding stock avoid both cocks and hens with deep chests. I attach considerable importance to the back and wing coverings. I like them smooth and level, with the feather glistening and fulling, and fitting close to the flights. This is a great point and goes a long way to make up a bird of quality. I like to see plenty of life and nerve in a Yorkshire, not a sluggish bird, but one that will dance along the perch very quickly and get upon his legs with a firm grip of the perch, shooting up like a snake out of his coil. It is very pleasing to note during the last two years that a marked improvement has taken place in the style of our birds, but in many instances they yet lack that all-important bit of breed (as the Yorkshiremen call it), which, to my thinking, is even more essential in the breeding room than on the show bench.

The quality of our birds is steadily improving, but with this, as with colour, we are still a little behind. In spite of what may be said to the contrary, colour is still very necessary.

OUR POPULAR CANARIES.

By GEORGE GARDNER.

A Lecture delivered before the Hanwell, Ealing and District Fanciers' Society.

Mr. Gardner said: I am like a good many others, I suppose, who are called upon to speak on the subject of Cage Birds—I am at a loss to know how to present what must of necessity be somewhat an old friend in a new dress. My difficulty lies in making the disguise effectual. A man cannot manufacture bird lore. He can at the most go over a beaten track. But I will try and present a few points to you to-night in an interesting manner, even if they cannot lay claim to be new.

Some people enter upon cage bird breeding just as if it were like shelling peas, or the old game of "a penny in the slot and a prize every time." I am going to caution intending aspirants against that idea. Cage bird breeding is one of the most precarious hobbies there are. It is full of disappointments, but it is also full of interest and fascination. It is split up into two main sections, and also many sub-sections. One main section is Canary breeding; the other is Mule and Hybrid breeding. I am leaving Foreign birds out of the question, because that is an entirely different branch of ornithology. I am also leaving out to a great extent, British bird keeping, because, in a large measure, these birds are wild caught and not bred in captivity. Furthermore, a great many British birds—now, no laughing—would, if they were in their right places, have to be included in the Foreign section. I am told by your excellent secretary, Mr. Peet, that you are fond of discussion, and on that point I must throw down the gauntlet. I don't suppose any of you will hurt me, even if I am vanquished.

CONCERNING NORWICH PLAINHEADS.

What are you Norwich Plainhead breeders about that you do not get rid of the coarseness so often seen in your birds? Why don't you get them close, compact, and tight in feather, with a jacket that shows like boxwood? You could do so if you were not hankering so much after size. Some of you pop in the Crestbred hen to get size, and you are not particular as to what kind of feather she has, or what are the antecedents of the strain she comes from. Do you think that a bird springing from double Buff-bred stock—year after year double-buffed, without regard in the least to colour—is going to improve a stock one of the primary characteristics of which is colour? If you do think so, then keep on doing it, and you may win a cup for Norwich Plainheads—when the world is at an end, but not before. Why did not you keep the colour in your stock instead of losing it to get rough edged, draggle breeched, colourless raw recruits? You will never make soldiers of the line of them, or breed soldiers from them either! (I can see the stones coming, but never mind.)

You don't want bags of coloured feathers; you want dapper birds of a beautiful outline, with a level back, neat head, short neck, beak, legs, and tail well across the perch, with the feathers folding tightly and gracefully over the shouders and wings, glistening like the dewdrop, with plenty of genuine, naturally bred colour. Colour feed such, if you like, and they will please you. So they will the judges. Use plenty of green blood as well as clear birds. Buff green in cocks is preferable, on account of shape, and it is also good in hens, because you can get but few yellow green hens. Don't breed from yellow green cocks, unless they are typical, which 18 out of every 20 are not! Of all things, look well to shape, and quality of feather, and green blood will help in the matter of colour. The best prinicple is to breed yellow to buff; or buff cocks to yellow hens, as I prefer. If you want size, select two boxwood feathered ticked buff birds of fair size and shape, and mate together. Often I have preached this, but even now many will not believe. I had a letter the other day from a very old friend, and a large and successful Norwich breerer, living in the far south. He said: "You are about right all through, in your lecture before the City and Suburban Society, especially in your remarks about double buffs. Such advice is valuable if strictly adhered to, but the mischief is that fifteen out of every twenty breeders of Norwich Plainheads have not the class of birds or the quality of feather to use." That shows how few grasp the idea sufficiently to lead them to breed for it. My friend does, but cannot get stock to do it with.

POINTS FOR YORKSHIRE BREEDING.

Now I must pass on to the Yorkshire. Don't go running after size until you know. It takes a clever and experienced breeder to do what is called "putting size into a Yorkshire," that is, to do it, and not to overdo it. A great many illustrations of Yorkshires have appeared from time to time in the columns of that excellent paper, CAGE BIRDS—that casket of knowledge at envelope price. If any of you are beginners, and have chosen the elegant bird of the "County of Broad Acres" as your variety, you cannot do better than study CAGE BIRDS from week to week. In it you will be certain to read something to interest and instruct you. Get well hold of the correct view of what a Yorkshire is. I consider it a bird of nervous but elegant pose, standing well up on the leg, as if it were going to reach Heaven before you or I can ever hope to do so; and although fully extended in the effort, never losing its elegance. It wants a neat head and beak, a tight jacket that shines well, feet that grip the perch and toes that move like those of an accomplished stage dancer. Its wings should be well closed and meeting with exactitude at the tips, thighs smoothly covered, and no ragged breeches. Sometimes these breeches are made ragged by wilful tearing. Not by the bird, but by——well, that's the secret! A Yorkshire does not want frills and furbelows on its chest. It is a comely bird in this respect. Its tail should be well folded, until it is what is called a pipe tail. Six and three-quarter inches is plenty of length in a Yorkshire, and is as much as nine out of every ten good and typical ones can carry.

If you are going to breed these birds with the success which some of your members have bred Belgian Hares, you will have to learn that a Yorkshire is a bird of elegant mien, beautiful, silky, close-fitting feather, exact in position (and quick to show its exactitude), rich in its undercolour and peach-like in its bloom (in a buff, of course). You may hope to win with such a bird. The hen has a great deal of influence on the progeny of a pair of Yorkshires. She should be typical and elegant in the highest degree, although she need not be large in stature. Better not.

CRESTS AND CREST BREDS.

Now, about Crests. There are, to-day, after all that has been done and seen, some strange ideas of what constitutes a good Crest. I don't mean amongst the "inner circle"; they know, and keep their knowledge (and their birds) pretty much to themselves, except when the Stanley who is after them has a good banking account. Even then he needs caution. I heard the refrain one day—"Do you think I am going to sell the goose that lays the golden eggs? Not I." Oh! no. It only happens that wonderful birds are sold when their hair has grown grey, and "their natural force abated," when their sight has become dim and they have to feel about the cage for something like a perch to stand upon. Poor old chaps! They may be polished up for one or two more parties, but their glory will soon see an eclipse—sooner than their owners will see a return adequate to their outlay on old age You Crest men: If you pay heavy prices—and you won't get much unless you do, and should be sure you get it even then—pay for something young. Never mind the birds with two or three years of show "records."

A Crest is not a mop twirling round in the hands of a maid, or even a mop standing handle upwards. It is not like a lady's hat, tilted to three-quarter position, with one or two feathers saying they should fall, or three or four other clinging desperately in another direction to keep them up. Neither is it like another lady's headgear I saw on my way here, an imitation of that kind of pastry we sometimes see in pastry cooks' windows—rolled round with a hole in the end for the jam to go in at. A Crest is not a thing with a narrow front, and horns behind. A good Crest is not the size of a brace button or a field daisy.

A DESIRABLE TRAIT.

I cannot say to what dimensions they will get Crests some day, but I can say they should be of regular formation, droop nicely all round, have a small centre, be as dense in colour and as veiny as possible, or wide in vein at the mid-rib of the crest feather. That trait is more generally possessed by the lady bird than by the gentleman. Indeed it is somewhat rare for the latter to possess it. Don't you wish you might get such? And they are got. Good, clear, and grey crests of the same formation are also got—not nicely drooping, scanty crests, but dense in layers and beautiful in formation. A fine stout body enhances the appearance of a good crest. When you have got your crest, why wish to ape the Lancashire body? Leave him, noble bird, to his own glory. Every peacock should be content to strut on its own domain.

(To be continued.)

Roller Canary Breeding.

By F. A. LESTER.

A Paper read before the British Roller Canary Club on February 5th, 1907 *(translated from the "Allgemiene Kanarien Zeitung).*"

"It is astonishing how quickly neglect or wrongly applied care causes the deterioration of a good strain."—Darwin.

BIRDS TO CHOOSE FOR BREEDING.

The exhibition season is drawing to its end, and the time arrives when the Canary breeder has to turn his thoughts to the coming breeding period. Now, the first question is, Which birds shall I choose for breeding? Let the breeder use birds which he bred himself; let him buy new birds from the same strain always. He will have cause not to treat lightly the choice of breeding material if he intends to better his breeding strain, or keep it at the height attained, because the future of his strain depends on the right choice of the breeding birds. How difficult it is to find the right birds! We see every year breeders who for many years were victors in the fight for the gold medal having to be satisfied in later exhibitions with the silver medal; and the time may even come when they dare not send their birds for competition, because their strain has gone back. Although it is quite correct that in the breeding nothing remains stationary, yet by careful and diligent watching of the breeding many mistakes can be avoided. It must be ascribed to the neglect, or falsely applied care, as Darwin puts it, if a strain goes back or degenerates.

STRAINS THAT ARE DEAD.

Hence, the overlooking of an apparent trifle is very often the cause of undreamt-of consequences, so the breeder must therefore work with the greatest care. I do not speak of cases where the breeder will be forced by unforeseen circumstances to act and leave the result to luck. These things will happen at times to every breeder; and that they do happen bygone times prove.

Where are the beautiful St. Andreasberg strains? Where the highly-prized Trute strain? What has become of the strain, Erntgen. No one will be able to say that the possessors of these strains, or all the breeders who produced excellent birds from them, and for a few years shone like stars of the first order, were deficient in care. And yet these were faults committed, for we may be sure not one of them voluntarily descended from their attained height; so that one may say of them—they were once, but are no longer.

To-day the Seifert bird is the hero of the hour. How long will it be before we shall say—they existed once? If it could be said that this celebrated Seifert strain was a further improvement of an already existing strain, then one might say the improvement of the Canary song progresses continually out of already existing material. But this is not the case. What we have achieved with this strain had its origin in inferior material, which by accident and luck, combined with special knowledge of the breeder, reached its fame of to-day.

Still, we must allow that what has been obtained and admired by the whole fraternity has been permitted to go to ruin and to die out, instead of being kept up and improved. Thus we see in Canary breeding a continued fickleness, notwithstanding that the breeder of to-day has much advanced in the knowledge of breeding and the development of song. Let this evil of fickleness be caused by the striving after purity of song, let it be a consequence of fashion, let it be due to the endeavour to make Canary-breeding profitable from a business point of view, or to the desire of certain centres to have the monopoly, this much is certain—we cannot lay sufficiently to the heart of all Canary breeders and societies the necessity to use the greatest perseverance in the continued endeavour after higher things, and to keep undefiled what has been already achieved. Above all do I advise the keeping up of good strains, so that we may not share the same fate as the died-out Tourin, which, except to old veterans, are only known by name by breeders of to-day, who have no idea of their goodness and excellency. Even if the Trute strain is no longer what it used to be, we have yet breeders which keep the strain in all its beautiful Tourin. Let us pay to these men well-earned esteem and attention.

THE DEVELOPMENT OF SONG.

Canary breeding and development of song is an art, and must be treated as such. But this art cannot limit itself to one-sided contemplation. Nothing hinders progress more than if what was built up grandly and acknowledged for years as noble and beautiful is given up and neglected, because over night there arose a new edifice; or, to speak of our Canary breeding, if breeders endeavour to introduce a modern kind of song, and try to coerce all others to follow Dame Fashion. This is done by many judges, who, in one-sided fashion, prefer the modern. Therefore, oh breeder! keep the good you have got, and endeavour to further improve it; then you will find more joy and profit in Canary breeding than when giving up your strain every few years, and hazarding your luck in new things. By adopting the last mode of procedure you will never establish your own strain, unless luck favours you very much. On this principle are my further arguments built.

IN-BREEDING AND CROSSING.

The very first thing with which the breeder has to make himself acquainted is the meaning and range of in-breeding, as also of crossing. About both things there has been much written, because here we stand before a problem about which the clever ones cannot be of one mind. What we song-Canary breeders have learned from our own practical experience about in-breeding does not count for much. I do not know one Canary breeder who, with one or more selected Canary strains, has worked solely to please science. I shall joyfully welcome the time when our celebrated ornithologists study scientifically the song development in Canaries, and give us infallible proof as to how we should do things rightly. In practice we are much advanced, but the scientific proof is still in many parts wanting.

Although I am a song-Canary breeder I read with much interest the articles about colour and position Canaries. In these articles I find many valuable hints, which you may use with profit, even if you are a breeder of Edel Rollers. I advise my colleagues in this sport to do the same. In lectures and articles about other animals, and even human beings, I find much that is very appropriate. The doctrine of inheritance can be applied to all living beings, and these articles are also instructive for the Canary breeder.

Herr Woerz says: "In any case, in-breeding is the shortest way for the safe inheritance of certain, nay, of all, peculiarities, and for the improvement of the strain. No breeder can do without it. The most experienced breeders acknowledge a certain degenerating power in in-breeding, and give, therefore, the prudent advice to breed once inside and twice outside the family. In such manner can any faults or imperfections connected with the strain be quickly remedied. Anyway, one must keep the in-breeding within bounds, and the greatest care has to be taken in the choice of the breeding material."

SWISS PRINCIPLES OF BREEDING.

I also find in the "Swiss Leaflets on Ornithology and Canary Breeding" the following; the writer gives to the Canary breeder plenty of material for meditation:—"Pairing amongst blood relations can spoil the whole result of the breeding if a proper choice is not made of the breeding material to prevent the evil." But it must not be said that this is the exceptional case, for, if you reckon with given factors, you can avoid the rock of too near relationship in most cases. The question whether blood affinity conduces to the degeneration of any race has often been discussed to my disadvantage, so that I hardly hope to convince anybody. Yet all adverse arguments have not been able to convince me, because on the other side so many experiences of an opposite nature in the realm of breeding are on my side, which prove to me that many negative results may be put down to the account of heredity. All breeders who try to prove that blood affinity or in-breeding must be avoided at all hazards find themselves in a pardonable error.

The prejudice against in-breeding is so difficult to combat that I cannot avoid calling in the sayings of authorities and savants. It was formerly said: "In men, for example, deaf and dumbness was the consequence of too near relationship, just as other human frailties or illnesses were attributable to blood affinity; and in the same way it acts on animals." This does not at all prove that heredity can have her part in it.

MEDICAL OPINIONS.

Dr. Chervin, of Paris, president of the Deaf and Dumb Asylum there, writes to me the following:—"I have never had occasion, amongst the deaf and dumb of my institution, to think that near relationship was the cause of this human affliction; on the contrary, science has lately shown this to be imaginary prejudice. I wish you all success, in consequence of your patience and industry in the breeding of the different classes of animals. I am also convinced that near relationship of the begetter cannot be considered exclusively the cause of bad results."

Seasonable Hints on Canary Breeding.

By ST. BRIDE.

With special reference to Scotch and Border Fancy Canaries.

I take it for granted that breeders have put up in pairs what they purpose breeding in 1907, and that no matter how good the stock is there is a yearning for something better, a fancier's ambition being boundless. The true fancier strives after the production of the ideal, and that a high one. Fanciers should make the most of what they possess, and were that done, in many cases greater success would attend effort.

If the bird room has not undergone a spring cleaning, that should be done at once, cleanliness being of the utmost importance. That accomplished, the cages and nest boxes should be washed in a disinfectant, and painted with spirit varnish. A red mite preventative is the painting of the outside of the nests with a good disinfectant fluid; this keeps the pests away for a whole season, which, needless to say, is a decided help.

PAIRING THE BIRDS.

Everything being in order, no time should be lost in pairing the birds off into the breeding cages, as they are intended to be bred. Flirtation, which is more common at the beginning of the season than later on, should be discouraged. An excellent plan is to have frosted glass between each cage.

It is commonly accepted that patience is a virtue, but to the fancier it is more—it is an absolute necessity. The fancier who thinks all he has to do is to put a pair, or pairs, of birds up and as a matter of course success will follow, is likely to find himself disappointed. Success may come, but it may mean a long, weary wait, sometimes until well on in the season. In all the variable circumstances it is usually a wise plan to wait patiently.

EGG MIXTURE AND GREEN FOOD.

This should be given two or three times per week until eggs are laid, when it must be witheld until two days before the young are hatched. Then the supply should be resumed and given three times daily till the young are weaned. While the young are being fed by the parents, or foster parents, a plentiful supply of fresh green food should be given thrice daily.

I usually commence with dandelion roots and leaves, and give these until the white heads are available. The latter, in my opinion, is the best kind of green foods. Upon them follows chick weed, which is also excellent for feeding purposes. Care should be taken to avoid the use of stale or unwholesome green food, and to see that it is not affected by the numerous kinds of weed killer.

FOSTER PARENTS.

It is advisable to have reliable foster parents, though on this point there is great diversity of opinion. After all, there are assiduous couples and indifferent couples in all sections. Capital feeders have been found in the high-class Scotch Fancy, in the highly-bred Norwich, and in the winning Border Fancy, but, as a rule, what is called the "common" Canary proves the most reliable; it is very often a cross-bred bird. It is an advantage to have size in foster parents

The young birds can generally do for themselves four weeks from the day on which they come out of the shell. They should be fed on egg mixture and crushed hemp seed until six or seven weeks of age, by which time in the ordinary course they should be able to break seed, and live upon it.

The maintenance of good health should engage the attention of the fancier. The whole stock should be glanced over two or three times a day, when the skilled eye of the breeder will speedily detect any bird which is out of order, and no time should be lost in applying the remedies. A splendid article on how to treat invalids is to be found in CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL, which, in the writer's opinion, is the most useful treatise on birdy ailments that can be obtained.

THE CRITICAL PERIOD.

A very critical period in a young bird's life is the moult. An undue use of the bath should be guarded against, chills being frequently contracted in its inordinate use. Draughts should be avoided, as they are another cause of many of the ills to which cage birds succumb. Box cages are suitable for moulting in, and no bird should have access to the bath unless in the morning, and on a bright, dry day, when the birds can preen themselves thoroughly dry before roosting. Were this rule observed a great deal of asthma and other ailments would be avoided.

Cuttlefish bone should be fastened in the cages; it is a good thing all the year round, but it is particularly useful during the breeding season. Good seed and clean sand are indispensable. There are shopkeepers who give special attention to bird room wants, and it is advisable to go to them, as they are alert to supply the best of everything, and to keep the seeds free from vermin. It may not be generally known, but it should be, that mice droppings among seeds are poisonous.

SHOW BIRDS.

In the process of getting on their new feathers a show bird should be kept in a single cage. When a number are kept together feathers are plucked and spoiled. A great deal depends on the moulting as to whether success on the show bench is attained. An excellent plan, which I have tried with extra promising birds, is to put them into a large cage with three perches of the ordinary show cage width between each perch. The advantages are too numerous to detail.

A strong and well finished exhibit will well stand the wear and tear of the show season. The aim of every breeder should be to breed such winning birds. There is infinitely more credit in exhibiting one's own breeding than in paying a big price for a winner to lift prizes.

AIDS TO SUCCESSFUL CANARY CULTURE.

By W. A. BLADON.

The Rev. R. P. Hudson presided over a fairly large attendance of the Bury and District C.B.S., on April 9th, when Mr. Bladon, Chairman of the C.B.U., gave a lecture on the management of the bird room. He said he considered the management of the bird room a very important item in the success of Canary culture, and it was necessary that fanciers who had any desire to keep their stock in health and good condition should be very careful about the management of their bird rooms. He was of opinion that nine out of ten of the diseases to which Canaries were liable arose from neglect of a few simple rules, the observation of which would perhaps save the lives of many valuable birds. The first rule to which he desired to draw attention was that of cleanliness. It was not often that the novice was found to offend in this respect. It was oftener the fancier of long standing and those who had succeeded in breeding winners who were negligent of the primary rules of cleanliness. A dirty room was bound to swarm with insects, which were deleterious to the birds. The water should be changed at least once a day, and in the summer time it would be much better for the birds if the water was changed twice a day. A dirty bird room was a nuisance, but if the cages and their surroundings were kept clean the room was a treat to behold. If cleanliness was not observed, Nature would take its own revenge, disease would follow, and perhaps the whole of the birds would be killed. Dealing with essentials, Mr. Bladon insisted upon absolute cleanliness, a plentiful supply of pure water, and a good system of ventilation with immunity from draughts, which was a thing most fatal to birds. He warned his hearers against overcrowding, which did not necessarily mean too many birds for the room, but meant too many birds for the owner to give proper attention to. Every fancier had his own ideas of attending to his birds, but his contention was that everything should be ordered so as to make cleanliness as easy as possible. The food should be of the best. The hoppers should be cleansed at least every two days, and the soft food dishes should be frequently washed out and not merely dry wiped. As to ventilation, Mr. Bladon advised the introduction of as much fresh air as possible into the room. Fresh air was most valuable, but draughts should be avoided. Every fancier, of course, would have to arrange the ventilation of his bird room according to the character of the room.

The Rev. R. P. Hudson, in the course of a few remarks, pointed out that sanitation in a bird room was like sanitation in the homes. In years gone by people lived and thrived in what were now termed insanitary surroundings, and old-fashioned people did not think much of what were called new-fangled notions about sanitation. Similarly in the bird room. Old fanciers had bred splendid birds under conditions which nowadays would hardly be tolerated, and so new ideas as to the management of the bird room were being put forward. He was of opinion that cleanliness was an absolute essential in bird management. Of course, each fancier had his own ideas, and his (Mr. Hudson's) practice during the breeding season was to clean out the cages at night and in the dark. This did not disturb the birds, and although the cleaning was not absolutely perfect it kept the cages sweet. He endorsed Mr. Bladon's remarks about overcrowding and ventilation to the full.

Does Canary Breeding Pay?

By A. C. SELF.

A Story with a Moral.

Two years ago I became possessed of a pair of grand birds. Everyone who saw them seemed envious of them. People whom I had looked upon for years as friends "cut me dead" because I would not make a deal with them. These people were mostly only acquainted with the cheap and nasty kind of Canary—those generally sold for anything between a shilling and half-a-crown. When I told them what might tempt me to deal they generally ended up with something like the following:—"Look here, old chap, I don't want to stock a shop or buy wholesale, I just want one bird, and that one of yours would suit me nicely." Well, to cut a long story short and to try and reinstate myself in the good graces of my friends, I determined to commence breeding. I promised several people they should have something good and cheap if I were successful, and I also promised myself I would make my hobby profitable as I had heard of others doing.

With these noble ends in view I devoured the advertisement pages of CAGE BIRDS, and when I had made what I considered a wise selection, I made money fly in all directions. We talked of nothing but bird-room appliances, the merits of the "one cock two hens theory," illnesses, etc.—not to mention the glorious "castles in the air" the better-half and I erected. Where we would go with the proceeds of the sale of the youngsters—and how many dozen we should have. Well, the time arrived for pairing up. I had bought two more hens and a cock, rigged everything up to the best of my ability, digested books innumerable on both breeding and rearing, and I must say to some purpose. I was successful beyond my most sanguine expectations. I had my disappointments, of course, but I was the happiest man alive when I was able to take my friends into my bird-room and show them eight bonny little balls of gold—and they *were* balls of gold to me, for at that time diamonds as big as bricks would not have tempted me to part with them.

Everyone I met must be told of my Canaries, and, of course, they were better than the best they had ever seen. There was nothing else of interest in the world but those birds. I used to dream of the time when I should have the back garden wired over, little ponds dug out, fruit trees and all the rest for the birds to perch upon, to say nothing of the profitable side of the venture. The birds seemed to improve by leaps and bounds. "The air was filled with music sweet," as the poet would sing. Nothing would induce me to spend a moment of my leisure time away from my hobby, from early morn till late at night, and to tear myself away to business became a daily struggle.

The time arrived when my pets were ready for disposal, and after long consideration and many heart-burnings we decided to sell. I had no need to advertise them, I had already done that. Everyone knew I had them. In fact, I had almost selected the buyer for each particular bird, when on arriving home from business one particular night I felt there was something unusual in my wife's manner. You know that something, reader, but it was not a new hat this time, this is what was the cause. "Oh, did I tell you So-and-so was coming to see me to-day? You know what a dear, good soul she is? And she did so admire your birds. Said she had never seen such sweet things. And then she went on to tell me how she once lost a dear little Canary. How a beastly cat had stolen it during her absence. You won't mind, I am sure, dear, I gave her Bobby." Bobby was the pick of the lot. Of course, I did not mind. But I refrain from telling you what I said to myself. However, I comforted myself with the knowledge that I still had seven left, and that I would distribute them at the earliest possible moment myself. A particular friend wanted two. What a chance! I carefully packed them into travelling cages and despatched them, receiving in a few days a letter of acknowledgment thanking me for my kind present! Here was a chance for the wife to score, but rather than succumb to this humiliation I lied. Yes, reader, I lied. I will not tell you how much I was supposed to get for those birds, but by the time I had given the wife her promised share and recklessly spent an amount equal to what would have been my own, my pocket was very much lighter than my heart, and I could sympathise with the sage who said "save me from my friends."

Now, I have already said I need not advertise my birds—herein was a mistake, for if I took this means of disposing of my surplus stock and chose a reputable organ in which to do so, one with a splendid circulation, such as CAGE BIRDS, I should be sure to come into contact with people who are always ready and willing to buy good birds at good prices. I adopted this course, and in less than a week I wished I had had fifty—not five—birds to dispose of.

Am I downhearted? No! For this year I mean to go in and win one of the many prizes your valuable paper is offering—and it won't be my fault if I fail.

The Wickedness of Colour Feeding.

Prejudice does die hard always, so that even after CAGE BIRDS' plebiscite, which showed an overwhelming opinion of practical folk that colour feeding did not injuriously affect a bird's health, it is no great wonder that we still find a Daniel occasionally rising up in judgment on the side of fanciers. Truly, our honourable fanciers "with colour-fed noses" should feel flattered by the courteousness (?) of their latest judge and jury. Of course, it is useless to point out that a fancier does not feed his birds on cayenne, nor even give a very appreciable quantity of it in these days, or that we have wild birds which enjoy feeding upon the ripe pods of chillies! But, then, Nature is admittedly a "cruel dame," and may be, equally with the bird fancier, intent upon compassing the deaths of such misguided creatures! Here's a curious problem: Granted that the "true bird fancier is not to be found at shows," where was the bird fancy to be found before bird shows became popular? C. ST. J.

Canary Management.

By W. N. TURNER.

A Paper Read before the Pendleton and Salford O.S.

There was a good muster of members when Mr. W. N. Turner read the following paper on the breeding and general management of Canaries.

Mr. Chairman,—Having been requested by my fellow members to submit my individual experiences in the form of a paper, I will try and gratify their desire. In doing so, I do not wish to pose as an authority on the subject, because I am well aware there are many here to-night with equal experience, but it is only by exchanging our views on these matters that the Fancy is educated. Should anyone not agree with my remarks, I would ask for their forbearance. The enlightenment of the novice is my object in being here to-night, and if I should in any way improve his knowledge, or further him in the Fancy, it will be ample reward.

So much has been written on the subject by various fanciers that it is a most difficult matter to say something new concerning the breeding and management of Canaries. We are once again on the eve of the breeding season, and every real fancier will, or should, be welcoming its approach. It must be borne in mind that if you intend to be successful, everything must be in first-class order previous to this most entertaining and exciting period.

In the first place you must obtain snitable cages. I will try and give you a few of my ideas concerning them. You will require breeding and stock cages. I would recommend you to have them made of a uniform size, as nothing looks worse than a quantity of cages, all of different sizes, packed on top of each other in a room. I, myself, prefer them about 20 inches long, 15 inches high, and 10 inches from back to front, and made of cyprus, this having advantages over other cheap woods, it being a disinfectant, and obtainable in greater widths. Enamel them inside, and let them be neatly made, with as few joints as possible, so as to have less room for filth and red mite.

Having procured your cages you will require an absorbent. Some prefer sand to sawdust; I, myself, prefer the latter, on account of it being the more absorbent. But I also keep a supply of grit and a quantity of old mortar in the cages, for the sake of the lime it contains, as this is necessary for the hens, to enable them to shell their eggs, and so avoid "soft" eggs.

We will presume you have your stock birds in your room. You will have to get them into breeding condition. Diet of a rather higher order than the usual will be necessary. About a month previous to pairing up I generally give, about twice a week, a little egg food and mixed seed, such as hemp, inga, maw, and gold of pleasure; also a few drops of chemical food in their water as a tonic, with a piece of apple and boiled carrot. I continually keep a piece of suet between the cage wires.

Do not pair your birds until you are sure they are quite ready, as they will do very little good in the breeding cage. It is an easy matter to tell when birds are in breeding condition, by their "calling" and unusual movements. Never be in a hurry to pair up. The second week in April is about the recognised time. When the birds have been together a day, you may supply them with the nest pan and building material, such as moss and cowhair. If matters go on as they ought to do, it will not be long before the nest is ready. At this time there is danger of egg-binding, and as prevention is better than cure, one teaspoonful of common treacle in a quart of water will save any bother. Give this in the drinker until the clutch is laid. But should you have a hen egg-bound, one drop of syrup of hypophosphates, given direct in the beak, will effect a cure.

After the birds have been paired up about a week, the eggs should put in an appearance. I think it advisable to take each egg away until the third is laid, as otherwise they are likely to get damaged. When the third is laid I dust the nest well with insect powder and return the eggs. Another great advantage of taking the eggs away is that they are more likely to hatch about the same time, and this gives all the young an equal chance. While the 14 days of incubation are going on, I give the hen a little egg food every day, so that when the young are hatched she is used to it. From about the ninth day I give her a bath (or spray) every day, as the moisture is required to assist the chicks to hatch.

When the young are about three days old, I mix a little maw, or boiled rape seed, with the egg food, and occasionally give milk sops; also keep a supply of crushed hemp seed in the cage. I also give as much tender dandelion as they will eat. When the young are a month old, take them away from their parents, and put them into the cage you intend keeping them in. Feed with egg food and boiled rape seed, and milk sop; also crushed hemp and canary seed, with a few drops of gentian in the water twice a week. By degrees lessen the quantity of soft food, and replace by hard food as soon as possible; but do not stop the soft food entirely until after the moult.

It is not advisable to continue breeding after July, as the birds are then likely to drop into moult at any time. Any birds you intend showing should now be given colour food. Give this gradually at first, in the proportion of one teaspoonful to half a pint of egg food, and add a little castor sugar. Increase the colour food gradually to two teaspoonfuls, so that by the time the birds break into moult the system is thoroughly saturated with the colouring agent. When colour feeding, cover over your birds, so as to keep any strong light from them; this preserves the colour, and keeps them free from draughts. Do not forget to hang up the baths on fine days, as bathing is very beneficial. With this I conclude, and I sincerely hope, as I said before, that my paper has proved interesting and useful, particularly to beginners.

A few questions were asked and ably answered by Mr. Turner, after which a hearty vote of thanks was accorded him. Mr. Turner suitably replied, and this brought a most enjoyable evening to a close.

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I think your idea for encouraging the novice is very good. This is the first year I have ever tried Canary breeding, and I am going in to try for a win. Being very fond of birds, I have enjoyed many a Sunday with your interesting paper, CAGE BIRDS, and it was the last Birthday number that stirred me up to try my hand. Please send me on a form, so that I can enter the competition. Hope this scheme will increase the circulation of your valuable paper. I would also like a few specimen copies of CAGE BIRDS to distribute amongst my friends, and will try and induce them to take it in every week.—H. E. CRACKNELL, Moukwearmouth, Sunderland.

[These have been sent.—ED. "C. B."]

S. Vincent (Shefficld) writes:—Just a line to make application for a form, for I should very much like to join the Fancy. I have never tried to breed before, but intend trying this year. I have two young birds now, hatched April 17th, from one pair of Norwich—yellow cock and a buff hen. I have two pairs to breed with. The reason I began I was advised by your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, and a friend. I have read your CAGE BIRDS since last October, and it is a champion paper for all that have birds of any kind. My wife takes a great fancy in this hobby as well.

[Mr. Vincent also enquires whether two gentlemen whom he names (having seen references to them in "C. B.") would do as scrutineers. The two fanciers named by him will do very well, both being well known and having reputations to lose.—ED.]

I think your new competition for Canary breeding amongst novices (to use the American term) great. I must say this is another of your ingenious ideas to welcome outsiders to take an interest in our fascinating hobby, and it cannot help but be a great success, which I am sure it deserves. The outcome of it will be that Secretaries will have more new members to enroll. Regarding the awarding of prizes, personally, I think they ought to be awarded by points at present. I can see there are two drawbacks to the competition. Novices, when first starting, do not as a rule start with many pairs, and I see that the one who rears the most birds in 1907, or rather up to July 15th, 1907, is to be the winner. Take, for instance, one man who starts with two pairs and breeds say 18 to 20 birds, and another breeds from six pairs and rears, say, 25 birds; well, this man wins, but the other one is the more successful, as he has bred more per pair. Another point which I think should be fully considered is, what birds they are breeding. A man that is trying to breed Norwich, Yorkshires, or any free breeding birds, stands a much better chance than a man who is breeding Scotch Fancy, Belgians, Crests, etc. I think if points were allowed, say one point for each youngster from Norwich, Yorkshire, Borders, Germans, Crossbreds, etc., and two points for Scotch Fancy, Belgians, and the like, and all the points or young added together, and then divided by the number of pairs that is put up, will bring out a percentage. I think this would be more of a correct way to find the most successful; for example, a man is breeding from two pairs of Norwich and one pair Yorkshires. He breeds, say, eleven Norwich and seven Yorkshires, making 18 birds or points, and these are from three pairs. Well, you divide the three pairs into the eighteen points, viz., 3 into 18 leaves 6 points per pair. Another example. A man breeds from three pairs of Scotch Fancy, and he rears 12 birds. Counting each bird two points makes 24 points; divide the three pairs in 24 points—8 points per pair. I think this would be a satisfactory way of awarding same; perhaps others would give their idea. GEO. B. LECLAIR.

We are greatly indebted to Mr. Leclair for the foregoing observations, which show that he has given no small amount of thought to the problems presented by the competition. We feel, however, that the points he raises will be better left to editorial judgment when making the awards. But, in common with others, he may rest content in our assurance that the prizes will be awarded with a due regard for the novice of limited means, equally with his more fortunately placed competitor.

I notice in this week's CAGE BIRDS your kind offer to "Novices," but perhaps you will excuse me for asking will your decision be based on the average system, or will the prize go to the one who has bred the greatest number, irrespective of the number of pairs of birds he may have? I may say I am a novice just commencing in the Fancy, and I have got two pairs of birds—one pair of Yorkshires and one pair of Rollers. I am not in a position at present to invest in any more pairs, and it will give me the greatest pleasure in the world to compete for your prize if by so competing everyone is given a fair chance (and I am confident that is what you want), and the only way all fanciers have a fair chance is if you base your decision on the average. There may be some who have twenty pairs, others, like myself, only a few pairs; but, still, if you take the average, it does not matter how many pairs anyone has—they are all on the same footing; whereas you see, if you judge otherwise, your poorer readers will have no chance, as it will be the person with the long purse who could afford to buy and keep the largest number who would have the better chance. Of course, I am bound to say that it not always follows the man with the largest number has the best result; but, still, his chances are greater when all is said and done. HARRY ROTHWELL.

Ashton-under-Lyne.

[Note reply to Mr. G. B. Leclair.—EDITOR "C. B."]

OUR

CANARY BREEDING COMPETITION.

Received by all with enthusiasm. **NOTE! RULES, 3, 5, 7 and 8.**

With the idea of stimulating the interest of outsiders in the hobby of Canary Breeding, and so provoking new recruits for the Fancy, the Editor of "CAGE BIRDS" has decided to offer £28 in Prizes, including £15 for the most successful Novice Breeder of Canaries, under the following conditions:—

1. Only Novice Breeders are eligible for the Competition, a "Novice" to mean anyone who has never bred Canaries before.
2. The Prizes will be: **A**, Cup, value £5 (or Cash), First Prize; **B**, Cash, £3, Second Prize; **C**, Cash, £2, Third Prize; and **D**, Five £1 Cash Prizes for the next best in succession.
3. Prizes to go to the "most successful" breeders, meaning those of the competitors who are most successful in satisfactorily rearing the best average of healthy young birds during 1907 Canary breeding season now in progress.
4. The young Canaries must be bred by the competitors on or before July 15th, 1907, next. None bred after that date will be eligible.
5. All stock birds used must be the *bona fide* property of the Competitor.
6. Competitors must have the results of their breeding operations attested to by two responsible officials of any recognised Cage Bird Society, or may swear a declaration attested to by two responsible witnesses (form on application).
7. From now till the date of the Competition closing, August 17th, each issue of CAGE BIRDS will contain a Coupon, and when sending in the declaration competitors must enclose the whole series of coupons to show that they have been during the period regular readers of CAGE BIRDS. The second Coupon appears at the foot of *this announcement*, the first appeared last week.
8. The Editor's decision shall be final.

Secretaries and Officials of Societies are invited to communicate with our Manager, when a scheme of co-operation by which new recruits for their Societies may be enlisted, will be forwarded.

A Prize offered for the Old Hands.

It has been represented to us that though our Canary Breeding Competition is of vast interest to the raw recruit, the absolute novice, it leaves the experienced hand out in the cold. To remedy this we have decided to offer **FIVE POUNDS** Cash, or Cup to full value, at winner's option, to the most successful Canary breeder of any experience. All breeders of one season's experience and upwards eligible. Same conditions as for Novices. The Editor's decision to be final.

We also invite the hearty co-operation of all readers in the following "rolling" scheme:—

THE "TELL SIX" PLAN.

By simply procuring SIX Signatures you may be able to win £6.

The plan is as follows: All you have to do is to tell six of your friends, unrelated to each other, about CAGE BIRDS' great Canary Breeding Competition, and persuade each of them to enter and tell six of their friends about it also. You send in to us the first six signatures to an undertaking to this effect, and if any of the signers are successful in our Canary Breeding Competition we will award you £1 for each successful competitor nominated by you. If any of the six people you tell fill up our forms as appended with signatures of six of their friends whom they have persuaded to enter, we will award them £1 for each successful competitor nominated by them. If two or more people nominate the same successful competitor the nomination prize will be divided amongst the successful nominators. The nomination forms must reach us by May 27, 1907, and the *bonâ fide* signatures and addresses in full of the competitors you have induced to enter must be given in each case. Here is the

NOMINATION FORM.

We, the undersigned, having carefully read, or had read to us, the rules of CAGE BIRDS' great Canary Breeding Competition, agree to enter for the Competition and abide by the rules of same. We further, each of us, undertake to try and induce six of our friends to enter the Competition and tell six of their friends about it also:—

Full Name and Address.

1. .....
2. .....
3. .....
4. .....
5. .....
6. .....

The above are the *bonâ fide* signatures and the complete addresses of six intending competitors in CAGE BIRDS' Canary Breeding Competition, and I hereby nominate them to win one of your prizes. If any of them are successful I should like my prize money sent to me addressed as under:—

Name.....

Address.....

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Every form sent in, if properly filled up, will entitle the sender, whether a successful nominator or not, to a set of picture postcards, "Dickie in the Dumps."

All forms must be sent in on or before May 27, 1907.

Now you want to know WHY you should adopt our "Tell Six" plan. We will tell you:

1. It will make new recruits for your hobby.
2. It will teach people to look after their pets better.
3. You may be successful in winning one or more of our prizes.
4. The friends you persuade to enter may win one or more of our prizes.
5. The friends your friends persuade to enter may win one or more of our prizes.
6. You may be a novice or an experienced hand; you have still a chance to win a prize.
7. If you are a member of a society you may enlist a new member by means of this Competition.
8. Rich or poor—a lot of birds or a single pair—it makes no difference. All have an equal chance.
9. It will take your mind off your business or private troubles and give you a little spare-time recreation of a novel kind with the chance of making a pound or two.

Roughly and briefly these are the benefits of the "TELL SIX" plan. Follow it up for all you are worth and see how much you can win.

You need not necessarily enter for the Canary Breeding Competition to win one of the nomination prizes. It will be sufficient if a breeder nominated by you on one of our forms is successful in winning one of our prizes. That is to say, if he or she is successful you will be successful. If there is any point you are dubious on, write—

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Canary Breeding Competition.

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Battersea and Dis. C.B.A.—May 1st, at Duchess of Devonshire, Lavender Road, Clapham Junction. Mr. J. Dewhurst will lecture on "Cage Making"; all fanciers welcome.—F. Easterling, sec.

Blackburn and Dis. C.B.S.—May 2nd, at Meliona Rest, 8 p.m. Very important business.—J. W. Marsden, sec.

Blaydon-on-Tyne and Dis. C.B.S.—May 4th, at Co-op. Hall, 7.30 p.m.—D. A. Ogilvie, sec.

Bramley and Dis. O.S.—April 27th, at Headquarters, 8 p.m. Questions and answers; also presentation to our late Sec., Mr. Wilkinson.—Jas. Metcalfe, hon. sec.

Brighouse and Dis. C.B.S.—April 30th, at Headquarters, 7.30 p.m. Novice washing exhibition.—A. Morton, hon. sec.

Brought Ferry C.B.S.—May 1st, at Bakers' Hall, King Street, 8 p.m. Appointment of judges for Open Show; fanciers invited to become members; membership fee, 4/-; radius, 25 miles.—C. Muir, sec.

Burnley and Dis. C.B.B.—April 30th, at 5, Mosley Street, 8 p.m. Committee meeting.—John Bee, sec.

Cheltenham C.B.S.—May 1st, at Sydney Arms Hotel, 8 p.m. To elect Assistant Hon. Sec. and other important business.—A. S. Treasure, hon. sec.

Chester and Dis. C.B.S.—May 7th, at Nag's Head Cocoa House, 8 o'clock. Nest Feather Show, etc.—A. J. Red, sec.

City of Birmingham C.B.S.—May 1st, at Crown Hotel, 8 p.m. Lecture by Mr J. A. Eckersley, "The Norwich Canary"; fanciers and friends invited.—H. C. Wilkins, sec.

City of Dundee and Dis. N.M. and B.B.A.—May 1st, at Doig's Rooms, 8 p.m. Classification for Open Show.—A. Miller, sec.

City of Hull C.B.S.—May 6th, at Oddfellow's Hall, 8 p.m. Nest Feather Show.—Potter and Stamford, secs.

Coventry O.S.—May 1st, at Sydenham Palace, 8.30 p.m. Important business.—G. Turrell, sec.

Darlington C.B.S.—May 1st, at Half Moon, Northgate, 8 p.m. Classification and judges for the Open Show.—E. Brunskill, sec.

Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.—May 2nd, at the Herne Tavern, Peckham Rye, 8 p.m. Table Show of British birds; judge, W. H. Vale, Esq.; country ramble May 12th; tickets, 3/6 each.—W. Hodson, hon. sec.

East Bowling and Dis. B.F.A.—April 27th, at the Barley Mow Hotel, 5 p.m. Judging competition.—T. E. Higgins, sec.

Eccles and Dis. C.B.S.—May 1st, at Grapes Hotel, Peel Green, 8 p.m.—A. Wheatley, sec.

Edinburgh Norwich and M.B.S.—May 2nd, at 142, High Street, 8 o'clock. Monthly business meeting.—W. Dunlop, sec.

Farnworth and Dis. C.B.S.—April 28th, at Old Post Office Inn, 7.30 p.m. Show arrangements.—W. Dawson, sec.

Glasgow and West of Scotland N.M.B. and F.—April 30th, at 122, Ingram Street, 8 o'clock. Show of British birds; Yellowhammer, A.O.V. Bunting, Chaffinch, and Bramblefinch.—R. A. Brown, sec.

Greenock, Port Glasgow, and Gourock O.S.—May 1st, at Victoria Hall, Rue-end Street, Greenock, 8 p.m. Bird washing exhibition by Mr. D. Black.—W. H. Stodder, sec.

Greenwich and Deptford C.B.S.—May 2nd, at Two Brewers, Church Street, Greenwich, 8 o'clock. Lecture, "The Norwich Plainhead," by Mr. G. Gardner; fanciers invited.—G. W. Hill, hon. sec.

Leeds Roller C.C.—May 5th, at 55, Briggate, 7.30 p.m. Important business; also a paper by the Secretary, "Clear Eggs: Cause and Preventions"; all Roller fanciers are cordially invited to attend.—C. Towes, hon. sec.

Leigh and Dis. C.B.S.—April 30th at Railway Hotel, 7.30 p.m. Arrangements for Young Show.—A. Parks, sec.

Loughborough and Dis. C.B.A.—May 1st, at Charnwood Coffee House, 7.30 p.m. Subscriptions overdue; please remit at once.—E. Thorp, sec.

Middlesbrough Teeside C.B.S.—May 4th, at Crown Hotel, 7 p.m. Report of judges and selection of silver bowl.—A. Wake, sec.

Newcastle and Dis. C.B.S.—May 2nd, at 65, Grainger Street, 7.30 p.m. Schedule for Open Show.—Curry and Hutchinson, secs.

Northampton Hand-in-Hand.—April 30th, at Foresters' Arms, 8.15. Entries for Nest Feather Show, etc.—J. Nason, sec.

North London C.B.A.—May 1st, at Public Library, Church Street, Stoke Newington, 8 p.m. Lecture on "Yorkshires," by Mr. J. Robson; all heartily welcome; members please note alteration of date.—R. P. Harper, hon. sec.

Nottingham and Notts O.S.—May 1st, at Cobden Hall, 8 p.m.—G. E. Wilkinson, sec.

Porth and Dis. C.B.S.—April 27th. General meeting; elect judges for Annual Show.—J. Challenger, sec.

Potteries and Dis. C.B.A.—May 4th, at Headquarters, 8 p.m. Classification and judge for First Feather Show.—J. Simcock, sec.

Queen's Park and Dis. C.B.A.—May 2nd, at Windsor Castle Hotel, 8 p.m. Schedule First Feather Show.—J. C. Birch, sec.

Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.—May 1st, at Temperance Club, 8 p.m. Paper by Mr. J. Law, "Breeding, Rearing, and Management of the Canary."—Sam M. Clayton, sec.

Rotherham C.B.S.—April 27th, at College Inn, 8 p.m. Entry for cups; lecture, "Rearing and Breeding for Exhibition," by G. Browning; members and friends invited.—J. C. Hayes, sec.

Sheffield and Dis. C.B.S.—May 2nd, at Wentworth Cafe, Pinstone Street, 8 p.m. Delegates from Sheffield Amalgamation of C.B.S.; half-yearly subscriptions due.—Bishop and Pilley, secs.

South Metropolitan F.A.—May 2nd, at Wesleyan Mission Hall, Lyham Road, Brixton Hill, S.W., 8 p.m. Lecture on Pigeons, by Mr. Leith.—A. Maddison, hon. sec.

Spen Valley C.B.S.—April 29th, at Northgate Hotel, Cleckheaton, 8 p.m. Special business.—A. Whitehead, sec.

Stockton and Dis. C.B.—May 2nd, at Leeds Hotel, 8 o'clock. Important business; members please attend.—J. W. Lowes, sec.

Wallasey and Dis. C.B.S.—May 2nd, at St. Mary's Schools, 8 p.m. Discussion, "Feeding of Young Birds."—Wm. Mallison, sec.

West London F.A.—May 2nd, at Bush Hotel, Shepherd's Bush, 8 o'clock. Mr. J. Robson will lecture on "The Breeding and Rearing of Canaries."—J. Dewhurst, sec.

West of Scotland Norwich, Etc.—May 4th, at Nelson Hotel, Glasgow, 7 p.m. Lecture on "Crests and Crestbreds," by Mr. John Young (Rutherglen); new members specially invited.—Geo. Smart, sec.

Widnes and Dis. O.S.—May 2nd, at Grosvenor Hotel, 7.30 p.m. Nest Feather Show judge, schedule, etc.—S. Andrews, sec.

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Queries will be answered under the following conditions:—

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(4)—**Queries must not include** *or be included in orders for books, instructions re advertisements, or any other matter for publication.*

(5)—*The department to which the queries refer must be stated in bold letters on the left-hand corner of the query.*

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(9)—*All queries must be addressed* **the Editor, "Cage Birds,"** 154, *Fleet Street, London, E.C. Only queries so sent will be answered. Postcards are not admissible.*

NOTE.—Readers are requested to carefully study past numbers and current issue before submitting questions. By doing so they may save trouble and unnecessary repetition.

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CANARIES.

NORWICH PLAINHEADS.

Answered by J. H. PAYNE.

Hen Ruffled and Panting.

Sindbad.—I think your hen has caught a chill. Give in the drinking water for three days ten drops of acetate of ammonia, after which you may give instead, every other day for a fortnight, ten drops of ipecacuanha wine. Keep covered over at night with a warm cloth, and be sure she is not in any draught, or she may catch another chill, when you would probably lose her.

Hen Making Squeaky Noise.

Novice.—Give your hen, in the drinking water, for a fortnight, fresh daily, fifteen drops of syrup of tolu, and six drops of paregoric. You may afterwards give her for about a week a little honey dissolved in warm water. Put a piece of muttou suet between the bars of the cage for her to peck at. By the time she has had this treatment the weather will no doubt be nice and genial, and if she appears to be well you may then put the cock with her, but do not do so at present.

Taming Birds.

G. Bellamy.—From what you say, I do not think you will have much difficulty in getting your buff Norwich cock to be finger tame, as I should say it is now well on the way. Talk to it as much as you possibly can before giving it some tit-bit, such as a few hemp seeds, a bit of apple, or a sprig of watercress. Put your hand inside the cage, and try and induce him to alight on your hand. You may let him fly about your room, providing you keep doors and windows closed. If you have a member of the feline tribe, see that it is put outside, or he will soon get outside—the bird. Some birds are much easier tamed than others. I once had a Goldfinch, it had only been caught three weeks, yet would come out of its cage on to my finger and take seeds out of my mouth. The sample of canary seed is just fair, it is clean, but not very bold.

Not Singing.

A Young Beginner.—Give your bird, in its drinking water, a small piece of sulphate of soda, about the size of a horse bean, twice in one week. Then give in the water ten drops of tincture of quinine fresh daily for ten days. Twice a week let it have a little egg and biscuit, to which add five drops of Parrish's Chemical Food. You can now procure some nice young leaves of dandelion. Give him one or two twice a week. I should think you will be able to breed with him after this treatment, and when the warm weather has set in.

Still Wheezy.

Bill Sticker.—As you say your bird now sings a little every day he is certainly getting better, for he was in a very sorry condition when you wrote about him first, judging from the description you gave. Give him three times a week a small teaspoonful of egg food, to which add five drops of Parrish's Chemical Food. Give him, in his drinking water, fresh daily for a fortnight, ten drops of tincture of quinine. Let him have a dandelion leaf or two twice a week, and occasionally a little watercress.

Continual Moult.

J. Lelshman.—When the bird has quite finished its cross moult it will commence to sing, but as this is a rather weakening sickness, you may brace him up by giving him a tonic. Let him have, in the drinking water, fresh daily for a fortnight, ten drops of syrup of phosphate of iron. You may also give him twice a week a little egg food, to which add five drops of Allen and Hanbury's Byno-Phosphates. Let him have a sprig of watercress two or three times a week.

Drooping Wings.

J.R.M.—I should advise you to take the hen away from the cock, and put her in a cosy place quite free from any draught, and cover over at night with a warm cloth. In the drinking water put fifteen drops of syrup of tolu, and ten drops of ipecacuanha wine. Continue this for a fortnight. You may give her twice a week a piece of sponge cake, over which put a few drops of best sherry. (2) From the two Green birds which you have paired up, you will certainly get nearly all the progeny self greens, especially as you say they are both out of the same nest, as this will have a great tendency to fix the colour.

Tired, not Singing.

Standerton.—I am pleased to hear your bird's feathers have come on again so well after the treatment I recommended. You are treating your birds correctly, and you should have better luck this nest. The cause of your ill-luck was the fact that you paired your birds too early, and apart from that they were not in tip-top breeding condition. Let the cock stop with the hen, as I feel sure you will have better results. You will, I think, find your Norwich cock and Green hen will pair up all right, but as you only put them together a few days since you see there is no time lost. Do not let the fact of your cock bird not singing since you put him with the hen trouble you, as this is of frequent occurrence. Feed the two Norwich cocks as you have been doing, and they should soon be in song. Are you sure they are cocks? If they have been quite healthy, and have not had a cross moult they should be singing quite hard now. I should advise you to keep the Siskin cock with the yellow hen, as you say he feeds her. If the hen is lively and strong, she is none the worse for not going to nest for a week or two. You have plenty of time for Mule breeding.

YORKSHIRES.

Answered by H. W. BATTYE.

A Doubt About the Sex.

Constant Reader.—I am inclined to be of the same opinion as the man who has told you that your supposed hen is a cock. Perhaps, if you separated the pair, the bird might soon settle the point by breaking into song. There are many young birds that are very difficult to distinguish as to sex, even by experienced fanciers. Try the bird in a cage by itself, and have it, if possible, where you can see it, but where it cannot see you, when I should not be surprised if you found it hurst out in full song. Yes; unfortunately it generally is these grand-looking hens that turn out to be cocks at this time of the year.

In a Poor Way.

Bury Pudding.—From the description of the symptoms, your bird seems to be in a very low condition, and until the present cold weather improves, you will need to keep it cosy and warm, and cover it up at nights, keeping it free from draughts. I might have been better able to advise you if you had given me some little information as to how you feed it, and under what conditions you keep it; but of these things you do not give a hint. Let its staple food be good sound canary seed, with plenty of clean, sharp, gritty sand, and clean boiled water that has gone cold (fresh every morning). Also give, in addition, for one week, fresh daily, a little boiled milk sop, well mixing with it ten drops of syrup of buckthorn and a little moist sugar. Then, for another week or ten days, give, in place of milk sop, a little egg food, say half a teasponful twice a day, to which add and well mix ten drops of Parrish's Chemical Food; also a little sugar, and sprinkle over the lot a pinch of maw seed. Also give daily one or two, not more, young and tender leaves of dandelion. Follow up the above treatment, and I think you will have your bird in breeding condition by about the beginning of June. Of course, you will keep it in a cage to itself. You need not be afraid of trespassing on my time, and I shall be pleased to hear how your bird gets along in the course of a few weeks.

A Case of Broken Eggs.

Hopeful.—You say the pair of birds are quiet, and I suppose you mean that they seem agreeable. This being the case, it is somewhat difficult to account for them breaking the eggs. As you say the eggs were found broken in the nest, it is evident they have been laid in the nest, and not dropped from the perch, as they sometimes are. From what you write, I am of opinion the cock bird is the culprit. Probably he does not like the hen to stay on the nest for any length of time. Some cocks are very vicious, and will attack the hen quite savagely when on the nest, and yet seem quite friendly when she is not sitting on the nest. I should advise taking him away from the hen each evening, and returning him each morning, removing the eggs each morning before returning the cock, and substituting dummy eggs in place of the real ones, until she has laid her third egg, when, about noon on the third day, take him away for good and return the three eggs and let the hen sit, hatch, and rear the young ones by herself. Should also advise plain white canary seed as the staple food. You may, if you like, give separately a little of the mixed seed you name, two or three times a week, giving a little egg food on the days you do not give the mixed seed.

CRESTS AND CRESTBREDS.

Answered by W. E. GREEVES.

Went Mopy when Paired.

J.T.H.—Give your Crestbred cock an entire change of food. Canary seed daily, with rape twice, hemp twice, and egg food twice a week. When cleaning out the cage throw a pinch of maw seed on the bottom. Give no other food with the exception of a dandelion leaf or two every other day. Mind and give the necessary grit, which is procurable now at any bird shop or grocer's. You might also give one drop night and morning of Parrish's Chemical Food direct into its beak, for three consecutive days; finish the week by giving it once a day only. Do not put him back with the hen until quite well. I have no doubt whatever but that its condition is due to the changeable weather we are getting just now. If the wheezing comes on again, give bread and milk instead of the egg food, dropping over it 3 drops of syrup of tolu.

Hen Looks all Ruffled Up.

J. H., Dublin.—Do not mate your Crested hen until quite well. In the first place give 1 drop of castor oil direct into the beak. Be careful not to give more. Feed on canary seed as a staple food and give a small quantity of scalded rape seed every other day. Mind and wash well after scalding it, and then dab out all moisture by putting it in a cloth. Give bread and milk daily for a week, with just a pinch of maw seed over it. Discontinue egg food and all green food until the bird is quite well again. Give a reasonable supply of grit, as advised "J. T. H." Many ailments in cage birds are the result of an insufficiency of proper grit. In your case you have been too liberal with egg food; twice a week is ample. The Goldfinch mates freely with the Canary, but should not be paired until in condition, which is generally about the beginning of May. Note that queries relating to different varieties must be written on a separate sheet of paper, and addressed to the proper specialist concerned.

BORDERS.

Answered by J. PATTERSON.

Result of a Chill.

Novice.—He has seemingly caught a chill on the journey, but seems on the way to recovery. Your feeding is quite correct. You might give the rape seed scalded until he stops wheezing; put the required quantity into a small saucepan, and cover with cold water. Allow it to boil three minutes, strain immediately through a fine wire sieve, place on a rough towel, and rub it until dry. Give a young daudelion leaf fresh every morning, and give each day in water ten drops of the following mixture:—One ounce each of glycerine, Scotch whisky, and syrup of squills; mix all together in a bottle. Do this for the next two weeks; keep him out of all draughts, and covered over at night.

Crossing Cinnamons.

J. Roberts.—You have been wrongly informed. If you pair a Cinnamon hen to a dark-eyed cock, unless that cock has a dash of Cinnamon blood in him, you will not get one Cinnamon in the progeny. (2) By pairing a cinnamon-marked cock to a dark-eyed hen, you would get a fair percentage of the progeny cinnamon-marked; the dark-eyed birds would be both cocks and hens, but any showing the cinnamon would undoubtedly be all hens. (3) The person who informed you that all birds bred from a Cinnamon mother would be hens must have got a little mixed. I expect he would mean that all Cinnamon birds bred from a Cinnamon father and a dark-eyed mother would turn out hens.

LIZARDS.

Answered by BARKER CLEGG.

No Progress in Pairing.

John Evans.—In the first place, are you sure you have cock and hen together? This being answered satisfactorily, we will proceed. You say the hen is quite active, strong and healthy, and frequently calling, yet will not pay attention to the addresses of the cock. You have evidently other cocks in the room. Keep a sharp look-out, and ascertain which bird it is that replies to her calls. I am of the opinion that she has paired naturally to another bird in your room. This is a frequent occurrence, and is always rather unfortunate, particularly when the points of qualification of both birds are not in accordance with your desires. Should the result of your investigations satisfy you that the above is the case, and you are agreeable to the mating, all will be well. If otherwise, you must remove the hen to another room, keep her alone for a week, then introduce the mate you have selected. Keep in separate compartments until you notice corresponding desires, calling, etc., and other evidences of an understanding between them, which you will notice. The difficulty will then be overcome, pair together, and the couple will, I hope, be fortunate in propagating their kind.

ROLLERS.

Treatment of a Roller.

Puzzled.—You do not want to take notice of all your friends. Treat your bird in common-sense fashion, and ignore the "tips" everyone seems anxious to give you, and which all differ! The staple seed mixture for a Roller should be equal parts best Spanish canary seed and best German summer rape. Whoever told you to use English rape is very ignorant of what a Roller requires. No bird should be hung in the direct summer sun. It may have a sun-bath for an hour or two early morning in the spring, but even then the cage should be at least partly covered over. Never let a Roller be in a cold wind or a draught. There is a special Roller cage, which has folding doors, and these are very good to keep high-class birds in. As the temperature goes down at night in your room, cover the cage over. For tit-bits, give a feed of canary-bread (or cake) three or four times a week, a pinch of maw seed now and again, and a little sweet apple between the wires occasionally; also a sprig or two of green food, such as young leaves of watercress or lettuce, or rape seedlings. A little "song mixture," as it is called (ordinary mixed seed will do), can be given once a week, say on Sunday. Write again when your bird is moulting, and you can get some advice about that state.

MISCELLANEOUS CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by "OLD JUDGE."

Canaries and the Nightingale Song.

Is it possible to train Canaries to sing the song of the Nightingale? My bird has picked up a few notes, but not enough to be of any value. What is the best seed mixture?—C.H.

C. H.—If a Canary is kept in a room with a Nightingale, it will learn its song. Some birds are naturally better mimics than others, and young birds are more teachable than old ones. Strong, robust-voiced birds like Lancashires, Yorkshires, and Norwich cannot take up the Nightingale notes with the ease and fluency of Rollers, or half-bred Rollers. The best mixture for birds kept as you mention as pets only is two parts German summer rape and one part canary seed. Half-a-teaspoonful of maw or inga may be given once or twice a week by way of a change, using a separate tin or pot for the same, or else place upon the sand in cage bottom. A few grains of hemp may be given now and then in the same manner.

Clear Eggs.

Paired Norwich hen to Yorkshire cock, had five eggs, all clear. What is the cause, is March too early?—DOWNHEARTED.

Downhearted.—It is difficult to say why the eggs were clear. If you paired the birds early in March it would be too early, the end of March or the beginning of April is quite soon enough. More important still than the mere matter of dates is the fact of the birds being thoroughly fit and ready. The best thing you can do now is to separate the birds for a week or ten days, feeding them well, and then let them go together again. Feed daily upon plain canary seed and egg food, and every other day give a little inga or niga seed; continue the green food, but stop the bread and milk. When birds are being prepared for breeding they need stimulating somewhat; bread and milk sop is a cooling and soothing diet, which is most admirable diet when birds are sickly and unable to properly digest and assimilate stronger foods; it is of little use as a force producer. During the breeding season birds require to be kept in the highest state of vigour possible, and therefore require strong foods. I should advise you to study some good handbook. House's "Canary Manual," which our manager will be pleased to send you for 1/2.

Birds not Pairing.

F.E.W.—(1) From what you say there is not much doubt that you have matched two cock birds, and if it is so they most certainly will not make a nest. You should secure a couple of hens and mate one to each of your present birds. Then I think you will quickly see them go to nest. (2) The progeny of a Norwich Plainhead and a Hartz Mountain Roller would be cross-bred Norwich-Germans. The Border Fancy is a distinct and old-established breed, and quite different in appearance to what a cross-bred Norwich-German would be, being smarter in carriage and tighter in feather.

Restricting Food.

Two young birds, five weeks old, have been feeding on crushed seed and egg food, also whole seed. Should I limit food, as they feed all day long, and have become so fat and puffy looking, although they hop about quite cheerfully?—MAY.

May.—I certainly should not advise you to limit the supply of food. Young birds need plenty of food, for not only have they to sustain life, but also build up their frame, and grow a coat of feather as well. When young birds are growing and feathering they often sit on the perch at intervals to take rest. If your birds feed well and hop about in a lively manner there is no need whatever for you to worry or distress yourself about them. Young growing stock need to eat well, and whilst they do both there is not much wrong with them.

Period of Incubation.

Strawplaiter.—I am afraid you are not a very diligent reader of CAGE BIRDS. During the past two months many articles and letters have appeared containing the information you ask. You evidently are quite one of the young hands, therefore the best advice I can give you is to send our manager 8d. for a copy of our new book, "Canary Breeding for Beginners." It gives, in simple form, a mass of the most elementary instruction, such as novices require, and should prove of great assistance to you as a handy book of reference. The period of incubation is fourteen days.

Hen Laying Irregularly.

A. Palmer.—(1) You evidently paired your birds before the hen was ready, and it is very doubtful if the eggs will be any good. As things are I should advise you to let her sit the full fourteen days. Feed her well, and this, with the rest, will probably bring her into condition, and she will lay properly the next round. (2) Egg food should be made fresh twice a day at the least; it is not safe to only make it once. Seeing that you have only the one pair, why not use one of the prepared foods which are advertised in our columns? It would certainly be more economical, and you would avoid the risk of illness from sour food.

Canaries Out of Condition.

Allan Roberts.—(1) Mix daily 10 drops each of paregoric and tincture of lobelia in the drinking water of the bird which is wheezy, also give him in addition to his ordinary seed a small quantity of milk sop each day; continue this treatment for a fortnight, then write me again. (2) All you can do with your other birds to bring them into breeding condition is to feed them generously. You say nothing as to your past treatment, which is really most essential, as it enables the question to be answered in a more satisfactory manner. Speaking generally, I can only say give egg food twice daily, and, in the way of seed, canary as the staple food, with a little inga or hemp three times a week. It will also assist if you colour the drinking water a nice rosy pink with Parrish's Chemical Food.

Cock or Hen—Which?

Dummy.—If the bird is two years old and has never done more than give one solitary chirp now and again, I should most unhesitatingly say it is a hen. To bring it up in condition give a little egg food twice daily, in addition to its seed. Also give watercress or some other kind of green food each day. If you suspect insects give the cage a good cleaning with hot water, using plenty of soda and soap and some carbolic acid. Dry the cage well, and then paint all cracks and crevices with turpentine. Let the bird have a bath every other day, and mix in it a little essence of quassia.

Birds Losing Feathers.

My Canaries are losing their feathers, each day I find some in the cages; they moulted properly in the autumn. Kept in living room in wire cages.—HETTIE.

Hettie.—Your birds have fallen out of condition owing to the extremes of temperature which prevail in the room. At night when the fire and gas are both going the room becomes very hot, and the air exhausted; this is very trying indeed to the birds' constitutions. Before the gas is lighted in the evening take birds down, stand them on a table. If you do this they will not be affected by the fumes of the gas. When you go to bed cover them with a cloth, and don't remove it until some time after the fire has been kindled in the morning. Give the birds a little milk sop every morning in addition to their seeds, and in the drinking water mix 30 drops of Fellowes's Compound Syrup.

Seed v. Egg Food.

(1) Have hen with three young ten days old, gave them egg food for three days, then equal parts hemp and rape seed soaked for 24 hours; since giving seed they will not touch egg. Will they be all right without the egg? (2) Did I do right by leaving eggs in nest till hen had done laying, or should I have taken them away? Young hatched out one each day.—NOVICE.

Novice.—(1) If the birds are doing well, let them go on. It is not the first time birds have left egg food for soaked seed. I have known it happen frequently. If the birds are only songsters, and the old and young both do well, let the seed diet suffice, but if they are show birds, then I should advise you to give egg food at least twice a day. They will eat it if you give the egg food and soaked seed at different times. (2) It is much the best plan to remove the eggs. Your hen evidently began to sit immediately she laid the first egg, and that accounts for the young hatching one each day, and not altogether, as they should have done.

How to Wash.

R.S.M.—I much regret that space will not allow me to give in this column the process of washing a Canary. House's "Canary Manual" gives full instructions concerning the same. Shortly, before the exhibitions start, long articles describing the process appear.

Bad Feather.

Plumage.—Give your bird a teaspoonful of milk sop morning and night; stop the hemp seed and millet; give canary seed as the staple daily food; every other day give half a teaspoonful of German summer rape, but be certain it is German summer rape. In the drinking water mix daily thirty drops of Fellowes's Compound Syrup.

Size of Nest Boxes.

H. Guest.—Your boxes are quite large enough for the hens to sit in, but 3 in. long by 2¾ in. wide, and 1½ in. in depth, is not large enough for a large brood; an inch extra each way might very easily be allowed after the young are eight days old. Many breeders keep nest boxes and pans of various sizes, and use according to the number of young birds in a brood. We shall make an announcement later as to the forms.

Bird not Singing.

R.O.N.—Sorry it is impossible for me to say why your bird does not sing. It may be a hen, and therefore not endued with musical abilities; it may have asthma; it may be suffering from general debility. I have nothing to guide me as to cause, so how can I answer you? Write me again, giving full particulars as to how you feed, age of bird, where it is kept, and in what kind of cage. Shall be most happy to oblige on receiving these details.

Canary Lumpy.

I have a hen which has got very lumpy and seems lifeless and heavy. She feeds well, but will not lay.—R.T.S.

R.T.S.—Your hen, I should say, is too fat. Stop the egg food and inga seed at once; give her German summer rape and canary seed in equal proportions, place a few grains of Epsom salts in the drinking water every other morning for a week, just sufficient to make the water taste. If this does not improve her condition, write again, giving full particulars. In asking questions, breeders should always send full particulars as to diet and general treatment. It enables me to answer much easier, and to give more reliable advice.

A Case of Feather Plucking.

Bought Canary hen six weeks ago. Isolated for fourteen days, during which time health appeared good. In bird room it started chewing its feathers. I took no notice, thinking it was a feather eater, but it has now plucked itself nearly bare. There are no red mite. I have washed it with permanganate of potash, and anointed it with boric ointment.—J.C.

J.C.—At the first blush one would suppose that you had got hold of a bird that had contracted the vicious habit of feather-plucking; but this idea is dispelled by the fact that during the first fortnight you saw no sign of such mischief. My impression is that she is actuated mainly by the pairing fever. If there is anything outside her neck causing irritation, it is lice, which may be dislodged by dusting with a mixture of equal parts of precipitated sulphur and pyrethrum insect powder. Give egg food and salad every day to induce further growth, and then pair her up. In the meantime, give cuttlefish bone, stuck in cage wires, also plenty of crushed egg shells mixed with sand on cage floor, and, lastly, pieces of tape and hard stems of groundsel for her to nibble at in place of her own feathers.

Was it the Whitewash?

My birds were in good health and condition when I paired up, but now they are all in soft moult, most of them have lost their tails. After pairing I whitewashed the bird room and cleansed it thoroughly. Do you think this the cause?—W.H.T.

W.H.T.—It is very likely the operations connected with the spring clean have caused the birds to go into a false moult. All such work should be done before the birds are paired, not after. No good housemaid would think of putting a lot of new furniture into a room and then cleaning the room after, on account of the dust and dirt clinging to the furniture; what holds goods with the furniture holds good with clean cages and a dirty bird room. Apart, however, from this, it must be remembered that when birds are paired up their system is in a state of high nervous excitement, and the whitewashing operations would be likely to frighten and upset them greatly. It is possible they may have caught a chill owing to window and door being open together, causing draught. Again, the dampness arising from the whitewash, or the smell of the ingredients, may have upset them. This should be a lesson to you, and in future cause you to do your cleaning before you pair up. Experience has to be bought; you are paying dearly for yours. Unmatch all your birds at once, and keep them apart for the rest of the season. It is useless attempting to breed with birds that have gone into a moult in April. Let Canary seed be the staple food, and for the next month give them boiled milk and bread once a day; every other day give a little inga seed; let them have green food of some kind daily, and free access to grit.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. Weston.

A Batch of Brevities.

Dead Beetles (Smithy).—The bodies which you have favoured me with, having done them to death by scalding with boiling water, are those of that sprightly and useful (to the bird keeper) yet none too choice smelling insect known as the "black-beetle." I certainly should not be particularly annoyed over the presence of one or two about the house. You say you have a Thrush or two—well, just catch away, and hand over the beetles to their tender mercies. You will find you have a good and cheap source of food.

Lark Food, Etc. (Uncle Joe).—The sample of Lark food you send looks very good stuff; much better than that I usually get which purports to be fit to feed Larks on. Mix it in the way I always advise. Try your backward birds with some German paste, made from the recipe given by Mr. Bates on page 284 of issue for March 23rd, but adding a quarter pound of blanched sweet almonds. Your Lark which seems hoarse should have a teaspoonful of the following mixture, well stirred, fresh daily, into every two tablespoonsful of its drinking water:—Best honey and best glycerine, two tablespoonsful of each, well incorporated.

Thrush Ailing (W. Horsfall).—What your bird wants is better feeding—not medicine. It is absurd to say that it lives on "soaked bread and hemp seed and enjoys it." The pitiable condition you describe it as being in proves directly the contrary. If you give the Thrush properly nourishing food it will soon throw off the weakness—providing it is not already too far gone. Feed it as directed in another reply this week. Give it as much live food as you can get—mealworms and black-beetles ought at least to be available. For a fortnight or three weeks well mix a small teaspoonful of tasteless cod liver oil amongst its soft food every day.

A Very Old Friend Reappears (Dead Cert.).—I wish I had as many of the "five bobs" you seem anxious to bet, as the number of times I have already answered this query. It keeps on popping up, all smiling, at frequent intervals, however, and I suppose will go on doing so for long, long years to come. Once again: It has never satisfactorily been proved yet that Mules have bred. One or two people have claimed to have produced young birds when using a Mule as one parent. But their claims, so far as my own knowledge goes, have always fizzled out on being examined. A good many think a marked Canary is a "Mule bird"; hence the origin of most of the stories about "Mules" having bred. If your chums have any more spare money they want to lay out in bets, I wouldn't mind imperilling my chances of a summer holiday by laying them slight odds they don't produce young by the mating up of Mules.

Aviary Doings, Etc. (Amateur).—(1) You are not the only one who has had a "cock" Canary turn into a hen in the spring. If any of the likely breeders among the cock British birds in your aviary were in breeding condition, the clutches of both hen Canaries may quite likely be fertile. If you try the cock Greenfinch which has already paired up with a hen of his own species, with a hen Canary, I wouldn't be answerable for the consequences—he would probably knock her about savagely. (2) You should put hen Bullfinch and cock Goldfinch in a cage to themselves at once. In fact, you ought to have done it before, for one of the two may have already formed an attachment elsewhere. Very pleased to hear you say my former advice turned out so successful.

Thrush Ailing (J. Austin).—I have never heard of a Thrush having the "croup," which I imagined to be a complaint rife amongst babies. If I am wrong, possibly some kind reader who is an authority on the latter will set me right. If your bird seems merely hoarse, the glycerine and honey recommended "Uncle Joe" this week would be most likely to relieve it, if continued for fourteen days or so. Possibly, however, your feeding is at fault, and his daily food is too starchy and stodgy—Thrushes must have vegetable food, and they must have live food, if they are to keep in health for any lengthened period. Wrong feeding will cause a Thrush to sit about dully, and "gape." Why did you not state your feeding methods?

Breeding in an Aviary (J. T. H.).—An aviary, 6 ft. long and 3 ft. wide, will hold five or six hen Canaries and three male birds for breeding purposes. With the hens you could put in one cock Canary, one Goldfinch, and one Linnet. This batch might go along all right, and produce you some young birds. But breeding with different kinds of birds mixed together is always very speculative and uncertain, as you would have known had you read my answers during the past two or three weeks, for I have gone into this matter at length several times lately. Two cock Canaries would be practically certain to fight in such a place. It is curious how so many people seem to desire to mix Canaries, British, and Foreign birds all up together, to get a huge number into little space, and then have them breed. Such schemes certainly look and read very nice, but how utterly impossible they are one has only to try to quickly realise. Sorry I can't be more encouraging, but you have got hold of the wrong end of the stick, so to speak, at the outset, and I only want to save you from disappointment.

Two Difficulties (Perplexed).—The first of your troubles can hardly be called a difficulty, nor the second either for the matter of that. (1) The restlessness of Song Thrush during April and May is merely incidental to the season—is the effect of the "pairing fever" running through his veins, in fact. Thoughts of nesting duties in conjunction with a speckled mate stir him into unwonted activity. You cannot "do anything"; it will, as you are already aware, pass away in due course. If you can provide him with a wife in a big garden aviary, all well and good. (2) You need not give the cock Greenfinch hemp seed regularly—he will rub along very well without even any at all, providing he gets plenty of good sunflower seed. Neither sunflower, canary, teazle, nor summer rape will hurt the hen Canary; so your feeding problem is easily solved.

Egg Binding (Constant Reader).—In my opinion you have brought the trouble on yourself. It sounds incredible that your hen should already have built three nests this season! It sounds still more incredible when you go on to say that she was egg bound with each, and "has been nearly dead." Poor thing. What on earth did you want to start so early for? Your Goldfinch is probably hardly ready even now to fertilise his first round of eggs, so that in any case an early start could do you no good. As it is you have simply ruined your hen, for I should hesitate to say that she is likely to do any good this season now. Take my advice, and commence at a sensible time next year. Take the hen away from the cock bird, and let her fly by herself for at least a fortnight in a large flight cage. Feed her on plain seed, but give a little milk sop daily, well sprinkled with maw seed, and a pinch of niger seed one day and the same of hemp the next. Colour her drinking water like red ink with Parrish's Chemical Food, giving it fresh every day. Towards the end of May you might then possibly be successful in taking a nest from her.

Concerning a Thrush (T. Champion).—Your Thrush seems to be getting fed fairly well, seeing that his food is made up of egg, ants' eggs, and bread, with six mealworms a day and three or four snails a week. You could substitute plain broken sweet biscuits (obtainable cheaply from any grocer) for the bread, though, with advantage. Some vegetable ingredient should always be added when mixing it for use, however. See other replies this week, and the one to "Mavis" last week. Possibly the poor state his plumage is getting into is due to him being pestered with bird lice. If this is so, consult Cage Birds Annual for details of treatment. Most certainly a covering is needed for the cage bottom. The lack of it no doubt accounts for the state of the bird's feet. Try cocoa-nut fibre, laid on thickly; or a thick layer of peat moss litter, which most corn dealers sell. Tease it out a little before using; you will find it excellent.

Will He Eventually Love Her?

I have a cock Greenfinch, fairly steady, stout in song, at present with a Yorkshire hen. But they are rather quarrelsome. Do you think they will eventually agree, and do you think he will do her any injury? Is the Greenfinch a free mule, or otherwise?—J.H.B.

J.H.B.—Judged by my own personal experience of them, I should say the Greenfinch is the most variable of all the male British birds generally used by Mule breeders. When one tries a new Greenie one never knows how he is likely to turn out, hence it is necessary to walk circumspectly, in a manner of speaking. Some will make up to the hen Canary without any trouble, and prove good Mule breeders all along the line—even to feeding the young birds, I believe, though I myself have never had one which would do this. Others, on the contrary, seem to have all the "devil" in them aroused by the close proximity of a hen Canary (or other hen for that matter). They will go for her "bald-headed," to use an expressive phrase, and soon leave her bald-headed, too, if not quickly removed. I have had them (and, curiously enough, steady, sober-going specimens in other respects) chase the hens around, then lean over from the perch, and, as they scurried frightened about the cage bottom, grab hold of them with their powerful beaks in the region of the head, or neck, or back, and swing them up clean from the floor, while, poor things, they squealed for mercy. Left to himself, Master Greenie would doubtless hang on until feathers, or skin, gave way. Needless to say, I did not leave him to himself—in fact, I have more than once with difficulty repressed an itching to wring such a wretch's neck. Thus you will gather that a cock Greenfinch is certainly capable of harming a hen Canary. Your best plan (in fact, *the* best plan) is to have a wired slide between the couple until the hen shows signs of anxiety to put the nest together, when he may be run in along with her early in the morning. If he feeds her through the wires, you can then chance leaving him with her. Some cock Greenfinches (and hens, too) are very free breeders. I had one fine cinnamon coloured specimen who was, taken all round, quite the equal of any cock Canary.

Chaffinches Reared by a Canary.

Will a hen Canary hatch out and bring up the young of a Chaffinch? (2) How long will the eggs keep for sitting after taken from the nest?—J. H. H.

J.H.H.—(1) A hen Canary will certainly sit upon the eggs of a Chaffinch, and bring up the youngsters when hatched. Have never yet tried the experiment myself, but know several fanciers who have done so and succeeded. The hen will rear them on the ordinary egg food. Commence mixing this with soaked rape seed when the youngsters are five or six days old, gradually increasing the quantity; if it is just sprouting, so much the better. The chances of success will be increased if you can get the hen to accept a good sprinkling of best quality ants' eggs (freed from all bits of stick and rubbish), well mixed amongst the egg food; also, if she will eat and feed to them small pieces of chopped up mealworms placed amongst the egg food. If you can find any sprays of foliage off fruit or rose bushes infested with aphides (green or smother fly), these should also most certainly be given; often one can find seeding shepherd's purse, grass, etc., simply infested with tiny insects, and this is invaluable in the rearing of any young British birds or Hybrids. (2) Eggs, if taken as freshly laid (not sat on, that is) will keep up to seven days with fair certainty, even during hot weather. They should be laid on bran, in a cool place, and be given a half-turn over once every day at least—twice a day if you can manage it. I have heard some tall yarns about the time eggs have been kept, and then hatched out all right. But I think every day one keeps them over six or seven, the more their chance of hatching is imperilled.

Siskin Mule Breeding.

Cock Siskin, full song, with Norwich hen, does not mate with her at present. Been together four days. Nest box in cage and a little hair and moss, etc., between wires, which he pulls about. What is there that would make them more forward? Would you leave him with her if she should have eggs? I have clipped feathers from round vent of Siskin, which were very nearly ¼ in. long. My brother could never get fertilised eggs, although he tried the Siskin with hens that had and reared Linnet Mules, so perhaps what I have done will alter the case.—STANDERTON.

Standerton.—Your trouble does not seem very difficult to explain. Your cock Siskin seems to be in breeding condition, but your hen Canary certainly does not. The fact that she leaves the nesting material untouched points clearly to this being the case. If she were in breeding condition, and in the mood to accept the attentions of the cock Siskin, she would certainly be playing about with the nesting stuff. And as I so fully explained last week, it takes two to make a bargain in this as in all things; if hen birds are not ready it is useless to put male birds with them, no matter how forward they may be. At the same time, I believe the proximity of a "rank" cock bird helps to bring a hen forward. Could you not part your couple for a few days, with a wired slide, or in such manner as the cock Siskin could feed the hen if she would let him? That would be your best plan, in the meantime feeding up the hen with a little egg food, and a pinch of hemp and niger daily. You have apparently not offered the one thing above all things which helps to bring birds into breeding condition—I refer to dandelion. You should certainly let the couple have a liberal supply of this daily, both young, tender leaves, and the flowering and seeding heads, as all are to be obtained now in abundance. I saw dandelion in plenty in all stages when out this last week-end. All muling and hybridising couples ought to have dandelion; not forgetting seeding groundsel, shepherd's purse and chickweed. I don't think you will find it any advantage to leave the cock Siskin with the hen Canary after she has gone to nest. You can try it, if you like, but be may prove only mischievous. I really don't think the clipping of the feathers at the vent of the Siskin will affect the fertility of the eggs either one way or the other. Have never done this myself to any male British bird; and only to hen Canaries when breeding with exceptionally heavy-feathered ones, such as Crestbreds. A more likely cause of unfertile eggs with a Siskin lies in the pairing of him to an over-large hen—rendering it more or less a physical impossibility for him to fertilise her eggs. I like shortish, chubby Norwich type hens as mates for Siskins.

Goldfinch Mule Breeding.

Aviary 5 ft. 6 in. high, 4 ft. wide, and 2 ft. 6 in. deep, in which I want to breed with cock Goldfinch and hen Canary. (1) What sort of hen would suit, and could I get one for about 3/-? (2) What would be the best nesting material. (3) How would you advise me to feed the birds? (4) How old should the hen Canary be?—C.B.

C.B.—I presume your aviary is an indoor one, and in it you should experience no difficulty in breeding from a cock Goldfinch and hen Canary. (1) What sort of hen Canary do you expect to get for 3/-? Goodness knows. You might get a common, German hen, or a "waster" which passes for a Norwich, or a worn-out old hen (or a barren one), which looks a good one. If you are content with a puny German hen, then I have nothing more to say—you have only yourself to please. You cannot expect to get a good muling hen—that is, a nice-sized yellow Norwich hen—under 7/6 to 10/6, especially at this late day of the season. (2) Buy the nest-bags sold by most dealers in bird-seeds, and get a little charpie in addition from one or other of the advertisers using our columns. (3) Feed the Goldfinch on hemp, teazle, canary, maw, and inga seeds, and the Canary on plain canary seed with a little summer rape every day, and a little hemp and niger on alternate days. Also give the hen a little egg-food every day, and both birds a liberal daily supply of dandelion (note other replies this week). For detailed information on feeding ben Canaries and young birds, get a copy of "Canary Breeding for Beginners," from this office, published this week, price 8d., post free. You will learn all about breeding from it at far greater length than I can go into the matter here. (4) The hen Canary may be either a last year bird, or a second season hen. If a season older she will still be all right, but not quite so good a bargain.

Fresh-caught Linnet Breeding.

Novice.—The chances of a just freshly caught Linnet breeding during this season are but slight—so slight, in fact, as to be practically nil. If you are a new beginner, as your nom de plume (and question, too) goes to indicate, you should certainly commence with a steady, well-domesticated Linnet, if possible both house moulted and a proved breeder. You would then be much more likely to get such results as would encourage you to go in more extensively for Mule breeding, or bird-breeding generally. It is a mistake for a beginner to take the most difficult possible course at the outset; and even a hardened Mule-breeder would hesitate to pair up a fresh-caught Linnet with an idea of getting fertile eggs from it. If you are quite sure you will be disappointment-proof in the likely event of nothing tangible in the young Mule line resulting, then you might try your Linnet later on, in a largish cage hung in a very retired spot, or, preferably, in an aviary. If you are really anxious to get some young birds, however, you will take my advice and try another method.

Companions in Misfortune.

Levi Moss.—It is not good to have to rely on a Goldfinch which is only just getting over a bad, prolonged moult, for breeding purposes. One could hardly hold out hopes of him being fit before June is well turned, though the fact that he has commenced to utter a few notes is a hopeful sign. He should have maw and niger seeds rather more generously than is usual, and dandelion—especially the seeding heads—liberally every day. Most certainly Goldfinches will breed (get fertile eggs) when they still have the black streak at the end of the upper mandible. A clear beak, however, is a good sign, and one I like to see in a breeding Goldie. The report of the last season doings of your Goldfinch, though, is most unpromising. To have had not one fertile egg out of three nests sounds discouraging enough, to say nothing of his present backward condition. I should feel inclined to speculate in another Goldie for use this year, if I was really keen on breeding some Mules. Your Linnet which had the misfortune to break its leg, which member then proceeded to rot off, leaving him with but one, will not be of any use for breeding purposes, I am afraid. He would find it somewhat of a puzzle, I should imagine, to fertilise eggs. Still, I have never tried to breed with a one-legged bird—I prefer stock "sound in wind and limb." Personally, I am inclined to doubt whether with any of the Finches the act of coition is undertaken when on the wing. It is held by many to be so undertaken in the case of Chaffinches—probably it may at times seem to be so; however that may be, I know full well it takes place also under the usual conditions.

Points Concerning an Aviary.

F. E. Wright.—I must congratulate you on the design of your aviary, which should answer splendidly, the details having been very well thought out indeed. Here are my comments on the points raised. I recommend you to leave the floor plain earth in one or two places. Elsewhere put in sandy gravel (builders' gravel) on a foundation of broken up bricks; this keeps dry wonderfully well. Don't have sawdust on the floor of the inner shelter; it would be a mistake. Cover it with a two-inch or so dressing of the aforesaid sandy gravel. All surfaces, of course, would require raking over, also renewing, from time to time. The closed shelter would be best with an entrance from the outside; then, when it is entered, the birds would pass out into the outer compartments. The window should open to face the west; the reverse of what is shown on the plan. Don't use limewash inside the aviary, but sanitary distemper, of the outside quality, as it is termed. You will find it much the better of the two. The ventilation will be ample, though two ventilating grids let into the walls of the closed-in house (one near the floor, the other near the roof) would be a decided acquisition. Use the pattern which may be opened or closed at will. No heat at all will be required The outside boards should be felted over, then tarred, and the tarring should be periodically renewed. The roof can be whitened in the summer. The suggested positions for the nestpans seem quite all right; a few nest-boxes should be arranged outside, however. No seed or food troughs must be stood in the uncovered portion of the aviary. Holly, box, or privet bushes cannot well be beaten for pot plants.

Linnet Always Pecking at Wires.

I have had a Linnet for about two years, and this last few months it has taken to keep on pecking the wires of its cage. I changed its cage, but it was of no use. Have given it a piece of string to pull at, and a piece of cuttlefish on the sides of the perches; also of no use. It will keep on pecking the wires, even if it has to fly on the sides and hang on.—WINTER.

Winter.—Your letter is one of the many "puzzlers" readers from time to time manage to favour me with. Unfortunately, great though my reputation seems to be for "putting birds right," as you term it, I cannot alter their dispositions, nor pretend to cure them of little mannerisms such as the mania of your Linnet for continually pecking at its cage wires. And, after all, what does it matter whether he pecks at the wires or not? Presumably, he finds some sort of enjoyment in the process, and I really don't see any reason for trying to deprive him of it. Linnets in particular seem birds very prone to develop little traits of this nature. Some will be continually picking up beakfuls of water out of the drinker, and scattering them far and wide by sundry shakes of the head. Then they gravely proceed to sip the sparkling drops from off the wires, or wherever they may have chanced to lodge. A good friend of mine had a pet Linnet which spent hour after hour of its time tap, tap, tapping at one particular spot on one particular wire of its cage, letting out bursts of song at intervals. He and I laughed many a time and often as we watched it. Yet he never expressed any wish to "cure" his bird of the habit. I think you look at the matter in a wrong light. Personally, I should feel more inclined to smile at

the bird on account of its "funny little way." A spell in an aviary, however, might break it of the mannerism.

A Mixture in an Aviary.

(1) In an aviary of mixed British birds, can I have all cocks, or ought they to be in pairs? If some are pairs, must there be no single birds? (2) I have an aviary with a few Budgerigars (not breeding), also large aviary cage, 4 ft. by 2 ft., with cock Border Fancy Canary and Linnet cock. Have just bought cock Greenfinch and Bullfinch hen; could I turn either or both in, or would it cause a quarrel? Or would these large Finches agree better in aviary with Budgerigars? I should not like my Canary to get thrashed, for he is a beauty. Goldfinch cocks would agree with the Linnet and Canary, wouldn't they? (3) What mixture of seed is best for all Finches together?—W.H.P.

W.H.P.—(1) It is a great pity you did not mention the size of this aviary, as it must necessarily influence any answer given you. If it be a small place, no satisfactory breeding results can be expected, and it would be much the best to have male birds only in it. If you have pairs, then by all means avoid single (unmated) birds. Even then—in fact, no matter how you may arrange it—it is quite impossible to avoid quarrelling altogether. Some birds seem unable to exist without bickering with their neighbours, and such unneighbourly souls are best ejected. You might, for instance, get one cock Greenfinch of most vicious disposition, yet, when you got rid of him, you might quite likely get another which would be quite angelic in comparison. There is no accounting for, no ruling, such things. (2) A cage with a 4 ft. by 2 ft. floor area should hold five or six small Finches comfortably. But there can be no object in introducing the hen Bullfinch, unless you let her and one cock bird have the run of the place, as only by so doing could you expect her to breed with any chance of success. A Goldfinch, Greenfinch, Linnet, and the cock Canary might rub along all right therein. No one could say for sure whether one or the other might not get a "thrashing." You could only keep your eye open with a view to preventing anything of the kind taking place. The introduction of the hen Bullie would almost certainly be the prelude to ructions in the home. Two Goldfinch cocks together would also doubtless set about one another; at this season of the year most cock birds in good health are aggressive towards others of their kind. It is dangerous to keep any small birds, such as Finches, with Budgerigars, which bear an unenviable reputation as spoilers of the beauty of weaker and, comparatively, defenceless species. (3) I have frequently explained that to give a mixture is a very wasteful method of feeding aviary birds. You had far better give hemp in one pot, sunflower seed in another, and a mixture, consisting of canary and teazle two parts, summer rape one part, and linseed half-part, in another. The other seeds usually recommended as "dainties" can be given from time to time in the hemp seed hopper, withholding the hemp while doing so.

The Difference Between Turtle and Ring Doves.

Kindly describe the difference between a Ring Dove and a Turtle Dove. Or are they both the same?—A. E. Stanley.

A. E. Stanley.—The Ring Dove (*Columba palumbus*) and Turtle Dove (*Turtur turtur*) are certainly not one and the same bird, but two easily distinguishable species. The more correct name for the Ring Dove is the Wood Pigeon. This bird is of the usual colour (blue) associated with pigeons, and has white patches on the sides of the neck which may be likened to a ring, and which give the bird its popular name. When flying the wings may be seen to be distinctly barred with white. It "coos" very like the domesticated pigeon. The Turtle Dove is a much smaller bird, of a brownish-grey cast of plumage, though this is prettily mottled with chestnut and black, while there is a pinkish cast over several parts. At each side of the neck is a black patch interspersed with crescent-shaped white markings. In flight the tail shows conspicuous white patches. Its note is a curious "turr-turr," uttered in quite a purring fashion, but very audible and deep. The Wood Pigeon in our London parks and open spaces is very common and very tame; out in the country he is extremely wary and difficult to approach. The Turtle Dove is a summer migrant only, and then not at all common, I believe, higher than the Midland counties. When "the voice of the Turtle is heard in the land" we may usually be certain the summer is with us. Generally the bird arrives at the end of April. I wish it would hurry up. Despite the heat and excitement of a "Cup Final," it is still chilly down here.

Cock Goldfinch with Four Wives.

Cock Goldfinch flying in an aviary 6 ft. by 6 ft. by 6 ft. with four hen Canaries. Will he pair up with more than one, the same as a cock Canary does?—ANXIOUS.

Anxious.—Your bird is indeed well blessed! Four wives—the lucky chap! Though I would rather hear you had restricted his marital responsibilities by removing one of the feminine quartette, I am bound to say that if he is in really vigorous health and condition, he is practically certain to respond to all calls made upon him, and fertilise the eggs of the four hens. What sort of a Finch is he, though—a fresh-caught, black-legged one, or a house moulted, tried breeder? If he has bred with Canaries before, my reply as above stands good. If he has never bred in captivity—well, he may do all right, or he may not fertilise even so much as a single egg. I suppose you are aware it is not every Goldfinch that will breed in captivity?—though it is true enough that few Goldies in good condition refuse to do so. You will soon know, however, when the eggs commence to hatch—or to refuse to hatch. Your aviary has a nice floor area, and would comfortably hold two or three more hen Canaries, and, say, a steady cock Linnet. Or you could try another cock Goldfinch. Considering there are plenty of wives and plenty of space, the two might get along quite well. Let there be plenty of nesting sites in addition.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S.

Is it a Grey Parrot?

J.H.C., Stockton.—Your bird is the Rose-breasted Cockatoo (*Cacatua roseicapilla*). In their native wilds, as a solitary companion to a man in the bush, or some such similar situation, they are said to make fluent talkers. But of the many hundreds imported to this country, comparatively few accomplish much in the talking line. Several accounts of talented birds of this species have, however, appeared in our pages recently. Keep the bird where it will hear plenty of conversation, and also train by constant repetition, when it should, at any rate, talk a little. As regards value, if your bird is in good feather, and is fairly tame, the price you have paid is about right. The value of a newly imported bird would, at the present time, be about half, but prices vary materially according to number on the market. For diet, see first part of reply to "McGinty" in this issue.

Bluewing-Budgerigar Cross.

Smith.—Comparatively few Hybrids are bred in a mixed collection, and then, except in rare instances, it is the result of the pairing of odd birds of various species which were without mates. There are exceptions, I know, but it may be taken as a general axiom in Hybrid breeding, to as far as possible have one pair only in a cage or small aviary, and to, under all circumstances, isolate the respective birds from members of their own species. Under the circumstances you name, I certainly advise the cage; a good size for the purpose would be 20 in. long and wide, by 30 in. high, with the base, top, back, and half the width of the sides, wood; the front and remainder of sides being wired.

Keeping in Conservatory.

G.C.L.—Providing you do not have to keep up too great an amount of moisture, and can secure ventilation without draught, your arrangement should answer well; with the cover you are providing they will pretty well make themselves secure against draught. They will neither take harm from nor do harm to the plants; at the same time, I should avoid introducing any plants known as poisonous; they will keep the plants free from green fly to their own benefit and satisfaction. In such a situation they should nest with freedom, and find an abundance of small flies and other insect food for the rearing of their young. Roses and Fuschias would be good plants to keep, as they readily become blighty. You will have to provide shading of some kind in a portion of the roof; you will find plenty of suitable media for the purpose if you consult the advertisement columns of one of the weekly garden journals a little later. I recommend you to try Common and Green Avadavats, Firefinches, Orange-cheeked and Grey Waxbills, and Bicheno Finches, in addition to those you name. Supply an abundance of shell, husk, and box nests, with plenty of hay and long grass as building material; you will undoubtedly have many interesting nests built in the vines. Should be please to hear at the end of the season of your good fortune or otherwise. On no account put Budgerigars or Parrakeets of any kind among your vines and plants; they would strip the place of foliage in a week.

Grey Parrots.

E.S.—There are local races of almost all species of birds, and there certainly are of Grey Parrots, but as to one of these races excelling another in speech I do not credit for a moment. This usually depends on the care bestowed on taming and training the birds; with all the races the teachableness of individuals would vary. While I have not handled sufficient Grey Parrots to be quite positive re the irides of various ages, etc., of these birds, I believe the dark and light iris of the adult birds to be sexual. The losses are very heavy with newly-imported young Greys of any kind or race, and I certainly advise you to get an acclimatised bird, and pay a little more for it, but see that you get such. Much of the talk you allude to is mere trade jargon. I fear I am giving you but negative help, but the fact remains that the purchase of a young Grey is a very risky one. Their treatment has been given several times fairly recently.

Sulphur Crested Cockatoo.

D.B.V.—As far as I can see there is very little the matter with your bird. For one day make its drinking water quite saline with Epsom salts, and repeat as necessary to keep its bowels freely moving, not loose. I take it that your bird gets, in addition to the seed, ripe fruit, a bit of boiled potato, plain biscuit, green food, nuts, and cuttlefish. It must not have table scraps, slops, or any kind of animal food. Put the bird on a course of Chemical Food, just colouring its drinking water with same, when not giving the aperient. If the swallowing of the seed continues, omit the small seed from its mixture for a few weeks, and then try him with it again. These are hardy birds, but should not be exposed to draught; let it have cotton reels and a piece of some kind of non-splintery wood to chew up.

Indoor Aviary for Budgerigars.

(1) How many pairs would an aviary, 9 ft. by 3 ft. by 4 ft. high, accommodate for breeding? (2) Will Budgerigars and Foreign Finches do together? (3) What kinds of birds will breed in same aviary with Budgerigars?—BEGINNER.

Beginner.—(1) There is accommodation for about 20 Budgerigars in your aviary, but only for about three breeding pairs, as you must leave accommodation for the young, which must remain with their parents till well able to fend for themselves. (2) Even in large aviaries Budgerigars are very unsafe birds for Finches, though they apparently do no harm for quite long intervals; sooner or later catastrophes occur, and maimed or dead birds are picked up, the results of Budgerigars' rough play. In your aviary, if devoted to Finches, you could keep pairs each of Zebra, Ribbon, Gouldian, Ruficauda, Long-tailed Grass, and Grey Singing Finches, and if you suitably furnish it with branches for perches and nesting receptacles (12 at least), some of these would probably breed. (3) You could put a pair of Cockatiels with your Budgerigars, also a pair of Madagascar Lovebirds; in such case I should advise you not to have more than two pairs of Budgerigars; all these would thrive on the same diet. If you want more brilliantly coloured birds, then substitute Red Rosellas for the Cockatiels.

Wild Canary and Grey Parro .

(1) What is the correct diet and treatment for a Wild Canary? (2) When should Grey Parrots moult? Mine appears to be moulting all the year round, though apparently in perfect health. Is there any remedy?—C.H.

C.H.—(1) I feed my Serins (Wild Canaries on canary and millet, with a little German summer rape, green food, and a few ants' eggs (cocoons) scattered over the sand. A spray from rose bush or fruit tree that is covered with green fly or other plant lice, is greedily picked over, and a great help in keeping the birds in condition. These birds are very fond of green food, lettuce, chickweed, etc., and a liberal supply should be given. A little apple during winter is a good substitute for green food; grit and cuttlefish should be continuously supplied; and opportunity given them for taking a daily bath. As a tit-bit a pinch of blue maw seed might be given once a week on the sand tray. (2) The moult of these birds is very irregular in this country; according to my experience, gathered from very varied sources, quite as many moult in the early spring as in the fall. I can give no reason for the continuous moult from the few details you supply; it might arise from a weakened condition, and this from improper diet, a variable temperature, or, more probably still, though perhaps not yet observed by you, the bird is pulling or biting off its feathers. I can only suggest your comparing your diet with that advised to other querists in this and recent issues, and a dose of Dinneford's Magnesia, followed by a course of Parrish's Chemical Food. For strength and manner of giving these remedies, see other replies in this issue.

Blue-fronted Amazon.

My bird appears to be in good health, but has a swelling on its left cheek; there does not appear to be any head to it. How can I treat it?—ABRACADABRA.

Abracadabra.—The swelling you mention, if left to itself, may develop into some serious growth, while if it is taken in time and properly attended to at once, it may be removed or definitely checked. To this end I certainly advise you to let your vet. see it. It is most unsatisfactory attempting to advise in such cases, even from the most ample details in a written query; and any advice I attempt is equivalent to little more than making a guess at the cause, and must necessarily be somewhat unsatisfactory. However, no harm can come of just touching the swelling with the point of a camel-hair brush that has been dipped in tincture of iodine; you can do this without catching the bird, by rubbing its head with one hand (as it permits you to take this liberty), while you manipulate the brush with the other. Also an aperient would be helpful (Dinneford's Magnesia, see other replies) occasionally, to keep its bowels moving freely, not watery loose. But my advice is—let a vet. see it. Re handling your bird, as soon as you feel it safe to do so (you alone, by its demeanour, can judge of this), induce it to perch on your finger, by putting same against its feet. Some Amazons are of rather a treacherous disposition, and unsafe to handle even by those who feed them; but if your bird appears to like being fondled and have its feathers rubbed, it should be fairly safe for you to try and induce it to perch on your finger; if your rubbing has so far been done only through the bars of its cage, you must proceed with caution, say by letting it out of its cage, and seeing if it will permit you to take the same liberty when it is loose; if so, it should be fairly safe for you to go a step farther, and so on till it will permit you to freely handle it. A pair of stout gloves is some protection and a wise precaution till you are sure of your ground.

Grey Parrot Moping, etc.

W.H.—Stop giving the bread and butter and bone; do not give table scraps, tea, coffee, or milk slops, or animal food of any kind. Diet as follows:—Seed mixture, canary, oats, wheat, small Indian corn, hemp, dari, and sunflower seed; well mix, and keep a supply regularly in the cage, also at intervals to vary the diet, ripe fruit, nuts, boiled potato (dry), plain biscuit, dry crust of household bread, green food, grit, cuttlefish, and water to satisfy its thirst three times a day. Put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in its drinking water (one ounce), and let it have only this to drink for one day; repeat it after a week's interval; on other days, well colour its drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food. It should be kept warm and out of all draught, yet where it will hear plenty of conversation and movement; this will mitigate the tendency to doziness, etc. If it continues to rasp its beak, give five grains of bicarbonate of potash in one ounce of water for a few days. Note.—The bird should be kept where it will stand no chance of taking a chill, and with the diet corrected as above there should soon be an improvement. If not, repeat query with full particulars a fortnight hence.

Grey Parrot in Poor Condition.

E. Balfour.—I take it, from your letter, that your bird is a young one, and probably not yet fully able to manipulate hard seed comfortably. Give it a little boiled maize (this only keeps fresh one day) daily till you find it eating the seed mixture freely, then gradually discontinue the maize. The seed mixture should consist of two parts canary and white oats, and one part each hemp, wheat, dari, and sunflower seeds. It should also have ripe fruit, green food, nuts, plain biscuits, or crust of household bread. It must have regular supplies of grit, cuttlefish, and be permitted to satisfy its thirst three times a day. Do not give tea, coffee, or milk slops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food whatever. Keep it warm, out of all draught, and where it will hear plenty of conversation. Note.—A supply of the seed mixture and the boiled maize, while you are giving it, should be continuously in the cage; the other items being given at intervals to vary the diet. If you notice any signs of constipation, give a little (say, half-teaspoonful) Dinneford's Magnesia over its boiled maize; its bowels should move freely, at same time excreta should not be watery loose. For a month at least just colour its drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food, using a glass or crock drinking vessel.

Parrakeet and Treatment.

(1) What kind is it? (2) What is its diet? (3) Can I keep it in aviary with Budgerigars? (4) What are the sexual distinctions? (5) What is its value?—PARRAKEET.

Parrakeet.—(1) You appear to have a Rose-ringed Parrakeet (*Palæornis docilis*). This bird is slightly smaller than the more commonly imported species (*P. torquata*). (2) Staple diet: Canary, oats, wheat, small Indian corn, dari, hemp, and sunflower seeds in equal parts; also regular supplies of grit, cuttlefish, green food, and water. Give at intervals, so as to vary its diet, *ripe* fruit, nuts, plain biscuit, and a little boiled potato (dry). Do not give any table scraps, tea, coffee, or milk slops. (3) It all depends on the size of the aviary, providing they are not crowded, the larger Parakeets, as a rule, simply ignore such small-fry as Budgerigars. (4) The female does not possess the black facial markings and neck ring of the male. (5) Ring-necks can sometimes be purchased as low as 5/- each, but these are rough and newly-imported individuals; a well conditioned and talking bird would be worth very much more. Quite fancy prices are asked for birds in good feather, which have also an extensive vocabulary.

Indoor Aviary Inmates.

The aviary, 3½ ft. long by 5 ft high, is of the box-cage type, and contains five Bullfinches. Can I keep my six pairs Gouldians, Zebra Finches, Cordon Bleus, etc., with them? Will they take harm from one another's food? What kind of tree can I put a branch in from?—"PARTRIDGE."

Partridge.—The aviary is just about the right size for the foreign Finches without the Bullfinches; however, if it is cleaned daily, and the seed hoppers placed in such positions that they cannot be fouled with the birds' droppings, they should do well, providing there is an amplitude of perches, branches, etc. There should also be at least two seed hoppers for the foreigners, and another, with special mixture, for the Bullfinches; they will take no harm from one another's food. You do not mention your diet, but I should supply, for the foreigners, canary and millet, also spray millet. All the birds would appreciate a few ants' eggs (cocoons), and you must give liberal supplies of green food, and cuttlefish should be kept continuously in the aviary. As regards branches for perches, I usually keep a bundle of "bean sticks" by me for the purpose, and draw on them as required; but a branch of almost any kind of tree would answer, avoiding such as laurel, lilac, laburnum, and mock-orange. Of course, you cannot expect any breeding results with such a variety in so small a space, though, if you put up a few nest boxes and a couple of cocoa-nut husks, the Zebra Finches may bring off an occasional brood, and also possibly the Gouldian Finches. If such occurs, you must supply a little of some good soft food mixture while they are feeding young.

Zebra Finches Bald.

(1) The birds have gone quite bare on back of head and neck, and there appear to be blisters or bulges on the skin. What can I give to remedy this? (2) I have just got some Spice and Striated Finches; they are ragged and mopish. Can I give them anything, or must I leave them to come round of themselves?—H.G.S.

H.G.S.—(1) Twice a week put half a teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in their usual supply of drinking water, and on other days just colour their drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food; use only a crock or glass drinking vessel while giving the above. Catch the birds and rub in a little spermacetti ointment, not sufficient to grease the plumage. I should also let them have as much greenfood as they will eat; fresh tender lettuce and grass in flower; the latter should now be procurable free from frost, if gathered at midday. I should advise their being kept away from other birds till they have recovered. (2) These are suffering from the hardships of the voyage, and some losses generally occur among such. I should treat them exactly as advised for the Zebra Finches as to magnesia and chemical food; keep them warm and free from draught, and you should save the major portion of them. Note.—Birds on the voyage to this country seldom get any, or very little, grit, and should only be given a little at a time at first, or they may take more than is good for them.

What Parrot, etc.?

(1) Can you name my bird from description herewith? (2) What it its proper diet and treatment? (3) The bird has a lump on the abdomen, between its legs. How can I treat? (4) It appears to have a cold; what is the remedy?—BOB ROBERTS.

Bob Roberts.—(1) It is the Rose-breasted Cockatoo (*Cacatua roseicapilla*), indigenous to Australia. A hardy and enduring species once it has got over the hardships of the voyage to this country. It makes a droll and companionable pet, but mostly does not accomplish much in the talking line. (2) This is given in reply to another querist in this issue, to which I must refer you. The temperature of an ordinary living room will be ample, but, like all birds, they must be protected from draught. Let it have a bath twice a week, and if it will not bathe, then lightly spray it, choosing warm sunny days for the purpose. Let it satisfy its thirst three times a day. (3) This can only be dealt with after observation; let your local vet. see it; it is impossible to advise in such a case without seeing the bird. A vet. would probably be able to give almost immediate relief. (4) The difficulty of breathing very probably arises from the other trouble, but if you consider it is really a cold, the following mixture (from your chemist) should give relief:—Ipecacuanha wine, oxymel of squills, and glycerine in equal parts; for use, take one teaspoonful of the mixture to one ounce of water; continue this till relief is given. If you do not care to see a vet., all I can advise is half a teaspoonful of tasteless castor oil, given direct to the mouth, and a course of Parrish's Chemical Food (see other replies), after you cease giving the cold mixture.

Cold or Indigestion?

Novice.—It appears to me more a bad case of indigestion, and I expect you have not been dieting your bird correctly; compare your diet with that advised to other querists in this issue, and bring yours into line. From the small data you supply, I can only advise you to give as a palliative: One teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in two tablespoonsful of water, let the bird have only this to drink for one day; providing the bird's bowels are not loose, repeat in a week's time. On other days well colour its drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food. It should be kept warm, and strictly out of all draught, and its cage cleaned daily. If you send me fuller particulars, as to how long you have had it, how you have fed it, and all symptoms, possibly I may be able to give you further help. In the meantime, if you carefully read up other replies and queries, and compare with your own case, you should not be in doubt as to treatment. You must only use a crock or glass drinking vessel while giving drugs.

Spice Bird with Injured Leg.

Enquirer.—I should foment the sore parts with a hot (not to scald) decoction of camomile flowers, and then, after carefully drying, anoint the sore parts with spermaceti ointment. It should be kept warm and quiet till well again; cover the sand tray with peat moss litter, and supply grit in a tin till the lameness disappears; while the bird is in this condition all food and water vessels should be placed within easy reach. It should also be caged separately, so as not to be worried by other birds, for whatever other attractive qualities birds may have, they have but little tenderness for any sick member of their community; in fact, most species act as if they had a commission to help such over the "great divide." Make its drinking water just saline with Epsom salts for one day, and repeat same in a week's time.

Breeding Mannikins.

Constant Reader.—You have been rightly informed. Your male bird is a Three-coloured or Tri-coloured Mannikin, and the female is an African Silverbill. If the eggs prove fertile you will have a brood of interesting hybrids. You have come very near losing the hen; she has evidently had difficulty in getting rid of the eggs, and from the fact of two of them being shell-less, she has a deficiency of lime in her system. First bake and then crush all egg shells left from your table, and scatter these over sand tray. I think the best plan would be to take the eggs away, and let her start over again, supplying her with the crushed egg shells, cuttlefish, plenty of green food, and just colouring the drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food. For green food supply fresh and tender lettuce, grass in flower, chickweed, etc., but garden weed should not be gathered before mid-day at this season, owing to the danger of frost; it must not be given in a wet or frosted condition. A little of some good soft food mixture must be given when they are feeding young (see advertisement columns), or other replies in this issue if you wish to mix your own.

Birds for Flight Cage.

T.S.J.—There are several replies in this and recent issues which will help you. You and many others are quite under a misapprehension as to space required for breeding. Though some species of Foreigners may be regarded as certain breeders, yet even these will not breed in the small quarters Canaries are accustomed to put up with. I cannot advise you to put in more than two pairs for breeding, or a dozen as pets; either way they should be a source of much interest and pleasure to you. For breeding try either of the following couples:—(1) Zebra and Ribbon Finches, 3/6 a pair; (2) Zebra, 3/6 pair, and Black-headed Gouldian Finches, 20/- a pair; (3) Black-headed Gouldians, 20/-, and Pectoral Finches, 10/- a pair. You must put up, say, three nest boxes and two cocoa-nut husks as far apart as possible, and well furnish the cage with twiggy branches for perches. If you only keep a lot of birds flying together as pets, you could include pairs each of the following, some being very small: Zebra, Grey, Orange-cheek, and St. Helena Waxbills, Common and Green Avadavats, all 3/6 to 5/- a pair, and Zebra, 3/6, Gouldian, 20/-, Ruficauda, 10/-, and Long-tailed Grassfinches, 10/-, all per pair. All the above are really beautiful birds, and once they have got accustomed to their quarters, not difficult to keep in health. Diet: Canary, white, brown, and spray millet, a little rice in the husk, green food, grit, cuttlefish, and water for drinking and bathing. In the summer give them blighty sprays and leaves from rose and fruit trees, and any kind of vegetable growth.

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PARK & LAKE AVICULTURE.

Answered by FRANK FINN, B.A., F.Z.S., M.B.O.U., etc.

Golden Pheasants in Captivity.

(1) My two pullets have just lately started eating their droppings; how can I stop them? Just laid first eggs. (2) If they sit, may I keep them together? (3) Must they be cooped separately for rearing if they sit? (4) When should I remove the cock?—GOLDEN.

Golden.—(1) You can stop your birds eating their droppings by putting them in a coop with raised tarred floor, but this would probably stop their laying too. Your feeding is very good indeed, and I do not understand why the birds have contracted this habit—one I have never seen or heard of in Pheasants. Do you give grit and crushed oyster shells? If not, you ought to. Try some small worms and snails, and give other green food besides grass, cabbage, and swedes; vary the food as much as possible, always giving the three items, corn, green food, and some animal food daily. (2) They are not likely to sit; give their eggs to a steady light hen. If they do sit, and you want to try them as mothers, give them some small fowls' eggs, but don't risk their own eggs with them. (3) If they sit and hatch, you must separate them for rearing, but they probably will not stand cooping; you will want a run for each. (4) You need not take away the cock unless you let the hens sit. Pheasants are usually reared by fowls in captivity.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. J. North, 435, Oxford Road, Reading, will examine cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for a reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post-mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to J. North, with fee. Any sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

Bullfinch.

S. Geddis.—Softening of the liver, then inflammation of that organ, extending to the lungs (pneumonia). The body was very emaciated, and it is suggested that more sunflower seed or some hemp seed, together with fresh salad or sweet apple, might have tended to prolong life.

Canary Hen.

J. H. Walker.—This hen died of "Canary Fever," and I fear your other birds, which you say are ailing, have got the infection. Disinfection with burning sulphur is the best remedy.

GENERAL.

Answered by the EDITOR.

Regular Advertiser (Mechanic).—Please refer to rule 8.

Mark Lane Express (J. B. W.).—Many thanks. It is very interesting, and we hope to use it later on.

Support (G. W. B.).—Accept our thanks. We much appreciate your generous assurances of support for our journal.

Paper (H. Turtle).—Thanks for the interesting paper you send, which we shall print at the earliest possible opportunity.

Special Reporter (R. T.).—We have written you and noted your remarks. The matter will have our careful attention.

Dates Fixed (A. Watson).—We quite understand the position of your society, and thank you for your explanation.

Suggestion (F. F. Potter).—Your very admirable suggestion has, you will see, been carried into effect this year.

H. Oliver.—Many thanks for booklet to hand, and for the further trouble you have taken. We much appreciate your kindness.

Competition (G. Cox).—A form shall be sent you. Glad to hear you have had such good luck to start with. May it continue.

Union Rule Book (H. A. Cooper Bagley).—We have referred your request for the rules to Mr. Lythgoe, secretary of the Union, 25, Stamford-st., Old Trafford, Manchester.

Dates Fixed (A. Parks).—You say the advantages offered are splendid, so we conclude it is through no lack of appreciation that your society is not included.

Bound Volume (J. Rukin).—Glad to hear that our special prize so delighted your wife and yourself. You are fortunate in having a wife who takes such an interest in your hobby.

E. W. Small.—We can send you House's "Canary Manual" post free for 1s. 2d., which is quite the best handbook dealing with the breeding of Canaries. We can also send you a very useful book on Hybrids, published at the same price.

Recommendations and Specimens (Harry Smith).—Accept our grateful thanks for the interest taken in CAGE BIRDS and valuable help rendered. Further specimens have been sent you. May your business increase as a consequence.

Heating Apparatus (W. Jackson).—If you could persuade your friend to send along a rough sketch and particulars of the heating apparatus you refer to, we should be pleased to reproduce same in our columns.

THE CRESTED CANARY CLUB AND THE C.B.U.

SIR,—Having had the pleasure of the acquaintance of Mr. W. E. Greeves for many years, and knowing him as a man of sound and reasonable judgment, it makes it all the more difficult for me to understand how he comes to hold the views he does on the matter of the Crested Canary Club and the Cage Bird Union. I can only describe them as entirely perverted and wrong-headed, for it seems to me they will not stand even the most cursory examination, providing the said examination is undertaken in a calm and reasonable frame of mind. I hope my fellow-members of the Crested Canary Club will carefully think the matter over for themselves, when I feel convinced they will not have any difficulty in seeing that affiliation with the C.B.U. does not in any way imperil the existence, or even the status, of their club. The C.B.U. does not set out to be a "governing body" to the C.C.C., nor to interfere in any way with its management. The secretary and its other officials would carry on their duties exactly in the future as they are doing at present. Why should the C.B.U. wish to interfere? Has it attempted to interfere with any other society, either ordinary or specialist? The only time the C.B.U. concerns itself with the doings of any society or show is when it has a definite complaint laid against that said society or show by one of its accredited members. Then such complaint is, as it ought to be, investigated. How many "complaints" is the C.C.C. likely to have made against it under its present able management? Not many, I think. And would either Mr. Tyson or Mr. Crisp shrink from having any C.C.C. matter investigated if there seemed reasonable ground for so doing? I think not. Neither Mr. Greeves nor anyone else can show in what manner affiliation to the C.B.U. would affect the prosperity of the C.C.C., or interfere with its working methods, or "tie the hands of the club in dealing with the interests of the bird it represents," as Mr. J. Robson is reported to have said it would. Let us turn to the other side of the picture. Mr. Greeves lays great stress on rule 2 of the C.B.U., which says: "In the event of conflict, these rules shall prevail over any other." He affects to see in this, if we agree to affiliation, the C.C.C. becoming a "nonentity"—subservient to the C.B.U. This is what I term a "wrong-headed" view—absolutely wrong-headed.

It is clearly stated "in the event of conflict"—then, and at no other time, will the C.B.U. rules affect the existing rules of the C.C.C. Now, what is a "state of conflict" likely to mean? Well, one of the primary objects of the C.B.U. is to protect the Fancy generally from fraud and fraudulent individuals, even to taking them before, or fighting them in, a court of law. With this object in view, the C.B.U. has had framed a set of rules which, according to the best legal advice obtainable on the point, are sound from a legal point of view—that is, fit to carry into any court of law. This being so, are they not perfectly justified in saying that, "in the event of conflict," their own rules shall prevail over all others? It is only common-sense that the C.B.U. *should* take such a course. Would it be either business-like or sound policy on their part to say, in effect: If you, as a society, pay us 2d. per head per member, we will undertake to fight all your legal battles, and upon your rules instead of our own, although we know ours are sound rules, while yours are probably the very reverse? It is surely laughable to imagine any such thing. It is not too much to assume that at some date in the future the C.C.C. may have trouble with one or other of its members, or trouble with an exhibitor at one of its Club Shows, and on which it is desirable to go to a court of law. Well, it has simply to report the matter to the C.B.U. to transfer the whole of the case, with its possibility of heavy costs, on to the shoulders of the C.B.U., thus avoiding all chance of being financially crippled, and really unable to look after "the interests of the bird it represents." If it is not necessary to go to law, then the offender can be punished by the C.B.U. with suspension from all Union shows. The C.C.C. could only debar the offender from its own Club Shows, which would not be worth the name of "punishment." We had glaring instances of the latter with the Norwich Plainhead Club and the L. and P.O.S. But the C.B.U. as a "governing body to the whole Fancy" can give the punishment a far and wide effect—make it likely to deter anyone from attempting underhand tricks. Yet we are asked to believe such a body is not worthy of support, is not wanted, and can never have the confidence of fanciers. What nonsense! The constitution of the C.B.U. is entirely in the hands of the Fancy at large, to say, through the voice of its delegates, who shall be its officials. Give it a chance to "settle down," and we shall see how things work out. If fair cause for dissatisfaction arises, we shall soon see societies and districts resigning membership from it, when it must soon fall. In the meantime, let us all take it for granted, as I am certain is the case, that the C.B.U. is trying to work for the good of the Fancy, consequently for the good of every fancier. What has any straightforward fancier, or straightforward show or society, to fear from it? Many of the remarks I have read made against the C.B.U. seem to me more like the sayings of an hysterical woman than the sane and reasoned remarks of practical fanciers. But I am straying from the point I set out to speak upon, and will conclude by asking every member of the C.C.C to thrash out for himself these two questions: What will the C.C.C. lose by becoming affiliated to the C.B.U? What benefits may it not at some period in the near future hope to gain by reason of being affiliated? I have little hesitation, then, in saying that the scale will plump down on the side of affiliation.

A COUNTRY MEMBER.

P.S.—I enclose my card. Exception will doubtless be taken to my anonymity, but I cannot allow even the C.B.U. to bring about possibly strained feelings between others and myself. Besides, simple facts remain simple facts, in whatever way they are stated.

SIR,—Mr. W. E. Greeves asks in what way the C.B.U. can benefit the C.C.C. Now, I would like to point out that all clubs, whether specialist or otherwise, by joining the Union are a part of the Union themselves, and the question need not be put that way any more, but rather, "What are we going to do for the Crested Canary fancier, with the aid of all other societies? For now we are one, and in dealing with questions affecting our variety we will be listened to with due deference by all fanciers, and our ideas acted upon; whereas before we were only able to affect our own members." With Crest fanciers who, like our friend Mr. W. E. Greeves, have a sound practical knowledge of the variety, and whose opinions are not only valued by members of the C.C.C., much good could be done, for such opinions would carry great weight, and would be practically final. With regard to the C.B.U. rules taking preference over all others, this will be no hardship when matters affecting Crests are decided by Crest fanciers of the C.B.U., who, instead of becoming a nonentity by not being represented, will still be the ruling body. Of course, where questions are of general interest to all fanciers, such as "What constitutes a novice?" all fanciers should be content to give in to the majority.

CREST FANCIER.

CRESTED CANARIES AT THE LATE EALING SHOW.

SIR,—Greatly to my surprise, I received the other day a letter from Mr. Dobson, the judge at Ealing Show, held November 7th and 8th last, asking me whether my Crest in class 83, No. 2, was present or not, as in his judging book he had it down as winning second prize. Will you please publish my explanation, as I would not like Crested fanciers to remain under the impression that I was in league with any show officials, and could win prizes without showing birds? I entered a Clear Crested cock at Ealing Show, but, owing to my ill-health, I decided not to show him, and he was not present. When I saw in "C. B." that a bird belonging to "Moore" had won second prize, I naturally thought that another competitor of the same name as myself had been successful; I never dreamt it had been awarded to my absent entry. Had I received any prize-money or communication from the show officials, I should have known that a mistake had been made, and should have rectified it. But as no money or communication whatever reached me, I naturally did not concern myself further in the matter. I trust that you will publish this letter, also your opinion on the subject.

W. H. MOORE.

[A representative of CAGE BIRDS saw Mr. Dobson with reference to the above matter, and he states that he awarded the second prize to a bird with a light feather in its crest (as reported in our issue of November 17th, 1906), but evidently made a mistake in entering the cage number in his judging book, putting No. 2 2nd, when, as a matter of fact, exhibit No. 2 (Mr. Moore's) was absent. The rightful second prize-winner appears to have belonged to Mr. H. Horton, of Blackheath; and Mr. Dobson, on learning of the error, wrote that gentleman offering to pay him the prize-money out of his own pocket. Mr. Horton replied as follows:—"April 21st, 1907.—I can quite see how the mistake occurred. I much appreciate your kind offer to send me the amount of the 2nd prize out of your own pocket; but I would wish you to excuse me accepting it, as it is so easy for us all to make mistakes.—H. Horton." This, Mr. Dobson says, ends the matter so far as he is concerned.—EDITOR.]

When Shakespeare wrote

Love's Labour Lost

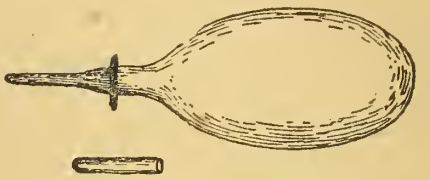
he must have been thinking of the poor deluded soul who tried Canary Breeding without the assistance of

"CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL."

EGG BOUND HENS.

A Novel Appliance for Treating Them.

SIR,—The enclosed sketch represents an appliance simply invaluable to Canary breeders at this time of year. It was introduced to the notice of the members of the Edinbro' Norwich Club by Mr. A. Cochrane in the course of a paper recently read to them by that gentleman.



Rubber Syringe for Injecting Olive Oil.
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He mentioned having used it with success on Goldfinches suffering from constipation, or stoppage of the bowels, though its primary use was for eggbound Canary hens, an injection of warm olive oil invariably relieving the hen of the egg in a few minutes. I have just put it to a practical test myself, and find it highly satisfactory.

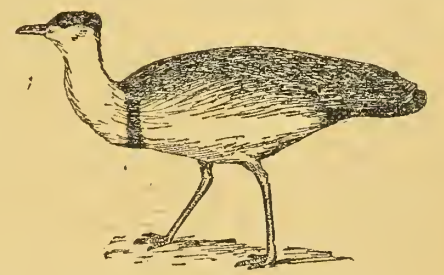
K. URQUHART.

THE LARGEST LIVING FLYING BIRD.

SIR,—I got a letter this mail from my brother in India, in which he tells me that, while out on a shooting expedition with three other gentlemen, he and one of the party shot, amongst different kinds of game too numerous to mention, some Lesser Bustard and three Imperial Bustard, one of which measured 8 ft. from the tip of one wing right across to the tip of the other; while the weight of this bird was 23½ lbs. He was told that the Imperial Bustard is almost extinct, and is the largest flying bird now living. Could you kindly tell me whether this is so?

THOS. AITKEN.

[We submitted Mr. Aitken's letter to our Mr. Frank Finn, and he sends us the following reply:—By "Imperial Bustard" the Great Indian Bustard (*Eupodotis edwardsi*) is meant, as is evident from the dimensions given. This



The Great Indian Bustard.

bird attains to even a greater weight, but is not so large as the Great African Bustard (*Eupodotis kori*), the "Gom-Paauw" of the Boers. It is this last species which is the largest of flying birds. The Great Indian Bustard is not a common bird, but is, fortunately, not near extinction, so far as I ever heard when in India.—EDITOR.]

A CREST PROBLEM.

SIR,—I am a Crest breeder, and am anxious to know if you think this youngster will make a show bird.

THOS. ROBSON.
(Hon. Sec. Northern Crest Club.)

A Crest Problem.

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A GOOD START.

SIR,—I have been a reader of CAGE BIRDS for four years, and am pleased to tell you that from it I have gained my instruction as regards Canary breeding. I should like to inform you of my success. Although I am only a novice, I have already two nests of young, three in each, having lost one out of each. I have three more hens down with five eggs each, and a Goldfinch and yellow Norwich hen, which have up to writing three eggs. My young are now a week old and doing well. I might tell you my birds are bred in the garden, in a place I built myself, and I am no carpenter. They have been there for two years, without the slightest heat, not so much as a match. I have just been reading Mr. Bancroft's article on breeding, etc., which I consider is excellent. I am of opinion that any novice like myself should not fail to keep his CAGE BIRDS by him, so as to be able to look it up if he requires to know how to breed and rear successfully. I might mention that I have only four Norwich cocks and five hens, beside British birds.

W. E. FOUNTAIN.

THE PALACE WINNING GOLDFINCH.

SIR,—I am sorry I was made to appear to accuse Mr. D. J. Lewis's Palace winning Goldie of such a eriminal offence as having a roundcut blaze. Dear! dear!! Mr. Weston was right in surmising that I referred to the 1906 Palace Show. It occurred in this way. Last November I was asked to give a lecture on December 5th, which I promised to do, and wrote a paper accordingly. But when the time came, there was so much business to transact that the lecture was postponed to some future time. Then I was asked to give the lecture on March 5th, 1907, which I did. On reading the paper, I distinctively pointed out to our members that it was the 1906 Show that I was referring to. But having written the "last Palace Show" (which would have been right if I had read the lecture on the date first fixed) I forgot to alter it for publication. Hoping this explanation will satisfy Mr. L., and thanking you in anticipation of insertion of same. W. G. BULL.

CINNAMON BORDERS.

SIR,—All that I know about Borders is what I have read or seen at shows. At one time they were called Cumberland Fancy or Common Canaries. My first Canaries were called common Canaries, but, few, if any, were like the present race of Borders, and my first hen was a Cinnamon. At the last Palace Show I had a good look at the evenmarked, green and cinnamon Borders; there were only two cinnamons—one had, I think, a card, and the other would have passed for a German. Many years ago Cinnamon Germans were occasionally imported. From many years breeding for cinnamon Crests I know something about the ins and outs of putting the cinnamon colour on other coloured Canaries. I daresay some of your readers have seen that puzzle of a few bone or brass rings secured to a double skewer arrangement; to get all the rings off you constantly have to put two rings on to get one off; well, in breeding for cinnamons you are constantly appearing to get further from the cinnamon colour, and many birds are bred which the owner has a difficulty in disposing of at a remunerative price. To engraft the cinnamon on to any other colour Border, you will save many years of patience if you start with a cock with few or many cinnamon coloured feathers, whether a buff or yellow is of no consequence, that will be for a later experience when you have the cinnamon present to the eye in both sexes. In-breeding will have to be practised considerably all the time you breed from cinnamons. To the cinnamon feathered cock pair a very small hen, clear or variegated, as near to the type as you can get; you should breed a few young with cinnamon coloured feathers, all hens, save those nearest to the type; even if you cannot use them the succeeding year they will be found useful in future years. I have sometimes proved that cinnamon hens will not lay eggs until two years old. Save a young cock the nearest to type, which you must pair to his own sister, or a cinnamon hen as small as his mother; then the following year you will obtain some cinnamon feathered cocks and hens; by that time you can use your own discretion what to breed for, as you can pair two cinnamons together. The green feathered hens of this first cross are useless for producing cinnamon cocks, and I very much doubt if a green feathered hen will ever produce a cinnamon feathered cock, even if she has fifteen-sixteenths cinnamon blood. In succeeding years whatever is deficient in the young, either colour, even marks, or type, hens must be used for getting the same, bearing in mind that all the young cocks, whatever their colour when paired to cinnamon hens, will produce cinnamon feathered cocks. To fix the cinnamon colour do not be too particular whether you pair two buffs or two yellows together. If you wish to breed self or dark cinnamons, pair the heaviest marked birds together; if you wish to breed even marks, pair those with the fewest cinnamon feathers. With sufficient patience, and a well-filled purse, you will finally breed what you want. Now my purse is empty, but not my head, and my home and health are much better than they were five years ago, and I can, if I like, keep a pair of Canaries. I know of a double breeding cage I can have if any Border fancier will in kindness give me a pair, one of them having cinnamon feathers, I will try what I can do. It takes more years to obtain cinnamons when the hen only has cinnamon feathers, as in-breeding must be done in the second year, pairing a son to his own mother, and, possibly, a grandson to his grandmother, before a cinnamon cock will be bred. Therefore, I would not advise you to breed for cinnamons from the hen's side alone.—J. H. VERRALL.

REIGATE AND DIS. F.A.

Proposed Cage Bird Section.

SIR,—In order to further promote interest in the breeding, rearing, and exhibiting of high-class Canaries and other cage birds in this district, it has been decided to form a Cage Bird section of this Association, which will hold its meetings at Redhill, where monthly shows, lectures, etc., will be held throughout the year. Any fancier residing in this district will be welcomed at a meeting to be held at Mutton's Temperance Hotel, High Street, Redhill, on Monday, April 29th, at 8 p.m.

F. J. GREEN.

THE YORKSHIRE UNION.

Election of Officers and Revision of Rules—1907.

SIR,—The ballot papers, numbering nearly 990, in connection with the election of officers and revision of rules for the Yorkshire Union of Cage Bird Societies for 1907-8, have been sent out. Any person who was a member of the Yorkshire Union of O.S. or the Amalgamated Yorkshire O.S. during last year, not having received one, will be supplied on application to me at 70, St. Margaret's Road, Bradford. Monday, April 29th, is the latest date for the return of the papers. FRED. HAMMOND.

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THE LINNET IN CAPTIVITY.

SIR,—Your Correspondent, "Linnet on the Brain," according to his own showing, has utterly failed to steady Linnets which have been in his possession since last year. He tells us they are in full song, but so frightened when approached that they take advantage of whatever cover the cage affords, and try to hide themselves. The reason his birds behave in this way is quite evident. They are afraid of him, not yet having learned that his visits are of a friendly nature. When they make this discovery, fear will give place to confidence, and if the progress made be taken advantage of, they will very soon show in various ways that his company is both pleasant and desirable. My own opinion is that he has given too much time to cages, and far too little to Linnets. A little reflection on his methods will reveal to him that a more appropriate "nom de plume" would be "Cages on the Brain," for most of his time appears to have been devoted to devising different patterns. Now, although those made all of wood except the front are advantageous, they are not indispensable, and I am speaking from experience, for the steadiest Linnet I ever possessed, one which was the admiration of all who saw it, was brought to this degree of tameness in an ordinary large all wire breeding cage. He may have read all that has been written about Linnets in your valuable paper, but the words spoken have not profited him or he would not still be asking how to steady a Linnet. Before leaving this subject let me advise "Linnet on the Brain" to adopt the simple methods so often advocated in CAGE BIRDS, or we will be compelled to write him down among those who are ever learning and never able to come to a knowledge of the truth. LINNET FANCIER.

SCOTCH FANCY AND NORWICH FANCIERS IN EDINBURGH.

SIR,—An effort was recently made by those who are not personally acquainted with what took place years ago, when the Scotch Fancy men and the Norwich fanciers in Edinburgh parted company in showing, each going their own way. Prior to that event the Norwich fanciers depended on the Scotch Fancy section for running shows; but through a slip, as much as anything else, the prize money for the Scotch Fancy Canary was reduced in a certain association, which has proved the ruin of the Scotch Fancy. Other societies speedily followed suit—result, poorly filled classes all over the country, fanciers recognising that there was no gain in competing at an open show; where the show lasted two days or more there was great risk. In Edinburgh the feeling ran very high, and ended in separation. The old society continued for Scotch Fancy and Belgian Canaries, on New Year's Day, and has been worked quietly, but, as can be easily understood, the general public do not appreciate the quality of the high bred Scotch Fancy, and therefore a big gate cannot be looked for. On the other hand, the Norwich, etc., section, finding they were not to get everything their own way, started the Scottish National, and were most fortunate in securing the services of Mr. D. Smith as secretary. He threw himself heart and soul into the work of his office, and spared neither time nor money. The enthusiasm which animated him extended to others. All went to business with a will; the Town Council of Edinburgh generously gave the use of the Corn Exchange free; the Show was freely advertised, and as is usually the case with a new venture, the Association has been an unqualified success. All honour to the founders and those who have taken part in the management. The Norwich, etc., section has benefited beyond all expectation, but the Scotch Fancy and Belgian Canaries have suffered. In view of the action by the Scottish National in opening up classes for Scotch Fancy and Belgian Canaries, to further beggar the old Edinburgh, it could not be expected that the majority of Scotch fanciers would approve of the old society being merged into the young association. The decision to cry off and get away from the New Year's Day Show to the middle of December has been cordially received in Scotch Fancy circles, and if the executive enter heartily into the scheme, and put themselves into touch with every fancier in the United Kingdom, their efforts will be crowned with success. The want of the age is unity amongst the Scotch Fancy section. Your readers will be delighted to hear that there is a prospect of two other shows being started in Glasgow, one in November and the other in January. If the management would secure a hall in the vicinity of Charing Cross, and advertise freely, it would be a financial benefit. The apathy in Scotch Fancy circles has reduced the membership; it must have struck your readers that the voting power at the meeting of the Old Edinburgh was memorable, and that had it been in favour of bowing the knee to the Scottish National, it would not have carried with it the confidence of the showing populace, upon which the financial results would have depended. It would have helped Paisley, Kilmarnock, and Dunfermline. In taking such an important step full publicity should have been given to the move, and not confined to a few. Voting papers should have been issued to every member of the old Edinburgh. Plenty of money could be raised to put the old Edinburgh on an easy footing, so that the executive need have no fear in going forward.—A CORRESPONDENT.

EARLY MOULTING OF BRITISH BIRDS.

SIR,—Would any reader be so kind as to tell me, through CAGE BIRDS, the best way to moult Linnets and Goldfinches, and the time, as I want them on song and over the moult in time for catching with next season? G. JACOBS.

HALF PRIZE MONEY IN GUARANTEED CLASSES AT THE CRYSTAL PALACE SHOW.

SIR,—My attention has been drawn to a letter under the above heading. From this letter it would appear that either you or myself had committed some breach of faith. As nothing could be further from the fact, I must ask you—in order to remove any false impression which may have been conveyed to exhibitors—to insert this statement of the actual facts. At the time the catalogue was being compiled you, Sir, were informed that the entries in the Scotch Fancy and Champion Crest classes were so weak that the managers had decided to cancel the said classes. On your asking how much would be required to let the classes stand, I told you the amount—£3 16s.—on the basis of half prize-money, as per rule 2. This was correct, as, according to the schedule, these classes were not marked as "guaranteed"; and, as Mr. E. G. Wright made his entries under these conditions, the contract between Mr. Wright and the Society was completed when I accepted his entries, and on these grounds I declined to pay more than half prize-money. Your statement in your issue of February 9th (to which attention is called) I understand to convey, as the context clearly shows, that you had given such a guarantee as would enable the sections to be included, although you did not in any way refer to rule 2 of the schedule, with which rule you were probably unacquainted. [Quite unaware of it.—Ed. "C. B."]

All things considered, the conditions appertaining to the Palace could not have been so very bad, as suggested by Mr. Wright, or he would not have made his entries. Any way, he was prepared to take the risk, and I have yet to learn that it is customary for show managers to inform competitors the number of entries in each class and how many competitors they will have to meet. Mr. Wright says that it passes his comprehension how any "sane" person could refuse to pay full prize-money. Well, Sir, I may or may not be "sane," but if any proof of my "insanity" were needed, I should say that it is provided in the fact that I took the trouble to answer his two or three letters, fully explaining all these facts. H. LAMBERT BROWN.

P.S.—I am in receipt of your letter informing me that if any exhibitor has been misled by the statement you made in your issue of February 9th into thinking that your guarantee was used in the technical sense of rule 2, and that full prize-money would be awarded in the classes in question, you will be pleased to make up the necessary balance to enable the full prize-money to be awarded to any such exhibitors.

PROPOSED HANDSWORTH AND DIS. C.B.S.

SIR,—With reference to the letter of Mr. J. H. Jennings, I feel that it only needs a little energy on the part of fanciers in this district to start and support such a society, and I shall be pleased to meet the gentleman, and others concerned, with a view of putting the formation of the same on a practical footing.

A. E. SMITH.

DOES COLOUR FEEDING SHORTEN THE LIVES OF CANARIES?

SIR,—In your issue of the 13th inst., I noticed a very sensible letter from "W. H. Moore," on "Does Colour Feeding Shorten the Lives of Canaries?" Last week I saw some correspondence on the shortage of colour food. I should be pleased if the crop was an entire failure, and should like to ask the question—Cannot this abomination called colour feeding be abolished? I would as leave see a lump of red ochre stuck in a cage as some of the red-fed colour birds. It is as bad as artificially colouring natural flowers, and goodness knows that is bad enough. I cannot possibly understand anyone with an "educated eye" admiring either. Let us breed for colour as well as form.

THOS. SOAR.

NOTES ON THE TANAGER IN CAPTIVITY.

SIR,—I was greatly interested in the letter, "Notes on the Tanager in Captivity," published in your admirable journal. Mr. Millsum is evidently an expert in the keeping and feeding of these lovely birds, and if he would be good enough to let us all know the various ingredients of his food for them, I feel sure the information will be very gratefully received by all those interested in the Foreign Fancy.

H. R. DAVIDSON.

BIRDS AND THEIR CHARACTER.

SIR,—When perusing the "Journal of Horticulture," recently, I came upon the following paragraph, which states the Bullfinch waylays and eats bees from out the bechives. I never knew nor heard of this before myself, and I have kept bees a long time in a district where Bullfinches are plentiful enough. The writer says:—"Some birds, such as the Crow, have no character to lose, especially when young potatoes are coming up. We are glad to hear that wee Jenny Wren never did harm anything. Her near cousin, the Robin, is also well spoken of for eating grubs, snails, moths, and, above all, earwigs. Dahlia growers, encourage the Robin! The Bullfinch is the rogue! One of his roguish tricks is to sit on the beehive entrance and tap with his bill, and at once the sentinel comes to ask who knocks, when the birds eat him up. We have watched this frequently. The Swallow is another friend without one 'redeeming vice'; insects are his from dawn till dark."—H. BOLLARD.

[It will be interesting to learn if any of our readers have observed this trait in the Bullfinch.—ED.]

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JARDINE'S PARROT.

SIR,—Perhaps you will find a corner for a few words about this species of the Parrot family, which, as a cage bird or pet, deserves far more notice than it seems to get. Outside the pale of aviculture, if one may so term the body of enthusiastic bird keepers, the variety of Parrots kept as cage pets is extremely limited, though why this should be so it would be hard to say, were it not, in all probability, due to ignorance of the charm and qualities of the scores of varieties that make equally charming pets. The subject of this note is one of these, and only needs to be better known to be more highly appreciated. Its common name was, I surmise, given it in honour of Sir W. Jardine, and, therefore, it is all the more curious to find that it is omitted by this authority in his "Birds of West Africa" volume of the "Naturalists' Library," which was penned by no less an authority than Swainson. Possibly it was at that time confused with the Senegal Parrot, which inhabits the same region, and is described in the work referred to. To give a kind of condensed description, Jardine's Parrot is of a bright grass-green colour generally, with patches of reddish-orange on the bows of the wings, the forehead and the thighs, and the space between the eyes and the beak and the tail black. It is about 11 ins. in length over all. It is a native of Western Africa, where it ranges from the Gold Coast to the Congo, and it is reputed to be somewhat delicate when first imported, although it is hardy enough to succeed with the merest tyro when once it is acclimatised. Doubtless with this bird, as with so many other species, the supposed delicacy at the beginning is due largely to no systematic efforts at proper acclimatisation. Being subjected to draughts, even for a short time, is one of the most fatal things newly-imported birds have to contend against. As regards the qualifications of Jardine's Parrot for a caged pet, it is interesting to note that one of the greatest authorities of the day on Parrots gives it practically the very first place, considering it even more desirable than the Amazon or the Grey Parrot. Its capacity for learning to talk is not a matter of general agreement. Some keepers, amongst whom may be mentioned Dr. Russ, consider their linguistic abilities very small. Russ only goes so far as to say that it is "a little gifted with speech." On the other hand, specimens have been known to rival even the notorious Grey in talking abilities and versatile mimicry. Individuals, of course, vary greatly in this respect, just as they do in the Greys and every other species; but when one does get a clever bird, and one that is properly acclimatised, it will always command a marketable value that compares very fairly with the latter species. Its food should consist of a mixture of hard seeds for a staple—wheat, dari, canary, hemp, and a little maize. Occasionally a few small nuts may be given, or a piece of plain dry biscuit or crust of bread, and a little fruit should be given daily, ringing the changes on banana, sweet apple, grapes, or orange, and now and again, when in season, a spray of watercress or a few seedy heads of grass for it to play with will be appreciated as a change. Like most Parrots, it is all the better for having a bit of soft wood kept in its cage to occupy its attention when it wants something to chew up, as this simple precaution is frequently a preventive of feather plucking, and once a bird gets hold of this habit it is no easy matter to cure it or to keep it in a presentable appearance. Water, I need hardly say, should be offered daily, and coarse grit always find a place in its cage.—EMIL.

THE SONG OF THRUSHES.

SIR,—I notice in your Mr. Weston's answers to queries, he replies to Mr. J. C. Smith re Thrush not singing after nine in the morning. I might say I have had the same experience to go through. I have kept Thrushes and Larks for about eight years, so I can claim to know a little about them. With Thrushes, I think you will get more singing out of one, than two or three; but with Larks, the more the merrier. I have got a Thrush about four years old this summer, and during the first two years there was nothing to touch him—he would sing from early morn till late; he was never tired, and he would sing anywhere he was put. I hand-reared a young one last summer, and now, as soon as he has commenced to open out, the old bird has given up to a whisper. So I thought I would get a wild bird to train my young one to produce some good notes. I paid a good price, 15s., for one with some extra good notes. He sang well for a few days, but gradually fell off, as I think my young one was too much for him, for he would sing him down as soon as he started off. He has not sung for a fortnight now. It is just what I expected, but I thought I would risk it. Still, I yet have hopes, when the weather gets warmer, of hearing him again. I might mention I gave the wild bird, which had been caged about three months, a good "ducking" a week after I had him, for he needed it badly, and I think that upset him. He sang next day, and has not sung since. I put it down to jealousy, and I do not think I am far wrong. I think I can get them on song as well as most people. I know it is not the feeding that is wrong, for I feed them all alike, if anything the wild bird the more generously. Thanks to CAGE BIRDS for my success with songsters, and I think if some of your readers would pay a little more attention to queries, they would not have to ask for what was answered only a week previously, which I see is often the case. My first copy was a specimen picked up at a show almost five years ago, and I have taken it in ever since. Perhaps some one else would tell their experiences and say if they could recommend a cure without having to dispose of others. THROSTLE OFF SONG.

MY EXPERIENCE WITH SOME PARROTS.

SIR,—My first Parrot came from Brazil, and, although very pretty, was very savage. In a short time, however, I secured his confidence and got him quite tame. It was brought home by a sailor for a friend, who, not caring for it, sold it to me. Whenever there was food on the table he used to call, "A bit for Pollie." Clotted cream was a delicacy of which he was most fond. Once, when illness was in the house, Pollie was sent to a dealer to take care of; but he pined so much that he nearly died, so was brought home again and quickly recovered. One day Pollie had a fit and, to our great grief, passed away, despite all we could and did do. Next came an Amazon, a beauty, with wonderful variation of colour—not a common Amazon, but a King Amazon. He was a very tame bird, and would come out of his cage. A guard was put before the fire, and Pollie used to delight in climbing up the front to warm himself, and he never found it too warm. He would follow me about like a dog, and call out, "Pollie is coming." This was a very strong and healthy bird. Following him came a pair of Indian Ring Necks. The cock whistled well and the hen talked very well. Her voice was very peculiar, something like an old woman's, very low and squeaky. These were strong, healthy birds; nothing ever went wrong with them. I gave them to a friend, who, I expect, has them still. The next were a pair of Grey Cockatoos, with pink breasts. They were very pretty, but would not talk, so I sold them. Since then I have found out that these birds will talk, as a friend of mine had one that talked very well indeed; thus I have naturally regretted parting with my birds. I also have a white Cockatoo with lemon crest. Last, but not least, come my Grey Parrots. The first I owned died in six weeks; the second also died from the same cause, indigestion, brought on by soft food. My third was nearly dead on arrival from Liverpool, and did die the next day. Then a sailor brought home ten Greys, of which I bought one, and have had it for years; he has never been ill, has never had any sop or soft food, but has been fed on the ordinary Parrot food. He never has water unless he asks for it in the very hot weather, then just a few sips while I hold the glass in my hand. I give him grapes, oranges, apples, pears, cherries, raspberries and strawberries; these, of course, are moist and supply the lack of water. He can talk well, and mimics all our different voices. At last I have a really clever Grey. I always cover him up at night, leaving space for ventilation at the top of the cage. Many cover the top close and leave the bottom open; this causes a draught, and is the cause of asthma and other illnesses. My bird is now twelve years old, and flourishes well under the treatment described.—E. G. B.

THE INDIAN SHAMAH.

SIR,—This bird is well known by all who have knowledge of the common wild birds of India. I am not certain whether it is found all over India, but I have found it plentiful in all the districts I have been in, in the Punjab, except Simla, which is in the Himalayas, and is too cold for them. The cock Shamah is a very pretty bird indeed; its brilliant plumage and beautiful form make it so attractive, the female is very little smaller in build, and is of a brownish colour. These birds generally go about in pairs, and frequent dunghills, stables, cowsheds; in fact, any place where they are able to find a good supply of insects, worms, etc. They are very quarrelsome birds, and when one pair take up any particular plot of ground to peck around on, which each pair usually do, they will fight almost unto death with any other pair that may trespass on their land. When flying, they take short flights along the ground, from bush to bush, if there are any near. The cock bird is a beautiful songster; in some conspicuous spot, either on the very top of a bush or a wire fence he will perch himself, put out breast and cock up his tail, and then pour out his bold, defiant song. They breed twice, sometimes three times, a year. The nest is built of blades of dry grass, thin twigs, and pieces of string, etc., and is lined inside with hair; it may be found in holes of trees and in walls a few feet from the ground; the hen lays two or three eggs, each round. I remember the time I found a Shamah's nest in a "chatti" (earthenware vessel for holding water) which was hung up on the wall in the stables, about four feet from the ground, and was about eight feet away from a "charpie" (native bed), on which the "syce" (groom) used to sleep during the night. There were three eggs in the nest; these were hatched in about twelve days, and the youngsters reared successfully. There were two cocks; these were easily distinguished when about a week old. Their natural food consists of all kinds of insects and worms, such as white ants (these are plentiful in India), cockroaches, small beetles, grubs, etc. I have also seen them feeding on a kind of wild bramble berry which comes out at a certain time of the year in India. In captivity the natives feed them on a mixture of grain and Ghee, varied with white ants and any insect life which is obtainable. Caged Shamahs are not a common sight, as would be thought, considering they are so plentiful. They are easily caught, but are seldom taken when mature. Mostly all those that are kept in India are hand reared from the nest.

CHIRIA WALLA.

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LONDON BIRD LIFE.

Lecture by Mr. J. Dobson before the L. and P.O.S. on April 18th.

There was much speculation amongst fanciers as to what phase of London bird life Mr. Dobson would deal with in his promised lecture on "London Bird Life." Few could have thought that singing birds and contests would be his theme. It was, however, and he dealt with them in a most entertaining manner. Mr. Dobson is quite a veteran in the London Cage Bird Fancy, and knows much of its history.

Speaking of Linnets, the lecturer mentioned Colchester, Leatherhead, and Epsom Downs as the favourite haunts of catchers of good songsters. He then went on to speak of how the birds are trained to sing, and gave the following as a sample of the notes of a good Linnet:—

Tollicky, tollicky, tuck ; whizzy, czzy qua
Tollicky, tollicky, chow weega.
Tollicky, tollicky, Egypt.
Tollicky, tollicky, chow weet.

He then went on to describe a singing handicap, in which the winner did two score ten, in ten minutes. Other items of interest were that £30 was offered and refused for two champion singing Linnets belonging to a Mr. Huxtable. Nestlings, or branchers, were generally considered the best to train for singing contests.

GOLDFINCHES.

Amongst champion Goldfinches he had known some gems to come from the catching grounds of Merstham, Brentwood, Lewes, Brighton, Willesden, and Frome. He gave the song as:—

Sippit, sippit, sa whiddy,
Sippit, sa pot sa whiddy,
Sippit, ker chay.
Sippit, ker uzzel, choy,
Whiddle, whiddle, C. G.

The last song is not a good one, and is said to be caught from the Yellowhammer, and is described by the cognoscenti as a little bit of bread and no cheese. As in the Linnets, nestlings and branchers are the best for training. The champion record bird was one of Mr. Austin's, which was credited with having done seventeen score of "Sippit ker choy" in fifteen minutes. The best Goldfinches of to-day were those owned by a well-known sporting character, named Symonds, of Church-street, Shoreditch, to whose establishment he had introduced such worthies in the exhibition world as Messrs. G. Crabb, F. W. Barnett, C. L. Quinton, J. Robson, etc.

CHAFFINCHES.

In Chaffinch singing, the champions were usually found amongst the birds caught by pegging, and the great catching grounds in and around London were Hackney Marshes, Chingford, Finchley, Victoria, and Hyde Parks. The Chingford and Finchley birds do a song known as:—

Pink, pink, chilling welah chock wado.

The Hackney Marsh birds do a much shorter song, which is known as:—

Joe, Jo, kiss me dear;
Jo, Jo, pot o' beer.

He gave interesting reminiscences of a pegging match by Hibberd and Hornage for £20, and a singing match for £50, in which the winning bird, owned by a Mr. Watts, sang nine score fourteen in fifteen minutes.

SKYLARKS.

These were briefly dealt with, mention being made of a match for £10, at Richardson's, between two birds owned by men known as Darky and Woody. Skylark matches were for time singing, and not like the others, for note singing. The winner in this particular match sang thirteen out of fifteen minutes.

At the close of the lecture an interesting discussion arose amongst those present, several of whom thought that singing matches and their surroundings were not calculated to lift and refine those who indulged in them. An opposite opinion was that the bird singing fraternity were quite as good fanciers as their show brethren, and had, if anything more real personal affection for their birds. Such things as drunkenness, and even fighting, had been known in connection with bird shows in the ages of the past, but that was in the days when CAGE BIRDS was not in existence, and those who complained of that paper taking notice of bird singing contests should think of what the Press had done in the refinement and improvement of the morale of cage bird exhibition circles. If the Press let the light of public opinion in on singing contests they would of necessity become better conducted, and attract attention from a higher class individual than hitherto.

On the proposition of Mr. Matthes, seconded by Mr. R. J. Pretty, and supported by Mr. J. W. Ramsden, a most hearty vote of thanks was given Mr. Dobson for his most interesting lecture.

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"Peggy" and her owner.

THE LAST OF "PEGGY."

Death of a Noted Magpie.

In our issue of July 28th, 1906, we related some of the adventures of the Magpie "Peggie," owned by Mr. Nixon, of Heaton. What was probably one of the tamest wild birds known, (as Mr. Harris and other naturalists can testify) has unfortunately been drowned. Her owner had been doing some amateur photographing, and had left some water in the bath, and poor "Peggy," most likely wanting a drink, had fallen in, and was drowned. She will be greatly missed by visitors to Heaton Park, as "Peggy" was invariably perched on one of the window sills outside her owner's house, close to the park, whistling and chattering to her audience, and was looked upon by them as the real Magpie of the Newcastle United Football Club, the children shouting to her, "Who's going to win to-day, Peggy?" and "Play up the Magpie!"

When her owner was staying at Whitley, "Peggy" would fly and hop after him all over the sands, and would perch on a rock, and seemed delighted to watch the spray, and chatter to it. She would sit on his hand while he played the piano, and stay there as long as he played. She used to spread her wings and feathers right out warming herself in front of the fire—and many a mile of writing has her owner done with poor "Peggy" sitting on his wrist all the time. She could catch pieces of rolled paper thrown to her with remarkable precision.

Once she was lost for three days, refusing to take food from her finder, she was found quite a distance away at Walker Gate, and again lost in the roof leading from the attic, having neither water nor food for two days, and having been twice accidently stamped or trod upon in the dark and much hurt, and once having sustained injuries from an attack by a cat, she unfortunately had her left leg broken, about two months ago, and, awhile after, a friend of her owner's, (H. G. Bell, Esqr., of Percy Main, a great lover of birds and animals), bandaged the injured leg, and "Peggy" had quite recovered her lost vigour and spirits, flying outside and amusing her admirers as usual, until she came to her untimely end. When "Peggy" was a young bird, she used to steal and hide anything bright and glittering, but as she grew older, she only stole and hid food—"putting by for a rainy day." She had been in her owner's possession for about six years, since a nestling, and was a remarkable example how a wild bird might be tamed by kindness.

SOME OBSERVATIONS ON EXTINCT BIRDS.

"As extinct as the Dodo" has become a stock phrase, and yet, says a writer in a contemporary, it is believed to be less than half a century since a living Dodo was still to be seen. When Mauritius was discovered by the Portuguese sailors at the beginning of the sixteenth century, the Dodo was one of its most striking inhabitants. A huge, clumsy bird, which had lost its power of flight in the lapse of ages, this relative of our pigeons fell an easy prey to the explorers and their domestic animals. The Dutch, who acquired the greater part of the early traffic with the East Indies, imported several living Dodos to Europe, where, luckily, they were drawn by artists. Otherwise we should now not even know what the Dodo had looked like. A few fragments of their skeletons have been preserved in museums, and in 1866 a travelling naturalist discovered a hoard of Dodo bones in a peat-swamp in Mauritius; but no one seems to have thought of preserving a colony of Dodos, which might easily enough have been done fifty years ago, and it is not likely that a living specimen will ever be brought over to the Zoo, though the recent discovery of the Okapi shows that the remote fastnesses of primæval forests still contain unexpected forms of life.

Amongst the other birds which have become extinct within the memory of man, like the Solitaire of Rodriguez or the gigantic Moa of New Zealand, a leading place must be given to the Great Auk, whose eggs periodically fetch huge prices at auctions. This bird, otherwise known as the Gare-fowl, used to furnish a most valuable article of food to sailors and fishermen in our northern seas. Like the Penguin, of which Antartic gourmets still write with affection, it also had abandoned the use of wings, and so fell an easy victim to the hungry. Like Tennyson's Irish hero, "they slew and they sailed away" with a useful store of victuals. The Gare-fowl was "very good and nourishing meate," as one of the voyagers in Hakluyt's collection informs us. It was so unused to danger that it was easy to drive it on board ship along a plank, where it could be slain and cooked at leisure. Unfortunately the sailors, to illustrate the proverbial improvidence of their calling, killed a dozen Gare-fowl for every one that they ate.

The Garefowlskerry, in the Iceland seas, was so difficult to climb that it formed a safe home and breeding ground for the Great Auk till about 1830, when Nature took a hand in the game and a volcanic explosion blew the Skerry to pieces. Fourteen years later the last of the Great Auks, which had thus been driven to haunts more accessible to man, was captured and slain. It is just conceivable that some lonely and unknown rock may still contain a colony of living Gare-fowl, which would afford a moderate competence to its discoverer. A Great Auk's egg is worth from £200 to £300 in the auction room, and a good stuffed specimeu commands still higher prices, so that, if care were taken not to flood the market, the owner of such a colony need not envy any cattle breeder. But it is to be feared that the Great Auk is now as shy a bird as the Solitaire.

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An Evening with the Cuckoo.

Some interesting details of Cuckoo life related by Messrs. J. Peat Millar and John Craig.

In the Templars' Lesser Hall, Beith, on March 14th, Mr. J. Peat Millar gave the members and friends of the Beith Rechabite Society a most interesting lantern lecture, giving an excellent description of each slide as it appeared on the screen. The photographs were numerous, varied, very clear and distinct, and the great majority of them were taken in the district, which made them all the more interesting. They included birds, birds' nests, and eggs, etc., and for many of which Mr. Peat Millar was indebted to my old companion and friend, Mr. Matthew Barr, then residing in Beith, but now in England. Mr. Peat Millar also exhibited a series of snapshots of young Cuckoos ejecting a young bird and eggs from the nest. Curiously enough the first snapshot Mr. Peat Millar took of bird life was a young Cuckoo ejecting a young Yellowhammer from a Meadow Pipit's nest, and which has made him famous in the bird world. This Cuckoo commenced operations more readily than any I have experimented with, either before or since, whether it was because it had conquered another Cuckoo, which was one of its companions, I cannot say, but certainly it was more active than any I have watched.

In June, 1901, one of the snapshots of a Cuckoo, taken by Mr. J. Peat Millar when the bird was about two days old, and which, while still blind, was in the act of ejecting an egg from a Meadow Pipit's nest. This bird was less inclined to commence operations than former ones I have experimented with about the same age. I again visited the nest two days later, and took two eggs and a young House Sparrow, about three days old, with me, and put them into the nest beside the young Cuckoo, but it was not inclined to commence operations. I again visited the nest about an hour later, but they were still in the nest. As a rule, the Cuckoo is less inclined to commence operations when about four days old, at least that is my experience. I again visited the nest a day later, but some person or persons had cleared everything out of it. In June, 1904, I found a Meadow Pipit's nest with two eggs, and a Cuckoo's. From the way in which the Pipit flew off the nest I thought she had sat a day or two, and that the full clutch was laid. I visited the nest two days later, and there were just the same number of eggs, which proved that my surmise was correct. Probably the full clutch was laid before the Cuckoo deposited her egg, and she removed one or more of the nest owner's eggs. I again visited the nest when the young were nearly hatched. The young Cuckoo showed the hollow back. Mr. Peat Millar took two snapshots of this Cuckoo, which was about two days old, and while still blind, with an egg on its back, one of them with the young Cuckoo well up on the nest, and in the act of throwing back its head. This bird, like the last, was slow to begin operations. I experimented with this Cuckoo each consecutive day, except Sunday, with young birds and eggs until it was about nine days old, when it suffered an egg to remain in the nest. I never saw it throwing out either the young birds or eggs, but they were always out when I visited the nest the following day, until the ninth day, when the hollow on the Cuckoo's back began to fill up. After that I watched the Cuckoo more or less until it left the nest, when about three weeks old. Mr. Percival Westell, when referring to this picture, which was published in a contemporary, makes it appear to its readers that he was in company with Mr. Peat Millar when the photo was taken, which is not the case.

In June, 1905, I saw a Meadow Pipit's nest with a Cuckoo's egg, but it proved to be clear. On June 2nd, 1906, I found a Meadow Pipit's nest in the same field, where the now famous snapshots were taken on June 12th, 1899, with two eggs and a Cuckoo's, but they were cold, and on visiting the nest a week later there were the same number of eggs, which were still cold. As the Pipit had forsaken the nest, probably the full clutch was laid before the Cuckoo deposited her egg, and she removed one or more of the nest owner's eggs, but I never saw a Pipit forsake a nest in this way before; probably it was a young bird. A gentleman saw a Meadow Pipit feeding an old Cuckoo in the beginning of May, 1906. I may say that all the photos of the Cuckoos above referred to were taken by Mr. Peat Millar himself, and the credit of the observation belongs to me, not to Mr. Percival Westell. He only bought the pictures from Mr. Peat Millar, with permission to use or sell them.

A gentleman who got some photographs of the Cuckoo from Mr. Peat Millar, expressed the wish that he would like to see a snapshot of a Cuckoo putting her egg into a nest with her bill. I think there can be but little doubt but that the Cuckoo carries the egg in her bill. Some years ago I wrote an article on the habits of the Cuckoo, which was published in one of the Fancy papers. I said the Cuckoo carried her egg in her bill to the nest selected, and the argument that the cuckoo carried the egg in her toes would not hold water. Mr. Percival Westell also wrote to the same paper contradicting me on the latter point. He said he saw the Cuckoo carrying the egg both in her bill and in her toes. Since then Mr. Westell has stated in two different papers that the Cuckoo carries her egg in her bill, not in her toes, as "erroneously stated." It is evident that Mr. Westell's observations are far from being reliable.

With regard to the young Cuckoo ejecting eggs and young birds from the nest, Mr. Seebohm says: "It has been said, on what appears to be incontestable evidence, that the young Cuckoo soon after it is hatched ejects the young or eggs from the nest by hoisting them on its back, but one feels inclined to class these narratives with the equally well authenticated stories of ghosts and other apparitions which abound." And this has been quoted over and over again by writers who pin their faith to Mr. Seebohm. No wonder that some books on "British Birds" are unreliable for reference! When I saw the point disputed about the young Cuckoo throwing its companions out of the nest, I carried an egg with me and put it into the nest beside the young Cuckoo, and solved the problem for myself, and the result was published in one of the Fancy papers, that the young Cuckoo did eject eggs from the nest, but that was not sufficient for the sceptics, until I got Mr. Peat Millar to take some snapshots, which were published in one of the Fancy journals on July 14th, 1899. It was also stated that Mr. Seebohm was not one of those who rush in where angels fear to tread, but the photographs above referred to proves that statement to be incorrect.

SWALLOWS AS IN-DOOR PETS.

Gnats on a Hatpin.

I was staying some time ago at Thorpe, the little fishing village near Aldeburgh, Suffolk, and under the eaves of our house a large colony of Swallows had taken up its abode. One morning I found that a violent storm of wind had wrecked a great many of the nests, and was fortunate enough to rescue one of the chicks. I put this in a small basket upon a window-sill, in the hope that the parents would feed it; but this they declined to do. Taking it in, therefore, it was fed with gnats and flies, given upon the point of a hat-pin. This was the nearest approach we could get to the beak of the mother, and was, indeed, the only way in which we could induce it to receive food.

Gnats and flies becoming scarce, we were driven to desperation. Little insects of all kinds were offered, scraps of potted-meat, and on one occasion one of the party offered it a bumble-bee, which, nicely minced, proved a very appetising dish.

Free Citizenship.

This young Swallow became so tame that it would always answer me when I whistled to it. We had no cage with us and gave it the free rights of citizenship throughout the house. It would get into the loose pockets of our Norfolk coats if the weather was at all cold. On one occasion it flew towards me the moment I opened the door, lit upon my shirt-cuff, walked up my sleeve, and flew away when it had reached the other end, tickling my arm meanwhile in a manner that was really excruciating!

We took it out one day with the idea of letting it fly away. It flew off with a flight that is totally different from the Swallows that are left wild, never darting, or swooping, employing nothing but the ordinary flapping of the wings. We never thought to see it again, but noticing a Swallow upon one of the chimneys, I whistled the call I had taught my bird. It instantly replied, then flew down to the door, and let me take it in.

Once again—it was now quite a strong bird and almost full-grown—I took it out into the garden for "exercise." It ventured rather farther a-field this time and a larger bird swooping upon it, wounded it so severely that it shortly afterwards died, to the great grief of the whole family.

Swallows Everywhere.

There never was such a house as this for Swallows. I have taken them from behind the chest of drawers in my bedroom, and the next morning have released another from the chimney in the dining-room! After that, and on the same day, I found a Blackbird in possession of the sideboard!—QUILL.

A Chat about Birds.

Some Simple Facts for Students.

A Lecture by the Rev. K. A. Deakin at the Redditch Institute on February 11th, 1907.

The fifth of the series of lectures arranged this season in connection with the Redditch Institute, took place in the reading room of the institution on Monday night, February 11th last. The lecturer was the Rev. Keelinge A. Deakin, vicar of Cofton, and the lecture itself was "A chat about birds." The vicar, the Rev. R. B. Littlewood, presided. We are indebted to the "Redditch Indicator" for the following account of the Rev. Deakin's interesting and instructive remarks.

FIVE GREAT CLASSES.

Birds, he said, were divided into five great classes: *Raptores* (seizers), *Insessores* (perchers), *Rasores* (scratchers), *Grallatores* (waders), and *Natatores* (swimmers). Of course the characteristics which the English names that he had given imply, were not entirely confined to the class which bore them, as many of the *Raptores*, for instance, were in the habit of perching, and the Moorhen which did not belong to the order of *Natatores*, was, as he need scarcely tell them—a very admirable swimmer; and—strange as it might seem—a Heron kept by Dr. Neill, in his garden near Edinburgh, was in the habit of swimming out some ten or twelve feet, where the water was two or three feet deep, for the purpose of getting to a Moorhen's nest in the hope of making a meal off the young ones. These were but one or two instances to show that birds of one class very often exercised the characteristic habits of another.

The order *Raptores* consisted of those birds commonly called "birds of prey"—the Eagles, Hawks, Owls, etc. These birds had a peculiar way of getting rid of the indigestible portion of their food—the fur, feather, and bones of their victims—by casting them up in the form of pellets, which might be commonly found near the nests and roosting places of owls. To these pellets he should have occasion to refer later on. The *Insessores* comprised all those small birds which gave such life to the fields and hedgerows, and without whose presence their country walks would be dull indeed. In this order were also included all those sweet songsters whose notes give such a charm to the early mornings and evenings of spring. As a type of the *Rasores*, he might take the Partridge, and those of his hearers whose gardens might occasionally be invaded by a neighbour's fowls would readily understand the full force of the name "scratchers," as applied to them. The *Grallatores* were those long-legged, and generally long-billed birds, which delighted to frequent their sea-shores and the mouths of rivers, and which (especially during the autumn migration) were often to be seen on the banks of their inland lakes and large reservoirs. The *Natatores* were the web-footed birds, of which they had familiar examples in the Ducks and Geese of the farm yards.

FEET AND BILLS.

They would have noticed that those five orders had been classified from the feet, and from the use made of them, but when they came to split these orders up into sub-families, or species, the distinctive feature was very often the bill, or beak. The bill consisted of two mandibles, as they were called, and those differed very much according to the habits of their owners, and particularly according to the kind of food on which they lived, and the manner in which they sought it. Thus, in the birds of prey the bill was strong, with the upper mandible hooked and very sharp, and admirably adapted for seizing animals and cutting and tearing their flesh. In the case of birds which fed on insects or vegetable substances the bill was not hooked, or very little so. The bill of insectivorous birds was weak and slender, while in the case of those which feed on seeds it was short and stout, a well-marked instance of which was the thick, stout, clumsy bill of the Hawfinch, which enabled it even to crack cherrystones, to the kernels of which it was very partial. While speaking of seed-eating birds, he must not omit one, which, unfortunately, was not a very common one. He meant the Crossbill, which fed on the seeds of firecones, and the mandibles of whose bill crossed each other (hence its name), the one turning up and the other down, thus forming an instrument most beautifully adapted for wrenching off the scales of the cones, at the bases of which the seeds lay.

In the case of birds which caught insects on the wing, the bill was short, but very deeply divided, so giving a wide gape. This was very conspicuous in all the members of the Swallow family, but it was even more noticeable in that most interesting bird the Goatsucker, or Nightjar. The Woodpecker, which obtained its food by digging into decaying trees, had a long, sharp bill, with which it easily and quickly effected its purpose. This bill it also employed in digging out a hole for its nest, which it did to the depth of a foot or more, the hole turning downwards after having penetrated a few inches. The entrance of this hole was, when completed, as perfect a circle as if drawn out with a pair of compasses. Some of the Waders (the Snipe in particular) which fed on the worms, etc., which they found in the mud, had slender bills of remarkable sensibility, while many of the aquatic, or water, birds had broad and comparatively soft and sensitive bills, with marginal ridges for straining the mud from which much of their food was extracted.

He was only concerned that evening with their native birds, or he might speak of the wonderful modifications of the bills of Toucans, Hornbills, Parrots, Pelicans, and Spoonbills (the last of which, by the way, was once not uncommon in England, and of which a specimen was, to his knowledge, and that only a few years ago, at St. David's, while he was assured that one was seen at Upper Bittel reservoir two or three years ago). All these were very interesting and intimately connected with the habits of their different owners.

The Oyster Catcher had a wedge-shaped bill, peculiarly adapted for insertion between the two portions of bivalve shells, and with it, it was able to detach limpets from the surface of the rocks with the greatest ease. But if he excepted the Spoonbill—the most peculiar bill among the Waders was that of the Avocet, which is curved upwards, and was long, slender, pointed and flexible, having very much the appearance of a thin piece of elastic whalebone. Up to the beginning of the present century this bird was still abundant in several localities on the east coast of England, but it had now, unfortunately, passed into the category of mere visitants to this country, a result due partly to drainage of the marshes, partly to persecution by gunners and egg gatherers.

HOW WONDERFULLY ADAPTED.

To go back for a moment to the feet of birds. It was very interesting to note how wonderfully these were adapted to their habits. In the birds of prey, the feet, as might be expected, were strong, with sharp, curved talons, but those of the Osprey, or Fishing Hawk, were specially adapted for holding its slippery prey. The outer toe was reversible, while the under surface of the toe was rough and covered with small pointed scales, thus ensuring a firm grip. They in the Midlands very seldom had the opportunity of seeing this interesting bird, but since he had lived in this neighbourhood one was to be seen for about a week at a reservoir near King's Norton. That was some fifteen years ago.

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THE LANCASHIRE CANARY.

By C. A. HOUSE.

A Lecture delivered before the London and Counties Association of Canary Breeders on April 25th.

When your secretary, Mr. Pretty, asked me, two or three months since, to give you a lecture, I hardly knew what to select as the subject of my discourse. London fanciers have had lectures upon the various aspects of breeding, management, and exhibiting of Canaries, upon the Yorkshire, the Norwich, the Crest, the Cinnamon, the London Fancy over and over again. Thinking the matter over, it occurred to me that I must break fresh ground somehow or the other. A happy inspiration made me think of the Lancashire. So far as my memory serves me, the giant of the Canary family has never before been the subject of a lecture before either of the Metropolitan societies.

It is some twenty-three or twenty-four years ago that I bred Lancashires. It was during the time I resided in Somerset, and I obtained my original stock from Mr. Potter, of Taunton, who was at that time a well-known breeder of Crests and Lancashires, one of the best in the South. I have ever been an admirer of this noble bird, have for many years enjoyed the friendship of the principal breeders in the County Palatine, and have had the privilege of being in close touch with such celebrities as Barrass, Collinge, Fielding, Bell, Compston, Cundiff, Clegg, Winskill, Maxwell, Turner, Taylor, Butterworth, Fitton, Whitworth, Holt, Oddie, Naden, Clayton, Wright, Lever, Viles, Garner, Homer, Ratcliffe, Ashworth, Robinson, Barton, Buckley, and others whose names are far better known in Lancashire than they are here in London, and some of whom are now no longer in the land of the living.

THE CRY OF DETERIORATION.

Some fourteen or fifteen years ago there was a tremendous outery about the deterioration of the Lancashire, due to the fact that many of the birds were showing a shortness of leg and body which does not belong to the Lancashire, also a rotundity and droop of the headgear which savoured more of the Crested Norwich than of the Lancashire. It must ever be remembered that the headgear of a Lancashire is not a Crest, it is a coppy, and that to speak of the crest of a Lancashire is both literally and figuratively wrong. Accompanying these defects was a corresponding loss of carriage. The short legs prevented the short bodies from being held erect, and this, together with the drooping, rotund headgear, was a very plain indication that if Norwich had previously come to Lancashire, Lancashire had now gone to Norwich. That this was so was proved by a bird belonging to Dr. Jubb, of Halifax, which was shown both as a Lancashire Plainhead and and a Crestbread Norwich. A great hue and cry was raised, with much disputing, in the columns of the Press, as to whether this suggested deterioration was an accomplished fact or not. Many contended that the birds of the day were superior to those of the ages that had passed, others said it was not so, and that it was time breeders of the Lancashire began to set their house in order unless the bird was to be lost altogether.

The conclusion of the somewhat lengthly correspondence was that those who said the breed was losing ground proved their case, and the result of several meetings which were held was the formation of the Lancashire and Lizard Association, the drawing up of new standards, and instructions to the judges that the birds showing Norwich properties were to be heavily penalised when they came against the correct article, and that breeders and judges both were not to forget that in the Lancashire, as in the Yorkshire there was such a property as carriage of body. One of the strongest voices in urging this was that of John Garner, of Hazel Grove, to-day, as then, one of the best breeders we have, and one who has always, in season and out of season, argued against those birds which were short in body and slovenly in carriage. Those of you who have ever had the pleasure of seeing Mr. Garner's birds at the Crystal Palace will have noticed that they are invariably possessed of those two great essentials in a first-class Lancashire—carriage and length.

STRIVERS FOR TYPE.

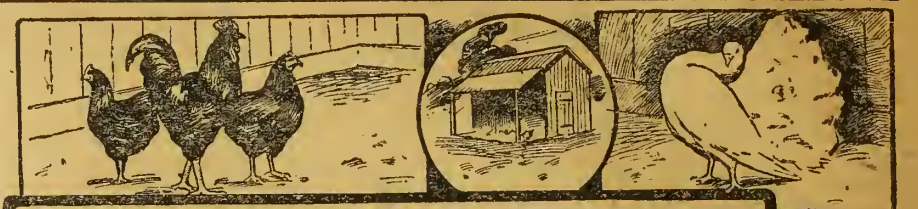
The men who were strongest in their desire to keep to the correct standard of the Lancashire were the Rochdale breeders, who were supported by those of Manchester and Stockport. The Oldham contingent were not so keen on reform, because some of them had been putting the Norwich blood into their birds with the idea of improving the coppy. It must be understood that I speak generally, because in each of the districts mentioned there were those who had offended the canons recognised in Lancashire circles, as there were others who had ever endeavoured to breed the real Simon Pure. North country men are not given to saying soft things either about or to each other. They call a spade a spade, not an agricultural implement, and some very plain speaking was indulged in at those meetings. As I have said, the Lancashire and Lizard Association came into being. Although it has not, perhaps, done all that its promoters were hopeful it would, there is no one who has watched the trend of events in these latter days but what must in all honesty acknowledge that it has done some good. That it has not done more is perhaps due in some measure to local jealousies, and the fact that the Lizard men have had a big say, rather too big a say, in its management. This has led to the formation of the Lancashire Canary Club, which has set out with only one object in view—the popularisation and improvement of the bird named after the land of the Red Rose. Amongst its members are to be found all the best breeders of the Lancashire in the County Palatine and the adjoining county of Cheshire, for the cheese county has ever been a stronghold of the breed. Quite recently the cry has again been raised that the Lancashire is deteriorating.

ANOTHER SCARE.

Those who have raised that cry know not what they are talking about, or else are raising it for some sinister and ulterior motive of their own. No one who has watched the Lancashire Fancy, as I have watched it for the past twenty years, can honestly say that the birds of to-day are inferior to those of any other time or generation. I have heard it said, and reiterated over and over again, that we have not to-day birds equal to those portrayed in Blakston's monumental work. Those who say this speak without the book, and without the birds. To prove this fact, one need not go back into ancient history. They need only compare the birds seen at the last two or three shows held in the Rochdale Town Hall with those illustrated in Blakston's book, and here let me say that, as one who for the past twenty-six years has been in close touch and association with the Cage Bird Fancy, and for twenty-three years connected with the Fancy Press, that the illustrations in Blakston's book were not actual portraits of birds, but portraits of the selected birds of the day, considerably overdrawn to suit the ideal of author and artist. Notwithstanding this, those idealised creations of the past are not to be compared to the birds of to-day. I wish it was in my power to show you to-night the birds which I have had the pleasure of judging at the Rochdale Show during the last few years. You would, I make bold to say, be amazed and astounded at the massiveness of their bodies, and also delighted with their splendid carriage and length. You would admit that it is not impossible for substance and carriage to be blended in the Lancashire any more than it is in such splendid specimens of the human race as the Irish Constabulary, our own City Police, or the Life Guards.

LANCASHIRES FROM YORKSHIRES.

Years ago the cry raised against the Lancashire was because of the introduction of the Crested Norwich blood, and there was, without doubt, both cause for, and reason in, the outcry. It is now said that Lancashire breeders have been introducing the Yorkshire to secure length of leg and style. It is absurd to even whisper such a thing, let alone shout it from the house tops. Our Lancashire breeders require great length with stoutness, and a broad flat head with overhanging eyebrows. Do you think it likely, whilst these points are all-important, that they would run the risk of losing them by introducing blood which would give them narrow, pinched, oval skulls and thin whippety bodies? I can imagine what would happen if anyone stood up in the club-room of the Rochdale Ornithological Club and preached such heretical doctrines. From all corners of the room would come foreible injunctions to "sit thee doun tha saft-head, and doan't talk such trash." I can imagine how those old stalwarts, Robert Barrass, Levi Butterworth, Ben Buckley, John Garner, Barker Clegg, Jemmy Winskill, Alf. Whitworth, Ben Turner, Jas. Fielding, and Ben Viles, would have smiled had anyone ever suggested to them crossing the Lancashire with the Yorkshire, the breeds have scarcely two points in common, and yet we hear talk about crossing them. We are told that the Lancashire men have not only dipped into Yorkshire blood, but they have dipped too freely. Did I attempt to preach such heresy here to-night I should hesitate ever to show my face in a Lancashire show room again. No sensible and practical breeder of Lancashires would ever dream of doing it.



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TALES OF IMAGINATION.

Such a story can only be a figment of someone's imagination. A tale started with a desire to say something sensational. We don't want sensational, impracticable, theoretical statements made about the breeding of Canaries; we want solid fact and logic. It is not true for anyone to say that the Lancashire of to-day is thin and whippety. There are at the present moment Lancashires which are superior in every respect to any which have gone before. There is no doleful, dismal note being struck by practical breeders of Lancashires to-day. They know there are now such birds as have never before been seen, and quite pean-like were the voices of Lancashire breeders at the last Rochdale Show at the magnificent quality of the birds shown. I need not do more than say that, in the opinion of such men as Messrs. Barrass, Garner, Grindrod, Turner, and Whitworth, it was the best show for quality they had ever seen. The Lancashire has been on the up-grade for the last six or seven years, and is gradually improving.

SOUTHERN BREEDERS OF LANCASHIRES.

It seems strange to breeders of other varieties and difficult to understand, why the Lancashire does not become more popular outside the county of its birth. The Norwich and the Yorkshire have long outgrown the confines of their birthplace, whilst the Crest is also well distributed, being as popular in the North as in the South, whilst the Lancashire is not to-day so well known in the South as it was 15 or 20 years ago. One cannot, after the lapse of years, recall vividly the names of those who have been connected with one of the less popular breeds, but, as I speak, there occurs to me such names as Radmore of Plymouth, Heath of London, Foster of Portsmouth, Potter of Taunton, and Coward of Exeter (who, by the bye, was a Lancashire man, having migrated West from Accrington). Now about the only South country breeder of Lancashires is Mr. F. J. Green, who is meeting with well-deserved success in his efforts to produce typical Lancashires. Good as are the birds of this erstwhile London breeder, it would be fulsome flattery on my part did I attempt to compare them with the birds of such breeders as Barrass, Mills, West, Taylor, Whipp, Garner, Lord, Cundiff, Collinge, Butterworth, and other prominent fanciers of the distant North.

NOT POPULAR DOWN SOUTH. WHY?

I may be asked the question, Why is it that the Lancashire is not more popular in the South? There are, I believe, two reasons why the giant of the Canary family is not held in greater esteem in the South, and they are both due to misconception and misunderstanding. It is thought by many Southerners that the Lancashire is delicate and difficult to breed. This is the first mistake. It is nothing of the sort, as is proved by the success which has attended Mr. Green's efforts. The idea has arisen out of the other misunderstanding to which I refer. Southern breeders, in buying, have wanted big massive birds of great length and substance, and in getting them they have got old, worn-out specimens, because in no other way could they get birds of substance direct from Lancashire, the home breeders naturally will not sell their best birds whilst in their prime. They want them themselves, not only for exhibition, but also to breed with. When they have got about all they can out of a bird, they are, of course, not loath to part with it. It is put into a 40s. or 30s. selling class; perhaps it wins, and is claimed by some southern breeder, who has gone North in search of bargains; or, maybe, he writes to a northern breeder describing an almost ideal bird, and expresses his willingness to go to the extent of a £5 note for a real good one but it must have substance, and this "but" has not only a capital B, but a capital U and a capital T as well. He has one of the old crocks sent him. It has substance, and it has a show record. He keeps it. The next breeding season he is tempted to use sundry strong adjectives about Lancashires generally, and to ask himself the question, Is marriage a failure? For failure it is, so far as his Lancashires are concerned, and his lament at the end of the season is—"Love's Labour Lost."

NORTHERN CHAMPIONS TOO SMALL.

Some twelve or fourteen years ago, when I was living in the North, one of our best-known southern Crest breeders, who had a few Lancashires, wrote, asking me if I could get him a really good Lancashire, one that would be of some use to breed with. He would trust to my judgment, and I could go to £5 for a good bird. That season Mr. Jas. Maxwell had bred a particularly good young buff Coppy. In its first feather garb, it won at each of the three societies shows held in Rochdale; I had the pleasure of judging it at the show of the Old Original Society; it also won at one or two shows outside Rochdale. After it moulted it was again shown at the three local Rochdale shows, winning at each. It also won at Littleboro', Smithy Bridge, etc. In fact, it was never beaten. I judged it at the backend show of the Rochdale Ornithological Club, held in the old club-rooms in Yorkshire Street. This was the wind-up of the season, and it had not been beaten. All the Lancashire breeders who had seen it acknowledged it to be the best young Lancashire that had been seen for years, and several of the older hands asked Mr. Maxwell to name a price, but he would not part. I had some talk with him, told him I wanted a good bird, and asked him if he would take £5 and let the bird go South. He told me that he had already refused that sum from one of the Rochdale fanciers. I argued that the season was then over; he could not win any more with it that year; it might go wrong, not breed, and laid special stress upon the fact that it was going right away out of the district. After a great deal of argument, I secured the bird. I sent it to my southern friend. A few days later it came back—"It is no good to me. I want a Lancashire, not a half-bred Yorkshire; a bird with some length and substance." This was the southern verdict on the best bird of the year. Had my southern friend kept that bird, not bred with it the first season, allowed it to fly at will, it would have grown immensely, and then, when its nest wings and tail had been replaced by its first adult plumage, his opinion would, perhaps, have been different. This splendid young bird, the crack of the season, with all his life before him, was not good enough; but had I sent an old worn-out prize winner, it would have given the greatest satisfaction on arrival, but afterwards it would have caused nothing but disappointment and vexation of spirit. Southern fanciers have never seemed to have the capacity to grasp the fact that length and substance grow with the Lancashire. As a natural consequence, the breed has not caught on down South.

(To be continued.)

Too Fond of Birds.

A Newport young man, Thomas Morgan, who had served three separate sentences of one month each for the theft of a Parrot, a Canary and a number of photographs, was the other day, at the Newport County Police Court, sent to prison again for two months for stealing a Canary belonging to Frank Willis, of Bassaleg, on March 10th.

THE YOUNG NATURALIST.

Prizes of 1s. and two of 6d. each will be given for respectively the best and two second best cuttings or original bits about birds. Competitors must be children under sixteen years of age. All efforts must be briefly and clearly written, and ON ONE SIDE OF THE PAPER ONLY.

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Peter was as good as his word. He was very fond of his Bullfinch, and never tired of caring for it. And on his walks he always remembered to gather the seeds and berries he knew it liked best. He discovered, too, that Bullfinches are very fond of newly-hatched snails, which they eat, shell and all. They also relish several kinds of caterpillars, especially those of the currant moth and of the cabbage white butterfly. They eat the seeds of dock and thistle and other noxious weeds in great quantity, so that they may really be counted as useful birds, besides being exceedingly handsome. Peter's Bullfinch lived for eight years. When Peter was sixteen he went to college, but he left Garibaldi in charge of his sister Kitty. One day she wrote to Peter: "I am very sorry to tell you that your dear Garibaldi died this morning. We were all at breakfast when he suddenly fell from his perch and flapped his wings two or three times as he lay on the sand on the cage floor. I ran round to him, but he was dead before I could take him in my hand. I cried very much, and we buried him in our old 'Pets' Cemetery' in the pine wood." Peter was glad that he was alone when he read Kitty's letter, for, as he said to himself, "Grown up men don't cry about *anything*." And you will remember that, as Garibaldi was eight years old when he died, Peter must have been eighteen at the time.

* The Pied Wagtail.

This beautiful and active bird is with us all the year round. It flies up and down, and its flight can be likened to that of a switchback. The graceful running of these birds and the jerking of their tails is well known. The Wagtail is so named because it wags its tail when it is walking. It mostly lives in marshy places and on banks of streams, where it finds its food, which is generally insects and caddis worms. It is a very pretty bird, and belongs to the Softbills, and it has a white margin all round its tail.—ERNEST HALL (aged 12), 5, Holly Terrace, Whetstone, London, N.

[Your sketch is very neat and promising, Ernest. —UNCLE PETER.]

My Pet.

I have got a pretty white Java Sparrow, which is called "Peter." I got it from my father as a present. It will come out of its cage and feed out of my hand, and peck my finger. This white Java will fly off my finger into its cage; it knows it so well. I feed it on millet and paddy rice.—WILLIAM MCKINNELL (age 9), 22, Mill Street, Dalbeattie, N.B.

* The Lesser Redpoll.

My brother has commenced keeping birds. He has several Linnets, two Chaffinches, a Robin and a Lesser Redpoll. Of all these my favourite bird is the Redpoll. It is such a happy and trim little bird, and its antics are so amusing to watch that I have become very fond of it. On the top of its head is a brilliant red mark, and just below its beak there is a black mark, which is called its bib. It is fed on canary seed, teasel, summer rape, and sometimes a little maw and inga seed is added.—From MORRIS DAWES (age 13), 7, St. James Road, Watford, Herts.

** A Small Gardener.

One of the smallest of gardeners in the world is the Blue-tit, or the Blue-jenny as it is called. The Blue-tit is a small bird, not so big as a Sparrow; his head is dark blue, encircled in white; the back is olive green, and the breast yellow, shading to blue. The Blue-tit is easily distinguished, because he can hang on anything by his feet. In this fact he is very clever. The Blue-jenny lives on insects, and is a most useful little gardener, for he will clear rose trees and gooseberry bushes of blight. This bird only destroys the blighted buds of the rose trees, in order to procure the insects already inside them. This bird builds his nest in some hollow place—in an old flower-pot or in an old pipe; it is made of moss and lined with soft hair, wool, or feathers.—Sent by W. LEWIS (age 13), 122, King Street, Kettering.

The Kingfisher.

The Kingfisher is by no means common in any part of Britain, and rare in the North. It is yet to be found, all through the year, in most parts of the country where there are streams of water, river banks, and moist meadows, suited to its habits, which are solitary. It generally nestles in holes in the declivities near to its favourite hunting grounds—the clear stream, fringed with reeds and bulrushes, which glides away over pebbles that shine like gold and silver, and weeds as green as emeralds, amid which dart the minnows and other small fish on which, together with aquatic insects, the gorgeously painted fisher feeds. You may see him beneath the shadow of the grey alders sitting motionless as a statue, on a branch projecting over the stream. It may be that a ray of sunshine finds its way between the shivering branches, and out flash the glorious tints of its plumage, red, green, blue, and all changeable colours. Truly he is the monarch of fishing birds, and rightly named King fisher.—Sent by A. MORDUE, age 13, 44, Dorking Road, Tunbridge Wells.

ILLUSTRATED IDEAS

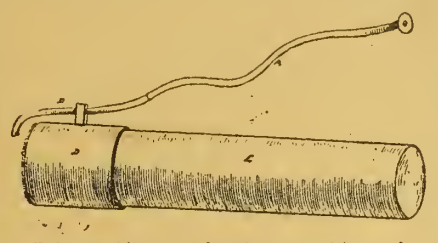
Under this heading we shall illustrate weekly some idea useful to the bird-keeper. Readers are invited to send us particulars of any novel and practical appliance of use in our hobby, either in cage, bird-room or aviary, with a rough sketch of same where possible. Every "Illustrated Idea" used in this column will entitle the sender thereof to a postal order for two shillings and sixpence.

No. 95.

BLOWLAMP FOR SOLDERING WIRE FRONTS.

Sent by C. Palmer, 19, Market Place, Olney, Bucks.

I am sending a sketch of a blow lamp, which I use with great success when soldering wire fronts, and find much quicker than the ordinary soldering iron. The lamp is made of 1 in. brass tubing, about six inches long, to hold wick and methylated spirit. The blow pipe is fixed to a piece of tube slightly larger than the wick in diameter, so as to get a free slide up and down the



A, Rubber tubing; B, blowpipe; C, wick; D, large brass tube; E, 1 in. brass tube.

long tube, to alter height of flame. I have a piece of rubber tube about a foot long on the blow pipe, with a glass union to put in mouth to blow with. The lamp could be made by any tinman or ironmonger for about 2s. The chief advantages I claim for the blow lamp are:—(1) No fire is wanted; (2) one has no iron to tin; (3) it is much quicker and cleaner than the iron. I use resin instead of spirits of salts on the cage fronts, which I find stops all rust.—C. PALMER.

[In connection with this Idea, readers should peruse the correspondence in last week's issue on "The Art of Soldering."—ED.]

No. 96.

FRAME FOR CAGE FRONT MAKING.

Sender is requested to forward on name and address.

Take two pieces of wood, about two inches by one, and any suitable length. Put in three (or more) square-headed bolts with fly nuts; a long frame wants more bolts than a short one. Push the wires cut to length between the two pieces of wood, into the holes in the punched bar, get ends all flush with same, see that it is set square in

frame, screw fly nuts down tight, then proceed to solder. The cage front can be placed in any position during the making, and, as all the wires are held close in frame, without fear of displacing them. I do not remember seeing anything of this kind mentioned before, and it seems to me much more simple and quick than the board sometimes advised. I have made many fronts one to three feet long in such frames..

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Boldness of Parent Birds.

The weather of the past week has been still unfavourable for nesting birds. Possibly, no great harm is done while the hens are incubating, for they keep pretty close to their task, and the natural warmth of their bodies is so great, that the eggs would be pretty safe, excepting in cases of forced absence from the nest. Nestlings run great risk from inclement weather, for the old birds do not always take note of the increased cold; but during wet weather they scarcely leave them, and upon showery days, will always hurry home upon the approach of a storm.

One is inclined to think that disaster to eggs and nestlings is caused more often by interference than lack of attention by the parent birds. While feeding young ones, they become pretty bold at times. An illustration of this I had once in Epping Forest, while sketching. To get the desired view of the subject, it was necessary to place one leg of the easel in the centre of a small isolated bush, and while busily engaged, I was half concious of something darting past close to me, this proving to be a Lesser Whitethroat, which had her nest actually touching the easel. Time after time, she came to feed the chicks, although I sat within touching distance of them. Unfortunately I was not a witness of her first attempt at feeding, but it certainly must have required a good deal of courage on the part of this brave little bird to approach so close to a human being.

Where birds have nests close to buildings, or upon occupied premises, they do not make any fuss about approaching their charges. It is evident in their case that, "familiarity breeds contempt." Sparrows and Starlings can be seen carrying food to their chicks at any time, and the House Martins are busy all day. One cannot pass down the street without hearing the cheeping cry of the young, as the old ones cling for a few seconds to the underside of the mud house.

Away in the woods it is different. Anything unusual is looked upon as a danger, to be carefully watched, and during the summer, one can note a Redstart or Stonechat, for quite a long time, flying from nests to bush with food in beak, but never going straight to the nest while the intruder is watching, although I have known a pair to manage the feeding of the young by a little deception, one bird keeping in full view to attract attention while the other executed the business on hand.

The Loud-voiced Wren.

The common Wren has a wonderfully loud voice for so small a bird, and any unusual noise will excite him to song. To-day one was seen hopping about in a belt of timber adjoining the road, when the noise of a passing motor attracted his attention, for he flew to the fence and shouted his loudest. We know that a caged Canary will sing vociferously when music is being played, or any is indulged in. But wild birds as a rule are driven away by any musical noise.

The Wren.

The Wrens are very fond of building in the side of a hay or straw rick, and unless one is accustomed to hunt in these positions for the nest, it is not easy to locate. If one is interested in these matters, he should always make a point of searching round old rick, for quite a number of birds build there. In a season one may find all or any of the following species: Robin, Wren, Blackbird, Thrush, Wagtail and, of course, the House Sparrow. During my time I have located a goodly number of Wrens' nests in the sides of ricks, but do not remember ever finding one breast-high; they are generally about three feet from the ground. Is this by accident or design?

Little Owl at Fakenham.

The Rev. R. B. Caton (the Rector) recently found hanging on an alder tree at Great Fakenham a Little Owl (*Athene noctua*). This is said to be the first specimen of this bird recorded within a six mile radius of Thetford, and brings the number of species of birds so observed up to 194 for that inland district.

Notes and Queries.

Hard on the Birds.

It is reported that in the Newport district the law for wild bird protection is unheeded. Goldfinches and Kingfishers are caught with impunity, and aquatic birds are frequently shot within the city boundaries.

Stoats and Birds.

Stoats are pretty numerous in all country districts, and from observations taken at all times it is pretty evident that bird life is taken freely as food, especially during the summer months, when young birds are numerous and nestlings can be easily obtained, for the active Stoat will scramble up a tree as easily as a cat. They will not hesitate to attack larger birds when the opportunity offers—in fact, they have been known to seize birds large and strong enough to fly a considerable distance with them fastened to their bodies. It is quite evident that ground vermin must be numbered among the enemies to bird life.

The Blackbird's Tail.

Everyone has noticed when the golden-billed Blackbird alights upon the fence how he instantly raises his tail. The action gives one the impression that it is done to balance the body, but this can hardly be so, for he would in that case drop instead of raising it. Then, again, if you watch him in the evening, when his noisy good-night cackle is sounding through the shrubbery, the bird's tail is playing quite an important part in the act; it is, apparently, as excited as the owner. It shoots upwards with a quick, jerky movement; it is lowered slowly and deliberately; it expands and contracts, and is flipped about most strangely. This is all done in times of excitement, and few of our wild birds get quite so excited as this sable songster. Perhaps these singular motions of the tail afford relief to the owner, or possibly he is proud of such a full-feathered appendage.

Spare the Nests!

The "Evening News" publishes an interesting article with the above title, and we would like most heartily to join in the wish. The destruction of nests and eggs means the destruction of species. In spite of our laws, many interesting birds are fast disappearing, and, as far as the British Isles are concerned, others will soon be added to the list. It is the duty of everyone interested in the wild life of this country to do his best to help to carry out the wish expressed by the writer to "Spare the nests."

To Hear the Nightingale.

To hear the Nightingale it is only necessary to know and to seek for the peculiar kind of coppices in which they love to nest. They have two rules from which they rarely depart. In the first place, there must be oak trees convenient, for it is a law among English Nightingales that the nest shall be fringed with oak leaves of last year's growth, since they match the colour of their eggs. In the second, the undergrowth must be dense, for the nest is placed on the ground, and well hidden. Through all the Weald of Sussex, throughout a large part of Kent, in the neighbourhood of Godalming in Surrey, in Hertfordshire, Essex, and Suffolk there are innumerable small woods where these conditions are found, and there one can listen to Nightingales all day and all night during May. The first station out of London where one sees oak woods will probably be the nearest place to find the birds—for example, there are many at Chislehurst, Sidcup, and Bexley.—J. G. CORNISH, Sunningdale Vicarage.

HOW TO MAKE LIGHT BUNS.

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MAINLY BRITISH—continued.

COCK Hawfinch, fit for exhibition, 7/6: 30 white Homer Pigeons, offers lot.—F. Cheil, Farley Cottage, Cheadle, Staffs.

WILL give a grand cock Linnet Mule in exchange for a good pair of Yorkshires, or sell for 17/6.—Apply, J. Moxley, 50, Kellet-rd., Brixton.

COCK Linnet and Yorkshire hen, for singing Canary.—Murray, 34, Hinde-st., Queen's-rd., Gorton, Manchester.

WILL exchange pair of Ox-eye Tits, caged months, for good cock Linnet and cock Chaffinch, or value.—W. H. Couzens, 15, Hitchman-rd., Leamington.

GRAND cock Goldfinch, has bred Mules this year, guaranteed, in full song, 10/6, or exchange Norwich or Yorkshire cock.—Morter, Photographer, Colchester.

TO Hybrid Breeders.—Moulted Siskin hen, Bullfinch eggs last season, 7/6; giant Greenfinch and hen Bullfinch, 5/-; exchange yellow Norwich hen and yellow Cinnamon, 1905; approval.—Ellison's Boot Stores, High-st., Winsford.

MULE, Goldfinch-Canary, 1903, dark bird, fine songster, Finch notes, 10/-, exchange for good Siberian Goldfinch; genuine Welsh Goldfinch, caged, Greypate, since August, 1905, price 7/6; approval.—Rhydderch, Rhyl, North Wales.

EXCHANGE Canary-reared cock Linnet, hen Canary, cock Goldfinch, hen Canary Sibs, for yellow cock, buff hen, unflighted Norwich, or sell 12/6.—H. Honeywill, 4, court, Est-st., Newton Abbot, Devon.

LARGE dark Greenfinch-Canary Mule, unfed, exchange Norwich cock and hen Canary, in breeding condition, also splendid cock grey Linnet, picked for exhibition, 3/6; approval.—T. Brisbane, Sunnyside, St. Ninians, Stirling.

BARGAIN.—Cock Linnet Mule, full song, 10/-; white-legged cock Siskin, 7/6, bred Mules last season; cock Goldfinch, sure muler, 5/-, been caged six months, or exchange any thing useful.—Holtorn, 123, Southum-st., Westbourne Park, London.

COCK Nightingales, 7/- picked for show, 8/-; Yellow Wagtail, 2/6; Wheatear, 2/-; Winchat, 1/6; Pipit, 1/-; Cheveral Braoblefinch, 3/-; Thrush, 1/-; pairs tame Blue Tits, 1/-; Yellowhammers, 1/-; Reed Buntings, 1/-; all birds well on food; exchange.—J. Fenn, Pleasant-ter., Isleham, Cambs.

Mainly Canaries
To be Sold or Exchanged

THREE hen Canaries, good feeding strain; exchange cock.—F. Edmead, Guildford.

EXCHANGE Linuet, Goldfinch, house moulted, pair Greenfinches, for pair of Norwich or Yorkshires.—A. McMillan, 77, Kilshaw-st., Liverpool.

EXCHANGE two Yorkshire cock Canaries for large Norwich hens; no rubbish wanted.—43, Florence-rd., New Cross, London.

1906 BUFF Yorkshire cock, 15/-; approval; exchange.—Bob Radley, Greenside, Skelmanthorpe, Huddersfield.

WILL exchange a pair of prize Norwich Canaries for chocolate or white Pom puppy dog.—Apply to C. Olney, 62, Gordon-rd., Wellingborough.

FIVE good yellow Norwich cocks, breeding condition, 6/- each; 23/- lot; or exchange; no rubbish.—Jewes, Photographer, Brierley Hill.

WEDGE plough plane, eight bits, good condition, in exchange for Lancashires or Lizards.—Wrigley, 115, Crompton-st., Oldham.

EXCHANGE good pair Norwich or two hens for Budgerigars, Cockatiels, or offers.—Bastin, North Cross-st., Gosport.

GREEN Crestbred cock (Barnett's strain); exchange two good 1906 Norwich hens, or sell 15/-.—Dixon, 1, Morden-ter., Morden-rd., Merton, Surrey.

ONE pair Yorkshires, two pairs Norwich, 15/- pair; three yellow Norwich hens, 7/6 each; grand strain; exchange, gramophone preferred.—Heathcote, 55, Havelock-st., Leicester.

HAVE got a few good Norwich cocks left from 5/- up to £1; also one buff hen, 8/-; have a look before you buy; approval, deposit.—Moakes, Shoulder of Mutton, South Normanton.

WILL exchange yellow Norwich cock for Yorkshire cock or a pair of breeding Budgerigars; approval both ways.—Knight, Waterloo-rd., Suttou, Surrey.

TWO smart Roller hens and Goldfinch Mule, will exchange the three for good singing Yorkshire or Norwich cock.—Miller, Craven-st., Barnoldswick, Colne.

SALE or exchange, large buff cock, Bishop's strain, 10/-; large buff hen 7/6; Green Roller cock, 8/-; Bullfinch hen, 4/-; approval.—Lingard, 10, Healeywood, Burnley.

SELL or exchange, two short chubby buff Norwich hens, untried, 4/6 each, for yellow Cinnamon-marked Yorkshire cock.—Turner, Knowlwood, Todmorden.

WANTED, buff Yorkshire cock, stock bird; exchange yellow ticked Yorkshire cock, 1906 bred, or sell 12/6; two house moulted cock Goldfinches, 4/- each; approval.—Wraight, 3, St. John's-rd., Faversham.

LARGE variegated Crestbred cock, buff ticked ditto, large variegated dark Crested cock, Joyce's strain direct, two yellow Norwich hens, lot £5 5/-; part exchange; approval.—Radford, High-st., Haverhill.

Mainly Foreign
To be Sold or Exchanged

YOUNG Rock Parrot, with cage, says few words, 30/-; or Persian cats part exchange.—22, Tavistock-rd., West Jesmond, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

AFRICAN Grey Parrot, strong and healthy, feeds and drinks from hand, good cage, 30/-; or exchange.—Pearson, Greenwich.

EXHIBITION pair yellow Budgerigars, 15/-; or exchange for clear yellow Crestbred hen or yellow Plainhead Norwich cock.—W. Greenwood, Grocer, Lansdowne, Oldham.

AFRICAN Grey Parrot and cage, acclimatised, sell 30/-; useful exchange; offers invited.—Letters only, Chadwick, 752, Ashton-rd., Openshaw, Manchester.

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Miscellaneous
Sale or Exchange

EXCHANGE nice small cub Fox for British birds.—Laidlaw, Dameide, Hawick.

EXCHANGE 65 CAGE BIRDS for hen Doves, or pair.—F. Sidebottom, 9, Providence-st., Wakefield, Yorks.

EXCHANGE goose for young lamb.—Daniel Newton, 62, Great George's-st., Preston, Lancashire.

LANCASHIRE show cages, in mahogany cases, exchange Norwich songsters.—Finney, Cross, Oswestry.

WHAT offers 90 CAGE BIRDS and plates? Exchange Canaries, cock Goldfinches, anything useful.—27, Spring Gardens-ter., Cardiff.

EXCHANGE small panel mirror, green and gold frame, for pair Canaries, or cock and cage; offers.—62, Melrose st., Leicester.

SPLENDID pair black-red game Bantams, exchange Goldfinch, Bullfinch.—Finney, Grocer, Oswestry.

EXCHANGE £1 1/- hand camera, 150 CAGE BIRDS and plates for two common Norwich cocks.—Holland, 16, Nunhead Green.

EXCHANGE mail cart for Yorkshire cock, in full song.—Moore, 9, Achilles-rd., West Hampstead, N.W.

EXCHANGE 18 7 in. records, some double, for breeding cage and pair Canaries, or sell 12/-.—G. Inman, 55, Grove-rd., Harrogate.

WHAT offers two cocks, three hens, Yorkshires, cock Goldfinch, two triple and one single breeding cages?—Lawson, 29, Strafford-st., Millwall.

SPLENDID toned organette, 25 tunes, fine condition, 12/6; approval.—Mitchelhill, Longtown, Carlisle.

FISHING tackle book, containing two dozen assorted flies, never used, 2/-; approval.—Mitchelhill, Longtown, Cumberland.

WHAT offers for 16 tame black and white mice? Hen Canaries wanted.—A. H. Topp, Lower Gutting, near Cheltenham.

BARGAIN.—Fifty-six Mole skins, taken off this March, exchange for birds.—Boggett, North-st., Ripon.

TWO pairs of Tipplers and pair of Squeakers, champion fliers, sell 6/-, or exchange birds.—T. Jenkins, 37, Pottery-rd., Llanelly.

LANCASTER ½-plate stand camera, complete with part outfit, value 35/-, exchange Canaries.—Drummond, 15, Hutcheson-st., Glasgow.

TIGER claws, silver mounted as brooch, 5/-; stylo. pen, cost 5/-, perfect, 2/-; exchange Norwich hens; offers.—Tempter, South-av., Exeter.

TWO white Pomeranian pups, seven weeks old, for sale, 10/- each; or exchange for Canaries.—Thomas Horsley, Bargate, near Derby.

BIRD organ, maker Roche, new, from Palace Show, cost 70/-, sell 60/-, or exchange.—Lowe, Sandhurst Park-pl., Greenwich.

WELSH Terrier bitch puppy, six months, full pedigree, exchange Canaries, or offers; particulars.—J. Williams, Hairdresser, Denbigh.

WANTED to exchange 100-egg incubator, slightly out of order, for Canaries and cages (breeding).—G., 222, Plumstead Common-rd., Plumstead.

GOOD hand sewing machine, in good working order; exchange Canaries; no rubbish wanted.—Potter, Scalford-rd., Melton Mowbray.

CWT. Sutton's "Discovery" potatoes, Flemish Giant Doe, navy blue sweater, Cavy Boar; wanted Canaries; offers.—W.J.D., Aston, Herts.

COCK Goldfinch, 5/-; Crested hen Canary, 8/6; four Dutch Rabbits, prize breed; exchange.—Long, 18, Prout-rd., Clapton.

FOR sale or exchange, ten Canaries, two aviaries, one breeding cage, and all accessories, £5.—S., 86, Culverley-rd., Catford, S.E.

THREE pairs of black self Tumblers, 5/- per pair; or exchange Norwich Canaries.—Naylor, Broomy Hill, Hereford.

IRISH Terrier bitch, beautiful colour, pin wire coat, champion bred, 30/-; or exchange.—Pearson, Greenwich.

EXCHANGE two Emu eggs for good Norwich Crest cock and yellow Crestbred hen.—Johnson, 17, Parade-pl., Jersey.

MANCHESTER Terrier, good house dog, nine months; will exchange for yellow Budgerigars or foreign birds.—W. A., 21, Alma-st., Keutish Town.

YORKSHIRE Terrier bitch, 30/-; hand camera, 30/-; flute, 15/-; exchange.—Curtis, Industrial-dwellings, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

WILL give 30 6d. "Sketch" for prize-bred Norwich or Yorkshire hen.—Brown, 43, Harvey-rd., Camberwell, S.E.

EXCHANGE fishing rods and reels, 12/6, for good pair of Norwich Canaries, or offers.—Wilkinson, 26, Birchett-rd., Aldershot.

EXCHANGE two Red Jacobin pigeons, cocks, for singing Goldfinch or Palace aviary; or sell 8/- two.—Cox, 8, Holland-rd., Hornsey.

THREE show Turbits, Pigmy Pouter, pair Squeakers; exchange Canaries.—Haddow, Beach, Littlehampton.

EXCHANGE splendid 13 ft. fishing rod, with brass reel, etc., for Canaries; or sell 14/-.—Strawbridge, 508, Dumbarton-rd., Glasgow.

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EXCHANGE violin and bow for 1906 Norwich or Yorkshire cock; sell 7/6.—Ashton, 56, Broxholme-rd., Woodseats, Sheffield.

GRAND Amazon Parrot and cage for sale cheap, worth £4; or exchange for good Kodak camera.—Yallop, 23, Alexandra-rd., Norwich.

PHONOGRAPH and records, 10/-; exchange 12/6, Canaries, or anything useful.—Rayner, 21, Stanley-rd., Wakefield.

LARGE black Orpington cockerel, second prize Carluke, Dick's strain, 10/6; exchange good yellow Norwich cock Canary.—Easton, Belstane-rd., Carluke.

EXCHANGE splendid ½-plate hand camera for prize yellow Yorkshire cock; approval.—Williams, Cartrefle, Llandegfau, Anglesey.

WHITE Pomeranian bitch, 12 months, good to children, excellent pet, accept 25/-; or exchange Canaries or Poultry.—Dale, Harrowby-rd., Grantham.

EXCHANGE Scout camera, 2½ by 2½, for good singing Linnet or Goldfinch.—Kelly, Benvarden-av., Waterside, Londonderry, Ireland.

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GENT'S cycle, free wheel, two brakes, take four cocks; mahogany chest drawers, take four pairs Canaries.—Walker, 19, Harrington-st., Maryhill, Glasgow.

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EXCHANGE lady's or gent's silver watch for two cocks or four hen Canaries.—Royles, 250, Beet-st., Sheffield.

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EXCHANGE three-compartment breeding cage, 4 ft. 2 in. long, 1 ft. 8 in. high, 11½ in. breadth, and house moulted Goldfinch cock for towls, or sell 12/-.—C. Robins, Overend, Cradley, Staffs.

EXCHANGE six ivorine handled knives, six nickel silver forks for two cocks or four hen Canaries; approval.—Herbert Marsden, 175, St. Phillip's-rd., Sheffield.

FOR sale or exchange, Australian Grey Parrot, 15/-; two hen Canaries, 5/-; two Cavies, 2/-; or exchange for anything useful.—W. Bennett, 34, Worcester-rd., Redditch.

TWO Belgian Harcs, does, good strain; exchange for good nine-compartment cage, or anything useful, to value of 10/6.—W. Walker, 56, Russell-st., Dresden, Longton, Staffs.

WANTED, good singing cock Canary; exchange grand Irish Terrier dog, four months, kill anything; sell 10/-; or anything useful.—Phillips, John's-st., Nantymoel.

EXCHANGE brown boots, nines, misfit, cost 15/6, for Canaries, breeding or Thrush cages; also exchange two cock Chaffinches for Linnet.—Barry, 35, Rosser-st., Neath.

DULCIMER, full size, good condition; exchange for two good Norwich or Yorkshire cocks, in song, and one hen, with cages.—H. Davey, 154, Copenhagen-st., London, N.

AVIARY, two pairs Canaries, nesting, the lot, 20/-; or exchange common poultry, anything useful.—Particulars, 70, Totteridge-rd., High Wycombe, Bucks.

TWO men's dark jackets, good condition, fit short man, 36 in. chest, 10/-; four black Minorca chickens, month old, 5/6; exchange singing Canaries.—Roper, 134, Derby, Seven Kings, Essex.

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EXCHANGE pair of 1906 prize-bred black rose-comb Bantams, laying, Little's strain, sell £1, wanted good Yorkshires or cock Goldfinches.—Allen, Wycliffe-rd., Wimbledon.

GENT'S bicycle, Beniedi, Dunlop tyres, splendid condition, cost £8 10/- cash, sell £5, or part exchange Canaries; particulars, stamp.—Boyson, 46, Dock-cottages, High-st., Poplar.

EXCHANGE boxing gloves, only once used, and small pair opera for Yorkshire or Norwich cock, or sell 7/6.—A. Crookston, 11, Eddlewood, Hamilton, Scotland.

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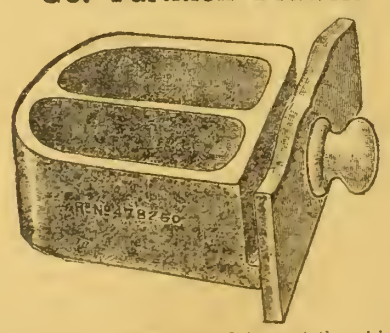

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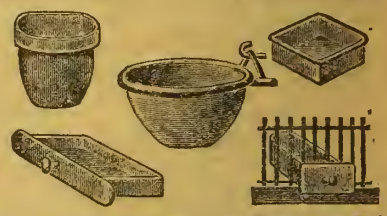

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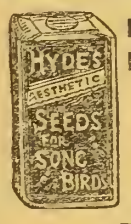

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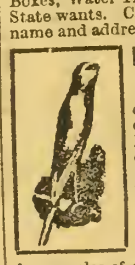

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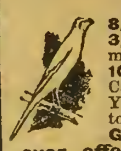

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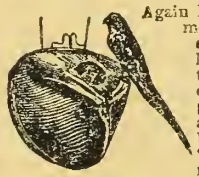

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EXCHANGE good cock Linnet, with hen Canary, for cage moulted Goldfinch, or sell 7/0 pair.—W. Brown, 12, Worcester-rd., Manor Park.

COCK Thrushes or Blackbirds, singing, sell 7/6 each, or exchange for Canaries.—Thos. Howard, Brancaster Station, Norfolk.

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Birds for Aviary Cage.

(1) Are there any birds in enclosed list which should be removed? The cage is 3½ ft. by 2 ft. by 6 ft. high. (2) The Pekins snap at and chase the small birds at roosting time. Will they do any harm? (3) Zebra Finches just introduced are very quarrelsome. Will they settle down? (4) Saffron Finch is nervous; is there any way of taming him?—M.L.G.

M.L.G.—(1) Note.—It is the base of an aviary that regulates the accommodation, not height, and you ought not to keep more than a dozen, or at the most 15, in same, and I advise the removal of the Pekins and Saffron Finch. Some keep the Madagascar Weavers in with small birds, but the practice is rather risky; however, if you have a number of twiggy branches arranged at top of aviary, with a few shell, husk, and rush nests as night retreats, you may run the risk of such action. (2) I have never had a Pekin yet that harmed other birds, but I have heard of such. It would be harmful if the small birds were continuously harassed. The remedy is ample perching accommodation and numerous seed hoppers. (3) The Zebra Finches are like the English Sparrow, mischievous and interfering little rascals, and under any conditions they always want to breed. Let them have a husk and a little grass and hay, and they will rear you some young in spite of so much company. I do not think these will do any harm. (4) The Saffron is very similar to the English Chaffinch, restless, alert, and always more or less wild, and takes some time to steady down. If you have a spare Canary breeding cage, put him in this, and tempt him with an occasional mealworm till he will take it from your fingers.

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In reply to the many correspondents who have written asking for forms we may say that these will not be required for some time yet. They will be forwarded in due course to all applicants.

I think your Canary Breeding Competition very good, and will, no doubt, be a good help to cage bird societies. I will help on the cause to the uttermost.—A. ACKROYN, Sec. Federation of C.B. Societies.

E. W. FOWLER.—It will be very easy to secure the checking of any results in Spalding. We presume you are a member of the local society, of which Mr. W. Murrell, Printer, Station Road, is the hon. sec.

Your Breeding Competition is quite original, and should meet with success amongst the novices, and be the means of increasing the membership of societies.—W. FOXALL, Waterloo, Ashton-under-Lyne.

Several of our members whom I have conversed with regarding your scheme assure me that should they get to know of anyone taking up the hobby, they will persuade them to enter your competition.—A. WILKINSON, Hon. Sec. Garston B.B.A.

I consider this competition an excellent idea, which I sincerely hope will have the desired effect of inducing new fanciers to take up this charming hobby, which in due course is bound to increase the membership of societies.—J. MUNRO, Hon. Sec. Bristol C.B.S.

I am at your service to do anything I can that will further the interest of this competition, and will induce as many novices as I can to enter, and will help them all I am able to succeed in their hobby.—J. CHALLENGER, Hon. Sec. Perth and District C.B.F.S.

My society are quite prepared to do their utmost in promoting this competition. We think it an admirable way of getting hold of new fanciers. With best wishes for its success, and that of CAGE BIRDS.—J. M. NICHOLSON, Hon. Sec. Seaham Harbour C.B.B.A.

I shall be pleased to give you any assistance I can. The scheme is a good one, but would have been much more successful had you announced it a month earlier. The recruits will have difficulty in finding stock birds. I hear that the Border fanciers are doing well round here, but the Scotch Fancy men are quiet yet.—ALEX. SMITH, Hon. Sec. Galashiels O.S.

W. NORRIS.—We have already said that the birds are not to be judged for points, but numbers, according to the pairs put up. A Roller breeder would thus stand an equal chance with a breeder of Norwich or Yorkshires. The answer to B. L. L. was advice given on a definite query relating to specific circumstances. Very pleased to hear about rings, and congratulate you.

I shall be pleased to make this excellent Breeding Competition widely known, as it is the plan to strengthen societies by making new members as well as making them readers of CAGE BIRDS. I shall be glad to receive a parcel of the cards you mention, so that I can distribute them at our next meeting. The scheme is a grand idea. Wishing CAGE BIRDS all the success it deserves.—GEORGE FRANCIS, Hon. Sec. Lowestoft C.B.S.

I have never bred a bird in my life, or ever thought of breeding birds; but a friend of mine kept persuading me to try, so I am giving it a trial, and now I have got that way that I cannot keep out of my bird room. When I am working, five o'clock seems such a long time coming. I am going in to win your competition. That is my motto. I don't know whether there are any bird clubs in St. Helen's, but will try to find out. I have been taking CAGE BIRDS since last September, and a good job for me, or I should have killed all my birds with kindness.—GEORGE MYERS, 129, Vincent Street, St. Helens, Lancashire.

What a pity your No. 1 rule is so strict in the definition of a novice! Don't you think you could make the rule to read, "Anyone who has not bred Canaries previous to 1906"? I commenced last season with one cock and two hens. Of those hatched I only lost two, and that was because I moved the nest-box when they were about a week old. I consider I am a novice, and should like very much to go in for that cup. I commenced taking CAGE BIRDS last year, and, with CAGE BIRDS and CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL, I consider no one need be ignorant in knowing how to breed, rear and feed birds. I was at two shows last year, and consider some of my birds are quite equal to some of the prize-winners. I have decided to colour feed this year and show some of my best birds. I have put two pairs Norwich Plainhead and one pair of Yorkshire for breeding, and shall try Hybrid (Goldfinch and Canary) breeding as well. The "Tell six plan" I am afraid is no use to me, as I live in a country village. I have got one friend to take CAGE BIRDS.

WM DUCKOR.

[Every rule or regulation with restrictions presses hardly on someone, and, whilst we sympathise with Mr. Duckor in his inability to compete, we would like to point out that, had we made our competition for two-year-old breeders, those of three would have thought it hard lines to be kept out. However, we have Mr. Duckor's sympathy and assistance, for both of which we are thankful. We may point out, however, that he may compete in the open competition.]

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IN THE COURTS.

LINNETS OR SPARROWS?

Wild Birds Act Cases at Brighton.

Alfred Mitchell and Arthur Mitchell were summoned at Brighton for using two nets on April 14th for the purpose of taking certain prohibited wild birds. They pleaded not guilty. F. W. Lovejoy, R.S.P.C.A., spoke to making observation of the defendants in the morning of the day in question. They were on a piece of ground in the Hospital Road. They set their nets about 7 o'clock, and they visited them occasionally. There were three "brace" Linnets between the two nets, and on either side of the nets there were seven decoy Linnets in cages, and three Goldfinches. P.S. Pelling corroborated. Alfred Mitchell said that the nets were set on March 7th, when he sowed his seed, and they had remained in the same position ever since. He used them for protecting his peas and strawberries, and for catching Sparrows. He averred that two of the birds braced up were Sparrows. The Linnet which had been taken possession of was in a cage. It was untrue to say that the Inspector saw his son taking birds out of the nets. Arthur Mitchell said his father had an allotment, and it was nearly all cultivated. He denied that any birds had been seen by the Inspector to fly away. No birds of any kind had been caught that morning. The Magistrate's Clerk pointed out that, according to the Act, the penalty was to be based on the number of birds caught. There was no provision made, under the section adopted, for a penalty for the general act of catching birds. The Chairmen said the defendant would be given the benefit of the doubt, but he would advise them to protect their strawberries in some other way. It was quite a proper case to bring forward.

Alfred Ford was also summoned for using two nets at Brighton on April 14th for the purpose of taking certain prohibited wild birds. He pleaded not guilty. Inspector Lovejoy said he kept defendant under observation through field-glasses from 7.15 to 8.30. He was attending nets on ground in the Hospital Road. Defendant went to the nets nine times, and released birds. On the ground witness found two nets properly set for catching birds. There were four decoy Linnets in cages. Defendant denied that he beard the Inspector say anything. The Inspector was several yards off when defendant released the birds, which were Sparrows. He caught four Sparrows, because they destroyed his seed. Defendant was fined 4s. and costs, in default seven days' imprisonment. The birds and the nets were confiscated.

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THE YORKSHIRE CANARY.

Some Interesting observations by Mr. R. L. Crisp on the production of a "breedy" appearance.

A lecture entitled "A Thesis on the Yorkshire Canary" was given by Mr. R. L. Crisp before a very full meeting of members and friends of the London Cage Bird Association on February 13th last. In the course of it, Mr. Crisp went into the oft-debated matter of the introduction of Belgian blood, for the purpose of producing a "breedy" appearance, and his interesting remarks anent the same are here reproduced, together, in illustration thereof, with life-size sketches of birds from the lecturer's own breeding-room, he very kindly giving our artist every facility for sketching the same.

No. 1.—First Cross of Belgian and Yorkshire.
Observe the thin neck and break at the shoulder indicating the Belgian.

Mr. Crisp said: A point in a Yorkshire which to my mind is of even greater importance than size, is what is known as "breed." This, of course, is closely allied to, if not part of, type. Not only does it give that lovely "swagger" which makes a Yorkshire so attractive, but it is the only means of giving them a naturally good position. So much importance do I attach to this "breed," that I have no hesitation in saying that the chance of producing a winner without it is extremely small. Moreover, continued breeding among birds none of which possess this characteristic will cause the stock to degenerate into what might be called Norwich-Yorkshires.

For the benefit of those who have recently joined our ranks, let me endeavour to make myself more clearly understood with regard to what I mean by a "breedy" bird. It is one whose head would be just missed if an imaginary straight line were drawn the whole length of the bird's back. In other words, the bird carries its head slightly forward, giving the shoulders a somewhat prominent appearance. Some will probably think that it is useless to talk about "breedy" stock birds, since, when they have quality and size, it is almost impossible to buy them even at a very high price. Wherefore, as my remarks are more particularly intended for those of more limited means, I will give what I believe to be the best methods of breeding them.

On more than one occasion I have succeeded in breeding a really good over length stock cock with a nice bit of shoulder from a large, good-feathered buff hen and a small, but very typical "breedy" yellow cock. This mating I mention because the birds are more easily procured than, as I have said before, large "breedy" stock cock or large yellow hens. Or it can be done by the purchase of good positioned, stilty-legged hens to pair with large cocks "down on leg." I really prefer the latter course, but unfortunately the class of hens necessary are most difficult to obtain; or, again, by the pairing of the above-mentioned small "breedy" yellow cock to two medium-sized hens of good quality, with the sole object of producing hens to pair the following year to the above-mentioned stock birds failing in position. In the subsequent (third) season a little judicious in-breeding on the side of the hens, say, aunt to nephew, with reasonable good fortune should bring about the desired result. It will be obvious to you all that this mating of relatives is the sequel to pairing the cock to two hens in the first instance. About four years ago the L.C.B.A. had a discussion on "Why are London fanciers so far behind the times?" when I contended that in regard to Yorkshires the craze for size, added to the lack of "breed," was largely responsible for that state of affairs, and although great progress has been made in the latter it is still one of the greatest failing with our southern birds. Experience leads me to think that Yorkshires have a tendency to revert to their original type, and to combat this it is necessary from time to time to introduce specimens into one's stock manifestly showing traces of a Belgian progenitor.

These views led me to try the Belgian cross for myself, and although I have not been able to entirely satisfy myself with results I still feel sure that it is a step in the right direction. Anyone who studies an up-to-date Yorkshire can at once discern that its most pleasing characteristics come from the Belgian; that is to say, position, swagger, slimness, wedgy appearance, and the straight cut from the shoulder to tail, all originate from the same source. Mr. Broadley, in his book on the variety, which I only read a short time since, advised the use of the Belgian hen, and I have no hesitation in bowing to such an authority, and were I again to try the experiment I should take his advice. But I used a cock for the purpose, thinking that I should be able to regain quality of feather quicker by so doing, as it is pretty generally admitted that quality proceeds more particularly from the maternal side, and so far I must admit the end justified the means. I have experienced far greater difficulty in regaining size, although I used Yorkshires on the large side for the respective crosses. The best Belgian I was able to obtain was a buff, and not exactly an ideal one for my purpose. I paired him to a cinnamon ticked yellow hen of good size, with round head and full neck. From this cross I reserved a lightly marked yellow hen (No. 1), of good quality for a first cross, and splendid position, but very small. This hen I paired to a cinnamon-marked buff cock, also with good head and neck, a son of the first-mentioned hen by another cock, so you will see I was pairing half-brother to half-sister on the maternal side, with the object of setting head, neck, and feather. In the first nest from these I had four young, all hens, of good quality, three of which went into fanciers' studs, and the other, a sister to No. 2 here illustrated, I paired to the black-eyed buff cock, which stood fourth at the last Palace Show. And, strange to say, the young from this pair were still on the small side (No. 3 is one), although the cock was about 7 in. long. No. 4, the larger, good coloured cock I have here, is from a cock of the second cross and a large yellow cinnamon-marked hen. The whole of the young from this mating were much larger, but not so good in quality. I am still retaining a cock and hen from it to pursue my experiments still farther.

In conclusion, allow me to thank you for your kind and patient attention, and I trust I have not wearied you with my prolonged remarks.

Note.—When giving Mr. Norman the respective lengths of the birds I omitted to mention that I had taken them from the point of the beak to the tip of the tail, consequently they appear as they now stand about half a ninch too long.—R.L.C.

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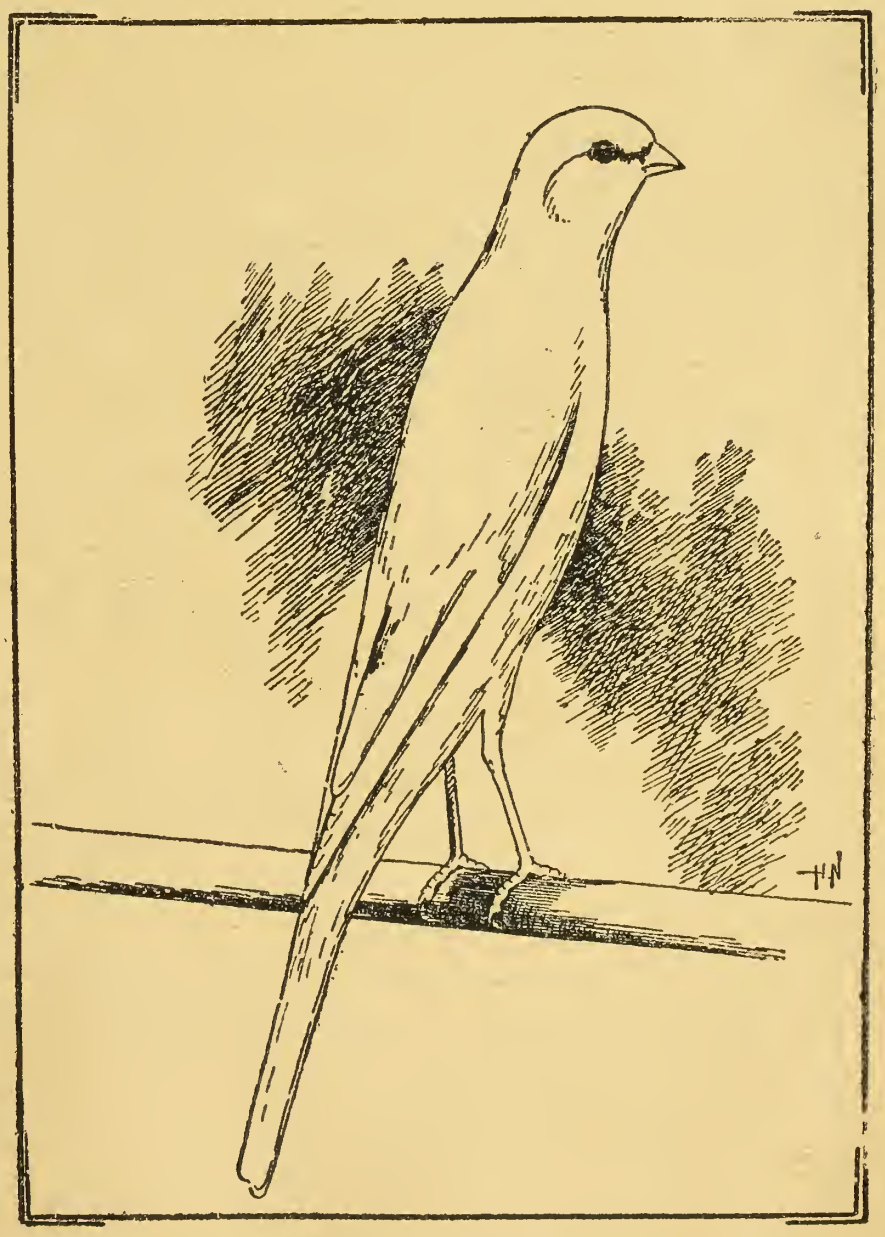

No. 2.—Second Cross of Yorkshire and Belgian.
(See Mr. Crisp's lecture.)
Here the Belgian has almost disappeared, leaving a fairly representative show bird.

THE CAGE BIRD UNION.

Special Council Meeting.

Disqualified Exhibitors of Greens Exonerated.

Council meeting of the C.B. Union, held at Manchester, April 27th. There were present Messrs. Bladon, Ramsden, Rhodes, Freestone, Hadwin, Wilson, Naden, Parker Robinson, Garner, and the Secretary. After reading the minutes of the last Council meeting and the Secretary's report, the notices of appeal by Messrs. Clayton and Stewart from a disqualification of two Greens at the recent Palace Show, for alleged cutting of feathers, were read.

THE EXHIBITORS PRESENT.

Messrs. Clayton and Stewart were present, and with them Messrs. Hellewell (Halifax), Thompson, Deakin and Cutmore (Liverpool). Mr. Hadwin opened the hearing on behalf of the two appellants.

Mr. HADWIN: I would like to ask Mr. Ramsden, is there any written disqualification by the judge, or was it made verbally?

Mr. RAMSDEN: It was marked on the judge's slip.

Mr. HADWIN: Messrs. Clayton and Stewart have asked me to take this matter up for them, and I take it that, as the disqualification is the same in each case, and at the same show, it is not necessary to make a separate statement for each. I have nothing to add to the statement sent to Mr. Lythgoe, and which has been sent to the members of the Council, except to refer to the question raised by Mr. Ramsden, as to the use of the word "jagged" in reference to the feathers in question, but which is explained in the first paragraph of my statement [herewith appended.—ED. "C. B."]:—

The birds were disqualified for "alleged trimmed feathers." Messrs. Stewart and Clayton appeal on the grounds that—

(Please note the feathers were jagged, not cut clean.)

(1) These jagged feathers are a natural growth, or have been caused by the birds themselves or some other accidental means.

(2) That they have not in any way trimmed the birds, neither did they know that such feathers existed on the birds at the time they sent them to the Palace Show.

(3) The entire absence of motive for trimming these feathers.

OBSERVATIONS.

(1) The very fact that the feathers were jagged should prove to any practical man that there was no trimming. Had there been trimming the feathers would have been cut clean. Had the feathers shown white tips, and it was thought desirable to move them, they would have been cut straight or clean. Since the disqualification similar jagged feathers have been found in practically all varieties of birds, which proves that the thing can easily happen by means other than the hands of man.

(2) At the G.C.A. meeting, which was called to meet Mr. Ramsden after the disqualification, and at which meeting all the facts of the case were clearly put, it was unanimously decided that Messrs. Clayton and Stewart were perfectly innocent in the matter. At the meeting there were several members who were financially interested in the disqualification being upheld, and yet not one single vote was recorded against them. This proves one of two things—Either that the G.C.A. members are a pack of rogues trying to support a couple of rogues, or that a body of practical breeders and exhibitors know that these jagged feathers are either natural or accidental.

(3) It is the entire absence of a motive for trimming which makes this thing so incomprehensible. In the first place, Mr. Clayton's bird is a "foul," so it would not have mattered if the feathers were white-tipped, but as it happens the feathers have moulted a natural colour. The cinnamon (brown?) tinge on Mr. Stewart's bird is perfectly natural to a Green bird, so that trimming or attempted trimming could only tend to spoiling the continuity of the pencillings, and so count against the exhibition properties of the bird.

Mr. HADWIN: We have brought down to-day a common Green Yorkshire Canary. If you will examine it, you will find it is full of feathers similar to those shown by Mr. Ramsden, and taken out of the disqualified birds. (Feathers taken from the two birds, the birds themselves, and the specimens brought by Mr. Deakin were carefully examined, along with enlarged photographs of feathers taken on the birds' backs.)

Mr. HADWIN then continued: Mr. Chairman and gentlemen, the principal point we make in connection with this matter is that the feathers in question are a natural growth. If the Council can see their way to accept this theory, it will settle the matter. We don't dispute the birds were shown with these square feathers, but we say the exhibitors didn't know they existed on the birds, and contend they are naturally square; but whether they have been damaged by some artificial means or not, we argue that the birds disqualified at the Palace were not cut by hand. In the first place, the feathers are "jagged"—that is, not cut straight across. Secondly, is there any motive for cutting? They cannot show any motive for trimming, say, white tips in the case of the foul bird. White tips would not be any detriment to it. And, in the other bird, the bronzing is perfectly natural to the bird, and trimming would only spoil the continuity of the markings. And I contend that before they should be disqualified for trimming there must be some motive shown, as, even if it was thought desirable, no one would have trimmed them in this fashion. The feathers that have been pulled out and re-grown have no white tips. It doesn't only affect the two men here to-day, but the whole of the fanciers of Green Canaries; and they know that similar feathers have been found in all varieties of birds. The whole case rests on the absence of motive. You must also take into consideration the characters of the two men. The entire affair was thrashed out at a meeting recently held of the Green Canary Association, and it was then unanimously decided these square feathers were a natural growth. Understand that at this meeting there were members present financially interested in the disqualification being upheld, and yet there was not a single vote recorded against this proposition

Mr. WILSON: I take it the point is, whether these birds were shown with their natural feathers or not?

Mr. RHODES: Is it acknowledged that a feather having a white edge is a defect, and that feathers do have white edges—and if so marked, a bird would be ineligible for a clear class—assuming a fancier had a bird with two or three light feathers, would there not be a motive in cutting these feathers?

Mr. HADWIN: To do this would break the continuity of the markings.

Mr. RHODES: Is it more difficult to breed selfs or those with foul feathers?

Mr. HADWIN: Selfs are more common than fouls; I should say, in the proportion of three to one.

Mr. NADEN: Were any other birds examined in the same classes? (Mr. Hadwin could not say.)

Mr. RHODES: Have you a bird here with light tips?

Mr. HADWIN: No. It is only on young Greens that the feathers come with white tips.

Mr. RHODES: It is uncommon, then, to have light tips?

Mr. HADWIN: Uncommon for a feather running dark right through to have a white tip.

Mr. RHODES: Your point is that unless the bird had white tips there was no inducement to trim them?

Mr. HADWIN: That is so.

Mr. BLADON: Do the white-tipped feathers come in quantities or only odd ones?

Mr. HADWIN: No; only one or two, and not generally on old birds.

Mr. RAMSDEN: Mr. Hadwin, you stated that when these birds were exhibited, the exhibitors were unaware there were square feathers on the birds.

Mr. HADWIN: Yes.

Mr. RAMSDEN: How many times has the previous owner of Mr. Stewart's bird been disqualified for this same thing?

Mr. HADWIN: I don't know of any case where birds have been disqualified for other than square feathers. We tried long ago to impress on the judges that square feathers were natural. This we assumed had been accepted, until the case of the recent Liverpool Show, when after luncheon, and following some discussion, Mr. Mundell looked to see if he could find any birds with square feathers, and he did. The particular bird here (Mr. Stewart's) was disqualified, and several others; and Mr. Mundell said if he disqualified any more for square feathers, he would have to do the lot. I showed him many birds having the square feathers.

Mr. RHODES: Why were not steps taken years ago, when birds were disqualified for square feathers, to have the matter settled?

Mr. HADWIN: The G.C.A. were not then in such a good position, and they didn't discuss the matter until recently, when the G.C.A. members asked for a definition on the question. They then decided that these square feathers were natural to Green birds, and also instructed the judges that square feathers should not constitute a disqualification against a bird. They thought they were not doing wrong in sending this to the judges at the Palace Show, as it was held under their patronage.

Mr. RHODES: Would not Mr. Mundell disqualify the birds because he believed they had been tampered with?

Mr. HADWIN: Yes; but I suggest that he would not do so now that the G.C.A. stated square feathers were not a ground for disqualification.

Mr. GARNER: Is it not giving the G.C.A. exhibitors too much license, as, if square feathers are allowed, it gives inducements to men to trim the birds?

Mr. HADWIN: I contend men cannot trim a bird's feathers in this way.

Mr. GARNER: I know they can. It is done in Lizards. The G.C.A. resolution amounts to allowing trimming.

Mr. HADWIN: I don't think so.

Mr. BLADON: Well, it is next door to it, and I am sorry to see the square feathers allowed.

Mr. RAMSDEN: My instructions from the L. and P.O.S. committee and the North London committee of the C.B.U. are that the whole question is being begged, and Mr. Hadwin is simply trailing a red herring across the path by referring to the question of square feathers. All the authorities admit that square feathers come natural to some birds, but the whole point is, are these particular feathers from the birds exhibited at the Palace Show cut? I submit that the feathers are cut, and I am supported by the disqualification by Mr. Heath, supported by judges Mundell and Robson, by Messrs. Russell, the expert photographers, and by experts at a leading museum.

THE FEATHER EXPERT'S REPORT.

I took these birds to the Museum, and, in the presence of Mr. Crabb and myself, these feathers were plucked out of the birds and afterwards examined by the authorities. The expert reported that the tips of the broken feathers had evidently not been cut with a pair of scissors, as under a glass it was evident that the barbules at the tips of each plate of the vane were still complete. It was, however, quite easy to produce this result with the aid of a pair of forceps, and to produce an irregularly broken end to the vane of any shape. He was not aware that new feathers could appear with imperfect ends; in fact, he was sure this was not the case. Under these circumstances it was his opinion that the feathers examined had been tampered with. He added that another expert who, at his request, had examined the feathers was also of the same opinion. A further report from the same authority stated it would be difficult to prove that the feathers had been tampered with, as similar results were produced by perfectly natural abrasion, and were often seen in birds which had, for some cause or other, not moulted clean, and had retained a portion of their old and faded plumage. But he did not believe this to have been the case in the present instance, for the feathers, though broken at the tips, were in no way faded. When fresh moulted the margins of all new feathers were entire, and, as there was no reason to suppose that certain individual feathers in the backs of the birds could have been torn or broken in the cage, it was reasonable to infer that the injury had been caused in some other way.

Mr. RAMSDEN (continuing): This is the evidence the two London committees rely on. Mr. Stewart had bought his bird from a man who had been disqualified several times, and very recently, for the same thing. I also took the feathers to the Liverpool Museum authorities, who also said the feathers had been cut by some means. I also submitted the birds to Mr. E J. Parry, the eminent analyst, London, who had withdrawn feathers and expressed the opinion these had been tampered with. He had since submitted for Mr. Parry's opinion some square feathers, and these were pronounced as being natural endings.

Mr. HADWIN asked if Mr. Cutmore, the principal taxidermist at the Liverpool Museum, might make a statement?

Mr. CUTMORE said he was sorry to be brought into the matter, and was not interested in the subject beyond wishing to see justice done. He gave it as his private opinion that, if the Museum experts quoted by Mr. Ramsden could come and see the birds in some of the Liverpool bird rooms, they would modify their opinion as to these feathers being cut. He enquired whether Mr. Ramsden asked these experts if the feathers could be cut by a bird's beak [Mr. Ramsden said No], and Mr. Cutmore submitted that the feathers might be cut by the bird's beak. He did not know the two exhibitors or their characters, but he thought the evidence was too flimsy to disqualify them on, and was convinced there was grave doubt that the cutting had been done by hand, and showed a diagram of a cut feather to show that the minute barbules were not cut, which they would have been had the feathers been cut with some sharp instrument.

Mr. RAMSDEN remarked that this was only a drawing, and not a photograph of a cut feather.

Mr. STEWART stated that he bought his bird just previous to the Palace Show, and was quite innocent of there being any square feathers on it.

Mr. THOMPSON (Liverpool) said he had been a breeder and exhibitor of Green Canaries for 10 or 14 years, and didn't know of any other disqualifiation for cut feathers except Mr. Wardale's, some three or four years ago, at Manchester, and in that instance the case was not proved.

Mr. LYTHGOE stated they gave Mr. Wardale the benefit of a doubt.

Mr. CLAYTON, one of the parties concerned, was then called on, and stated that he couldn't trim a bird's feathers if he tried, and that the feathers on his bird were not cut. He asked why no mention had been made of some square feathers sent to Mr. Ramsden by Mr. Hellewell?

Mr. RAMSDEN said he didn't refer to the feathers to save the Council's time, as they were not the feathers in dispute, and had really nothing to do with the case. He had, however, sent them to Mr. Seth Smith for his opinion, and this was his reply:—"In reply to yours of the 27th ult., the feathers you have sent for my inspection certainly never grew naturally as they now are, and it is difficult to imagine that they could have become so by natural abrasion. I should certainly say that they had been cut."

Mr. HELLEWELL stated that he took the feathers from birds in a novice breeder's room.

Mr. DEAKIN (Liverpool) stated that the specimen he had brought down was full of square feathers, and that they were natural.

Mr. RHODES asked Mr. Ramsden why these feathers should have been cut?

Mr. RAMSDEN replied that he didn't know. He had asked Mr. Heath the same thing, and Mr. Heath stated at the committee meeting that it would improve the birds by trimming the feathers.

The appellants and their friends left the room while the Council considered their decision.

Mr. BLADON asked them to carefully consider the matter, as so much depended upon it. He did not like the resolution of the G.C.A. on the question of square feathers being allowed. They were certainly a defect, and the resolution left it open for sharp practice on the part of exhibitors.

The question of motive was discussed, seeing that square feathers were generally admitted, and it was explained that there was some motive for trimming—for instance, to a man who might have two foul birds, one with a few light tips on the feathers, there would be an inducement to cut these tips off. He would thereby be able to show two birds in separate classes, instead of together—a great consideration to many exhibitors, especially if running for points for some special prize. It was also explained that it was quite likely if this square feather theory was allowed, and was supposed to be found on all birds, that a tick at the end of a feather of an otherwise clear bird might be cut off, and if detected would be alleged a square feather. It was also pointed out that the new feathers which had grown, replacing those drawn out of the birds, had grown with natural rounded feathers. After much discussion the following resolution was passed, without dissent, Mr. Ramsden having previously left the meeting:—

That, whilst recognising that the judge was justified in regarding the disqualified birds with the gravest possible suspicion, but having very fully and carefully considered the whole matter, this meeting acquits Messrs. Clayton and Stewart of dishonestly showing the birds in question.

Messrs. Clayton and Stewart were then called in and informed of the Council's resolution. They expressed their thanks, and the birds affected were returned to their owners, and the remaining business of the meeting proceeded with.

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CLUB REPORTS.

BARROW AND DIS. C.B.A.

All communications in future in connection with the above Association are to be addressed to Wm. Willison, Sec., 17, Cameron-st., Barrow-in-Furness. New officers:—President, F. J. Wynn; vice-president, J. Higgins; treasurer, D. Grave; secretary, Wm. Willison.

BOURNEMOUTH AND DIS. C.B.A.

This Association's go-ahead hon. secs., E. Leech and J. W. Jones, with the help of Messrs. Crawshaw, Codnor, and Goodland, organised a grand ball, which was held at the Artillery Drill Hall on April 17th, dancing taking place from 8 p.m. until 3 a.m., to the strains of Mr. Pardy's Quadrille Band. A very large company of well-known residents was present, and the hon. secs. are to be congratulated on the way the arrangements were carried to such a successful issue, also to know they have so many friends ready to help in their untiring efforts. The hall was tastefully decorated with flags and flowers, etc., kindly lent by Messrs. Watts and Son and Messrs. Geo. West and Sons. The duties of M.C. were ably carried out by Mr. Crawshaw.

CINNAMON CANARY CLUB.

Annual Report.

I beg to submit you the balance-sheet for the past year, which, I hope, will meet with your approval, having shown all the items of expenditure as far as possible. I regret that our balance is somewhat smaller than last year, but our income is less, and the expenditure is a little larger, more patronage having been granted. Patronage was granted last year to Cheltenham, Manchester, L.P.O.S., Gateshead, Barrow, Scottish National, and Llanelly. Preston, Great Harwood, and others were withheld owing to clashing. An objection was lodged against Barrow on the grounds that no specials appeared in the schedule, and many members thereby did not send, and, on being submitted to the Committee, it was upheld. The gold medals for most points have been won by Messrs. Dormer and Hargreaves, with 262 and 80 points respectively. It is to be hoped that the shows under the patronage of the Club will be better supported next season, as it was decided at the general meeting to give four specials for the most points gained throughout the year. I have already received several applications for patronage, but I suggest holding them over until about the middle of June, and, in the meantime, ask through the Press for further applications, and then all can be submitted to the Committee for their decision. Any suggestions as to the welfare and working of the Club will be gladly received by

R. J. PRETTY, Hon. Sec.

CITY AND SUBURBAN A.C.B.

Meeting April 22nd. Following upon the election of Mr. B. Stevenson and the reading of several letters, prizes and specials won at the recent Finch Show were awarded (including the silver cup, won by F. Curry). A pleasant surprise was the return of 10s. 10½d. by Miss Brain, Messrs. A. E. Rouse, W. Francis, and Anonymous, who were heartily thanked. The quarterly statement of accounts, showing an income of £42 18s. 4d., an expenditure of £19 16s. 5d., with a balance of £23 1s. 11d., was adopted as read. Seventeen members took part in the Finch Show judging competition, with the following results:—1st, F. Turnber, 64 points; 2nd, F. Pullinger, 59 points; and 3rd, R. Elgar, with 50 points, who were each awarded a silver medal in case. It was considered that the financial position justified the Association in advancing one more step by embarking upon an expenditure for the production of diplomas, the same to be put in hand at once. Messrs. J. Robson and R. L. Crisp, for the Canary section, and Messrs. C. Prior and G. E. Weston, for the British section, were nominated as judges for the Young Bird Show. In the Essay Competition there were seven members sent in papers on "Breeding," and after the reading of the same by the Secretary, the following was the result of the voting:—1st, "Fresh Air," J. Pooley; 2nd, "Doing Well," W. Page; 3rd, "Suburban," F. Vincent; 4th, "Seedy One," E. Watling; 5th, "Socrates," R. P. Broome; 6th, "Canary Food," F. W. Ducker; 7th, "Hopeful," Miss Shepherd. At the close prizes consisting of 10/-, 5/-, and 2/6, given by Messrs. F. Pullinger, A. W. Curtis, and the Association, were presented by the Chairman, Mr. A. C. Burn, to the winners. An enthusiastic vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. C. Prior for judging the Finch Show, this being his fifth year in succession

VICTOR WYNN, Hon. Sec.

CIVIL SERVICE F.A.

Annual meeting April 16th, Mr. Fred Biggs in the chair. The balance-sheet for the past year, which showed £3 16s. 2½d. in hand, was adopted. Messrs. A. W. Dance (of Southall), F. White (of Walthamstow), A. E. Oxley (of Old Ford-road), T. H. Alexander (Foreign Section, G.P.O.), W. E. Borham (of Croydon), R. C. Driver (of Duke-street, S.E.), and W. Moss (of Raynes Park) were duly elected. Mr. R. H. Dobin, of Great James-street, W.C., was nominated. Considerable discussion took place as to whether the Society should hold any young stock shows this season, when it was agreed that a young stock show of cage birds be held, and an annual members' show at the end of November, the date and place of the latter to be decided on as soon as possible. The following were elected officers for the year 1907-8:—Patrons, Viscount Dearhurst, J. A. Simon, M.P., and Thos. Wiles, M.P.; President, Mr. A. H. Roosmalecoeq; Vice-Presidents, Messrs. Geo. Bleach, J. R. S. Dixon, J. F. Hills; Chairman, Fred Biggs; Vice-Chairman, E. J. Voss; Hon. Treasurer, J. S. Barton; Auditors, E. E. Allen and W. James; Committee, G. R. Hooks, D. Hutchins, J. Russell, J. Slattery, Geo. Smalley, W. H. Wells, J. W. J. Westwood, and W. E. Willott; Hon. Assist. Secretary, A. E. Wheeler; Hon. Sec., A. Watson. Intending members sending in their names at once can have same printed in new rule books. Particulars of the Hon. Sec.,

A. WATSON.

37, Russell-road, Holloway, N.

FEDERATION OF CAGE BIRD SOCIETIES.

The adjourned annual meeting was held at Ashton-under-Lyne, on April 20th, Mr. Sharples presiding. The Sec. submitted the balance-sheet, which came out on the right side, with £1 6s. as a surplus. The following officers were elected:—President, Mr. F. Steeple (Oldham); Treasurer, Cr. Broadburst (Hazle Grove); Sec., Mr. Ackroyd (Oldham); Auditors, Messrs. Cooke (Mossley) and Sharples (Oldham). The report of the C.B.U. correspondence was submitted, and considered satisfactory. A very good meeting was brought to a close by the usual votes of thanks.

GREAT HORTON GOOD INTENT O.S.

On April 27th, Mr. J. T. Brook gave a paper on "The Breeding Room and its Requirements," illustrated in a practical manner. He dealt with what he called an ideal breeding room which, in his opinion must have the morning sun, and be ventilated in a proper manner to be free from draughts, etc. He prefers a bedroom to breed in, because he says the heat does not vary so much as does the room of an attic, which goes a long way in keeping the birds in perfect health. Unless the birds are in the pink of condition, he went on to say, no good results can possibly follow. The cages he described should be all one size, and have a double set of perches for each cage. The food and water vessels, along with the cages, should be kept scrupulously clean. When he makes new cages, he gives the wood work at the front a coat of glue water, which acts as a sizing, and follows on with two coats of black lacquer, which, when dry, can be cleaned with a cloth, and the lustre is still the same. He prefers zinc baths and seed hoppers. He showed us in a very short time how to make a cage front. All present felt that the evening had been spent for the uplifting of the Fancy. The usual vote of thanks brought the gathering to a close.

ALBERT HOLDEN, Sec.

GREEN CANARY ASSOCIATION.

Adjourned meeting April 25th, Mr. Metcalfe in the chair. Seventeen new members were elected, also the following officers:—President Mr. G. R. Johnson; Vice-Presidents, Mrs. C. M. Sunderland, Messrs. Hoople, Ryno, Coffey, Clayton, Denton, Hellewell, Naylor, Dean, Wardale, W. Thompson, B. Woods, Drinkwater, Hammond, Harrison, Jerkins, Pickup, Waters, Brennan, Bayley, Critchley, Creber, Fisher, Gill, Haworth, A. Brotherton, Richmond, Vernon, Kiner; Patrons, Sir A. L. Jones, K.C.M.G., D. McIver, Esq., M.P., Col. Whitney, V.D., W. J. Davey, Esq., W. W. Rutherford, Esq., M.P., M. Muirhead, Esq., J.P., C.C., John Henrickson, Esq., Sykes H. Gibson, Esq.; Chairman, Mr. J. W. Metcalfe; Vice. Mr. L. Handley; Treas., Mr. J. H. Isaacs; Assist. Sec., Mr. T. Wilson; Auditors, Messrs. Lawson and P. Moss; Committee, Messrs. Walker, Irwin, Hillman, Barratt, Doughty, Abbott, and Davies. It was decided that officers be elected in future by ballot of all the members, also that we have a uniform cage, and that the old show be a two days' show. It was also decided to ask all show committees accepting our patronage to have the classes for Greens judged by daylight, so as to be able to distinguish colours. Judges.—The judge who judges the open Yorkshire classes to judge the Yorkshire Greens. The judge who judges the open Norwich classes to judge the Norwich Greens. Classification.—All show committees writing for patronage must undertake to give four Yorkshire Green classes and four Norwich Green classes, Selfs and Fouls first show, and cocks and hens two following shows, and so on throughout the season. The meeting to allot patronage will be held in July. All applications for patronage must be in the hands of the Secretary by July 20th. Rules, standards, etc., will be gladly forwarded by the Secretary.

S. HADWIN.

2, Pembroke Place, Liverpool.

LEICESTER C.B.S.

Meeting held April 24th. It was decided to hold Nest Feather Show on June 22nd; upwards of eighty guarantees were made for same. The following new members were enrolled: Messrs. Claypole, Lawrance, Dent, and Kilbourne.

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HUDDERSFIELD O.S.

On April 22nd Mr. R. Hallday read a paper on "Feeding and Rearing of Canaries" before a goodly number of members and friends, who were well repaid by the excellence of the paper, and the lucid manner in which the lecturer dealt with his subject. A very interesting discussion followed, which no doubt will prove of great benefit to most fanciers present. A hearty vote of thanks brought a very pleasant evening to a close.

S. LODGE, Sec.

LEITH O.S.

Meeting, April 13th, Mr. Jas. Lumsden presiding. Mr. P. Kelly and Mr. S. Buglass were admitted members. The Liberal Club Hall was unanimously chosen for the annual show. The classification was considered and decided:—Scotch (8), Norwich (6), Crests (2), Crestbreds (2), Borders (6), British (7), Mules and Hybrids (2). The election of judges was left over till next meeting. Hens were then booked to the number of about 80, which, with a successful breeding season, augurs well for the annual show. The meeting decided to accept new members up till the May meeting. Intending members should send on their names.

GEORGE BROWN, Sec.

9, Hermitage-terrace, Leith.

LONDON AND COUNTIES A.C.B.

There was a large attendance of members at the meeting on the 25th inst., among whom were Messrs. Thorpe (president), J. A. Simpson, Tringham, Ransley, Cox, H. Davis, E. Pretty, C. J. Willis, Morrison Key, Kelly, Adamthwaite, Williams, etc. A surprise visit was paid by Mr. G. Dunford, from East Grinstead, who received a very hearty welcome. The President called upon Mr. C. A. House for his lecture on "The Lancashire," which proved a very interesting and instructive subject, and was followed by the members with rapt attention. Remarks upon the same and questions were asked by Messrs. Dunford, E. Pretty, Thorpe, Hawes, R. J. Pretty, etc. At the close a vote of thanks was moved by Mr. Dunford, and carried by acclamation, to Mr. House. A similar tribute to Mr. Thorpe for presiding terminated a very successful meeting.

R. J. PRETTY, Sec.

METROPOLITAN A.C.M.H.B.

Meeting Thursday last. Mrs. Lessels was elected a member, and Mr. E. R. Portell was nominated. Mr. D. Mabey was elected, and Mr. C. A. House nominated as a vice-president. It was resolved to hold Young Bird Show on June 26th. Mr. J. Robson was elected as judge. It was announced that Mr. C. A. House would deliver a lecture on the Yorkshire Canary at our next meeting.

A. J. HEAD, Hon. Sec.

MORRISTON AND DIS. C.B.S.

First table show of Goldfinches and Linnets at Woodfield Coffee Tavern, on April 27th, which proved a most successful event. The entry turned up excellent, and competition in both classes was very keen, a few noted winners being staged. The show room was packed with visitors, together with several well-known exhibitors from neighbouring districts, who were enrolled as members, our radius of membership being fixed at twelve miles. We shall be very pleased to hear of anyone wishing to join. Mr. D. Jeremy judged. GOLDFINCH: 1, Stamp; 2, Glover; 3, D. Lewis; r, Wilcox; vhc, Rees; hc, Taylor; c, H. Lewis. LINNET: 1, Thomas; 2, hc, Taylor; 3, Wilcox; vhc, Price; c, Phillips.

ROTHERHAM C.B.S.

Annual meeting on Saturday. The best attendance we have had for some time. The entry for cups came up well, and, the other business through, the Chairman, Mr. G. Knowles, asked Mr. G. Browning to give his lecture on "Rearing and Breeding for Exhibition." Mr. Browning said:—The first item on my paper is the cages. I like plenty of room in them; enamel inside, so that when you have done breeding you can wash them out, and make them nice and sweet. Now, as to the stock birds, be sure you get healthy ones. There are plenty of novices who buy their birds: cocks from one place and the hens from any place. This is a great mistake. The best way is to find a breeder and put confidence in him. Tell him what you require, as he knows how his stock is bred. You will find that the best way, and you will not be very long in going the right way to be a successful breeder and exhibitor. As time was drawing on, the Lecturer said he had given his ideas, and he hoped the novice would learn a little from what he had said. The Chairman asked if any fancier would like to ask any question. One question which caused some amusement was: What was the reason of the hen laying a small egg, or extra large egg, or a double yolk one? Mr. Browning thought the Archdeacon suing for a thousand pounds damage to procure a ghost might be able to answer it. It was proposed that our best thanks be given Mr. Browning for his lecture. Mr. Browning briefly replied, and said he was only too pleased to be amongst us once more.

J. HAYES, Sec.

SCOTTISH CREST CLUB.

Official ballot for 1907. The result of the voting is as follows:—Committee, Messrs. J. Young, C. Campbell, J. Noble, J. McLay, G. F. Adamson, H. Moreland, G. Shillinglaw, G. Henderson, A. Miller, A. Chalmers, J. C. Wallace, W. Cairns, G. McPhail, W. Griffiths, D. Buchan, G. Mackie, J. Munro; Auditors, J. Young and J. McLay. Judges, J. Young, J. McLay, A. Chalmers, C. Campbell, J. C. Wallace, J. Noble; Sec. and Treas., A. Chalmers. Place for Club Show: Perth, Edinburgh, and Dundee were equal, with only three votes each. A Committee meeting will be held in Nelson's Hotel, Glasgow, on May 11th, hoping for a good turn out of members.

A. CHALMERS, Sec.

SEAHAM HARBOUR AND DIS. C.B.B.A.

Meeting held April 20th. We thoroughly discussed CAGE BIRDS Breeding Competition, and all thought it fine for novices. I believe some of our members are going in for it when they get fairly under weigh. We also decided to have a spring ramble on Sunday, May 5th, route to be settled at Saturday's meeting. Any fancier in our district who would like to have a walk with us will be as welcome as a nest of light Mules. We will leave the top of Church-street at 5.30 a.m. prompt, weather permitting, as some of our members wish to be back early. Hoping we have a good turn-out.

J. M. NICHOLSON, Sec.

WARRINGTON L.S.A.

Contest held at Alexandra Vaults, April 27th, when representatives from Swinton, Leigh, Wigan, and Warrington competed for six prizes, promoted by Mr. R. Thompson. The entries numbered 32, and some wonderful singing was heard, everybody present being well satisfied. Result: 1st, Armitage; 2nd, Stanway; 3rd, Ellison; 4th, 5th, 6th, Barker.—G. TRYNER, Hon. Sec.

JUDGES OF CAGE BIRDS.

The attention of Show Secretaries is directed to the following list of gentlemen willing to act as Judges. Terms for insertion on application.

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J. C. BARNES, 149, Duncombe Street, Walkley, Sheffield. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Long practical experience. Terms moderate.

W. P. BARNES, Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Life practical experience. Breeder and exhibitor. Reporter for Fancy Press. Commercial Road, Grantham.

GEO. BENNETT, 46, Wenlock Street, Luton, Beds. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Thirty years' experience. Terms moderate.

J. BERTIE, 7, Mitchell-st., Nottingham, Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds; all classes; 30 years' practical experience.

W. A. COWGILL, 115, Washington Street, Girlington, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Over twenty years' experience. Terms moderate.

A. G. DAVIS, Judge of all Classes of Cage Birds. Long practical experience. Terms moderate. 110, Tib Street, Manchester.

T. DIXON, Pioneer Terrace, Bedlington Station Northumberland. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Life experience.

J. DOBSON, 14, East Road, London, N. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds.

J. W. DRIVER, (Adnitt & Driver), Gladstone Street, South Normanton, Alfreton. Judge of Cage Birds.

GEO. GARDNER, 11, Haverstock Road, London, N.W. Judge of all kinds of Cage Birds.

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W. MUNDELL, 6, Carlisle Place, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds.

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J. H. PAYNE, 17, Northgate Street, Gloucester. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Cage Birds.

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H. WRIGHT (WRIGHT & SON), 84, Heath Road, Norwich. Judge of Cage Birds. Life experience.

FIRST FEATHER SHOWS.

The dates fixed for First Feather Shows are inserted in this column free of charge. Secretaries should notify us of same as soon as decided upon.

May 6 and June 3.—Hull C.B.S.
May 18.—Hucknall Torkard C.B.S.
June 1 and 27.—Bradford East O.S.
June 6.—Gloucester and Dis. C.B.S.
June 8.—Gt. Horton O.S.
June 8 and July 20.—Shipley O.S.
June 12.—Grimsby C.B.S.
June 11 and 12.—Stockport B.F.A.
June 12.—Bournemouth C.B.A.
June 15.—Rutherglen and Dis. C.B.A.
June 20.—Goldsthorpe, Thurnscoe and Dis. C.B.S.
June 22.—Leigh and Dis. C.B.S.
June 22.—Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.
June 22.—Blackpool.
June 22.—S.W. London C.B.S.
June 29.—Darlington C. and B.B.F.A.
June 29.—Littleborough C.B.S.
June 29.—North London C.B.A.
June 29.—Pendleton and Salford C.B.S.
June 29.— Potteries C.B.A.
June 29.—Sheffield C.B.S.
June 29.—Rotherham C.B.S.
July 1.—Wimbledon C.B.S.
July 3.—Bristol C.B.S.
July 6.—Admiral Duncan (Notts) O.S.
July 6.—City and Suburban A.C.B.
July 6.—Blackburn C.B.S.
July 6.—Bradford West C.B.A.
July 6.—Coventry O.S.
July 6.—Ormskirk and Dis. C.B.S.
July 6.—Sunderland C.B.A.
July 11.—Greenwich and Deptford C.B.S.
July 12.—Cumberland Yorkshire C.C.
July 13.—Bolton O. and R.C.S.
July 13.—Hartlepools C.B.S.
July 13.—Suffolk C.B.S.
July 17.—Birmingham C.B.S.
July 17.—Torbay O.S. (Paignton).
July 20.—Sale O.S.
July 20.—Wallsend and Mid-Tyne C.B.S.
July 23.—Stoke Newington F.S.

LEEDS.

The Prince Albert Linnet Association met April 28th to compete for three good prizes, given by Mr. J. R. Saynor. There were a large number of fanciers present. Fourteen picked birds sang for quality singing only. Judges, S. Green and B. Jackson; timekeeper, G. Towers. Result: 1st, 2nd, Allen; 3rd, Callaghan. The winning bird was largely applauded: it is a most marvellous Linnet, and every Linnet fancier wants to come and hear it, it is a chance of a lifetime. The bird has never been beaten yet.—E. WOOD, Sec

SHOW DATES FIXED.

To secure insertion in this column a guarantee that the show will be advertised in "C.B." to the extent of at east 25/- must be sent to our manager.

* Under the Rules of the C.B. Union.

*Oct. 4 and 5.—**Burnley** (J.H.R.)
*Oct. 10.—**Peterborough C.B.A.**
*Oct. 11 and 12.—**Great Harwood** (J.P.H., D.B.)
Oct 12.—**Broughty Ferry C.B.S.** (H.W.B.)
Oct 12.—**The Original Crook C.B.S.** (J H.P.)
*Oct. 16.—**Exeter & Devon P.P. & C.B.S.** (J H.P.)
*Oct. 16 and 17.—**Grimsby & Dis. C.B.S.** (J.C.B.)
*Oct. 16 and 17.—**Hayle & District F.A.** (J.H.R)
*Oct. 17 and 18.—**Dulwich and Peckham** (J.R., G.E.W., W.V.)
*Oct. 18 and 19.—**Rochdale O.C.** (C.A.H. & W.M.)
*Oct. 18 and 19 — **Newcastle and District Good Intent** (T.H., J.C.B., C.H. and J.P.)
Oct. 18 and 19.—**Accrington & Dis.** (J.R., J.W.)
*Oct. 22 and 23.—**Plymouth W.C.O.S.** (C.A.H., J.R., G.E.W.)
*Oct. 23 & 24.—**Potteries and Dis. C.B.A.** (W.V.)
Oct. 25 & 26.—**Chesterfield & Dis. F.A.** (J.C.B)
*Oct. 25 and 26.—**Manchester and Northern Counties, O.S.**
*Oct. 25 and 26.—**S. Shields C.B.S.** (H.W.B., F.M.)
*Oct. 26.—**Middlesborough Tee-side C.B.S.**
*Oct. 26.—**Coventry O.S.**
Oct. 26.—**Dysart.**
*Oct. 26 & 28.—**Cheltenham C.B.S.** (J.H.P., J.R.)
*Oct. 30.—**Morecambe F.A.**
Oct. 30.—**Torbay O.S., Paignton** (J.H.P.)
*Oct. 30 and 31.—**Welsh National C.B.S.** (G.E.W., J.N., J.B.E.)
Oct. 30 and 31.—**Wellingborough C.B.S.**
*Oct. 30 and 31.—**Wolverhampton C.B.S.** (J.R.)
Oct. 31.—**Oswestry F. & F.A.**
*Nov 1 and 2.—**Mansfield.**
*Nov. 1 & 2.—**Blackburn C.B.S.** (J.H.R., J.W.)
*Nov. 1 and 2.—**Blaydon-on-Tyne and District C.B.S.** (J.R., J.T.)
*Nov. 2.—**Rochdale Good Intent** (H.W.B., R.B.)
*Nov. 2.—**Bramley O.S. (Leeds)** (J.C.B.)
*Nov. 2—**Cleator Moor F.S.** (C.H. & A.H.)
*Nov. 2. and 4.—**Leicester Hand in Hand C.B.S**
Nov. 2 and 4.—**Norwich Alliance (All England) C.B.A.** (W.E.G., J.R.)
*Nov. 5 and 6.—**York C.B.S.** (J.H.R., H.W.B.)
Nov. 5 and 6.—**City of Wakefield O.S.** (J.C.B.)
Nov. 6 and 7.—**Portsmouth.**
*Nov. 6 and 7.—**Swansea and District C.B.A.** (T.H.M., J.R., D.H.T., J.H.J., A.H.)
*Nov. 7 and 8.—**Greenwich and Deptford** (J.R., J.D.)
*Nov. 8 and 9.—**Preston O.S.** (J.C.B., P.R.)
*Nov. 8 and 9.—**Hinckley** (J.R.)
*Nov. 8 and 9.—**Sheffield Dis. C.B.S.** (A.A., W.V.)
*Nov. 8 and 9.—**Wallsend & Mid Tyne C.B.A.** (W.P.B., W.M., J.W.B.)
*Nov. 8 and 9.—**Warrington C.B.S.**
*Nov. 9.—**Bo'ness.**
*Nov. 9.—**Stockton-on-Tees & District C.B.S.** (J.B., J.S., J.M.)
*Nov. 12.—**Cambridge and Cambridgeshire C.B.S.** (J.R.)
*Nov. 13.—**Luton** (J.R., J.F.)
*Nov. 14.—**Merthyr Tydfil.**
*Nov. 15 and 16.—**Blackpool** (J.H.R.)
*Nov. 15 and 16.—**Leeds C.B.S. & Leeds R.C.C** (P.R. J.R., H.W.B.)
Nov. 15 and 16.—**Whitehaven C.B.S.**
Nov. 16. **Consett.**
Nov. 16.—**Galashiels O.S.** (J.D., G.F., W.H., J.W.B.)
*Nov. 16.—**Morpeth** (W.V., J.P.)
*Nov. 16 and 18.—**Nottingham** (J.H.P., W.E.G. C.H.)
Nov. 19 & 20.—**Hastings United C.B.S.** (J.H.P.)
Nov. 19 and 20.—**Southend-on-Sea.**
Nov. 20. —**Inverness O.A.**
Nov. 20 and 21.—**Margate** (J.R.)
*Nov. 20 & 21—**Northampton Good Intent O.S**
*Nov. 20 and 21.—**Bristol C.B.S.** (C.A.H., H.N.)
*Nov. 21. **Morriston & District C.B.S.**
*Nov. 22 and 23.—**Bolton & District O. & R.C.S.** (J.T.)
*Nov. 22 and 23.—**Hull** (J.C.B., C.H.)
*Nov. 22 and 23.—**Sunderland.**
Nov. 23 —**City and County of Perth.**
*Nov. 26 and 27.—**Bournemouth and District C.B.S.** (J.H.P.)
*Nov. 26 and 27.—**Derby** (J.B. J.R., J.H.R., J.H.S.)
*Nov. 27 and 28.—**Cardiff and District C.B.S.** (J.H.P. & J.R.)
Nov. 28 and 29.—**Y.C.C. of Ireland** (H.W.B.)
Nov. 29 and 30.—**Jarrow and District C.B.F.S.** (J.H.P.)
Nov. 30.—**City of Dundee.**
Nov. 30.—**Darlington C.B.S.**
Nov. 30 —**Eccles & District C.B.S.**
*Dec. 4 and 5.—**Bristol Fanciers' Association.** (J.H.P., T.H.)
Dec. 4 and 5.—**Weybridge & Dis. F.S.**
Dec. 6 and 7.—**Hartlepools C.B.S.** (H.W.B., J.M.)
Dec. 6 and 7.—**Rotherham C.B.S.**
Dec. 6 and 7.—**L.C.B.A. (Westminster).**
Dec. 7.—**Cupar, Fife** (E.G.W., J. McL., H.B., P. McQ.)
Dec. 12.—**Porth and District C.B.F.S.**
Dec. 13 and 14.—**Edinburgh Ornithological Open Society.**
*Dec. 13 and 14.—**Gateshead & Dis.** (W.V., G.G., J.R., J.S.W., G.E.W.)
Dec. 13 and 14. **Pendleton and Salford O.S.** (H.W.B., W.B.)
Dec. 14.—**Harrogate C.B.S.** (H.W.B.)
Dec. 14.—**Hamilton Cadzou Oaks O.S.**
*Dec. 21.—**Seaham Harbour C.B.A.** (H.W.B.)
Jan. 1 and 2, 1908.—**Scottish National C.B.S.**
Jan. 1 and 2.—**Dunfermline & West Fife O.S.**
Jan. 8 and 9.—**Wimbledon C.B.S.**
*Jan. 31.— } **Great National (Crystal**
Feb. 1, 3 & 4. } **Palace) Show**

(Secretaries desiring the initials of their Judges inserted, should forward same on at once.)

HARPENDEN, WHIT-MONDAY,

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THE MANAGER, "Cage Birds.

Gillingham Show will be held on Nov. 7th and 8th. Judge, Mr. G. Gardner.

Mansfield Cage Bird Club have decided upon Nov. 1st and 2nd for their Annual Show. The judge elect is Mr. J. C. Barnes.

Our Show dates are June 8th and July 20th. Messrs. W. A. Cowgill and M. Broadley are the judges.—H. Dobson, Sec. Shipley O.S.

The Birkenhead C.F.A. has elected Mr. C. Houlton as judge for its First Feather Show, and Mr. J. Trengove for its Back-end Show.

Owing to unforeseen circumstances, I am compelled, reluctantly, to give up the office of Secretary of the Pendleton and Salford Society. —S. Skelton.

We have elected Messrs. J. H. Payne and David Bentley as judges for our Show on October 11th and 12th, 1907.—F. Sharples, Sec. Gt. Harwood and District C.B.S.

I am pleased to say I have had over 30 answers to my advertisement, two of them from Ireland, thanks to Cage Birds.—A. Smith, 26, Abbey Wood Road, Abbey Wood.

Mr. G. H. Billett, of Reading, is engaged to judge cage birds at Folkestone (July 3rd), Totterdown (July 26th), Woodstock (September 10th), Deal (October 9th), Chichester (November 21st).

I should like to congratulate you on the splendid supplement you provided for us in this week's Cage Birds. It is most interesting, especially for us novices.—A. J. Adams, West End, Southampton.

All communications for the Houghton-le-Spring and Dis. C.B.S. should be addressed to Mr. H. Fenwick, Market Place, Houghton-le-Spring, he having been elected Secretary, writes Mr. A. Widowfield.

A meeting will be held at the Belle Vue Hotel, Woodhouse Lane, Wigan, on May 8th, at 7 p.m., for the purpose of forming a bird club. All intending members are cordially invited.—James Harmer.

From Messrs. Payne and Wallace, of Bath, we have received a sample of the Cage Bird grit which they are offering through our advertisement columns. It is sharp and clean, and very reasonable in price.

I omitted the following in report of annual meeting:—Messrs. W. H. Shackleton (Girlington Bfd.), E. B. Denton (Windhill), Committee, and Mr. E. B. Denton in the list of subscribers. —R. Garnett, Sec. Cinnamon-marked Y.C.C.

Will you allow me to thank those who have contributed to the Sholedice Testimonial Fund, and at the same time ask those who have not already sent on to do so as soon as possible?—C. J. Mulligan, Holborn Street, Sligo.

We are pleased to see from this year's list that the Leeds C.B.S. is keeping up its membership. Messrs. Stephenson and Hornby, 19, Hartley Grove, Woodhouse, Leeds, will be pleased to give any information concerning the society.

At a meeting of Llanrwst fanciers, held on April 26th, it was decided to hold a show of cage birds, etc., in October. The next meeting will be held on May 8th. Mr. J. Kershaw, 15, Watling Street, Llanrwst, will be pleased to give any information anent the matter.

At the last meeting of the Dysart Society, on April 24th, it was decided to drop the Pigeon section, to engage an extra judge, to reduce the membership fee to 1s., and to hold the show on October 26th. It is hoped there will be a big influx of new members this year, writes Mr. J. Logan, the hon. sec.

Leeds Roller Canary Club has decided to join the Leeds Cage Bird Society with their Open Show for 1907, write Messrs. Stephenson and Hornby, the Secs. A most convenient room, in every way suitable for the Roller Club's requirements, has been engaged, and we hope to make the combined show a huge success.

Let me thank you for the very interesting news, etc., which appears in your valuable journal week after week. Though a young fancier, I have benefited greatly by its constant reading, and upon gaining further experience will try and furnish you with a "thesis" upon different matters concerning the Fancy.—G. T. Jones, Brecon.

Messrs. Lupton and Jordan have removed to 100, Lavenham Road, Southfields, Wandsworth, S.W. They are still keeping their position as Secs. of the Bermondsey and District Fanciers' Association. The club has now a 20 mile radius, and communications should be sent to the above address in future.

From the balance-sheet of the Cinnamon Club, which has been sent us by Mr. R. J. Pretty, we find on a turnover of £19 15s. 2d. there is a balance of £4 14s. 4d. The patronage of the club was given to half-a-dozen shows during the season, exclusive of the Club Show at Nottingham, in connection with which the club gave specials value £6 16s. 6d. Mr. Pretty regrets that several members have left the club, and tells us that he is anxious to welcome new recruits to take their places. The club is doing what it can to increase the interest in the Cinnamon, and lovers of the breed should place themselves in communication with Mr. Pretty, whose address is 6, Old Burlington Street, London, W.

Great Horton O.S. Open First Feather Show will be held on June 8th. Judge, Mr. T. Bennett.

Bullie hens were sold Saturday night, and I could have sold another dozen.—A. W. Knaggs, Westgate, Guisboro'.

The first consignment of Ramsden's pure peppers has arrived. They are, without doubt, the finest ever imported. A sample half-pound tin of tasteless sent post free on receipt of postal order for one shilling.—Advt.

Fanciers requiring business notepaper, postcards, etc., should write us for a quotation. We are now in a position to supply these at specially low rates, combined with first-class work. Apply, Manager, Cage Birds, 154, Fleet-street, London, E.C.

At our last meeting Messrs. J. Wilson and W. Clough gave a very instructive washing exhibition, about 20 members and friends being present, who asked numerous questions, which were ably answered. A vote of thanks brought the meeting to a close. A washing competition will be held on May 4th for novices.—F. Sharples, Sec. Gt. Harwood and Dis. C.B.S.

The past year's working of the Birkenhead Canary F.A., judging by the balance sheet to hand, has been most successful, each of the shows made a small profit, and on the general account there is a balance in hand of £3 13s. 2d. The Secretary is Mr. J. T. Harding, 8, Hinson-street, Birkenhead, who will be pleased to give any information concerning the Society.

From Mr. W. Lea, of Oldham, we have received a most ingenious little contrivance for the holding of green food. By its use it is impossible for the birds to drag the food on to the floor of the cage. Mr. Lea is to be congratulated upon the neatness, the usefulness of the holder, and on the ingenuity which he has displayed in inventing and making such an article. Mr. Lea describes it in our correspondence columns.

South country Mule breeders will regret to hear of the death of that veteran fancier, Mr. R. W. Wilkinson, of Dorchester, who passed away on April 19th, at the age of 67. For many years he has suffered from heart disease, and his great solace has been his pets. His remains were carried to the graveside by a number of his railway friends, amidst many signs of deep regret. Many will join with us in our expression of sympathy to his loved ones left behind.

No. 2 of the sixth volume of "Bird Notes" maintains the early promise of the first number, under the new editorship, and is cramfull of most interesting matter concerning Foreign birds. The frontispiece is a most attractive coloured plate of a Hawk-headed Caique which accompanies an article by Mr. Wesley T. Page. "Nesting Notes," by Mr. W. E. Teschemaker, with illustration, is a very valuable contribution; and other items deserving of notice are the new Bird House at the Zoo (by Mr. Goodchild) and "Tanagers" (by Mrs. E. Warren Vernon).

By the courtesy of Mr. V. Wynn, we have been favoured with the winning essays in the recent competition promoted by the City and Suburban Canary Breeders' Association. The officers of the City and Sub. are to be complimented upon promoting such an interesting and instructive competition, whilst the competing members are to be most heartily congratulated upon the very high standard of their papers, as, both from a practical and literary point of view, they are of great excellence. We hope to deal with the winning papers in the near future, and regret that the pressure on our space prevents our doing so this week.

Southern Norwich P.C.

I shall be pleased to receive letters from show managers asking for our support in Champion or Novice sections, to be placed before our committee in June.—F. S. Matthes, Hon. Sec.

The Norwich Plainhead Club.

Some very important business is to come before the committee of the Norwich Plainhead Club at its meeting in Manchester on May 11th. The attention of Show secretaries is particularly called by Mr. Raynes, in his club notice, published in our columns to-day, to the details which must be sent on to him, and to the conditions under which the Club's patronage is granted.

Whose will be the Hundredth ?

The usefulness of our Show dates fixed column as a preventive for clashing, and keeping a cheap continual advertisement of a Society before the public, is now so generally recognised that here in the month of May—practically six months before the Show season starts—no less than ninety-two shows are represented in our list. Who will be the hundredth? That is an interesting question to Secretaries as well as to us, for we shall—to celebrate the passing of the century—give an extra special prize of a bound volume of "The Bird World" to the Show whose guarantee makes the hundredth received and published. Come along, committees, which of you will secure that extra special? The column is certainly unique, and the idea originated with us.

THE CAGE BIRD UNION BALANCE-SHEET, 1906-1907.

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.
117 Subscriptions	40	15	4
57 Licences	14	5	0
Associate Member	0	2	6
Profit on printing of Rules	0	18	0
Bank Interest	0	3	1
Sale of Show Rules	12	15	4
19,000 Rules in hand, at 2/6 per 1,000			
	£68	19	3

PAYMENTS.	£	s.	d.
Postages, Stationery, and Advertising....	16	14	9
Delegates and Councils Railway Fares ..	15	1	4
Secretary's Salary	5	5	0
Postages on Show Rules	2	19	4
Percy Bros., Printing Show Rules	12	6	2
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(Signed) ANTHONY BROWN,
GEO. CRABB,
Auditors.

April 23rd, 1907.

"THE KEYSTONE OF THE UNION."

Voting papers on the question of whether Rule 17 shall remain or be deleted, have been sent out to all affiliated societies within the Union. These accompanied the annual report and balance-sheet.

Opinions have also been requested on what is the proper definition of a novice. If any society has not received a copy of the report, etc., through change of secretary or other reason, I will be pleased to forward it on receipt of a post card. The following new Societies have joined the Union:—

Bristol C.B.S.;
Grimsby;
Welsh National;
Wolverhampton.

Licenses have been granted to Redruth, July 3rd and 4th; Mansfield Woodhouse, July 16th; Goole and Dis., July 18th; and Cleator Moor.

G. W. F. Lythgoe.

25, Stamford-street, Old Trafford, Manchester.

OBITUARY.

W. ORME.

We deeply regret to announce the death of one of the staunchest fanciers of Norwich Plainheads, Mr. W. Orme, of Hampstead, on Sunday morning last. He leaves a large family to mourn his loss. He was a member of the London and Counties A.C.B., North London, and of the City and Suburban, and was also a member of the late North Metropolitan C.B.A.

Very pleased with last advertisement re cages. I received quite a pile of letters and postcards.—C. Cook (Wellingborough).

I have not advertised for a fortnight, as I sold the birds advertised in Cage Birds, and could have sold more.—J. Garland, Bordesley, Birmingham.

I find that if I want to obtain any article in exchange I must use Cage Birds, as it is the best medium I have yet found for advertising.—Charles R. Phillips, Wood Green.

From our Correspondence columns, it will be seen that a split has occurred at Kilmarnock, and that a meeting is to be held at the Ossington Hotel, at 7.30 p.m. to-day (Saturday), to form an independent Cage Bird Society.

I have about 30 young ones, Norwich and Mules, all the picture of health. With Linnet and Canary I have five young from five eggs, Goldfinch and Canary, four eggs and four young, and have six Linnet and Canary eggs under hens. My Bullfinch hen laid her first egg on Monday; she is paired to a yellow ticked Norwich. I have 25 more Norwich due in the course of a few days. I regret to say some of our local fanciers are not doing over grand, some losing their young about seven days old, and others much troubled with clear eggs.—C. H. Cooper (West Ham).

OUR FRONTISPIECE.

Cornwall, the pastoral and mining county of the West, is one of the last remaining breeding grounds of that handsome bird the Chough. A few years since there seemed every prospect of the Chough being soon known to us by name only, but latterly it has increased in numbers, owing, doubtless, to the protecting arm of the Wild Birds Protection Act. As a pet the Chough is a most interesting and attractive bird, its cuteness, liveliness, and vivacity making it immensely popular with those who have kept our large British birds in confinement. Upon the show bench the Chough, with its rich glossy suit of black, in striking contrast to its long rich coral-red beak, legs and feet, secures the admiration of all, and is a great favourite, not only with visitors, but also with the judges, who seem unable to get past its attractive personality. Its home is generally amongst old ruins, or the face of some rocky sea cliff. It belongs to the Crow family, of which it is one of the most handsome members, and readily adopts itself to captivity.

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OUR

CANARY BREEDING COMPETITION.

Received by all with enthusiasm. **NOTE! RULES, 3, 5, 7 and 8.**

With the idea of stimulating the interest of outsiders in the hobby of Canary Breeding, and so provoking new recruits for the Fancy, the Editor of "CAGE BIRDS" has decided to offer £28 in Prizes, including £15 for the most successful Novice Breeder of Canaries, under the following conditions:—

1. Only Novice Breeders are eligible for the Competition, a "Novice" to mean anyone who has never bred Canaries before.
2. The Prizes will be: **A**, Cup, value £5 (or Cash), First Prize; **B**, Cash, £3, Second Prize; **C**, Cash, £2, Third Prize; and **D**, Five £1 Cash Prizes for the next best in succession.
3. Prizes to go to the "most successful" breeders, meaning those of the competitors who are most successful in satisfactorily rearing the best average of healthy young birds during 1907 Canary breeding season now in progress.
4. The young Canaries must be bred by the competitors on or before July 15th, 1907, next. None bred after that date will be eligible.
5. All stock birds used must be the *bona fide* property of the Competitor.
6. Competitors must have the results of their breeding operations attested to by two responsible officials of any recognised Cage Bird Society, or may swear a declaration attested to by two responsible witnesses (form on application).
7. From now till the date of the Competition closing, August 17th, each issue of CAGE BIRDS will contain a Coupon, and when sending in the declaration competitors must enclose the whole series of coupons to show that they have been during the period regular readers of CAGE BIRDS.
8. The Editor's decision shall be final.

Secretaries and Officials of Societies are invited to communicate with our Manager, when a scheme of co-operation by which new recruits for their Societies may be enlisted, will be forwarded.

A Prize offered for the Old Hands.

It has been represented to us that though our Canary Breeding Competition is of vast interest to the raw recruit, the absolute novice, it leaves the experienced hand out in the cold. To remedy this we have decided to offer **FIVE POUNDS** Cash, or Cup to full value, at winner's option, to the most successful Canary breeder of any experience. All breeders of one season's experience and upwards eligible. Same conditions as for Novices. The Editor's decision to be final.

We also invite the hearty co-operation of all readers in the following "rolling" schemo:—

THE "TELL SIX" PLAN.

By simply procuring SIX Signatures you may be able to win £6.

The plan is as follows: All you have to do is to tell six of your friends, unrelated to each other, about CAGE BIRDS' great Canary Breeding Competition, and persuade each of them to enter and tell six of their friends about it also. You send in to us the first six signatures to an undertaking to this effect, and if any of the signers are successful in our Canary Breeding Competition we will award you £1 for each successful competitor nominated by you. If any of the six people you tell fill up our forms as appended with signatures of six of their friends whom they have persuaded to enter, we will award them £1 for each successful competitor nominated by them. If two or more people nominate the same successful competitor the nomination prize will be divided amongst the successful nominators. The nomination forms must reach us by May 27, 1907, and the *bonâ fide* signatures and addresses in full of the competitors you have induced to enter must be given in each case. Here is the

NOMINATION FORM.

We, the undersigned, having carefully read, or had road to us, the rules of CAGE BIRDS' great Canary Breeding Competition, agree to enter for the Competition and abide by the rules of same. We further, each of us, undertake to try and induce six of our friends to enter the Competition and tell six of their friends about it also:—

Full Name and Address.

1. .....
2. .....
3. .....
4. .....
5. .....
6. .....

The above are the *bonâ fide* signatures and the complete addresses of six intending competitors in CAGE BIRDS' Canary Breeding Competition, and I hereby nominate them to win one of your prizes. If any of them are successful I should like my prize money sent to mo addressed as under:—

Name .....

Address .....

.....

Every form sent in, if properly filled up, will entitle the sender, whether a successful nominator or not, to a set of picture postcards, "Dickie in the Dumps."

All forms must be sent in on or before May 27, 1907.

Now you want to know WHY you should adopt our "Tell Six" plan. We will tell you:

1. It will make new recruits for your hobby.
2. It will teach people to look after their pets better.
3. You may be successful in winning one or more of our prizes.
4. The friends you persuade to enter may win one or more of our prizes.
5. The friends your friends persuade to enter may win one or more of our prizes.
6. You may be a novice or an experienced hand; you have still a chance to win a prize.
7. If you are a member of a society you may enlist a new member by means of this Competition.
8. Rich or poor—a lot of birds or a single pair—it makes no difference. All have an equal chance.
9. It will take your mind off your business or private troubles and give you a little spare-time recreation of a novel kind with the chance of making a pound or two.

Roughly and briefly these are the benefits of the "TELL SIX" plan. Follow it up for all you are worth and see how much you can win.

You need not necessarily enter for the Canary Breeding Competition to win one of the nomination prizes. It will be sufficient if a breeder nominated by you on one of our forms is successful in winning one of our prizes. That is to say, if he or she is successful you will be successful. If there is any point you are dubious on, write—

F. CARL, 154, FLEET STREET, LONDON, E.C.

Have you a young friend? Induce him or her to enter for our Great Breeding Competition.

Canary Breeding Competition.
MAY 4th, 1907. Coupon No. 4.

CLUB NOTICES.

No charge is made for notices of forthcoming meetings, but they can only be inserted once. Should secretaries desire to secure immediate insertion of their announcements **exactly as written** they can do so by prepayment at the rate of three words a penny.

Accrington and Dis. C.B.S.—May 9th, at Central Conservative Club, 8 p.m. Election of committee for First Feather Show. We give a hearty invitation to all cage bird fanciers to come and join us.—D. Harwood, sec.

Altrincham C.B.S.—May 8th, at Central Cafe, 8 p.m. First Feather and Old Show business; very important; note alteration in day.—Tom Harrison, sec.

Attercliffe and Dis. C.B.S.—May 9th, at Horse and Jockey Hotel, 8 p.m. Classification Nest Feather Show; also washing exhibition; all fanciers invited.—W. Richinson, sec.

Barnsley and Dis. C.B.S.—May 4th, at Maltsters' Rest, 8. p.m.—T. Coward, sec.

Barrow and Dis. C.B.A.—May 8th, at St. George's Hall, Greengate, 7.30 p.m. Nomination of new members and Annual Open Show question; all members earnestly requested to attend.—Wm. Willison, sec

Battersea and Dis. C.B.A.—At Headquarters, usual time. Young Bird Show (open), July 3rd.—F. Easterling, sec.

Bermondsey and Dis. F.A.—May 7th, at Samson's Castle, 8.30 p.m. Annual Show; members are asked to notice new address of Secretary.—A. Lupton, 100, Lavenham Road, Southfields.

Bolton and Dis. O. and R.C.S.—May 6th, at Joiners' Arms Hotel, 8 p.m. Important business; all members earnestly requested to attend.—J. Stringer, sec.

Bolton and Dis. Progressive C.B.S.—May 7th, at Olinda Cafe. Classification for Nest Feather Show.—J. W. Bancroft, hon sec.

Bradford (East) O.S.—May 7th, at Park Chapel Schools, 8 p.m. Alloting specials for year's shows and arrangements for a ramble; all members and friends are earnestly requested to attend.—H. Hill, sec.

Bradford (West) C.B.A.—May 4th, at Red Lion Hotel, 2.15 p.m. To walk to Harden and Bingley.—T. Clegg, sec.

City and County of Perth O.A.—May 6th, at City Cafe, 8 p.m.—J. R. Thompson, sec.

City of Bradford O.S.—May 11th, at Travellers' Rest, 8. Arrangements for a Saturday's outing.—P. Stansfield, sec.

Civil Service F.A.—Committee meeting, May 6th, at Diviani's, 122, Newgate Street, E.C., 8.30 p.m. Young Stock Show of cage birds and Annual Members' Show.—A. Watson, hon. sec.

Darlington C. and B.B.F.A.—May 8th, at George Hotel, 8 p.m. Election of judges for First Feather and Open Shows; other important business.—R. S. Black, sec.

Denholm and Thornton C.B.S.—May 7th, at Bull's Head, Thornton, 8 p.m. First Feather Shows.—J. Jarratt, sec.

Dewsbury and Dis. C.B.S.—May 4th, at Royal Hotel, 7.30.—B. Cook, sec.

Dudley and Dis. C.B.S.—May 8th at Headquarters, 8.30 p.m.—J. J. Mullett, sec.

Eastern Dis. O.S.—May 6th, at Free Gardeners' Hall, Edinburgh, 8 p.m.—A. Robinson, sec.

Eccleshill C.B.A.—May 4th, at Fountain Inn, 8 p.m. Judges for Young Bird Shows.—W. Ashworth, sec.

Exeter and Dis. C.B.S.—May 7th, at Oddfellows' Hall, 8 p.m. Schedules for First Feather Shows; appointment of judges; to receive the Mayor as president of society; also a paper by the Secretary, "The Norwich Plainhead from a Novice Point of View."—R. H. Folley, sec.

Goldthorpe, Thurnscoe and Dis. C.B.S.—May 5th, at Headquarters, 7.30 p.m. Classes for Nest Feather Show.—W. Jackson, sec.

Gt. Harwood and Dis. C.B.S.—May 6th, at Headquarters, Towngate, 7.30 p.m. Important; a washing competition will be held at Headquarters on May 4th for novice members, to commence at 1.30 p.m.; Mr. J. Wilson will judge.—F. Sharples, sec.

Greenwich and Deptford C.B.S.—May 5th, at New Cross, S.E. Railway, 9 a.m., for country ramble round Westerham; friends and fanciers invited.—G. Hill, sec.

Halifax O.S.—May 4th, at Griffin Hotel, 8 p.m. Mr. R. Halliday, of Shipley, will lecture on "The Yerkshire Canary"; friends are invited.—J. F. Thackray, sec.

Hartlepools C.B.S.—May 7th, at Y.M.C.A. Rooms, 8 p.m. Arrangements for annual outing to Wynyard Park; and the Secretary will give his "Impressions on Entering the Fancy."—E. Woodhead, hon. sec.

Huddersfield O.S.—May 6th, at White Hart Hotel, 8 p.m. Table Show.—S. Lodge, sec.

Keighley and Dis. C.B.S.—May 7th, at King's Head Hotel, 7.30 p.m. Fixing next season's shows.—Wm. Wright, sec.

Laisterdyke B.F.A.—May 7th, at Royal Oak Hotel, 8 p.m. Important business.—J. Pownall, sec.

Leeds C.B.S.—May 4th, at Lockhart's, Briggate, 7.30. "Mule Breeding," by N. S. Love, Esq.; fanciers cordially invited.—Stephenson and Hornby, secs.

Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S.—May 7th, at White Swan Hotel, 8 p.m. Lecture, "Rearing and Feeding Young Birds," by Mr. J. Needham; all fanciers invited.—C. Draper, sec.

Leith O.S.—May 11th, at Labour Hall, 8 p.m. Selection of judges.—G. Brown, sec.

Leyton and Dis. C.B.A.—May 6th, at Leyton Constitutional Club, High Road, Leyton. Lecture by Mr. G. Gardner, "The Norwich Canary and the Green Blood"; all fanciers invited.—B. F. Forse, hon. sec.

Liverpool B.B.A.—May 9th, at Oldham Hall, Renshaw Street, 8 p.m. "Rearing Young and Colour Feeding."—H. Barratt, sec.

L.C.B.A.—May 8th, at Napier Tavern, High Holborn, 8.15 p.m. Mr. W. Morris will read a paper upon "How I Treat my Birds during the Breeding Season."—T. A. Wade, sec.

Lowestoft and Dis. C.B.S.—May 6th, at Fox and Hounds, 8.30. First Feather Show.—G. Francis, sec.

Manningham C.B.A.—May 4th, at Mowbray Arms, 7.30 p.m.—E. Kemp, sec.

Metropolitan A.C.M. and H.B.—May 9th, at Crown Hotel, Lavender Hill, S.W., 8.15 p.m.—A. J. Head, sec.

Milngavie C.B.A.—May 30th, at Newton Vaults, 8 p.m.—M. Frame, sec.

Morriston and Dis. C.B.S.—May 11th, at Woodfield Coffee Tavern, 7.30 p.m.—D. Jeremy, sec.

Norwich Plainhead Club.—May 11th, at the Deansgate Hotel, Manchester, 4.30. Committee meeting to consider the coming contests with Scotland and the southern Plainhead clubs, to select places for the club show or shows, the cup competitions, prize money at these shows, and any other business. Will secretaries of those societies who are thinking of applying for patronage from the club, send in the following particulars:—Date, name of judge, and number of classes in open Norwich competition, and to state what they want. Fourteen classes are required for a club show; eight classes for cup competition. All societies must be under C.B. rules and give not less than four money prizes in each of the Norwich classes, cage birds only, and engage a N.P. Club judge.—J. Raynes, hon. sec.

Ormskirk and Dis. C.B.S.—May 6th, at Buck i'th' Vine Inn, 8 p.m. Mr. G. Johnson will read a paper on "Consanguinity, and How to Build a Strain from One Pair of Birds."—T. H. Tiffen, hon. sec.

Pendleton and Salford O.S.—May 9th, at Derby Arms, Oldfield Road, 8 p.m. Resignation of Secretary and election of new one.—S. Skelton, hon. sec.

Preston O.S.—May 7th, at Empress Cafe, 8 p.m. First Feather Show; annual ramble.—J. W. Clemmison, asst. sec.

St. Helens O.S.—May 6th, at George Inn, 8 p.m. All members are most urgently requested to attend.—T. Vose, sec.

Sale Open O.S.—May 6th, at Sale Hotel, 8 p.m. Show of British birds; two Softbill and seven Hardbill classes; judge, C. C. Blackshaw.—Geo. F. Hardcastle, sec.

Seaham Harbour and Dis. C.B.B.A.—May 4th, at Station Hotel, 7. To discuss route for ramble.—J. M. Nicholsou, sec.

Shields and Dis.—May 8th, at Gregg's Cafe, 7.30. Payment of subscripitons; local fanciers invited to join.—Wm. Duke, sec.

Shipley O.S.—May 7th, at Victoria Hotel, 8 p.m. Members' First Feather Show, etc.—H. Dobson, sec.

Southend and Dis. O.S.—May 8th, at Alexandra Hotel, 8 p.m. First Feather and Annual Show dates and judges for same; the adoption of society manual for 1907 and seed and bird room requisites. All fanciers wishing to join cordially invited.—J. Dobson and W. D. Franks, hon. secs.

Southend-on-Sea F.A.—May 7th, at Victoria Hall, Alexandra Street, 8 p.m. Confirmation of schedule.—B. P. T. Jones, sec.

South London C.F.A.—May 8th, at the Royal George, 8 p.m. Specials and specialist judges at Annual Show.—G. A. Jefferys, sec.

Southport and Dis. C.B.S.—May 16th, at Thorpe's Rooms, Neville Street, 7.30 p.m.—E. Riley, hon. sec.

South-West London C.B.S.—May 9th, at Plough Hotel, Clapham Junction, 8.30. Young Bird Show.—W. Lilley, hon. sec.

Stockport B.F.A.—May 7th, at Boar's Head Hotel, 8 p.m. Special business.—W. Stafford, sec.

Sunderland C.B.A.—May 11th, at Fawcett Street Cafe, 7.30 p.m. Schedule for Open Show; schedule for First Feather Show; and specials.—F. W. Gordon, sec.

Swansea and Dis. C.B.A.—May 9th, at Oxford Coffee Tavern, 7.30. Arrangements for First Feather Show.—Alf. Hitchings, sec.

The Original Crook Cage Bird Society wish brother fanciers to know that we have added rabbits and pigeons to our Open Show, and have a good balance in hand and about double the members to previous years. Specialist judges engaged. Present Secretary, Arthur Bowes, Wilson Street, Crook. Next meeting on May 4th, at Crown Hotel.

Walthamstow F.A.—May 9th, at Working Men's Hall, 8 p.m. Members' Shows; prize money and specials won at Members' Shows; finance.—C. W. Mead, sec.

Wath and Dis. C.B.A.—May 5th, at Cross Keys Hotel, 7.30 p.m. Forthcoming show business.—H. H. Bramham, sec.

Wimbledon and Dis. C.B.S.—May 6th, at 6, The Broadway, 8 p.m. Paper by Mr. J. Robson; judging competition on Mules.—W. H. Colman, sec.

Windhill, Shipley, and Dis. O.S.—May 4th, at Blue Bell Hotel, 8 o'clock. Members' Shows, etc.—E. Broadley, sec.

Oswestry Show has been fixed for Oct. 31st, so writes Mr. G. A. Doody, the Hon. Sec.

The new Secretary of the Barrow C.B.A. is Mr. W. Willison, 17, Cameron Street, Barrow-in-Furness, to whom all communications should be sent.

Your Novice Breeding Competition is a capital idea for encouraging our hobby. I shall be only too happy to give you all the help I can in moving the scheme.—CHAS. J. MULLIGAN, Sligo.

I hope your competition will prove a huge success. I am getting five young fanciers who have done no breeding before to go in for it.—JAS. A. IRVINE, late Sec. City and County of Perth O.A.

From Mr. Jones, of Walton, Liverpool, we have received samples of the seeds which he is advertising in our columns. They are sound, bright and full, and appear good value for the price charged.

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Mr. House has kindly offered to tell the members what he knows about Yorkshires at the London and Counties meeting on Thursday next, the 9th inst. All fanciers and others interested are cordially invited to the "Bay Malton," Great Portland Street, that evening, at 8.30 p.m., writes Mr. R. J. Pretty.

The judges for the Kelty and Blairadam O.S. Show, on October 19th, are Messrs. D. Black (Scots), D. A. Craig (Variety), A. Cochrane (British and Foreign). There will be no cancelling of classes this year, so Mr. Hunter informs us; and that Mr. Arnott, 73, Adam's Terrace, Kelty, will act as cage bird secretary.

I have started this year to try my luck at Canary breeding, having never kept any before. Could you tell me if there is a C.B.S. in this town?—W. H. GOODAY, Colchester.

[We have never heard of a C.B.S. in Colchester, and should advise you and the friends you mention to start one. Forms will be issued later, when one shall be sent to you.—ED.]

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CANARIES.

NORWICH PLAINHEADS.

Answered by J. H. PAYNE.

Price of Bird.

F. Hoskins.—No, you have not paid too much for a big yellow cock. Ten shillings is a small price, and if you got a yellow instead of a buff you may consider yourself lucky, as yellows are more valuable and scarce than buffs. There is nothing unusual in a cock carrying nesting material about, and I should say you have no doubt got a cock. You say it sings strong, and commenced to sing as soon as you took it out of the travelling box. No hen would do this, so you may rest your mind contented that you have secured a cock. Instead of the Hartz Mountain Bread, give a little crushed biscuit and hard-boiled egg, well mixed, two or three times a week. Your room is rather cold at present, but I have no doubt it will be quite warm enough as the summer advances.

A Fighting Cock.

Ferocious.—I think if you put one of the hens in the cage with the wire partition, and allow them to remain for a week, that he will pair up to her. Perhaps you only had them like this for a day or two. You have, I fancy, got him in a very rank state by your high feeding, and I think you had better discontinue it for a little time, but feed up the hen as much as you like, as the fresher she is when you run her into the cage with the cock, the better chance there will be of a happy union taking place. If he should still fight the hen, do not take him away, unless he should pull her about enough to injure her, as I have had plenty do this for a day or two, and afterwards settle down and live a peaceable married life.

Wagging Like a Pendulum.

Troubled.—The bald place on the back of the neck of your Norwich hen is no doubt caused by surfeit. Put on the bare place a little sulphur ointment two or three times, and this will probably cure it. For the hard breathing which you say you only notice at night, give in its drinking water every day for a week, and after on alternate days for a fortnight, ten drops of syrup of tolu and ten drops of paregoric, well mixed.

A Cock Bird Off Song.

W. Milburn.—Your bird is evidently right out of sorts, no doubt caused by his having cross moults, and I fear he will not be at for breeding for some little time. Give him in his drinking water for a fortnight, fresh daily, ten drops of tincture of quinine, and three times a week let him have a half teaspoonful of egg food, to which add six drops of Parrish's Chemical Food. Occasionally give him a piece of sponge cake, over which put a few drops of best sherry or good old port wine. You may give him a leaf or two of dandelion two or three times a week.

Bird Coughing.

Charlie.—You are feeding your bird far too generously, and I do not wonder at his sitting, as you say, on his breast nearly all day long. Stop the milk sop and sugar, hemp and linseed, and feed on plain canary seed. You may give him a little egg food as you are doing, and continue with the dandelion leaves. You may also give him occasionally a sprig or two of watercress. As you say he coughs a little, you may continue with the medicine for a few days longer, when discontinue. I think you will find when the weather gets a little warmer that he will get all right again and you may then let him have a bath. Personally, I do not know of an insurance company that would insure your stock and appliances, but I think if you were to write a short letter to this paper asking the question, no doubt some reader would tell you if there is such a company in existence.

Hen Says, "Tiss, Tiss, Tiss."

W.P.—Give your hen, in the drinking water, every day for a week, and afterwards every other day for eight or ten days, 15 drops of syrup of tolu and ten drops of paregoric well mixed. There is no reason why your hen should not breed Goldfinch Mules in an ordinary cottage kitchen, as I have known many so breed; but if I were you I would remove them to the bedroom when the weather gets warmer. You will then be in plenty of time for Mule breeding. Give the hen a little egg food twice a week, to which add six drops of Parrish's Chemical Food, and let her have a leaf or two of dandelion two or three times a week.

Egg Binding Extraordinary.

W.R.S.—I certainly think if you have, as you say, a ben Canary that has been egg bound for a month, and is now getting well again, it is a most unique case, the like of which I have not met with in all my experience. You seem positive the swelling is not a growth of any kind, and think by the shape that it must be an egg; but I must say I have no doubt that it is a growth of some kind, probably a tumourous one, or else the hen is ruptured. All the hen Canaries that I have seen egg-bound have died within a comparatively short time if they have not been able to pass the egg. If you are living within easy distance of an experienced fancier show him the hen, and I should be pleased to hear what he has to say about the case.

Whose Fault is it?

J. J. Islip.—As you say your No. 2 pair had 14 clear eggs last year, and this year has started by having four more clear, I am of the opinion that the cock is barren. The hen is most likely by now ready for nesting, therefore you may try him once more, and if the eggs are again clear, I should advise you to discard him, and sell or keep him as a songster. Many cocks will do as yours does—sing heartily when taken away from the hen, but while with her will not sing a note.

Hen Refuses to Sit.

Crest.—Your Norwich hen had most probably paired up to the Yorkshire cock, which would account for her not taking to the Norwich cock and fighting him. The egg you found on the cage bottom broken was probably dragged out of the nest by accident. If you removed the remaining eggs, and put them back again after an interval, she would not sit on them, as she would have gone off her broodiness. I think you will do well to give her another chance. Your feeding is quite correct.

YORKSHIRES.

Answered by H. W. BATTYE.

Good Results.

Trumpeter.—Glad to know that your one year old cock, that you used in place of the two year old one, is likely to prove a success, and hope the eggs will batch out, and the young be reared as well. You should in the future replace the eggs any time after noon on the day the hen has laid her third egg, and she will probably stick to the nest and go straight on with her sitting the following morning, and hatch her young ones all at the same or nearly at the same time. You say you have paired the two year old cock to another hen, but you are not quite satisfied with him, though he is in full vigorous song. Well, if this is so, I don't think you need fear the result, as when the hen gets into ripe breeding condition she will call for him, and I have very little doubt about him responding to her call. You might with advantage substitute maw seed for the niger in the mixture you name.

Hen not in Form.

Black Cat.—Let your hen have white canary seed only in her seed bopper, and give, in addition, on alternate days, and on the days you do not give the egg food, a small teaspoonful of the following mixture:—Two parts summer rape, one part niger, and one part maw seed, also give daily two or three young and tender leaves of dandelion, washing them well under the water tap. To be sure they are not frosted keep them in the house for an hour before giving to the bird. For one week put eight or ten drops of syrup of buckthorn in the drinking water, fresh every morning, and after that substitute ten drops of Parrish's Chemical Food for the syrup of buckthorn. With the above treatment, and the milder weather which we should shortly be having, I think you will get your hen into breeding condition by the middle or latter end of May.

Change of Rooms.

Avon.—Your buff hen may have had a chill owing to change of quarters. It is best when at all possible to have the hens you intend to use for breeding in your room by Christmas, then the risk of their going wrong owing to change of rooms and living under different conditions is avoided. You say the hen does not show any signs of wanting to nest. I suppose you have a cock bird in the same cage, but you do not say so. I advise you to do as follows for two weeks. Each evening take away the birds' drinking water, giving it fresh each morning, and well mixing six drops of the following mixture into the water:—Two parts oil of eucalyptus, one part oil of cajapat. Take the cock away at night when you remove the drinking water, and return him about noon each day. Give the birds a full teaspoonful of egg food, and a little maw seed daily. For seed diet give plain white canary seed in hopper, and a good mixture to be given as a change or tit-bit two or three times a week is as under:—Two pints of summer rape, half pint hemp, half pint maw, half pint niger. Give a good supply of gritty sand regularly.

Insects or Surfeit.

Roman.—Put your bird on plain white canary seed as a staple food, stop the hemp, and give a little maw seed twice a week in a separate vessel or on the cage bottom, also give a sprig of watercress daily. Perhaps your bird is infested with the redmite. You might try throwing a thin white cloth of some kind over the cage, and examine it closely early in the morning, when, should you find any on the cloth, dust the bird with insect powder two or three times. A day or two after dip the end of your finger in paraffin, and daub lightly the bare place every two days for a week. If it is not the red mite that is causing the trouble, then I should say the bird has very likely been overfed on too stimulating a diet, and should advise putting a pinch of epsom salts in the drinking water, sufficient to make it taste, taking the water away at night and giving it fresh in the morning. Try this for four days, and then give him clean water fresh daily.

Blue in Beak.

C. King.—From your description of the birds, and the sudden way they fall ill, I am of opinion that something is radically wrong in what they eat or drink, but as you give no particulars either in regard to how you feed or manage them, I have not much to assist me in forming an opinion as to what is the matter. You just say you have a lot of birds in full song going into a moult and turning blue at beak, and dead within two days. It seems to be a severe case of inflammation of the bowels. Catch the next bird you have ill, blow back the feathers above the vent, if the skin is of a dark red or purple colour, and the belly seems swollen, get a little turpentine, dip a bird's tail or flight feather into it, and gently paint the bird on the inflamed part. This will make the bird squirm for about ten minutes, but will be of great benefit. Scald a little bread in boiling milk, afterwards squeezing out as much of the milk as possible, add a little moist sugar, and then mix well among the sop, as near as you can calculate, eight drops of syrup of buckthorn to each teaspoonful of sop, sprinkling a pinch of maw seed over the lot. Feed all affected birds as above for one week, giving nothing besides, except plain white canary seed, then for another week substitute a little egg food for the milk sop, and to each teaspoonful of egg food mix six drops of Parrish's Chemical Food. Boil all the water you give either to drink or bathe in. Add a few drops of brandy, or good whisky, six or eight drops, say, in their drinking water, will probably do good. I should also advise you to send the next bird that dies to Mr. North for examination, enclosing proper fee, for which see "Post-Mortems," in this week's CAGE BIRDS.

CRESTS AND CRESTBREDS.

Answered by W. E. GREEVES.

Crested Cock Canary in Soft Moult.

From India.—If your bird is losing its feathers, it is in what is generally called a soft moult, which means that it is moulting other than at the proper time, and is more often than not caused by excessive variations in the temperature, i.e., taken from a warm place to a cold one or vice versa, or it may be from a sickly disposition. Keep in a fairly warm spot, free from draughts, covering the cage over at night. Feed liberally; give canary seed as its staple food, egg food three times a week, and good sound German rape every other day; sprinkle a pinch of maw seed on the bottom of the cage once a week, after the cage has been cleaned out. To the water add a pinch of sulphate of iron for two days and miss one; continue on in this way for a fortnight. It is just possible that it may moult again at the proper time, if so it would be late. (2) Your bird had a fainting fit, which is nothing very unusual with very nervous birds, especially when being caught. Catching it once a day, and giving direct into the beak one drop of Parrish's Chemical Food for a week, I have found invariably effect a cure. Do not hold the bird in your hand longer than you can possibly help.

CINNAMONS.

Answered by J. NORTH.

Egg-bound Hen.

(1) What diet to put her on? (2) Will she need a tonic? (3) Can I breed with hen this year? (4) Will the cock want another mate?—F.O.

F.O.—(1) If your hen has not laid her eggs, you must help her do so by holding her over a jug of steaming hot water, putting her, for this purpose, into a linen bag or lightly made basket, and a drop of olive oil in the vent. Keep her in a warm place, and feed on bread and milk sop, sprinkled with mixed seed, but give no green food while there is any sign of inflammation. (2) During her illness give ten drops of the homœopathic tincture of aconite in two tablespoonfuls of her drinking water. (3) Under the above treatment she will probably recover in about a week, and can be tried again when (4) the same cock bird can be run with her again, so I do not see that another hen need be sought.

BORDERS.

Answered by J. PATTERSON.

Pairing for Markings and Colour.

C. Williams.—If you had given me the colour and markings of the parents as well I should have had more guidance in giving you reliable advice. We may arrive something near what you may expect from any given pair, but no one can tell exactly how any pair of birds will throw. We pair them up to breed us champions, but very often we are sorely disappointed; especially does this refer to breeding marked birds. We must always remember that we have Nature to contend against, and must just take what she is in the mood to send us. From No. 1 pair I should think most of the progeny will be heavily-variegated, with a few greens in each nest, unless the parents of above came from greens the greens bred will nearly all show light in throat, down breast, and perhaps a few light feathers in tail and wings. From No. 2 pair you should get a few good marked birds, some variegated; but the result greatly depends on the amount of dark blood in their veins. From No. 3 pair both clears, fouls, and lightly-marked birds. From No. 4 all clears, unless any dark blood, when you may expect a few foul-marked. From No. 5 you may expect the same as No. 2. From No. 6 clears, but I do not care for double yellow breeding, unless for stock purposes; it has a tendency to throw birds slim in front and a little open in feather. Unless your birds are nice and plump in breast and of good quality, you should run No. 3 buff cock to her, No. 6 yellow cock to No. 8 buff-marked hen, and No. 4 cock, as you say, to No. 7 hen. I think you have them very well paired up to produce all varieties. You want both clears and greens, but why not go in for marks as well? They are far and away the most handsome variety. (2) Give the cock bird, in drinking water, fresh daily, for a fortnight, ten drops of the following mixture: 1 oz. each of glycerine, whiskey, and syrup of squills, mix well in a bottle and keep for future use. See he is out of all draughts. Give a young dandelion leaf fresh every morning.

Feeding Weary Hens.

M.S.T.—Your feeding is quite correct, with the exception that you might add to the first egg in the morning 4 oz. scalded German rape, prepared as advised to "Novice" in last week's issue. You should also give the green food early in the morning. Some hens are very fond of green food. You ought to study each pair, and try as far as possible to suit their tastes. Add to their last egg 1 oz. maw seed; this seed is a grand pick up, and helps to take away the wearied feeling you say your hens are subject to. Take note of their droppings; see if they are thin and watery; if so, let each hen have a piece of sulphate of iron in the water for a day; also a piece of milk sop with three drops sherry wine mixed through it. (2) There is no doubt the cold changeable weather is to a great extent the cause of your failure, and when once the better weather comes you will have better luck. Don't disturb them unless necessary.

ROLLERS.

Three, including a Phonograph.

H.S.—(1) It is quite easy to make mistakes as regards the fertility of eggs. The eggs you mention as looking quite dark were doubtless fertile enough, but from some cause or other the chicks died in the shell. You should have tried them on the fourteenth day by immersing them in warm water; if alive inside the eggs would have moved about. Get a good book on Canary breeding from this office, which will explain all these things to you, and put you right in the future. (2) It will be best not to put the cock back now until the youngsters are 28 days or so old. Get them well and safely reared before venturing on round No. 2. If the cock is well behaved, however, it is not absolutely necessary to remove him at all; or he can be put back when the young are three days old, when he will usually take to them and help rear them. The book mentioned would also explain all about this part of the breeding operations. (3) I have never heard of any phonograph record having been taken with the full song of a champion performer on it. If I am wrong on the point, some reader will no doubt say so next week. I agree with you that it would be very handy for those unable to hear or buy a really first-class contest singer. The vibration and "ring" in the tone, however, would put the phonograph out of court as a teacher of young birds; I should think so, anyway. It is an interesting idea, though.

Seed Sample & "Bandmasters."

The sample of rape is genuine German summer rape seed. I like to see it a little darker in colour (more bluish-purple), but except for this I have nothing to say against this sample, which is quite suitable to give to any bird. "Bandmasters" and "schoolmasters" are trade terms only; they are supposed to indicate a specially proficient singer, and no doubt do so when the dealer is straightforward. Do not run away with the idea, though, that a bird so named is a sure contest winner. No. 1 Rollers is the trade term for the highest-priced imported birds—not necessarily "contest" birds, for genuine singers of the highest class are not to be had in hundreds, or even scores. You should be able to get a first-class ordinary Roller for from 12s. 6d. to 20s.; an exhibition songster might cost anything from 40s. to £10, according to variety, quality, and purity of song. Anyone selling a genuine trained exhibition specimen ought to be able to specify the tours it sings. I ought to add, perhaps, that I have known birds costing but 20s. or so go and win prizes at Roller singing contests.

MISCELLANEOUS CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by "OLD JUDGE."

Breaking Kitten to Bird Room.

T. Ellis.—Whenever you go into the bird room take the kitten with you, and let her see the birds. Should she make any attempt to fly at them, catch her gently, talk quietly and reprovingly to her, giving her a few gentle pats on head and neck. Then, not to terrify or frighten her, hold her in your arms and talk quietly to her whilst you let her look at the birds. If she grows up amongst the birds in this way she will become accustomed to them, and regard them as friends. Treat her kindly, and on no account use cruelty. I have trained several kittens in this manner, and they have proved most trustworthy.

Lump in Throat.

Canary has lump under its throat, which is very hard and inflamed. Can you give me any treatment, or must I kill it?—F. GREENHAM.

F. Greenham.—Whilst there is life there is hope. Never kill a bird unless you find the disease it is suffering from is incurable. In this case paint the lump each day for three days with tincture of iodine, using a small camel-hair brush for the purpose; miss three days, then paint again, and do so every other day whilst the skin remains unbroken. Immediately the skin shows signs of breaking stop the painting. Mix equal parts of glauber salts, Epsom salts, and common salt, and put sufficient in the drinking water each day to make the water bitter to the taste. If there are signs of diarrhœa, miss a day or two. Write me again as to results.

Colour-Feeding Buffs and Yellows

Downhearted.—The same colour food will answer for both buffs and yellows. I am very sorry to hear of your bad luck with your birds. You should give the egg food every day, and the hemp seed three times a week. Your general management seems to have been most excellent, and it is difficult to account for your ill-luck, unless it is the weather. Your letter is not in keeping with your nom de plume, and I can hardly believe you are downhearted. However, I give another bit of advice. Never say die, and if at first you don't succeed, try, try again.

Nestlings Dying.

Payn.—I am quite at a loss to account for the death of your birds. The sample of food you send is sound and sweet, and could not possibly have caused the death of your birds if it had been fresh made. The food should be fresh mixed three times daily. If this was so, you must look for the cause of death somewhere else. The stomachs of newly-hatched birds always look very full and red. Do you think your seed is at fault, or the green food? You give me so few particulars that I am afraid to advise, but of one thing I feel certain the mixture is not to blame.

Aviary in Garden.

H. Bowen.—The house which you describe should answer your purpose very well indeed if you have roof, as well as the sides, double boarded and packed with sawdust, and then covered with galvanised iron. It should be raised quite eighteen inches from the ground, so as to avoid all possible risk of damp and vermin.

Yorkie does not Love a German Lass.

My birds will not pair. Had them separated once, but it has made no difference. At night he is on one perch and the hen on the other; the hen seems to follow him about, but he flies away when she comes near. I feed on eggs and bread, Spanish canary, German rape, and inga seed, mixed, and green food. He is a Yorkshire; she is a German.—M.O.N.

M.O.N.—It may be your Yorkshire boy has an aversion to things "made in Germany," and this is the reason why he will not pair. Are you quite

sure your birds are cock and hen? If they are, the action of the cock is difficult to understand. It is possible you have paired two hens, or two cocks, and that is the cause of the trouble. If it is possible, I should try each of them with another mate. Your feeding is all right, except that the inga seed should not be mixed with the canary and rape, but given separately every other day, either in a separate vessel or on the cage bottom.

Non-Feeders.

(1) Hen has five young, won't feed them, or let cock, which is a good feeder. Would it he hetter to separate them next time? (2) Another hen top of beak sore and bleeding; can I put anything on to heal it? (3) How long could I keep eggs before setting them? Have good Yokshire hen, hut she is a bad feeder, and I want to give her eggs to another hen not laying at the same time.—M.W.

M.W.—(1) Your hen evidently helongs to the New Woman order, hut it is quite possible that if you take away the cock she may feed the young herself next time. If she does not the only thing you can do is to either hand feed or else give to other hens hatching about the same time. In any case, if the eggs are valuable I should not trust her with them, hut give them to a reliahle hen of lesser value, and chance the eggs of the inferior hen with this one. (2) Wash the sore place twice a day with a solution of Jeyes' Fluid. Dry carefully, and apply a little of Taylor's Cimolite, which is a healing powder obtainahle from any chemist. (3) Eggs can he kept eight or ten days without much risk; they should, however, he turned each day, so as to avoid the chance of the yolk heing displaced.

Eggs Disappearing.

A Woman.—I am inclined to think that your birds have pulled the eggs out of the nest, aud they have been broken on the cage hottom. Did you clip their claws before mating? If not, do so at oncc. It is no use your putting the eggs hack now, the desire to incuhate will have long since left your hen. I should advise you to remove the nest for ahout a week, then replace it, and give the hirds plenty of nesting material. The hen has probahly plucked the cock hecause you did not give her something else to play with. I should advise you to stop the niger seed now, and only give the hemp every other day, until such time as you have young birds which are heing weaned, then you may give it daily.

Young Dying.

(1) Nest of two young died when twelve days old. Parents seemed to feed well, and hen brooding them when found dead. Same pair reared nine young last year and did not lose one. Fed on egg food, with ordinary seed, hemp, crushed. (2) Hen with three young did not sit on them after ten days old. "Is this usual, or how long do they sit on young as a rule?—C.M.G.

C.G.M.—Such luck is very disheartening, but it is what many hreeders experience each season, and no one seems to be ahle to say why. It is quite possible in your case that you have heen feeding too generously. I don't care ahout crushed hemp for birds so young. It is asking their digestive organs to do work harder than they have the necessary strength to perform. (2) Some hens hrood their young longer than others, but it is not neccssary for them to do so, at the age you mention, three strong healthy youngsters will keep each other warm. As to the hen, if she is lively and well, and feeds her young, don't worry, but let well alone.

Hen on Cage Bottom.

My hen, paired ten days ago, laid oue egg on hottom of cage, would not use nest pan, and is sitting on the one egg.—NOVICE.

Novice.—Hens will sometimes lay and sit on the floor of the cage out of pure cussedness, but I hardly thiuk that is so with your hen. From your letter. I am inclined to think shé was not in good condition—in other words, not ready for breeding. A hen which was such a good hreeder last year should, if fit, have made a better start than your hen has done. I should advise you to take the egg away, remove the cock hird, feed the hen generously for ten days or a fortnight, then let them go together again. In the meantime I would suggest you give the hen 30 drops of Fellowes's Compound Syrup in her drinking water each day. Give her egg food daily, three times a week a little hemp or inga seed, in addition to her regular supply of canary seed.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. Weston.

Wild Seeds.

A.E.C.—The screeniugs look all right, so far as they go, hut lack variety. They seem composed of nothing hut "bird rape"—that is, the seeds of various plants of the *Brassica* group. Again, there is intermixed with the seeds a much too heavy proportion of "chaff" and similar waste. A grain or two of corn makes no matter; in fact, is eaten with relish hy many British birds. But straw, of course, is different. Possihly many seeds have heen lost in the screening. Still, the residue from threshing machines varies very considerahly in its composition, according to the locality it comes from, and to the working methods pursued hy the farmer. Your sample would no doubt be picked over with relish by Linnets, Greenfinches, Redpolls, and Chaffinches.

A Prospective Breeder.

X.Y.Z.—I cannot quitè make head and tail of your letter, as the saying goes. Do you mean that the Linnet and the Canary are flying at present with other hirds in your indoor aviary, 3 ft. by 2 ft. by 2 ft.? If so, there can bc no certainty that the Linnet will be her mate; her affections will doubtless be monopolised hy the most vigorous and self-assertive male bird the aviary contains. But such an aviary as you describe is only large enough for one pair of birds. You can't expect to be very successful in your hreeding operations while it contains a mixture of spccies. If your Linnet is in real hreeding condition, I know no reason why he should not make the hen a satisfactory husband. Let them have a home "on their own," though. (2) This question is answered in the foregoing onc, hy the statement that the aviary is only large enough to accommodate one hreeding couple. Chaffinches are very difficult indced to breed in cages. Further, all-wire aviaries are not the most suitahle of placcs to try to breed birds in, no matter what kind of hirds they may be.

The Mating of a Goldfinch.

A. G. Pattison.—A Goldfinch which was a Greypate last ycar, and is now very steady and in full song, is just the sort of hird to try for muling pnrposes. If you mate him with a dark green hen Canary, you can only expect to breed dark Mules; but they should he good ones if she is a hen of nice size and shape and very rich in colour, especially if she is a jonquc. The time to pair up is when one's birds are ready. I have very frequently explained this during the last few weeks. Hang the couple where they can see each other, and when the hen shows signs of being anxious to huild, run the two hirds together. The Finch should be shut off at night when eggs are expected. The hen should be left to sit and bring up the young alone. You are feeding quito corrcctly. Let the Goldie have a free run at dandelion, hoth young leaves and flowering and seeding heads.

A Mixed Bag.

Cantab.—(1) As you say you have successfully hand-reared the Spotted Flycatcher and hoth species of Whitethroat, you certainly ought to find little difficulty in hand-rearing a hrood of Nutbatches. The same food (though you do not meution what it was) would be certain, I should say, to answer admirably. It is the custom of Nuthatches to plaster up the entrance to the nest with mud or clay. (2) I could not say whether any other keeper of Softbills has tried Plasmon powder. I hegan experimentiug with it personally some four seasons ago, but circumstauces since have not afforded me all the opportunities I should like for testiug it. I favour its usc strongly, both when hand-feeding and for adult insectivorous hirds, especially the very delicate spccies. For adult birds, a suitable proportion would be the admixture of a large teaspoonful with a teacupful of the stock food. At some future date I shall have something further to say on the use of this powder. (3) This question was answered last week; see reply to "J.H.H.," second query. (4) I cannot lay hands on the wild seed sample at the moment. I seem to have mislaid it amongst my papers. Will hunt it out later and tell you its name next week. Probably it is charlock, seeing that your Linnets are so fond of it, aud that it grows plentifully in your neighhourhood. It is certainly worth while gathering.

Brevities.

Thrush Ailing (E.T.).—Your questions were hoth answered last week; see replies to "Perplexed" and "W. Horsfall." Also peruse another reply on the feeding of Thrushes this week, and amend the diet of your own bird—hotter food, not medicine, is what it needs.

Cross-billed Magpie (B.E.B.).—The only remedy is to get someone to hold the bird firmly, yet gently, while you, with strong sharp scissors, trim down the over-grown beak to its proper size. Or a pair of sharp nail-clippers would answer, afterwards using the file, if necessary, to smooth off any rough edges. It is not at all dangerous, and you need not fear the loss of your pet. Give him something to knock about—that is, exercise his beak on. A slightly-cracked bone containing marrow would occupy him for hours, and such things help to keep the heak in condition—at a proper length, that is to say.

Linnets Breeding in Captivity.

Will Linnets hreed in captivity? I have a pair in a hreeding cage, 24 in. long, 14 in. high, and 11 in. wide. What food shall I give them to bring them into hreeding condition?—BEGINNER.

Beginner.—Yes, a well domesticated pair of Linnets will often reproduce their kind in captivity. An aviary is a far more likely place for them to breed in, however, than a cage. Your own cage is of nice size, though, and the two Linnets, especially if very steady, may take to it successfully. It would be better 3 ft. long instead of 2 ft., but the height, 17 in., and width, 11 in., are excellent. Your birds will come into hreeding condition in due course, if well fed and looked after. The chief item is to gather them all the dandelion, shepherd's purse, chickweed, and groundsel you can lay hands on, so that they may have a liheral supply every day. The flowering and seeding portions of these green foods are the parts you need to he most particular in supplying. When giving leaves—as in the case of dandelion—strip off all the old, stringy one, and offer only the young, tender ones. As a stock mixture give the following: Canary three parts, teazle two parts, summer rape and charlock one part each, and hemp and linseed half part each. Also mix niger and maw seeds in equal parts, and give a teaspoonful every other day, giving in between a dessertspoonful of a good wild-seed mixture. Some fine samples of the latter are now on the market, containing gold of pleasure and other useful weed seeds. You can try them with a little egg and biscuit, liberally sprinkled with maw seed, though very probably they will not eat it. Do not expect them to think of nesting yet awhile.

A Glorious Thirst.

I beg to call your attention to a grey cock Linnet that lately has acquired a habit of drinking a lot of water. I fill the drinking fountain first thing in the morning, and by 4.30 in the afternoon it is empty. Kindly say if this is unusual, or can you advise?—TEETOTAL.

Teetotal.—It is curious your query should come on top of the answer given "Winter" last week. I must ask you to refer to that, for I quite expect the water disappears from the tin to, apparently, provide "amusement" for the Linnet, in the manner there described. I suppose there is no hole in the tin? Get an ounce of tincture of gentian from a chemist, and mix a few spots with the water, enough to make it taste hitter; this may break him of the habit, and cannot do harm. I presume the Linnet is in good health? Birds suffering from internal trouble, such as diarrhœa or inflammation, will consume abnormal quantities of water, and to their harm. But, of course, birds suffering from such complaints let one know unmistakeably that all is not well with them. So disease can hardly, I suppose, afford an explanation.

German Goldfinch and Paying Mules.

I have just come into possession of a house moulted German cock Goldfinch, and want to know how to feed him properly. Are they of any use for Mule breeding, and to what kind of hen Canary would he be best paired to breed Mules for song, and likely to pay for the trouble?—A. W. BLAKE.

A. W. Blake.—A German cock Goldfinch is to all intents and purposes the same as an English cock Goldfinch—as a rule, it is difficult to tell t'other from which, as the poet puts it. Any way, they hoth want feeding exactly the same, and the German is quite as likely to hreed Mules as a true-born Englishman. If you want the Mules purely for song, you can mate him to a Roller hen if you like, or to a hen of either Norwich or Yorkshire type. It really does not matter, so long as she is a healthy young hen—not over two years old, at any rate. Song Mules are of value only when they sing the pure Goldfinch or Linnet song, unadulterated by the notes of any other hird. They are then always saleable at a much higher price than the ordinary dark Mules. To attain this end the youngsters must be trained under a good singing Goldfinch (or Linnet, as the case may be), and hear the song of no other bird, until, at least, they themselves are song perfect. Feed your Goldfinch on the following stock mixture:—Hemp and teazle two pints each, canary one pint, linseed half a pint. Give a feed of maw or niger every other day or so, also thistle, dandelion, and wild seed mixture. For green food you cannot beat dandelion and groundsel, young leaves, and flowering and seeding heads.

Four-Pointed and Six-Pointed.

I have a Goldfinch-Canary Mule. It has eye and wing marks and two feathers on each side of the tail In showing, would these tail feathers he a detriment, or otherwise? Do they make it a six-pointed Mule? If so, is it of more value than a four-pointed oue?—GARCON.

Garcon.—If your Mule is a cock bird, and of good colour, you would seem to have a bird of some little value. Take carc of it. All other things heing equal—size, colour, and even-ness of marking—a six-pointed Mule would always beat a four-pointed, on the ground that six good marks are more difficult to produce than four good marks. Of course, a four-marked bird can lay claim to be lighter in plumage than a six-marked, but that is not the point; if it were, a three-pointed bird could always claim to heat a four-pointed. Two dark feathers on each side of the tail constitute a very good form of tail marking—one of the best, in fact. Sometimes the tail will be almost entirely dark, with but just a light feather or two in the centre; it is a moot question, then, whether the bird is really entitled to be termed a six-pointed Mule at all. Ideal eye and wing marks want to be neither too heavy (spreading) nor too light. The most admired eye-marks are those resembling an egg in shape—pointed end nearest the skull. The wing-marks should form a perfect V when the wings are closed, not extending over far up the back, and heing hounded, so to speak, by the light primaries (flights). There is little difference, practically, in the value of really good four and six-pointed Mules; both are far from common.

Blackcap's Likes and Dislikes.

I have a Blackcap Warhler that will not eat mealworms, either alive or cut in pieces. Kindly tell me what I can do, as I am afraid he will die without live insect food. He eats plenty of best ants' eggs and fruit.—C. FAIREY.

C. Fairey.—It is not at all unusual for a Blackcap to exhibit very little liking for mealworms. At the same time, it is not usual for them to refuse these dainty morsels altogether, and sooner or later you will find your bird accept them, I feel sure. You can cut a few in two and squeeze them out amongst its food. Plenty of other forms of live food are available in the summer, however. The Blackcap, though, of all our Warblers, is the one most fond of fruit; given this he will thrive and sing. He should always have some fruit on the menu, entirely mixed amongst the soft food, or hung up in the cage or wires if you like; banana, very ripe pear and apple, together with grated raw carrot, and hoiled potato, are very good to moisten the daily soft-food supply; many of my birds, too, were very fond of finely minced green stuff. For other fruit to use the choice is very wide, strawberries, garden currants, raspberries, grapes, elderherrics, blackberries, and the like, are all more or less greedily devoured, while there is but little fruit one can buy at a shop that they do not appreciate. A slice of a ripe peach is esteemed a great delicacy by most of the Blackcaps I keep myself.

Management of a Nightingale.

(1) How should a Nightingale be fed day by day? (2) Does egg do any harm amongst their food.—G.W.

G.W.—(1) My own methods of keeping 'Gales and similar small insectivorous hirds are as follows. As a stock mixture you cannot beat:—Powdered Osborne hiscuit, three parts; best ants' eggs and dried flies, two parts each; meat meal, half part, by measure. Take the quantity required of this, and mix it just crumbly moist with grated raw carrot, or finely chopped lettuce, watercress, or chickweed (use young leaves only), or cold boiled potato, varying frequently. It is necessary, of course, to give, in addition, all the live insect food (flies, spiders, wood-lice, earwigs, small beetles, smooth caterpillars, green fly, live ants' eggs, etc.) one can possibly ohtain; mealworms given regularly are indispensahle. To the above stock mixture I occasionally add, after damping, a teaspoonful or two of preserved egg-flake, or part of a hard-boiled fresh egg, finely minced, and, more occasionally still, a little finely scraped raw lean mutton or heef. Good cream cheese is a splendid food, too; give a little, finely chopped, and mixed, of course, with the above biscuit food, or just laid on top of it. Ripe fruit should also enter into the menu, either grated or shredded, and mixed among the soft food, or stuck between the cage wires; hanana, very ripe pear and apple, strawberries, grapes, elderberries, hlackherries, etc., are all more or less appreciated—you will soon find out your hird's likes and dislikes. I had a Nightingale passionately fond of privet berries; I used to squeeze out the stones, and give him the fleshy outer covering. (2) This query is answered in the above. The "egg question" is too knotty a one for discussion in this column. If you sprinkle a good pinch of Plasmon powder amongst your bird's food three or four times a week you needn't worry your head over egg, either one way or the other.

Skylark and its Treatment.

(1) Skylark keeps shaking its head, opens its heak, and all the time keeps scratching its head with its claw. It looks as if it has sore eyes. It is going through its moult. (2) Please tell me what is the proper food for them.—P.K.

P.K.—(1) Skylarks are peculiarly liable to he infested with insects, unless kept scrupulously clean and given every opportunity to take a dust hath. I expect this is the trouble with your own bird, and that the sore eyes result from him continually scratching about them, for insects will lurk around the head. The cage will need to be thoroughly cleansed by, say, scalding it with holling water, and the bird should be well dusted with pyrethrum powder or Keating's Insect powder, repeating the dusting the following day. If the bird is really moulting, keep it in a cosy place—not nccessarily a warmed place, hut one free from draughts. (2) A simple stock food for Larks, which will keep for ever and a day (almost) when sealed in tins, and which any good corn dealer or seller of hirds' foods will mix for you, is:—Game (or pheasant) meal, four parts; meat meal, good ants' eggs and dried flies,, one part each, hy measure. Get the game meal without grit. If you have any difficulty in doing so, finely crushed puppy cakes make an excellent substitute; or the "broken" biscuit obtainahle from the grocer. If the latter he used, add an extra part of meat meal. Damp quantity required for daily use with a little grated raw carrot or cold boiled potato, or finely chopped lettuce, chickweed, watercress, or other green food in season, and add a teaspoonful of preserved egg flake or half a hard-boiled egg twice or so a week. Give three or four mealworms daily, and any other insects you can lay hands on, especially spiders. Give seed in a separate vessel (not along with the soft food), ahout a teaspoonful of canary seed daily, with, for a change, crushed hemp, groats, maw, or rape. Let the hird have a fresh clover turf as often as possible. Cover the floor of cage with (or give in a deep pan) a mixture of fine road dust and sand, in which a teaspoonful of insect powder, or powdered sulphur, has been mixed. The bird will dust itself in this, which is a natural action, and necessary. It is a very excellent plan, too, to have a second drawer hottom to the cage, made of tin or zinc, which is run in occasionally filled with water, in which the bird will paddle, and so keep its feet in order. Or, and even hetter, it may he filled with very wet chickweed, over which the Lark will run.

In an Outdoor Aviary.

G.L.—Your aviary, 12 ft. long, 10 ft. wide, and 7 ft. high, with "sleeping house" attached, is a very nice size, and will comfortably hold upwards of 30 small hirds. You will soon see exactly how many, by not over-doing it at the start. It is not an altogether satisfactory undertaking, to keep seed-eating and insectivorous hirds together, except in aviaries of very large dimeusions; and only under the latter conditions should large spccies he mixed with small. Blackbirds in particular are apt to annoy, and even kill, their weaker brethren. Bramhlefinches, Blue-tits, and Java Sparrows, too, often prove sources of danger on that score; and sometimes Yellowhammers. As yours is a nice-sized aviary, however, you may have no trouble with the four last-named species. Budgerigars and Cockatiels really want an aviary to themselves, especially if hreeding results are being looked forward to; or solely the companionship of other Parrakeets. They have a bad reputation for mauling and mutilating smaller and weaker birds. For information on the foreign hird side of your aviary, please address your query to our Mr. Page.

Trouble with Clogged Feet.

M.J.M.—The chief cause of your trouble, I fancy, is the curious material you use for covering the cage floor. I never, I think, before heard of bran being put on the bottom of the cages of large insectivorous birds. I may say that I do not consider it at all a suitable material; at any rate, there are several things a good deal more suitable. I once tried hran myself as a floor covering for the cages of tiny insectivorous birds, but soon gave it up; a friend of mine tried it also, with the same result. You should go to a dealer in poultry foods (many bird-seed shops keep it), and huy a quantity of peat-moss litter. It is very cheap. Put a thick layer of this on the cage floor, teasing it out a little, if necessary, before doing so. Get it, when huying, broken up as small as possihle. It is as good as anything I know for the cage floors of large hirds, and does away with "clogged" feet when properly used. Cocoanut fihre is also an excellent material for the cage hottoms of all insectivorous hirds. It is often advertised in our columns, and can also be obtained from most seedsmen (sellers of garden seeds).

More Difficulty with Thrushes.

J. Plowman.—(1) Most certainly your hird is a cock. You do not, however, feed it sufficiently well for it ever to sing properly. The packet food you mention is none too "rich," yet you go and make it still less nutritious by adding soaked bread! Do you think you would feel like singing yourself if you were compelled to live month in and month out on food which practically left you half starved? I guess not. I am frequently telling how Thrushes should be fed (see the two last issues, for instance). Look how miserably the diet of your hird contrasts with the bill-of-fare therein set out. Give him some good, generous food, and I'll wager the Thrush is singing out stoutly in fourteen days time. (2) The second bird mentioned may be a hen—though, of course, I cannot say so for certain. If you yourself hand-reared it, and have never heard it either record, or attempt to sing, then it is safe to put it down as a female. As it seems to he ailing now, however, it can hardly be expected to he singing. Why not give this bird its liberty, and concentrate your attention on the other? It might prove to he a good move.

Hand-rearing Song Thrushes.

Will you please give me detailed instructions as to the feeding and general treatment required in rearing hy hand a nest of young Thrushes from ahout a week old?—A.P. (Abbeywood).

A.P. (Abbeywood).—I have been expecting this query. I answered it only a few weeks ago. Still, this only makes the second time this season; last year, I remember, it was shot at me some score of times. Here is our old friend again: Take the young when about ten days old—nest and all, if possihle—and keep them cosy, say, inside a wicker basket and on a bed of hay. At night throw a piece of flannel over the hasket; keep it on during the day if cold. Feed every hour at first; ahout every two hours later on. For food, crush an Osborne biscuit and heat half a hard-boiled egg up very finely, in a teacup, with a fork. Then mix the biscuit with the egg, and make it of a rather sloppy consistency with new milk. This is hest fed just slightly warmed. Always be perfectly sure it is fresh and sweet; it should be prepared fresh twice daily, if possible. A small, flat piece of wood, with a suitably shaped bluut end can be used to feed with; or a large, hlunted toothpick. As the youngsters get older, cut small mealworms in halves, dip them in milk, and pop them into their mouths; also any flies you can capture. It is quite a simple task to hand-rear Thrushes. The chief thing is to feed very often, and to give only a very little at a time. Keep the nestlings and their surroundings scrupulously clean, or they will not thrive.

Goldfinch Ailing.

Charlie.—I don't think it matters much what I tell you to do. When a Goldfinch sits with head under wing, and body moving "like hellows," the time for advice is generally past, and the time for action near at hand—the said action being the interment of the dear departed under the rosebush in the garden corner. Should the hird be still alive when you read my reply, I can only advise you to give him a strong dose of saline medicine and a change of diet. Take away his drinking water for an hour or two, and when you replace it, let as much sulphate of soda as will lie on a shilling be dissolved in every two tablespoonfuls. Leave this on for one day. For three or four days afterwards well stir half a teaspoonful of taraxacum (dandelion juice) into the same quantity of drinking water—fresh daily, of course. If he then shows signs of pulling round, change the taraxacum for a small teaspoonful of Parrish's Chemical Food. Let him have as much niger and maw seed as he cares to eat; don't trouble about the others. A little thistle, if you can get it, might be beneficial. Pin a small mealworm down to a perch. He may quite likely tackle it; should he do so, give them freely, for they will help very considerably to pull him round.

Some Aviary Details.

Nil Desperandum.—Sorry to hear of your past experience. Your outside flight and house will hold upwards of 30 small hirds very comfortably. I should not huild up any hopes of successful breeding results; such are not common amongst mixed

collections. If any young birds come your way, let them be in the light of "added joys"—then the pangs of disappointment will never be yours. Mind you, I shall be surprised if one or other of the couples do not breed, especially if you avoid overcrowding It is certainly not too late in the season. Why, I was out in the country last week-end, and saw Greenfinches still in flocks. Your surmise is quite correct. I advise you for all-the-year-round purposes to choose from the Finch and Bunting tribes. Only have one pair each of Chaffinches and Bramblefinches, and watch they don't misbehave. If you invest in a pair of Crossbills, watch these likewise; in fact, owners of small aviaries need always to keep an eye open for outrageously aggressive individuals. Any "fresh-caught" birds you buy now are practically sure to be exceeding wild. Give all the seeds usually recommended, with sunflower, hemp, canary, summer rape, and teazle, in separate hoppers for certain. Such simple things as flower pot saucers answer admirably for both seed and water. Self-feeding hoppers, water fountains, and the like will be found (illustrated) in all the catalogues of the large firms advertising in our columns Look them through, and choose what seem likely to best suit your purpose. I cannot recommend any particular kind or maker; it is against the rules. The seeding green food I gather I throw on the aviary floor, and rake out the stalks after it has been picked over. It can be stuffed tightly into not too tall jam jars; this is a good way of giving green food. Give all the kinds recommended in this column. I really couldn't say whether Michaelmas daisies are harmful to birds; I should say not, however. If possible, I certainly advise you to have the outside entrance to the inner shelter. If entered from the inside, the birds' only means of egress lies past the intruder—and that means a panic. Am afraid this fills my space for one week.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S.

What Bird?

Miss Fowler.—I am rather in doubt as to what species your sketch refers to, but will try to name it for you in our next issue. In the meantime you will be quite safe in dieting it on some good soft food mixture, ingredients are given to another querist in this issue, or see our advertisement columns for one ready mixed. In addition, give plenty of ripe fruit, green food, and a few mealworms, or such other insects as you can capture. If only just received it is best kept warm, and then, as it gathers tone, gradually hardened off, as the gardeners say.

Food for Budgerigars and Zebra Finches.

(1) What is the proper food for Zebra Finches when feeding young? (2) Same for Budgerigars during same period?—J.S.

J.S.—(1) Canary, white and spray millet, green food (grass in flower, etc.), cuttlefish, grit, water, and soft food; equal parts of game meal, ants' eggs, dried flies, and crumbled sponge cake; well mix and make crumbly moist for use, or get one ready mixed (see advertisement columns). (2) In addition to their regular diet, give white oats and a dry crust of household bread. At this time give liberal supplies of tufts of grass in flower, also fresh tender lettuce and other green food.

Diet for Budgerigars.

What is their correct diet and treatment?—W. E. STIRRLEY.

W. E. Stirrley.—See reply to "J. S." in this issue, and give your birds canary and white millet seed in addition to the diet given in (2) of this reply. They are almost omnivorous as to green food, but grass in flower is far and away the best; give them tufts of same to pull to pieces. You can also give ripe apple, lettuce, and any non-poisonous weeds.

Budgerigar with Swelling.

My bird's beak grows tremendously, therefore it has to be cut at intervals so that it can eat; also it has a swelling on top of beak; looks like a gathering, with watery discharge. Is there any cure?—BEDFORD.

Bedford.—As regards the continuously growing beak, it must be cut as often as required, so that the bird can eat. To help to check this abnormality keep up a supply of cuttlefish, and put in its cage several pieces of old mortar rubbish as large as good-sized marbles. Re the swelling, by gentle pressure (don't damage its nostrils, if the growth is near there) remove any pus, well cleanse with tepid water, and lightly anoint with spermaceti ointment. Your diet is satisfactory, but if there is any weakness, then lightly colour its drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food till it is in condition again. Observe it carefully, and note if the exusion is from the nostril, consequent upon catarrh; if so, get some opium and glycerine in equal parts, and give one drop of this direct to the mouth twice a day till relief is given; also wipe the nostrils with diluted glyco-thymoline.

British and Foreign Birds for Aviary.

What Foreign birds can I keep with Britishers in my outdoor aviary, plan enclosed? Also kindly give treatment and nesting arrangements, etc.—NIL DESPERANDUM.

Nil Desperandum.—You have hygienic accommodation for about thirty birds. The only British birds I find safe to keep with Foreigners are Goldies, Bullies, Siskins, Linnets, and Redpolls. With these you could keep Pekin Robins, Madagascar, Napoleon, and Black-headed Weavers, Orange-cheeked, Golden-breasted, Grey and St. Helena Waxbills, Zebra, Ribbon, Pectoral, and Rufous-tailed Finches; Java Sparrows, Spice Birds, Silverbills, and Mannikins generally. Nesting receptacles, put up husks, Hartz Canary travelling cages, small boxes, and cocoa-nut husks, supplying hay, grass, and a Canary nest bag for building material. Diet: Canary, white, brown, and spray millet, a few oats, green food, such as grass in flower, lettuce, and any wholesome weeds, grit, cuttlefish, a few mealworms, and other insects for the Weavers and Pekins, and a little soft food and ripe fruit for the Pekin Robins. The majority of the above are 3/6 to 5/- a pair, Pectorals and Rufous-tails, 10/- to 15/- a pair, and the Weavers, 5/6 to 7/6 each.

Young Grey Parrots,

I have bought a pair. They are taking their hard corn mixture with evident relish; have given Osborne biscuit and a little ripe fruit. Will they need maize? Can I improve on my treatment at all? In case of constipation, what is the best remedy?—M.H.

M.H.—If your birds are eating plentifully of the seed mixture they are better without boiled maize. You might with advantage lightly colour their drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food. The best plan is to keep up a continuous supply of the seed mixture, and offer the other items, biscuit, ripe fruit, etc., at intervals. Do not give table scraps, slops, or any kind of animal food whatever. They should be covered up at night, that is, entirely round the sides of cage, but a portion of the top should be left open for ventilation. Except as above, you cannot improve your treatment. In case of constipation drop the chemical food, and put in their drinking water half a teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia till relief is given. Keep warm and out of draught and they should do well. If there should be any going out of condition, you had better write at once, giving full particulars.

Green Parrot with Growth on Throat.

E. Carpenter.—The growth is of too long standing for me to attempt to suggest a remedy. You must consult a vet., who will most probably cut the growth away, and so give the bird almost immediate relief. In the meantime, keep it warm, quiet, and out of all draught. Give it for one day only one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in one ounce of water, supplying nothing else to drink for that day. Follow this by a course of Parrish's Chemical Food; well colour its drinking water with same for a fortnight or three weeks. As to the sore, anoint it with a little spermaceti ointment, and unless the bird is continually rubbing it, it should soon heal. It is a pity you did not have the swelling attended to earlier, twelve months being a long time to let a matter of this kind lie untreated. In addition to the items of diet you enumerate, supply the seed mixture regularly advised in this column for Green Parrots or Parrakeets.

Grey Parrot Out of Condition.

My bird is mopy and weak, and has scarcely spoken since Easter; its voidings are soft, but not watery. It eats and plumes itself well, and is fed as you advise in "C.B." How can I treat?—H. TAGG.

H. Tagg.—I do not think, so far as I can gather from your details, that there is at present anything serious the matter with your bird. Keep it warm, quiet, and out of all draught. Put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in one ounce of water, and let the bird have only this to drink for one day, not leaving it in cage all day, but letting it satisfy its thirst three or four times during the day. On other days well colour its drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food. The magnesia had better be repeated after the interval of a week. See that the bird gets ripe fruit, cuttlefish, and a little green food regularly. If there is no improvement in a fortnight's time, you had better repeat query, giving the fullest possible particulars.

Parrot Wheezing.

My young African Grey is very mopy; its feathers hang loose, it wheezes, and beak, tongue, and nostrils are covered with slime. It is fed on boiled maize, Mellins' Food, bread and milk, and hemp seed. What is the remedy?—J. KOCH.

J. Koch.—Your diet is largely in fault. Keep a tin of the following seed mixture in its cage:—Canary, hemp, millet, white oats, dari, and sunflower seeds; till you see it eating heartily of the above mixture, let it have as much boiled maize as it will eat, but do not give the milk sop. Let it satisfy its thirst three times a day with water that has been slightly coloured with Parrish's Chemical Food. For one day only put half a teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia over its boiled maize. It should also have such ripe fruit as it will eat, a little plain biscuit. Cleanse its nostrils and beak with diluted glyco-thymoline. Get from your chemist the following mixture: Ipecacuanha wine, oxymel of squills and glycerine, in equal parts; take of the mixture half teaspoonful and add one teaspoonful of water, and give this direct to the mouth twice a day. The bird should be kept warm (but not in too dry a heat), quiet, and out of reach of draught. A piece of cuttlefish should be kept in its cage. Note: Boiled maize only keeps fresh one day, and you must not use a metal drinking vessel while giving drugs. When the bird is taking the dry seed mixture in sufficient quantity, gradually discontinue the boiled maize. If you watch this column you will not lack details as to how to treat your bird.

Parrot with Worms.

My bird suffers with above, but is otherwise lively enough. It will eat nothing but Canary and hemp seed; it has water ad lib; its bowels are rather open. How can I get rid of the worms?—BERNARD.

Bernard.—Give your bird as much powdered areca nut as will lie on a sixpence; slightly damp a piece of household bread, and the powder will adhere to it, or slightly damp the powder and give it in the form of a pellet. Give this, say, every other day for a week, and lightly colour its drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food. If the trouble still continues after a fortnight, try several doses of jalap, as much as will lie on a sixpence, given under the same conditions as the areca nut. The seed diet is very wholesome, but I should try and induce it to take, for variety, such extras as ripe fruit, nuts, plain biscuits, dry crust of household bread, and it should have regular supplies of grit and cuttlefish. You must induce it to take the nut or jalap by some means. If it will not eat a slightly moistened crust, you must try giving it direct to the mouth by means of a small stick, slightly moistened; either the nut or jalap will adhere to same. If both the above remedies fail, remove the bird's food overnight, and before it has anything to eat in the morning give 8 to 10 drops of oil of male fern direct to the mouth; in about an hour supply it with food, and then give half a teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia; repeat the treatment if there are any signs of the parasites still lingering. Do not give table scraps, sops, slops, or any kind of animal food.

Grey Parrot Breathing Badly.

My bird breathes heavily, swells out its throat, and jerks up its tail while doing so. How can I treat?—N. BROWN.

N. Brown.—This bird appears to be in rather a bad way, and the details supplied are so meagre, that I am a little in doubt as to what advice to give. You had better repeat this query next week, stating the condition of its bowels, whether there is any running at the mouth or nostrils, and as to whether mouth and throat is furred, or ulcerated. In the meantime give half a teaspoonful of tasteless castor oil direct to the mouth, for one day only, and for a few days put 8 to 10 drops of glycerine in its drinking water. If the bird becomes weak, put three or four drops of brandy in a little water, and let the bird take a few sips occasionally. Continue your present diet, which I understand is same as that advised regularly in this column, and keep the bird warm, and out of all draught.

Indian, Green and Grey Parrots.

Inquirer.—It is one of the many species of Alexandrines or Ringnecks, it is impossible to say which from your details, but I am of the opinion it is a female Ring-necked Parrakeet (*Palæornis torquata*). Their value varies from 5/- to 10/-, according to number on the market, but a talking bird is, of course, worth much more according to its talent. Give it a dose of Dinneford's Magnesia (see other replies for quantity, etc.), and put a few (six to eight) drops of glycerine in its water for a few days. Ripe fruit is good for it, as also is plain biscuit, boiled potato, nuts, green food, grit, and cuttlefish. Re the young Grey Parrot: You must let it have a daily supply of boiled maize (this only keeps fresh one day); also keep a tin of the following seed mixture in its cage:—Canary and oats, two parts each, wheat, oats, dari, hemp, and white sunflower seeds, one part each. Only give grit a little at a time till it becomes accustomed to it. keep a piece of cuttlefish in its cage, and also offer, to vary its diet, ripe fruit, nuts, plain biscuits, and green food. Keep it warm and out of draught for a time. Yes, cover it up all round the sides of cage, but not over the top; the cover should cover entirely the open wirework of the sides, but the centre portion of top must be left open. When you find the bird eating sufficient of the dry seed mixture, gradually wean it from the boiled maize.

Budgerigars Throwing Out Eggs.

My birds appear to be quarrelling, they have thrown out their eggs, and I found one of the hens bleeding. She was also egg-bound, but following your advice in past queries I brought her through. Can I give Parrish's Food, and how shall I treat?—A. BARKER.

A. Barker.—Though these birds are gregarious, and, generally speaking, will live together in any numbers which their enclosure will accommodate, occasionally a pair or odd individual turn up that are not only spiteful but sad cannibals, for I have had such; and it may be one of your birds is of this disposition. On the other hand, it may be only a temporary squabble that will not be repeated. What is your accommodation? Their cage or aviary should be sufficiently large to allow of your fixing at least double the number of husks (quite a foot apart) that you have pairs of birds. You treated your bird correctly for egg-binding, and undoubtedly saved her life by so doing. Put her on a course of Chemical Food, supply plenty of cuttlefish, and crushed egg-shells left from your table, and in a month or five weeks' time it should be safe to turn her into your aviary again. Of course, if the quarrelling continues, you will have to permanently remove the obstreperous individuals. Let them have a liberal supply of tufts of grass in flower.

Foreign Bird Queries continued on p. 408.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. J. North, 435, Oxford Road, Reading, will examine cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for a reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post-mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to J. North, with fee. Any sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

Canary (H. Gregory).—Chronic softening of liver, then acute inflammation of rupture of blood-vessel of that organ.

Canary Hen (E. Rixon).—Softening of liver, then inflammation of that organ, and also of the lungs, rupture of blood-vessel (apoplexy), terminating life.

Nightingale (C. Harrison).—Inflammation of lungs and liver, commonly called "a chill." This bird's perfect plumage reflects great credit on your three years' care of it.

GENERAL.

Answered by the EDITOR.

Complaint (Robert Hugh Jones).—See Rule 8, please.

T. C. Crawhall.—Many thanks. We hope to use it in the near future.

J.H.—Thanks for yours. We shall be pleased to receive the notes mentioned.

Advice Wanted (Harold Marshall).—We have written to the gentleman named about your suggestion. Thanks muchly.

Appreciation (J. S. Crawford).—Very glad to hear you found CAGE BIRDS so interesting. Article will receive consideration.

Future Advertisements (J. Simper).—Such loyal sentiments do you credit, and we are deeply grateful to you for giving expression to them.

Never Advertised Before (Thos. Howard).—Remittances sent were quite correct. We wish you success.

S. Fuller.—Many thanks, you will see your letter on Finches appears this week. Shall be pleased at any time to hear from you on matters of interest to our readers.

T. Aitken.—The sketch reflects very great credit indeed upon your powers as an artist. Thanks very much for the cuttings, which we hope to use at an early date.

Club Notice (G. A. Charles).—Your notice of meeting, May 1st, did not reach us in time for insertion in last week's issue. Club notices should be here on Tuesday—Wednesday first post at latest.

Coloured Plates (F. J. Rook).—No such plates as you require have been issued by any Fancy paper. We think well, though, of the idea, and will arrange for such a plate to appear some time during the year.

J. Brodie-Mills.—There is no book dealing with Lancashires only. House's "Canary Manual" contains a chapter on the breed, as does Cassell's "Canaries and Cage Birds," which we could obtain for you, price 3ss.

W. Greenwood and A. Wilkinson.—Although you only hold members' shows we would like to point out that by advertising in CAGE BIRDS you would possibly increase the number of your members, and thus advertising would be of some use to you. Many thanks for your kind words about our Breeding Competition.

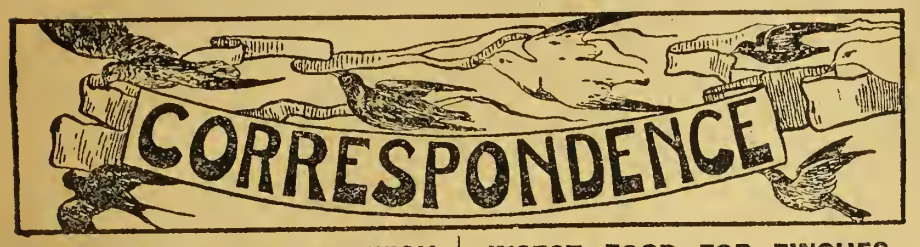
Who Should Be the Loser? (Mechanic).—Sorry if we read your letter last week hastily, but at the same time we must point out to you that all questions must be endorsed by the full name and address of the sender, whereas you simply write as "Mechanic, Plaistow." In our view, the advertiser should be the loser, as all birds are sent at sender's risk unless an agreement to the contrary is made when purchasing. No court of law, in our view, would uphold a claim for a bird that arrived dead.

Blaze of Colour Competition (A. Woollard).—The matters about which you write are purely questions of individual opinion, and if you found twenty thousand other fanciers to agree with your placings of these birds it would not serve any good purpose either in upsetting the awards or convincing those who disagreed with you that they were in the wrong. A judge's awards are final. Please treat them as such. We are confident that Mr. Payne had not the slightest inteation of insulting anyone by his remarks.

EDITORIAL.

At the special meeting of the Cage Bird Union Council, called to consider the disqualifications in the Green Canary classes at the last Crystal Palace Show, the following resolution was carried without dissent: "That whilst recognising that the judge was justified in regarding the birds with the gravest possible suspicion, but having very fully and carefully considered the whole matter, this meeting acquits Messrs. Clayton and Stewart of dishonesty in showing the birds in question." The opinion of the majority was that if the feathers were cut, they had not been done by or with the cognisance of the exhibitors, and of this opinion the exhibitors received full benefit. But it seems quite clear to us that this resolution does not upset the disqualification. It acquits the exhibitors of dishonest attempt, upon which we most heartily and unreservedly congratulate them, but the birds were disqualified for being shown with cut feathers, and the resolution carefully evades any reference to the point upon which the Green Canary Association and every exhibitor requires a pronouncement. Are such feathers as Mr. Heath disqualified for permissible in a Green Canary? The exhibitors concerned have been declared innocent, but what of the birds? The first part of the resolution would imply that if not actually fraudulent they are open to the gravest possible suspicion. We are afraid an opportunity has been given to critics of the Union to say that the real point at issue has been placed on one side. A definite pronouncement one way or the other is needed. We hear, though we can't say how true it is, that the resolution has satisfied neither party concerned. Did the Council think the feathers in question were actually cut or not? And if cut, is such cutting legal? That is the point the Union will be asked to settle, if not now, later. The vexed problem with some of the Council seemed to be the absence of motive for cutting. Mr. Ramsden, we are informed, did not vote, and Mr. Hadwin was not allowed to move his original resolution or to have a hand in the resolution finally settled on. Meanwhile, such is the unsettled state of affairs that the Palace Show managers are taking legal advice on the point of whether the resolution passed cancels the disqualification or not. Their present opinion is that it does not, but perhaps a careful consideration on the part of their legal advisers may lead them to a contrary belief. We shall see.

It has been brought to our notice by the managers of the Crystal Palace Show that the Scottish representative of a contemporary has made certain reflections upon the Editor of this paper and themselves, implying in some measure that a breach of faith has been committed, either by us or them, in connection with the classes we guaranteed at the late Crystal Palace Show. We desire to advise any exhibitors who are concerned in these classes of the actual facts:—We were informed by the Managers of the Show upon the evening the entries closed that it would take the sum of £3 16s. to allow these classes to stand, according to the rules of their schedule. This amount we paid, and so far as we are concerned, our legal and moral obligations end with that payment. In making the statement in our issue of February 9th, we intended to convey, as the context clearly shows, that we "had given such guarantee as would enable the classes threatened with complete cancellation to be included." We were totally unacquainted with Rule II., and immediately this rule was brought to our notice made the following offer to the management, viz., "That if any exhibitor has been misled into thinking that our guarantee was used in the technical sense of Rule II., and that full prize money would be awarded in the classes in question, we will be pleased to make up the necessary balance to be paid to such exhibitors, although under no obligation to do so, having fulfilled our part of the bargain to the letter." It would have argued a greater interest in getting the full prize-money on the part of E. G. Wright, the Scottish representative concerned, if, instead of casting public odium upon this paper and the management of the Palace, he had written to us as guarantors, pointing out his grievance, when it would, needless to say, immediately have been remedied. Wright made his entries before our guarantee appeared in print, and when, so far as he knew, he was likely to receive half prize money. His sending or withholding his birds could have been in no way affected by our action, as secretaries never advise exhibitors whether half or full prize money is being given. Our solicitors advise us that Wright has not the slightest legal claim to the few shillings about which he has made such an outcry, and as for any moral damages he may have suffered, a man who confessedly is prepared to imperil his birds' health for a few shillings, but says that he doesn't like to do it for half the sum, deserves far less consideration than he has received at the hands of CAGE BIRDS. In view, however, of Mr. Wright's action in demanding full prize money as his legal right (no pun intended), and refusing to accept it "ex gratia"—to use Mr. Wright's own bad Latin—we have no option but to let him put his claim to the test.—ED. "C. B."



THE TYPE OF THE NORWICH.

SIR,—I notice a letter from the Hon. Sec. of the Southern P.C., inviting all fanciers to bring drawings, etc., to a meeting for the second week in May to settle the type of the Norwich. Does Mr. Matthes mean a meeting for the Southern Club, or one to be called to adopt a type to be a universal standard? If the former, all well and good, but if the latter, it requires a little thought, especially as the N.P.C. and the Scotch Club have already one each. I quite agree that a move wants making, and doubtless will be made at our committee meeting on May 11th. We want a life-sized one, but we cannot ask the other two clubs to adopt it without their consent; but the type should be the same for all, and especially with the coming contests in view. What I would like to suggest is that each club draw up a model with points, and have them printed by the Press—if they would oblige us—similar to the "Blaze of Colour" just issued, minus the colour, and every member of the three clubs to have a vote, and the one getting most votes to be the recognised standard for all three clubs. This, of course, means time; but we cannot rush such an important affair as this through in a week or two. It is the points we want to get at. As we know, some judges judge type, quality, and colour last; others say a Norwich is nothing without colour, and they put it first; while others say I must have a good "big 'un," and up it goes, and there we are. It is this size and colour that is wrong, and especially the latter, and the sooner we get to know how many points is allowed for each, and greatly reduce the present cravings for size and colour, then, and not till then, will type and quality get its due. J. RAYNES.

SIR,—We think something should be done to fix a standard type for Norwich Plainheads, and if a large meeting is to be held by the S.N.P.C., we consider that it would be well if several of our judges should be present at the same. We shall certainly try to attend if possible at such a meeting, which should be well attended by Norwich fanciers.

LUPTON AND JORDAN.

INTERESTING NOTES ON BIRD LIFE ROUND GLOUCESTER.

SIR,—In this week's notes of your interesting paper I see there is someone else jubilant over the prospect of spring and the arrival of migratory birds. During the last few weeks I have spent my "half-day off" surveying the grounds, which will soon be crowded with bird-life, but found very little worthy of note. Perhaps that was due to the fact that it was afternoon—not a good time for studying birds; somehow or other they don't seem to be about. However, I went out on Sunday morning, and was well pleased with the result of my observations. The first migratory bird which attracted my attention was a male Redstart, and though rather wild, kept up his beautiful song. Soon afterwards I came across two pairs of Wheatears, which have been here three or four weeks, so a local bird-catcher tells me. Strange to say, I only saw one yellow Wagtail, and that was on the wing; but I heard its note, which overcame any doubt about its identity. Other years I have seen dozens about this particular locality, as they roost for the first few weeks of their arrival on the long dried reed stems where the Reed Warbler breeds. The Pied Wagtails have assumed their full breeding plumage, as have also the Reed Buntings, which are busily engaged looking out nesting sites. I saw and heard the Willow Wren for the first time this year, though its close relation, the Chiff-Chaff, has been here several weeks. There were several Swallows and a few Sand Martins flying low over the water. The House Martin has not appeared yet. None of the Warblers seem to have turned up yet, nor the Whitethroats—rather fortunate for them, as there is a scarcity of cover; the same thing occurred last year, which accounted for Reed Warblers especially building their nests in very unusual places, instead of the reeds. Several nests were found in thorn fences, one half way up the young shoots of an old willow, while another was built in the stems of meadowsweet, which I thought was a Marsh Warbler's till I saw the eggs. I found a nest of this latter Warbler built in a tall thorn fence, at least five feet from the ground. Unfortunately, all the high old thorn fences round here are being cut down, so we shan't get many Red-backed Shrikes this season. Last year there was a scarcity of the Landrail, very few being heard in any part of this county. The common Sandpiper arrived last week. During the next three or four weeks the arrival of migrants will be great, so that a ramble in the country districts will well repay any naturalist. I am sorry to say there are few "enthusiasts" round here. My experience is that in large manufacturing towns, where people have to travel miles to get to the country, there are more ardent ornithologists than in places where the inhabitants are literally surrounded with bird life. I was only out two and a half hours and saw 33 species of British birds. Next week I hope to add a few more to the list. ALFRED THOMAS.

INSECT FOOD FOR FINCHES.

SIR,—Last season I was particularly struck with my Siskin's queer behaviour. I had him with several other Finches in a large wire aviary, placed about one inch from wall of bird room. Travelling at a rapid rate over the wires, he seemed to be striving to obtain something just out of his reach. On closer inspection this proved to be a small spider, crawling up on the wall. Curious to know what he would do, I caught the spider and gave it to him, which he ate with great relish. This form of diet is not generally found on our little friend's menu card, and this incident set me thinking. Is this food Nature's conditioner? Can we improve on our stock mixtures, wild seeds and various green stuffs in season? Our experts tell us—in fact, every keen observer should know—there is not the slightest doubt that insect life in some form or other is largely eaten by our Finches, especially whilst they have young to feed. I therefore experimented a little in this direction, and with these results:—Bullfinches have been known to clear out the contents of a silkworm breeding box, and Uncle Peter has been informing us lately how his old pet had a great liking for the Magpie moth caterpillar. I really think my Bullfinches would have been well pleased if my supply of larvæ had been twice as great. The Goldfinches I had no difficulty with at all. One in particular would eat the larvæ of the Brassicæ, which infests cabbages—hence its specific name—certainly not the most tempting of caterpillars. Linnets, Redpolls, etc., although they would eat the smaller kinds, such as those that swarm on the hawthorn, oak and elm, had a greater liking for the minute life that abounds in shepherd's purse, plantain, grasses and such like. If one wishes to test this, procure a handful of the above weeds, shaking them vigorously over a piece of paper, and give to the birds. You will also have demonstrated to you one of the reasons why young chicks thrive so on grass runs. But why say more? Is it not written in the chronicles of G. E. Weston, in "Answers to Correspondence," that these things are so? Hybrid pairs would benefit with a little of this diet, and breeders would, perhaps, save a valuable Hybrid if they had a little of this food at hand. I fancy I can hear some of you say, "But how can I obtain it in sufficient quantities?" Nothing easier when you know how. Certainly not by picking them individually off plants, etc. An entomologist would resort to the simple method known as "tapping." I have previously mentioned the hawthorn, oak and elm, and for general purposes perhaps the former would be the best to operate on. It would take up too much valuable space to enumerate all the signs of insect life on tree or shrub; but some are only too well known to those of us with a love of gardening. In a week or two we shall see on some of the bushes a mass of gossamer thread-like spider's web. These contain or keep together huge battalions of young larvæ, and this is the ideal spot for the collector. Spread a sheet or paper beneath branch or bush as the case may be, and administer several sharp blows to same with a heavy stick. This will dislodge the caterpillars, and, as all is fish that comes to our net, we have no selecting, as in the case of the entomologist. Transfer the catch to a tin box, and do not omit to procure some "feed." This must come from the same specie of tree, and, by keeping fresh, you will be able to keep in good health until stock is exhausted. Your store box must be fitted over with muslin, as fresh air is just as essential to insect as to bird life. In conclusion, try and educate your feeding hens to the insect diet. They will readily eat fresh ants' eggs, and if they acquire a taste for the small green caterpillar, you have an ideal bird to take over a nest of young Hybrids. I trust the above method of procuring insect food will be of some use to my brother fanciers, and I have not much doubt that those that the Finches refuse will be quickly demolished by the various Buntings and Softbills. We cannot do without each other's help, and, just as we touch on our botanical friends' preserves, so also must we raid the secrets of the lover of entomology, if we wish to succeed in our particular fancy or hobby. Personally, I am greatly indebted to CAGE BIRDS, not only as a fancier, but for those bright articles which appeal to that which is best in us—a love of Nature.

S. FULLER.

[Keepers of British Finches will, we are sure, feel deeply indebted to Mr. Fuller for his most instructive and interesting letter.—ED.]

THE "OBSTROPULOUS" YOUNG CUCKOO.

SIR,—I have often seen the young Cuckoo ejecting or attempting to throw out other eggs in the nest that the young Cuckoo was hatched in. As the period of the year is now coming when young ones can be found, if naturalists that have not seen this performance would carry in their pockets a boy's small marble they can use this instead of an egg; the young bird cannot throw a marble out, but it will exert itself and try to do it. The marble, being round, it constantly rolls back again into the nest. J. H. VERRALL.

AMONGST THE BIRDS AT ROTHESAY.

Notes by a Scottish Gardener.

SIR,—Blackbirds are very plentiful this season, and are now busy with their nestlings. These birds are seen at their best when about three years old. What a handsome bird the Blackbird is then, with his amber beak and jet-black coat! In the spring they feed largely on worms, grubs, and other insects; during the summer they feed on insects and fruit, such as strawberries, gooseberries, red and black currants; in fact, they will tackle anything in the fruit line. The Song Thrushes are also very numerous, in fact, more so than the Blackbirds. It is very amusing to watch these birds on the lawns. They will run for a few yards, stop all of a sudden, hold their head to the side as if listening, and then make a tap at Mr. Worm. During the early part of the year they feed on worms, snails, and other insects. They are not so partial to fruit as the Blackbird. Robins we have in plenty, and what beautiful fellows they are, also the fiercest of great fighters. I have seen them nearly kill one another. During the summer they feed on worms, grubs, flies, and other insects. In the winter they will eat all sorts of scraps from the table, and if you want to see them enjoy themselves give them a piece of fresh butter. Hedge Sparrows are also very plentiful. They are sober-looking chaps, but beautiful songsters. In the summer he feeds on all sorts of insects, seeds, etc. Tits are also in plenty—Great Tit, Tom Tit, Marsh Tit, Cole Tit, and Long-tailed Tit; but I have not yet seen the Crested or Bearded Tit here. Their winter food is all sorts of nuts. This winter beech mast has been very plentiful, and has kept them going. In summer they feed on caterpillars and all sorts of insects. I have watched them feeding young, and in nearly every instance they were feeding on small green caterpillars. Starlings are always to be seen here in large numbers, and are great friends to the farmer and gardener. I have seen a pair of these birds when feeding young carrying hundreds of large grubs to them every day. In summer they feed on grubs and other insects, and in winter they are very fond of scraps from the table. The Pied Wagtail is very plentiful, also Greys, but I have seen very few Yellows. I notice these birds feed principally on flies. I have watched the Greys and Pieds hunting on the housetops for them all through the winter months. Golden-crested and Jenny Wrens are also very numerous. I have also seen one Fire Crest. These birds feed on all sorts of tiny insects, flies especially. Tree Creepers are also plentiful, and it is a pretty sight to see these birds creeping all round the trees hunting for small insects. Larks are also to be seen in large numbers; they feed on grain and all sorts of insects. Waxwings are very seldom seen. Six years ago I caught one feeding on the yew-berries in the garden, but I have not seen one here since. Stonechat are also to be seen here on the moors; they are beautiful birds, and it is a pretty sight to seem them skip over the heather after flies, etc. In summer we have the Whinchat, Redstart, and Wheatear, three beautiful birds, also Spotted Flycatcher, Whitethroat, Wood Wren, and a good few of the Warblers, but I have not seen the Pied Flycatcher. Bullfinches are very plentiful. I notice Bullfinches feed mostly on heather. In spring they feed on buds of larch, hawthorn, plums, black currants, and gooseberries; in summer on dandelion, groundsel, milk thistle, sorrel, dock, meadowsweet, redshank, etc. Goldfinches are not very numerous; I have only seen one, but I am glad to say a flock of eight has been seen at different times this past winter. They feed on dandelion, milk thistle, teazle, knapweed, groundsel, redshank, etc. The Brown Linnet is very common here; he is a beautiful songster; during summer he feeds on all sorts of seeds, such as shepherd's purse, chickweed, sorrel, redshank, dandelion, etc. Twites are also very numerous, and breed here freely. I have hatched and reared this bird under Canaries, also had a pair which bred in an outdoor aviary last summer; food same as Linnet. The Lesser Redpoll is very common, but very few Mealies come here; only one has been caught here to my knowledge. Siskins are not very plentiful, but of late they have been more numerous, a few nesting here. During summer they feed on dandelion, milk thistle, groundsel, knapweed, seeding heads of grass, etc.; in winter the seed of the alder is largely used. Greenfinches are to be seen in large numbers. For months I have seen them feed on the stones of the yewberries. Chaffinches are also very plentiful, and in spring they are a picture to look on. Bramble-finches have been very plentiful this winter, owing, I think, to the splendid crop of beech mast. Yellow and Reed Buntings are very common here, but I have not yet come across the Cirl, Common, and Snow Buntings. During the spring and summer a great many of our birds are destroyed in the gardens, which, I think, is for want of thought, for if it was not for the birds we would have very few crops. Anyone who has a large range of glasshouses, where birds are excluded, knows it costs pounds yearly for fumigating to keep down insects. When sowing seeds people should mix a little red lead and paraffin oil along with them; after the seeds come through the ground insert a few twigs at each side of bed, run black thread across same, and the birds will not come near them. Don't grudge the birds a little, but always remember they are our best friends in the garden.

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SIR,—I think it is my duty to give your paper a few lines of praise. A few weeks ago I met a friend of mine, and he was reading CAGE BIRDS. He remarked to me what a good penny-worth it was, and said you could always get some very fine information out of it. I made up my mind to try my luck at Canary breeding, and got him to write to you and ask you a few questions, which you were kind enough to answer through your paper. I may say that I have acted on your information, and can now call myself a full-blown fancier and breeder. I have had four nests of Canaries off since, and look like having some more soon (thanks to you). I may say, since I have taken breeding on. I go straight home from work, instead of calling on so many public-houses, and I can assure you that I now feel a different man. It has really kept me from being the worse for drink for the past two months. I should recommend any man to have Canary breeding as a hobby, it being a very clean pastime.

COLEY DEFRIEND.

THE WICKEDNESS OF COLOUR FEEDING.

SIR,—After referring to "prejudice" and "plebiscite," your correspondent, C. St. J., promulgates a deep and brain-racking problem: "Granted that the true bird fancier is not to be found at shows, where was the bird Fancy to be found before shows became popular?" I will endeavour to answer him to the best of my ability, and also to draw a simile (spell it 'simile,' please, Mr. Editor, not "smile"; this is a serious matter). Thirty years ago (I am writing of our city) you could find the Fancy (ugly word!) at the same place as you can now find football enthusiasts, especially if the landlord was a birdy man, and sometimes they raised a show amongst themselves; and I maintain that you could then, as now, find the true fancier among his birds, certainly not only at the shows; that was his evening's or day's recreation. Now for the similitude. Where do you find the true gardener? Once or twice a year at the shows, and at other times in his garden, either in an old coat or his shirt sleeves, with a spade, fork, pruning or budding knife in his hand, let alone seed setting, but not with a blue bag, chrome, or red ochre.

THE PINK AND GREEN-STRIPED ELEPHANT.

PARASITES ON CANARIES.

A Quick and Easy Way to Clear them.

SIR,—I have cleared a few birds during the last few weeks of this pest, and I will give my method of clearing a bird from them, which is far quicker and less trouble in the long run than any other I have yet seen put before fanciers up to date. We are often advised to use insect powder. I have, and find it is not the slightest use for clearing either birds or cages. As to the way Mr St John advises this week, it would take too long altogether, and the breeding season be half over before a bird could be cleared. If the bird was a hen, this method would never do if it was wanted for breeding. Whoever would keep catching a hen and dusting her when she was in the breeding cage and shortly expected to lay? Now a few weeks since I found five of my Canaries with the grey lice on them—three hens and two cocks. I cleared these birds of the lice at once, and to-day I have looked over them carefully and I have not found one. I had intended to give my method before our Cage Bird Society, and to wash an infected bird before the members; but I think if I give the matter publicity in your paper at the present time it will do more good now than it would later in the breeding season. The way I clear a bird of grey lice (I think that is the best name for them) is to wash the bird by hand in the usual way, and in the last water for rinsing put about two teaspoonfuls of Jeye's Fluid in a quart of water and rinse the bird in this in the ordinary way, and dry as usual. I guarantee that you will not find a single live louse after it is dry, and the bird will not be troubled by them again for some time. As a preventative of disease it is a grand thing, and it will not injure the bird in any way; even where there is a sore on one it will do no harm, but will help it to heal wonderfully. I occasionally spray my birds with the same quantity of fluid in the water, and it keeps them from being troubled by red-mite. If a few drops of the fluid be put in the water for bathing it will answer, and it does not deter the birds from having their usual dip. The fluids that I have used, and I have found them all efficient, are Jeye's Fluid, Sanitas and Killgerm. Any preparation containing carbolic I should avoid. Now to show that this is a genuine way, and that not the least harm will come to any bird washed, I will wash any bird that is infested with these lice for any local fancier, and I will pay value of bird if it should die through it, and any fancier or fanciers can watch it done. I will defy anyone to find any lice after the bird is dry again. They will be seen at the ends of the feathers, dead, and will drop off when the bird preens itself. These preparations are a grand thing to keep your cages free from red-mite, but for the cages I use half fluid and half water. You need not remove birds from cages, as the smell will not harm them at all, and it will not poison them if it goes on their food or sand. It is absolutely harmless. I had a Bolton fancier here the other day (Mr T. H. Cooper), and he saw a pair of birds I had washed that afternoon. Perhaps he will confirm what I have said about it killing the lice. I may say that the hen laid four eggs within ten days of being washed, so this should prove that it has not harmed her in any way.

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GUARANTEEING CLASSES AFTER CLOSE OF ENTRIES.

SIR,—In reference to Mr. L. Brown's letter in your issue of the 26th, I assure Mr. Brown I had no desire to infer a breach of faith in anyone. Mr. Brown now states what he calls facts which were never published. With these, whatever their intention or meaning, we have nothing to do. The facts must be taken and read as they were presented to exhibitors. These consist of the simple guarantee and the rules under which the show takes place. The guarantee, if it meant anything at all, must necessarily mean full prize money. If you strike out the first clause of rule 2, then there would have been no room for complaint, and the statement made by Mr. Carl should never have been published, neither should the statement which appears at the head of the Scotch Fancy and Crest sections been sent to the printers if only half prize-money was agreed upon between the proprietor of CAGE BIRDS and Mr. Brown and his committee. I observe, however, the guarantor has agreed to pay full prize-money to such exhibitors as may have been misled. I am pleased to see this, as it will so far allay feeling and no doubt prevent unpleasant proceedings. But I just wish to say that I shall not accept the full prize-money in any sense given ex gratia, but only what I am entitled to according to the plain and only reasonable interpretation of the guarantee read along with No. 2 of the general rules and regulations under which the show was held. I have never had any doubt as to position taken up, and felt quite sure, from a legal point of view, Mr. Brown's position is quite untenable. I may also say, for Mr. Brown's information, and to show that mostly all the exhibitors in those classes are of the same opinion as myself, that they never expected anything else other than full prize-money. A large number of those have written me, and they have also written him, claiming full prize-money. One would think from Mr. Brown's letter that I had been the only one misled, as he calls it. As already stated, we have accepted what we consider the only possible construction that the notes by the guarantor could convey, coupled with Mr. Brown's declaration in catalogue at top of those classes, that they were guaranteed by F. Carl, proprietor of CAGE BIRDS. We are, therefore, of opinion that those classes should be paid in full. E. G. WRIGHT.

[In the face of the above letter, we have no option but to withdraw our offer to the L. and P.O.S. in so far as it affects Mr. Wright. If he is satisfied of his legal claim, he must, so far as we are concerned, put it to the test. —ED. "C. B."]

ALLEGED CASE OF BORROWED BIRDS AT CREWE.

SIR,—Since attending the last meeting of C.O.S. I have read my letter of March 16th very carefully, but I fail to find anything in it that has not been proved. In the first place, it states the matter was talked about. Now, I think this was proved by the man attending the meeting and making his charge. The next thing it states both secs. had full knowledge, also knew where it originated, and the sec. of C.O.S. has never denied he had as much knowledge as myself. Now, if the man had produced the proofs, the case was a simple one; but I doubt if he has any to produce, although he said he had them in his pocket at the time. But, of course, they were useless if not produced. Now, if I have said or done anything wrong, I hope both societies and the member of C.O.S. will accept my apology, as it is a pity I took any notice of the yarns spun by Mr. Truman. FAIRPLAY.

SIR,—I write on behalf of the Crewe O.S. to make it clear that there was no truth in the case at all. The gentleman who circulated the report was asked to attend the meeting, and bring proof as regards the member borrowing the bird for the Crewe Utility Show, but could give none. We gave him another chance to make a statement in writing to me (the secretary), but instead of doing this, he wrote the man whom the offender had been in the habit of dealing with for all his birds. I also wrote the gentleman with regard to offender, when I could get no statement from the man who circulated this trash. I wish you, Mr. Editor, on behalf of the offender and Society, to publish copy of letter I received. A. WILKINSON.

Copy of letter received April 3rd.

DEAR SIR,—In reply to your letter, I shall certainly attend the meeting of the society and bring full facts of the case you refer to before the member. FROM THE CIRCULATOR.

[Copy of letter received April 21st.]

DEAR SIR,—Regarding the matter referred to in your letter, it is, as far as I know, only a matter of spite. The facts of the case are this. The offender has bought from me a large number of show birds, and the man who circulated the story obtained my address, and came over to buy birds. I sold him a few; then he tried to work sharp practices on me to obtain more, so I refused to have any further dealings with him. He in turn blamed the offender for the occurrence, so the thing is in my mind too paltry for either you or I to mix up in, as the offender has already paid me for all birds obtained from me. I have sold him over 500. Why should he want to borrow, as in my estimation it would throw discredit on the birds I had sold him? You can obtain proof from the man who circulated the statement of his intentions, if he will produce the letter he wrote me last week, which I returned to him with comments written thereon, and referred him to you and offender with his letter. So please ask him for it, as I do not care to enter into so mean a squabble, and in conclusion can only hope you are not blessed with many such members as "Fairplay." Wishing the Society every success.

MORE NEW CLUBS.

DORCHESTER AND DIS. C.B.S.

SIR,—Will you grant me the space to bring before the fanciers of Dorchester and district the desirability of forming a cage bird society for the county? We are probably the only county in England unrepresented. I have the names of several fanciers who are willing to join. Trusting that all fanciers will respond, so that we can call a meeting at some convenient time and place. A. E. PICKETT, junr.

6, Lorne Road, Victoria Park, Dorchester.

CLAPHAM, BALHAM AND TOOTING C.B.A.

SIR,—For some time past a few fanciers in this district have considered the prospects of forming yet another London cage bird society, and as a result a meeting will be held at the Alexandra Hotel, Clapham Common, S.W., at 8 p.m., on Wednesday, May 8th, to discuss the scheme. The support of many well-known fanciers is promised, amongst whom I may mention Messrs. Maxwell, Vale, Silver, Lott, Hathaway and Frostick. Mr. Baker, of Foulser Road, Upper Tooting, an enthusiastic Canary fancier, has expressed his willingness to take the post of Hon. Sec., and I am sure he will not be lacking in energy, the essential for making the new venture a success. It is hoped that the "Eagle" Club, which has run so many successful members' shows during the past four or five years, will be merged into the new society. The objects of the Association will be to promote the breeding of Canaries and Hybrids, and proper keeping and exhibiting of British and Foreign birds. All fanciers and those interested in birds are invited to attend the meeting and give their support, for a good start is half the battle in these matters.

S. A. SANDY.

WEST BROMWICH C.B.S.

SIR,—We have decided to start this society, and arranged a meeting, to which we invited Mr. A. Broadhurst, Chairman City of Birmingham C.B.S., who gave us some good advice. We drew up a set of rules and elected a sub-committee from the members enrolled: Mr. G. Key (Chairman), Messrs. Green, Morton, Bayliss, Beck and Jennings, with Mr. T. Duffield, junr., as Secretary pro tem. With such enthusiasts at the head of affairs, we cannot help being amongst the principal societies at the finish. The committeemen have arranged to visit all fanciers they know to try and induce them and their friends to join us. We expect to have a large muster at our next meeting, which will be held at Green's Refreshment Rooms, Bull Street, on May 7th, at 8.30. The society should provide a long-felt want, and flourish immensely. From the way one or two are bringing up fresh members, we may be fifty strong, as we now count two dozen and have only had one meeting. There was no radius fixed, so we expect to draw members from Oldbury, Great Bridge, Smethwick, Handsworth, etc. The Secretary pro tem. (Mr. Duffield) will be pleased to hear from any intending members and give them any further information they may require. His address is 18, Braybrook Street, West Bromwich.

J. H. JENNINGS.

SPLIT AT KILMARNOCK.

A Cage Bird Society to be Formed.

SIR,—Owing to the harsh treatment meted out to the Cage Bird section of the Kilmarnock Poultry, Pigeons, and Cage Bird Show, at the annual general meeting last Saturday, it was unanimously decided by the Cage Bird section to form ourselves into an Open Show, confined to Cage Birds only. A mass meeting of fanciers will be held at the Ossington Hotel, John Finnie-street, on Saturday, May 4th, at 7.30 p.m., to enrol members and carry on a new Society on our own behalf. All those interested are heartily invited to attend. Should any fancier wish to become a member, please to communicate with WM. WATSON.

49, Glebe-road, Kilmarnock.

NOVEL GREEN-FOOD HOLDER.

SIR,—I enclose you sample of a new watercress and dandelion holder, made from a penny tie clip, and which I find very useful in my bird room, especially so during the breeding season. It is very easily adjusted, and prevents the birds from spreading it over the bottom of cage. After flattening out the ends of the clip, I slightly bow them, so that they won't cut the stalks, and then solder a wire at the back as per pattern enclosed. Any brother fancier could make a dozen of these in about an hour, providing he is the possessor of a pair of pliers and a soldering iron. They would very well repay him for his trouble, being both useful and inexpensive. WALTER LEA.

IS SHE EGG-BOUND?

SIR,—I have a case to lay before your readers, the like of which I have never seen dealt with before, even in CAGE BIRDS. I have a Hen Canary, which has been egg bound for a month. It was too fat when it was timed to lay, and showed the usual symptoms of egg-binding. The usual treatment of steaming and oiling was administered, still the egg was not passed, and just now the egg lies at the right-hand side of the vent, making a huge swelling. I am sure the swelling is not a growth, or anything of that sort, for I have touched it and noticed the shape of it. At first the Canary moped and was very ill, but it is regaining its health, and I have turned it into a large aviary, so that the exercise may keep it thin. I am puzzled on three points:—(1) Why the Canary is still living; (2) where the second, third, and fourth eggs are; (3) why the egg, being where it is, and at an even temperature, has not hatched out. I shall anxiously scan CAGE BIRDS for replies. W. R. S.

THE INDIAN SHAMA.

SIR,—"Chiria Walla," in describing the Indian Shama has, I think, mistaken it for another bird, which I believe is sometimes called a Shama, as it is coloured somewhat like the true Shama, but is a bird more like a Robin or Chat, with a short tail. The true Shama, which is a noted songster, and is imported into this country, is only, I believe, found in thick jungle or forest, and never frequents human habitations. In most parts of India, the real Shama is a very favourite cage bird. My experience of the Shama is confined to Bengal, Behor, and North-West Provinces. It may be that the same bird frequents dwellings in the Punjab, but it seems unlikely. C. HARRISON.

ROSY-CRESTED COCKATOOS AS LINGUISTS.

SIR,—I see you have two correspondents asking about these birds. I am of opinion that if their owners make a fuss and pet them with kindness, they will talk. I have had mine two years this spring. He said nothing the first nine or ten months, but now he can say nearly a hundred words and short sentences; and if any interested persons care to call and hear him, they are welcome, provided they send a postcard to say time of their visit, so that I may be at home. He talks nearly all the morning, and rests in afternoon. He is very tame, and lets all of us fondle him. Of course, we all make a great fuss of him. When a knock or ring at front door occurs he says, "Who's that?" "Meat, meat," meaning the cats'-meat man, and he is still learning. I mean to have another by and bye, and try my luck with it. L. KNOWLES.

18, Meeson Street, Clapton Park.

NOTES ON THE TANAGER IN CAPTIVITY.

SIR,—In reply to Mr. H. R. Davidson, re the ingredients of my food for Tanagers, much as I would like to grant his request, I regret that just at present I cannot see my way clear to do so, for several reasons; but chiefly I would say I am only in the experimental stage myself. Since November last I have had 31 Tanagers, and before mixing my own food I had the misfortune to lose six—three Superbs, one Olive, two Scarlets; but since, I am pleased to say I have had no deaths. Now, I am anxiously watching the effects of this food during the moult. I have already three Superbs, one Olive and one Scarlet hen practically through this trying period, and others well commenced. So far, all appear in perfect health—at any rate, they are as lively as possible—and the Olives and Superbs in full song. Those who have not heard the song of the Olives would be quite surprised to do so. It is a bright cheerful song, and of fair duration. The Olives excel by far both in length and sweetness of their song. I have never heard the faintest song from the Scarlets, only a call note; nor have I yet distinguished either a song or loud call note from the Blues and Browns. I thank Mr. Davidson for his kind remarks. I do not claim to be an expert, only a passionate lover of Foreign birds. I have studied a great number of the imported species, and all the knowledge I have of birds I have acquired from the specimens themselves. My experience has taught me that to be successful in acclimatising delicate Foreign birds one must give them plenty of room, plenty of fresh air and the bath. These in conjunction with good and proper foods, and then leave Nature to do the rest. I shall be most pleased to answer any correspondence from Foreign bird fanciers.

It may also interest Parrakeet fanciers to know that I have every probability of crossing the Red Rosella and Blue Bonnet. The latter is cleaning her nest, whilst the cock bird pays her every attention and feeds her regularly. It is singular to note how the pairing of these birds commenced. Having purchased the Blue Bonnet, I placed her in my Parrakeet aviary. She had not been there very long before Mr. Rosella pays her every attention, leaving his own mate in the lurch, and eventually to give her a severe thrashing, nearly stripping the feathers off the crown of her head. This decided me to separate them, placing the cock Rosella and Blue Bonnet in a smaller aviary (really a portion of the larger one, divided only by ½-inch wire netting), in which I already had a pair of Bloodrumps. I thought they would be safe together until the breeding season commenced. A week or so passed safely by, and then, apparently, the Bloodrumps began to look out their nest box. This was more than the Rosella could tolerate, so he politely gives the Bloodrump cock a thrashing—so much so that, before I could enter the aviary to separate them, he had fatally injured the Bloodrump. I then gave them the whole of this portion to themselves, but still he is most aggressive. Every time another bird flies on the wire netting division he goes for it. In this way he has bitten off the hind claw of a cock Mealy Rosella and the beak off a Budgerigar, and was becoming so vicious that I felt compelled to put a double row of netting between the two aviaries. The old saying is, "All is fair in love and war." They appear to be experiencing both, and, as they are a most handsome pair of birds, I am wondering "what will the harvest be?" O. MILLSUM.

RINGS FOR CANARIES.

SIR,—I have had a lot of fanciers writing to me for the B.R.C.C. closed rings, which I have had to refuse, as only fanciers who are members of the different Roller clubs are supplied with these rings. Non-members wishing to ring their birds should write to the maker, whose address will be found in your advertising columns. I am pleased to say that we have broken the record this season, having issued over 3,000. W. NORRIS.

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"LIKE A FAIRY TALE."

SIR,—I would just like you to publish these few lines in your valuable paper, as they may be of some use to other fanciers. I am not going to take up space in praising Zam-Buk concerning what it is advertised for, as it can speak for itself, but the below are solid facts concerning what it has done to a few of my feathered pets. About two years ago, I had a Goldfinch in my aviary, which was very lame and unable to put one claw down. It seemed to be in great pain, so I took it out and bathed its feet and legs, and having a tin of Zam-Buk handy, I rubbed its feet and legs with it. I put it back in the aviary, and it was apparently all right next day, and hopping on both feet, and I had no more trouble with it. A few months after, I had a Hawfinch entered for Hartlepool Show, and the day before the Show I noticed it was all fluffed in a ball, and holding one leg up. I moved it and found it was unable to put one foot on the perch. As it had to be despatched that night, I was rather disappointed. I, however, repeated the same performance as with the Goldfinch, and in a few hours had the satisfaction of seeing it hopping the perches as usual, and he won 1st and spl next day. Now, only the other day, my 12 year-old Goldfinch Mule was unable to stand on the perch at all, and was obliged to support itself on the seed box or cage bottom by spreading out its wings, having apparently lost complete use of its legs. I thought its end was near, and put it down to old age. I again tried Zam-Buk on its legs, and before the day was out had the satisfaction of seeing it on the perch. I intended repeating the performance, but it has not been necessary, as he is all right now, and singing away. This may seem a fairy tale to some, but other fanciers can prove my story, and I'm sure if my old Mule could speak, he would gladly endorse my story also. P. C. FORSTER.

Butterknowle, Co. Durham.

THE KEYSTONE OF THE C.B.U.

SIR,—In correspondence under above heading certain reference has been made to Gateshead, both by Mr. MacPartling and Mr. Robson. Seeing that Gateshead is not alone in objecting to rule 17, I say again that it is most unfair to particularise "Gateshead." The correspondence by some writers could have served the same purpose without particularising any society. When writers stoop to personalities it is always an evident sign of ill-feeling, and such contributes neither to the welfare of the Fancy nor yet to the better understanding of each other, and, as there are always two sides to every question, it is a most unfair insinuation to say that the other side are misled. Mr. MacPartling would have readers believe that the knowledge I possess pricks my conscience and upsets my equanimity, as he said nothing about "misleaders." This is another insinuation on his part. I would refer him to his first letter under above heading, wherein he says: "Gateshead have followed the bad example," etc.; "but they have been misled." I suppose next he will be saying that we can be misled without having misleaders. Truly, fair and honourable criticism, this, isn't it?—or, if I may be allowed to use one of his own particular pet phrases, "childish," isn't it? Whatever he calls writing plain, I think the insinuations he wishes to convey are plainly antagonistic both to myself and the Gateshead Society. As he constitutes himself a wall of the C.B.U. on coercive principles, no doubt he thinks he can insinuate coercive principles in other directions as well. But let me tell him there is a limit to insinuations, whether they are meant either for the society or myself; and where an injury is meant suitable notice will be taken of such, and proper precautions will be taken for the refutation of same. I have no wish to restrain anyone from fair criticism, but a judge-and-jury style I have no sympathy for. Whatever construction Mr. MacPartling puts on this phrase of my letter which he has thought good enough to repeat, it was a reply to a general accusation by Mr. J. Robson against secretaries allowing themselves to be patronised, etc., and, as some might take it that the reference applied to me, I gave it a direct misnomer, and added the phrase Mr. MacP. alludes to, and to which, no doubt, he would interpret a meaning of his own. But let that be as it is; it should be a matter of indifference to one who is not a member of Gateshead Society—at least, not a paying member. He may consider himself still a member, but I am neither in receipt of his resignation for 1906 nor yet his subscription, although I wrote him on more than one occasion. He claims he is not an official of the C.B.U., nor is he seeking to be. We can all have our opinion about one who goes past their own representative and rushes to the Fancy Press. Are there more objectors to rule 17? Perhaps yes, and all such are misled; truly a fitting phrase against those that exhibit more birds at one show than he has done all his life—at least, so long as I have known him! I would ask him before he rushes into print again to consider well the honesty of his principles, whether they are prompted by himself or not. There is a wide difference between writing an article on C.B.U. principles and condemning a society as being misled. It is indeed time all such knavish practices were stopped, and, as I have said before, they are neither for the benefit of the Fancy or yet to the better understanding of each other. Is it not a fact that the C.B.U. have put greater hardships on to societies than they can well afford? Some societies, not including Gateshead, have even to pay their delegates' expenses to district meetings, and cannot even learn any business transacted at such—or, if any, of the scantiest. Are members willing to pay to secret societies? T. TAYLOR.

TAKING BIRDS BY SEA.

SIR,—Will any reader who knows say if it is an easy matter to take a few pet birds across on a liner to the United States by a steerage passenger, giving particulars as to how he should proceed about it, and oblige? EMIGRANT.

PREPARING EGG-FOOD FOR FEEDING YOUNG CANARIES.

SIR,—I do not remember having seen in CAGE BIRDS the following method of preparing egg-food. It is the simplest, quickest and cleanest way I have tried. I use a pestle and mortar, grind up not less than two Osborne biscuits to a powder, then add half a hard-boiled egg. Just crush the egg with the pestle and grind the powdered egg and biscuit together. On reading this you will perhaps think it comes out pasty, but stir it up with a wooden skewer, and it comes out just crumbly moist. THOS. SOAR.

CAGING LOST BIRDS.

SIR,—I would like to give you an experience I had last week-end. On Good Friday morning I hung out a Linnet, and about an hour after I was surprised to see a knot of people watching a bird on the top of cage. Thinking it was my Linnet got loose, I hurried up to see what was the matter, and found another bird trying to get to the seed in the feeder. I went into the house to get another cage, but on my return it had flown away, nor did it come back that day. On Saturday morning I hung out the Linnet again about 8 a.m., and to my surprise the visitor of the previous day made his re-appearance, and again tried to get to the seed. So, getting another cage, and putting some seed in the bottom, I placed it on top of the other one. In about half an hour back comes the visitor, who no sooner saw the cage door open than in he flew, and so was captured. On examining my strange capture, I found it was a Linnet who, by its steadiness, proved to have been caged before. It was very dirty, I can assure you, with flying about the house tops in the centre of Manchester. He is now singing stoutly, and is as steady as a rock.—D. SCHOLEFIELD.

THE EXHIBITION POINTS OF A LINNET.

SIR,—I will try to give Mr. King proof of the assertions I have made, as to a Linnet having a light throat. Mr. Houlton gave a lecture on the Brown Linnet before the members of St. Helens C.B.S., December, 1900, a report of which at the time appeared in "Fur and Feather." In this he says the Linnet should show a light underground collar at the neck, the same light underground to continue down centre of breast. Well, then, we will take a more recent date, not so far back as the 1903 Show at Leeds, Mr. K. Last November, at our Stockton Show, Mr. Battye judged Canaries, and Mr. Maddison British, and during personal conversation with Mr. Battye (if that gentleman will pardon me for using his words), he said, pointing to the 1st prize winner, "I like to see the light throat, then I know it's right," this of course alluding to the faking business. This bird was placed 1st by Mr. Maddison, and also stood 1st a little while before this at Middlesbro' under Mr. Battye, and won a great many 1st prizes in the North last season under several judges. F. MARWOOD.

AN APPEAL TO THE CHARITABLE.

SIR,—I beg to appeal through your columns to charitably disposed fanciers and readers on behalf of the family of the late Mr. W. Orme, of Childs Hill, Hampstead (whose intimation of decease appears in another part of this paper). It is scarcely twelve months ago that he was visited with what I might say is the worst affliction that any man could have. In a space of three months he was bereft of two of his youngest children, and a few weeks later the worst blow of all, the death of his wife, which in no small measure is one of the causes of his death. He leaves behind a family of seven, of which the three youngest are unable to help themselves, and it is on the behalf of these poor children, who are left in straitened circumstances, that I appeal to the sympathy of the Fancy. Our late friend first showed Norwich Plainheads at the second Show of the North Metropolitan C.B.A., which I think must be some 12 to 14 years ago, and on the dissolution of that society he became a member of the City and Suburban A.C.B. in 1898. He was also a founder of the London and Counties A.C.B., and was also a member of the North London C.B.A. Knowing him personally for the last nine years, I can say he was always ready to help any deserving cause that lay in his power, and that he was a most upright and honourable fancier. It has been noticed by myself and others that he has been far from well for several months past, but he never gave up until his return from his employment on the Saturday after Good Friday, when he collapsed and took to his bed, which he never left again, blood poisoning having set in and struck inwardly. I visited him only last Friday evening, when the doctor said he was out of danger, and on my next visit I was astounded to hear that he had passed away. I should be very thankful to receive any donations, however small, from any who can help this most deserving case, which I will acknowledge through this paper. I have already interviewed Mr. Wynn, Secretary of the City and Suburban, who very kindly has sent 10s. 6d., and a similar sum in addition, on behalf of the members. Mr. A. Williams, Treasurer of the London and Counties, has likewise sent 20s. to relieve the immediate wants of this distressed family.

R. J. PRETTY.

Many letters unavoidably held over.

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The Rearing and Management of Insectivorous British Birds.

A Paper by Mr. S. W. Birchley, Gloucester, read before the Sheffield C.B.S. on April 4th, 1907.

Brother Fanciers,—Having been asked by your worthy secretary, Mr. Bishop, to write you a short paper on the rearing and management of insectivorous British birds, I have great pleasure in doing so, for if my experience has not been a long one, it has been successful, as far as the various species of Softbilled birds are concerned. No doubt some of you here are acquainted with many of the facts I shall place before you, but I feel sure it will be helpful at least to some. For Hard and Softbilled British birds I have always had a great liking, and have made a study of them in their wild state when they have been visiting this country, as I believe that most of our insectivorous birds are more or less migratory (with a few exceptions, of course although I never took to caging the insectivorous varieties until February, 1906.

How the fever "took" me to make such interesting little pets prisoners was owing to a friend of mine giving me a Bullfinch; and the next bird I bought was a Chaffinch, at a bird shop in London, when I went up to see the great National Show at the Crystal Palace. I was so struck with the lovely specimens there on exhibition, that I felt sure that if others could successfully rear and feed these delicate birds, I myself could do so. I purchased my first copy of a well-known periodical from the stall at the show, and also "pinched" a few specimen copies I saw on a chair. Without the least hesitation I advise every fancier to take the Fancy papers, as most useful articles are always appearing in them.

THE HOUSING CONSIDERED.

Now, as regards the birds themselves and their management: Firstly, as to the housing them, I much prefer a place erected outside to the use of an inside room. If it is within the means of the fancier, he should build his bird-room of double match-board, not less than ¾ of an inch thick, nailed to a morticed framework of 2 in. by 2 in., or quartering of like size, the base being 4 in. by 4 in. red deal. Many fanciers have a top light in preference to a front light; of course, this is a matter of opinion, but, personally, I prefer the latter, admitting at the same time that by having a top light you can use both sides of your room for cages, etc.

My own bird-room is constructed in this way, i.e., three rooms all leading off from one door. The first (and the largest) I use expressly for Softbills, the second one for Hardbills, and the end one for show cages, crates, etc. One very important point to bear in mind is that your floor (which should be composed of one inch boards) should be raised from the ground on bricks, so allowing a good current of air to pass underneath. Another thing particularly beneficial, to my mind, is plenty of fresh air, particularly during the fine, warm weather. For this purpose, I have a wire door, which shuts inside the ordinary one, thus allowing the latter to be left open with safety, providing the wire one is locked. I also like to see all the windows made to open, whether in roof or side, for the purpose of ventilation, but it is always advisable to cover the inside with ½ in. mesh lattice wire in case of emergency.

I think the cages the next matter of importance. These I prefer made of pine, with punch-bar front, with a door; also with a door in the end for passing the bird from the stock to the show cage, and vice versa. For bathing purposes I ignore the old-fashioned hook-on baths, by providing a bathing place at left hand side of cage, making a false drawer some 6 in. wide, to which is fixed a zinc bath. The size of the latter must be according to the size of the bird and the cage itself. To prevent the water being splashed over the floor of the cage, carry your runner on the side where the drawer moves some 6 in. high; hence the water will remain in the bathing apartment. Don't forget to allow, say, ¼ in. play, for the drawer will sure to swell; then it will be easily removed. I do not contend that these baths need always be in use; when not, I dry them out and place sawdust or peat moss litter in the bottoms, and so they are kept clean.

SIZES AND DETAILS OF CAGES.

With regard to the size of the cages for Wagtails, Pipits, Larks, etc., I use a cage 2 ft. 6 in. long, 14 in. deep (from back to front), and 14 in. high over all, so that the bird has ample room for exercise at all times. With Wagtails and Pipits I use four perches, two to three inches apart, and some three inches from floor of cage, for them to walk on, and this I also believe rests them considerably. But for Larks of all varieties I use no perches at all.

For small insectivorous birds, such as Stonechats, Whinchats, Redstarts, Whitethroats, Nightingales, Blackcaps, Wrynecks, etc., the same sized cage will be found best; but put two perches, and those about eight inches from floor of cage, at equal distance apart—not, of course, forgetting to allow for the bird's tail at the ends of cage.

For Treecreepers I prefer a cage some 18 in. to 24 in. long, 9 in. back to front, and some 14 in. high, lined with cloth—green preferred—and with no bark, as the latter is very apt to fray their delicate tail feathers.

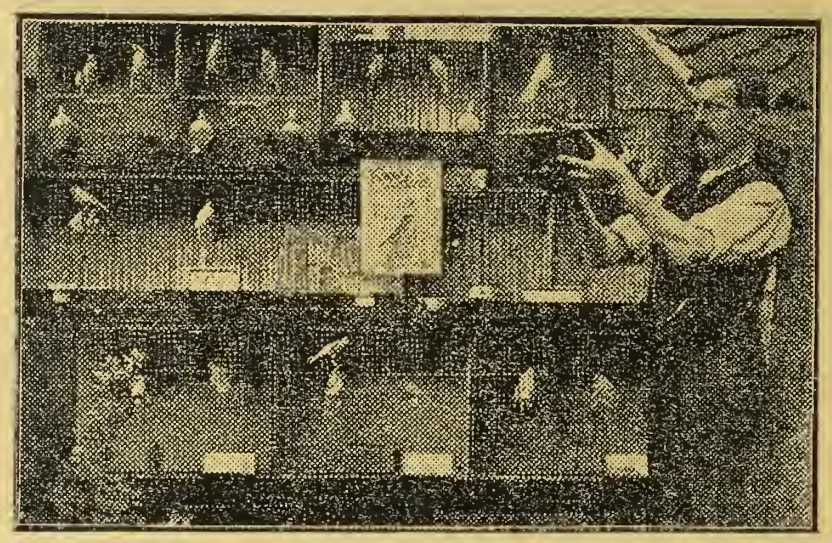
For the larger species, Blackbirds, Thrushes, Ring Ousels, etc., I prefer a cage 2 ft. 6 in. long, 18 in. deep, and 18 in. high, with two perches, and a bath at the end, as before described. I like two doors to each cage, as in all other cases.

To give food in I always use the drawer made of zinc, to push in and pull out at will—for the small birds made some 4 in. long, 1½ in. wide, ¾ in. deep; but for the larger, 4½ in. long, 3 in. wide, and 1 in. deep. Keep all "drinkers" outside, with the exception of the Treecreeper's, which I prefer inside the cage, as they are such delicate mites.

THE "MEATING OFF" OF SOFTBILLS.

I will next endeavour to give you some light on the "meating off" of Softbills. Unless you catch your own specimens, I advise you to purchase birds that are thoroughly well on their food, and not to forget to request the vendor to send you a week's supply of the food the birds have been accustomed to. I think the latter a most important point, as very often it is the change of food, together with strange surroundings, that kills a great many insectivorous birds every year. I am not considering whether the buyer's food is better or worse than the vendor's; that is not the point at all. I hope fanciers will bear this food matter in mind, as it will, no doubt, save many lives. If you catch your own birds, you will find in most cases that if you place some small mealworms in a tin or saucer in the bottom of a cage, and go away, the birds will eat them; but if they refuse, I advise you to feed them by hand, in this way: Cut up two or three of the mealworms, and have a few ants' eggs—not forgetting one or two house flies—close at hand. Take your bird in the left hand and very carefully pass a sharpened match between the upper and lower mandibles, and, when you have opened the beak, place the first finger against the end of it, so preventing it closing, using, of course, the greatest care. Then pick up the various foods a piece at a time on the end of the match and place it well back in the throat; release the beak, and the bird will swallow the food. Continue this until you think it has had enough. I only recommend you to adopt this as a last resource.

I consider that a cage some 8 in. high is sufficient for the "meating" off of Softbills, the same having a linen or canvas top to prevent the bird hurting its head. It is also advisable to place gauze in the front of the cage inside of wire, as this does not hurt the bird. Put water inside the cage, and place the latter in a quiet place for the first day or so, until the bird has got more used to your presence. Gradually wean him off the mealworms to your insectivorous food, carefully watching he does not droop in the meantime.



At the start of the Breeding Season.—Pairing up his Canaries.

THE BILL OF FARE.

The next important item, I believe, is the bill of fare. We all know that the birds I am now trying to deal with feed entirely on insect life in their wild state, with the addition in many cases of fruits, so that we have to provide the nearest substitutes procurable for these. In the first place, I am confident little can be done for any length of time without mealworms. These are expensive to buy, as no doubt you are aware; but at the same time they are a great necessity, particularly in winter, when other insects are not to be had. Gentles, or the maggot of the blowfly, make an excellent food in summer, and they are considerably cheaper. I also use a large quantity of wasp comb, which I find greatly relished, no matter whether what it contains is in the grub or insect state. I would like to mention here, don't over do the gentles or wasp grubs, as the first-named I find apt to disorder the bowels and the latter to be very fattening. These are the three principal live foods; of course, we must not forget smooth caterpillars, flies, spiders, etc., when obtainable. The spider is a really fine thing when a bird is a little out of sorts.

Then we come to the other class of foods—viz., ants' eggs, dried flies, yolk of egg, etc. As to ants' eggs always buy the best, for there is far more nutriment in them, and they are the cheapest in the long run; in any case, don't give less than 2s. 3d. per lb. for them. The dried flies (or, in other words, the Mexican water bugs) you can get in several qualities, like ants' eggs; but go for the best, and see they are free from dust or mould (of course, you can't taste these things like you can canary seed). As to yolk of egg, get the best of this also, or, better still, boil your own—say for 10 minutes—and press through a fine sieve or grater. This, I think, will be cheapest. As a change use best cream cheese, but don't mix this with the food. Place it inside the cage on top of food, if you like, and they will soon find it out; but don't over-do it. Mix the ingredients in about the following quantities:—3 lb. powdered Osborne biscuit to 1 lb. dried flies and ants' eggs and 1 lb. crissel. Keep in a biscuit tin in a dry place. When using, moisten with grated raw carrot, and add just a sprinkling of yolk of egg; also a few currants to the birds that eat them. Mind and not over-do the egg, as I believe it to be not only indigestible but constipating. As a change from the grated carrot I use boiled potato, or watercress, lettuce, etc.

For the Blackbird, Thrush and kindred species I use about another pound of biscuit to the same quantities of flies and ants' eggs, and as a change you will find barley meal, moistened with fresh milk, a nourishing food. Of course, with these birds you can give them boiled potato, table scraps, etc., which they will, as a rule, eat with great gusto, also they will appreciate a few currants or sultanas.

COLOUR FEEDING CONSIDERED.

Perhaps, now I am dealing with foods, a word or two on colour feeding will not be amiss. I find the dark red pepper the best—the deeper, to my mind, the better. When first starting the colour feeding only add a sprinkling to the ordinary food, and gradually increase the quantity of pepper until they are eating their food nearly as red as the colouring agent itself, and so continue until some three weeks after they have apparently ceased moulting. If the pepper is stopped too early the bird will come out blotchy. When discontinuing, do it by degrees, the same as you commenced. I consider the best time to start colour feeding is about the third week in July, but this must be according to the state of the weather.

I have always been much against this practice of artificial colouring, but it is a regular business now, and if you don't feed you don't win. Still, after all, I conclude it is an unnecessary evil, for the beauty of the birds as Nature painted them is superb in itself.

I would like to say one word further re fresh-caught specimens. Beware of the craft that is used to-day when advertising these birds. I know for a fact many catchers advertise birds long before they have them as thoroughly "meated off." When the orders go in they go out and catch them, and put them in the train. Of course, in the majority of cases they arrive in good health, apparently, but only to die next day. If they don't happen to catch any, they very kindly write, and tell you they have sold out, and ask you to wait awhile. I know this is done in more than one instance. I advise every fancier to pay a good price for his specimens, and get them from a reliable source, as there are good and bad specimens in Softbills just the same as in everything else. I consider we should feel highly gratified we have such a kind friend and adviser as Mr. G. E. Weston that we can always write to, and ask any queries relating to our pets. By watching the queries answered by this gentleman week by week in Cage Birds, a great deal may be learned without writing direct ourselves.

HAND-REARING, &c., SMALL SOFTBILLS.

I will now endeavour to give you a few lines as to the various specimens of Softbilled British Birds and their management, which I will divide into sections, as I think this the best way to deal with them. Section I. will apply to the Whinchat, Stonechat, Wheatear, Robin, Wren, Nightingale, Redstart, Whitethroat, Chiff Chaff, Willow Wren, Tree-creeper, and the whole of the various varieties of warblers.

I recommend hand-reared specimens of all these species (if they can be obtained), for two reasons in particular, viz., that they are, of course, already steady and docile, and, secondly, that they are reared on to the staple food they are to be fed with from the first. But on the other hand, if you get wild-caught specimens, with reasonable care in "meating off" and attendance in the matter of the perches, etc., to avoid the swelling of the feet, they are, take them all round, not hard to steady.

(To be continued.)

Many thanks for printing in this week's Cage Birds the obituary of my poor "Peggy," with the photo. Your interesting and instructive paper must be very well known in this district, as many people have stopped me to-day expressing their regret about my loss.—H. Nixon.

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By JOHN W. BANCROFT.

Lecture before the Bolton and Dis. Progressive C.B.S., March 5, 1907.

(Concluded from page 374.)

TRAINING THE YOUNG.

After the youngsters are weaned and nicely on seed I commence to run them into the show cage, in order to get them steady for the Nest Feather shows. For this purpose I use a driving stick about 14 in. long, one end of which is 1¼ in. broad, extending up to 3 in. of its length, after which the remainder is narrowed to just under half-an-inch. To teach the bird to run into the show cage, I place same endways, with door open, directly opposite to, and against the open door of the breeder. I then insert the broad or paddle-shaped part of the stick, between two of the wires directly over the top of the door, about the centre of the front. When the broad part of the stick, has passed the wires, I give it a slight twist, in order to cause it to look broadways over the bird. This makes him a little frightened, causing him to hop into the show cage for safety. Patience needs to be exercised for a few times, after which the bird will quickly learn to hop into the show cage the moment you point the thin end of the driving stick towards him. The show cage I prefer for training purposes is similar to the ordinary Norwich show cage, with the exception that it has a door at each end, preferably square. As the bird naturally likes a level surface to hop upon when travelling out of one cage into another, my idea for the two doors is this, that no matter what part of the room your birds may be kept, by having one door at each end you are enabled to have the show cage front facing the light. The birds naturally have an aversion to hop into a cage which looks dark within. At the age of eight weeks I like to put the youngsters on colour seed. In a weak form, of course, at first, as, by this means, their blood will have got well charged with the colouring matter before they commence to shed their nest feathers. Great care must be exercised in regard to the preservation of their flights and tail. To avoid this I place the most promising birds in pairs. By this method there is not the same risk of the birds quarrelling and damaging their plumage.

WHEN TO BEGIN COLOUR FEEDING.

The adult birds I like to get on colour feed about the end of June or beginning of July if possible. Some adult birds drop into moult so suddenly at times that it behoves one to err on the right side and put them on feed too early rather than too late. The latter means the birds coming out patchy in colour, which necessitates plucking some of the feathers again by hand, or "finger moulting," as it is termed. My best adult show specimens I generally moult off singly, commencing with the colour food in a weak form at the start, which I prepare as follows:—To each hard-boiled egg, pressed through a sieve, I add about one gill of stale bread crumbs, also a teaspoonful of soft sugar; mix these together, and add one teaspoonful of the colour feed, adding more by degrees, until I get them on the full strength, which is about four or five spoonfuls. This quantity is quite sufficient for all practical purposes. Given stronger is to waste the colour feed. The quantity of the prepared feed to be one good teaspoonful per bird daily. The colour feed I use is: One lb. of the best hot Natal pepper procurable, to each four lb. of sweet or tasteless pepper. There are several good peppers on the market at the present time, so you need have no difficulty in procuring a good, reliable feed. When you notice the birds are getting their new plumage as far as the neck, which, in the case of a healthy bird means nearing the completion of the moult, the colour feed should be gradually decreased in strength, or there will be a tendency for the bird to come much hotter in shade on the neck and head than on the rest of the body. For seed, I place canary in the hopper, on top of which I sprinkle a good layer of linseed, which assists in imparting the gloss and bloom to the feather. Some fanciers tell me that they cannot get their Canaries to eat the linseed, but I have never met with this difficulty with my own birds. Two or three times a week during the moult I place a little pure sulphate of iron in the drinking water, about the size of a split pea. This helps to fix the colour, and tends to keep the birds from getting loose in the bowels. I also stretch a piece of unbleached calico across the window of the bird-room during the moult, and right through the show season, so as to exclude the strong rays of light, as strong light has a tendency to bleach and take the colour out of the birds.

PREPARING THE BIRDS FOR SHOW.

Right through the moult I like the birds either to have a bath or a good spray daily. This helps to tighten and harden the feather and brace the bird up. When almost through the moult I commence to run the show birds into the show cages, two or three times a week, allowing them to remain there for about half-an-hour at a time. This gets them steady, and invites confidence. For it is useless for anyone to send a bird to a show which is at all wild or nervous. This does not give either the judge or the bird a chance. I generally wash my birds five or sir days before sending to a show, spraying them once only, afterwards, and this on the second day after washing. This gives them a chance to get fined down, and regain the bloom we all admire so much on a good show specimen. After washing, I give the bird a good pinch of maw seed, as this helps to counteract the tendency to looseness of the bowels which the birds seem to have after a tubbing. Show your birds in a proper show cage, a good bird is worthy a good cage, and send them off so as to arrive at the show-room the night previous to the show, as by so doing you give them a much better chance to arrange their toilet and get settled down nicely before judging takes place. Show them spotlessly clean, in clean and perfect cages. If you don't win a prize, or even a minor card, the first time of asking, don't get discouraged, nor yet lay all the blame on the poor judge, but remember that there are many who have had to plod on for years before they have reached their desired goal, the winning of premier honours at an "all England" show. Make up our mind to place something better before the judge, keep plodding onwards, and sooner or later success is bound to crown your efforts. I would strongly advise all who take up the breeding of the Norwich Plainhead to join the Norwich Plainhead Club. The subscription is only 2s. 6d. per annum. There are many benefits to be derived by joining the club, as it caters for the amateur and champion alike. The secretary is Mr. J. Raynes, of 9, Richmond-road, Chorlton-cum-Hardy, Manchester, who, I feel sure, would be very pleased to furnish any intending member with particulars of the club, should they care to write him. My views may not, perhaps be quite in accordance with those held by some of you, but I can with every confidence commend them to your earnest consideration, as being at any rate practicable and workable, as proved in my own experience.

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STRAY NOTES ABOUT BIRDS.

By CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

ARE BLACK MEALWORMS WHOLESOME?

Most fanciers will probably wonder whether this is a new species about to be foisted upon them. Their existence is, as a rule, simply ignored, but a modern writer lately falsely accused me of denying the existence of Black Mealworms, and at the same time wrote of them as though they were a distinct species. As a matter of fact, black specimens may be found in almost any box of mealworms, and the more densely a box is stocked the more black specimens will be found. Personally, I regard them as unhealthy and diseased specimens. This "turning black" occurs at all stages of growth in the larva, and also in the pupa stage, but it is, I believe, invariably a prelude to death in both stages. I never yet discovered a pupa which became black that ever progressed any farther, or became a beetle; neither did I ever find a black mealworm which lived to become a pupa. After the blackening process begins the larvæ show quite plainly that something is wrong with them; the shape of the whole body alters before they die, and instead of the round cylindrical body they become flattened out, so that the under surface is often perfectly flat. Whether they are really wholesome food for the birds I do not profess to say, for the simple reason that I never use them myself, as, when I come across any of them, I prefer to dispose of them in the kitchen range than run any risk by giving them to birds for food. Of course, this may be wrong, but if any fancier habitually gives these worms to the birds it would be interesting to learn whether they produce any effect on the birds, and also how they are appreciated by them.

CAGE BIRDS I consider the grandest paper ever produced for our Fancy, and I am sure it must always be advancing the "cause." I wish it every success.—BERNARD C. BRIARS (Enfield).

MULES NOT WORTH TRYING FOR.

That the average bird breeder is endowed with patience and perseverance above the ordinary is a trite truism; that he is also gifted with a fair share of sanguine imagination is evidenced from the feats—the impossible feats I had nearly written—one often sees the would-be Mule breeder trying to perform. But imagination nor enthusiasm should be allowed to run away with common sense and one's better judgment, by leading one into pursuits where all efforts are just so much wasted energy which might have been more profitably employed in other directions. One often reads of fanciers, generally enthusiastic novices, intending to try, or trying for, practically hopeless Mules, but when a friend, who had an uncommonly fine singing Skylark, gravely informed me of his intention to mate it with a hen Canary, as "it ought to throw some fine singers," I was more than ever convinced of the sheer folly of the mistaken pursuit after phantoms of the imagination, for it is nothing more than this, and an absolute waste of useful time. I am far from discouraging experiments or trying to produce something new, but there is a limit in these matters beyond which it is folly to go. All the perseverance and enthusiasm in the whole world will probably never be rewarded by Hybrids between two species of widely differing genera, different families, or orders, or where the structural differences are very marked. A word to the wise is sufficient. Why waste valuable time in pursuing a will-o'-the-wisp?

BRITISH BUNTINGS AS CAGE BIRDS.

It is a strange fact that our British Buntings do not seem so successful as cage birds as the more purely insect or seed-eating species. It is a pity this should be so, because the genus not only contains such handsome birds as the Yellowhammer and Black-headed Bunting, but includes some of the most charming cage birds imaginable. The Reed Bunting, for example, though possessed of no brilliant hues or fine song, is such a tame and familiar creature as to make it quite an ideal pet. The difficulty of keeping them is probably entirely due to the food supplied. They require more insect food than is generally supposed. Oats they seem to prefer to almost any other seed, especially when first caught, and these and canary should form the principal items of their seed diet, with a little hemp, millet, and rape added as a variety. Soft food as given to insect-eaters they will often eat freely, but seem to prefer crushed dry biscuit. In the absence of the other insect food, mealworms may be given freely. Indeed, they prefer these to anything else, and are so fond of them that I have seen a Reed Bunting devour seven in rapid succession, and then, like little Oliver, ask for more. The moral is: Do not be too sparing in insect food if you wish to keep Buntings successfully in captivity.

DO PIN-HOLED EGGS HATCH?

This is a question we have had propounded lately. In my opinion, if the membrane underneath the shell is penetrated so that the albumen shows moist on the surface, it is rarely, if ever, that a bird's egg would hatch. The chances are all against it, as once the shell is damaged, be it ever so slightly, it is greatly weakened, and rendered much more liable to further damage, besides the great risk there is of the moisture on the shell adhering to the hen's feathers, the bottom of the nest, or one of the other eggs in the nest. In the former case the hen usually carries it with her when she leaves the nest and accidentally completes its destruction, and in the other case the pin-holed egg is not always the only one in the clutch that comes to grief. Slightly cracked eggs of fowls and pigeons have been safely hatched by sticking a piece of gummed paper, such as the margin of a sheet of postage stamps, over the fracture. But in these cases the shells are hard and strong, and the efforts of the chick at hatching time proportionately powerful, in striking contrast to the fragile shell of a bird's egg and the puny efforts of the chick, so that if this plan was adopted and the process of incubation completed, it is doubtful whether the chick of a Canary would be able to break its way out of its prison.

CHANGE AND CHANGE ABOUT.

Was it not Charles Dickens who put this apt phrase into the mouth of the immortal Sairy Gamp when she hoped to enlist the services of the contemporaneous Betsy Prig? Anyway, it might well illustrate the most approved method of mating for colour as is usually done among the best Canary breeders, and which would doubtless be as useful in mating up any other birds if—and it is admittedly a very big "if"—one could only be as sure of their parentage. Thus, as is well known, except for some special purpose, yellow is mated with buff, but it is not equally well known that many expert breeders prefer to cross the colour, so to speak, by mating, say, a buff cock bred from a yellow cock and buff hen, with a yellow hen bred from a yellow cock and buff hen, and vice versa. Enthusiastic fanciers of British birds hold that in most, if not all, species of Britishers there exists the two types analogous to the yellow and buff type of Canary. Perhaps some day we may be able to turn the knowledge to account, but we shall first have to breed our stock of British birds in captivity—a feat that is certainly not impossible.

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THE LANCASHIRE CANARY.

By C. A. HOUSE.

A Lecture delivered before the London and Counties Association of Canary Breeders on April 25th.

(*Continued from p.* 398.)

I will now endeavour to describe to you the stamp of bird which is required, and also give you a few hints how to breed it. The Lancashire should, according to the standard of the L.L.F.A., be a large bird combining length with stoutness, and when in position on the show bench should possess a bold, fearless, dare-devil appearance. The coppy, and mind you it is a coppy, not a crest, is not round like unto the crest of a Crested Norwich, but is of horse shoe shape. Commencing immediately behind the eye, it should lay close and flat to the skull and present a good, broad front. It must not droop, but run out flat from the centre, and slightly dip at the edges. The centre, like that of the Crested Norwich, must be clear and distinct, and the coppy must radiate evenly towards the sides and front. The back of the skull should be broad; narrowness of back skull is a great fault, and the feathers at the back behind the coppy should lie close and thick, there must be no roughness. The neck should be long and thick, the head standing well away from the shoulders. This thickness of neck is a most important point, and one upon which the Lancashire breeders lay much value, because a narrow-necked Lancashire, however good it may be in other respects, fails to convey to the eye that impression of stoutness and massiveness which should be the first thought conveyed to the mind of the person looking at a Lancashire. A broad, stout neck generally means plenty of substance and width of shoulder, with corresponding depth and stoutness of chest; viewed from the side the chest should be deep through, and from the front it should look broad and massive. The side should possess plenty of length, so as to carry the wings evenly. This length of side is an important point when one comes to consider carriage, and the Lancashire is a bird of carriage, as you will presently see when I give you the standard, with the relative value of points given to the different properties. The wings themselves should be long, nicely folded, and meet evenly over the bottom of back and tail; there must be no crossing, nor, on the other hand, must there be drooping or slackness of the wings. The back should be broad and full and give the idea of great strength; a hollow or weak back is a great fault. The tail of the Lancashire is also important, because it is the finishing touch, and a short, broad tail, or loosely feathered and loosely carried tail spoils the elegant appearance the bird should possess. When in the show cage the Lancashire should stand free and easy, in an erect and graceful manner, showing well its mammoth proportions with boldness and confidence. There must be no sluggishness about it, no hugging of the perch; a crouching Lancashire is an abomination. The whole pose and carriage of the body should bespeak ease and elegance, for the Lancashire is a bird of position. Its legs should be long, set well into the body, and show more substance and strength than those of other breeds. Owing to the great length of tail a real tip-top specimen when in the show cage does not give the straight appearance seen in the Yorkshire, but owing to the slight droop which the tail gives there is a gentle curve in the shape of the body, giving it the appearance known to some of you who are Yorkshire breeders as "hooky." Although there is this slight curve the body of the bird is practically straight. It must not stand across the perch. The body should be covered with an abundance of long, broad, feathers, as this adds considerably to the massive appearance of the bird, yet at the same time there must be no coarseness or looseness; the feathers must lie close and tight to the body, feathery thighs are no more to be desired in a Lancashire than in a Crested Norwich.

THE COUNTERPART OF THE COPPY.

Equal to the coppy in all respects is the plainhead with the exception of the head. The body should be the exact counterpart of that which I have described for the coppy. Very important is it that the head of the plainhead should come somewhere near to standard requirements, for of the Lancashire Plainhead, as of the dairymaid, it might with truth be said its face is its fortune. The head should be broad, almost flat, and fairly long. It should not possess the rise which is desired by Crest breeders, the dome-shaped skull is not wanted in the Lancashire, its skull needs to give the appearance of flatness. The eyebrows should be stout, thick, long, and overhanging, giving the bird a ferocious, cruel-looking expression. The Crest breeder speaks of "browing," but the Lancashire breeders generally speak of "the lashing." The top of the head should be covered with dense, close, long, broad feathers of good quality, so that they lie close and compact; harsh, wiry feathers are apt to break and stick out, and thus destroy the beautiful contour of the skull. The back of the skull should be full and broad, not "tucked or whipped up," to use the words of the standard. I will now give you the standard points as given in the L.L.F.A. standard of perfection. From them you will gather that although the Lancashire, as becomes the giant of the Canary family, must possess strength and massiveness, it is also equally desirable that length and style should predominate.

THE STANDARD.

Head, 30; neck, for fullness and thickness, 10; back, round, full, and long, 10; length of bird and substance, 25; upstanding position and type. 15; condition and cleanliness, 10; total, 100.

ARE THE YELLOWS FALLING AWAY?

In breeding the Lancashire the lines followed are similar to those followed in the breeding of Crested Norwich, except that double-buffing is not so largely resorted to. The Lancashire breeders do not overlook the value of yellow blood, and the majority of the birds are paired yellow to buff or buff to yellow. In this respect I may mention that, in connection with the recent talk about deterioration it has been said that there has been a big decline in yellow Lancashires, that they are not so good as they used to be, and will not compare favourably with their lighter-coloured brethren, the buffs. This I cannot agree with. For some years now I have judged the Lancashires at the great show of the season, that held in the Rochdale Town Hall. Not only is it the show of England, but it is the show of the world so far as Lancashires are concerned. Year by year birds are shown at Rochdale which far excel those seen at any other show, and not only in quality, but in numbers, too, does Rochdale hold the palm. Now, in judging Rochdale Show, if one thing has struck me more than another, and made great impression upon me, it has been the splendid quality of the yellows, and on several occasions have they secured the specials over the buffs. At last year's show the ticked yellow Plainhead of Mr. Barrass which won is, I should say, the finest of its kind ever seen. It could beat many buffs. The same gentleman's two winning yellow Plainheads, and his ticked yellow Coppy, were also birds of wonderful quality, as were the birds shown by Messrs. King, Garner, Mills, Oldham, Cundiff, Butterworth, and others. In the Coppy hen class Mr. Butterworth's winner was a yellow, and Mr. Garner's third and fourth were both yellows. In a class of 14 Plainhead hens Mr. Barrass's winner was a yellow, as was Mr. Mill's third; whilst in a big novice class of 13 Mr. Heap's winner was a yellow Coppy, and Mr. Jones' second was a yellow Plainhead. To come nearer home, I may say that the Bristol challenge bowl of last season was won by a yellow Plainhead, and what about Mr. F. J. Green's yellow Coppy, the Palace winner? Southern yellows and Northern ones, too, are good. Gentlemen, these are facts which cannot be disputed, they are recorded in the annals of the Fancy, and I think you will agree with me they prove that the yellow Lancashire is still a power in the land.

A GOOD VARIETY FOR THE NOVICE.

In this and other metropolitan societies there are a number of novices struggling and pushing to get to the top in Yorkshires or Norwich, and the struggle is great because of the numbers similarly engaged. To some of these I would suggest they could find an outlet for their energies by taking up the Lancashire, and at the same time have far greater chance of having their names enrolled on the scroll of fame and becoming known as winners of specials, because a real good Lancashire is a noble bird, and, properly shown, takes some getting by when specials are being considered. In the breeding of Lancashires, considerable patience is required, and to anyone starting in the breed I would say, buy young birds, hold them over the first season, let them grow in size and strength, and you will be well repaid. The growing of the mass of feather which it carries takes a great deal out of a Lancashire, and if it is given the first 12 months of its life to do nothing but eat, drink, sleep, take exercise and grow, it will do it, and thrive upon such treatment. Breeding takes much energy out of a bird, and the nervous excitement attendant on breeding prevents that full development of the body which is so much desired. On no account buy old birds if you want to breed Lancashires. There is no sense in buying a fine, massive-looking bird simply because it is a giant and has a good list of wins attached to it. Old birds are not the sort to build up a strain.

PREFERENCE FOR PLAINHEAD HENS.

In purchasing stock I should advise you, if possible, to select yellow Coppy cocks and buff Plainhead hens. My chief reason for so advising you is because so much depends upon the hen, and the young hand in buying can, as a rule, select a Plainhead easier than he can a Coppy. Again, the head properties follow the hen more than the cock, and, as substance and strength of skull is required, it is wise to obtain it on the hen's side. If two buffs are paired together there may be increased size and feather, but there will, as in other breeds, be a loss of quality, and, further, birds which are bred from a strain in which double-buffing is resorted to with frequency lose that smartness and style which is so important a feature in a show Lancashire. There is no need for me to say more as to the actual breeding of Lancashires, excepting that the head must be flat and not dome-shaped, and that length of body is also a great consideration in the stock birds. The breeding should proceed on very similar lines to that of the Crested Norwich. Time does not permit of my going into detail and describing the different stamp of birds to mate, but look to your hens for substance and stoutness of head and body, also length of body, and to your cocks for style, feather, and length, and you will not go far wrong, but ever remember that the Lancashire is a bird of length and style, and not substance only. As a final word of encouragement I would say the success which has attended Mr. Green should be an incentive to other South country breeders to take up the giant of the Canary family, and should act as a spur to the attainment of the highest honours for southern-bred Lancashires.

For Good Luck?

A Robin has built its nest, which now contains four eggs, in an inverted horseshoe which hangs in a hawthorn hedge near Middlesborough-on-Tees.

Curious Love Note.

Woodpeckers, says a writer in an English magazine, are now busy boring holes in trees for the purpose of nesting. That loud rapping noise which we hear in the woods is not noise caused by the Woodpecker actually chipping away wood from the tree, but it is nothing more nor less than a call-note, or a sign of communication between the male and the female.

Only £2,100!

The Hon. Walter Rothschild writes to the Press to contradict the statement that the preparation of his sumptuous work on "Extinct Birds" has cost him £20,000. He says:—The preparation of this work has not cost even a fourth of that sum, and the actual printing of plates and text will only amount to £2,100. Of course, the actual value of the various collections in the Tring Museum is a quite separate item, which ought never to have been included in the estimate of cost, as they were got together for other purposes than the preparation of this work.

Increase of Woodcock.

Ardent sportsmen tell us that there has been a considerable increase in the number of Woodcock visiting these shores this season. There was a time when these birds were exceedingly plentiful, and it is on record that over 100 brace were killed in one day in a wood in Norfolk, and a certain Earl killed 50 brace in one day in Ireland. Since those times the numbers have gradually diminished, and one might now go through several seasons without seeing a single bird. The Woodcock is one of our most interesting species, and one that we know very little about.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. It kills all insects, harmless to everything else.

THE YOUNG NATURALIST.

Prizes of 1s. and two of 6d. each will be given for respectively the best and two second best cuttings or original bits about birds. Competitors must be children under sixteen years of age. All efforts must be briefly and clearly written, and ON ONE SIDE OF THE PAPER ONLY.

Two stars indicate the Winning Contribution; one Star the runners up.

* * A Blue Jay.

My aunt, who is a lover of birds, and an interested reader of CAGE BIRDS, has a Blue Jay, called Jack, who is very artful and knowing. He is six months old now, but when my aunt first had him she was obliged to take him everywhere with her and sing him to sleep; but now he does not need this attention. We all call him a miser, because when he is given anything he will save it, and not eat it until he is obliged, or when he is alone. It was amusing to see him when he first saw the snow. He kept saying, "Who are you?" If you do not give him immediately what he requires, he will make a most peculiar noise. My aunt has many other birds, and Jack will imitate all their voices. The cat was lying upon the table by Jack's cage, and he flew down, bit the cat's fur and jumped upon his perch roaring with laughter. My aunt has taught him to laugh, and you cannot detect which one is laughing, because they laugh so much alike. At the back of the house there is the railway, and Jack will imitate the sounds of the trains and remarks made by the men. Once my aunt offered him something to eat from her mouth, and he put a large blue-bottle fly in her mouth. I suppose this was his way of showing his gratitude, and thought that my aunt enjoyed flies as much as he did.—LILY SUTTON (age 13), 12, Chelsea Park, Chelsea Road, Easton, Bristol.

* My Little Twites.

Last summer my father and I found several nests of Twites. We took home two nests of young birds. We brought them up on hard-boiled egg and oatmeal, mixed very fine. We did not lose a bird, and now the cock birds are nice singers and very tame. They like to get their cage doors open to get a fly outside in the bird room. When giving them seed, if you cheep with your lips, it starts them singing. They love dearly to have a bit of a flight chasing one another about the bird room. When at liberty, sometimes, we put a large basin on the floor to give them a bath. As soon as the water is poured in they hop on to the side of the basin and then into the water. They do fairly splash the water about with their wings and tail till they are properly wet. Afterwards they fly about from perch to perch till their feathers are dry.—Sent by FULTON BARR (age 12), 646, Rochdale Road, Walsden, Lancashire.

* The Siskin.

The Siskin is often called a wild Canary, and is certainly one of our prettiest as well as smallest Finches. Its principal colours are green, black and yellow, and it is a very desirable cage pet, being very tame and familiar, and having a very pretty song. It visits us in early and late winter on its passage to and from its usual haunts among the pine forests of the North, and has occasionally stayed and bred with us.—EMMIE GLADYS BOND (age 14), Clent View, Beecher, St. Colley Gate, Cradley, Staffs.

FOREIGN BIRD ITEMS.

By F. Z. S.

SEED-EATING TANAGERS.

I see a recent writer in CAGE BIRDS talks of a "Brown Tanager" in his possession eating seed. This must be a hen of the Black, or the Crowned Tanager, both of these species being to a great extent seed-eaters; they crack the seed just like Finches, and will live on it for quite a long time, though it is, of course, not advisable to confine them entirely to such a diet. The hen of the Black Tanager, by the way, is bright chestnut or tan, that of the Crowned species a dull brown. The males are black in both cases, but the Crowned Tanager can be distinguished by his scarlet crest, though this is commonly concealed by the side feathers of the crown. To people who admire the smart appearance of Tanagers, but are deterred by their need for soft food, these seed-eating species can be recommended. There is, when one comes to study the Tanager family, a complete gradation from seed-eating forms hardly separable from true Finches, to birds like the Violet Tanager, which are complete "Softbills," and have no gizzard.

THE SNOWFINCH.

Although it has recently been placed on the British list, having occurred in our limits, the Snowfinch (*Montifringilla nivalis*) is still practically a foreign bird, and the offer of some for sale is not without interest. It is an Alpine bird, and usually keeps at high levels in the mountains, near snow-fields, whence its name. In appearance it at once suggests the Snow Bunting, having, like that bird, long black and white wings and a black and white tail, and black legs; but its plumage above is duller brown, with a grey head, and it does not exhibit the marked seasonal change found in the Bunting. Moreover, it has a very different bill, much like that of a Chaffinch—to which bird, not to the Bunting, it is really related. A good many years ago they had a specimen of this bird at the London Zoo; it was allowed to live in the big central compartment of the western aviary, where it often attracted my attention by its graceful flight, for it seems to be a much livelier bird than the somewhat sluggish Bunting.

THE PRODIGAL PEAHEN.

The London career of Juliet, the Peahen which escaped in Covent Garden and was so much paragraphed in the Press in last year's "silly season," came to an end only a few weeks ago. Living on the roofs, and fed on the window-sills by sympathisers, who were always ready with the proverbial crust of bread and cup of cold water, she defied recapture all through the autumn and winter months. Even at night she was too wary to be surprised, but would fly to another roof some distance off. An attempt made to intoxicate her failed; not that she had any objection to getting drunk on whiskified grain, but because, when the fumes of alcohol began to overpower her, she prudently retired to an inaccessible roof. Her downfall as a free bird came accidentally. She was disturbed one night, and flew on to a window-sill she knew of old. Alas! the window was gently opened a little way, and a stealthy hand grasped poor Juliet! However, it is satisfactory to hear that she has now been disposed of, and has found a home in the country. Incidentally, she has given some idea of the wariness by which so big a bird as the Peacock manages to "rub along" with various foes in its native Indian jungles.

ILLUSTRATED IDEAS

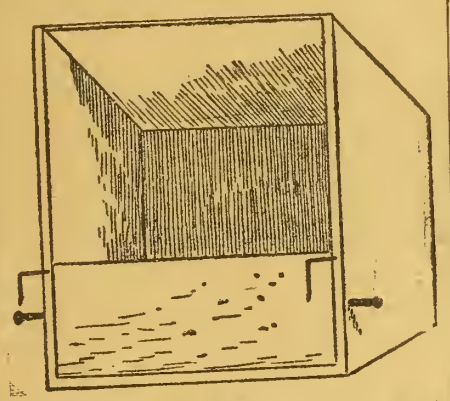
Under this heading we shall illustrate weekly some idea useful to the bird-keeper. Readers are invited to send us particulars of any novel and practical appliance of use in our hobby, either in cage, bird-room or aviary, with a rough sketch of same where possible. Every "Illustrated Idea" used in this column will entitle the sender thereof to a postal order for two shillings and sixpence.

No. 97.

EASY METHOD OF ALTERING FOOD BOX.

Sent by W. Cripps, 84, Creek Road, Deptford, S.E.

I enclose sketch of an easy method of altering food box of Thrush cage, that it may be easily cleaned out. Sketch is of ordinary food box. Remove wood marked B and take



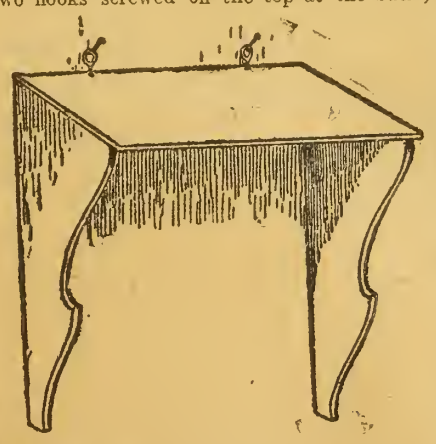
out nails. Drill two holes where nails A A are shown, replace B, but don't nail it in. Put two round nails through holes and drive them into B. B will then turn and the box can be cleaned out thoroughly.

No. 98.

BRACKET FOR CAGES.

Sent by W. Bradshaw, 110, Cemetery Road, Southport, Lancs.

This is a sketch of a bracket, which I find very useful for holding cages in my bird-room. The top piece should be about 6 in. wide, and nailed on the two side pieces, then two hooks screwed on the top at the back;



these will fit on two screws in the wall. With a bit of paint your bracket is complete. It can be made any length, to hold different numbers of cages, and if made proper looks very well and will hold a good weight.

All communications for this column should be written on one side of the paper only, duly authenticated with the name and address of the writer, not necessarily for publication, and sent to H. Norman, Editor, "Wild Bird Life," "Eastcote," Alma Road, Carshalton, Surrey, by Monday in each week. Original observations and records invited.

Busy Birds—Nightingale Melody.

A townsman taking his first spring walk in the country would quickly realise how far we have advanced towards summer. The hedgerows are clothed with tiny green leaves, spring flowers are abundant, and a wealth of blossom covers the trees in the orchards and fruit plantations. Bird music can be heard upon every side, and the incessant clamour from the tall elms where the colony of Rooks nest, indicates the advance made by these early birds in perpetuating their kind. Somehow, Rooks always appear to me to be most anxious to get this business of rearing young ones over and done with, there was haste in building and patchng up the winter-worn homes, and when the eggs are laid, the bird at liberty is constantly visiting his mate, with a good deal of cawing and croaking, as though telling her plainly to hurry up, and now the noise is deafening, such rushing to and fro, and flapping of big black wings, with an incessant flow of Rook talk, for every fresh arrival from the fields is greeted with noisy chattering, and this goes on repeatedly; for father rook is kept busy, he is anxious to get this business over, so that he can take to his old roving life of the fields.

Already I have seen young, fully fledged Thrushes, with the innocent stare indicative of babyhood. No bird that I know of has quite the baby look of the young Song Thrush, with his pale beak pointing upwards, and head between his shoulders, he faces one with such a look of wonder in his big eyes that a mere novice could never mistake him for an adult bird, and yet with all his innocency he is quick to take cover when threatened, and seldom ventures far into the open, for he is some time before he can use his short wings to fly any distance.

Now is the time to listen to the glorious music of the Nightingale. In favourable localities every copse and spinney echoes with his melody, the cock birds are nightly engaging in a veritable battle of song. So interested are they in their own outpourings that one may easily get within almost touching distance. The bird, you see, is answered by another close by, while others may be heard singing in the distance. Upon a still night one may stand and listen to some half-dozen birds. In some plantations, where the ash poles grow thickly and straight, the sound appears to be increased in volume, as though the trees were playing the part of a sounding board; when one is fortunate enough to hear a really good bird performing in such a situation, the music lingers in the memory, and makes one wish that the spring months and the Nightingales stayed longer with us.

We have been looking for the elusive Grasshopper warbler, but although we have carefully searched the accustomed haunts of these shy birds, we have not yet been able to catch a glimpse of one. We see by our notebook that we saw him last year upon the 16th of the month. Either these are late in arriving or they have possibly sought some more sheltered position.

THE MARTIN.
A Feathered Blondin.

A few Swallows are skimming about the country, but neither they nor the Martins have been seen here in anything like their usual numbers. In fact, we have only seen just sufficient to attract our attention, and to record the incident; possibly the whole army of these birds of the air have not yet reached our shores. One pair of Swallows are evidently the same birds as made their home here last year, for they have been seen frequently flying in and out of the wood shed where they nested last season; it is quite evident from their behaviour that they arrive here in breeding condition, and are only waiting for more settled and warmer weather to commence operations.

Most of us have listened to the Cuckoo, and heard the cry of the Wryneck; we are waiting for the fluttering Flycatcher, bold Shrike, and gentle Turtle Dove. When these arrive we can truly say that summer is here, and that all our migrants have returned.

NOTES AND QUERIES.

Crows in London.

There can be no doubt but what the Carrion Crows have increased considerably in the London district. They are able to nest and rear their lusty young ones in our midst with impunity—in fact, they are much safer here than in quite rural districts, for the watchful gamekeeper numbers them among his worst enemies, and that means destruction to the nest and old birds whenever they are unfortunate enough to be discovered. In the London parks these birds do considerable damage to waterfowl, for they are quite unable to resist the tempting looking eggs. As crows increase, the Rooks decrease; they are gradually moving further into the country.

Song of the Chiff Chaff.

While standing at the top of Reigate Hill listening to the birds, and admiring one of the grandest views in the south, a busy little Chiff Chaff was noticed searching diligently among the slender branches of the underwood. He would occasionally stop and sing his peculiar little song. This varies a good deal in individual birds. I jotted down the song of this little fellow, which sounded as follows:—"Chiff chaff, chiffy chaffy, chiffy chiff." This he repeated several times, occasionally making it a little longer or shorter, sometimes quite omitting the "chiff chaff." While performing he puts a good deal of energy into his song, swelling out his throat until it is almost as big as his tiny body. The Chiff Chaff is rightly named. No one could fail to identify the bird if they heard him sing.

Concerning the Cuckoo.

Can you tell me how many eggs the Cuckoo lays in a season? I saw in one Welsh book that it lays about 15. Is that number right or wrong? The Blackbird and Song Thrush build their nests of the same material, and both have the interior lined with mud. Is there any reason for the fact that the Blackbird has a layer of dry grass on the mud?—WELSHMAN.

When one considers the wandering life of the Cuckoo it appears impossible for anyone to be able to say definitely the number of eggs laid by one female in the course of a season. Various numbers have been recorded, most of them being based upon the number of eggs found in a given district. Birds produce eggs in batches, and as they ripen they detach from the bunch, are coated with shell, and deposited; generally speaking, the larger the bird the smaller the number of eggs produced. I see no reason why the Cuckoo should be an exception to the rule, although an eminent German Oologist puts the number at from 17 to 22. Respecting the difference of lining of the nests of the Blackbird and Song Thrush, this is just one of those natural subjects upon which one can hardly venture an opinion, for many birds, even of the same species, use different materials in the construction of the nest. As an instance, I have in my cabinet a nest of the Hedge Sparrow composed entirely of wool, excepting for just a small quantity of moss outside; another is made of twigs, moss, and a complete lining of cow hair. During a season one will occasionally find a Thrush's nest with an inner lining of horse manure in place of the usual one of rotton wood, and sometimes one quite devoid of any mud lining whatever.—H. N.

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MAINLY BRITISH—continued.

TWO cock Chaffinches, full song, exchange for Rabbits, and also Blackbird, exchange for Rabbits.—Cundy, Priory-av., Prittlewell.

BEAUTIFUL English cock Bullfinch, piping nicely, 7/6; or exchange for cock Norwich Canary (yellow); approval.—64, Jenner-rd., Stoke Newington.

THREE cock Linnets, 4/-; or exchange cock Goldfinch or Bullfinch.—Jinks, 2, Bramall-lane, Sheffield.

COCK Linnet Mule, exchange for Norwich or Yorkshire, breeders.—Edwards, 168, Weston-park, Crouch End.

GOLDFINCH (proved muler) for two buff hens, Yorkshire or Norwich; sell 6/6.—Snell, Rea Barn, Brixham, Devon.

WHAT offers in Canaries for cock Goldfinch, two Greenfinches, one Chaffinch, house moulted? Cash 12/6.—Dibben, Witham, Essex.

HEN Chaffinch, twice house moulted, very tame; exchange young yellow Yorkshire hen.—Dave Auden, 12, Plum-st., Seaforth.

EXCHANGE British cock Goldfinch, house moulted, for good Norwich cock, or sell 8/-.—Bennett, 79, Westmoreland-st., Pimlico.

EXCHANGE cock Thrush, full wild song, and cottage top cage for trained Seifert Roller cock, or sell 10/-.—J. Bussey, Wind Mill, Bishop Auckland.

HYBRID Breeders.—Large finger tame cock Bullfinch (aviary moulted), 6/6; exchange Norwich or Yorkshire cock.—93, Porthill, Hertford.

GOLDFINCH, two years old, very tame, 7/6; or exchange Muling hen.—Salisbury, 46, Tower Bridge-rd., S.E.

MAGPIES, Warner's direct, black, blues, reds, many winners, 5/- pair, or exchange.—Pearson, Greenwich.

FINE cock Linnet and 1906 Norwich hen, with cage, 5/6; exchange house moulted Siskin or Goldfinch Mule, good bird.—Robertson, 22, Summerfield-ter., Aberdeen.

HOUSE moulted hen Goldfinch and nice cock Greenfinch, for Hybrid breeding, 7/6, or exchange for good muling cock Linnet.—Messer, 4, Rodney-st., Edinburgh.

PAIR of White-headed Love Birds, 4/-; three Bramblefinches, 4/-; Firefinch, 1/-; exchange pair Hawfinches or yellow Budgerigars.—Pearce, 9, Pontcanna-ter., Cardiff.

HAWK, finger tame, flies about house, photo sent perched on finger, 10/-; Chaffinch, winner, singing, 2/6; offers, exchanges.—Palfrey, Hallows-lane, Dronfield.

WANTED, singing Roller cock, exchange grand cock Goldfinch-Canary Mule, Goldfinch song; two muling cock Linnets, cock Siskin, good songsters.—F. Simmonds, Upper Houghton, Dunstable.

HAND-REARED hen Bullfinch, cock Greenfinch, hand-reared, 9/- pair; cock Goldfinch, hen Canary, 8/6; exchange Budgerigars or anything useful.—Kenworthy, Foston, Grantham.

LIGHT variegated Goldfinch Mule, splendid songster, 10/-; or will exchange for good-sized Cinnamon hen, 1906 bird preferred, untried.—Apply, Clark Cook, Hairdresser, Mill-rd., Wellingborough.

GRAND cock Linnet Mule, 7/6; cock Bramblefinch, cock Greenfinch, cock Redpoll, 6/6 lot; approval; deposit; exchange joiner's tools; offers.—Walton, Godnow-rd., Crowle, Doncaster.

HOUSE moulted cock Linnet, Mule breeder, grand songster, 7/6; approval; or exchange two Yorkshire hens or singing cock Canary.—Mathews, 13, Shady-rd., Ystrad, Rhondda, Glam.

COCK Bullfinch and hen Chaffinch, cock Chaffinch and hen Bullfinch, cock Bullfinch and hen Goldfinch, guaranteed paired, exchange fowls, anything useful.—Tozer, Queensferry.

HOUSE moulted cock Goldfinch, fit to show, Norwich hen, mated to above Finch, feeding her, ready to nest, pair £1; two hen Bullies, finger tame, both laid eggs in cages, 7/6 each; exchange above for two typical Norwich Plainhead cocks to value, or give cash; mutual approval.—Inch, Wotton, Aylesbury.

Mainly Canaries
To be Sold or Exchanged

TICKED yellow Norwich cock, 12/6; worth double; or exchange hens.—Muscott, Penybont, Radnorshire.

1906 NORWICH hen, yellow, 4/-; exchange singing cock preferred.—Jones, 8, New-rd., Holywell.

EXCHANGE four hen Canaries, good feeding strain, for Norwich cock; or sell 2/6 each.—Hempstead, 8, Queen-st., Sleaford.

EXCHANGE heavily-feathered Cresthred cock for a pair of Norwich; or sell 8/6.—Collins, Wycke-rd., Burnham, Essex.

EXCHANGE four common hens for fowls or cages, or best offer.—Sheahan, 51, Warner-st., Kentrd., London.

BY satisfaction given our business has thriven. Table cutlery, electro plate exchanged for Canaries.—Broadbent, 129, Langsett-rd., Sheffield.

GOOD buff Crestbred hen, 1906, good frontal, untried, 5/-; exchange Norwich cock; approval.—F., 22, Pembridge-mews, London, W.

PAIR of Norwich Canaries, also cock Linnet and hen Canary, all in breeding condition, untried, 11/- the lot; or separate.—167, Elgar-rd., Reading.

TWO Yorkshire cocks, exchange for Norwich cock; Rollers, 6/6 a pair; exchange; all healthy and full song.—W. Binns, Alne, York.

EXCHANGE yellow Yorkshire cock for exhibition Siberian cock Goldfinch; or sell 15/-.—R. Pennell, Warminster.

WEDGE plough plane, eight bits, good condition, in exchange for Lancashires or Lizards.—Wrigley, 115, Crompton-st., Oldham.

TWO 1906 cock Canaries, 6/6 each, full song, breeding condition; exchange, muling Finches preferred.—Fern, Moorside, Cromford, Matlock.

WHAT offers in small foreign seed-eaters for yellow Norwich cock, in song?—Blackwood, 3, Wellington-place, Southend-on-Sea.

EXCHANGE Crestbred Canaries, King's strain, for English concertina, or offers.—T. Farrant, 18, West Cottages, Lower Easton, Bristol.

EXCHANGE pair high-class Nuns, exhibition working Homers, for Canaries, songsters.—G. Lanham, 42, Walcot, Bath.

GRAND Cinnamons, Norwich, Yorkshire and Scotch Fancies, cheap; or useful exchange for gentleman going about.—Fred. Elston, Union-rd., Crediton.

POSTAL ORDERS PLEASE.

Owing to the new Post Office Regulations respecting the use of stamps upon Postal Orders, we are reluctantly compelled to state that in future our rule re **sending Postal Orders as far as possible instead of stamps** *must be strictly enforced. Advertisers unable to obtain Postal Orders must remit an extra halfpenny with every four penny stamps.*

EXCHANGE six pairs of Canaries, all nesting, cock Linnet, caged 15 months, for gramophone.—Smith, 40, Victoria-st., Desborough, Northants.

SELL or exchange Crest and Crestbred hens, untried, cold-room bred, for pair of catching nets; must be good and complete.—S. Morley, 18, Grafton st., Hull.

NORWICH cock (variegated), 6/-; Goldfinch, finger-tame, certain muler, 5/-; exchange for Siberian Goldfinch or offers in Goldfinch Mules.—Lee, 35, Marshall-av., Bridlington.

WANTED, offers Canaries; exchange pair Scotch Fancy, first cross buff hen, yellow pied cock, well matched pair; sell £2.—Drummond, 15, Hutcheson-st., Glasgow.

BUFF dark Crested 1906 cock, 20/-; another, 12/6; green Crested hen, 12/6; green Crestbred 1906 hen, 15/-; Crestbred cocks, cheap; or exchange for small toy Yorkshire Terrier or Pom.; approval.—L. Haywood, 3, Nevill-st., Nottingham.

PAIR high-class Crests; large clear yellow Crest cock, 1905; large variegated buff Crestbred hen, 1906, Barnett strain, abundant feather, £3, or exchange for lady's cycle, in good condition only.—Cockhill, Manchester-st., Huddersfield.

ON Sale, three green cold room bred English Rollers, splendid breeding condition, eager to nest, two cocks, 7/6 each; one hen, 2/6; lot, 15/-; exchange the three for two genuine yellow or variegated Roller cocks.—Walter Whitehead, 15, Bowler-st., Shaw, near Oldham.

Mainly Foreign
To be Sold or Exchanged

PAIR Moustache Parrakeets, healthy, acclimatised, 10/-; exchange small birds.—Mrs. Barber, Wickford.

EXCHANGE pair green Budgerigars and 24 in. breeding cage, new condition, for yellow hens, one Norwich, one Yorkshire, preferred; mutual approval.—Cheesman, 4, Howard-rd., Dorking.

AMAZON Parrot, large bird, very beautiful condition, extraordinary tame, comes on finger, kisses, can be stroked all over, sings, whistles tunes, talks, good cage, 60/-, or exchange.—Pearson, Greenwich.

MAGNIFICENT lemon Crested Cockatoo, in perfect plumage; or exchange for Grey Parrot, acclimatised; approval.—S. Stokoe, Winladon, Blaydon-on-Tyne.

Miscellaneous
Sale or Exchange

CHICKENS, fortnight old, any breed, 6/- dozen, or exchange.—Pearson, Greenwich.

SHOW Homers, parents cost £10, very massive birds, 6/- pair, or exchange.—Pearson, Greenwich.

BREEDING cage, six compartments, 7/6, or exchange.—Pearson, Greenwich.

MONGOOSE, quite tame, sure exterminator of vermin, 20/-, or exchange.—Pearson, Greenwich.

EXCHANGE pentygraph box crayons, stumps, for two hen Canaries.—Bowles, Earl's Colne.

NEW set boxing gloves, cost 15/-, exchange Canaries.—Lambert, Spring-lane, Acock's Green.

FOLDING bagatelle board, 30/-, or exchange anything.—Cowper, Jacob's Well-lane, Wakefield.

PAIR clap nets, 8 yds. long, with utensils, sell £1, or exchange Canaries, Mules, offers.—Williams, 840, Harrow-rd., Willesden.

SALE or exchange anything, excellent mandoline harp, new condition, cost 35/-.—Tizzard, Kiurara Stable, Portarlington-rd., Bournemouth.

AMORETTE organette, new, with six tunes, cost 35/-, exchange pair good pneumatic tyres or Canaries.—A. Welch, Elton-rd., Hertford.

EXCHANGE Scout camera, 2¼ by 2½, for good singing Linnet or Goldfinch.—Kelly, Benvarden-av., Waterside, Londonderry, Ireland.

EXCHANGE for camera or cricket hat, splendid opera glasses, with case and strap.—Geo. Sanders, Park-rd., Oldham.

EXCHANGE 1906 CAGE BIRDS and to present issue, all plates, for long, slim Yorkshire hen; or offers.—Ward, Vine-st., Openshaw, Manchester.

10/6 FOUNTAIN pen, new, complete, exchange singing cock Canary, or offers.—Willron, 127, Cambridge-rd., Mile End, London.

EXCHANGE pair Jap Bantams, hen broody, for good singing Yorkshire cock, no rubbish.—Cox, 8, Holland-rd., Hornsey.

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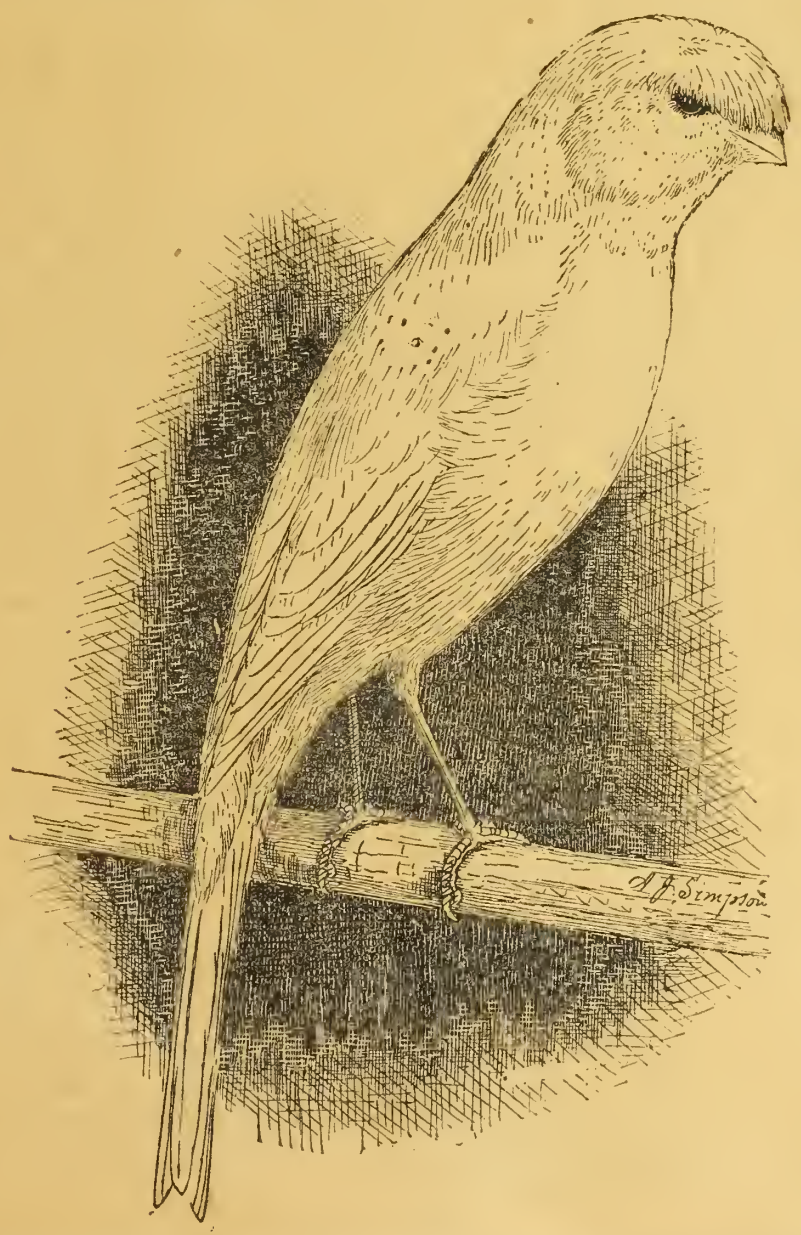

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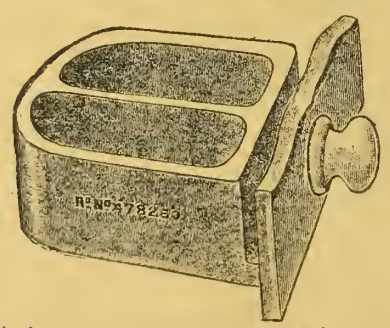

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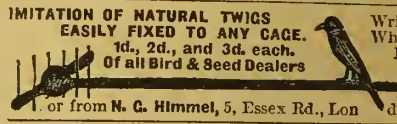

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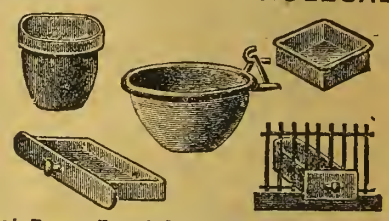

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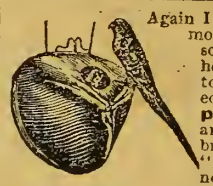

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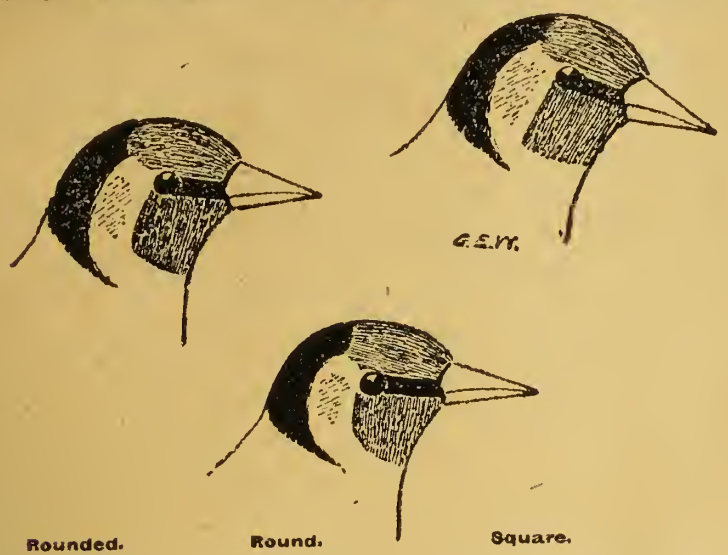
The Blaze of the Goldfinch.



THE BLAZE.

Square, Rounded or Round?

A Few Observations on an Important Feature of the Exhibition Goldfinch.

Few lovers of the sprightly Goldfinch will, I think, quarrel with the assertion that the blaze is the all-important point of the exhibition specimen. Without a really good blaze a Finch, no matter how good in other respects, can hardly hope to attain the highest honours the show bench affords. Yet the blaze is by no means the beginning and end of an exhibition Goldie, for it is quite true that a bird may excel in this point and still fail to gain the coveted first prize through lack of excellence in other essentials. This seldom happens, however, for it is a curious and striking truism that a Goldfinch possessing first-class blaze properties, in nineteen cases out of twenty, will be found to be a first-class specimen all round—it is, in short, a sort of hall mark.

When one comes to think of it, "blaze" is rather a singular term to apply to a feature of a bird. It is, of course, a fanciers' word pure and simple, yet so apt that I should imagine few hearing it used, however unversed they might be in the language of the Fancy, would fail to at once grasp to which part of the bird it referred. It indicates something fiery in colour, and we have that, and something more, in the blaze of the Goldfinch—its crimson depths would be hard to match in the fieriest furnace ever lighted.

To get a pure crimson—I am not sure that "crimson" exactly expresses the colour, but 'twill serve—is not an easy matter. Often an underlying layer of black feather shows through, and lends it a patchy appearance; and sometimes the black feathers which run round the base of the beak and extend in a line from the base to the eye are too pronounced, this heaviness also detracting considerably from its appearance. The blaze, too, that is "on the dark side," as fanciers term it, is very apt to be disfigured by a couple of lines of black, which, starting from each side of the lower mandible, run down into the under-blaze—making what might be called moustachial streaks. All these things are faults, of course.

A bird which has the purity of the crimson marred by black feathers peeping through amongst its blaze is also generally handicapped in another direction. When it has just recovered from the moult, and has yet to "come up to colour," the above undesirable point is accentuated by reason of the paleness of the rest of the face. A little later on, if all goes well with the bird, this contrast will be toned down, and at this stage such a Finch (I am asuming him to be first-class all round) will need a deal of beating. But a little later on still, when, through the attention bestowed on him by his owner, and the high-feeding, he comes out in "full bloom," with "tanning" deepened to a rich chestnut, and blaze colour to the richest possible crimson, he will generally be found to have come too dark in blaze—that is to say, that admixture of black feathers (or the underlying black feathers) gives so heavy a tone to the crimson as to cause the lynx-eyed reporters to say of him, "Gone too dark in blaze," "Past his prime," and similar things. This state of affairs obtains with one of the best-known Goldies on the show bench to-day. Another Finch may be in reality equally deep in colour so far as the crimson goes and yet, having it laid on a clean ground, be merely labelled as possessing "beautiful depth."

When selecting a greypate with an eye to moulting it out for show purposes, it is well to remember that a young bird, much mottled with black in the region where the blaze may be expected to put in an appearance, can rarely, if ever, be depended on to come through with the much-to-be-desired purity of crimson. As a bird rejoicing in singular purity of blaze colour one may be pardoned, perhaps, for instancing the winning Goldfinch at the last (1907) Crystal Palace Show, with which might be coupled the 1905-6 winner, now, alas, apparently no more.

Mention of these two birds brings to mind the shape of the blaze. This may be divided, roughly, into square, round and rounded. These terms are usually more particularly applied to the under-blaze, and I have endeavoured to illustrate them by means of a small sketch. The upper figure depicts a head carrying a very square-cut blaze; that on the left hand side a rounded blaze; that underneath a round blaze. The former, I may say, is modelled on the head of last season's Palace winner; the left hand figure on the head of the winner of the two previous seasons.

It seems quite arbitrarily fixed that the acme of perfection is a square-cut blaze. Whoever as judge put a rounded blaze over a square one (other things being equal) would be certain, metaphorically speaking, to get his nose tweaked. Yet I have a friend who has exhibited as good Finches as anyone, and who knows as much about them as anyone, who holds that the square blaze ought not to be an arbitrary feature. He considers the sharply square lines out of harmony with the graceful curves taken by the majority of the other markings of the Goldfinch; that the rounded corners are the most effective, artistically considered; and that, in perfection, they are even the more difficult to obtain. We have spent many pleasant hours "argifying" the matter. Which way my own sympathies lie, I am not going to tell. But I am breaking no confidences when I say that had the winner of the previous season put in an appearance at the last Palace Show, in his old form, the judge's task of allotting the first prize card would have been a heart-breaking one.

The square blaze must be a latter-day fancy, I think, for most of the real "old hands"—both dealers and otherwise—swear by the round-blazed Goldfinch. Often when I am looking over a few Finches in a dealer's shop, that worthy will say: "You've missed a nice one here, guv'nor—a proper apple-faced one. How about him?" There is only one thing you can say: that you want to leave a few decent birds behind for his other customers.—G. E. Weston.

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Mrs. M. Ambridge (Fenny Stratford) writes:—I have started breeding Canaries, and I think your Competition is a grand one. I feel I should like to go in for it. I shall take Cage Birds every week, and take great interest in it always. I am sorry to say I cannot get my friends to put their names on the form. I went out and talked it over to my friends yesterday, but could not get them to fill in their names, so what must I do? I should like to be one of the winners, and then they would be sorry. Now, can I go in for it or not?

Of course you can go in for our competition, dear Mrs. Ambridge. What's to prevent you? It isn't necessary for competitors in the Breeding Competition to get six signatures. All they need do is to send for our Declaration Form. The Tell Six or Nomination Competition is totally distinct from the Breeding Competition. You may not be successful in persuading your friends, but if you only try to persuade them, think of the good you are doing. If you don't succeed in making Canary breeders of them this year they may come along next, and then your persistence will have brought its reward. We advise you to leave your old copies of Cage Birds with these obstinate friends of yours for two days.

In connection with our Canary Breeding Competition, a good house to house canvass ought to be carried on by all lovers of the Canary. A copy of "C.B.," marked in blue pencil drawing attention to the scheme, ought to be dropped in the letter box of every house where Canaries are hung up in the window, or send us the addresses of six such houses (never mind the names of the residents), and we will post you, as a token of our thanks, a packet of picture postcards.

A correspondent last week raised the objection that the "tell six" plan was no use to him, as he lived in a country village. This circumstance, so far from being a disadvantage, ought to be a help to him, as neighbours are generally on more friendly terms in a small village than in a large town. Besides, the form can be cut out of the paper and posted in an envelope to a friend with instructions to forward to another, etc.

W. H. Baker, 6, Cambridge Street, Mansfield, Notts, writes:—"I thought I should like to enter your Canary Breeding Competition. This is my second year of breeding, and I am having some very good luck up to now. I have got six hens and five cocks up. This is my first round. I have got 24 young birds out 28 eggs, and now the hens are all sitting again; there are 32 eggs and 28 are fertile. They come off on May 8th, 9th, 10th. They are all my own hens that I bred last year, and three of the cocks are only song birds, Norwich, they are not show birds. I have tried to get six of my friends to enter the competition, but they are doing very badly. I know a young friend who breeds Canaries, and he has got six pairs up, but has not got one young bird. Another has got three pairs up and only two young birds, so I think they are having had luck. I have one hen that laid seven eggs and hatched the lot. She is feeding them, and they are doing very well. They are now a fortnight old and the hen wants to go to nest again."

This is my first year as a Canary breeder, and I am proud of the fact. I have got 18 fine, chubby little babies all flying in the aviary now, and five hens sitting on the second round and one building. I might tell you I have only six pairs, or six hens and five cocks. I think I will stand a good chance to win one of your prizes. I should also be grateful to you if you will tell me of some cage bird society that I could join, as I have got the Canary fever very badly. Leastways, that is what my people call it. People tell me I am very lucky; I admit I am. I should be very pleased to show my birds to any member of any cage bird society round about if they could call, any time after six week nights or one o'clock Saturdays. Please send me a form, I enclose stamp addressed envelope.—James Holland, 26, High Street, Homerton.

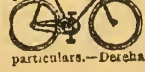
[The nearest societies to you are, we believe, Leyton and District and Walthamstow. Perhaps the secretaries will write you.—Ed. "C.B."]

I started breeding with two pairs of Canaries last year, and intended breeding this year. But my employment calling me away from home for weeks together I could not look after them, so last March I gave them entirely to my son as his own. He is 16 years of age, has got whole control of the birds, and is eager to join your breeding competition. But he is afraid he is not eligible, as he did not pay for birds out of his own pocket. Will thank you to let me know through Cage Birds if he can go in for your Novices' Breeding Competition, as I think it would greatly encourage him in his hobby.—W. Merritt (Cardiff).

[Your son is eligible to compete, but should he be successful we shall require you to prove by affidavit, or evidence of a responsible kind, that the birds became his property last March.—Ed. "C.B."]

R. H. Harrison (North Shields) asks for the coupon to be inset separately. This is not practicable, as it would mean too much additional expense and trouble for us, and might be lost out of the copy before it reached the reader.

Henry J. Scyer (Pimlico), age 12, has only one pair of Yorkshire Canaries. He is a new beginner, and enquires whether he would be eligible.—Yes, Henry, certainly. Read announcement on page 435.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The Breeding of Canaries.

By J. POOLEY ("Fresh Air").

The First-Prize Essay in the recent competition promoted by the City and Suburban Association of Canary Breeders.

To write anything fresh on this is very difficult. As I am only a novice, I will say how I manage my small stud of birds during the breeding season. Having had the room cleaned thoroughly with sanitary distemper, the cages all washed and painted inside and out with enamel, I look round to see if I have got enough nest pans, drinkers, egg drawers, and various other little things, not to mention a stock of the best canary seed, German rape, hemp, maw, and other seed, so as not to have to rush about later on to get them here and there. As I do not believe in forcing the birds into breeding condition too soon, it is early in March ere I start to feed them up more liberally, with a little egg food once or twice a week, a little mixed seed (not packet seed) and soaked rape seed just beginning to shoot out. The last week in March I catch all the birds to see if their beaks want a small bit chipped off; also look and see if their claws are too long and sharp; if so, I hold them up towards the light to see how far to clip off, so as not to make them bleed.

MY OWN VARIETY, CRESTS.

As the variety which I keep are Crests, I cut off their body feathers round by the vent, as by so doing you are more likely to get fertile eggs. The scissors I use are not straight ones, but curved at the cutting part. Now, having everything in readiness, we wait most patiently for the time to pair the birds for their most arduous duties which we expect of them. As my own room has no artificial heat whatever, and no sun till quite late in the day, I do not pair up till April, as the weather is mostly very cold even then, especially during the night. Care should be taken not to pair the birds before they are ready. I like to have the cocks in full song and the hens flapping their wings.. Then I put the hens in their respective cages, and give them a bit of moss to play with; if they carry it about I put the cock birds with them, and give them a nest pan with a felt lining.

I cut my own felt into shape, so as to fit the pans; cut it round about the size of the pan at the top, and clip four small V-shaped pieces from it. The small bits left from the cutting I pull to pieces, and they make good nesting material, so there is no waste. I stick the linings down with a little paste, and well sprinkle with Keating's Insect Powder.

GENERAL MANAGEMENT.

I use sawdust for the cage floor, but always have a tin of Dobbie's Grit hanging in the cage; also a piece of cuttlefish for them to peck at. I have noticed the hens eat much more just before they lay their first egg, and it is a good sign when to expect them. After the birds are paired up, I give them egg food every other day, and a few dandelion leaves (if able to get them), but I well wash them in salt water and dry them afterwards; I also give soaked rape seed.

Baths I give very often, and open the window of the bird room every day. In the very hot weather, to keep the room cool and sweet, I mix a little Condy's Fluid in water, and spray it about the room floor. As soon as the hen has laid her first egg, I take it from the nest and substitute a china one for it, and so on till she has laid her third egg. I replace the good eggs on the evening of the third day, and well sprinkle them with Keating's Powder, so as to keep the red mite down as much as possible. I repeat the dusting the day before they are due to hatch.

I have a box with numbers corresponding with the cages to put the eggs in as I take them from the nest, and turn them over every day. During the time of incubation, I feed the hen on plain canary seed, and a little egg food two or three times, and I think by so doing the hen is not so liable to go wrong when she commences to feed the young. The night before the eggs are due I put a little egg food and crushed hemp seed in the cage. The way I make the egg food is to boil a new-laid egg hard, press it through a sieve, mix it well with powdered Osborne biscuits, with a little sugar added, two or three biscuits to an egg when the birds are small, and increasing the biscuit when getting older. In preparing the soaked rape seed, I put cold water on it one day, strain, and well wash it the next, and if good seed, and in a warm place, it soon shoots out; I also crush the hemp seed —which I use ad lib—every day, as it soon goes wrong. I give a little green food after the young are three days old—watercress or lettuce.

CARE OF THE YOUNG.

I make a practice of feeding the hens when they have young ones as soon as it is light in the morning, but I have the egg boiled over night, and just have to mix it up. Quite fresh food is, I think, a great inducement for the hen to feed, and is also much better for the young ones. I may say I go back to bed again after having fed and looked round to see if all is well. I also feed them at 8 o'clock and am fortunate to be able to give them fresh food several times in the day; but I know several of our bird fanciers have to be away from home most of the day. When the youngsters are about a week old, I give them a new nest, which has been well sprinkled with Keating's, taking care to burn the old nest at once, in case there are any red mite. As the feathers begin to grow on the nestlings, I keep a sharp look-out to see if the hens or cocks start to pluck the young, as they will soon want to nest again. If they begin to pluck them I give them some nesting material, and a fresh nest pan, and this generally stops them for a bit; I also transfer the young to a nursery cage—if it should be a double breeding cage, to the spare compartment, and have a wire partition for the old ones to feed through.

If they do not pluck them, and the hen has not laid again, I leave them with their parents till about a month old; but it is best to watch and see if they are able to feed themselves before taking away.

WEANING THE YOUNG.

When the young are first taken away I feed on egg food, milk sop (with a little sugar and maw seed added), crushed hemp, but try to get them on to hard seed as soon as possible by cracking the canary seed at first and mixing with the hemp, then gradually reducing the soft food and hemp. Green food I do not give the young ones.

I use sand and crushed egg shells for the young birds, as they are not over particular what they eat at first, and I don't think sawdust is good for them.

If there are any good enough for our young bird show I put them in separate cages, as young birds are very fond of plucking each other. A good plan I have found is to tie several pieces of thick string on the cage wires, and it is amusing to see them play with it, whilst it keeps them out of further mischief. Two or three times a week I give them some of Parrish's Chemical Food in their water—just enough to colour it—and it seems to help to keep them in good condition till they are through the moult, which they start from eight to twelve weeks old.

ONE HEN OR TWO, WHICH?

Some people run one cock to two hens. I have done so, but only with a very vigorous cock bird. I do not let that cock bird feed any young, as I keep a few common Canaries to act as foster parents, and bring up some of the better bred birds. I believe in one cock to one hen, especially if you have no feeders, as the cock is such a help in rearing the young when the hen is going to nest again. It is not wise to take more than three nests, and with young hens only two; but it is a job to keep some of them from laying, even if the cock is not with them. I part the birds early in July, unless there are a few young to finish off, as by breeding too late the cold weather comes before the young are old enough to stand the trying time of moulting. Sometimes I mix a little crushed cuttlefish with the egg food when the hens are feeding the young, also when they are old enough to feed themselves.

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The first Council meeting of the newly-constituted Yorkshire Union was held at the Market Tavern, Godwin-street, Bradford, on Saturday, May 4th, 1907. Mr. H. W. Battye (Huddersfield), the president of the Union, occupied the chair, and Mr. John Greaves, vice-president, was also in attendance. Twenty-two societies were represented by over forty delegates.

The result of the ballot for the election of officers and revision of rules for 1907-8 was announced, and is as follows:—

President, H. W. Battye; vice-president, John Greaves; trustees, J. E. Brotherton and O. Mitchell; auditors, R. Halliday and F. Armstrong; secretary, Fred Hammond. Rule 8. The amendment to allow the vice-president to act as delegate, if required, is carried. Rule 11. As the old rule stood no person was eligible to judge at a winter show held by the society of which he was a member. The amendment, which is carried, provides that a judge officiates wherever he is drawn by the ballot. Rule 13. This debarred judges of Union shows from sitting on the Council. The amendment that this rule be struck out entirely is carried.

Rule 18. As a result of the amendment having been carried, partnerships must be registered with the Union secretary on or before the first day of May (instead of September) in each year. Arrangements will be made to meet the case of the present year.

Rule 24. This rule provides that secretaries of societies holding winter shows must send the total number of entries to the Union Secretary in such manner as to be in his possession not later than nine o'clock on the Wednesday morning preceding the show. The following proposed addition is carried, viz.:—"Should this rule operate harshly upon any society, the Council may, on such being reported by the society, make such other arrangements as they think will meet the case." Rule 39. Proposed alteration No. 1 is carried and provides that in the novice competitions no more than the four highest birds of any competitor in each or either section (Yorkshire and Norwich) shall count for points. Rule 39. Proposed addition to No. 2 reads as follows:—"The novice medals shall be divided between the Yorkshire and Norwich sections in the following proportions, viz., three-quarters for the Yorkshire section, and one quarter for the Norwich section." This is also carried.

Applications for membership were received from the Keighley, Bingley, Bolton Woods, and Shipley societies, and were accepted.

Mr. H. H. Towers (Shipley) was elected treasurer to the Union.

The annual subscription per member was fixed at eightpence for the present year.

The Council decided to allow societies to make their own arrangements regarding Open and Members' First Feather Shows for this season, but request that, as an act of courtesy, each other society keep clear, so far as is possible, of the dates already fixed for Open Shows, which are as follows:—June 8th, Great Horton, and June 22nd, Bradford (West).

The offer of the late Amalgamated Yorkshire O.S. to hand over to the Union a case of drinkers, 5,000 cage labels, the H. W. Naylor Challenge Cup (value £5 5s.), and the Yorkshire Amalgamation Challenge Trophy (value twenty-five guineas) was accepted. With regard to the latter, Mr. W. H. Shackleton, the donor, had an amended offer to make, it having come to his knowledge that the scheme as at present in vogue did not give entire satisfaction. This gentleman, being the winner last year, generously decided to forfeit such win in order that an entirely new start might be made. His present offer also increases the value of the gift to thirty guineas, which will be divided as follows:—1st prize, £15; 2nd prize, £10; 3rd prize, £5; 4th prize, a gold medal, value £1 10s. The premier prize must be won three times before it becomes the absolute property of any competitor, on the same conditions as governed the competition last year, under the Amalgamation rules. When this is won outright, the other prizes will be awarded to those having gained first, second, and third most points respectively, apart from the actual winner of the first prize, during the time the competition has been open. In accepting this noble offer the Council decided to award medals each year to the winners, valued at £1 for first, 15s. for second, 10s. for third, and 7s. 6d. for fourth.

The folding show cage label as used by the Amalgamation last year was adopted by the Council for use at shows under their rules, and instructions were given for an order to be placed for the supply of 12,000 of these labels.

A list of judges' names was prepared, to be submitted to each society in the Union, who will be asked to vote for twenty.

It was resolved that secretaries of societies be requested to forward to the Union secretary a list of their respective members' names and addresses, together with the annual subscription of eightpence per member, not later than June 10th. The number of novice medals to be awarded during season 1907-8 was fixed at twelve.

The Secretary was instructed to write to the secretary of each society to ascertain which societies intended holding an Open Winter Show during the coming season. All societies holding such shows will ballot for date of same. It was left to the secretary to call the next meeting as soon as practicable. Mr. Battye proved an efficient chairman, and the meeting tendered thanks for the able manner in which he had performed his duties.

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Meeting held May 1st. Secretary informed meeting that, in connection with the 30-mile radius show, to be held on December 11th, the Palmer Hall had been secured, and Mr. J. Robson would judge. CAGE BIRDS offer was accepted, and the committee guarantee to spend 25s. in advertisements. Mr. W. Wooldridge delivered a very able address on "My Experiences as a Canary Breeder," a very interesting paper, and thoroughly appreciated by all present. Mr. Wooldridge was accorded a hearty vote of thanks for same. It was suggested to have a summer brake outing to Bramley, on or about June 22nd, for members and friends, to be fully discussed at next meeting, June 5th. At next meeting our esteemed ex-Chairman, Mr. J. North, will give the address. A good attendance is requested.

G. A. CHARLES, Sec.

NATIONAL BRITISH B. & M.C.

Committee held April 25th. Present:—Mr. Robson (Chairman), Messrs. Vale, Silver, Dobson, Hathaway, Lott, Maxwell, Dewhurst, Trower, Cooper, Barker, Fawkes, Weston, Fulljames, Goodchild, Plumbridge, and Carr. Proposed by Mr. Fulljames, seconded by Mr. Weston, that the club's outing take place in Epping Forest on May 25th. It was also unanimously carried that the 9.33 a.m. train from Liverpool Street to Loughton, for those that wished to go down early, and the 1.2 p.m. for the remainder, and refreshments be served at six o'clock. Letters were read from the Provincial Committee, re British Bird list. Mr. Dewhurst, in supporting his proposition, said he should like to see the list open to all British birds, for there were many birds kept successfully that never saw the show bench, because they were not in the club's list, and he thought that if the list was open it would give visitors, as well as young fanciers, an opportunity of seeing a greater variety, and rarer birds. He knew from personal experience that some of the smaller waders and plovers could be kept as successfully in a cage as some of the seed-eating birds. This was strongly supported by Messrs. Cooper and Maxwell. Mr. Fulljames said the present list had satisfied nearly everybody up to the present, for only last year notice was given for certain birds to be added to the list, and only two took the trouble to reply, which, he thought, showed that the majority were satisfied with the present list. He thought there were birds in our present list that ought not to be there, for they were not desirable cage birds. In his opinion, to do away with the list would be a great mistake. After a lengthy discussion for and against, an amendment was proposed by Mr. Weston, seconded by Mr. Goodchild, that a Sub-Committee of three be formed to add certain birds to the list they thought proper, and submit to the General Committee at the next meeting. This was carried by a majority of three. Proposed by Mr. Hathaway, seconded by Mr. Cooper, that the three names for the Sub-Committee be voted for by ballot. The three gentlemen gaining the highest number of votes were Messrs. Silver, Dewhurst, and Fulljames. Proposed by Mr. Maxwell, seconded by Mr. Cooper, that Mr. A. C. Rouse become a member of the London Committee. The following new members were elected:—Mr. S. W. Birchley, Eythorne, Cbufchldown, Cheltenham; Mr. T. Sandiford, 296, North Road, Preston. A hearty vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded the meeting.

PLUMBRIDGE and CARR, Secs.

THE YORKSHIRE CANARY CLUB.

Special meeting, for the presentation of the prizes won by the successful members for the season ending June, 1907, at the Oddfellows' Hall, Bradford, on April 27th. In the absence of Mr. Brotherton, Mr. David Sunderland was asked to preside and present the prizes. On rising, Mr. Sunderland expressed the pleasure it gave him in being able at any time to fill the place of any member of any Society, if by so doing he was helping the Fancy; nothing gave him greater pleasure than helping his brother fanciers. In presenting the prizes to the successful exhibitors, Mr. Sunderland spoke of the good work the Yorkshire Canary Club had done in the past in the encouraging of the breeding and exhibition of the Yorkshire bird, and he hoped that in the years to come the club would still go on in the same straightforward manner. Messrs. Bailey and Swanger won the £21 Challenge Cup and Medal for the second time. Mr. Bailey, in replying, said he was pleased to have the honour of again being at the top of the Y.C.C. list, and he promised his fellow fanciers that next year he would again be a hard nut to crack, as he was determined to try and win the cup outright. Mr. Joe Wilcock won the £2 2s. special, given by Messrs. Bailey and Swanger; Mr. W. H. Shackleton won the third prize, a beautiful teapot, given by Mr. J. W Ramsden. Mr. Cuthbertson, of Darlington, won outright the Taylor's Challenge Cup, value £10 10s. On receiving this most beautiful trophy, Mr. Cuthbertson remarked that this was one of the happiest moments of his life in the Fancy, and that he would always feel proud to show any of his North Country fanciers such a handsome cup, this being the first time he had had the pleasure of being present at any of the Y.C.C. meetings, although he had been a member for a great number of years, and he would try to attend more in the future. He should always take a great interest in the club, and do all he could to encourage the breeding of the Yorkshire bird in the North. Messrs. Ogden Bros. won the cup, value £2 10s., presented by the Chairman (Mr. J. E. Brotherton), also first prize in the open money competition, teapot presented by Mr. J. W. Ramsden This was a notable performance on the brothers Ogden's part. Starting the year as novices, they gained more points than any of the professionals in the above competition. Mr. Denton (the oldest novice we have in the Bradford district) won second prize, a teapot presented by J. W. Ramsden. In presenting this prize, Mr. Sunderland congratulated Mr. Denton on his success, and hoped that all young fanciers would be like Mr. Denton, triers, and not give up because they did not win first prizes at every show. Mr. Denton caused much merriment when called on to reply. He said he was very sorry to leave the novices in the cold seeing that he had been with them for the last 33 years, and that until this season he had never won a first prize in open competition. He would like to know what rule would fit his case, as he still wanted to be a novice, so that he could look after the young fanciers, and give them his fatherly advice. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Sunderland for so ably conducting the meeting, which was carried. Mr. W. H. Shackleton, Mr. Hammond, Mr. Garnett, and others spoke. The meeting was well attended, and a very pleasant evening was passed. New members were enrolled, and some very good specials were given for next season's competitions.

W. MUNDELL and MATT. BROADLEY, Hon. Secs.

DARLINGTON C.B.S.

Meeting held May 1st. Mr. R. Todd in the chair. The principal business was the classification and judges for show November 30th. Decided that we make an additional class for unflighted Yorkshires, and three classes for Border Fancy, and selling class for Mules or British birds. The following were elected as judges:—Canaries, Mr. J. C. Barnes, Sheffield; Mules, British and Foreign birds, Mr. H. W. Axe, Doncaster.

E. BRUNSKILL, Hon. Sec.

REIGATE F.A. (C.B. SECTION).

Meeting held April 29th, at Mutton's Hotel, Redhill, when upwards of 30 members were present. Mr. F. J. Green, of Redhill, was appointed Chairman, and A. W. Bacon, Hon. Sec., and a Committee selected. A paper was read by Mr. Green on "Breeding Rearing, and Exhibiting Canaries, especially the Lancashire Canary." He also laid before the members a quantity of bird room requisites. Great interest was taken by all present, and considering it was our first meeting I think it looks very well for us. A. W. BACON, Hon. Sec.

ULSTER O.A.

Committee meeting held 24th ult., Mr. J. Barclay in the chair. It was passed unanimously that the very best thanks of the Association be given to the proprietor of CAGE BIRDS for sending, at very heavy expense, a representative to report the annual show held on December 7th and 8th last, which they believe to be the first time that a cage bird journal has sent a special reporter to the North of Ireland, or perhaps Ireland, on a similar purpose. This no doubt may appear belated, but this being the first committee meeting since the show accounts for it. ROBERT TRIMBLE, Sec.

GLASGOW AND WEST OF SCOTLAND N.M.B. AND F.B.A.

Meeting held 2nd inst., Mr. R. Eastman, President, presiding. A large and enthusiastic committee, with J. Brown, 97, Petershill Road, Glasgow, Sec., and M. Craig, Tolleross, Asst. Sec., were appointed for the show on November 15th and 16th. Large and extended classification will be given, including six classes for Yorkshires, with a judge all the way from Bradford to place the cards. Full prize money, amounting to 36/- per class, will be paid throughout the show, and a bumper entry is expected to reward the Association for their enterprise. It was also resolved to admit fanciers from far and near to membership as associates on payment of 2/6, and the Secretary will be pleased to hear from anyone wishing to join. Further particulars will be published later on.

J. BROWN, Sec.

WALLSEND AND MID-TYNE C.B.A.

Meeting held April 25th, Mr. Macdonald in the chair. Mr. T. C. Crawhall, of Newcastle, read a paper on "The Yorkshire Canary: A Beginner's Experience," which was listened to with great attention by the members present. They were well repaid by the excellence of the paper, and the lucid manner in which it was delivered. After a great deal of discussion, and complimentary remarks on the lecture, a hearty vote of thanks was awarded to the lecturer for his paper. Mr. Crawhall replied, and said he was only too pleased to be among us. Three new members were enrolled, and Mr. T. Robson was agreed on to judge our Nest Feather Show on July 25th. It was also agreed to join with the Newcastle Society in regard to our trip on Whit-Monday. J. R. EVANS, Hon. Sec.

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THE ORIGINAL CROOK C.B.S.

Meeting held May 4th. H. Dixon presided. Twelve new members enrolled and 22 nominated. It was decided to hold First Feather Show June 9th; judge, George Sweet. A. BOWES, Sec.

BRIGHTON F.F.A.

The monthly show of the Brighton Fur and Feather Association was held at the Unicorn Hotel, May 2nd. The special prize for the best exhibit was won by Mr. C. F. Pavey with a light Mule; and Mr. H. T. Gibb won the special for the best British bird with a Goldfinch. CANARY: 1, Gravett. BRIT. BIRD: 1, Gribb, 2, Roast; 3, Miss Holmes. A.O.V.: 1, Pavey; 2, Roast.

CITY OF BIRMINGHAM C.B.S.

Meeting held 1st inst. A very interesting and instructive lecture was delivered by Mr. J. A. Eckersley, of this city, his subject being the "Breeding and Exhibiting of the Norwich Canary." A large number of the members and their friends were present, and a very enjoyable meeting terminated with a hearty vote of thanks to the lecturer.

H. C. WILKINS.

BATTERSEA AND DIS. C.B.A.

At our last two meetings we were favoured with lectures from Mr. A. Silver on "British Birds, and how to feed them," and Mr. J. Dewhurst on "Cages, and how to make them." By the interest which the members took in them they must have been beneficial and instructive. It was announced that we hold our open Young Bird Show on July 3rd.

F. EASTERLING, Hon. Sec.

ARBROATH SCOTCH FANCY C.C.

Meeting held on the 2nd inst, when the following office bearers were elected:—Hon. President, the Right Hon. the Earl of Strathmore; Hon. Vice-President, Conway Fletcher, Esq., of Letham Grange; President, Mr. J. Strachan; Vice-President, Mr. C. Crockatt; Treasurer, Miss Maggie Black; Secretary, J. S. Napier, 52, St. Vigeans Road. Nine of a committee were also appointed. It was also arranged to endeavour to get the White Hart Hall for Annual Show, which is to be held on October 26th. J. S. NAPIER, Sec.

WELSH NATIONAL C.B.S.

First Table Show of British birds and Mules was held at Marsels Arms Hotel, on April 23rd. About 50 birds were staged; judge, Mr. W. A. Truscott. GOLDFINCH: 1, spl, Prosser; 2, White; 3, Stamp; 4, F. E. Jones; hc, c, Williams; he, Humphries. GREENFINCH: 1, spl, Prosser; 2, Williams; 3, White. LINNET: 1, N. H. Jones; 2, Burridge; 3, Price; 4, Williams; vhc, hc, c, Prosser. SISKIN, REDPOLL, ETC.: 1, Burridge; 2, Jones; 3, 4, Prosser; vhc, c, Williams; hc, White. BRAMBLEFINCH: 1, spl, Morgass; 2, 3, Prosser; 4, he, Jones; vhc, c, McBeth. BULLFINCH: 1, McBeth; 2, Bancroft, jun. A.V. MULE: 1, spl, Williams; 2, Morgass; 3, Jones; 4, Burridge.

KILMARNOCK C.B.F.S.

At a large and representative meeting of the Kilmarnock Cage Bird Fanciers, held May 4th, it was decided to hold our first show on November 16th, in the Art Gallery Halls, open for all sections of cage birds. If any club should desire to hold their show with us we will be pleased to enter into terms with them. As we intend this show to be a great success, we are prepared to give good classification and liberal prize money. The following gentlemen have been appointed as office bearers:—Hon. Presidents, J. B. King, Bailie Munro, Captain Geo. Willison; Hon. Vice-Presidents, Alex. Millar, C. S. Reid and Gavan Alston; President, G. Adamson; Vice-Presidents, J. Calderwood, J. Hutchison; Committee, J. Noble, W. Guthrie, W. Cowan, J. McFadzean, D. McBride, W. G. Muir, J. Cram, R. McCaw, H. Train, W. C. Cunningham, J. Reid, J. Wyllie, J. Smillie, J. Jones, G. Blair, A. Morley, A. Mackie, and J. Caldwell; Secretary, Wm. Watson, 49, Glebe

GLASGOW AND WESTERN COUNTIES N.M.B. AND F.B.C.

Meeting held April 27th, Mr. P. Pettigrew presiding. The usual business over, and two nominations for membersbip taken place, a lively discussion of a social nature arose, anent pic-nics and rambles. It was resolved to have a ramble on Saturday, June 8th. The Chairman said that it was imperative the club should appoint an assistant secretary; there being such a large provincial membership, it was desirable he should be a provincial member. After an animated discussion, Mr. Wm. Jack, Larkhall, was appointed. Show results; Messrs. Young, Edwards, Stewart, and Brannigan judges:—GREENFINCHES (18): 1, Rodic, good wings, splendid head, rich colour, feather faultless; 2, Martin, nice chest, good head, deep in colour, the best of condition; 3, Lawson, good exhibit, hardly the substance and bloom of winners; 4, Henderson, marvellous bird for size, head, and chest, inclined to drop wings; vhc, Davies; hc, Lawson; c, spl, McKennie. BULLFINCHES (12): 1, Lawson, splendid cap, back, and bars, good scarlet vest, in the pink of condition; 2, Rodie, splendid head and cap, rich colour, a shade broken on left bar, otherwise lovely condition; 3, spl, Renfrew, nice sweet hen, shown in faultless condition; 4, Henderson, splendid bars and wings, richest scarlet vest, inclined to be unsteady; vhc, Brownlie; hc, Roulston; c, Conley. BRAMBLEFINCHES (8): 1, Park, good size, nice spangle, shown in A1 condition; 2, Brownlie, rich head, splendid wings and spangle, nicely tanned; 3, A. Roulston, rich colour and spangle, well tanned, knows his work, a little broken in tail; 4, Gillics, good substance, rich spangle, well tanned; vhc, Davies; hc, spl, Renfrew; c, Martin. CHAFFINCHES (10): 1, Marlin, nice rich head, splendid wings, quality, shape, and condition, all there; 2, Renfrew grand size, splendid head, a beauty all round and a good one to beat; 3, A. Roulston, bold upstanding position, good head, splendid colour and condition; 4, spl, Brownlie, not so large, otherwise quite as good; vhc, spl, Shearer; hc, Henderson; c, Davies. Next meeting May 25th, 6 p.m. Following classes:—Yellow Bunting, A.O.V. Bunting, Lesser Redpoll, A.O.V. Small British, with numerous specials to be competed for. All communications to Wm. Jack, 14, Bellfield-st., Larkhall, or J. H. Adam, 15, Alexander-st., Sandyford, Glasgow.

A correspondent of "The Manchester Guardian" states that he has found a number of poisoned rooks in his rookery, and wonders if the farmers in North Cheshire are putting down poisoned grain.

We were very pleased to see the sketch of our yellow Yorkshire cock, but we should like to correct your printer's error. It should be W.C.O.S., Plymouth. We consider it a life-like drawing of the bird, and is exactly how it stands in its cage. This bird was bred by us in 1904, and has won at several of the leading shows, including Swansea, Cardiff, Gloucester, Barnstaple, Hayle, etc.—PARNELL AND SON.

FIRST FEATHER SHOWS.

The dates fixed for First Feather Shows are inserted in this column free of charge. Secretaries should notify us of same as soon as decided upon.

May 6 and June 3.—Hull C.B.S.
May 18.—Bucknall Torkard C.B.S.
June 1 and 27.—Bradford East O.S.
June 6.—Gloucester and Dis. C.B.S.
June 8.—Gt. Horton O.S.
June 8 and July 20.—Shipley O.S.
June 12.—Grimsby C.B.S.
June 11 and 12.—Stockport B.F.A.
June 12.—Bournemouth C.B.A.
June 15.—Rutherglen and Dis. C.B.A.
June 15.—Oldham.
June 15.—Burnley.
June 15 and July 20.—Wibsey C.B.S.
June 20.—Goldsthorpe, Thurnscoe and Dis. C.B.S.
June 22.—Leigh and Dis. C.B.S.
June 22.—Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.
June 22.—Blackpool.
June 22.—S.W. London C.B.S.
June 22.—Bradford (West) C.B.A.
June 26.—Metropolitan A.C.M.H.B.
June 29.—Darlington C. and B.B.F.A.
June 29.—Littleborough C.B.S.
June 29.—North London C.B.A.
June 29.—Pendleton and Salford C.B.S.
June 29.— Potteries C.B.A.
June 29.—Sheffield C.B.S.
June 29.—Rotherham C.B.S.
June 29.—City of Dundee.
June 29.—Wigan C.B.S.
June 29.—Cheltenham C.B.S.
July 1.—Wimbledon C.B.S.
July 3.—Bristol C.B.S.
July 3.—Battersea and Dis. C.B.S.
July 4.—Stockton.
July 6.—Admiral Duncan (Notts) O.S.
July 6.—City and Suburban A.C.B.
July 6.—Blackburn C.B.S.
July 6.—Bradford West C.B.A.
July 6.—Wallasey.
July 6.—Coventry O.S.
July 6.—Ormskirk and Dis. C.B.S.
July 6.—Sunderland C.B.A.
July 6.—Manchester and N.C.O.S.
July 6.—Tamworth C.B.S.
July 11.—Greenwich and Deptford C.B.S.
July 12.—Cumberland Yorkshire C.C.
July 13.—Leek C.B.S.
July 13.—Bolton O. and R.C.S.
July 13.—Hartlepools C.B.S.
July 13.—Suffolk C.B.S.
July 17.—Birmingham C.B.S.
July 17.—Torbay O.S. (Paignton).
July 18.—Wolverhampton C.B.S.
July 20.—Sale O.S.
July 20.—Wallsend and Mid-Tyne C.B.S.
July 20.—Birkenhead.
July 23.—Stoke Newington F.S.
July 25.—Wallsend C.B.A.
August 10.—Runcorn.

JUDGES OF CAGE BIRDS.

The attention of Show Secretaries is directed to the following list of gentlemen willing to act as Judges. Terms for insertion on application.

A. AMBLER, 17, Lytton Road, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Life experience. 11 years reporter to the Fancy Press.

H. W. AXE, 55, Market Place, Doncaster. Judge of Canaries and other Cage Birds. Practical experience (Norwich and British speciality).

W. O BARLOW, The Aviaries, Malpas, Cheshire. Judge of Canaries, British Birds and Mules. Terms moderate

J. C. BARNES, 149, Duncombe Street, Walkley, Sheffield. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Long practical experience. Terms moderate.

W. P. BARNES, Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Life practical experience. Breeder and exhibitor. Reporter for Fancy Press. Cummercial Road, Grantham.

GEO. BENNETT, 46, Wenlock Street, Luton, Beds. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Thirty years' experience. Terms moderate.

J. BERTIE, 7, Mitchell-st., Nottingham, Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds; all classes; 30 years' practical experience.

W. A. COWGILL, 115, Washington Street, Girlington, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Over twenty years' experience. Terms moderate.

A. G. DAVIS, Judge of all Classes of Cage Birds. Long practical experience. Terms moderate. 110, Tib Street, Manchester.

T. DIXON, Pioneer Terrace, Bedlington Station Northumberland. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Life experience.

J. DOBSON, 14, East Road, London, N. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds.

J. W. DRIVER, (Adnitt & Driver), Gladstone Street, South Normanton, Alfreton. Judge of Cage Birds.

GEO. GARDNER, 11, Haverstock Road, London, N.W. Judge of all kinds of Cage Birds.

C. A. HOUSE, 82, Upper Walthamstow Road, Walthamstow. Judge of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds.

E. A. LOVELL, 19, Islington Road, Southville, Bristol. Judge of Cage Birds (all varieties). Life experience.

F. MARWOOD, 1, Barnard Street, Thornaby-on-Tees, Mules, British and Foreign, a Speciality. 17 years exhibitor. Terms moderate.

W. R. MILES, The Aviaries, Chichester. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Life experience.

W. MUNDELL, 6, Carlisle Place, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds.

J. NORTH, 435, Oxford Road, Reading. Canaries, British and Foreign Birds. Author of "The Common Sense of Canary Rearing."

J. PATTERSON, Chirnside. Judge of Cage Birds All varieties. Wide practical experience. Specialist Border Fancy Judge.

J. H. PAYNE, 17, Northgate Street, Gloucester. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Cage Birds.

PARKER ROBINSON, N.B.B & M Club, 1, Back Hartington Street South, Barrow-in-Furness. Cage Birds, all Varieties.

J. H. ROE, 167, Clarence Rd., Derby. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Twenty years' practical experience.

WILLIAM J. ROSS, 19, Hanigh Road, Inverness, N.B. Judge of Pigeons, Canaries and Cage Birds. All varieties. Life experience.

C. E. SILK, The Aviaries, Emsworth, Hants. Judge of Canaries and all Cage Birds. Life experience.

HENRY TAMS, Orchard Place, Longton, Staffs. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Birds. Twenty-five years Breeder and Exhibitor.

R. B. TOPE, Hoe Street, Plymouth. Judge of Cage Birds, Rabbits, Cats, and Cavies. Twenty-five years' experience.

J. WILCOCK, 14, Chapel Street, Eccleshill, near Bradford, Yorkshire. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. 25 years Breeder and Exhibitor leading shows.

J. C. WILMOT, 17, Sandhurst Road, Bedford Judge of Canaries & British Birds. Thirty years experience.

H. WRIGHT (WRIGHT & SON), 84, Heath Road, Norwich. Judge of Cage Birds. Life experience

SHOW DATES FIXED.

To secure insertion in this column a guarantee that the show will be advertised in "C.B." to the extent of at least 25/- must be sent to our manager.
* Under the Rules of the C.B. Union.

*Oct. 4 and 5.—**Burnley** (J.H.R.)
*Oct. 10.—**Peterborough C.B.A.**
*Oct. 11 and 12.—**Great Harwood** (J.P.H., D.B.)
Oct 12.—**Broughty Ferry C.B.S.**
Oct 12.—**The Original Crook C.B.S.** (H.W.B.)
*Oct. 16.—**Exeter & Devon P.P. & C.B.S.** (J.H.P.)
Oct. 16—**Leek C.B.S.**
*Oct. 16 and 17.—**Grimsby & Dis. C.B.S.** (J.C.B.)
*Oct. 16 and 17.—**Hayle & District F.A.** (J.H.R)
*Oct. 17 and 18.—**Dulwich and Peckham** (J.R., G.E.W., W.V.)
*Oct. 18 and 19.—**Rochdale O.C.** (C.A.H. & W.M.)
*Oct. 18 and 19.— **Newcastle and District Good Intent** (T.H., J.C.B., C.H. and J.P.)
Oct. 18 and 19.—**Accrington & Dis.** (J.R., J.W.)
*Oct. 22 and 23.—**Plymouth W.C.O.S.** (C.A.H., J.R., G.E.W.)
*Oct. 23 & 24.—**Potteries and Dis. C.B.A.** (W.V.)
Oct. 25 & 26.—**Chesterfield & Dis. F.A.** (J.C.B)
*Oct. 25 and 26.—**Manchester and Northern Counties, O.S.**
*Oct. 25 and 26.—**S. Shields C.B.S.** (H.W.B., F.M.)
*Oct. 26.—**Middlesborough Tee-side C.B.S.**
*Oct. 26.—**Coventry O.S.**
Oct. 26.—**Dysart.**
*Oct. 26 & 28.—**Cheltenham C.B.S.** (J.H.P., J.R.)
*Oct. 30.—**Morecambe F.A.**
Oct. 30.—**Torbay O.S., Paignton** (J.H.P.)
*Oct. 30 and 31—**Gloucester C.B.S.**
*Oct. 30 and 31.—**Welsh National C.B.S.** (G.E.W., J.N., J.B.E.)
Oct. 30 and 31.—**Wellingborough C.B.S.**
*Oct. 30 and 31.—**Wolverhampton C.B.S.** (J.R.)
Oct. 31.—**Oswestry F. & F.A.** (C.H.)
*Nov 1 and 2.—**Mansfield.**
*Nov. 1 & 2.—**Blackburn C.B.S.** (J.H.R., J.W.)
*Nov. 1 and 2.—**Blaydon-on-Tyne and District C.B.S.** (J.R., J.T.)
*Nov. 2.—**Rochdale Good Intent** (H.W.B., R.B.)
*Nov. 2.—**Bramley O.S. (Leeds)** (J.C.B.)
*Nov. 2.—**Cleator Moor F.S.** (C.H. & A.H.)
*Nov. 2 a nd 4.—**Leicester Hand in Hand C.B.S**
Nov. 2B.nd 4.—**Norwich Alliance (All England) C. anA.** (W.E.G., J.R.)
*Nov. 5 and 6.—**York C.B.S.** (J.H.R., H.W.B.)
Nov. 5 and 6.—**City of Wakefield O.S.** (J.C.B.)
Nov. 6 and 7.—**Portsmouth.**
*Nov. 6 H.d 7.—**Swansea and District C.B.A.** (T.anM., J.R., D.H.T., J.H.J., A.H.)
*Nov. 7 .) d 8.—**Greenwich and Deptford** (J.R., J.Dnd
*Nov. 8 and 9.—**Preston O.S.** (J.C.B., P.R.)
* Nov. 8 a 9.—**Hinckley** (J.R.)
*Nov. 8 and 9.—**Shefficld Dis. C.B.S.** (A.A., W.V.)
*Nov. 8 and 9.—**Wallsend & Mid Tyne C.B.A.** (W.P.B., W.M., J.W.B.)
*Nov. 8 and 9.—**Warrington C.B.S.** (C.H.)
*Nov. 9.—**Bo'ness.**
*Nov. 9.—**Stockton-on-Tees & District C.B.S.** (J.B., J.S., J.M.)
*Nov. 12.—**Cambridge and Cambridgeshire C.B.S.** (J.R., F.H.)
*Nov. 13.—**Luton** (J.R., J.F.)
*Nov. 14.—**Merthyr Tydfil.**
*Nov. 15 and 16.—**Blackpool** (J.H.R.)
*Nov. 15 and 16.—**Leeds C.B.S. & Leeds R.C.C** (P.R., J.R., H.W.B.)
Nov. 15 and 16.—**Whitehaven C.B.S.**
Nov. 15 and 16.—**Glasgow & West of Scotland**
Nov. 16.—**Consett.**
Nov. 16.—**Galashiels O.S.** (J.D., G.F., W.H., J.W.B.)
Nov. 16.—**Kilmarnock C.B.F.S.**
*Nov. 16.—**Morpeth** (W.V., J.P.)
*Nov. 16 and 18.—**Nottingham** (J.H.P., W.E.G. C.H.)
Nov. 19 & 20.—**Hastings United C.B.S.** (J.H.P.)
Nov. 19 and 20.—**Southend-on-Sea.**
Nov. 20. —**Inverness O.A.**
Nov. 20 and 21.—**Margate** (J.R.)
*Nov. 20 & 21—**Northampton Good Intent O.S**
*Nov. 20 and 21.—**Bristol C.B.S.** (C.A.H., H.N.)
*Nov. 21.—**Morriston & District C.B.S.**
*Nov. 22 and 23.—**Bolton & District O. & R.C.S.** (J.T.)
*Nov. 22 and 23.—**Hull** (J.C.B., C.H.)
*Nov. 22 and 23.—**Sunderland.**
Nov. 23.—**City and County of Perth.**
*Nov. 26 and 27.—**Bournemouth and District C.B.S.** (J.H.P.)
*Nov. 26 and 27.—**Derby** (J.B. J.R., J.H.R., J.H.S.)
*Nov. 27 and 28.—**Cardiff and District C.B.S.** (J.H.P. & J.R.)
Nov. 28 and 29.—**Y.C.C. of Ireland** (H.W.B.)
Nov. 29 and 30.—**Jarrow and District C.B.F.S.** (J.H.P.)
Nov. 30.—**City of Dundee.**
Nov. 30.—**Darlington C.B.S.**
Nov. 30 —**Eccles & District C.B.S.**
*Dec. 4 and 5.—**Bristol Fanciers' Association.** (J.H.P., T.H.)
Dec. 4 and 5.—**Weybridge & Dis. F.S.**
Dec. 5—**Haverfordwest.**
Dec. 6 and 7.—**Hartlepools C.B.S.** (H.W.B., J.M.)
Dec. 6 and 7.—**Rotherham C.B.S.**
Dec. 6 and 7.—**L.C.B.A. (Westminster).**
Dec. 7.—**Cupar, Fife** (E.G.W., J. McL., H.B., P. McQ.)
Dec. 7 and 9—**Ilkeston O.S.**
Dec. 11—**Reading C.B.S.** (J.R.)
Dec. 12.—**Porth and District C.B.F.S.**
Dec. 13 and 14.—**Edinburgh Ornithological Open Society.**
*Dec. 13 and 14.—**Gateshead & Dis.** (W.V., G.G., J.R., J.S.W., G.E.W.)
Dec. 13 and 14.—**Pendleton and Salford O.S.** (H.W.B., W.B.)
Dec. 14.—**Harrogate C.B.S.** (H.W.B.)
Dec. 14.—**Hamilton Cadzou Oaks O.S.**
*Dec. 21.—**Seaham Harbour C.B.A.** (H.W.B.)
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Jan, 8 and 9.—**Wimbledon C.B.S.**
*Jan. 31.— } **Great National (Crystal**
Feb. 1, 3 & 4. } **Palace) Show**

(Secretaries desiring the initials of their Judges inserted, should forward same on at once.)

SHOW ADVERTISEMENTS
(TARIFF ON APPLICATION).

HARPENDEN, WHIT-MONDAY,
Horse Jumping and Driving Competitions, Dogs.
POULTRY, PIGEONS, RABBITS and CAGE BIRDS. Entries finally close in all Sections **Monday, May 13th,** to the Secretary.
J. B. Townend, Station Road, Harpenden.

Mr. R. L. Crisp has made a good start, having fifty-six young birds already out. If the quality comes up to numbers, the Elm Park-road team will be hot stuff. Mr. Crisp is a trier.

Mr. H. Hope, of 50, Tivoli Street, has been elected Assistant Hon. Sec. of the Cheltenham Cage Bird Society, vice Mr. T. Nash King, who has left the town. The First Feather Show of our Cheltenham friends will be held on June 29th.

From Mr. W. Norris, the Hon. Sec. of the British Roller C.C., we hear with the greatest pleasure that the membership list of the B.R.C.C. has been increased by no less a number than twenty-five names. This says much for the advance of the cultivation of Rollers in this country.

The N.B.B. and M.C. ramble through Epping Forest will take place on Saturday, May 25th. Trains 9.33 a.m. and 1.2 p.m. from Liverpool Street Station to Loughton. All fanciers desirous of taking part in the ramble kindly drop us a post-card by the 20th, so that we can arrange for refreshments.—PLUMBRIDGE and CARR, 2, Broad Street Station, E.C.

Mr. C. H. Houlton, we hear, is engaged to judge at Wallasey, July 6th; Birkenhead, July 10th; Runcorn, August 10th; Newcastle, October 18th; Manchester, October 25th; Oswestry, October 31st; Cleator Moor, November 2nd; Warrington, November 8th; Nottingham, November 16th; Hull, November 22nd; St. Helens Rees F. and F., November 23rd.

"I take this opportunity of voicing my appreciation of your very valuable paper. Especially was I interested in your recent Norwich Plainhead Competition, which I thought most instructive for those who, like myself, have not a long experience of the hobby and are therefore not very competent to act as judge! I trust that you may see your way to have another such competition."—ALEX. G. FORREST, High-street, Perth.

We owe an expression of regret to Mr. Lilley and the members of the South-West London C.B.S. for a regrettable slip in connection with their "Club Notice," which appeared in our last issue. By an unfortunate slip of the blue pencil it appeared as though the business of the meeting was a Young Bird Show, whereas it was to arrange matters in connection with such a show on June 22nd. It is due to Mr. Lilley to make this explanation, which we do most readily.

The following judges have been appointed to officiate at our next show:—Norwich Plainheads, J. Ferguson (Glasgow), and W. Vardy (Hucknall Huthwaite); Crests, J. McLay (Kirkintilloch); Scotch Fancy and Belgians, A. Patterson (Edinburgh), W. Rodger (Slateford), J. Hogg (Oakley), and W. Melrose (Galashiels); Border Fancy, J. Watson (Selkirk), T. McCreadie (Dumfries), and P. McKenzie (Kelso). Cinnamons, Yorkshires, Lizards, etc., H. W. Battye (Huddersfield); Mules, British, and Foreign, T. Stewart (Edinburgh), P. McQuiston (Ayr), and A. R. Langlands (Montrose). As the judging will take place on January 1st, we have appointed five extra judges, making a total of fourteen in all. This will enable us to have the show open to the public at an early hour.—JAS. WINTER, Secretary Scottish National C.B.S.

The Norwich Plainhead.

Mr. Mathes, the Hon. Sec. of the Southern Norwich Plainhead Club, has called a meeting to consider the question of type in the Norwich Plainhead, to adopt a model, and evolve a standard at the Raglan Hotel, Aldersgate Street, E.C., on May 23rd, at 7.30 p.m. As the meeting is open, it is to be hoped that all who are interested in the culture of the Norwich Plainhead in the south will attend the meeting whether members of specialist clubs or not.

Green Food: is it necessary?

Is green food necessary? was a question raised by Mr. Founds at a lively little meeting of Wimbledon C.B.S. last Monday night. An interested company of bird keepers, including quite a remarkable sprinkling of the fair sex, had foregathered for the purpose of hearing a lecture by Mr. J. Robson. It proved to be as eminently practical and thorough as one would expect from the lecturer's reputation. The discussion which followed was a vastly entertaining one. The query raised at the start of this paragraph found quite a number of speakers, who declared that green food was not necessary. The evils associated with watercress were dwelt on. That sterling fancier, Mr. Easterling, declared against green food, and said that his birds had been in better health ever since he gave up its use and substituted scalded rape. The lecturer said that young birds were better without green food after they were taken from their parents, though he advocated giving the parents green food whilst they were feeding the young. The meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to the lecturer, and to Mr. Piper, who occupied the chair. The officials of this society are to be unreservedly complimented upon their manner of conducting it, and more especially for taking such trouble to interest the ladies in our hobby. The refining and improving influence of woman is well evidenced in these gatherings of cage bird men.

Mr. P. Yowed has removed to the Imperial Hotel, Prescot.

Mr. G. H. Billett has been engaged to judge Deal Show on October 9th.

Mr. A. Wellings has removed back to his old address, 8, Rawson Street, Prescot.

Ilkeston Show will be held on December 9th and 11th, so writes Mr. T. Smith, the Hon. Sec.

Stockport First Feather Show is fixed for June 11th and 12th. Mr. H. W. Battye will judge.

Mr. A. M. Baird, the secretary of the Paisley O.S. (cage bird section) has removed to 23, Neilston-road, Paisley.

Mr. F. Eaton, late of Sheffield, has removed to 44, Shrewsbury Road, Stonebridge Park, Willesden, London, N.W.

Reading Show, open to a 30-mile radius, will be held on December 11th, in the Palmer Hall. Mr. J. Robson will judge.

Feathers to the value of £7 a bird are being yielded by some 100,000 Ostriches in the Oudtshoorn district of Cape Colony.

Mr. J. Fowler tells us that the Leck C.B.S. is going strong and its membership increasing. Its annual show is to be held on October 16th.

The West Bromwich C.B.S., which has been formed through the recent correspondence in CAGE BIRDS, promises, so writes Mr. T. Duffield, to be a great success.

Will the Mr. Nash who wrote us recently regarding some advertising matters, kindly furnish us with his address, as same did not accompany his communication?

At the last meeting of the Edinburgh Norwich and M.B.S., the secretary intimated that the annual show this year would be held in a new and larger hall, in Buccleuch-street.

When asking for Ramsden's pepper, don't be persuaded that any other pepper (probably giving much more profit to the dealer offering it) is just as good as Ramsden's; it isn't.—ADVT.

I had so many applications from my advertisement in your journal that I cannot reply to all individually. I sold the whole lot advertised to Mr. Andrews, of Olney.—J. WARD, Northampton.

The classification for Leith O.S. Show has been arranged as follows:—Scotch Fancies, eight classes; Norwich, six; Crests, two; Crestbreds, two; Borders, six; British birds, seven; Mules and Hybrids, two.—GEORGE BROWN, Sec.

Kindly thank all who answered my advertisement in CAGE BIRDS. I had so many applications I could not possible reply to them all. This shows what a splendid advertising medium your valuable paper is.—S. R. TURNER, New Lawley, Derby.

"The supplement you published last week I think most useful, not only to the novice, but also to the more experienced fancier, as the memory must be refreshed by reading such plain words from well-known men."—W. C. FREEMAN, Warren Wood, Hatfield.

Owing to business pressure Mr. J. Bennett has had to give up the secretaryship of the Wigan and District C.B.S., and the post has been accepted by Mr. W. Ridge. The First Feather Show of the Society will be held on June 29th, and the Back-end Show on December 7th, judge Mr. J. Trengove.

Linnets Draw 200 Listeners.

As evidence of the increasing interest which is being taken in singing contests, we note, from the official report, that at the contest at Newton-le-Willows, on Saturday last, no less than 200 lovers of song birds were gathered together to listen to the sweet-voiced competitors.

The Hundredth Date.

Last week we declared our intention of awarding an extra special prize to the society whose guarantee made the hundredth received for our column of "Dates Fixed." Eight more societies have come into line since last week's issue appeared, and the hundredth guarantee received was that of the newly-formed

KILMARNOCK C.B.F.S.,

which has Mr. W. Watson, 49, Glebe-road, as secretary. A singular feature about this guarantee is that it was decided on at the first meeting of the society, held last Saturday. It would seem a good omen for the success of the show.

OBITUARY.

Mr. GEORGE LAWSON, Stenhousemuir.

It is with feelings of deep regret that I have to announce the death of Mr. George Lawson (late of Culross), which took place at Stenhousemuir, Larbert, on Wednesday of last week after an illness of four months, in his sixty-eighth year. Having known Mr. Lawson for the last twenty-seven years (being only distant four miles from Culross (scarce a week passed but either my brother or I were there, or he at Oakley. Being Scotland's premier breeder and exhibitor of Scotch Fancy Canaries from 1887 (when he won the City of Glasgow Cup) up to 1902, I can safely say he bred more champions than all the fanciers put together.

Oakley, Fife. W. D. HOGG.

OUR FRONTISPIECE.

One of our oldest English breeds, the Lancashire, has long been closely associated with the county from whence its name is derived. Distinctive in character as it is in name, the Lancashire is a bird that appeals to all with whom the Fancy is not a matter of pecuniary consideration. It is a noble and imposing bird, combining the grace and style associated with the Yorkshire and Belgian, with the stoutness and massiveness of the Crested Norwich. Yet, whilst it possesses style, its carriage is totally different to that of the Yorkshire, and this characteristic pose Mr. Simpson has most happily caught in his delineation of Mr. Green's bird which to-day graces our pages. Recent articles, lectures, and discussions have drawn considerable attention to the breed which is somewhat neglected in the South of England, owing so, its devotees say, to its qualities not being known, and to a mistaken idea as to its delicacy. They say the Lancashire requires to be known to be understood, and once any breeder takes up the Lancashire in real earnest he seldom troubles about any other breed. That this is so is to be seen by the names of fanciers in Lancashire who for twenty and even thirty years have been breeders and exhibitors of the giant of the Canary family. Mr. Green, of Redhill, is a most prominent lover of the breed in the South, and it is to be hoped that his efforts to induce southern breeders to look more kindly upon the variety may be successful. In an age of physical culture such as this, a breed possessing grace and strength should be a great favourite.

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SINGING CONTESTS.

WARRINGTON L.S.A.

The members and friends of the above, numbering 40, journeyed by 'bus to the Pied Bull, Newton-le-Willows, and met the champions of St. Helens, Leigh, Swinton, and Wigan, on May 4th, when Mr. T. Boardman gave prizes to the value of £3. The contest brought together 200 spectators. Some best time singing was heard. All present were highly satisfied, and each bird was given a fair chance. The judges were Messrs. S. Leigh and P. O. Neill. Timekeeper, Mr. T. Armitage. 1st, Armitage (Warrington); 2nd, Statham (Leigh); 3rd, Elleson (Leigh); 4th, Armitage (Warrington); 5th, Stanway (Warrington); 6th, Armitage (Warrington); 7th, Statham (Leigh). G. TRYNER, Hon. Sec.

A grand open contest for time singing will be held at Alexandra Vaults, Scotland Road, Warrington, on Whit Monday, May 20th, when the landlord, Mr. R. Thompson, will give £2 10s., to an entrance fee, 1/-, per bird.

G. TRYNER, Hon. Sec.
28, Cobden Street, Warrington. [ADVT.]

LEEDS.

Contest at Skinner's Arms, Bushingthorpe-lane, April 28th. Twenty picked birds competed before a packed house, and some grand singing was heard. The team of birds belonging to Mr. Galley was the best ever heard at this house, and was cheered by all. Judges, T. Raper and T. Summer; 1st, 2nd, 3rd, Galley; 4th, Whitaker.—C. HUNT, Sec.

The members and friends of the Prince Albert Inn Linnet Association met on May 5th to compete for four prizes given by Mr. J. R. Saynor. There were a large number of fanciers present. Eighteen birds sang for quality singing only. Judges, S. Green and B. Jackson. Timekeeper, G. Towers. The birds were in the pink of condition, and gave a good account of themselves to the satisfaction of all present. 1, 2, divided between Allen and Clark; 3, Chippendale; 4, Allen.—E. WOOD, Hon. Sec.

The quality Linnet singing brigade, at the Old Bird House, are having abundance of singing. On April 28th 21 birds competed for £1 in four prizes; judges, J. Melia, T. Crane, T. Somers. The birds gave a good account of themselves. 1, Clark; 2, Whitaker; 3, Stead; 4, Hoban. On the 29th 24 birds competed for four prizes; judges, W. Naylor, E. Worth. 1, Booth; 2, Hardcastle; 3, Hoban; 4, Nicholson. On May 4th 23 birds competed for three prizes; judges, W. Naylor, G. Tours. There was some splendid singing, to the satisfaction of all present. 1, J. Booth, 2, 3, shared by T. Stead and F. Galley. On May 5th 29 birds competed for four prizes. All the prizes were given by Mr. J. Booth. 1, Booth; 2, Hodgson; 3, Naylor; 4, Clegg.

J. MELIA, Sec.

Sir,—I am asked to state by our members, who are willing to match Mr. Booth's bird, that they think Mr. Allen wants no match, but plenty of paper talk simply for a cheap advertisement. On the last occasion when the backers of the same bird tried to make a match Mr. Allen insisted on the Editor of CAGE BIRDS finding judges, and that gentleman asked to be excused, which I think was the best course he could take. In the next place, he wants to sing out of Leeds, which plainly shows he wants paper talk. As Mr. Allen does not seem to come to reasonable terms, the members have decided to let it drop. J. MELIA, hon. sec.

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4. The young Canaries must be bred by the competitors on or before July 15th, 1907, next. None bred after that date will be eligible.
5. All stock birds used must be the *bonâ fide* property of the Competitor.
6. Competitors must have the results of their breeding operations attested to by two responsible officials of any recognised Cage Bird Society, or may swear a declaration attested to by two responsible witnesses (form on application).
7. From now till the date of the Competition closing, August 17th, each issue of CAGE BIRDS will contain a Coupon, and when sending in the declaration competitors must enclose the whole series of coupons to show that they have been during the period regular readers of CAGE BIRDS.
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NOMINATION FORM.

We, the undersigned, having carefully read, or had read to us, the rules of CAGE BIRDS great Canary Breeding Competition, agree to enter for the Competition and abide by the rules of same. We further, each of us, undertake to try and induce six of our friends to enter the Competition and tell six of their friends about it also:—

Full Name and Address.

1. .....
2. .....
3. .....
4. .....
5. .....
6. .....

The above are the *bonâ fide* signatures and the complete addresses of six intending competitors in CAGE BIRDS' Canary Breeding Competition, and I hereby nominate them to win one of your prizes. If any of them are successful I should like my prize money sent to me addressed as under:—

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No charge is made for notices of forthcoming meetings, but they can only be inserted once. Should secretaries desire to secure immediate insertion of their announcements **exactly as written** they can do so by prepayment at the rate of three words a penny.

Ashton-under-Lyne O.S.—May 18th, at 16, Old Road, 7.30. Election of officers and Young Bird Show.—H. Foden, sec.

Bolton Woods C.B.S.—May 11th, at Victoria Hotel, 8 p.m. Important business.—E. Shepherd, hon. sec.

Bradford (West) C.B.A.—May 11th, at Red Lion Hotel, 8 p.m. Classification for Young Show.—T. Clegg, sec.

Brighouse and Dis. C.B.S.—May 4th at Headquarters, 7.30 p.m. Delegate's report of Yorks. Union meeting; resignation of delegate; election of delegate.—A. Morton, hon. sec.

British Roller C.C.—May 14th, at King's Arms Tavern, 128, Bishopsgate-st. Without, 8 p.m. Discuss rule 17 of the C.B.U., and other important business.—J. W. Norris, hon. sec.

Bury and Dis. C.B.S.—May 14th, at Textile Hall, 7.30 p.m. Very urgent business in connection with Autumn Show; members are requested to remember church parade on Sunday, May 12th, St. John's Church, 10.30 a.m.—F. E. Holden, sec.

Cambridge C.B.S.—May 15th, at Black Swan, Guildhall Street, 8.30 p.m. Lecture by Mr. J. Robson, "The Management of Cage Birds, Etc."—T. S. Moore, hon. sec.

Cardiff C.B.S.—May 16th, at Maskell's, Queen Street, 8 o'clock. Consideration of C.B.U. rules and definition of novice; arrangements for Nest Feather Shows, etc.—W. Sampson, sec.

City and Suburban A.C.B.—May 13th, at The Church Institute, 60, Paddington Street, 8.15 p.m. A paper on "Mule Breeding," by Mr. F. Easterling; visitors heartily welcomed.—Victor Wynn, sec.

City of Birmingham C.B.S.—May 15th, at Crown Hotel, 8.30 p.m. Consideration of proposed alteration of rule 17 C.B.U.—H. C. Wilkins, sec.

City of Wakefield O.S.—May 14th, at Victoria Cafe, 8 p.m. Open Show.—Netherwood and Keeley, secs.

Coventry O.S.—May 15th, at Sydenham Palace, 8.30 p.m. C.B.U rules.—G. Turrell, sec.

East Bowling and Dis. B.F.A.—May 11th, at Barley Mow Hotel, 7.30 p.m. To arrange First Feather Shows.—T. E. Higgins, sec.

Garston B.B.A.—May 15th, at Wellington Hotel, 7.30 p.m. Discussion on "The Rearing and Feeding of Young Birds," to be opened by Mr. Alf. Thompson.—A. Wilkinson, sec.

Gt. Harwood and Dis. C.B.S.—Annual ramble and nesting expedition will take place on Sunday next, May 12th; please meet at Headquarters, at 8 o'clock.—F. Sharples, sec.

Gt. Horton O.S.—May 11th, at Butchers' Arms, 8 p.m. Monthly Show; arrangements for First Feather Show; revision of members' addresses for year book, etc.—S. Dean, sec.

Halifax O.S.—Special meeting, May 11th, at Griffin Hotel, 8 p.m. Union judges for winter shows and schedule for First Feather Show.—J. F. Thackray, sec.

Huddersfield O.S.—May 13th, at White Hart Hotel, 7.30 p.m. Paper by Mr. Saml. Dean, hon sec. Gt. Horton O.S.; subject, "In-breeding"; all fanciers are cordially invited.—Sam Lodge, sec.

Ilford Dis. F.A.—May 14th, at Alexandra Hall, 8 p.m.—C. H. Reader, sec.

Jarrow and Dis. C.B.F.S.—June 5th, at Lockhart's Cafe, 7.30 p.m. Urgent business; schedule for show; also contribution cards.—J. T. Carrick, sec.

Kent County C.B.A.—June 5th, at Engineer Hotel, Folkestone Road, Dover. Annual Show; cup fund; correspondence; general.—Geo. Sanderson, hon. sec.

Leek and Dis. C.B.A.—At Headquarters, 8 p.m. Rule 17 and definition of novice for C.B.U.; also Nest Feather schedule.—J. Fowler, sec.

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CANARIES.

NORWICH PLAINHEADS.

Answered by J. H. PAYNE.

Hen with Stomach Trouble.

M.E.P.—Give your bird in the drinking water twice in one week a piece of sulphate of soda about as big as a horse bean, letting it remain for half a day. Do not give any more bread and milk, only plain canary seed and German rape, two parts canary and one of the rape. I think she is over fat, consequent upon the excessive use of hemp seed you say she has had. Let her have dandelion leaves and a sprig or two of watercress three times a week.

Trouble Amongst the Hens.

Noah's Ark.—(1) I am of opinion that your hen died from inflammation of the intestines. (2) Give the hen six drops of paregoric, ten drops of glycerine and six drops of whisky in the drinking water, fresh daily, for a fortnight. Discontinue the milk sop whilst she is having this. Keep her covered over at nights with a warm cloth until the weather gets warmer.

Young Birds Dying.

Iron.—I think your young birds died through the hen not feeding them. Keeping the cock in the same room not in sight of the hen would not be conducive to success. The next nest do not take him away, and I think you will have better luck. Your feeding so far is quite right, but you do not say whether you let them have plenty of green food. When you get young again let the parents have a good supply of green meat—chickweed, lettuce or watercress, and if you can give it to them fresh two or three times a day so much the better. Also let them have as much hemp seed as they will eat.

A Sensational Record.

First Aid.—Yes, I am decidedly of your opinion that your record of seven years and not yet had a young one out of a nest will want a deal of beating, and it says much for your patience and pluck to keep on so long. You know the old saying of the long lane, and I trust that simile will be applicable to your case. You say neither of your birds have sung. I am strongly of opinion that you have two hens put up, and the fact that you have had all clear eggs strengthens my conviction. You say they are thoroughly well, being both fresh and bright, so why give them glycerine and whisky? You will do them more harm than good, so my advice to you is to stop it at once, and feed on the seed you are at present, with occasionally a little egg food. Procure a cock if you can and put with one of the hens, and I think you will soon have a nest of fertile eggs.

How Will They Turn Out?

Numan.—The young from the cock Norwich and the green hen will be pure bred, and you will get some variegated and lightly marked birds amongst them, with probably a self green, if you have the luck to breed a fair number. The progeny of the cock mated to a Yorkshire hen, of course, will only be cross breds, and will not be suitable in any way as show birds. You will find they will come much thinner in build than the young from the green hen. You may use the cock to the German hen if he is in good health and vigorous. This you can tell by his lusty singing and his lively appearance.

Dead and Thrown Out.

Chemical.—It seems strange to have five young birds lying dead at the bottom of the cage on one morning when six days old, and all well and being fed by the hen on the previous evening. I should fancy she must have got her feet entangled in the nesting material, and in the struggle to get free dragged them out. What material do you use for the nest? Some I know is sold with cotton wool amongst it, and this is the cause of many a nest of eggs and young being dropped out on to the cage bottom. I should advise you to let the cock stop with the hen with this nest you now have. I have had many cocks that would sit on the eggs when the hen was off, and they did no harm. I have generally found these turn out excellent feeders, and I see no reason why yours should not be. Try him.

Egg Binding.

Unlucky.—See my reply to "W.R.S." in last week's issue. As there will probably be an interesting discussion as the outcome of the letter you saw, look out for it in this week's issue. If the hen seems in good health, put her with the cock and let her go to nest again if she will.

Period of Incubation.

Novice.—(1) Thirteen days, but you must not count from the laying of the last egg, as many hens will commence to sit hard from the laying of the first. The best plan is to take out the eggs as they are laid, until she has laid three, substituting dummies, which you can fashion out of a piece of cbalk, and return them on the evening of the day on which the third egg is laid. Count 13 days from then. (2) Give hard boiled egg, chopped fine and mixed with biscuit, crushed, or home-made bread crumbs, about equal weights. Feed two or three times a day, putting a little the last thing in the evening, so that the old birds may feed first thing in the morning. Let them have plenty of chickweed, lettuce, or watercress, and as much hemp seed as they will eat. (3) Give the cock ten drops of glycerine, and ten drops of paregoric in the drinking water, fresh daily, for a fortnight.

One Pair Only.

Inquirer.—I think you will do well to remove the birds from the kitchen, where you say it is noisy, to the bed-room which has a southern aspect. Remove them when the young one is just out of the nest. Your feeding is quite correct, except that you may use the whole of the egg and not the yolk alone. Instead of soaking the hemp seed, let them have it dry, in a separate vessel, and as much as they will eat when feeding young.

No Results.

T. Becker.—(1) Continue to feed your birds as you are doing at present, and let them stay together for another week. If the hen does not then lay. I should say she is either barren or an old one gone beyond breeding. As you do not state the age of the hen, of course I can only assume the latter. (2) The hen is evidently in a backward condition, but in this case it does not make much difference, as there is yet plenty of time for Mule breeding. Instead of the egg bread give hard-boiled egg chopped fine and well mixed with equal weight of biscuit or stale home-made bread crumbs. Give a small teaspoonful three times a week; also give a good pinch of maw seed twice a week. A few dandelion leaves will be beneficial two or three times a week. You do not say if you are giving the first pair the egg bread or egg food prepared somewhat in the way I have advised. If not the latter, then do so.

Are they a Pair?

R.C.L.—As you are positive your birds are a pair, I think you will find they will shortly settle down and make headway. I think the hen is not yet quite in breeding condition, judging from what you say. Pulling the nesting material about and not building is a sign of this. Let them have a little egg food three times a week, and a few pinches of maw seed; also give them a few young dandelion leaves three times a week, and I think the hen will soon make her nest.

YORKSHIRES.

Answered by H. W. BATTYE.

Only One, and that a Cripple.

Ellis Dean.—There are many besides you that have been unfortunate this spring, and for a great deal of the trouble the miserably wet, windy and changeable weather has been to blame. You say you have only reared one youngster out of two nests, and from what I can gather from your letter, though you do not say so, both nests have been from the same pair of birds which you say are both in good, healthy condition, the odd young one being healthy too, but unfortunately a cripple, one foot being doubled up like a man's clenched fist. Well, occasionally birds do come out of the nest crippled on legs or feet, and speaking generally it is about even betting when there is only one youngster reared that this will be the case, the mother usually sitting too closely and heavily on it, having so little to do in the way of feeding, and the cold weather making her over anxious as well, both these causes combine to prevent the young one from stretching its limbs, and if it happens to have its leg spread out or its foot doubled up it very probably never gets a chance again to straighten it. I don't think your youngster will ever get right, and if it were mine I would kill it, but of course you will please yourself about that. I presume you have been keeping the pair together and as you say the hen is about to lay again I should advise you to take the cock away when she has laid, and let the hen sit and rear the young ones by herself, and then if she should hatch three or four young ones it will find her other employment than crippling her young, as she will have something else to do in feeding them, instead of sitting on the nest waiting for the cock to come and feed her.

Husky Hen.

T.C.—Your hen, that you say is rearing one young one, makes a husky noise, and pants. Perhaps this is only because she is a nervous hen. Some are very easily upset when feeding young, very few hens will bring an odd young one up as well as they will three or four, and this will account for this one being a little backward in comparison with others you have. You might try ten drops of the following mixture: Equal parts of glycerine, syrup of squills and whisky. This and better weather should put your hen right.

Hen not Fit.

Shunter.—Your hen is evidently not quite in breeding trim at present, perhaps she has been, and the cold weather has thrown her back again. You may have to wait till the warmer weather which we are so anxiously expecting. Then your hen will probably come proud, and go to nest all right. She will soon teach Mr. Cock Bird his place then. You are not alone. I have three hens myself, two young ones, and one I bred with last year. These have been building, etc., nearly a month and have not laid, but I am living in hopes of them doing so as soon as there is improvement in the weather. Should your cock bird persist in going to roost in the nest remove him into another cage each night, and return him the following morning. Your feeding is correct, except I would advise giving them a little egg food daily until the hen lays her third or fourth egg.

Two Eggs in One Day.

Dilemma.—I can hardly credit your hen having laid two eggs on one morning, but as you say she has done this on two separate occasions, and that both times one of the eggs was only partly shelled, it looks as if it was correct. I never had a similar case myself, but have known it to happen with poultry, with hens that have been fed on a very stimulating diet, the cause in my opinion being the eggs coming on very fast, and sometimes the birds not having sufficient grit. Try your hen on very little food, except canary seed, next round, giving an abundant supply of good gritty sand. You might crush to a powder a little oyster shell, and mix it with the sand.

Loss of Voice.

H. Banks.—Your bird seems to be in a very bad way, but while he eats and lives there is some hope. When this complaint becomes chronic it is only a question of relief with very little hope of a cure, but as your bird has only lately shown signs of asthma there is a chance of a complete recovery. Keep the bird warm and dry in a nice light place free from draughts. Stop all seeds, except white Canary seed, and give a little bread scalded with boiling milk, mixing with this six drops of syrup of buckthorn; give fresh every day. Let this be its food for one week. Then give a little egg food, with which mix ten drops of Parrish's Chemical Food and a little moist sugar, and over the lot sprinkle a pinch of maw seed. Give this one day, and the milk sop on the day you do not give the egg food for another week or ten days. Give in its drinking water ten drops of following mixture; Equal parts Tincture of Lobelia and antimonial wine. The bird should be kept open in its bowels and, to do this, if necessary, you might put a little treacle in its drinking water once or twice a week. Do as directed above, and you may hope to get your bird all right shortly.

CRESTS AND CRESTBREDS.

Answered by W. E. GREEVES.

Hen not Laying.

F.J.L.—There is nothing you can do to make your hen lay. This is no exceptional case. Unfortunately it is one that occurs in most bird breeders' rooms. I had a hen one year that built a nest but never laid an egg, but remained on the nest, so I put four eggs under her, three of which hatched out, and the hen brought them up. The fact that your hen laid last year is not a guarantee that she will lay again. Fulness at the vent is quite as noticeable with hens that don't lay as with those which do. If your hen does not lay within the next fortnight I should advise you to try another.

Hen with Diarrhœa.

P.G.M.—If your hen is still suffering from diarrhœa, give her lime water to drink until it ceases. This you can get from the chemist's. Give canary seed as a staple food, also give daily for a week an eggspoonful of egg food, over which put a few drops of Parrish's Chemical Food and just a pinch of maw seed, a small quantity of German summer rape may be given in addition every other day, but no hemp seed until the bird is quite well. If there are no signs of returning diarrhœa at the end of a week, give a small portion of dandelion leaf every other day, and when the lime water is discontinued, add six drops of Parrish's Chemical Food to the drinking water every day for a week. A bath on bright warm days would be beneficial. Do not mate to the cock until in good condition.

BORDERS.

Answered by J. PATTERSON.

A Stubborn Hen.

M.F.G.S.—There was nothing unusual in your hen insisting on making her nest in the bottom of cage, and you did quite right in placing the nest in the position she chose. Regarding the eggs, they are what we term proud eggs, and are the result of broken eggery. Are you supplying her with sufficient grit, cuttlefish bone, and eggshell? These all go to make up the substance which composes eggshell. It was unusually early for the hen to lay after removing her from the room. It was nothing unusual for her to lay only another two eggs after. Many hens are very irregular in the early part of the season. I have known many cases such as yours. The principal cause is changeable weather and the irregular temperature of the bird room. By your removal of her into your living room you were not assisting matters. Let her set and hatch the two eggs, and she will lay her full clutch next time. Many hens whistle a little, but not like a cock, as you state, their song being short and jerky, they never fill out in the throat same as a cock bird does when singing. Your feeding is a little at fault. Let them have a little German rape added every other day, on the days you do not give the rape give them a little egg food. No hemp till the young are hatched out, then give it daily; start with a teaspoonful for every four newly-hatched young birds, and increase the quantity as the brood gets older. Egg food thrice daily; mix a little maw seed into the last feed at night. Give the usual green food. I trust you may have a successful season.

Loss of Eyesight.

Novice.—Your query is a puzzle indeed. I should have liked a little more information how you treat your birds, the kind of cages you use, and what you paint or whitewash the inside with. I am inclined to think you are using some injurious substance somewhere in your management, and strongly advise you to overhaul your cages; have them covered with two good coats of nice sky-blue enamel; after they are so treated they are very easily cleaned, and there is no harbour for any insect, nor yet is there any projecting roughness to injure the eye. Are you not dusting insect powder over birds? If so, perhaps a little might have entered the eye and have caused the loss of sight you speak about. I shall be interested to have your explanation. For the birds affected, bathe the eye every morning with a weak solution of Jeyes' Fluid or permanganate of potash. I doubt if you will revive the sight of the eyes again; however, the above treatment will take away any inflammation.

SCOTCH FANCIES.

Answered by R. WRIGHT.

Sick Hen.

Novice.—Box cage and treatment through winter quite correct. Give a bit of apple dipped in glycerine in wires of cage, boiled rape seed three times a week, nine drops of Easton's Syrup in water to tone her up, and keep free from draught, with plenty of light.

LIZARDS.

Answered by BARKER CLEGG.

An Inhuman Mother.

Owen Davies.—The annoying part of this is that it is very often done before you have thought of adopting measures for the prevention. By the time this answer reaches you the young ones will be able to feed themselves, being then 32 days old. It is rather unfortunate for you, because the new tail and flight feathers will have light tips. These unfortunate occurrences have many times debarred an otherwise perfect bird from winning. Any way, you must take great precautions over the next nest. I would advise you to remove the cock to another cage, that is, after the hen has laid her complement of eggs and commenced to sit. Seeing that he is the chief sinner, you must not introduce him to the hen again until the young ones are out of his reach, either in a partitioned part of cage, or in a nursery cage which you may hang outside the breeder. Close the door; there would then be a double wire prevention, and the young ones would be able to get their beaks through for feeding, until they were weaned off. Select the most promising birds, and cage off in separate cages to prevent any further mischief of the young ones plucking each other. You must always endeavour to keep young Lizards (in fact, all young birds) as whole and perfect in feather as possible. Keep them in the shady part of the room, and very quiet. When they commence to moult, cover the cages well below the bar perches with brown paper, or your back numbers of CAGE BIRDS. This keeps them quiet and warm, assists the moult, and enhances the colour.

ROLLERS.

Fighting and Forsaken.

Josh-o'-Brum.—Your birds fight because the hen is in high breeding condition, and the cock is just the reverse. If he were all right, and doing his duty, things would go on smoothly. It is no use pairing up a cock bird which has gone through the moult and has not sung for six weeks. The three eggs the hen laid would not have been fertile. You will either have to get another mate for her, one in full song and vigorous condition, or separate them and feed up the cock, pairing them again when he comes in full song once more. They won't do any good as they are. Your feeding is right enough, as is proved by the condition of the hen. Mix four spots of Chemical Food with the cock bird's daily teaspoonful of egg food. Give a pinch of hemp seed one day, and a pinch of maw and niger mixed in equal parts the next day. Two birds in proper condition would not keep always fighting. They might have a row or two (or what looks like it) at the start, but should soon settle down.

A Bad Beginning.

Perplexed.—The cause of your trouble lies in you having changed your birds from a room having a fire in it to one unheated. If you wanted to do this, you should have waited until the warm weather came along. Of course, the wretchedly cold and wet weather we have been having has served to make matters worse for you. I should advise you to separate your couples, take away all nesting appliances, and then mate them again the first week in June (or last week in May, according to the outlook). In the meantime, feed up the stock well, but especially the cocks. Put some Chemical Food in their egg food, as recommended "Josh-o'-Brum" this week, and give them the hemp, maw, and niger. A spell of real summer weather would act as a tonic to your birds, no doubt, and you can certainly look for improvement when we get it. It might be a good move to get another cock bird or two, but this must lie with you to decide. At any rate, the present birds need a rest for a bit.

All Dead in the Shell.

J. H. Moore.—It is certainly very extraordinary to get 15 good eggs, and find every one contain a youngster dead in the shell. There may be many contributory causes, but it is not possible for me to put my finger on one and say for certain that this is it. Your birds may not be in really good condition, and as a consequence the germs may have been very weak—without sufficient vitality to hatch successfully. If so, it may be well to separate the couples for a week or so before going on to the next round, and feed them up a bit—and especially the cock birds. Follow advice given "Josh-o'-Brum." On the other hand, something may be wrong with your methods of going to work. Are your nest-pans of the right pattern (so the hens can turn the eggs properly) and properly ventilated? A room with fire in night and day must be very dry, and moisture is necessary to hatching eggs. Hens should have a bath or two towards the close of incubation, and the eggs should on the twelfth night be dipped for a few seconds in warm water. You ought to get a book on Canary breeding from this office, which gives advice on breeding. I notice there are some good hints in the "Breeding Register" CAGE BIRDS has just published. You ought to get it.

MISCELLANEOUS CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by "OLD JUDGE."

Unlimited Hemp.

D and 4th.—If you allow them an unlimited supply of hemp, they will indeed flourish for a time, but by and bye will come a time of reckoning. The effect of your *ad lib* supply of hemp will be that, sooner or later, your young birds will die off like sheep with foot-rot. Hemp seed in excess has the power of making the livers of birds fed upon it rotten. If you stop the hemp all at once, disaster will possibly occur. I therefore advise you to gradually reduce the quantity of hemp until you are only giving a small quantity about twice a week.

A Feather Plucker.

Canary plucks his feathers and then bites them. He does not sing, and yet does not appear to be moulting. Fed on Canary seed, with rape seed twice a week, and green-stuff every day.—SINGER.

Singer.—I can only conclude that your bird is troubled with insects. First of all, give your bird a good dusting with insect powder, getting it well into the feather, especially under the wings, round the root of the tail, and the neck. After the powder has been on him about a couple of hours, let him have a fly round the room, so as to remove the powder and shake himself free of the insects. If you know how to wash a bird, it would be advisable to give him a good tubbing, using Spratt's Dog Soap for the purpose. If you do this, you need not use the insect powder. After washing or dusting, place him in a clean cage. To cleanse the old one, give it a boiling in the copper on the family washing day. Let it dry, and then paint all the cracks

and crevices with carbolic acid. Continue the canary seed as before, but alternate the rape with a little inga or niga seed, that is, one day rape, the next day inga. The rape must be German summer rape. Keep on with the green food, and medicate the drinking water each morning with Parrish's Chemical Food, using just sufficient to make the water a nice rosy pink. If you follow out this treatment, I think you will stop your bird from feather plucking, and also bring him into song.

Red Feed not Needed.

Can you recommend anything for improving the colour of my birds, which are all clears, to be given during the moult? I do not wish to red-feed them, just simply to deepen the colour somewhat. They are not show birds, but I find when selling the young most people pick out the deepest coloured ones. Of course, I could introduce green blood, but do not want to do this, if avoidable.—LONG TOM.

Long Tom.—Any of the colour food merchants who advertise in our columns would doubtless supply you with a yellow-feed. Some firms, I believe, make a yellow feed, distinct from the deeper orange or red-feed. If, however, you object to giving feed of any sort, you could improve the colour of your birds by giving them daily a quantity of rich-coloured marigolds and nasturtiums. The egg-food itself will give a certain amount of colour. Then in addition to this you might place a few shreds of saffron in the drinking water daily, or a better effect may be obtained by making an infusion of saffron, and mixing a small quantity in the drinking water each morning.

Normal Temperature.

What is cousidered the normal temperature in which to keep Canaries? State the proper amount of food to be given daily, as I fear my generosity is injurious, and liable to cause rheumatism or gout in legs and feet, in which event is there any remedy?—H. L. NOVICE.

H. L. Novice.—The normal temperature in which Canaries thrive best is about 50 to 60 degrees. I have never made any attempt to allowance birds, and I think it would be a mistake to do so. Some birds, like some men, require more sustenance than others. Again, it would be very difficult to say how much food should be given, and how it should be divided. Egg food, green food, canary seed, rape, and other seeds are all eat-at-able by the birds, and the quantity of each consumed, although small, affords an example of the Scottish proverb of many a mickle makes a muckle. It is possible rheumatism or gout may come from birds eating too much, but it would be most difficult to correct. By a series of experiments it would doubtless be possible to tell exactly how much food is needful to keep life going in a Canary, but in carrying out the experiments I am afraid many a small birdie would lose his life. If birds become attacked with either rheumatism or gout the usual remedies are to give them a small sprinkling of magnesia in their food, or to render their water slightly saline every day. The legs also may be painted with mixture of iodine or Friar's Balsam.

Young still Dying.

C.G.M.—I have come to the conclusion that your feeding is too forcing, and should advise you to stop the crushed hemp seed. In place thereof mix equal parts of canary, rape, and hemp seed, and soak for twenty-four hours in cold water. Once or twice during the time change the water, stirring it well up each time, and straining off. By the soaking much acrid matter is drawn from the seed. Birds are very fond of seed prepared in this manner, and usually do exceedingly well upon it.

Why Did they Die?

Downhearted.—I really cannot say why your birds died. These misfortunes come even to the most experienced breeders. Your feeding seems all right, except that the green food should have been given daily. From the state in which you found the young birds I am inclined to think the hen has sat too closely upon them. You say nothing about a bath. Do you use one? I like to let breeding birds have the use of the bath every day. Have you read House's "Canary Manual"? I think you would find it a real help to you. It is much the best handbook for Canary breeders.

Will He Breed Again?

Bobbie.—(1) I see no reason why your cross-bred German-Cinnamon should not breed. (2) The proof of the pudding is in the eating. Breeding capability is all a matter of strength and condition. If your bird is in full song there is no reason whatever why, notwithstanding his having seen ten summers, he should not breed again. My advice is—try him.

Fertile Eggs.

G. Amplett.—I think you must have made a mistake and overlooked the first egg. I have never known a hen to lay two eggs one night, and another the following morning. Very pleased to hear that the advice given you concerning the British birds has proved successful.

A Two-Egg Hen.

R. Walker.—If the eggs are fertile there is no reason whatever why they should not hatch and grow up into strong birds. Let the hatching go on. As to how the moving will affect things one cannot say. Some hens take no notice of such things; others become so upset that they are no use again for a long time.

Canary not Singing.

C. Lee.—You must have patience. You cannot bring health and vivacity back at a moment's notice. Give your bird a little milk sop morning and night. Continue the seed as before, also the Fellowes's Syrup for another week. Then give egg food instead of the milk sop. No; don't give the honey and glycerine. To get the hen ready for breeding feed her on egg food daily, give her canary seed as a staple diet, and a little inga seed every other day. This will soon bring her into condition. You need not apologise for troubling me twice; I am only too pleased to do what I can to help you.

First Taste of Disappointment.

Hen laid only two eggs, sat well, one bird hatched, other egg clear. The mother seemed to be attentive to her duties. This morning chick dead on floor of cage. I tried to restore animation by holding it between my warm hands and breathing between the thumbs. I have noticed the chick chirruping a good deal all week and up to last night. Was it crying for food, do you think? Beak seems to have been partly pecked away by the mother. Do you think she has been vicious and killed it?—NIL DESPERANDUM.

Nil Desperandum.—I like your nom de plume, also the grit which is shown in your letter. It is no use being disheartened when trouble comes. The face that can smile in the time of adversity is the one that commands respect and admiration. It seldom happens that one solitary nestling is successfully reared. Birds always do better when there are four or five in the nest. They are incessantly calling to their parents for food, and this keeps the old birds busy. When there is only one in the nest the old birds have scarcely any work to do, the hen sits too closely on the young, and things generally go wrong. Birds do sometimes mutilate their young, but always through viciousness, but through fear and maternal anxiety. I need hardly tell you to try again, for I know you will, and I most heartily wish you success.

Cock Chases his Mate.

A Novice.—Separate the birds for a few days; let them be within call of each other, but not within sight. Feed the hen generously, giving her egg food every day, but confine the cock to a seed diet. The hen is, I should say, as much below form as the cock is above. A week's generous feeding should put her all right. Give her a little Parrish's Chemical Food in her drinking water each day, just enough to make it a rich rosy pink.

Shelless Eggs.

Hen Canary laid two eggs and not shelled them. Fed on canary seed, a bit of niga seed every other day, also egg food with a little maw seed. Last year she laid five, and four, and shelled them all right. She has built, and they seem well paired. They have plenty of grit.—HYDE PARK.

Hyde Park.—The only cause of the shelless eggs that I can think of is that your hen must have been paired before she was ready. I strongly advise you to separate the birds for a week or ten days. Let them be out of sight and out of call of each other. Feed as you are doing, with the addition of a little green food each day. Mix 30 drops of Fellow's Compound Syrup in the hen's drinking water every day. Give her a lump of cuttlefish to peck at.

Will Sparrows Rear Canaries?

(1) Have one or two hen Canaries which do not feed after about a week. Both Hedge and House Sparrows build in my garden. Would they be likely to rear young Canaries if I changed the eggs? (2) When running the cock with two hens in cages, what is the best time to reintroduce him? Or would it be better to leave the cock entirely to one hen? (3) Is it desirable to run a cock bird with a feeder, or keep her right away? Will she take young if she has only sat a week, or would you let her sit as near her full time as possible, when the young would be five or six days old?—REDSKIN.

Redskin.—(1) I have never tried rearing Canaries under House Sparrows, but I have heard of it being done, and successfully, too, by other fanciers. The dict of the Hedge Sparrow is not at all like unto that of the Canary, therefore I should not expect success in that direction, but I see no reason at all why any member of the Finch family should not rear young Canaries. Anyway, it would be a most interesting experiment to make. (2) The best time to reintroduce the cock is when the young birds are about a fortnight old, and then only do it morning and night for about half an hour. If he interferes with the young birds you must remove him as quickly as possible. If he is one of the quiet, kind sort, takes to the young and feeds them and the hen, then let him remain. Myself, I am strongly opposed to running a cock with two hens. I have reared hundreds of birds, and never ran my cocks with two hens or separated the birds from each other during the breeding season. In a state of Nature the Finches, to which family the Canaries belong, do not go in for polygamy, and in this, as in most other matters concerning birds, I like to keep as close to Nature as I possibly can. (3) What holds good with your show birds should hold good with your feeders. In the natural state the birds are not separated during the breeding season. I cannot say if a hen would feed young when she has only sat a week. It is an experiment one might try with common stock, but I should not like to risk it with valuable birds. If the mother of the young birds feeds them the first five days, and they are then given to the feeder, they should do even better than if transferred to the feeder previous to the eggs being hatched. The feeder, however, should be allowed to hatch and keep her own young for one day, or she might refuse to feed the larger birds.

Young Canaries Quarrelling.

May.—Young Canaries, like most young animals, are full of mischief, and will often peck each other. Tie several pieces of thick string on to the aviary wires; this will give them something to play with, and stop them plucking each other. If you want your birds to be healthy, let them have a little green food every day; be sure, however, that it is fresh.

Profitable Canary Breeding.

Have built an aviary in garden, in a warm corner, 6 ft. 6in. high and 3 ft. square, with wire front. (1) Am I too late to breed this season? (2) Which is the most profitable Canary to keep? (3) What should I feed them on, and what should they feed their young with? (4) How long should they be before leaving their nest to be put in nursery cage? (5) What kind of nests are suitable for them? (6) Where should I purchase my birds from?—W.W.W.

W.W.W.—It is very evident that you are, as you say, a new beginner, or you would have read the answers to your queries several times over in the many valuable articles which have appeared in CAGE BIRDS within the last few weeks. However, if you have not seen them, I will do my best to help you. I cannot answer all your questions fully in this column, because space does not permit. (1) No, you are not too late to make a start this season. Any time during May will do to put birds into an outdoor aviary. (2) It is difficult to say which is the most profitable kind of Canary to breed. Crests bring the most money when reared to a state of perfection, but you could not keep these in your aviary. Further, it would be the height of folly for you to attempt breeding valuable birds in an outdoor aviary, and it would be equally foolish for you to do such a thing, even indoors, until you have acquired a more extensive knowledge of the requirements of Canaries. (3) Your birds would need to be fed each day upon egg food and canary seed and green food, as their staple diet, giving them a little inga, maw, and hemp seed every other day, previous to pairing them, and also, for a few days after, when the hen has nested, stop the inga seed. They will feed their young upon the same food, but when there are young about I like to give soaked seed in place of the inga, maw, and hemp. This is prepared by mixing in equal quantities, canary, summer rape, and hemp seed, soaking it in cold water for 24 hours, stirring and rinsing well in fresh water, and straining off at least twice during the day; when giving the seed rinse it well in fresh water, strain off and give to the birds. (4) The young should not be taken away from their parents before they are 28 days old. (5) The white china and the terra cotta nests, which are advertised in CAGE BIRDS, are both good. I have used them, and had good results from both. (6) I cannot recommend any particular breeder or dealer. You must decide which breed of bird will suit you best. I should not advise you to purchase costly birds, but cheap ones—common Norwich or Yorkshires. Having decided which breed to keep, then look through the advertisements in CAGE BIRDS, and send to some advertiser for a pair of whatever variety you desire. In purchasing, don't forget to adopt CAGE BIRDS' deposit system, it will prevent your being fleeced should you happen to fall across a sharp. My last piece of advice is that, before you spend a penny on birds, send to our Manager for a copy of one or the other of our books—"Canary Breeding for Beginners," or House's "Canary Manual." A few pence spent in this way may possibly save you many shillings, and the lives of valuable birds. Read one of these books thoroughly. Get hold of the theory of Canary breeding ere you attempt to gain the practice.

Hen not Laying.

Hen bred last June. Paired up for three weeks; does not lay, although she carries the nesting material about, puts it in the nest, and takes it out again. She calls the cock; he feeds her. They don't fight and coition takes place. Can you tell me the reason the hen doesn't lay.—CONSTANT READER.

Constant Reader.—You say nothing at all as to how you have been feeding your birds, or the conditions under which you keep them. I should advise you to separate them for a week or ten days. Feed the hen on hard seed and green food only if she appears fat, and give her 30 drops of Fellows' Compound Syrup in her drinking water daily. If, on the other hand, she is thin and ill-nourished, then feed her generously upon egg food, and every day give her either a little inga or hemp seed in addition to the usual canary seed, and don't forget the Fellows' Compound Syrup in the drinking water. Provide her with a bath every other day, and in any case let her have a piece of cuttlefish to peck at. After the period named, let them together again, and if she still is unproductive you may conclude she is barren.

Samples of Seed.

German.—The canary and hemp seed are fairly good samples and clean, but the rape is not at all good, and I should not like to use it for valuable birds either old or young. Neither of the three are first-class. If I were in your place I should send to one or other of the firms advertising in CAGE BIRDS, and secure the best seed possible. If birds are worth keeping at all, they are worth keeping well. Years ago it was impossible to get good seed in London, and London fanciers who valued their birds used to send to Northampton or Norwich. These two places being noted centres of breeding the corn chandlers used to keep the best of food. It is impossible to grow strong, healthy youngsters, or to keep birds in good condition, on bad or inferior seed. The best is the cheapest, and only the best should be used.

What Will She Do?

(1) Will a hen that lays six eggs first round, lay the same number each time? (2) Which is the best to use—sand or sawdust—for cage bottoms—VARSITY.

Varsity.—(1) Your question most certainly is a poser. Can any man say what a lady will do under certain circumstances? They are, you know, most unconventional beings. Because your hen has laid six eggs the first round, don't expect her to repeat the order, she may only lay three in the second round, or she may go one better and total seven. You will see we have some corespondence on the subject this week. (2) Sand, without a doubt. I should never use sawdust, except in the case of hens with nesting diarrhœa. Many a young bird is killed by sawdust getting mixed with its food.

Young Birds Dying.

Pensal.—It is very difficult indeed to say why birds die. Do you soak the bread before mixing the egg food? All bread should be soaked in cold water for at least ten minutes, then squeezed dry and mixed with the egg. The chemicals in the bread are not beneficial to the young birds, and the object of the soaking is to draw them out. Do you provide the old birds with plenty of sand? Try the effect of mixing just a pinch of salt in the egg food.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

Softbill Food.

A.W.—This sample is not, strictly speaking, a Softbill food, using that term to mean a food designed for use with all insectivorous birds. It is simply "German paste," and a good sample, too. It is useful to give occasionally to Larks, Pipits, Blackbirds, Thrushes, and the coarser feeding Softbills. I cannot say exactly of what it is composed, the baking or frying in fat or oil which it has undergone having changed some of the ingredients beyond recognition. The chief ingredient, however, is coarse pea meal. With it there are coarse oatmeal, brown sugar, maw, and white and red millet seeds, and probably crushed canary and hemp seeds. I use a little good "German paste" now and again, and with benefit.

Concerning an Aviary.

Hoppy.—Your indoor aviary, 7 ft. by 4 ft. by 4 ft., would hold about 18 small birds very comfortably. You could get a nice and varied collection by including a few suitable Foreign seed-eaters (as you suggest) among the Britishers. For information on Foreign birds, however, you must address a query to our Mr. Page, who attends to that department. The following British birds should get along nicely with them:—Goldfinch, Bullfinch, Linnet, Twite, Lesser Redpoll, Mealy Redpoll, Siskin, and Reed and Cirl Buntings. A Greenfinch and a Yellowhammer might do no harm, but would need to be watched and removed at once should they attempt it. One Chaffinch might also agree, but this species and the Bramblefinch are very unreliable. A box or privet shrub is very suitable to put in a small aviary, but needs frequent changing (or cleansing), as the birds soon render it unsightly. You would need to put in canary, millet, summer rape, teazle, and hemp seeds in separate dishes, and throw in a good handful of sunflower seed daily; also give the other seeds used by birdkeepers (including wild seed mixture) occasionally as a treat.

Nests and Seeds.

Knapley.—Why not go out and get a nest of the Greenfinch and Yellowhammer? They are plentiful enough in your neighbourhood, and easily found. Then you could see exactly of what they are composed. The Greenfinch uses small twigs, bents, and coarse grasses as a foundation, and makes it cosy with hair. The Yellowhammer does exactly the same, only she uses grasses to a greater extent, and usually pops a few feathers among the lining. The seed sample you enclose looks exactly like the one I commented on in last week's issue, under the initials, "A.E.C." Is this not so? It is comprised almost entirely of what are known as "bird rapes," and is suitable for the same birds as mentioned last week.

More Aviary Matters.

Bird Lover.—I should think you could quite successfully keep Yellowhammers, Linnets, Greenfinches, Wagtails, and Blue Tits (12 birds in all) in your aviary 17 ft. by 4 ft. by 5½ ft., half closed in, and with a small stream running down the middle. Whether they would all breed or not, no one could say; at any rate, you have a sporting chance. Probably not more than one pair of Blue Tits would agree together; the same remark applies to the Wagtails. In fact, it would be far better to have only one pair of each species present. I should not put a pair of Peewits along with them; try a pair of common Sandpipers instead. You must not remove the cock birds when the hens have gone to nest (if they do). You would simply upset everything by trying to do so. The outside compartment must be well fitted up with dead shrubs and bushes, branches, hurdles of pea-sticks, and the like, and possess plenty of perching accommodation, just the same as the covered-in compartment. You will have to arrange for supplies of live food for the Wagtails and Tits—the contents of ants' nests thrown on the aviary floor would suit them admirably. Probably you know that the Tits will be likely to prefer some sort of hole in which to build, and the Wagtails a depression in the soil under a sheltering boulder. Make a little fancy rockery, with grotto, etc., in the place; it would look very nice.

Nightingale and Woodlark.

Thankful.—The only way to make absolutely sure of getting songsters, either in Nightingales or Woodlarks, is to buy those who are on song at the time they are purchased. Everybody has to take his chance when buying fresh-caught specimens. It is impossible for any beginner to sex either of these birds with accuracy—both cock and hen are almost as like as two peas. An experienced dealer or fancier can pick out the sexes, though, with fair certainty. Your only chance, therefore, is to go to a reputable dealer, and trust in his word. You want, if possible, to get hold of a "kind" (steady) bird, which does not dash madly about his cage without cause. Nightingales need not have perches covered with either cloth or baize. I do not cover my own perches. Make them of a soft wood, and not too large—half inch to five-eighths wide. The same stock mixture as that recommended for a Nightingale last week will answer admirably for a Woodlark; prepare it in the same fashion. A Woodlark, of course, is not a fruit-eater like the 'Gale, but needs a supply of seed, like a Skylark, also a dust bath.

Some Brevities.

Goldie Not Ready (Long Tom).—I take it your surmise that the weather conditions are responsible for your Goldfinch's seeming unreadiness for breeding is correct. No doubt, after a week or two's real summer weather, he will be quite as anxious as you say the hen Canary is. You can only wait patiently. Give the hen plain food only. Let the Goldie have plenty of dandelion, both seeding and flowering heads, and young, tender leaves. Your other treatment is quite correct. Keep the slide between them.

A Hawfinch and an Unknown (Constant Reader).—I don't think it is at all necessary to colour-feed a Hawfinch which is a good colour naturally. Give it plenty of black, privet, mountain ash, etc., berries through the moult. I am aware that the last Crystal Palace winning Hawfinch was very hotly colour-fed, but that does not affect my answer. The birds you see flying about the stone walls are, I should think, hen Redstarts. Stonechats are considerably smaller than Wheatears, and the cock has a conspicuous black head. Your descriptions are too vague to be helpful. I do not know of any small British bird which is very light blue in colour. A Nuthatch, seen from above, might look so, but he is not likely to be popping in and out of stone walls. I should think the birds were Great Tits, or else Blue Tits—I take it you would know these birds, however, when you saw them.

Value of Hybrid (M. Thomas).—It is really impossible to attempt to value any Hybrid without seeing it. Could you not get some competent local fancier to call and look at it? It might be a hen for all I know, and a hen Goldfinch-Greenfinch Hybrid is worth practically nothing. If a cock, and of nice size, shape, and colour, you may get 15/- to 20/- for it. If a real first-class specimen, fit for keen competition, 30/- to 40/-.

Two Greenfinch Pairs (Amateur).—A cage 30 in. by 15 by 15 is of very nice size for a Hybrid couple, and the cock Greenfinch and hen Bullfinch should get along nicely therein. The all-wire cage, 36 by 36 by 20 inches, would answer for a couple if covered over with cardboard or brown paper, so that only the front remains open. It may be well, too, to screen off the corners where you hang the nesting receptacles. The cock Greenie and hen Canary should manage nicely in the 24 in. breeder. It is a sign that he feels comfortable and at home, I take it, when a cock Greenfinch raises the feathers on his poll like a crest on being looked at. Certainly it is a sign of good, and not ill, omen. It is full early yet, considering the unfavourable weather, for mating couples to be breeding.

Early Troubles (G.B.A.).—If you changed your birds from a warm to a cold room, that is the cause of your trouble. Readers are practically always being warned not to do this. Nothing is more calculated to upset birds. The German hen which has gone into moult will do no good until the has got over it, and had a rest afterwards. She may perhaps be spoiled for the rest of this season. Evidently the Yorkshire hen is out of condition. You want to feed her up well until she commences to carry nesting stuff about in her mouth; then she will go ahead all right. You are probably also a week or two too early for the Linnets. Wait until we have had a week or two of sunny weather, then pair them up, feeding in the meantime on dandelion, and plenty of seeding shepherd's purse. No one could tell the age of your Yorks. hen without seeing her; then one could perhaps only guess at it.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S.

What Bird?

Miss Fowler.—I did not think of looking among British birds for a solution, and I could not find any Foreign species I knew of to fit your description. Mr. Weston, our British bird expert, suggests that it is a Bramblefinch, and on comparison I am convinced he is right. It would thrive on the ordinary British bird mixture. If you require further help re this bird, repeat query next week to Mr. G. E. Weston.

Food for Port Lincoln Parrakeet.

I have lately purchased one of these birds; what is their food and treatment?—L.R.T.

L.R.T.—My birds of this and allied genera get a hopper of canary and millet in equal parts and

another of oats, wheat, dari, hemp, and sunflower seeds; two parts of oats and one part each of the other items; green food, ripe fruit (apple, pear, or orange they seem to prefer). Cuttlefish bone and parrot grit are essentials, and if the birds approve of it, rock salt is wholesome also. It is advisable at present to use slightly chilled water for its bath; sods of grass in flower would be very wholesome. Slightly colour its water with Parrish's Chemical Food, and supply plenty of cuttlefish; this should counteract the looseness. Do not give maw seed, and dry Osborne Biscuit would be preferable to sponge cake. If it has a special liking for crushed Indian corn, by all means put a little in above mixture. It is best to cover these birds up at night, but while the cage is covered up all round the sides the top should be left open for ventilation.

Ribbon Finches not Rearing Young.

(1) My birds lay and incubate, but throw out their young when about four days old. What can I do to remedy this? (2) Zebra Finches are sitting in double breeding cage. How must I feed and treat? (3) Can I put my Budgerigars outside early in May?—FOREIGN NOVICE.

Foreign Novice.—(1) Ribbon Finches are sometimes given to this annoying habit of throwing out their young; but I think in your case they will settle down a little later; they are not yet accustomed to their quarters. They will do better in the aviary. I have had numbers of these birds reared on dried ants' eggs alone, which this species appears to be very fond of for rearing their young. As well as keeping them well supplied with dry ants' eggs, canary and millet seed, I always kept a little soft food in the aviary (a roomy one), which contained a mixed series of Finches, and they always reared their young without difficulty. In fact, on one occasion, when the cock died suddenly in a fit, the hen brought up a fine brood of three herself. (2) Leave the Zebra Finches to themselves, do not meddle with them, and supply the same food as to the Ribbon Finches, only, I think, you will find these will not eat many ants' eggs, but they will eat the soft food mixture (game meals, ants' eggs, dried flies, and crumbled sponge cake in equal parts and made crumbly moist for use) readily, also tufts of grass in flower are early picked over; I think you would find the Ribbon Finches would eat the latter. (3) Yes, you can turn your Budgerigars out of doors next week. Fix up under the roof at least double the number of husks you have pairs of birds.

Home of the Red-Vented Bulbul.

G. Bonham.—The Red-vented Bulbul (*Pycnonotus hæmorrhous*), also known as the Common or Madras Red-vented Bulbul. It ranges from Ceylon northwards to Central India, and on the western side as far north as Sindh. Although a bird of the plains, it is occasionally found at considerable elevations. It should have as much ripe fruit as it will eat, live insects, and some good soft food mixture. Some individuals are very spiteful in a mixed series, and it should be trusted with small birds only with the strictest oversight till its demeanour is ascertained.

Grey Singing Finch not Singing.

(1) I bought the bird as a singer in October last, but it has never attempted to sing. Please advise me what to do. I only want it as a songster. (2) Can I keep a Red-headed Gouldian that has been flying in a bird room in my Crystal Palace cage? (3) Some of the birds are moulting. Do they require special treatment?—E.H.S.

E.H.S.—Watch your bird carefully, and if it is a male, there should be a small patch of white on the throat; this is only clearly visible when the bird is singing, or when the neck is elongated, by the bird stretching or some such movement. These birds are so full of song that it should have done so by this time. If it does not sing, say, by the middle of June, I should say you have a hen bird. I may say, however, that apart from actually hearing the bird sing, it is very easy for an expert to make an error in sexing these birds. Re the Gouldian, these birds do not take kindly to confined quarters, but with your temperature, if there is thorough ventilation as well it should do well. My difficulty is you do not give size of cage. It would do with the birds you name providing they are not overcrowded. As to moulting, if the birds appear lively and healthy, let well alone, but keep up a good supply of cuttlefish and fresh clean green food. If they appear out of sorts, for one day make their drinking water just saline with Epsom salts, and follow this by just colouring the drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food. It would be better to procure a mate for the Gouldian, and leave them in the bird room together; they would then probably breed.

Parrakeet for Mixed Series.

In my outdoor aviary I have Cockatiels, Cardinals, Popes, and mixed Finches (all males). What species of richly coloured Parrakeets would agree with them in outdoor aviary? I have a leaning towards Pennants.—TOM COMPTON.

Tom Compton.—I am rather doubtful as to Pennants. Some individuals are very pugnacious during the breeding season unless they have plenty of room, and are certainly unsafe company for Rosellas. Why not have Red Rosellas? Once these are fully mature, they are certainly handsome and showy birds, and would agree with the birds you name. I must add this proviso, that the above is based on the supposition that your birds are not crowded. In a roomy outdoor aviary I have kept Red Rosellas with Finches and small Waxbills, as well as those on your list. Pennants are very richly coloured birds, but are not safe company during the breeding season for nearly allied species fully their own size. An odd male might be fairly safe, for individuals in every species differ materially in disposition, but you must keep careful observation at first till this is ascertained.

Six Queries.

(1) Can Budgerigars (possibly newly imported) be put out of doors at once? (2) What other inexpensive Parrakeets and Lovebirds can I put with them? (3) The aviary is 10 ft. long by 6 ft. wide; how many will it accommodate? (4) Which are the most easy to breed, aviary bred or imported birds? (5) Is it harmful to keep young in with old? (6) Can strong-billed birds, such as Java Sparrows, Hawfinches, and Chaffinches, be kept with them?—TIMBROKROPI.

Timbrokropi.—(1) Yes, providing your aviary has a shelter and is well provided with husks; some branches should be fixed horizontally under the roof, close against it. (2) Cockatiels (10/6), Rosellas (25/-), Madagascar Lovebirds (3/6), all per pair. (3) One pair each of Cockatiels, Rosellas, and Lovebirds, and two pairs Budgerigars for breeding purposes. It would have been much better had your aviary been half as high again. (4) Aviary bred birds would settle down most readily to nesting, but the imported birds should soon do so; it all depends on their condition when they come into your possession. (5) You can keep old and young together, but you should dispose of your young birds, when they are able to look after themselves, or your accommodation would soon be overcrowded. (6) Yes, though there is the probability of a tragedy occasionally. Budgerigar play is rather rough on Finches. However, such mishaps should not be frequent. With such a mixture I should only advise you to put in male Finches.

Moustache Parrakeet.

Please give habits and treatment. Is it hardy and sociable with other birds? Is it likely to breed in confinement?—J. H. WOODWARD.

J. H. Woodward.—The Moustache Parrakeet requires the same treatment as the Ringnecks; once over the hardships of the journey to this country, they are hardy and enduring, and may be kept out of doors all the year round in any aviary which provides space for flight. In such an enclosure they may be kept with Cockatiels, Rosellas, and other Parrakeets of similar size, but they must not be crowded. When adult there is no reason why they should not settle down and breed. You must either hang up longitudinally a small barrel, or supply a nest box of suitable size with a concave bottom. They require no nesting material. You will find the data given in "Popular Parrakeets" for the Ring-necked Parrakeet very helpful, as the habits and disposition of the two species are very similar. If you have young birds it will probably be quite two years before they attempt to nest.

Birds and Cages.

(1) The roof of our house is roomy and well lighted, and I can enclose a piece 10 ft. by 8 ft.; will this do for a Foreign bird room? (2) Will it be too late in three weeks' time to purchase Budgerigars for breeding? (3) What other Foreigners can I breed in cages? (4) What size and kind of cages do you advise for Budgerigars? (5) How many Foreigners can I keep in Crystal Palace cage 3½ ft. by 2 ft. by 3½ ft. high?—QUERIST.

Querist.—(1) Yes, choose the portion that will give most light, sun, and air without draught. Make the space as large as you can while you are about it, as space plays a very important part in the health of captive birds. (2) If you procure birds from some good breeder (see advertisement columns), they should settle down to breeding almost at once. It is best to get two pairs, each pair from a different source, then the resulting young of the respective pairs could be mated without deterioration of stock. In preference to cages, I should advise the making of a large flight for these birds along one side of the room; several pairs will breed together, and with much more freedom than in cages. (3) Zebra, Ribbon, Ruficauda, and Gouldian Finches, etc.; also Java Sparrows and Bengalese; these two make good subjects for cages. Diamond Finches, Silverbills, Spicebirds, Grey and Green Singing Finches, Bronze and other Mannikins. (4) Do not try to crowd the largest number of cages you can into your room. It is better to have half the number of birds doing well than a larger number overcrowded and always more or less out of condition. Have good box type cages made 2½ ft. to 3 ft. long, 1½ ft. deep, and 2 ft. high; well furnish these with branches (these are better than stiff perches), nest boxes, etc., and your birds should do well. (5) These are most unsuitable for attempting to breed birds in, but if you keep it in some position where a draught cannot blow through it, a dozen and a half of small Waxbills would make a pretty picture; these small birds are very beautiful and easy to keep; they seldom attempt to breed, would succeed well in your cage. A good selection would be:—Pairs each of Golden-breasted, Grey, Orange-cheeked, and St. Helena Waxbills, and Common and Green Avadavats. This cage would not be a success out of doors.

Sulphur-crested Cockatoo in Awful Condition.

Last July I brought over from Australia two of these birds; one has been in my own care, and, thanks to your paper, is in the pink of condition; the other a friend has been caring for and has given it a bit of everything, bread and milk, and, in fact, anything it liked to eat; as the result, it is in a most awful condition as to plumage, and also has a diseased beak; the top portion seems to rot away. In spite of this it is fat and plump. Can anything be done?—J. H. LLOYD.

J. H. Lloyd.—I am rather at a loss how to advise you in such a case. It is the awful diet that has wrought the mischief. As to whether the case is hopeless is a very difficult query to answer. For myself, I never recognise that alternative with my birds, and in consequence have saved many apparently hopeless cases that have come into my hands. Its present diet must be stopped at once, and it must have the same diet that the bird in your own charge is getting, with this addition, that it must have boiled maize (this only keeps fresh one day) daily, while its upper mandible is in this state. If it will not, or cannot eat sufficient of such dietary, nothing can be done for it, for it will only get worse on its present awful menu; in fact, it is cruelty to continue same. The diseased beak must be cleansed frequently. Use a weak carbolic solution for this purpose, but exercise care that none of it is swallowed. If there is any wound, after the cleansing lightly anoint it with spermaceti ointment. Make its drinking water quite saline with Epsom salts for one day, and repeat same in a week's time; and for some weeks, on such days as you are not giving the aperient, well colour its drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food, and also drop about ten drops of same daily on to its boiled maize. As you remark, the bird is in an "awful state," yet I am hopeful it will gradually improve, but complete recovery will be a matter of some time. As to whether it will be left a confirmed feather puller and eater, time only can determine. Use only a glass drinking vessel while giving drugs. You had better report progress in two or three weeks' time.

A Feather Eater.

My Grey, apparently in good health, for the past year has been addicted to eating her feathers. She looks very shabby. What can I do for her?—NEW READER.

New Reader.—Feather eating, once acquired, is almost incurable, and mostly arises from feeding a bird on a bit of everything. You had better try all possible remedies. Get a light zinc collar, made to fit the bird's neck, from which a short piece of chain hangs over the bird's breast; this comes in the way of the bird's beak when it attempts to get at its plumage, and it is supposed to play with the chain instead. Any metal cage maker will make one to order. Also soak, every other day, the parts it is in the habit of pulling and pecking at with quassia solution, keeping it out of all draught till dry. This treatment will have to be persevered with, as it is a work of much patience curing a bird of this annoying and depraved habit. It is mostly brought about by improper diet, and you do not state what yours is; however, if you look through last week's query column and also this, you will not be in doubt as to the correct diet; treat your bird accordingly. You had better give it a cooling aperient once a week, say, for a month; one teaspoonful of Dinneford's magnesia in its drinking water; and on other days during the same period well colour its drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food. Watch this column closely and you will get many hints as to treating Grey Parrots.

Songless Pekin Robins.

Last October I bought three of these birds, which, I was told, were splendid songsters. Up to now I have heard nothing that can confirm this, their utterance being very meagre. Yet they are in good health, and I am of the opinion that they are males. Have I been rightly informed as to song?—STEPHEN SMITH.

Stephen Smith.—The power of song with these birds is very variable, but all true males must be classed as fair songsters, while a good one is very fine and has good power and variety in its song. The greater part of the birds brought over are females, and most of them young birds. It is never easy to sex these birds, and I expect dealers make many mistakes, as I have myself, in picking out the sexes from a lot of birds of varying ages. The adult male has the edges of the wing feathers richer in colour than the female, also the same as to the yellow of the throat and breast, and in the male the eye region is yellow, while it is greyish-white in the female; his bill also is a deeper coral red than that of his mate. The song of a good singer is very buoyant and joyous and continued for quite long intervals together, and is very varied. Diet:—As staple food, give some good soft food mixture (see advertisement columns), or mix crushed Osborne biscuits, sponge cake, dried flies, and best ants' cocoons, in equal parts; well mix and make crumbly moist for use. Give in addition as much ripe fruit as they will eat, and a few live insects, mealworms, etc., daily.

Young Grey Parrot.

Please instruct me how to treat. What is its food? Should its drink be given warm or cold? Does it need sop? How must I treat if it gets diarrhœa through change of diet and climate?—H.R.

H.R.—A young Grey Parrot must be kept warm and free from draught for some little time at first, later the temperature of an ordinary living room will suffice. It will be necessary to give the bird boiled maize (this only keeps fresh one day) for a time, but you must also keep a supply of the following mixture:—Canary, dari, wheat, hemp, oats, and sunflower seeds, in equal parts, in its cage; and when you find it eating this heartily gradually wean it from the boiled maize. As regards water, let it satisfy its thirst three times a day with water that has been slightly coloured with Parrish's Chemical Food. No, it does not need sop, and do not give it table scraps of any kind, tea, coffee, or milk sops, or any kind of animal food whatever, or you will soon ruin the bird's health. Give it ripe fruit, green food, nuts, plain biscuits (dry), boiled potato (dry), raw carrot, grit, cuttlefish, and water as above. In case of diarrhœa give three drops of pure salad oil direct to the mouth, and for one day only put two drops of laudanum and a little prepared chalk into its drinking water. In giving the latter, it is best to take the water away for a time, and offer it, say, three times during the day, well stirring it before offering it to the bird, and let it satisfy its thirst on each occasion. Follow this by a course of Parrish's Chemical Food, and keep the bird warm till recovery is complete.

Twenty-eight Parrakeet.

(1) What is the correct diet and treatment? (2) Its droppings are loose, he is beginning to moult, but otherwise appears well. (3) Should it not have larger flint grit than that given to Canaries? (4) Should he have a bath?—J.M.T.

J.M.T.—(1) The Twenty-eight or Yellow-collared Parrakeet is a frugal liver. It should have one hopper of canary and millet, and another of wheat, oats, dari, and sunflower seeds, ripe fruit, green food, grit, cuttlefish, and water ad lib. You must keep a watch upon it, and if it does not crack the seed readily, or appears to only partake of same sparingly, you must give boiled maize (this only keeps fresh one day) for a time, but when you notice it eating the dry mixture freely, gradually wean it from the boiled maize. (2) Supply it with plenty of cuttlefish and colour its water with Parrish's Chemical Food, and this should soon disappear. (3) Supply Parrot grit; this is put up by several of our large advertisers. (4) Yes, but many Parrots will not bathe. Such have to be lightly sprayed, and special care should be taken (at all seasons) to keep them free from draught till dry. The critical period with these birds is their first few months in this country; they should be kept in a warm but not stuffy corner of the room and carefully guarded against draught, but not shut off from fresh air. At this season the temperature of an ordinary living room will be ample, but, like all caged birds, they must not be stood in a draught, or they will soon go off.

Sunflower Seed for Grey Parrots.

Thanks to your help my Grey is improving daily. I have tried all the seeds you name, and it will eat only the sunflower seed. Can she have this as her sole diet, apart from fruit, nuts, etc.?—E.M.L.B.

E.M.L.B.—Glad to note your bird is improving. Sunflower seed alone would not be a wholesome diet for a Grey Parrot. Give the bird an ordinary hopperful of the mixture as already advised, but you can leave out the canary if it objects to small seeds, and give it no more for that day. Of course, you will continue to give nuts, fruit, etc. By this means you will force it to take some of the other seeds; it is not likely to starve while there is food in its tin. It is a good thing it will not take sop; never give it. Even if it occasions a little waste I should persevere as above; ultimately it will take the more varied diet it needs.

PARK & LAKE AVICULTURE.

Answered by FRANK FINN, B.A., F.Z.S., M.B.O.U., etc.

Rearing Golden Pheasants.

Regular Reader.—Young Golden Pheasants should be fed at first on a mixture of egg, hard-boiled and finely minced (or, better, pressed through perforated zinc), crumbled biscuit or stale bread crumbs, mixed green food (preferably spring onions, tops and all), and dried ants' eggs and dried flies. Give also canary and millet seed, and well-scoured gentles if you can get them. Keep up this feeding for the first week or two; then, if you find it too expensive, substitute chopped cooked meat for the egg, or mix with boiled cressel; but always try and supply all the insects, fresh or dried, you can, and give green food constantly. As the birds get bigger, give larger grain, and ultimately you will be able to keep them almost entirely on this; but green food and some animal food should always be supplied. Take care your chicks are kept safe from damp; if they are in a confined room, frequently renew the sand or earth on the floor, and see that they have grit, and clean water. If you can arrange for them to run outside and pick grass and catch insects, it will be all the better. You can do this with a movable wire run. They fledge quickly, and when as big as Thrushes should have a wing cut if allowed to run out. When fully grown the cocks will be seen to have a red flush on the head and back (though they will not come in colour till next year), and then the sexes should be separated. You will see that the management is practically the same as that of chickens, except that the little Pheasants require better food.

Zebra Doves.

E.F.E.—You are doing right in feeding Zebra Doves on canary, hemp, and millet; the yellow-looking seed smaller than millet, sent with them, is a variety of that seed. Let them have a turf to pick at if they will, and supply some crushed cuttlefish bone mixed with a little salt. They are not free breeders, and if you want to breed them in a cage 3 ft. square, you must not have more than a pair in it. They are hardy if in a sheltered aviary, but I don't think you could winter them outside in a cage.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. J. North, 435, Oxford Road, Reading, will examine cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for a reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post-mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to J. North, with fee. Any sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

Cockateel (B. Waugh).—Softening of liver, indigestion and apoplexy. It was a male bird.

Canary (A. W. Seal).—This bird, and probably the other twelve which you have lost, died of bird fever.

Cordon Bleu (L. M. Payne).—Softening of liver, then inflammation of that organ and also of the lungs. "Severe chill" caused death of this bird.

GENERAL.

Answered by the EDITOR.

J. W. Kingsmill.—Many thanks for cutting, which we have used.

J. Knowles.—Thanks for list. Your bird is indeed a most clever linguist.

F. Howes.—Many thanks for your kind note, which we much appreciate.

G. Dowden.—We have forwarded letter as requested.

Rev. D. P. Harrison.—Thanks for yours; the notes are most interesting, and we shall have much pleasure in publishing them.

H. K. Luce.—Have you not made a mistake? Your birds are evidently two hens. Doves only lay two eggs.

Where is that Cutting? (A. E. Wasley).—When your letter was opened the sub-editor began to sing. But, alas, no cutting was enclosed. You have quite roused our curiosity.

Thos. Smith.—Many thanks for your genial note and kind assistance. It is to help our societies that the Canary Breeding Competition has been promoted, and we are glad to know our anticipations are being realised.

Canary Rings (J. Brodie-Mills).—You will find these advertised in our prepaid columns. There are several different makes, some breeders preferring one pattern, some another. It is all a matter of choice.

Anxious to Know.—When mutual exchange takes place, the birds or articles should be dispatched by each of the parties on the same day, or if not at times to be mutually agreed. There should be no question as to who should send first.

Nest Lining (R. Robinson).—Many thanks for sending outline of nest lining. You fail, however, to give an explanatory note concerning it, and therefore we cannot understand how it fits. What is the tongue, and what part does it play?

Keystone of C.B.U. ("Gravity Grenade").—Such a letter as yours, appearing over a "nom de plume," would only, we fear, tend to cement, or, at the least, aggravate, any feeling of ill will existing between two clubs, each of which has claims upon our consideration.

Too Many Deposit Letters (J. Garland).—All in the day's work, my friend! We don't mind the grey hairs coming for, bless you, we shall soon be without any at all! Glad to hear you had such a fine sale. We have returned all further deposits as requested. Success be your portion always.

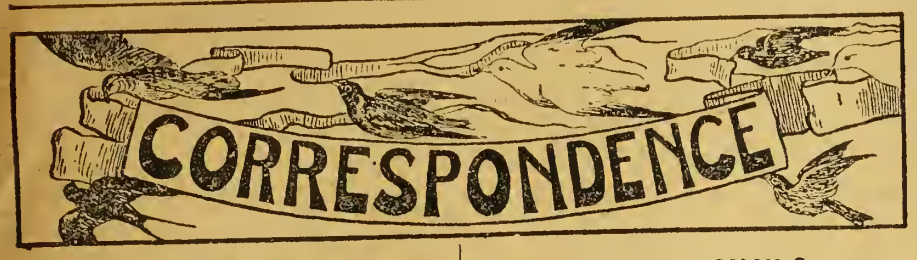
B. C. Briars.—Most certainly we shall provide covers for the binding of the "Bird World Magazine," and hope to announce price of same shortly. We are glad to know that the "Bird World" gives you so much pleasure, and that you approve of the enlargement. If it has pleased you in the past, it will certainly do so in the future.

Gateshead and the C.B.U. (G. W. MacPartling).—My good friend, you raise in your letter on this point issues which I fear more nearly concern me than they do you and such a document requires greater consideration than I can give it in the time you have allowed me. I don't feel at all disposed to allow you to resuscitate the skeletons of buried grievances.

Palace Prize Money (E. G. Wright).—Your letter arrived too late for me to deal with this week. I shall hope to traverse your various arguments later. But just let me say at this juncture that I have very little disposition to engage in a wordy warfare with you about such a trifling matter, though I don't at all object to giving you the cheap notoriety you apparently are seeking.

Dead Linnet (Anxious).—Phew! our olfactory nerves are fairly tough, but the carcase of your bird, like Macbeth's sin, was "rank and smelt to heaven." Why will readers persist in sending dead bodies of their pets to this office instead of to our post-mortem expert, Mr. North? Rules would seem to be made to be broken. Remember, oh "anxious" one, that our Thomas Cat has fled the office. We fed him regularly upon such provender as yours, but the last corpse he tackled was too much for him. It was a case of Quoth the Raven!

Palace Prize Money (Fair Play).—While feeling grateful to you for your sentiments on this matter we should like everyone, including yourself, to clearly understand that we have not the slightest animosity to Mr. Wright on account of his action over the Palace prize money. We deplore his crass-headed attitude and cannot admit his claim or his pretensions to castigate us, but beyond that we do not go. We certainly cannot allow any such charges to be made against him as your letter might be taken to cover. Thanks for your sympathy, though.



CHAMPION LAYERS.

SIR,—I wonder how the following advertisement would take, viz., Sittings of eggs supplied from a good laying strain of Canaries at 10s. 6d. per sitting. I have a young hen that laid six in her first nest, four of them hatching and now on the perch. The hen having gone to nest again, has just completed her second hatch of seven eggs. This creates a record for me, as I have had several hens lay six, but never seven, although I have read of such. In fact, you recorded one of eight last year, did you not? The fact of mine laying thirteen in two consecutive nests must he very near a record.

E. C. COX.

SIR,—I never had a bird in my life, till I had a pair of Canaries given me. Last year they had four nests of eggs. I had 19 eggs altogether, 16 hatched, seven have lived, good strong birds, nine died, five from poison through my own carelessness. This year I have had five in the first nest, four. thoroughly strong, one died. Now I have seven eggs in the nest. Is this not an unusual number? I always have the cage in front of the kitchen window, on the table, and a bath on table all day for them. The hen bathes two or three times a day. I hope this will be an encouragement for someone.

M. VINCENT.

AN APPEAL TO THE CHARITABLE.

SIR,—I have received the following donations in response to my appeal on behalf of the family of the late Mr. W. Orme:—North London C.B.S., £1 1s.; Mr. R. P. Harper, 2s. 6d.; Mr. J. W. Reunie, 2s. 6d.; Mr. Morgan, 2s. 6d.; Mr W. Morris, 2s. 6d.; Mr. G. Dunford, 5s.

R. J. PRETTY.

CANARIES KEPT OUT OF DOORS.

SIR,—I have a good number of young Canaries in my open outdoor aviary. I have not lost any yet, although the weather has been very cold. I bred about 50 outside last year, I left about 30 out all through the winter, and they all kept in splendid condition. I am only a novice at the game. I carefully read up CAGE BIRDS, and then use my own judgment. I find Canaries want plenty of hemp out of doors. I give mine one-third. Several old fanciers have told me I have the best lot they have ever seen outside. Thanks to CAGE BIRDS for the many hints I have received.

W. H. SALISBURY.

A HAPPY ENDING TO AN UNFORTUNATE ESCAPE.

SIR,—Being a weekly reader of CAGE BIRDS, and seeing many items of interest to readers therein, I should like to tell the readers of an incident that happened on Saturday last, May 4th. On arriving home from business I saw my wife at the end of the garden, looking at the house-tops. I enquired what was the matter, and she replied that one of my Goldfinches had got out of its cage, and there was the little chap on the house-top singing merrily. He flew about from house to house, and then we lost sight of him for over an hour. I again saw him in a garden about four houses away from my own and I got to within a yard of him, but he again flew on to the house-top, and so he kept on flying within 50 yards of my house. All at once he settled on the gutter spout of my house and in a few minutes he flew on to the washhouse; he again flew on to the house-top some yards away. I then put my Goldfinch Mule (in cage) on the washhouse, and left it there while I had tea. He then flew on to the cage and flew away again. I then put his empty cage at the side of the mule, but again he came and went. He made another visit, and settled on the empty cage and tried to get to his seed, but could not. Eventually he hopped into the cage and I closed the door with a hroom, and Goldie was safe. Do you consider me lucky, or had the hird instinct which led him to go into the cage? The time he got out of the cage was 12.45, and the time when I caught him was three minutes past six. So you see he had over five hours' freedom. I had taken great pains to get him into condition for Mule hreeding, and he was singing within three minutes of the time he entered the cage. I should have been very sorry to have lost him, as only three weeks ago I was offered £1 for him. I have been congratulated by my neighhours as a very lucky fellow. Hoping it will interest your readers. I thank all who answered my advertisement last week re Gollfinch Mules.

F. MELTON.

SHOW POINTS OF THE LINNET.

SIR,—I notice some correspondence re show points of the Linnet, and my name quoted. I lectured on the Linnet at M.N.C.O.S. some years ago—the lecture was published in "Fur and Feather." If correspondents quote my version of a show Linnet—they should quote all I then said of the points of a show specimen—and not a few words only. It would clear hoth Mr. F. King's and Mr. Marwood's opinions on certain points, both of whom touch upon good points but do not traverse the whole.

CHAS. HOULTON.

HOW TO MAKE LIGHT BUNS.

By using Eiffel Tower Bun Flour the most inexperienced person can make *light* Buns and Cakes with certain success. Try a 1d. packet. Save Eiffel Tower Labels for 10/6 picture free.

IS IT A QUAIL?

SIR,—Would some of your readers kindly give me the description of an English Quail, as I hclieve I have one, which reached me by rather a cruel messenger (my neighhour's cat), on April 20th. When my wife took it away from the cat it was badly mauled about and bleeding from the mouth, hut with care it has now thoroughly recovered, and has taken kindly to cage life. I have shown it to some of the oldest inhahitants, and they all say that they have never seen a bird like it. I saw a bird in the museum at Maidstone, labelled Common Quail, which is similar to mine, but my bird has much prettier markings, also the lacing on the hack is much larger; mine has also two black stripes under the throat. The shape is similar to the Partridge, only smaller, beak slightly curved, head rather snakey appearance, legs flesh colour. I feed on mixed corn, with a little hemp and canary seed thrown in. Would this bird be allowed to compete in British bird classes if shown?

EDWARD JENNER.

THE LANCASHIRE CANARY.

SIR,—It gave me much pleasure to read Mr. House's lecture on the Lancashire Canary, and I must say it is a champion lecture. What he does not know about a Lancashire is not worth learning. It is quite right what he says ahout the new standard, as he went through it from start to finish, when it was formed. He is also correct in what he says ahout putting Yorkshires into the Lancashircs. I have never seen it done in any room, but I have seen plenty of Cresthreds used. I don't like a Lancashire that is bred from Crests. There is something ahout the Lancashires of to-day that is not right; they are too sluggish, too near the perch, and many of them are too loose in feather, not well wrapped up as they should he, like we used to see them years ago. Mr. House says we never had such birds before. He is right, we never had them so heavy, and I think the time is coming when they will be hetter. There are a lot of fanciers at the present time trying to get away from the Crest. I think his description of a Lancashire is truly grand; he says the coppy should lay very close and flat, and dip at the edge. Some would-he judges say it should spread. I don't think so. Mr. House is quite right; the head should stand well away from shoulders, with a good thick neck. I agree with all he says, hoth about the coppy and plainhead. I was very much amused last week on showing a well-known judge a coloured plate to see him measure the head hy placing a match across it, from the beak to the back of the skull. He asked me why a coppy should he longer than a plainhead? We found the drawing of the coppy a good quarter of an inch longer than the plainhead. Should it be so, Mr. House? I don't think so. Why should not a plainhead be as long as a coppy? I am glad to see his remark on Mr. Barrass's ticked yellow plainhead. If he could only stand up, what a bird he would be! He has no roughness about him, a really grand bird. Now, South Country fanciers, take Mr. House's advice. Take up the Lancashire. Don't be afraid, it is a good, free hreeder, no more trouhle with him than any other, whilst you have a better chance to breed them for show than we have, with your warmer climato and earlier spring, and no black smoke from factory chimneys as we have. Thus you have plenty of chance to breed a good one. What do I hear you say? You don't know where to buy them. Wait until they have moulted, say about November, look in CAGE BIRDS, and you will find plenty for sale. Have patience. Let me tell you, there are a lot of good men and true in the North who will serve you well, and enable you to have confidence in the men you buy from. The Palace judge tells me Mr. Green's yellow coppy that won at the Palace is a stormer, so if he can breed a good one, why cannot others who live in the South? There must be thousands of plainhead Norwich, lad's birds I call them. The Lancashire is a man's bird, I tell the Norwich breeders about here. What is this I hear, Mr. Compston wandering ahout the joiner's shop looking for a block of wood for the Lancashire cages to stand on at the Palace Show? Don't you like the show cages without legs, friend Sam? I don't; I would lift the bird as nigh as possible. No man can see a Lancashire on the floor. What with the legs of the cages, and the low tables, the birds are very low down. Take Manchester Show on the Saturday afternoon when the room is packed. What chance has anyone to have a good look at the birds? If you stoop down to look you are in someone's way, and it is not pleasant. If the eages were high up everyone could see the birds. An exhihitor does not like to see people keep lifting his cages off the bench to look at the birds. I am surprised at the L.L.F.A. members allowing anyone to persuade them to knock the legs off the eages. I am hoping to see something from Mr. Compston on the Lancashire, perhaps he will have something to say about the staging. Allow me to thank you, Mr. House, for your splendid lecture on the bird I love so well.

E. FULLER.

Glossop.

THE TYPE OF THE NORWICH.

SIR,—Having read Mr. Raynes' letter, perhaps a few remarks would place the matter more clearly hefore the Fancy. We have had lately much dissatisfaction amongst Norwich breeders, both North and South, as to what standard they are to hreed up to. The judges also are divided amongst themselves as to points, judging their birds according to individual opinions as to the hest bird, so at our last committee meeting it was proposed that we invite all Norwich fanciers who can attend to come and discuss this question, with the hopes of getting a universal standard which all clubs can work hy. The Southern Norwich Club are not taking any further responsibility than bringing together all interested in this matter. It will recommend to the Northern and Scottish clubs its final decision on the matter, asking it to he put before their committees. Then we may be able hy a universal vote to place before the Fancy a definite standard, and the judge that abides by it will become the most popular man in the Norwich section, and his fame will he great amongst his critics. I have, I hope, chosen the most suitahle night, so as not to keep any away who wish to express their opinions, and trust all may come with the desire of giving practical help towards this important question, and not to hring personal grievances against judges or first winners.

F. S. MATTHES.

A Defence of English Judges.

At a meeting of the Greenwich and Deptford, etc., Society at the Two Brewers, Church Street, Greenwich, Mr. Meades in the chair, Mr. George Gardner spoke on "The Norwich Plainhead." "It has been said elsewhere," declared Mr. Gardner, "that at English shows colour and size are standing before shape and quality. I deny it. On my own behalf, for years, I have consistently tried to put shape first in order, and I believe all my fellow judges, recognised as such, have done the same. It may he that there is a necessity for a conference to discuss matters relating to the Norwich Plainhead, and good may come of it. I am glad there is a movement on foot for this end." Mr. Gardner then dealt at length with the chief characteristics of the Norwich Plainhead, viz., shape, quality, and colour. He drew a word picture of a real, live (not wooden) bird of nice carriage and "flow," one that gripped its perches as if it meant it, and "carried its tail hehind it," not underneath the perch as soon as its feet gripped. He laid particular stress upon the quality of feather in the yellows, and insisted, no matter what might be said by some to the contrary, that the buff texture of feather on the yellow hird was the correct thing, taking as an illustration Mr. Edward Baker's heautiful Palace medal winner on the point. The hard, indented feathering one sometimes saw on yellows, was all wrong. The lecturer advised his hearers not to despise the hirds that showed a slight gutter from the eye backwards to a pin point. These were deprecated hy some and called "hornсy," hut he ventured to say that such always carried quality in a remarkahle degree. In this point Mr. Hazell, Mr. Hill (the hon. secretary), and others afterwards bore out the lecturer's remarks. Colour, Mr. Gardner thought, could he ohtained from the use of the green hlood, and this remark was greatly strengthened hy a statement from the Chairman, who said he had bred a heavily variegated yellow from two huffs—one a variegated and the other a clear. This, said the lecturer, went some way to prove that in the green hlood lay colour pigment. Asked how he should proceed in order to hreed self greens he advised going to a breeder's room where they knew the green blood dwelt, and ohtaining two heavily variegated birds to mate together. "Why try variegated birds, when you can go to Liverpool and get the real things?" was a question put by Mr. Hill. "Because," said the lecturer, "yellow self greens are nearly always thin, and heavily varicgated are often stouter, and if you go to a known hreeder's room in your midst, you will get what you want for Norwich hreeding hy obtaining two heavily variegated. From these you would most likely hreed greens. Thus you will also patronise home industries!" In answer to further questions, Mr. Gardner said he was not particularly enamoured of large hens, either on the point of hreeding for quality or shape, and he was quite certain that they were not always the best of mothers—could not be generally compared to the small hens in this latter respect.

A hearty vote of thanks was moved to the lecturer by Mr. Stacey, seconded hy the Hon. Sec. (Mr. Hill), and supported by the Chairman and others.

PARASITES ON CANARIES.

SIR,—In the hands of an expert I can quite believe that the method of clearing birds of lice, described by your correspondent last week, is preferable to dusting them with powder, though I doubt whether a single wash will prevent all the eggs that are on the hird developing, although the lice may not he sufficiently numerous to be noticeahle again for some time. But when one is only a novice at washing birds it is far better, especially at this season, to depend upon dusting than to wash the bird. As for the risk of catching a hen that was near laying to dust her, I am quite sure that in every case to catch such a hen and put her through the process of washing would he infinitely more risky than to catch her and dust her. And, again, hirds that are in vigorous health, as all hreeding hirds should be, are not generally troubled with grey lice. Dusting requires more time, it is true; but, then, the number of birds troubled with these p sts is very small compared with red mite attacks, so that there are fewer birds to be dealt with.

CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

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THE DISQUALIFIED GREENS.

C.B.U. Resolution.

SIR,—I enclose a copy of our hon. solicitor's (Mr. H. R. B. Tweed) opinion of this resolution, re the two Green Canaries disqualified at the late Palace Show.

J. W. RAMSDEN.

[COPY.]

May 2nd, 1907.

Dear Mr. Ramsden,—In reply to your letter of the 30th ult., I have read the resolution of the Executive Council of the Cage Bird Union re the disqualification at the National Show of Messrs. Clayton and Stewart's birds, and am of the opinion that it only exonerates Messrs. Clayton and Stewart from any personal duplicity in the matter, and does not reinstate the disqualified birds, so the decisions of the tribunals below would appear to stand. I return all the papers.

(Signed) H. R. B. TWEED.

SIR,—Kindly correct statement saying I was unaware of these "jagged feathers." Mr. Clayton was unaware that his bird had them, but I was fully aware that my bird had them. Mine was a good bird with a slight defect, namely, "bad in pencilling," caused by the jagged feathers spoiling same. Had an experienced judge of "Greens" been over him at the Palace, he may have stood a chance of being in the cards instead of being disqualified. If some judges would only think a little, and not consider themselves "I am's," they might save innocent men heartaches. I am always open to give in when shown I am wrong, but some others have no broadness of mind, and cannot give in if wrong.

C. STEWART.

AN INACCURATE REPORT AND AN APOLOGY.

SIR,—A grossly inaccurate report of Mr. J. H. Scothern's lecture on "Crests, Past, Present, and Future," given to the members and friends of the Nottingham and Notts O.S., appeared in a contemporary on March 22nd and April 5th. This was followed by a letter from Messrs. Scothern, Rhodes, and Ley, which appeared in the same paper of the 12th of April, in which they said that the report was not a faithful record of what took place. There was also a letter in the same paper on April 19th from Mr. Chick (the reporter), in which he said that he gave a faithful account of what transpired at the lecture. Of course, all this produced an undesirable effect, and the outcome of certain proceedings which have been taken is that Mr. Chick has written the enclosed letter, which I hope you will be good enough to publish in your next issue. Thanking you in anticipation.

G. E. WILKINSON,
Hon. Sec.,
Nottingham and Notts O.S.

May 6th, 1907.

To Messrs. J. H. Scothern, Robt. Rhodes, and G. C. Ley.

I hereby admit the truth of the statements contained in your letter to a certain journal, which appeared in that paper on the 12th of April, 1907, to the effect that my report of Mr. J. H. Scothern's lecture on "Crests, past, present and future," was not a faithful record of what took place, containing as it did statements not made and other inaccuracies. I also withdraw the statements contained in my letter which appeared in the said journal on the 19th of April, 1907, denying the accuracies of the statements contained in your letter before referred to, and I hereby apologise to you for having caused such mis-statements and inaccuracies to be published, and authorise you to send a copy of this letter to CAGE BIRDS.

(Signed) HERBERT J. CHICK.

[We publish the above apology at the request of the Nottingham Society, but we should like to say a few words about it. The incidents which have resulted in its publication cannot be said to reflect any credit upon the reporter, but they entail, in our view, no disgrace upon the journal which published his report, for the most careful editor is liable to suffer for the errors of a representative. The offender is a young man, and no doubt with more years will acquire more wisdom.—Editor, CAGE BIRDS.]

ARE BLACK MEALWORMS WHOLESOME?

SIR,—I think when Mr. Claude St. John writes about black mealworms he is a bit out of his depth. He evidently does not know a genuine black mealworm, or he may as well argue that because some Europeans get discoloured or turn black after death, that there are no healthy niggers. I import hundreds of thousands of mealworms from Germany, and there is not one black mealworm to five thousand others, but when I get some brought in from the local flour mills, frequently more than fifty per cent. are black ones, but not as Claude St. John thinks, unhealthy ones. He seems not to know the difference between a black specimen and white ones that are dead or in a dying state through overcrowding. It does not take long to get some of Claude St. John's kind of black ones if you have too many in a tin or box so that there is too much weight on the bottom ones. I have never kept the black ones separate to see if black breeds black.

C. P. ARTHUR.

BIRDS AND THEIR CHARACTERS.

SIR,—I have read with great interest Mr. H. Bollard's quotation from the "Journal of Horticulture," and must, like him, say that I've never known the Bullfinch to commit murder in the way described. We have plenty of bees and plenty of Bullfinches here, and having been a keen observer of bird life in gardens during the past twelve years, I think I may speak with some experience. It is well-known that the common Tits are offenders in the respect of Mr. Bollard's quotation, and it may be that the "Journal's" correspondent got a bit mixed somehow, or, perhaps, the chance may be, he didn't know "t'other from which."

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THE KEYSTONE OF THE C.B.U.

SIR,—As a trades unionist fancier I have believed from the very first that the Cage Bird Union would be a great boon to the Fancy, providing the keystone, Rule 17, is in no way interfered with. Therefore, I hope the majority of societies will do as Blaydon did on Saturday last, and vote solidly for retaining the rule in its present form. Trades unionist members of affiliated societies should turn up at their next meetings and cast their votes on this important question. Now, sir, being willing to leave the issue to the good sense of the various societies affiliated to C.B.U., I would not have troubled you on the subject had it not been for Mr. T. Taylor's letter in your last issue. His epistle winds up with two questions sandwiched with an assertion—I feel sure without foundation:—Question 1: Is it not a fact the C.B.U. has put greater hardships on to societies than they can well afford?—No. I don't see where it has. Ours is quite a young society, and feels no hardship in complying with the conditions of membership. Then he asserts some societies, not including Gateshead, have even "yes, even actually," to pay their delegates' expenses to district meetings, and cannot even "actually" learn any business transacted at such, or, if any, of the scanticst. Now, sir, as a delegate on No. 1 district committee, I don't believe there's a man on the job gets his expenses paid. I believe I am correct in saying the only delegate working for an ordinary mechanic's wage is your humble, the others, good luck to them, occupying a better position in life, and even I don't have my expenses paid. As to whether the members of Blaydon C.B.S. learn any business transacted at such meetings, I leave him to ascertain, which he can easily do if he chooses. Then this advocate for the abolition of all knavish practices and everything that does not tend to a better understanding of each other, goes on to cast a slur upon the committee by asking question No. 2: Are members willing to pay to secret societies? Far from being secret, the No. 1 committee is composed of some of the most fair and open-minded men it has been my pleasure to work with. Men who give every question that comes before them full and impartial consideration, and who, when necessary, have the moral courage to take a stand against any or every malpractice the Fancy is encumbered with.

D. A. OGILVIE.

SIR,—In your issue for May 4th appears a letter signed T. Taylor. With the greater part of his letter I have nothing whatever to do. I would, however, like to ask Mr. Taylor for an explanation of the last part, which reads as follows:—

"Is it not a fact that the C.B.U. have put greater hardships on to societies than they can well afford? Some societies, not including Gateshead, have even to pay their delegates' expenses to district meetings, and cannot even learn any business transacted at such, or, if any, of the scantiest. Are members willing to pay to secret societies?"

This extract has nothing, so far as I can see, to do with any other part of his letter, therefore I cannot be accused of picking out a little bit and reading my own meaning into it. I am a member of the Union, but not bigoted, and quite understand other fanciers having a different opinion, and holding aloof, but the Union is not a one man affair. The societies form the rules, and if any hardships occur to any society, they should ventilate them, and have them remedied. Re delegates' expenses to district meetings, it was decided at the first meeting that societies pay such expenses; that does not mean some societies, but all societies affiliated. The Union pays expenses only when a Executive Council meeting is called. Can Mr. Taylor inform us how many district meetings have been held during the past year, in the particular district he refers to, what was the nature of the business of each meeting, and were the meetings always held in one town, or in different parts of the district? It may be possible the secretary of the district fancies his job, and calls a meeting periodically, whether there is any important business or not, thereby putting societies to needless expense. If so, the district have the matter in their own hands; sack him, or teach him his business. Re obtaining information of business transacted, does Mr. Taylor really wish us to believe that any society, either in the cage bird Fancy, or any other Fancy, will appoint a delegate to represent them at certain meetings, and then allow that delegate to withhold the very facts he has been specially sent to obtain. I should think these are the same societies who have had the hardships referred to. Any of the societies could obtain any information they require from Mr. Lythgoe. Will Mr. Taylor furnish us with the names of the societies he refers to, and the name of the delegate; they might like to hear about it? There is no secret society about it, and any hardships, if properly ventilated, would, I think, soon be put right. Let us have them in proper form, Mr. Taylor, and see what can be done with them.

C. R. STEPHENSON.

THE SCOTCH FANCY CANARY.

A MODEL PLATE.

SIR,—The model of the Scotch Fancy Canary by the famous judge, Mr. Robert Wright, of Greenock, is still the most popular—that gentleman has been asked to send a plate of it to New Zealand. It is certainly a very fine ideal, and is, therefore, worthy of aiming at in the breeding of the Scotch Fancy Canary. Those who objected to it at its adoption have gone out of the Fancy; the opposition was very faint, but has vanished. I should like to see it reproduced in your columns.

A FANCIER.

"LIKE A FAIRY TALE."

SIR,—I was very much interested in "Like a Fairy Tale" in this week's CAGE BIRDS. Two years ago I was changing one of my birds from one brass cage to another, when I had the misfortune to break the leg of the bird. It could only use one leg, and the other hung down, and it was pitiful to see it. I thought it would never do to see a bird in such a state, so decided to at once put it into splints. Whilst doing this I thought it would be better to keep down the inflammation if something could be put upon it, and on looking round I found a small box of Zam Buk, which someone had thrown in at the door. I put half of this on the cloth and bandaged it up neatly and put the bird in a box cage. I took off the splints a week afterwards, and to my surprise I found the bird using both feet, although a little stiff. It was quite well a day or so after and is still to be seen living, although nine years old, and is still in full song. There must, therefore, be something in this Zam Buk for birds, and if occasion ever arose I should not hesitate to use it again. I may add I am an old reader of CAGE BIRDS since No. 4, and have never missed a number since the first one I took, and would not care to be without it. This being my second season and have 16 pairs up and some now startiug on round two after bringing up the finest birds I have yet bred. May you and the paper prosper is my sincere wish.

ANDREW M. FIRTH.

FALSELY ACCUSED!

SIR,—Whilst down in Liverpool last week I came in contact with a little group of the members of the Green Canary Association. After a little chat I was asked if I had heard the latest. Of course, not knowing what they were referring to I replied, "No, what is it?" One of them appealed to the remainder, "Must I tell him?", They answered, "Yes." I was then asked if it were I who wrote under the title of "Lancashire Lad" in CAGE BIRDS? I told them that I knew nothing at all about it, but I remembered seeing the letters in CAGE BIRDS. I was then told that it was a general belief at the meeting of the G.C.A. that it was I who signed myself "Lancashire Lad." The Bootle members were strong in the belief. I must say that I have been wrongfully suspected of being "Lancashire Lad." Also that I have no idea who "Lancashire Lad" is. With regard to me writing to either CAGE BIRDS or anyone else, I may say I have not been able to write at all on account of a long sickness. The G.C.A. came to the conclusion that it was me through, I believe, "Lancashire L-d" speaking on the Lizard. The members of the G.C.A. knew that I was one of the oldest Lizard fanciers in the district, and came to the conclusion in one way through that. Then, on the other hand, "Lancashire Lad," if I remember correctly, spoke of his experience of the greens. This should have taken suspicion from me, as they knew that I had not been a breeder of the Yorkshire Greens. I may also say that I have no recollection of writing to any paper only when I have signed my correct name. It is not my duty to ask the Editor who "Lancashire Lad" is. All that I want is to ask the Editor of CAGE BIRDS to state whether or not it is me, this being the only way to prove me guilty or otherwise.

ALFRED WELLINGS.

[Mr. Wellings did not send us the letters signed "Lancashire Lad," and, so far as we know, had nothiug whatever to do with them.—ED. "C.B."]

EGG-BINDING EXTRAORDINARY.

SIR,—It was with very great interest I read W.R.S.'s note re egg-bound hen, also Mr. J. H. Payne's remark concerning same in your issue of May 4th, as it so happened that I have had a three-year-old Crest hen affected in the very same way for the last three weeks, only that she was not too fat at the time she should have laid. I put her through the same process as W.R.S., but gave it up last Wednesday, having come to the conclusion that after all it could not be an egg, although it had the appearance and felt like an egg, only it seemed to be a very large one. I consulted a brother fancier, who said he thought it must be a growth, and who had once lost a hen something similar. After reading Mr. Payne's notes, I again examined her, and felt almost convinced it was an egg, but did not do anything more, as I had made up my mind to let things take their own way, as it appeared hopeless. Well, what was my surprise on looking into her cage this forenoon to find that she had laid on the cage floor, and the egg, although badly cracked was only a usual sized egg for a Crest. She seems a good lot brighter now, although she was never what you would call fairly knocked up, or off her feed. I should be pleased to hear if W.R.S.'s hen gets rid of her egg in the same way. I may add that she had not laid at 8 a.m., but some time between that hour and 11 a.m. I think W.R.S. need not trouble about the remaining eggs, as it is not an uncommon occurrence for a hen to lay one egg and perhaps no more for three or four weeks. As for the incubation, it could hardly be expected, I think, to make much progress in that direction seeing under what very different conditions incubation takes place.

J. MCNAUGHTON.

Dunniface, Larbert.

SIR,—Last week, as I was walking to Mayfield, I picked up from the grass by the roadside a dead hen Chaffinch. She was quite plump, and her plumage perfect and unruffled, and I wondered what could have caused her death, until, as I was skinning her, I found an egg, with shell complete, on the point of being laid. I suppose that this unseasonable cold causes egg-binding, even in wild birds?

Sussex. D. HAMILTON.

The Cockateel

(Calopsittacus novæ-hollandiæ).

By WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S., etc.

HABITAT AND WILD LIFE. — Indigenous to Australia, breeding in the south, then migrating to the north. It is found in vast numbers. According to Gould these birds are found breeding in the wooded flats of most of the rivers that flow to the north-west. He states he has seen the ground covered with them engaged in feeding on the seeds of mature grasses, etc., and that it was no uncommon circumstance to see them by hundreds on the dead branches of gum trees in the neighbourhood of water, which they frequently visit for the purpose of satisfying their thirst; comparing this with their similar practice in the aviary, it would appear that a constant supply of water is essential to keep them in health and condition. With the exception of the north-east corner of Queensland, they range practically over the whole of Australia.

Quarrion is their native name; they are also known as the Crested Ground Parrakeet, and Grey and Yellow Top-knotted Parrot. But such names are seldom used either by dealers or aviculturists in this country.

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SEXUAL DISTINCTIONS.—The female lacks the yellow cheeks of the male, hers being grey, slightly suffused with yellow; her ear coverts are greyish-red, those of the male being bright brick-red; her crest is entirely grey, that of the male being practically all yellow; the underside of her tail is regularly barred with grey, yellow and white, that of the male being dull black.

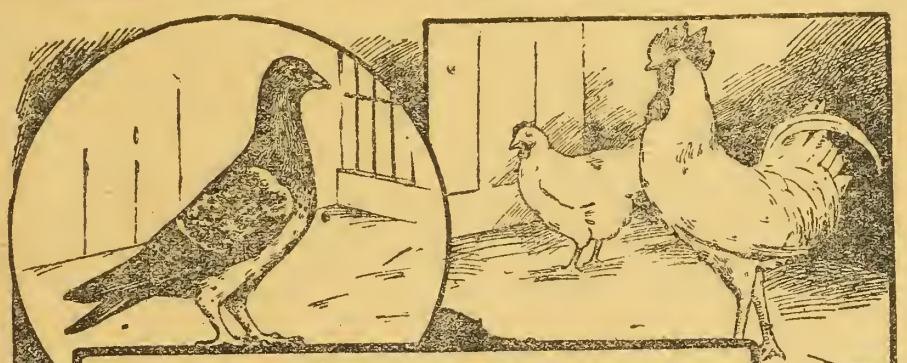
YOUNG.—These resemble the adult hen, but are a trifle greyer and their plumage lacks the bloom of adults. At the first moult they come into adult plumage and cannot then be distinguished from their parents. The primrose-yellow cheeks of the males increase slightly in intensity with each successive moult; this is also the case with the females, the yellow suffusion on their cheeks being much stronger on old birds than in those of, say, two years old. They are quite blind for the first five or six days, and covered with longish yellow hairs; they soon grow, and are ugly masses of pen feather at from six to 14 days old, and are fully fledged at about three and a half weeks old (it is very difficult in a large aviary with these birds to tell their age to a day or two, as with the large amount of noise going on, the faint call of the young is almost drowned by the other avian noises for the first few days); they leave the nest at from four and a half to five weeks old, sometimes a little longer; though some writers give it as three or four weeks, but this has certainly not been my experience. They return to the nest for the first few nights, but soon settle down to roosting among the branches, and mostly in the open portion of their enclosure. A keen observer can usually pick out the sexes even in their nest feather; in the males the front of the crest is lighter than that of the females, and the observant aviculturist will soon learn to sort out the sexes when they are about six or seven weeks old, or even earlier.

BREEDING.—In their native haunts they nest in the spouts or hollow limbs of the gum trees, so common to Australian wilds. It fashions some cavity to its liking and lays its clutch of three to five white eggs (1.2 by .90 in.) on the bare wood. Incubation takes 16 to 17 days; both sexes take part in incubation, the male during the day and the female during the night. The season is from November to February, and two broods are usually reared. In the aviary the best nesting receptacle is either a log (obtainable from any large dealer), or a small barrel hung up longitudinally, with a 3 in. diameter hole cut in one end; these birds have a mind of their own and will use it too, and mostly choose, when in a mixed series, any receptacle but the one put up for them, as I know to my cost; have had this season practically nullified by their annoying stupidity in this respect; they have chosen flat-bottomed boxes, and nearly all the eggs have been spoiled by rolling about. This is one of the inconveniences of keeping a variety of birds together.

They do not attempt to breed till they are two years old, and even adult birds seldom breed the first year of their occupancy of the aviary, but usually they settle down to nesting seriously the following year, and keep merrily on, only stopping (not always, for I have had young reared during this period) for the moult. They seem more prolific in the aviary than in their native wilds, sometimes as many as seven being reared as a single brood. The young emerge at intervals, as the hen begins to sit with her second egg, so that there is fully a week between the first and last hatched when the clutch is a full one. This seldom makes any difference, for all are usually reared, and often the first out assists in feeding his brothers and sisters. It is seldom, indeed, that any mishap occurs, for with the plentitude of food to hand and immunity from the dangers common to all wild life in their native haunts, they are practically continuous breeders in the aviary; occasionally a pair turns up that lay eggs innumerable and seldom hatch one out. With such there is nothing to do but get rid of them (turn them loose in some park) and procure another pair.

My first brood of young were reared entirely on canary, millet, and greenstuff, but later they have had access to soft food, oats, dari, sunflower, wheat, etc., and mealworms, and they help themselves freely to all, as also do the Budgerigars. When kept in an aviary to themselves let them have a pan of canary and white millet, and another of wheat, dari, oats, and sunflower, with green food ad lib., just what happens to be in season, they are extremely fond of grass in flower. A liberal supply of old mortar rubbish, crushed egg shells, and cuttlefish must be kept up or cases of egg binding will be frequent. I have always attended to this and have never had a case of egg binding with this species. If a young male is taken as soon as it can feed itself, or better, as soon as it is fully fledged, and hand-reared, they make charming pets as single cage birds, and learn to speak a few words. I have seen such, but have not personally so experimented with them.

GENERAL NOTES.—This is the bird par excellence for the mixed series in an outdoor aviary, for with many years' experience of these charming birds, I have never known them to even snap at the smallest occupant of their enclosure. If not clad in royal purple as some of their congeners, they are certainly not plain or dull coloured birds; my oldest male (10 years at least) is a handsome fellow, the grey and white contrast of his body plumage, brilliant yellow cheeks, and red ear coverts, make him one of the most striking birds in the aviary, even with Red Rosellas to bear him company, and when moulting he never seems to have a feather out of place; he has never had the slightest ailment all the years he has been in my possession. It is really a shapely bird and of generally fine appearance, of a confiding and fearless demeanour. My birds will permit me to do anything with them, some actually pick them up, will take their food on the ground close to my feet, so long as I keep still, and on the branches will not move when I am within six inches of them, only if I attempt to lay hold of them, then they will fly to another perch near at hand; and though I have many rare and valuable birds, very few of them are more interesting, and in spite of their being now comparatively common I should certainly not care to banish them from the aviary; though I must admit I should find them trying in the house. That is their one fault, they have a voice, and they believe in using it. At the same time, I am bound to say that I have never had any of my neighbours lodge any complaints thereto, and I can with confidence recommend this as an interesting and entertaining pet, especially so for the garden aviary; and as they thrive even with the roughest treatment, the veriest tyro need not hesitate to try his prentice hand with them. Budgerigars are not safe with Finches, etc., but the Cockateel I have never found to harm even the smallest Waxbill, though I have kept the species on and off for over 20 years.



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AN OLD AND WELL-WORN THEME.

I have an old and well-worn theme to deal with, but it is of perennial interest to probably a larger number of Canary fanciers throughout the United Kingdom than are interested in any other variety. Thousands of breeders are constantly on the qui vive to increase their knowledge of the best and most scientific methods of procedure in the struggle to realise their ideal; ever ready to compare notes, to weigh and sift suggestion and to profit by the experience of those who have been fortunate enough to achieve more than an average measure of success. And I venture to assert that if a non-fancier should ever be so unfortunate as to find himself pitchforked into the midst of a knot of devotees of the Norwich, or, indeed, any other birdy-cult, without the possibility of immediate escape, he would hear enough "shop" talk inside half-an-hour to develop an acute attack of appendicitis, or to arouse into violent activity any latent homicidal tendencies. Now to the first part of our subject.

THE BREEDING OF THE NORWICH PLAINHEAD.

The present season is well under weigh, but we will assume that it is just about to commence, and that our hopes, and our fears, too, are still unrealised. We have brought our stock gradually forward, forcing, however, extensively and profitably practised in horticultural nurseries, being altogether out of place and unprofitable in the bird room. The stock of birds have been storing up energy in large flight through the winter—the cocks until five or six weeks after Christmas, and the hens until about the middle of March. It always pays to let the hens have a good, long, rollicking holiday, for it means better results later on than would otherwise be the case. Just here I may as well give you an idea of the winter menu in my room. First, of course, comes the staff of life, in the shape of the very best Spanish Canary seed I can lay hands on. Twice a week I give a mixture consisting of proportionate parts of rape, hemp, linseed, mustard and inga seed. Occasionally I give a little maw and a few sunflower seeds (cracked) separately. Sweet apple, carrot and soaked and boiled rape complete the list. I use little or no egg food among the stock birds until the advent of March, but in February I give the mixed seeds three times a week. When the birds are in roomy flights they may be granted a more liberal allowance of oily seeds than would be advisable if they were kept in breeding cages, without running the risk of inducing that Falstaffian opulence of contour which, with the simple directness of language that is one of the most charming characteristics of the average fancier, I have heard referred to as "blooming fat."

In very severe weather, too, open-handed generosity in the matter of diet will prove a wiser policy that the substitution of artificial heat.

THE APPROACH OF SPRING.

At the beginning of March I allow the birds a little egg food twice a week, with sugar (castor or soft brown) and maw seed added to it. About the middle of March I cage off the hens, and increase the supply of inga seed. I give all the birds plenty of sweet apple, and in the spring and summer I use considerable quantities of germinated rape, prepared as follows:—I put a quantity of rape in a dish, fill the dish with water, and allow it to stand for 24 hours; I then strain off the water, wash the rape well under the tap and turn it out on a plate. As soon as it begins to sprout it is ready for use. I generally have my birds in dancing condition towards the end of March, and I pair up at the beginning of April. There are some who are strongly in favour of allowing the cock and hen to inspect and criticise each other's personal appearance from opposite sides of a wire partition for some little time before the nuptials, but really it is not necessary. At least it is not in my room.

A CLEAR AND DEFINITE AIM.

Having brought the stock into breeding condition, the question arises, have we a definite object in view? Have we a clear idea of what we want and of how we are going to get it? Are we going to pair the birds in a "hit-or-miss, happy-go-lucky fashion, or are we prepared to take the trouble to conduct our breeding operations on scientific lines? There is no doubt that if we are to go forward instead of backwards we shall, most of us, be compelled to give more serious attention to the why and wherefore of pairing than we have hitherto done, and to remember that the maxim, "One thing at a time, and that done well," is as applicable in the breeding room as anywhere else. There is a very striking passage, quoted in Mr. Blakston's monumental work from an article (one of a series) on "Pedigree Breeding," in the editorial columns of the "Live Stock Journal and Fancier's Gazette," of twenty years ago, which, as Mr. Blakston truly said, every Canary breeder should learn by heart:—

> "Every variety has some point or points which demand long breeding and patience to acquire, and on these should attention first be fixed and kept there, gradually giving attention to others, not by turns, but just as fast, and no faster, than the increased number of birds of good in the first point, and, therefore, admissible to breed from) enables selection for the second and subsequent points to be made. One thing, however, is obvious. The best birds, from the breeding point of view, must never be sold, but kept for the breeding room; for a man cannot reasonably be expected to make any progress who is constantly selling what represents nearly all the ground he has gained."

BREED FIRST FOR TYPE.

Now I think you will agree that the first and most important point in the variety with which I am dealing is type, and I do not think anyone will dissent from the statement that 99 out of every 100 of the exhibition birds of to-day leave very much to be desired in this respect. I am afraid it must be admitted that what our friendly critic from "down under," Mr. White, of Melbourne, said in reference to the failure in type of the great bulk of the Norwich exhibited at the Palace was nothing but sober truth. He could not make the birds and their "pen and pencil descriptions" tally; and, really, the discrepancy is sometimes too funny for words. This didn't ought to was, as Artemus Ward would have said, and, considering the number of brainy breeders we have, it is nothing short of marvellous that it should be possible to lay such a reproach upon us. Type, then, is the first point upon which our attention must be fixed; the one essential to which everything else must, for the time being, be subordinated. It is an undoubted fact that the hen is a more potent factor in the production of shape than the cock, but we shall fix the point at which we are aiming with greater certainty, and in less time, if we select both parents for that property.

BEAUTY LEEDS THE WAY.

Let us suppose that we have a sweetly-typical hen and that we have two cocks to choose a mate from for her, one a bird of superb quality and teeming with colour, but rather long-sided, the other as good in type as the hen, but a little coarse in feather and flat in colour. Personally, I should, without hesitation, choose the latter, and trust to later selective breeding to recover both quality and colour. Of course, we shall have to do the best we can with the material at our disposal, but if we can only find two or three really typical pairs in our room it will be a beginning. From these we shall be able to start two or three strains. The first year we may be disappointed at the small number of shapely progeny; so much will depend upon the ancestry, not only near but comparatively remote of the parents. For, as the authority I have already quoted pointed out, "in numerous cases in which no resemblance can be traced in children to the immediate parents, a startling resemblance can be traced to the grandparents, or even to ancestors still further back"; and Darwin showed that there was a tendency in all animals to throw back to long lost characters.

LIKE BREEDS LIKE WHEN IN-BRED.

All this tends to prove that like cannot be depended upon, with any degree of certainty, to produce like, unless it has been bred from like for generations. With two or three, or more, pairs, all selected first for the one supremely important point, we shall be able to avoid the ill-effects of close and persistent in-breeding, as we can safely pair birds from one family with those from another, without running the risk of "dropping the next link in succession." The second year we shall have a larger proportion of typical birds, and if among these are some good in quality of feather also, we can proceed, without loss of time, and without interfering with the development of the first point, to fix the second. The third year we shall have a very good percentage of shapely youngsters; a few, at any rate, will be good in quality, and we can begin to select for the third property—colour, and so on—until we have established a strain that can be relied upon to produce stock good, and sometimes superlatively good, in all the characteristics of an ideal Norwich.

CONCENTRATION MOST DESIRABLE.

In concluding this part of my subject let me say that the watchword of the scientific breeder is concentration. We must aim to obtain control over hereditary tendencies, and, by selective breeding, to focus them upon a given point, thus making them subserve our ends.

I have purposely abstained from dealing with questions of general management during the breeding season, preferring to confine my attention to matters less commonly enlarged upon, but which are, in my opinion, of vital importance to the breeder who aspires to the front rank. Many a man fails because he attempts too much at once. He breeds, say, a bird exceptionally good in type, but failing a little in quality or colour. The probability is that next season he will mate it with a bird good in quality, or colour, as the case may be, but failing in type. Result, a number of youngsters exhibiting the weak points of both parents. And so he goes on, year after year, in the old sweet way, trying to get all the valued points at once, and never giving himself time to fix one of them. I think, with Mr. Blakston, that "the entire feather world is indebted" to the writer of those articles on "Pedigree Breeding" for having pointed out the better way. Let us now pass on to a brief consideration of questions pertaining to

THE EXHIBITION OF THE NORWICH PLAINHEAD.

As the moulting season, to which I shall not be expected to make, in this lecture, more than a passing reference, draws to a close, the breeder will watch with eager eyes for signs of promise in his youngsters. Any that look like developing into specimens of exceptional merit must, of course, be caged off, together with the veterans that are required to do battle again for the house. It will be well to hang a curtain of muslin, or some similar material, in front of the cages, to shield them from dust and dirt, as well as from a strong light. You will then be able to show them once or twice without washing, which will be a decided advantage. During the latter part of the moult I mix linseed meal with the egg-food, and I give a piece of carrot three times a week. The latter is an excellent conditioner. I give, too, a little sulphate of iron in the drinking water twice a week. I need hardly say that a bath must be given on fine days; birds that persistently ignore it must be sprayed.

It is necessary to continue the supply of colour food to show the birds right through the season—twice or three times a week will be sufficient after the moult is finished. The blood must be kept impregnated with colouring matter or the plumage will certainly suffer seriously in tone and bloom. To exhibit with any chance of success the birds must be put down in first class condition. Discretion will have to be used in feeding, but if you should happen to overdo it a bit, and get a good bird into the "rank breeding condition" so much deprecated by our friend, Mr. Vardy, you can exhibit it as a "bird of position," and take a rise out of the Yorkshire men.

DO NOT OVERSHOW.

It is not advisable to send to more than three or four shows weekly, unless you have two teams. If you do you will probably have some lynx-eyed reporter remarking that your birds are down in condition through being overshown; and perhaps some of them may be inconsiderate enough to die. I have heard of fanciers who were actually so self-sacrificing, and absurdly considerate of the welfare of their stock that nothing would induce them to patronise more than one show per week. The "laundrying" operations should take place at least three or four days before sending to a show, and the birds should be sprayed, or allowed to bathe, each morning after, in order that they may fine down. Of course, some fanciers may object that this "tubbing" business is unnecessary, arguing that any judge who is worth his salt should be able to recognise a good bird through half-an-inch, or so, of—er—disguise; and I am bound to confess that I have once or twice seen specimens at the head of the prize list that reminded me forcibly of the tramp in the Pears' soap advertisement. Still, most of the judges seem prejudiced in favour of birds that have been sluiced, so it is just as well to humour them. If you should, any of you, be fortunate enough to breed a champion you will be tempted to overwork it; but if you do, you will certainly regret it later. Many a good bird has been ruined in the first show season.

REPRODUCTION BEFORE EXHIBITION.

It is of much greater importance to you that your best youngsters should produce their like in the breeding-room than that they should win a few prizes. We hear, sometimes, of feathered gems having "been picked up" in the most unlikely places.

I was told, some time ago, of a fancier who had bought two or three really first-class show birds (Norwich) for a small sum from a dealer.

Perhaps, with apologies to the shade of the composer of the immortal "Elegy," we may say.

> Full many a gem of purest ray serene,
> Obscure, unvalued Norwich hens may bear;
> Full many a bird be hatched to bloom unseen,
> And waste its beauty on a rustic stare.

Be that as it may, what we have to do is to rely not upon luck, but upon scientific methods. It means untiring patience, and dogged perseverance, but the reward is sure. Let reason and common sense go hand-in-hand with a cheery optimism—the offspring, not of ignorance but of philosophy—and may the season 1907 see more Norwich hatched of the real 22 carat, hall-marked, Bullfinch type, so often seen on paper, and so seldom in a show-cage, than have been produced in any preceding year; and if any among us should find, "the time of the singing of birds" has once more slipped into the dead past, and we have little upon which to felicitate ourselves, let us not weary others with a recital of our misfortunes, but dismiss the matter from our thoughts with a good-humoured shrug, and a mentally registered determination to do better in 1908.

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Even after eliminating all these Uncle Peter is left with very many charming pieces which he hopes to see printed in time, if only Mr. Editor will be kind enough to find room for them in his ever-crowded and instructive columns.

* * My Magpie.

About April or May last year I wished to have a Magpie, so I went into the fields in search of a nest of these beautiful birds. I was not long before I found one high up in a thorn hedge, so that it was difficult to reach. When I had found the nest, which was a very wonderful structure, the first difficulty was how to gain an entrance to it, for the hole where (I suppose) the parent birds went in was scarcely large enough for me to put my hand in, being all over thorns for protection. Inside the thorns and sticks it was lined with hay, dried roots and mud. The nest contained three or four young ones nicely feathered. I procured two of them and took them home. I fed them on bread, meat, barley flour paste, dog biscuits, and, in fact, a little of almost everything from the table. One of them died, but the other grew, became tame and would stand with his beak open to receive his food. Mag will eat almost anything, and is especially fond of dead birds and mice. He is also fond of taking anything that is bright. The colour of this bird is black and white, and when the sun shines on him his long tail and the flight feathers of his wings shine like metallic green. —Sent by HAROLD RUDKIN (aged 14), Belton, Uppingham.

* Dandy and Browny.

I have a Linnet and it is a very pretty one, and there is a pretty Canary hangs against it. They chirp as if talking to each other, and I believe they say good-night and good-morning to each other. I put the Linnet with a hen Canary, and I am going to try to make them breed. They are very quarrelsome, but I hope they soon will be friends. They are both very friendly with Pussy, and she will sit and watch their movements. I believe she would talk to them if she could. I have a name for the birds—one I call Dandy because he things he is above the other, and the other is Browny.—From EVERARD TOPHAM (aged 11), 52, Church-st., Manningham, Bradford, Yorkshire.

* Christmas Dinner for the Birds.

At Christmas, when there was deep snow on the ground, I got a lot of old crusts and dry bread, soaked them well in hot water, which nearly made a bucket full and put it out for the poor little birds which looked very cold. I also got a saucer of warm water and put outside, as I thought they might want a drink also. Our neighbour, who keeps a dog, and was going to catch some birds to make a pie, thought I had put it there to coax them away from the trap, so he let the dog out to eat the bread which I had put out, but it was too late, as the birds had eaten it all.—Sent by WILFRED KEELING (aged 12 years), Tansley, near Matlock, Derbyshire.

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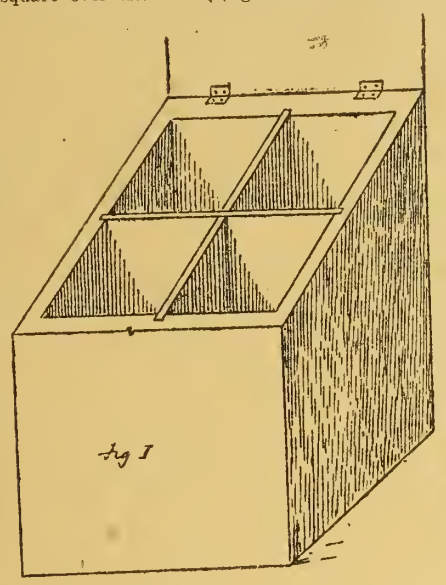

fig. (2) of which two must be made, one fits into the other, making four divisions, or more as may be required. Fig. (3) is a double lid, and is beneficial for using under ordinary lid so that the various seeds do not get mixed. This being square with a quarter cut away (as illustration) can be reversed to any direction. Then by boring a few holes in the lid, the box, when empty, can be used for carrying birds.

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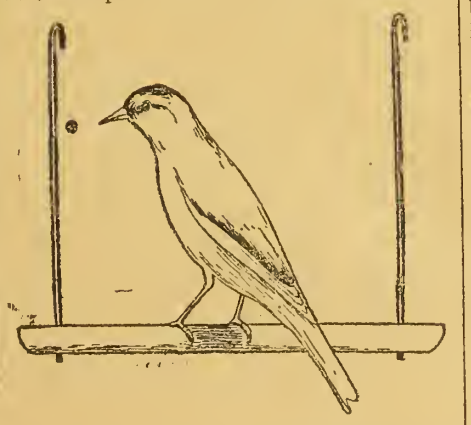

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The Crimson Breasted Linnet—

Daily wild bird life is getting more interesting. The weather is, unfortunately, very much against any great advance in nesting and rearing of young ones. The cold winds have delayed the growth of the leaf, so that in many cases the nests have been so much exposed that they have been destroyed almost before they were finished, but there are always some that escape observation, and one may see some of the larger birds hurrying away with food in beak for a hungry family securely hidden. Other birds appear to be in no hurry to commence operations, flocks of Linnets, Starlings and Sparrows are about in the fields, many of the two latter species are nesting, but the home of the Linnet has not yet come under notice. They are exceedingly plentiful around here, some of the hedgerows bordering the cultivated fields are quite alive with them. They sing from the wind blown sprays and pass on before as one saunters up the hedgerow. Here and there a cock bird is particularly noticeable on account of his rich crimson breast, and when seen lit up by a glint of the declining sun it shines like of ball of fire. The modest brown bird can compare with the best of them now for beauty of plumage.

Cuckoo Notes.

While watching the Linnets, the notes of the Cuckoo came with the wind from the wood, or so it appeared, but the two-note song is deceiving, for the next minute it sounded in the opposite direction, but this could hardly be for there was no cover for quite a long distance, and no bird was seen on the wing; besides, the sound would hardly travel in the teeth of the strong wind that was blowing. There is nothing very brilliant nor exceptionally musical in the song of the Cuckoo, and yet how we love to hear it. The mystery bird is with us once more, and we can now look forward to sunshine and long summer days, with glorious rambles through the fields and commons with the pleasures of nesting and Nature study. With luck we should find the egg of the Cuckoo safely deposited with the Pipit's or Hedge Sparrow's, for these appear to be the birds most frequently victimised by this lazy vagrant. That a Cuckoo should lay an egg so opposite in colour to another of the same species is most remarkable, but one can hardly satisfy oneself with the belief that the blue eggs are designed especially for placing in the nest of the Hedge Sparrow, or the speckled ones in that of the Wagtail. No doubt the offspring of the bird laying the blue egg would, when it has grown to an adult, produce eggs of the same colour, but one cannot but think it is just as likely to place the

The Wily Cuckoo.

egg in the nest of a Pipit as that of a Hedge Sparrow, if a nest resembling one it was reared in was not easily located. It has been contended that a Cuckoo is able to produce eggs of different hue, but this is contrary to our knowledge of animal life. If it were possible why is it we find the egg placed in a nest containing eggs of quite a different colour? There is reasonable supposition that each Cuckoo deposits her eggs in the nest of the same species of bird and transmits the habit to her progeny.

It has been recorded that a pair of Wagtails built their nest for eight or nine years running in almost exactly the same spot, and that in each of those years they fostered a young Cuckoo. Here we have proof of the placing of the egg in the same place year after year. It is more than probable that during that time more than one Cuckoo played a part in the act, for birds in a wild state are not long lived. The daughter of the first bird would return to the place of its birth, and producing a particular style of egg deposit it in the same build of nest. In like manner it is doubtful if the Wagtails were the original pair, but either their offspring, or a survivor of a pair finding a fresh partner, and leading her to the vicinity of the old home.

Notes and Queries.

Bird's Nest in Coat Pocket.

A gardener at Sandford (Devon) on putting on an old coat which he kept hung up in an outhouse and wore only occasionally, discovered in one of the pockets a Robin's nest full of young birds.

Royal Swans Attack Oarsmen.

Local rowing men at Avenham Park, Preston, have been attacked by Royal Swans on the Ribble. Skiffs in some instances have been overturned, and narrow escapes from drowning are reported. Being the breeding season, the birds are more than usually aggressive.

The Cuckoo Fair.

Heathfield, in Sussex, holds an annual fair, in the month of April; it is called the Cuckoo Fair. The legend says that an old lady brings the bird from France and releases it at this fair; this is suppose to be the first one heard in the neighbourhood. This event is well attended, and there is no doubt some of the country people still believe in the Cuckoo legend.

Birds Singing at Night.

Contrary to the general belief, the Nightingale is not the only bird that sings between sunset and sunrise. I have heard a restless Lark warbling overhead; a Song Thrush singing a few sleepy notes from the shrubbery, and the Woodlark will frequently pipe his liquid melody on a still, quiet night. Anyone who has roamed on the marshes after sunset must have frequently listened to the chattering note of the Sedge Bird.

Fecundity of Starlings.

The countryside is getting overrun with these birds, for they have increased enormously of late years. Every hollow tree is tenanted by its pair, and sometimes more. If a tile becomes loose under the eaves it is taken possession of at once, even the Sparrows are driven out if the place is large enough for the larger birds. Many nest around the church and other large buildings, their incessant squeaking disturbing the inmates of the sacred edifice. If Starlings increase at the rate they are doing now they will soon be the most common bird in the country, for although there is considerable mortality in a colony of them, for they frequently nest together, there are always plenty reared, and it will not be long before huge flocks of grey birds are roaming the fields.

Nest on a Gravestone.

The nest of a family of Sparrows at Crediton is embedded among the ivy leaves covering a gravestone in the churchyard.

Tomtits' Workhouse Home.

For some years past Tomtits have built a nest in the pillar-box at the entrance to the workhouse at Uttoxeter, Staffordshire. They have again built their nest there, and there are three eggs in it.

Where to Hear the Nightingale.

Yearly this same question is asked by London bird lovers wishing to hear this delightful songster. The birds are plentiful in Epping Forest, and may be heard singing both day and night. This is easily reached by train from Liverpool Street, or one might walk to Wanstead Park. Some years ago they were exceedingly plentiful in and around the park, but have decreased somewhat lately.

The Nightingale near London.

"Chameleon" writes from St. Paul's Cray to the "Globe," May 5th, as follows:—The Nightingale was singing here on the night of April 22nd, and has frequently been heard since. Last night we listened to the "thick warbled strains" while we were going to sleep, and again on waking up in the small hours. It is 14 miles or so to Charing Cross, but the Nightingale frequents places so near that centre as Streatham. The Nightingale sings till mid-June.

The Little Horned Owl in Ireland.

Sir George Ralph Fetherston, Ardagh House, Ardagh, Edgworthtown, County Longford, was walking the other day in the Breany plantation in Ardagh. He says:—I was looking for Hawks, which are numerous here, and by way of adventure fired into what I thought was the empty nest of a Magpie, high up in a Scotch fir tree. Judge my surprise when a bird flew out, which I took to be a Sparrow Hawk. I fired again, and soon a fluttering little Horned Owl fell to the ground. The bird was in excellent plumage, and was evidently nesting in the old domicile of some other bird. I must confess I was sorry for what I had done, as it grieves me often when I read the long list in most natural history books of places where rare birds are seen and exterminated.

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WANTED—continued.

WANTED, any quantity of Goldfinch Mules or Linuet Mules, for cash; no rubbish wanted.—Wm. Shaw, 97, Essex-rd., Islington, London, N.

WANTED, any quantities of Canaries (any variety), Goldfinch and Linuet Mules, for cash; approval, will deposit with CAGE BIRDS.—Marsh, Freemasons' Aviaries, Pereira-st., Bethnal Green.

WANTED, good Norwich, Yorkshires, or good cock Mules, or any kind of singing birds, cheap for cash.—A. Leitch, East End Bird Mart, Gallowgate, Glasgow.

WANTED, Grey Parrot, good talker; exchange Dutch or Lop Rabbits, pen Silver Wyandottes, phonograph, camera, etc.—Draper, St. Albans-pl., Blackburn.

WANTED, common hens and chicks, common pigeons; exchange Crested hen Canary, 8/-, or six hen Canaries, Norwich, 3/- each; set of goat harness, 5/-.—Loug, 18, Prout-rd., Clapton.

WANTED, purchaser for riding boots, pair prize bred Pouters, Bullfinches, Greenfinches, Border Fancy hen, and other Canarics.—H. Piggott, Wantage.

WANTED, disc talking machine and records; exchange high-class treadle sewing machine (the "Howe"), condition as new, suit dressmaker or family use, cost £8 5s.; will sell £3 10/-; offers invited.—Wood, 190, Wormington-rd., Notting Hill.

WANTED, for abroad, will give 1/6 cock Bullfinches; 2/- cock Goldfinches; cock Larks and Brambles, Linnets, Yellowhammers, 6d. each; cock Canaries, 4/6; small or large quantities, for cash. —Bird Stores, 423, Attercliffe-rd., Sheffield.

BUFF Norwich cock, Foreign and British birds; exchange six hand-netted Doyleys, value 7/6, ladies' fancy lined netted bags, 1/6, 80 yards rabbit netting, 4 ft. wide, 2 in. mesh, new, value 15/6; two dozen purse nets, 4 ft. long, value 10/6.—F. Cooper, 52, Wembury-st., Harpurhey, Manchester.

BIRD breeders.—Give 1/2 for hen Mules; also a buyer of cock and hen Canaries; also buyer of cock Goldfinch Mules; good prices given for hen birds sent on. All letters and parcels to be sent on to our private address, Messrs. Hardy and Barrow, 3, Ainsworth House, Church-st., Shoreditch, one minute's walk from our old address, 63, Sclater-st., Shoreditch. Established 20 years.

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SALE OR EXCHANGE.

Mainly British
To be Sold or Exchanged

THREE hand-reared Thrushes, 1907; offers in cash or exchange.—Gibson, Leeds, Maidstone.

SINGING cock Goldfinch, caged since November, 4/6; or exchange for cock Siskin.—W. Fitzgerald, Main-st., Clonakilty, Cork.

CHAFFINCH, two Linnets, cock; exchange hen Canary or cock Siskin.—G. Pinnell, Bright-st., Swindon.

TWICE house moulted cock Coldfinch, with hen Canary, sell 8/6; exchange anything useful.—Chris. Nock, Overend, Cradley, Staffs.

GOOD cock Greenfinch and hen Canary, for Mule-breeding; exchange for Doe Ferrets.—Hawkins, Emporium, Hitchin.

EXCHANGE Goldfinch or Linnet, both proved mulers, for two good Yorkshire hens; approval; or sell.—Lobb, Glendower, Wadebridge.

STEADY British birds, in full song, cheap for cash, or exchange Foreign birds.—H. Stone, Drayton, Taunton.

MAGPIE, 1906, hand-reared; exchange cock Goldfinch, singiug, or sell 3/6; Squirrel, 1907, very tame, offers wanted.—Poulton, Bredenbury, Bromyard.

1906 HAND-REARED exhibition cock Blackbird, 4/6, worth 15/-; another, 3/6; Thrush, 4/6; exchange birds, anything.—Whitby, Havelock-rd., Luton.

MULING.—House moulted cock Linnet and hen Canary, hand-reared cock Bullfinch and Yorkshire hen, nesting, 15/-; or exchange a good pair of Crests.—Scency, 286, Padiham-rd., Burnley.

CANARIES, hens, two Linnet and Greenfinch hens, cock Redpoll, cage moulted, breeding condition, lot 5/-; offers exchange.—Hairdresser, 44, Mortimer-rd., Kingsland.

EXCHANGE for Roller cock or Goldfinch, three Greenfinch cocks and three hens, one Chaffinch cock and two hens, one Bullfinch hen; no rubbish.—Parry, Oak Bank, Rhos, Ruabon.

HEALTHY vigorous house moulted cock Brown Linnet, in full song, 7/6; or will exchange for good Norwich or Roller cock singing Canary.—9, Princes-av., Chester.

HEN Bullfinch, laid 30 eggs last season, reared young Canaries, now nesting, hen Goldfinch, now nesting; exchange breeding Budgerigars; approval.—Sadler, Catherine-st., Bulwell.

SPLENDID 1906 hand-reared, tame, cock Song Thrush, in grand song and plumage, 7/-; bargain; exchange cock Canary.—Tebay, 16, Haley's-yard, Bramley, Leeds.

SPLENDID Bullfinch, two Greenfinches, good Bramblefiuch, cocks, Greenfinch, two Bullfinches, Chaffinch hens, suitable Hybrid breeding; exchange Norwich.—Palmer, 63, Cromwell-rd., Bristol.

REALLY good Goldfinch and house moulted hen Bullfiuch, paired, 8/-; cock Brown Linnet, 2/-; exchange hen Canaries.—Heare Brothers, 85, Gresham-st., Leicester.

COCK Goldfinch Mule, pure Finch song, 10/-; cock Linnet, Mule breeder, 4/-; buff Norwich hen, 4/-; exchange lot pair of Yorkshires or others; offers.—Tutty, 22, Smith's-ter., Common Side, Mitcham.

TWO pairs Bullfinches, two Chaffinches, cocks, two Goldfiuches, hens, cage moulted, two Yellowhammers; exchange Canaries; also two cock Goldfinch Mules; what offers?—A. Pritchard, Woodham Mortimer, Maldon.

POSTAL ORDERS PLEASE.

Owing to the new Post Office Regulations respecting the use of stamps upon Postal Orders, we are reluctantly compelled to state that in future our rule re **sending Postal Orders as far as possible instead of stamps** *must be strictly enforced. Advertisers unable to obtain Postal Orders must remit an extra halfpenny with every four penny stamps.*

COCK Bullfinch, 1905-bred and in breeding condition, highly commended at Morecambe November last year, 5/-; or two Norwich Canary hens; also hen Bullfinch, nesting, for hen Canary.—R. Parkinson, Main-st., Warton, Carnforth.

MULING Linnet, 4/-; Green Norwich hen, 3/6, pair 6/6; contest Chaffinch and cage, 4/-; Skylark and cage, 5/6; all full song; lot 15/-; exchange mandolin.—7, Fulton Villas, Boundary-rd., Wood Green, London.

Mainly Canaries
To be Sold or Exchanged

EXCHANGE pair Yorkshires, buff cock, yellow hen, for muling Goldfinch or Budgerigar; sell 12/6.—J. Smith, 8, Cairnie-st., Arbroath.

1906 SELF Green Norwich cock, 8/6; exchange British, or offers.—Stevens, 35, Davenant-rd., Upper Holloway, N.

TWO Norwich hens, Goldfinch cock, fit win; exchange pair Yorkshire; sell 7/6.—Wm. Casewell, Bloomsbury-lane, Timperley, Cheshire.

SALE or exchange.—Nine healthy young Hartz hens, aviary-bred last year.—Thomson, 27, Eccleston-st., London, S.W.

A PAIR of Norwich Canaries, breeding condition, with cage, 9/6; or useful exchange.—Smith, 3, Essex-st., Kingsland-rd., London.

YELLOW Norwich cock, good stock bird, 6/6; would exchange fronts, colour food, or offers.—Newman, Upper Grove, Margate.

FOR sale, Norwich Canaries, with cages and young; would exchange two hens for good cock.—Stevens, 180, Elm Park-rd., Reading

YELLOW Yorkshire cock, full song, 7 in., 10/-; exchange large Norwich; yours first genuine.—Breeze, March.

GOOD heavy Crested Green hen, ready to nest, 10/-; or exchange; offers?—Wm. Hancock, Shoemaker, Bishop's Lydeard, Taunton.

THREE pair Yorkshires, nine young Norwich, one pair Lizards; offers for lot, or exchange.—T. Turner, Cowpen, Bebside.

EXCHANGE two Crest hens for large yellow hen or Crestbred cock; wanted gold Lizard hen.—Edwards, 71, Swinbrook-rd., Westbourne Park, London.

WILL give good clear buff Yorkshire cock, 1905, for self Green or buff Norwich cock, 1905, or sell 8/6; approval.—Yates, Bagnall-rd., Milton, Stoke-on-Trent.

BUFF Norwich cock, variegated, 12/6, winning strain; exchange large Crestbred cock; must be on full song; no rubbish.—Dixon, Columbus Ravine, Scarborough.

EXCHANGE buff variegated Norwich hen for yellow Yorkshire hen, or sell 7/6; Crest cock for Crest hen, yellow, sell 12/6.—Sewery, Windsor-ter., Lyme Regis.

Mainly Foreign
To be Sold or Exchanged

TWO young green Parrakeets (acclimatised), in splendid condition, nearly new Parrot cage, accept 15/- the lot; or will exchange.—74, High-st., Andover, Hants.

Miscellaneous
Sale or Exchange

WHAT offers for large clear buff Norwich hen, ready to nest?—Bellamy, Norwich-rd., Wisbech.

BRITANNIA phonograph, brass horn, records, for Canaries.—Harris, 9, Gopsall-st., Hoxton.

IRISH Terrier Bitch, two years, 7/6; or exchange. —R. Rowe, Waggon and Horses, Staines, Middlesex.

WANTED, singing Canary or Goldfinch.—Apply, McCutcheon, 95, Titchfield-st., Kilmarnock, N.B.

EXCHANGE stereoscope and 80 views for pair Canaries.—Mr. Thompson, 7, Volunteer-st., Chester.

PHONO horn, brass, 28 in. by 15 in., as new, 5/6; exchange.—Knight, James-st., Peterhead.

GENT.'S cycle, in good order, 35/-; or exchange Canaries.—Moore, Furniture Dealer, Aston-st., Birmingham.

DOZEN Edison-Bell records, for Norwich cocks, 18 for pair of Norwich, new, no rubbish.—2, Godfrey Cottages, Clapton.

EXCHANGE genuine long distance working Homers, adults and squeakers, for clap nets, anything.—H. Hunt, 23, Swinegate, Grantham.

COCK muling Linnet, very steady, two Border hens, double breeder, lot 7/6; approval.—School House, Bolton, Wigton.

NEW leather-bound gun case, fittings and lock complete; exchange poultry.—Wiltshire, 14, Harwood-pl., Camden Town, London.

110 "CAGE BIRDS," 20 plates, 7/6; exchange gent.'s boots or umbrella.—20, Shrewsbury-rd., Sheffield.

EXCHANGE new Edison recorder and set of men's red boxing gloves for two singing cock Canarics.—C. Robinson, George-st., Barnard Castle.

CANARIES wanted, exchange joiner's iron cramp, new tenon saw, bow saw, several glass shelves.—Moore, Aston-st., Birmingham.

ONE pair Jacobins, three Dragoons; exchange Goldfinches or Linnets.—Wilson, Quarry-yard, Stockingford, Nuneaton.

FIVE SHILLING Brownie camera and accessories, nearly new; exchange hen Canaries.—Rayner, 21, Stanley-rd., Wakefield.

EXCHANGE three beehives and appliances, English orgauette, antique tea caddy, for Budgerigars, or offers.—Morris, 1, Highfield, Ilfracombe.

PAIR of water colours, 4 ft. 3 in. by 3 ft. 8 in. (landscapes), 15/-; exchange Canarics.—C. Mackwell, Hairdresser, Bradford-rd., Keighley.

GOOD treadle sewing machine, working order, sell 30/-; or exchange birds, cages, mail cart; or offers. —Downing, Raunds, Northants.

IRISH Terrier Bitch, five months, over distemper, make winner; sell or exchange anything; approval, anywhere.—Downing, Raunds, Northants.

SHOW tipplers, two pairs, two red self cock Tumblers; exchange British cage birds.—Moyns, 98, St. Andrew's-rd., Southampton.

FOR sale, black Schipperke Dog, £2; or exchange high-class Yorkshires.—A. Gledhill, Elderter., Rooks-lane, Dudley Hill, Bradford.

PRIZE bred French Corded Poodle Bitch, ten months, £2 2s. cash; exchange Canarics to value of £2 10s.—Stewart, 19, High-st., Kilmarnock, N.B.

WINNING Magpie and Dragoon Pigeons, cheap, or useful exchange for gentleman going abroad.—Fred. Elsted, Union-rd., Crediton.

EXCHANGE one bushel splendid clean mixed wild seed for cock Canary or two hens.—Smith, Orchardleigh, Highworth, Wilts.

WILL exchange for two pair Rollers (1906 bred), black and tan Bitch, six months (pedigree, toy bred), or sell 30/-; approval.—Williams, 8, Burton-st., Ardwick, Manchester.

WILL exchange 15 Edison gold moulded records for long slim Yorkshire hens.—Wright, 42, Darley-st., Beswick, Manchester.

WILL give £3 15s. incubator, also £2 15s. poultry house, new for good talking Grey Parrot.—Draper, St. Albans-pl., Blackburn.

SPLENDID pair field glasses, in case; exchange exhibition Goldfinch, must be good; approval.—T. Carter, Dean-st., Oakham.

EXCHANGE lady's or gent.'s silver watch for two cock or four hen Canaries; approval.—Joseph Royles, 269, Beet-st., Sheffield.

ART cane mail cart, nearly new, 12/-, cost 70/-; will exchange for Canaries, Yorkshires.—G. Cresast, near Handbury, Cromford-rd., Ripley, Derbyshire.

EXCHANGE English organette and 63 tunes, child can play it, for phonograph, sell £3.—Dodson, Burncross, Chapeltown, Sheffield.

FLIGHT cage, 40 by 21, four breeders, 26 by 18, another, 20 by 17, all portable fronts; exchange birds.—H. Emery, 167, Eyre-st., Sheffield.

"CAGE BIRDS," from May 5th, 1906, to date (four plates missing); what offers in exchange?—Smith, 23, Abbey-bldgs., Tower Bridge-rd.

FIELD Spaniel Dog, liver and white, perfectly broken, can carry eggs and retrieve, £3, or exchange.—Pearson, Greenwich.

EXCHANGE or sell, 12 Homing Pigeons, value £2.—Pennington's Drug Stores, Conisboro', Rotherham. Also Wood Trap.

FOR sale disc gramophone and 17 10 in. records, nearly new, £3, or exchange pair of Norwich Plainheads, show birds, on approval; Canaries.—Knapman, 4, Laurel Cottages, Thurlow-rd., Torquay.

TWO Siberian cock Goldfinches, 8/- each; yellow Yorkshire cock, 7/-; two cock Linnets, twice cage moulted, 3/- each; exchange common fowls.—Loyd, 21, Bridge-st., Homerton.

PRIZE strain White Wyandotte cock and pullet, laying, 12/6; exchange lady's costume; also Partridge Wyandottes, cheap.—Meadhorn, Church-st., Leamington.

"HOME CARPENTRY," illustrated, 5/-; fine white Angora Doe, 5/-; exchange yellow Norwich cock, or offers.—Crocker, 22, High-st., Easton, Bristol.

EXCHANGE for typical Yorkshire cocks, a pedigree Blue Bedlington Terrier dog, rather large in size, but would make a splendid stock dog.—G. Telling, 1, Burnthwaite-rd., Fulham, S.W.

DOUBLE breeding cages, fitted loose wire fronts, from 2/6; dozen wire fronts, 24 in. by 12 in., 8/6; exchange for Canaries or British seed-eaters; inspection invited.—Groves, 60, Hampton-rd., Ilford.

ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHT CAGE BIRDS, with supplements, 21 plates complete, pair riding breeches; exchange silk handkerchiefs.—Matt, 20, Blanchard-rd., Hackney.

EXCHANGE small black Dog, grand long coat, Pom. and King Charles cross, clean in house; British birds, value 10/-.—Showler, Bridgend, Bathgate, N.B.

"CAGE BIRDS" for sale, from June 10th, 1905, to present date; or exchange good Norwich cock or hen.—A. Harris, Ellesmere College, Ellesmere, Shropshire.

WHAT offers in Canaries for Edison "Gem" phonograph and 12 records, new four months ago? Not rubbish.—Apply to William Pallant, 11, Water-st., Hyde, Cheshire.

MAIL cart, pair nets, pair O.E.G. Bantams, two pairs Homers; exchange any above for Canaries, Mules, or Poultry.—24, Guilford-rd., Southend-on-Sea.

ENVELOPES, writing paper, Sandow developer, field glasses, etc.; exchange cage birds.—J.B., Temperance Institute, Whittington Moor, near Chesterfield.

SINGER'S hand sewing machine, with cover, complete, sell 30/-; or what offers in Canaries, British birds, or anything useful? Approval both ways.—Taylor, 36, Aireville-rd., Frizinghall, near Bradford.

HAVING about twenty prize Homers, long distance fliers, will exchange for good talking Parrot, or offers; sell 10/-; pair Pigeons.—89, Shaw-st., Sheffield.

EXCHANGE for Norwich, Yorksbire pairs, Linnet Mule cock, three volumes "British Isles," two "Living Races," bound, new.—Edwards, 168, Westonpark, Crouch End.

FOR sale, a pair of clap nets, 30 ft. long, 5 ft. wide, ½ in. mesh, all complete, price 12/-; or exchange a large Siberian Goldfinch.—Jamieson, 33, Ogilvie-pl., Arbroath.

CRYSTAL Palace aviary, mahogany, 3 ft. by 2 ft. 9 in., polished, cost £3; one pair Canaries and inlaid breeding cage, lot 30/-; or exchange.—A.C., 44, Rollins-st., Old Kent-rd.

GENUINE Willcox and Gibbs' sewing machine, hand and treadle, new condition, splendid worker, with carved polished cover and appliances, cost £7, sell £3; or exchange talking machine or gun to value.—Bromley, 122, Kensal-rd., Westbourne Park.

EXCHANGE six ivorine-handled knives or pair carvers or pair hollow ground razors in silk lined case, for one cock or three hen Canaries; approval.—Herbert Marsden, Cutlery Manufacturer, 175, St. Phillip's-rd., Sheffield.

BLUE POUTERS, pair fine birds, nesting, massive limbs, tremendous blowers, real good stock birds; also blue cock, wants pairing; exchange best offer in Canaries; approval.—Eplett, 4, James-st., Aberaman, Aberdare.

EXCHANGE six splendid ivorine handled knives and six nickel silver forks to match, also pair silver mounted carvers, and six nickel silver teaspoons, approval, for two cocks or five hen Canaries.—Parkin, 229, Arundel-st., Sheffield.

EXCHANGE six splendid staghorn handled knives and six forks to match, also pair silver mounted meat earvers, six nickel silver teaspoons, pair nickel silver sugar tongs, good bread knife, and hollow ground razor, approval, for two cocks or five hen Canaries.—Donohoe, 207, Arundel-st., Sheffield.

TO Dog fanciers.—A most comprehensive book on Dogs, entitled "Kennel Secrets," by Ashmont, profusely illustrated, published at 15/-, absolutely new, also 1/- handbook, "Training Dogs," by Bach, 10/6 the two, or nearest cash offers, to Manager, CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet-st., London, E.C.

EXCHANGE pure bred Irish Terrier Bitch, thoroughly broken to Ferrets, will hunt and kill rat or rabbit, no better guard living, and very quiet with children, for a genuine trained Seifert Roller cock Canary on full song; or sell 15/- cash; approval.—G. Birkin, Alderley Edge, Cheshire.

PAIR Yorkshires, 17/6; another, 15/6; cock Greenfinch, hen Norwich, three eggs, 10/6; cock Goldfinch, or crossbred hen, two eggs, 10/6; cock Woodlark, magnificent songster, 4/-; monster cock Bramblefinch, 3/6; six breeding cages, each, 3/-; four keeping, 2/-; one show, 2/6; lot, £4 10s.; exchange tripod camera.—Barns, Garnant, Carmarthenshire.

VERY rare Cape Siskin, 17/6; large buff Canary, 4/6; another 3/-; Whinchat, Yellow Wagtail, 4/3 the two; proved Goldfinch muler, 5/6; another 4/3; breeding Budgerigars, hens, 4/6; cocks, 3/-; 6/6 pair; one pair, 4/6; very large cock Siskin, with long bib, 7/6; will exchange.—Feltham, Broadway, Westby-rd., Boscombe.

PHONOGRAPH records, trumpets, etc., carriage rugs, charlock seed; useful exchange.—Brain, Glastonbury.

FIVE Norwich, two Yorkshire, one Mule, cocks, 5/- each; three Yorkshire show cages and case, 10/-; 24 loose fronts, new, 18 in. by 12 in., 12/-; cash for lot, £2 15s.; exchange for Edison standard phonograph, talking Grey Parrot, or good cycle.—Mr. Hopper, Gamekeeper, Trewhitt Steads, Rothbury, Northumberland.

NATURAL HISTORY.

BIRDS' skins for stuffing, from 6d.; British, Canadian, New Zealand.—69, Inniskilling-rd., Barking-rd., Plaistow, London. List 1d.

BIRD and Animal preserving done cheaply by practical hands, latest improvements.—F. Livermore, Windley, Derby.

BIRDS, animals, fish preserved and mounted; small birds, 1/6; hawks, squirrels, etc., 2/- each.—Oram, Naturalist, 14, Princess-rd., Leicester.

VARIOUS.

"DRANREB," the cage door cutter.—See Wanted column.

STANCLIFFE'S "Fun on the Billiard Table," 1/6. —"R," 8, Albert-sq., S.W.

FOR sale, guitar zither, quite new, take 25/-, cost 36/-.—Timson, Willingdon, Sussex.

SIX pedigree Belgian hares, as bred, three months, 10/-.—Cherry, Quainton-rd., Waddesdon.

YORKSHIRE Terrier Dog, 11 months, a good tan, growing a nice coat, 25/-.—Roston, Brickkiln-st., Wolverhampton.

CLEARANCE.—Fowls, wire, birds (British and Canaries, and cages; stamp particulars.—Organ, 128, Magdalene-rd., Oxford.

COCK Budgerigar, two Harper's improved husks, unused, 3/10; hen Bullfinch, 1/6; cock Redpoll, hen Linuet, 2/- pair.—Timson, Willingdon, Sussex.

CIRCULARS, bills, samples distributed at small cost by the Globe Circulating Company, 73, Upper Church-path, Landport.

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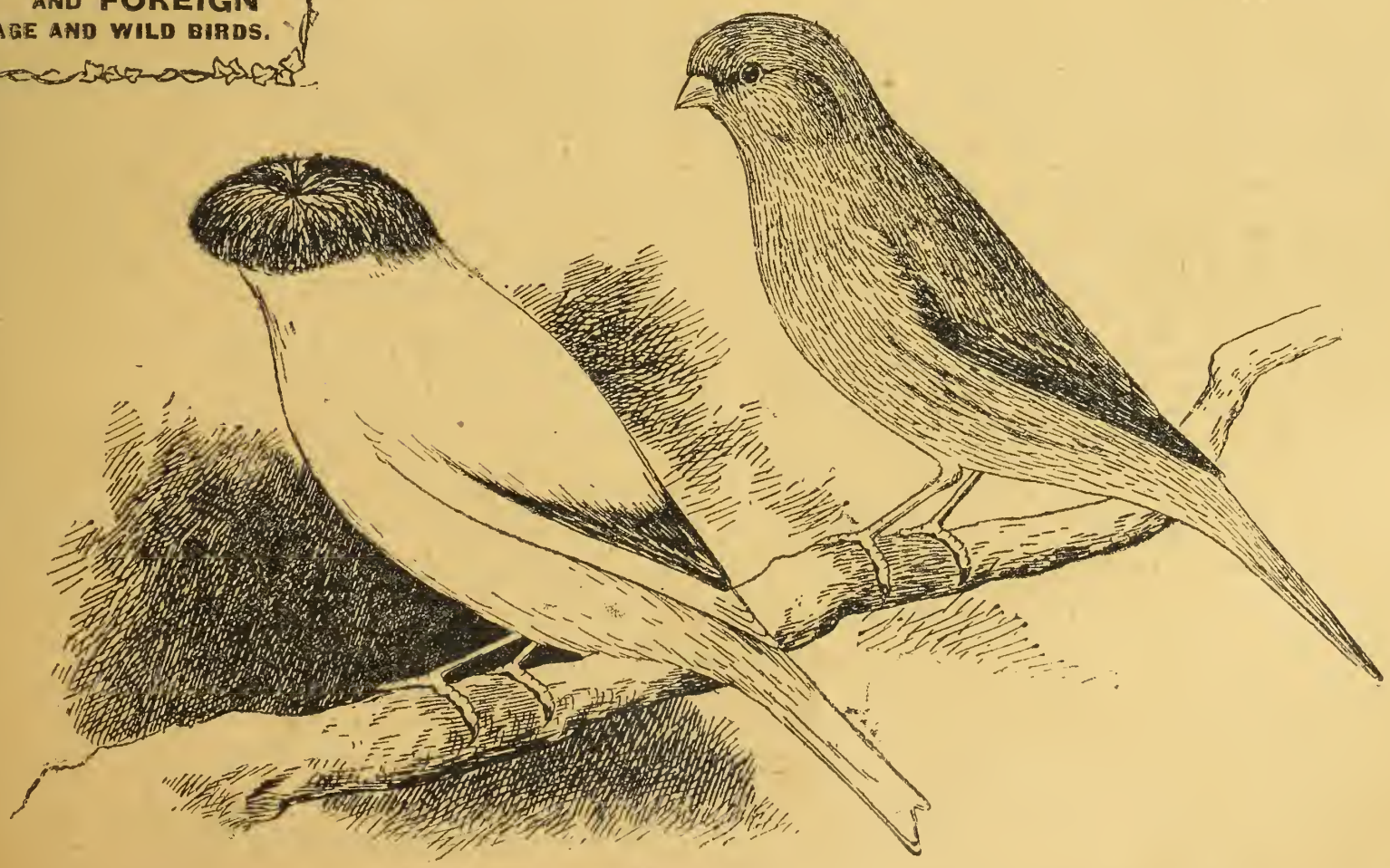

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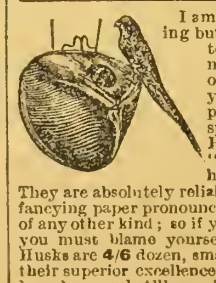

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Grey Parrot Thin and Weak.

The bird has been ailing for some time. It is fed as advised in "C.B.," but it will not eat bemp. It is eating well, but is very thin and weak, and its plumage is in very bad condition (feathers enclosed). I have given magnesia and chemical food. Is there anytbiug else I can do for it?—G.D.

G.D.—It looks almost as if your bird was wasting away. Let it have as much exercise as possible, plenty of fresh air without draught. Continue to give the chemical food; make its drinking water the colour of pale port with same; keep a sharp look out for constipation, and, on the first signs of this, make its drinking water quite saline with Epsom salts, for one day, or till relief is given. Let it have as much ripe fruit as it will eat, also green food, cuttlefish, plain biscuits, dry crust of household bread. Keep its cage strictly clean and the bird out of all draught. Well soak its plumage with quassia solution twice a week; if there are any parasites troubling the bird it will eradicate these, and if, as I strongly suspect, the bird is chewing its plumage, this will make it distasteful to it. With the warm weather coming, it can have plenty of open-air treatment; at the same time its cage should be so placed that there will not be a current of air blowing through it; it is not difficult to arrange this. Do not give the chemical food once a day only, but let the water with this form its constant drink. Shall be interested to hear how the bird goes on.

Breeding Budgerigars.

My hen, which was egg-bonnd, is much better, but still queer; is rather thin and dropping her feathers. Can you help me further? I have a young male, bred last September. Would he mate if I got a hen for him?—A. BAKER.

A. Baker.—You must keep this hen caged up by itself for at least another month—at least, do not let it have a mate till it is in fine feather and is strong again. Keep up the chemical food, but be on the watch for constipation, and, at the first signs of this make the drinking water quite saline with Epsom salts for one day, or till relief is given. Let her, and all your other birds, have a plentiful supply of grass in flower (i.e., grass in the ear). Re your other birds, let there be at least double the number of husks that you have pairs of birds. Yes, by all means get a mate for your young male, but I recommend you to procure some from a different source to that of the parent birds. I should think your ailing hen ought to be fit again in from six to eight weeks.

Green Parrot.

(1) What kind is it? (2) Will it make a good talker? (3) How must I feed?—J. K.

J.K.—(1) It is the Indian Ring-necked Parrakeet (*Palæornis torquata*). (2) Most individuals of this species make fair talkers, and articulate words and short sentences, and they are excellent mimics; some individuals are also good screamers, but once broken of this objectionable habit they are entertaining birds. For directions re teaching to talk, see reply to "E.H.V." in this issue. (3) See reply to "E.H.V.," and if so treated your bird should do well.

Cockatoo in Bad Plumage.

My bird does not seem to moult right; the feathers only come to pens and then seem to break away. It appears in good healtb otberwise. How must I treat.—F.H.

F.H.—It is very probable it is the bird's diet which is largely at fault, it mostly is in such cases. Please repeat query next week, and give full particulars as to how you are dieting and treating the bird. In the meantime, for one day only, make its drinking water quite saline with Epsom salts, and let it have only this to drink for the day. On other days make its drinking water the colour of pale port with Parrish's Chemical Food. Keep up regular supplies of ripe fruit, green food, and cuttlefish. Keep its cage strictly clean. Also soak the bird's plumage with quassia solution every third day, keeping the bird strictly out of draught till dry.

DULWICH & PECKHAM C.B.S.

A Successful British Bird Show.

That enterprising young club, the Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S., which now numbers 150 members, held its Annual Show of British Birds on Thursday, May 2nd, at headquarters, the Herne Hotel, Peckham Rye, and the venture proved of a most successful character from every point of view; this was a good augury for the Young Bird Show, fixed for July 4th. It furthermore enabled the members to get into their stride, with a view to their eagerly-anticipated country ramble, fixed for to-morrow (Sunday). A well-known bard once wrote, "It is not in mortals to command success," but Mr. W. Hodson, who is one of the most painstaking and genial of hon. secretaries it is possible to meet, did his utmost to deserve it, and he is to be heartily congratulated upon his efforts having been fittingly rewarded. He received yeoman assistance from Mr. G. F. Woolhouse (chairman), Mr. A. E. Rogers, Mr. E. S. Lugg, and other members of the committee. The staging, which had been put up round the spacious concert room, was very tastefully draped with red cloth, and when the multi-coloured birds and cages were placed in position, the scene was indeed a very pleasing one, and our only regret was that Mr. Norman, your clever artist-in-chief, was not present so that a life-like picture of the room could have been reproduced in CAGE BIRDS. The quality of many of the specimens staged was indeed an eye-opener, and, while it is, of course, always invidious to particularise when the "class" all round is so exceptionally good, we would draw especial attention to the Thrush, Goldfinch, Bullfinch, and Linnet which came out top hole in their respective classes. These were indeed real gems, and would hold their own in "blue riband" competition at the Crystal Palace. We were somewhat mystified by the appearance in the catalogue of the letters "R.R.R.," and thought they must refer to some class of rare feathered specimens, but we failed to trace any "rara avis," and were informed the cryptic letters had nothing whatever to do with birds, but stood for "Roger's Rapid Renovator," a polish discovered by the gentleman whose name it bears, which will, it is claimed, turn old furniture into new—in appearance. It is also said to be very handy in the bird room, as is not only keeps the cage spick and span, but it drives red-mite away. Mr. W. H. Vale judged, and his awards appeared to give general satisfaction. He afterwards explained to the assembled company the good and indifferent points of the various exhibits, and his remarks were followed with wrapt attention. He was subsequently plied with numerous questions, which he satisfactorily answered, and, on the proposition of Mr. Woolhouse, seconded by "mine host," Mr. W. Goodwin, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Vale, which he suitably acknowledged. Amongst the large number of fanciers who attended was the veteran, Mr. G. Garlick, whose presence reminded one of many stirring bygones in the halcyon days of the Fancy, and, judging by the pleased expression on his jovial old face as he adjusted his pinc-nez, the "pink-pink" of the Chaffinches and the merry notes of the Linnets were recalling to the old campaigner the recollection of many a pleasant afternoon spent in the country amongst the feathered songsters in the long ago. Mr. Rogers is once again to be heartily complimented upon the promptitude with which he turned out the catalogues with awards, these being in the hands of the company within five minutes of the close of judging—a very smart performance.

The following are the awards:—GOLDFINCH OR BULLFINCH, HOUSE MOULTED (8): 1, spl, Botting (Goldfinch); 2, Carter (Bullfinch); 3, Meredith (Goldfinch); 4, Rees (Goldfinch); vhc, Richardson (Bullfinch hen); hc, Lugg (Goldfinch); c, Fisher (Bullfinch); Johnson (Goldfinch). GOLDFINCH OR BULLFINCH, FIELD MOULTED (5): 1, Meredith (Bullfinch); 2, Johnson (Goldfinch); 3, Carter (Bullfinch); 4, Lugg (Goldfinch); vhc, Waterman (Bullfinch). LINNET, REDPOLL, AND TWITE: 1, spl, Carter (Linnet); 2, Hathaway (Redpoll); 3, Johnson (Linnet); 4, Fisher (Linnet); vhc, Botting (Redpoll); hc, c, Richardson (Redpolls). GREENFINCH (4): 1, Johnson; 2, Sidgwick; 3, Harry; vhc, Botting. A.O.V., SEED-EATING (7): 1, Botting (Hawfinch); 2, Sidgwick (Reed Bunting); 3, Johnson (Siskin); vbc, Butt (Pied House Sparrow); bc, Harry (Chaffinch); c, Waterman (Chaffinch); Wall (Bramblefinch). A.V., INSECTIVOROUS SMALL: 1, Hathaway (Blackcap); 2, Carter (Wheatear). A.V. LARGE: 1, spl, Hathaway (Song Thrusb); 2, Lugg (Starling); 3, Rees (Song Thrush).

THE LATE MR. GEO. LAWSON.

Allow me spaee to correct an error I made in my notes on the death of Mr. George Lawson (late of Culross). I said Mr. Lawson was Scotland's premier breeder and exhibitor of Scoteh Faney Canaries from 1887 to 1902. Should have been from 1887 to 1892. He won the Dundee Cup three years in succession (1890, 1891, 1892) with his old champion buff eock, a bird that was perfection in every part (besides other cups well known to other fanciers). I have never seen his equal yet. His yellow piebald cocks (ineluding Martin's, Glasgow) and the yellow piebald hen (Wright's, Greenock), buff hen and buff piebald hen, all birds that won firsts in their classes, are birds well to be remembered, the writer sold him the mother. All his birds were eagerly sought after, either to get a show bird or a stock bird. He was a gentleman that was not hard to deal with in money matters. In matching his birds he was very particular, and would pay a long price for a bird to suit him; from £10 to £15 he often paid for such. In crossing with the Belgian he was very successful in producing birds that could hold premier honours at any show. The manner in which his birds were kept in first elass order when showing was the general talk, although out nearly every Saturday from Octoher to New Year. His bird room was above his bakehouse, and was a treat to see. In it a nice temperature always existed night and day, with a good supply of pure air. He was very particular in feeding his birds when breeding, giving egg, and a mixture of seeds sparingly, and tender dandelion leaves, whiteheads, and sceded chickweed were his principal green foods. He often reared from fifty to sixty birds in a season. Space will not allow me to say all I might do regarding the champions he bred, which are well known to the fanciers of his day. Never of a robust constitution, but wiry, of a kindly disposition, respected and esteemed outside the Faney, a man of great intelligence, being a great reader, he could talk on many subjects, but I think none gave him greater pleasure than a bird talk. Many had the writer and his brother, either here or at Culross, with him. As I took a last look on him in that upper room in Stenhousemuir, my feelings nearly overcame me, and as we laid him to rest in that beautiful cemetery at Larbert, I could only say—

Sleep on, dear friend, sleep on
Until the resurrection morn,
When Christ shall thee awake
And take thee home.

He leaves four sons and three daughters to mourn his loss. His wife pre-deceased him threo years ago. I would offer to the family the sympathy of the whole Faney in the hour of their bereavement. McWatt, Bonnybridge, and Carlan, Carmelon, besides the brothers Hogg, were the fanciers present at the funeral.

W. D. HOGG.

GUARANTEED CLASSES AT THE CRYSTAL PALACE SHOW.

I am reluctant to again refer to the matter of the classes I guaranteed at the late Crystal Palace Show, but a long diatribe on the point from Mr. E. G. Wright, of Edinburgh, leaves me no alternative. That Mr. Wright is anxious to create a disturbance is now apparent. I will not go over in detail the long series of falsehoods he has seen fit to circulate, but content myself with touching upon three of them. Wright endeavours to draw the inference that my attitude towards him is that of annoyance because he refused to act as "sole representative" of CAGE BIRDS. He charges me with having made him an offer and "cutting" him after he refused it.

Let me say, in reply, that I have never at any time made Mr. E. G. Wright an offer for his services which might be construed according to his professed interpretation of it, and as he bases his statement concerning that offer upon my letter to him of August 27th last let him print the whole of that letter without any excisions.

Secondly, I would like to say that since the personal interview to which he refers I have not only conversed with him, but rendered him a favour at the Palace Show, for which he expressed himself as being "greatly obliged."

Thirdly: The very moment I read Rule 2 in the Palace Show schedule, while I did not in any way, and do not now, admit any legal or moral liability for the payment of the balance, I instructed the Palace Show managers to pay over, on my behalf, to all the exhibitors concerned, *not even excepting Mr. Wright*, the balance of the prize money, amounting to some seven pounds odd. Out of all the exhibitors concerned only one refused to accept the balance of the prize money so tendered, and that one was Mr. Wright, who demanded it as his legal right, and who consequently gave me no option but to instruct the Palace management to withhold payment from him in order that he might put the legal claim, upon which he was so insistent, to the test.

It is, therefore, a distinct falsehood for him to say that I have singled him out for omission; on the contrary, it is he who, for his own purposes, which are sufficiently obvious to anyone with half an eye, has singled out himself to be a martyr and object of sympathy. Truly the next thing to being ill-used is to wish to be considered so.—F. CARL.

We have received several letters from exhibitors personally concerned in the above business, all couched in sympathetic and friendly terms. In marked contradistinction to the attitude of Mr. Wright, the sentiments of that fine old breeder of Scotch Fancies, Mr. Robert Willison, deserve publishing:—

49, Stanley Road,
Barrow-in-Furness.

Mr. Carl,

Dear Sir,—I have just returned my prize money to Mr. L. Brown, secretary, as I consider it is very hard on you. I know you just guaranteed the classes, to pay for them as any secretary would do, for the sake of seeing the classes standing, and I think if the Scotch exhibitors would send up more entries to fill up the classes instead of just sending up one or two entries, it would be much better. I am sending this money back as I believe Mr. Wright is going to make a test cast of it, and if he does, this is to go towards your expenses. Wishing CAGE BIRDS every success,

I remain, yours truly,
ROBERT WILLISON.

Needless to say we have no intention of availing ourselves of the generosity and public spirit of Mr. Willison or anyone else, and any such test case (when brought) must fall upon our shoulders alone. Mr. Willison's prize-money and the prize-money of two exhibitors, which has also been returned by them to us, animated by the same principle, will be gratefully rejected. That well-known Northampton Crest fancier, Mr. H. Mills, has a few words to say on the same subject:—

I can quite see how you were mistaken, and should not have taken any further notice. The money has come as quite a surprise. I hope I do not get served any worse in the Fancy in the future. I could, if I liked, mention three large open shows that have not sent their specials out yet. It's about time, I should think. H. MILLS.
27, Duke Street, Northampton.

Sketty, Swansea.

F. Carl, Esq.,

Dear Sir,—I received your kind letter, and note what you say about half prize money at last Palace Show. I have received the balance of same from secretary, and beg to tender you my best thanks for same; also for your good wishes, and I think, after reading your explanation, you have acted very honourably in paying out the remaining prize money. Yours sincerely,
D. A. S. LONGDEN.

And, in conclusion, a fellow-townsman and friend of Mr. Wright's sends a personal letter, from which we may, just by way of conclusion, extract the following:—

We are all interested in the half prize money at Palace business, and Mr. W. is everywhere condemned. He is an insurance agent, and can take a lot of bluffing. Hereabouts we only laugh at his writing. He tried to get Mr. Cairns to his way of thinking, but it would not work. I suppose Mr. C. has returned cheque for balance of money. At least, he was recommended to do so, and I feel sure he would.

SIR,—I see that there is another effusion emanating from Mr. Wright, which, as usual, is far from accurate, and on one or two points I must correct the wrong impression that might be created. The rest of his letter is merely a tilting at you, Mr. Editor, which I can well leave to you to deal with. Mr. Wright lays the flattering unction to his soul that, had it not been for him, I should still have been turning a deaf ear (another inaccuracy) to all applications! He is not correct when he says that all "claims" have been paid, for only two claims were made—Wright's and another; but all exhibitors in these classes have been paid full money (with, of course, the exception of Mr. Wright), you, Mr. Carl, generously forwarding me a cheque to enable me to do so, and from the various acknowledgments I have received I append one or two extracts, from which it will be seen that, despite the "multitude" (!!!) of letters that Mr. Wright has received, all the exhibitors do not see eye to eye with him. The first one (and this, of all places, from Edinburgh itself) says: "Yours to hand with cheque, which I have very much pleasure in returning. At first I admit thinking we should have full prize money, but not after I heard the right way of it, and I can assure you that I was not expecting any more than what I have already received." (I say all honour to such a true fancier!) The next exhibitor called upon me personally the next morning and said he was not at all easy in his mind in keeping the money, as he clearly was not entitled to it. Another writes: "It came as quite a surprise. I could see nothing unfair in what you did as regards prize money. I could see the mistake, and only hope I do not get served any worse in the Fancy!" I do not put names to these letters, but I enclose separately their names, so that you can see, Sir, that they are exhibitors who are better known in the exhibition world than Mr. Wright. These few extracts and my own explanations will, I am confident, be amply sufficient for all fanciers to clear my committee from all suggestion of breach of faith. Personally, I should not have troubled to write another letter to clear any imputations made against myself, for I defy anyone to prove, after several years of secretarial duties—and Mr. Wright least of all—that I have ever been guilty of discourtesy alone, to say nothing of any breach of trust; and I am quite content to leave my good name with the hundreds of fanciers all over the country with whom I have been brought into contact. Mr. Wright says he is sure that the Palace Show will suffer in entries because of this. On the contrary, however; for if the Scotch exhibitors are possessed of that commonsense with which I credit them, then they will easily see through the paltry vapourings of Mr. E. G. Wright and estimate them at their true value, and not let them bias the good relations that have always existed between them and ourselves. In conclusion, I am quite content to leave myself in the hands of the Fancy. My past record is quite sufficient answer to these paltry insinuations of breach of faith, discourtesy, etc. H. LAMBERT BROWN.

P.S.—Since writing the above, yet another letter has come to hand, returning the cheque sent for similar reasons.

I have had dozens of replies to my advertisement, and could have sold three times the number of birds I had for sale. CAGE BIRDS is a wonder. It must be worth pounds to many a fancier and novice. A grand pennyworth—the best in the world!—W. E. WATTS, Horfield.

Kindly thank all who answered my advertisement. They were so numerous that I could not possibly reply to all. I never dreamt there would be a quarter the enquiries there were. CAGE BIRDS is the paper to advertise in—there's no mistake about that.—AMOS HOLYOAKE, Kilworth.

The fanciers here seem to be doing very well. There are a good number of young birds on the sticks, both Canaries and Mules. Although the weather was very trying, the eggs hatched out well, and there are all prospects of a successful season, if things continue as they are.—WILLIAM J. ROSS, Inverness.

Mr. H. Hay, 29, Craig Street, Long Eaton, is anxious to form a Cage Bird Society in that town. He already has the names of 15 fanciers who would be willing to become members, and would like to hear from any others in the neighbourhood who would be willing to assist in the formation and working of such a society.

A fortnight ago I read an advertisement whilst having breakfast on the Friday morning that there were four Roller hens to sell. I wrote at 11 o'clock, posted it, the address, "Bacup," Lancashire, asking if they were cold-room bred, and the following morning I received a letter saying the birds were sent off for me, although a complete stranger, who had never heard the person's name before. They arrived in due course, fine birds, and were paid for on Monday. Does not this reflect credit on the seller that he could trust an entire stranger? Cases like this, I think, are rare. It would be a better world if we had more like this advertiser.—ANDREW M. FIRTH, Leeds.

About 12 months ago I was in one of our local newsagent's shops—Mr. Thos. Duncalf's, Uttoxeter Road, Longton—when I saw "C.B." Looking it through, I found very good information respecting the keeping of birds. Well, I commenced; found it a very interesting hobby, and have become so interested that I have just enlarged my aviary by about 6 ft. in length, and keep between 30 and 40 Finches, Linnets, Redpolls, etc. It is a treat to sit, have a smoke, and listen to the mixed singing; it is like being in a little wood.—SERGT. G. DOWLER, Longton.

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CANARY BREEDING COMPETITION.

We have to thank a number of readers for sending us addresses in accordance with last week's offer, which we accordingly repeat:—

In connection with our Canary Breeding Competition, a good house to house canvass ought to be carried on by all lovers of the Canary. A copy of "C.B.," marked in blue pencil drawing attention to the scheme, ought to be dropped in the letter-box of every house where Canaries are hung up in the window, or send us the addresses of six such houses (never mind the names of the residents), and we will post you, as a token of our thanks, a packet of picture postcards.

Will you send me some forms for your competition? I have got two new fanciers since you first started it. I think it a splendid idea for helping the Fancy.—W. JACKSON, Hon. Sec. Pendleton and Salford O.S.

One member of the S.W. London C.B.S., who only made a start this year, has, I understand, about 26 young ones doing, so far, well. Personally, I have had a good number, but, owing to the dark, cold days, have not reared many. I usually get my luck in June.—W. LILLEY.

I have been a Canary fancier since January of this year, and I have much pleasure in joining your Novice competition if you will kindly send me a form. I have taken in CAGE BIRDS ever since I started, and shall have great pleasure in continuing to do so, as I find it very helpful to me. I am not a member of any club, but I soon intend to join one with a friend, who is an old fancier.—JOSEPH PROCTOR, 20, Devonshire Street West, Keighley, Yorks.

Being a reader of your valuable paper, I should like to enter into the Novice Breeding Competition, not having bred before. I should like to ask one question. Take a man with 12 birds—six cocks and six hens—and another man with 12 birds—four cocks and eight hens—intending to run two hens to one cock. How would you reckon them? Should you reckon the number of hens or the number of birds altogether?—E. PLANT (Leek).

[This is answered by our Declaration Form, which see.—ED. "C.B."]

The following highly-gratifying letter has been received in connection with our Canary-breeding Competition. It will be remembered that we offer to supply secretaries with cards advertising the competition and their society jointly. Nearly a hundred societies have availed themselves of the offer, with, we are pleased to say, good results in many cases:—

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Starlings as Friend to the Farmer.

I have seen, early in the morning, after a wet night, the Starlings clearing the fields and commons from worms. I have also seen them searching the sheeps' backs for maggots.—F. HILLS (Woolwich).

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Some Foreign Cage Birds at Home.

An extract from Mr. Frank Finn's charming work, "Ornithological and Other Oddities," just published by John Lane (Bodley Head, London), price 10s. 6d. nett.

Many keepers of the beautiful foreign cage birds now so freely imported have doubtless wished to learn something of their life and habits in a wild state—a wish not so very easy to gratify, since writers of books on birds intended for the general public have a marvellous knack of avoiding such species in making their selection of those to be written about. It may therefore not be deemed out of place if I give a few notes on some birds, more or less familiar in our cages and aviaries, which I have had the pleasure of meeting personally in their natural surroundings.

The opportunity of doing this first occurred to me fourteen years ago, when I was in East Africa for a few weeks, part of the time being spent in Zanzibar, and part in Mombasa—then a very much less important place than it has since become.

What at once struck me at Zanzibar was the abundance of our good friend, the Java Sparrow, which was to be seen commonly all about the town. Here, as in several other Eastern countries, he was only a colonist, having been turned loose about thirty years before my time. The locality evidently suited the birds, though what they fed upon I never found out, as they did not come down into the streets as our Sparrow does; possibly they went out into the country for their meals, for the Java Sparrow has a strong, swift flight, and travels much faster on the wing in the open than one would be apt to suppose from observing his somewhat heavy make and movements in a cage.

As an ornament to the buildings, about which he breeds in cracks and crevices, the Java Sparrow is a great success, and his sweet liquid chirp is much more pleasant to the ear than the harsh notes of the real "spadger." So pleased was I at the sight of him in the capacity of citizen, that when years after I went to live in Calcutta, I tried to introduce him there.

But nearly all the birds I turned out always went off at once, and though an odd one, probably not so strong on the wing, or a casual "escape," might be seen about the place for long periods at times, the birds persistently refused to colonise. As all the building sites are well taken up by the House Sparrow, it is very possible that their attempts to do so would have ended in failures. Once, however, I saw four birds together, in lovely condition, on a bamboo bush, so some may have stayed about away from the houses; and as I have heard of them in the Calcutta suburbs, it is possible they may be becoming established, as they have been for many years in the Madras district. Speaking of the Java Sparrow, I may mention that a gentleman I once met, who knew the bird well and had been in Java, told me that he had only seen three there, so that it would seem not to be much in evidence in its native country. . . . There was another cage bird much in evidence at the more outlying bungalows at Mombasa which it gave me much pleasure to see at large. This was the Cordon-Bleu (*Estrelda phœnicotis*), that dainty little fawn and sky-blue Waxbill so much admired by all fanciers of tiny Finches. These little things were not so very abundant, but caught the eye at once as they hopped about in pairs on the ground, much after the fashion of our Hedge Sparrow; no doubt, like that bird, they were feeding on small insects and seeds.

A beautiful Weaver, of which the male was yellow with an orange head (*Hyphantornis bojeri*), was the commonest bird in Mombasa, though the dull greenish females and young were naturally more numerous than the full-plumaged cocks. This, however, was not then in the trade, and I do not know that it has been imported since, so I merely introduce it here to show how one may miss a good thing. Seeing these beautiful and showy seed-eating birds all about the place, I naturally thought they would be in the possession of many dealers at home, so I did not trouble to keep any, although a fledgling once actually flew into the bungalow where I was staying. But when I got home I found, to my great surprise, that not only was the bird, as I implied above, not to be had of the dealers, but was so little known even to professional scientists, that they had not got the female in the British Museum collection. Moral—don't despise the common birds of a country unless you know all about them. I did not see these Weavers feeding on the ground, but often observed them on low vegetation; their nests were to be seen hung on the fronds of palm trees even among the native huts, several together, as is the general custom of the Weaver group. These nests were rounded in shape, with an entrance hole, but no tubular passage thereto as in some of the nests built by birds of this family. . . .

To return to the foreign cage birds in their own haunts. I did not see much more in this way in Africa, so that it was not until I took up a post in the Indian Museum, Calcutta, in 1894, that I gained much more experience. In the first place I was rather surprised not to see the familiar cage birds in India about the gardens. I did not land in Bombay, or I should have found the Ring Parrakeet a very common bird even in the city trees, as I did later on. In Calcutta this Parrakeet is, indeed, no rarity, but it is not very noticeable except in the winter months, and then is not abundant. It is, however, one of the commonest birds in India generally, and in journeys by rail I often saw it perched on the telegraph wires. In the beautiful district of Dehra Dun, I used also to see the lovely little plum-headed Parrakeet, with its swift flight and musical call, while I now and then viewed the large "Rock Parrot," which bears much the same relationship to the ring-neck as the Missel-Thrush does to the Song-Thrush. The flight of Parrots is very surprising to anyone viewing it for the first time. It is very swift, and the wings are pointed downwards and moved quickly, the bird also rolling from side to side frequently—it is, in fact, the flight of a shore-haunting wader rather than that of a land bird. Few creatures are so active and joyous as wild Parrots, and I always feel quite as much sympathy for a caged Parrot as I do for the much-pitied Skylark, which, after all, is a thorough groundling when he is not singing.

Although the Bulbuls are not very common as cage birds, they are yet well known to aviculturists; and I found two of them among the most widely-spread and characteristic birds in India. They especially frequent gardens, and their graceful movements and sweet liquid notes make them most pleasant neighbours. In Calcutta the two common species were the Bengal Bulbul, with its rich dark plumage and scarlet under-tail coverts—replaced in some places by allied species of rather lighter colour; and the jaunty peak-crested, red-whiskered Bulbul, whose pure white breast makes him quite as noticeable as the other species, although this is larger. The big dark bird was much the commoner in Calcutta, but during the last year I was there (1902), I certainly saw many more of the red-whiskered species. The Bulbuls keep chiefly to trees and bushes, seldom visiting the ground; they feed mainly on berries, eating them even when green, but the young are fed on insects.

The Dhyal, with its Magpie suit of black and white, I had seen at a show at home, and soon found that in India he took the place of our Robin at home, being like that bird, widely spread, but not numerous, and much attached to the neighbourhood of man. These pretty birds were particularly common on Ross Island, in the Andamans, where, in the morning, the air was full of their songs. I did not notice their music much in Calcutta, where, if the birds had been far commoner, the cawing Crows and squealing Kites would have silenced them; but, of course, they sang at times. The Shama, though a common captive in India, is, when wild, a shy woodland bird, like our Nightingale, and I never met with it in that state.

The Rearing and Management of Insectivorous British Birds.

A Paper by Mr. S. W. Birchley, Gloucester, read before the Sheffield C.B.S. on April 4th, 1907.

(Continued from p. 420.)

Speaking of hand-reared specimens, I will just give you a few lines on this matter as it may be helpful should any of you be fortunate to get a nest of young this season. The task is not one that can be carried out without a deal of time and patience. Take the birds at nine or ten days old, nest and all, place them in a basket, a covered one preferred, and get them home as quickly as possible. Place them in a warm corner in the kitchen, and at night I advise you to cover them up as snugly as possible, or they will perish through the cold. As to the matter of feeding, soak your ants' eggs and dry them in a towel, and mix the same with some very finely chopped (or, better still, grated) hard-boiled egg, and attend to them about every two hours; and also give a cut-up mealworm occasionally, not, of course, forgetting the matter of water. You will find them thrive on this treatment well. On the first occasion you will have to open the beak of the bird, as I before described to you, but you will find they will soon look for your coming and take the food readily.

When once got on to their food, place them for a time where they will receive every attention, as they are not really safe till after the moult is over. The whole of the species I have mentioned in this section will thrive on the food just recommended, if given in the quantities named, together with all the insect life you can possibly obtain. The Blackcap, Redstart, and Whitethroats you will find very fond of fruits, such as currants, raspberries, bananas, apples, pears, etc., when ripe.

Taking the Tree-creeper, of which bird I am very fond, although he is considered by many a hard bird to rear, I have not found him so, but just the reverse, and, further, he is exceedingly easy to steady, and has a most engaging little song of his own. Speaking of the Wren family, I really cannot recommend them to the novice, as they are very delicate mites, and exceedingly hard to keep in health for long together. All the rest of the birds I have mentioned, with the exception of one or two species of the Warbler tribe, you will find fairly easy to keep in captivity.

THE PIPITS AND WAGTAILS.

Coming to the various Pipits and Wagtails, I am particularly fond of them, and have been most successful with them on the show bench. Taking the Pipits first, although they are of sombre plumage, they have a sweet little song, and are most docile in captivity. The Meadow Pipit is, I believe, partly migratory, but to be seen here in the winter months in small flocks. The Tree Pipit only visits us in the breeding season, and may be distinguished from his relative by being a smaller bird, with chest of a richer ground colour, and also by having a curved instead of straight hind claw. I cannot recommend you to hand-rear the birds as it will be time wasted. Get the adult specimens, and you will find them, as before stated, very easily steadied if treated kindly.

As to the various Wagtails, I have kept and have now one of each of the five species, and can recommend them to anyone who can supply plenty of live food all the year round; but without this you will find they will gradually decline and die. They are all particularly fond of gentles and various flies. It is really wonderful how quick they are when a fly settles on their cage front; they are invariably quicker than their quarry. These birds again I do not recommend you to hand-rear, as they are so easily tamed; but you will invariably find that an autumn-caught bird will take to confinement far better than a spring-caught specimen. A good time, to my mind, is just after the breeding season is over. You will find these birds very fond of a few soaked ants' eggs occasionally, and in the winter a little cream cheese.

THE LARKS.

The next section of importance is the Lark section, which consists of these varieties, the Shore, Sky, and Wood Larks. You will find them thrive on the food I have before described, together with a little mixed seed now and then, or a few ground oats, not forgetting a good supply of greed food. Larks as a whole are exceedingly hard to steady, therefore I adviso you to hand-rear them when obtainable. I find them all very healthy birds in confinement, if they are provided with proper food and exercise. They will always do you credit for the time spent on them. As to song, I think the Wood Lark is the best; but there is no mistake that our friend the Sky Lark, when pouring forth his pure wild notes, hundreds of feet above this earth of ours, makes us feel quite bright and fresh, and it is then, to my mind, that we really think of this wonderful little musician as we should do. I really consider it worse than cruelty the way some people cage these most lovely songsters, having no regard for their natural life and surroundings whatever. The Shore Lark, to my mind, is the most beautiful of the three, but he has no song, and is exceedingly hard to steady down, as he is seemingly possessed with a highly nervous disposition.

SOME LARGE BIRDS.

I will give you next a few hints on the Magpie, Jay, Chough and Great Grey Shrike. It is advisable to always hand-rear the Jay and Magpie, as the matter of steadying is then got over, which I can assure you is a big thing accomplished. The Magpie and Jay are both birds of most beautiful plumage, and can invariably be taught to talk most fluently. The Magpie, Jay, and Great Grey Shrike play havoc with the young of other birds, and even the parent birds themselves when opportunity comes their way. As to hand-rearing, feed every two hours on barley-meal made crumbly moist with new milk, mixing with the same plenty of raw meat and water, and administering it frequeutly. You will find them thrive rapidly on this, and they will soon pick up for themselves. These birds will eat almost anything in the way of table scraps, if meat is served with it.

Speaking of the Chough, this is a most handsome bird, that well repays his keep, as he has it all his own way in the A.O.V. large classes at our shows, but as I have never had one in my possession I really cannot give any information on the same, as to his keep and welfare, but from what I am told he is a hardy bird, if proper food and management be given him. As to appearance, he is truly handsome, his red beak and legs showing up against his magnificent black plumage to perfection. If you exhibit one I can assure you that you will be successful in one thing (as also with Magpies and Jays), and that is helping the railway companies to pay a good dividend.

As to the Great Grey Shrike, although this bird is hard to steady, I find him hardy if proper food is given him; be cautious over the use of raw beef. Fed principally on cockroaches, mice, birds, etc., they will thrive well; but this, again, like the previous three varieties, is a very expensive bird to keep for exhibition. You will have to provide these birds with ample cage room for exercise, and plenty of water to bathe in. I advise you to drive a nail through the perch of the cage of these birds, so that they can place their food on it, and tear it to pieces before eating it. If this is not done they will have great difficulty in getting the pieces of flesh sufficiently small to swallow.

(To be continued.)

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Angel's Wings as Bird's Nest.

In Keddington Churchyard, near Louth, a Thrush has built its nest between the wings of the statue of an angel. Carved in white marble, the figure is enclosed for protection within a wire cage, and it is difficult to understand how the bird contrived to carry the material for its nest through the closely-woven wire netting. Within this sanctuary, however, secure from interference, the Thrush may now be seen sitting on her eggs.

CLUB REPORTS.

MERTHYR, DOWLAIS & DIS. F.A.

Meeting held May 10th. The retiring officers were all re-elected, and we are pleased to state that J. T. Harrop, Esq., has accepted the office of president. Meetings will now be held every fortnight, and all who wish to become members should apply at once, so that they will have a voice in drawing up the schedule for the next show.

J. THOMAS, Hon. Sec.

SOUTHEND AND DIS. O.S.

Meeting held May 8th. Eight new members were elected, and Mr. J. Quilter was added to the committee to represent Leigh-on-Sea. First Feather Show was fixed for July 10th, and a schedule of 22 classes was accepted. Mr. A. E. Patrick will judge. The annual show was fixed for October 22nd and 23rd. Secretaries, please note date to avoid clashing. The society has a twenty-five mile radius. The annual subscription is 2s. 6d. After June 27th there will be a nomination fee of 1s. Any further information the secretaries will be pleased to furnish.

J. DOBSON, Hon. Sec.

GLASGOW SOUTHERN O.A.

Meeting May 6th, Mr. J. Renwick in the chair. Messrs. J. Hay and G. Muir were admitted members. Mr. A. Marr was proposed. A census of young birds bred by members present was taken. Result showed an average of fully two birds per member. Mr. John Renwick read a paper on "Pairing, Breeding, and Rearing Scotch Fancy Canaries," which was much appreciated. A discussion followed, Messrs. Gilies, McQuillan, Stewart, Orr, Joliffe, and the Secretary taking part in it. Mr. McQuillan proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Renwick for his paper. Mr. Renwick replied, and thanked the members for their kindly criticism.

J. FLEMING, Sec.

BRISTOL CAGE BIRD SOCIETY.

Meeting May 1st. Unfortunately the lecture promised by Mr. H. Fowler had to be postponed till next meeting, owing to Mr. Fowler being out of town. A good amount of business was got through, the most important being the schedule for annual show. It was decided to give a good classification (62 classes open) so as to give fanciers in all varieties a good opportunity to show. The novice and amateurs being thought of, four classes being added for their benefit, which we hope will be well supported. Mr. Stone, Kingswood, has kindly given two silver cups for competition amongst local exhibitors. Two new members joined the society, Mr. F. Buckland and Mr. F. Horler. Mr. W. Bull (chairman) was elected to represent the society as delegate to the Cage Bird Union. It was decided to hold a judging competition in connection with the First Feather Show in July, three prizes to be given. Mr. J. Munro has kindly given a gold centred medal to the competitor placing the birds nearest to the judge's selection.

J. MUNRO, Hon. Sec.

WEST OF SCOTLAND, Etc., B.C.

Usual monthly meeting held May 4th in Nelson's Hotel, Glasgow, Mr. J. J. Manson, L.D.S., in the chair. The minutes of last meeting were approved. The following new members were accepted:—Messrs. A. G. Stone, W. Jackson, and Jas. McFarlane. A syllabus of lectures, etc., was drawn up, and is as follows:—Thursday, June 6th, "Norwich Plainhead Breeding, Colour Feeding, and Exhibiting," by Mr. C. Campbell; Saturday, July 6th, First Feather Show, all varieties of Canaries; Thursday, August 1st, Exhibition of Cage Making, by Mr. J. Munro; Saturday, August 3rd, First Feather Show, Mules and Hybrids; Saturday, September 7th, "Ailments of Cage Birds," by President J. J. Manson, L.D.S., illustrated by lime-light views; Thursday, October 3rd, "Washing and Staging," by A. Muir; Saturday, November 2nd, "Breeding and Exhibiting the Border Fancy," by Mr. Wm. Mossie (Ayr). Mr. Young then proceeded with his lecture on "Crests and Crestbreds," which was highly appreciated by all present. Fanciers are invited to any of these lectures.

GEO. SMART, Sec.

THE NORWICH PLAINHEAD CLUB.

Meeting of committee held at Manchester, May 11th, Mr. Dent in chair. The chairman regretted that we had an adverse balance on the last year's working, but was pleased to say that the appeal made to its members had been so manfully responded to that the debt was not only wiped out, but a good substantial balance handed over to the society, and he felt sure the committee were deeply indebted to the subscribers, and also to the gentleman who had so successfully carried it out. A vote to that effect was unanimously carried. Letters were read from the Southern and Scottish Plainhead Clubs, referring to the coming contests. The secretary was instructed to write them, with a view of a triangular contest. The club's model was next discussed, and agreed to have it considered, and a scale of points added, which was done, but left for confirmation at the next meeting, when we hope to have an enlarged model or drawings of same. A discussion arose, "Who is the Amateur Champion? The man winning the gold medal for best bird, or the one gaining most points?" The committee decided the latter to have the honour. With a view to increase the membership of the club, the committee will offer a prize of 10s. 6d., or value, to the member obtaining the most new members from May 11th to September 30th. The Club Show will be held at Nottingham, Cup Competitions at Burnley, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Sheffield, and Barrow, subject to our conditions being accepted.

J. RAYNES, Hon. Sec.

COVENTRY F. & F.S.

The annual dinner and concert of the Coventry and District Fur and Feather Society was held at headquarters on May 7th, when a large number of members and friends sat down. Amongst those present were Councillor Batchelor (in the chair), Messrs. Ashley, Blackshaw, Bent, Sheffield, Stringer, Holland, Shakespeare, Harris, Bell, Jones, Webster, Gilbert (A.), Gilbert (W.), Hyde, Simmonds, Bray, Elsey, Wanklin, Lee, jun., etc. Mr. Barnesby opened the musical programme with a pianoforte solo; then followed a song by Mr. Battery, entitled, "I wonder what he is going to do next." Mr. Wanklin sang "Marguerite," for which he was loudly cheered. There was a break now for a presentation of a beautiful barometer, subscribed for by members of the society, to Mr. Frank Elsey, who has joined the noble army of benedicts, Councillor Batchelor, in a neat and well-chosen speech, making the presentation. The chairman then called on the secretary, Mr. Sheffield, to read the balance sheet of the Christmas Open Show, which showed a loss of over £9. This was in a measure due to the inclement weather on the day, which seriously interfered with the gate. Mr. Shaw then gave "Beautiful Leaves." A recitation by Mr. Barnesby, "Lucky Jim," in his well-known inimitable style, was loudly cheered. Councillor Batchelor and Mr. Wanklin gave the duet, "The Larboard Watch," which went splendidly. Mr. Bent sang capitally "The Snow is Falling Lightly." The chairman made a few remarks regarding the society, and also congratulated the members on taking third prize with their decorated car in the Lifeboat procession. The singing of the National Anthem brought to a close a most pleasant evening.

DARLINGTON CANARY & B.B.F.A.

Meeting held May 8th, Mr. W. A. Simpson in the chair. The following classes were arranged for our First Feather Show, to be held on June 29th:—1 Yorkshire clear, ticked, or variegated yellow, 1 ditto buff, 1 Norwich, clear, ticked or variegated yellow, 1 ditto buff, 1 A.O.V. Canary, 1 Linnet class, and 1 A.O.V. British class. Judge, Mr. T. Clemmson, Darlington. Mr. W. Mundell, Bradford, will judge our Open Show on November 2nd.

R. S. BLACK, Hon. Sec.

CLAPHAM AND DIS. OPEN C.B.A.

A meeting was held at the Alexandra Hotel, Clapham Common, S.W., on May 8th, when over thirty fanciers attended. The chair was taken by Mr. W. H. Vale, who opened the meeting by saying that the large area of Clapham, Brixton, Balham, and Tooting was practically without a cage bird club. The only society at present in the Clapham district being the "Eagle" club, which was formed some five years ago for the purpose chiefly of initiating the novice in the ways of bird keeping and exhibiting. That society had served its purpose as a members' club, and had also held many successful shows amongst its members. It was very conservative in its rules, as a fancier had to be a member at least three months before he became eligible to show. It was thought a fitting opportunity to add yet another society to the many that already existed in London, and that meeting had been called to consider whether a society, to embrace all the branches of the cage bird Fancy, and open to all who desired to become members, should be formed. Upon the motion being put to the meeting, it was evident by the unanimous vote that the proposal met with favour. The name of the society brought forth many suggestions, but the proposition made by Mr. Allen Silver, and seconded by Mr. Frostick, that the name of the society should be the "Clapham and District Open Cage Bird Association" was the one that received the unanimous support of the meeting. The society will comprise British and Foreign birds, Canaries, and Hybrids, and it was decided that as far as possible the committee, when formed, should be representative of the four sections. Mr. Vale was voted chairman, and Mr. Hathaway vice-chairman, while Mr. C. T. Maxwell was, in spite of his protest, elected treasurer, an office he filled so well a few years ago in another society. Mr. Stephen H. W. Baker, of 11, Foulser-road, Upper Tooting, S.W., undertook the duties of Hon. Sec., and will be pleased to hear from any fanciers desirous of joining the club. One of the first duties the hon. sec. was asked to undertake was to ask the president of the late "Eagle" C.B.C., P. M. Thornton, Esq., M.P., to become president of the new society, and Sir Henry Kimber, Bart., M.P., Sir E. Pink, the Mayor of Wandsworth and numerous other local gentlemen to become patrons of the society. The subscription after careful consideration was decided by the vote to be fixed at 4/- per annum, with an entrance fee of 1/-, and some thirty new fanciers handed in their names and paid their entrance fees. The next meeting will be held at the Alexandra Hotel (the headquarters) on Monday, June 3rd, at 8 p.m., for the purpose of settling the rules and other important business, including election of members. Any fanciers who desire to join should send in their names, with the 1/- entrance fee, to Mr. Baker before the meeting, if they cannot attend personally.

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Meeting held May 2nd. There was a large turnout of members, some new members enrolled. Membership up to date is 47. The First Feather Show is fixed for July 20th.

WILLIAM CLUBB, Sec.

LEYTON & DIS. C.B.A.

Meeting held May 6th. Mr. G. Gardner delivered his lecture, "The Norwich Canary and the Green Blood," to a well attended meeting of nearly 50 members and friends. Several questions were asked and suitably answered, and a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. G. Gardner brought a pleasant evening to a close. Members, please do not forget the country ramble on May 25th.

B. F. FORSE, Hon. Sec.

PENDLETON & SALFORD O.S.

Meeting held May 9th. Chairman, Mr. Stringer. There was a good muster of members. Mr. S. Skelton resigned the post of secretary. Mr. W. Jackson was appointed secretary. Proposed by Mr. McCann, seconded by Mr. James, that the society's best thanks be given to Mr. Skelton for service rendered to the society; Mr. Skelton replying to same. Three new members were enrolled.

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METROPOLITAN ASSOC. C.M.&H.B.

Meeting on Thursday last at the Crown Hotel, Lavender Hill, S.W. Mr. E. R. Portell was elected a member, and Messrs. W. J. Marsh and C. Sawyer were nominated. Mr. C. A. House was elected a vice-president. It was announced that Mr. T. R. Trower would give a lecture on "Seeds and their use" at next meeting. The Chairman, with a brief introduction, called upon Mr. G. Gardner for his lecture on "The Yorkshire," and who, in opening, referred with deep regret to the death of Mr. W. Orme. Proceeding with his lecture, he said that in the Yorkshire you want a bird with plenty of life and style, not like the wooden bird so often seen at shows. He next dealt with colour, and in the course of his remarks said he had known of a clear yellow being bred from two marked birds. In pairing up birds he gave preference to buff cocks and yellow hens, because he was of the opinion that you get quality from the hen and not from the cock. He was of opinion that colour follows quality, and that like did not always produce like. He advised anyone having short flighted birds to clear them out. Questions were then put by Messrs. Martin, Wythe, Peck, Humphrey, etc. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Gardner for his instructive lecture.

A. J. HEAD, Hon. Sec.

SINGING CONTESTS.

SHEFFIELD.

Linnet contest held May 12th, at the Shrewsbury Hotel, for three prizes, promoted by Mr. P. Chrowshaw. Thirty-two birds competed, and some very good singing was heard. 1, Salter; 2, Dickinson; 3, Robinson.

LONDON.

At the Bee Hive, Cynthia-street, Pentonville, there was a large gathering on May 12th, both afternoon and evening. There were Linnet and Chaffinch handicaps, which provided some capital singing. Pony Moor, Doctor, and Charley Macock proving successful.—T. MORRISON, Timekeeper.

PRESTON.

This was organised by the Preston O.S. to revive the interest in a hobby which had been dormant in this district for some considerable time. The result was splendid, and exceeded all expectations. A splendid cup, presented by Mr. J. Sandiford, and other valuable prizes to the value of £3, proving a great attraction, drawing together a grand total of 59 entries, which comprised some of the best birds in Lancashire. The contest was held at the Cherry Tree Inn, Preston, on May 11th, when some really good quality singing was heard. A grand muster of fanciers were present from Leeds, Wigan, Blackburn, Great Harwood, and a host of local lovers of the Lintie. The judges were Messrs. W. Eastham (Preston), G. Rostron (Blackburn), and W. Clark (Leeds). The cup winner turned up in the bird hung by that lover of a good Linnet, Mr. D. Bentley, Great Harwood. 1st and cup, Bentley; 2nd, Leeming; 3rd, Pickring; 4th, Dobson; 5th and 6th, Topping.—J. W. CLEMINSON.

LEEDS.

The quality Linnet singing brigade mustered in large numbers at the King's Head, to witness the usual week-end contests promoted by Mr. J. Booth on May 11th. Nineteen picked birds competed for three prizes. The birds were in splendid condition, and gave a good account of themselves. 1st, Galley; 2nd, Harrold; 3rd, Baines. Judges, J. Melia, G. Tours, and W. Naylor. On May 12th 22 birds competed for four prizes. Judges, J. Melia, W. Naylor, and C. Cooper. 1st, Hardcastle; 2nd, Stead; 3rd, Hodgson; 4th, shared by Stead and Harrold. Look out for our great Whitsuntide contest, which takes place on Whit Monday, when 28 champions sing for upwards of £20, for members only.

J. MELIA, Hon. Sec.

The Prince Albert Linnet Association met on May 12th to compete for three prizes, given by Mr. J. R. Saynor. There were a large number of fanciers present. Seventeen picked birds sang for quality singing only. Judges, S. Green and B. Jackson; timekeeper, G. Towers. The birds were in the pink of condition, and gave a good account of themselves, to the satisfaction of all present. 1st, Allen; 2nd, Wood; 3rd, Dean. Mr. Allen is offering a gold medal to the first Linnet fancier who brings a Linnet to beat his champion.—E. WOOD, Hon. Sec.

The usual contest took place at the Skinners' Arms, Buslingthorpe, and there was some fine singing. The first prize was awarded to a splendid bird. 1, 2, Galley; 3, Neat; judge, F. Raper; timekeeper, — Lorriman.

F. RAPER, Sec.

A Curious Capture.

A certain South of England railway has long been noted for slowness and unpunctuality, a standing joke being that passengers could alight and gather wild flowers or blackberries and afterwards catch up their train by running after it! Here is a tale of something "gathered" when going at a high rate of speed. A correspondent of a contemporary says:—As the 10.20 p.m. train from Ongar on February 7th was running between North Weald and Epping at the rate of from 40 to 45 miles an hour, a Thrush suddenly flew out of a wood and alighted on the jacket of the fireman (Saltmarsh), who was standing on the footplate of the engine. The bird clung there till it was captured by the fireman, who now has it in a cage, seemingly none the worse for its experience.

FIRST FEATHER SHOWS.

Dates inserted free of charge.

May 18.—Hucknall Torkard C.B.S.
June 1 and July 27.—Bradford East O.S.
June 3.—Hull C.B.S.
June 6.—Gloucester and Dis. C.B.S.
June 8.—Gt. Horton O.S.
June 11 and 12.—Stockport B.F.A.
June 12.—Grimsby C.B.S.
June 12.—Bournemouth C.B.A.
June 15.—Rutherglen and Dis. C.B.A.
June 15.—Oldham.
June 15.—Burnley.
June 15 and July 20.—Wibsey C.B.S.
June 15 and July 20.—Shipley O.S.
June 20.—Goldsthorpe, Thurnscoe and Dis. C.B.S.
June 21 and 22.—Hazel Grove and Dis. C.B.S.
June 22.—Leigh and Dis. C.B.S.
June 22.—Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.
June 22.—Blackpool.
June 22.—S.W. London C.B.S.
June 22.—Bradford (West) C.B.A.
June 26.—Metropolitan A.C.M.H.B.
June 29.—Darlington C. and B.B.F.A.
June 29.—Littleborough C.B.S.
June 29.—North London C.B.A.
June 29.—Pendleton and Salford C.B.S.
June 29.—Potteries C.B.A. and Crewe O.S.
June 29.—Sheffield C.B.S.
June 29.—Rotherham C.B.S.
June 29.—City of Dundee.
June 29.—Wigan C.B.S.
June 29.—Cheltenham C.B.S.
June 29.—Bolton and Dis. F.C.B.S.
July 1.—Wimbledon C.B.S.
July 3.—Bristol C.B.S.
July 3.—Battersea and Dis. C.B.S.
July 4.—Stockton.
July 6.—Admiral Duncan (Notts) O.S.
July 6.—City and Suburban A.C.B.
July 6.—Blackburn C.B.S.
July 6.—Bradford West C.B.A.
July 6.—Wallasey.
July 6.—Coventry O.S.
July 6.—Ormskirk and Dis. C.B.S.
July 6.—Sunderland C.B.A.
July 6.—Manchester and N.C.O.S.
July 6.—Tamworth C.B.S.
July 6.—Garston B.B.A.
July 10.—S. and N. Shields C.B.S.
July 10.—Southend-on-Sea.
July 11.—Greenwich and Deptford C.B.S.
July 12.—Cumberland Yorkshire C.C.
July 13.—Leek C.B.S.
July 13.—Bolton O. and R.C.S.
July 13.—Hartlepools C.B.S.
July 13.—Suffolk C.B.S.
July 13.—Wolverhampton C.B.S.
July 17.—Birmingham C.B.S.
July 17.—Torbay O.S. (Paignton).
July 18.—Swansea C.B.S.
July 20.—Sale O.S.
July 20.—Wallsend and Mid-Tyne C.B.S.
July 20.—Birkenhead.
July 20.—Falkirk C.B.S.

JUDGES OF CAGE BIRDS.

The attention of Show Secretaries is directed to the following list of gentlemen willing to act as Judges. Terms for insertion on application.

H. W. AXE, 55, Market Place, Doncaster. Judge of Canaries and other Cage Birds. Practical experience (Norwich and ritish speciality).

W. O BARLOW, The Aviaries, Malpas, Cheshire. Judge of Canaries, British Birds and Mules. Terms moderate

J. C. BARNES, 149, Duncombe Street, Walkley, Sheffield. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Long practical experience. Terms moderate.

W. P. BARNES, Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Life practical experience. Breeder and exhibitor. Reporter for Fancy Press. Commercial Road, Grantham.

GEO. BENNETT, 46, Wenlock Street, Luton, Beds. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Thirty years' experience. Terms moderate.

J. BERTIE, 7, Mitchell-st., Nottingham. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds; all classes; 30 years' practical experience.

W. A. COWGILL, 115, Washington Street, Girlington, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Over twenty years' experience. Terms moderate.

A. G. DAVIS, Judge of all Classes of Cage Birds. Long practical experience. Terms moderate. 110, Tib Street, Manchester.

T. DIXON, Pioneer Terrace, Bedlington Station Northumberland. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Life experience.

J. DOBSON, 14, East Road, London, N. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds.

J. W. DRIVER, (Adnitt & Driver), Gladstone Street, South Normanton, Alfreton. Judge of Cage Birds.

GEO. GARDNER, 11, Haverstock Road, London, N.W. Judge of all kinds of Cage Birds.

C. A. HOUSE, 82, Upper Walthamstow Road, Walthamstow Judge of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds.

E. A. LOVELL, 10, Islington Road, Southville, Bristol. Judge of Cage Birds (all varieties). Life experience.

F. MARWOOD, 1, Barnard Street, Thornaby-on-Tees, Mules, British and Foreign, a Speciality. 17 years exhibitor. Terms moderate.

W. R. MILES, The Aviaries, Chichester. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Life experience.

W. MUNDELL, 6, Carlisle Place, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds.

J. NORTH, 435, Oxford Road, Reading. Canaries, British and Foreign Birds. Author of "The Common Sense of Canary Rearing."

J. PATTERSON, Chirnside. Judge of Cage Birds. All varieties. Wide practical experience. Specialist Border Fancy Judge.

J. H. PAYNE, 17, Northgate Street, Gloucester. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Cage Birds.

PARKER ROBINSON, N.B.B. & M. Club, 1, Back Hartington Street South, Barrow-in-Furness. Cage Birds, all Varieties.

J. H. ROE, 167, Clarence Rd., Derby. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Twenty years' practical experience.

WILLIAM J. ROSS, 19, Haulgh Road, Inverness, N.B. Judge of Pigeons, Canaries and Cage Birds. All varieties. Life experience.

C. E. SILK, The Aviaries, Emsworth, Hants. Judge of Canaries and all Cage Birds. Life experience.

HENRY TAMS, Orchard Place, Longton, Staffs. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Birds. Twenty-five years Breeder and Exhibitor.

R. B. TOPE, Hoe Street, Plymouth. Judge of Cage Birds, Rabbits, Cats, and Cavies. Twenty-five years' experience.

J. WILCOCK, 14, Chapel Street, Eccleshill, near Bradford, Yorkshire. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. 25 years Breeder and Exhibitor leading shows.

J. C. WILMOT, 17, Sandhurst Road, Bedford. Judge of Canaries & British Birds. Thirty years' experience.

H. WRIGHT (WRIGHT & SON), 84, Heath Road, Norwich. Judge of Cage Birds. Life experience.

SHOW DATES FIXED.

To secure insertion in this column a guarantee that the show will be advertised in "C.B." to the extent of at east 25/- must be sent to our manager.
* Under the Rules of the C.B. Union.

*Oct. 4 and 5.—**Burnley** (J.H.R.)
*Oct. 10.—**Peterborough C.B.A.**
*Oct. 11 and 12.—**Great Harwood** (J.P.H., D.B.)
Oct 12.—**Broughty Ferry C.B.S.**
Oct 12.—**The Original Crook C.B.S.** (H.W.B.)
*Oct. 16.—**Exeter & Devon P.P. & C.B.S.** (J.H.P.)
Oct. 16—**Leek C.B.S.**
*Oct. 16 and 17.—**Grimsby & Dis. C.B.S.** (J.C.B.)
*Oct. 16 and 17.—**Hayle & District F.A.** (J.H.R)
*Oct. 17 and 18.—**Dulwich and Peckham** (J.R., G.E.W., W.V.)
*Oct. 18 and 19.—**Rochdale O.C.** (C.A.H. & W.M.)
*Oct. 18 and 19.—**Newcastle and District Good Intent** (T.H., J.C.B., C.H. and J.P.)
Oct. 18 and 19.—**Accrington & Dis.** (J.R., J.W.)
*Oct. 22 and 23.—**Plymouth W.C.O.S.** (C.A.H., J.R., G.E.W.)
*Oct. 23 & 24.—**Potteries and Dis. C.B.A.** (W.V.)
Oct. 25 & 26.—**Chesterfield & Dis. F.A.** (J.C.B)
*Oct. 25 and 26.—**Manchester and Northern Counties, O.S.**
*Oct, 25 and 26.—**S. Shields C.B.S.** (H.W.B., F.M.)
*Oct. 26.—**Middlesborough Tee-side C.B.S.**
*Oct. 26.—**Coventry O.S.**
Oct. 26.—**Dysart.**
*Oct. 26 & 28.—**Cheltenham C.B.S.** (J.H.P., J.R.)
*Oct. 30.—**Morccambc F.A.**
Oct. 30.—**Torbay O.S., Paignton** (J.H.P.)
*Oct. 30 and 31—**Gloucester C.B.S.**
*Oct. 30 and 31.—**Welsh National C.B.S.** (G.E.W., J.N., J.B.E.)
Oct. 30 and 31.—**Wellingborough C.B.S.**
*Oct. 30 and 31.—**Wolverhampton C.B.S.** (J.R.)
Oct. 31.—**Oswestry F. & F.A.** (C.H.)
*Nov 1 and 2.—**Mansfield** (J.C.B., J.R.)
*Nov. 1 & 2.—**Blackburn C.B.S.** (J.H.R., J.W.)
*Nov. 1 and 2.—**Blaydon-on-Tyne and District C.B.S.** (J.R., J.T.)
*Nov. 2.—**Rochdale Good Intent** (H.W.B., R.B.)
Nov. 2.—**Darlington C. & B.B.F.A.** (W.M.)
*Nov. 2.—**Bramley O.S. (Leeds)** (J.C.B.)
*Nov. 2.—**Cleator Moor F.S.** (C.H. & A.H.)
*Nov. 2 and 4.—**Leicester Hand in Hand C.B.S.**
Nov. 2 and 4.—**Norwich Alliance (All England) C.A.B.** (W.E.G., J.R.)
*Nov. 5 and 6.—**York C.B.S.** (J.H.R., H.W.B.)
Nov. 5 and 6.—**City of Wakefield O.S.** (J.C.B.)
Nov. 6 and 7.—**Portsmouth.**
*Nov. 6 and 7.—**Swansea and District C.B.A.** (T.H.M., J.R., D.H.T., J.H.J., A.H.)
*Nov. 7 and 8.—**Greenwich and Deptford** (J.R., J.D.)
*Nov. 8 and 9.—**Preston O.S.** (J.C.B., P.R.)
*Nov. 8 and 9.—**Hinckley** (J.R.)
*Nov. 8 and 9.—**Sheffield Dis. C.B.S.** (A.A., W.V.)
*Nov. 8 and 9.—**Wallsend & Mid Tyne C.B.A.** (W.P.B., W.M., J.W.B.)
*Nov. 8 and 9.—**Warrington C.B.S.** (C.H.)
Nov. 9.—**Kirkcaldy C.B.S.**
*Nov. 9.—**Bo'ness.**
*Nov. 9.—**Stockton-on-Tees & District C.B.S.** (J.B., J.S., J.M.)
*Nov. 12.—**Cambridge and Cambridgeshire C.B.S.** (J.R., F.H.)
*Nov. 13.—**Luton** (J.R., J.F.)
*Nov. 14.—**Merthyr Tydfil** (J.H.P.)
*Nov. 15 and 16.—**Blackpool** (J.H.R.)
*Nov. 15 and 16.—**Leeds C.B.S. & Leeds R.C.C** (P.R., J.R., H.W.B.)
Nov. 15 and 16.—**Whitehaven C.B.S.**
Nov. 15 and 16.—**Glasgow & West of Scotland**
Nov. 16.—**Consett.**
Nov. 16.—**Galashiels O.S.** (J.D., G.F., W.H., J.W.B.)
Nov. 16.—**Kilmarnock C.B.F.S.**
*Nov. 16.—**Morpeth** (W.V., J.P.)
*Nov. 16 and 18.—**Nottingham** (J.H.P., W.E.G. C.H.)
Nov. 19 & 20.—**Hastings United C.B.S.** (J.H.P.)
Nov. 19 and 20.—**Southend-on-Sea.**
Nov. 20. —**Inverness O.A.**
Nov. 20 and 21.—**Margate** (J.R.)
*Nov. 20 & 21—**Northampton Good Intent O.S**
*Nov. 20 and 21.—**Bristol C.B.S.** (C.A.H., H.N.)
*Nov. 21.—**Morriston & District C.B.S.**
*Nov. 22 and 23.—**Bolton & District O. & R.C.S.** (J.T.)
*Nov. 22 and 23.—**Hull** (J.C.B., C.H.)
*Nov. 22 and 23.—**Sunderland.**
Nov. 23.—**City and County of Perth** (J.S., M.McL., G.F.A., D.C., J.P., J.S.)
*Nov. 26 and 27.—**Bournemouth and District C.B.S.** (J.H.P.)
*Nov. 26 and 27.—**Derby** (J.B. J.R., J.H.R., J.H.S.)
*Nov. 27 and 28.—**Cardiff and District C.B.S.** (J.H.P. & J.R.)
Nov. 28 and 29.—**Y.C.C. of Ireland** (H.W.B.)
Nov. 29 and 30.—**Jarrow and District C.B.F.S.** (J.H.P.)
Nov. 30.—**City of Dundee.**
Nov. 30.—**Darlington C.B.S.**
Nov. 30.—**Eccles & District C.B.S.**
Dec. 3.—**Diss C.B.S.** (J.R.)
*Dec. 4 and 5.—**Bristol Fanciers' Association.** (J.H.P., T.H.)
Dec. 4 and 5.—**Weybridge & Dis. F.S.**
Dec. 5—**Haverfordwest.**
Dec. 6 and 7.—**Hartlepools C.B.S.** (H.W.B., J.M.)
Dec. 6 and 7.—**Rotherham C.B.S.**
Dec. 6 and 7.—**L.C.B.A. (Westminster).**
Dec. 6 and 7.—**Ulster O.S.**
Dec. 7.—**Cupar, Fife** (E.G.W., J. McL., H.B., P. McQ.)
Dec. 7 and 9—**Ilkeston O.S.**
Dec. 11—**Reading C.B.S.** (J.R.)
Dec. 12.—**Porth and District C.B.F.S.**
Dec. 13 and 14.—**Edinburgh Ornithological Open Society.**
*Dec. 13 and 14.—**Gateshead & Dis.** (W.V., G.G., J.R., J.S.W., G.E.W.)
*Dec. 13 and 14. **Pendleton and Salford O.S.** (H.W.B., W.B.)
Dec. 14.—**Harrogate C.B.S.** (H.W.B.)
Dec. 14.—**Whitburn & Dis. C.B.S.** (J.F.D., J.K.)
Dec. 14.—**Hamilton Cadzow Oaks O.S.**
*Dec. 21.—**Seaham Harbour C.B.A.** (H.W.B.)
Jan. 1 and 2, 1908.—**Scottish National C.B.S.**
Jan. 1 and 2.—**Dunfermline & West Fife O.S.**
Jan, 8 and 9.—**Wimbledon C.B.S.**
*Jan. 31.— } **Great National (Crystal**
Feb. 1, 3 & 4. } **Palace) Show**
(Secretaries desiring the initials of their Judges inserted, should forward same on at once.)

At Newport, Isle of Wight, on December 4th, Mr. W. R. Miles will act as judge.

Mr. Scarfe having resigned his position as Secretary of the Diss C.B.S., all communications for the society should be sent to Mr. Gooderham, Sunnyside, Diss.

T. B. Cutts (Nottingham) writes:—I am only a novice, but I have taken your valuable paper (CAGE BIRDS) in for some time, and I have gathered a good deal of information from it.

Mr. H. W. Battye will judge Bradford West First Feather Show on June 22nd.

Mr. Fred Hills has been appointed to judge British birds at Cambridge on November 12th.

Breeding results for this district are fairly satisfactory. We only number about five breeders, who all take CAGE BIRDS.—H. JAMES, Kirton Lindsey.

Mr. A. Mather, of Widnes, writes:—I am having a splendid sale for my inflammation cure. I am sending it to Ireland, Scotland, and Wales. I have had good results, thanks to CAGE BIRDS.

Messrs. Payne and Wallace, of "The Little Zoo," Bath, have reproduced in handy pamphlet form the article which appears in the current issue of the "Avicultural Magazine," from the pen of Rev. H. D. Astley, and which describes a visit to Messrs. Payne and Wallace, at Bath.

The members of the L. and L.F.A. are earnestly requested to keep June 2nd open, as the next meeting will be on that date, and will be held at Glossop. This meeting will be of great interest, and should attract a large gathering. Particulars will appear in CAGE BIRDS at a later issue.—H. OLIVER, Hon. Sec.

The many friends of Mr. A. C. Allaway will regret to hear that he has been passing through a time of stress and trouble, ill-healtb, and death having made their presence felt in his domestic circle, whilst he himself bas been stricken with influenza. We trust things may soon improve, and that the outlook for our friend be much brighter.

At our First Feather Show, on July 18th, the judges will be:—Canaries, Mr. D. Jenkins; British and Hybrids, Mr. T. Gamage. Our committee has decided to give a few classes for Crest and Crestbred at our Open Show, to be held in November, so we bave engaged Mr. Richard Waters, of Cardiff, to judge them.—ALF. HITCHINGS, Hon. Sec. Swansea C.B.S.

Oldham Cage Bird Society have fixed the tbird Saturday in June—the 5th—for their First Feather Show, and have chosen Mr. Wm. Hardy, one of their members, as judge. For the back-end sbow, which takes place on Saturday, November 23rd, arrangements have been made for a more central show room, and the George-street School has been booked.

Breeding results amongst our members are not what one might wish. Some have done fairly well the first round, others just the opposite. The chief cry seems to be "dead in shell," or "young dying a few days old," owing to the cold changeable weather. We hope for better results second round. Our society is now going strong, having close on fifty members. We have bad some pleasant meetings lately, having been favoured with exceedingly interesting lectures on "Breeding and Rearing" hy Mr. McCarter and Mr. G. Lander, of Leicester. Our First Feather Show has been fixed for July 10th.—E. THORP, Hon. Sce., Loughboro' C.B.A.

From Mr. Charles Toope, F.R.H.S., "the inventor and pioneer of oil and gas heating apparatus for amateurs' greenhouses," comes a couple of illustrated catalogues. Heaters and boilers of every description and price are figured and described in the one, whilst incubators, brooders, and their component parts are illustrated and priced in the other. All goods are of the best workmanship and finish, and satisfaction is guaranteed. For such as may be desirous of improving and regulating the temperature of birdroom or aviary, we strongly recommend the inspection of Messrs. Toope's price list, which will be sent gratis and post free upon a mention of CAGE BIRDS to Chas. Toope and Son, Stepney Square, Stepney, London.

The many friends of Mr. Alex. Donnelly, of Shaw (Lancashire) will be pleased to hear tbat the accident he met with on the 4th inst., through being jerked off a tramcar at the Junction, Shaw-road, Oldham, has not proved as serious as was expected. Mr. Donnelly had seen his wife and friends safely inside the car, and was proceeding to mount the steps when the journey was commenced. The car was on the loop line, and taking the straight course, caused a sudden movement, and "Alex." was pitched off the steps on the pavement, receiving a nasty scalp wound, which rendered him unconscious for some time. After careful attention, he was able to make the journey home a little later on in the evening. He has, we are pleased to state, been able to follow his employment, and does not appear to be much worse after his severe shaking.

A Fatherly Novice.

"Thirty-three years have I been a novice, and I don't like leaving the novices, as I am afraid they will miss my fatherly advice." Thus spoke Mr. Denton at the Yorkshire Canary Club meeting the other day. For half a lifetime struggling to win a first prize in open competition! Who says the true fanciers' spirit is dead? We often hear Yorkshire grit spoken of. Mr. Denton is a living example of that valuable property. Now that he has gone up to the higher class, we wish him still further success.

Mr. J. R. Thompson is removing to Wolseley Place, Cragie, Perth.

Hazel Grove and District C.B.S. first Feather Show, writes Mr. T. Walters, is fixed for June 21st and 22nd next.

At our last meeting much good business was done, new members enrolled, and we are making good headway, writes Mr. J. T. Carrick, the Hon. Sec. of the Jarrow C.B.F.S.

Mr. J. Hayward having resigned his position, I am now the Secretary to the Hyson Green C.B.S. All communications should be sent to me, A. E. Garton, 17, Arno Avenue, Sherwood Rise, Nottingham.

Mr. J. Hopkins will judge our First Feather Show on July 20th. Mr. Osbaldeston having resigned the secretaryship, all communications should be sent to Mr. J. Cleminson, Hon. Sec. Preston O.S., 38, Elmsley Street, Preston.

At the Guisborough F.S. monthly meeting, held May 4th, it was decided to elect Mr. Cowgill, of Bradford, to judge cage birds at our forthcoming annual show, to be held on January 1st next, writes Mr. W. T. Simpson, tbe Hon. Sec.

Mr. J. Pitchford, of Stoke-on-Trent, writes:—The Cuckoo has been heard in various parts of the district adjoining the Potteries during the last few days. On Sunday Seagulls were noticed flying between Stone and Longton, in the wake of Wild Duck.

The judges at Perth Show, on Nov. 23rd will be Messrs. J. Strachan, M. McLauchlan (Scotch), G. F. Adamson (Crests), D. Craig (Plainheads), J. Patterson (Borders), J. Stark (Wild Birds), so writes Mr. J. R. Thompson, of the City and County of Perth O.S.

Garston B.B.A. have decided to hold tbeir annual Nest Feather Sbow on July 6th, and the Old Show on December 7tb, the judges being Mr. H. Abbott, of Farnworth, and Mr. J. Wilcock, of Bradford, respectively, writes Mr. A. Wilkinson, the Hon. Sec.

In sending birds by rail it is needful for them to be well labelled. Messrs. Payne and Wallace, of "The Little Zoo," Bath, realise this, and most striking are tbe labels which tbey use. Railway porters and others have no excuse for roughly using birds so labelled.

It is with extreme regret, writes Mr. Thomas Smitb (Glasgow), that I bave to announce the severe loss whicb the well-known Scotch Fancy judge, Mr. Alexander Hamilton, of Caldeocruise, has sustained by the passing away of bis belpmate and dearly beloved wife. She took an active interest in her husband's hobby, and she will be much missed by Mr. Hamilton and family. I am sure readers will join in expressing sympathy with them in their sad bereavement.

Ramsden's Pure Peppers.—Second and last consignment for this season just arrived. My entire stock exceeds last year's sales by 36 x 22 pound tins only. My regular traders and large consumers should place their orders without delay. Owing to the shortage of first-quality peppers, I have many applications for large deliveries, but wish to give my regular customers the preference. They must, bowever, give me their orders as early as possible.—J. W. RAMSDEN, 10, Heron Road, Herne Hill, London, —ADVT.

The Kirkcaldy Poultry, etc., Show having fallen through, tbe cage bird section have decided to bave a show on their own. We have enrolled 30 members, and at our first meeting fixed our show for November 9tb, in the new Temperance Hall, a model of a hall for a cage bird show. We hope fanciers will continue to give us their support, as they did in former years, when the sbow was combined. I may say the old show was the biggest one-day sbow in Scotland, and we hope fanciers will rally round and make our cage bird show the biggest one-day sbow in Scotland.—J. WILSON, Sec.

British Bird and Mule Club for Bradford (Yorks).

Through the increased interest taken in British Bird and Mule breeding and keeping in this district, I have been asked by several fanciers, writes Mr. H. J. Chittenden, to call a meeting to discuss the desirability of forming a club with the object of giving better classification at our shows. All fanciers in sympathy are asked to please attend a meeting to be held at the Market Tavern, Godwin Street, Bradford, at seven o'clock prompt, on May 25th.

Cage Bird Society for Neath.

A representative meeting was held at the Town Hall, Neath, with the object of forming a poultry, cage bird, etc., society for Neath. Mr. Robert B. Richardson announced that already fifty gentlemen had promised to become members. It was decided to form a society. Mr. W. H. David was then voted to the chair and unanimously appointed chairman of committee, and Mr. Richard Llewelyn vice-chairman. It was agreed to call the society "The Neath and District Fanciers' Association." Mr. Sair was appointed hon. treasurer, and Mr. Richardson hon. secretary. The annual subscription was fixed at 2s. 6d.

THE CAGE BIRD UNION.

Copy of the Voting Paper just sent out to Societies.

Is your Society in favour of the whole of Rule 17 of the C.B.U. Rules being retained?

The words proposed to be deleted are:—"And registered members of the Union shall be liable to suspension if found exhibiting at a suspended or non-affiliated or non-licensed club's show, otber than First Feather Shows and Shows confined to members."

Please write Yes or No .....

DEFINITION OF A NOVICE OR AMATEUR.

1. A Novice is one who has never won a 1st, 2nd, or 3rd prize in Open or Amateur Classes, or three first prizes in Novice Classes for Canaries or Hybrids.

2. A Novice is one who has not won a prize at any Open Show. All birds shown in Novice Classes shall be their own breeding and breeding stock.

3. A Novice is one who has never won a 1st prize in Open Competition, or three 1st prizes in Open Novice Classes.

4. A Novice is one who has never won a 1st prize in Open Competition, or three 1st prizes in Novice Classes at three separate Shows.

5. A Novice is one who has never won three 1st prizes in Open Novice, Open Amateur, or Champion Classes.

All these definitions are presumed to apply to Canary and Hybrid Classes only.

Put a cross against definition favoured.

EXTRACT FROM LETTER ACCOMPANYING VOTING PAPER.

The Case for Rule 17.

"Every member of the Council, with one exception, is of a decided opinion tbat tbe proposed deletion of this Rule will seriously cripple the work of the Union; they believe it to be the backbone of the Union, and without it, it will be difficult to carry out the objects of the Union. Tbey would point out that witbout this Rule many Societies will drop out of the Union, and it is certain few, if any, Sbows will apply for licenses to hold their Shows under the Union's Rules. No mixed Show would trouble to take out a license, the Cage Bird Section generally being considered a very secondary branch of the Show.

Mixed Sbows (i.e., those catering for Poultry, Rabbits, Pigeons, etc.) are notoriously lax in the way they cater for cage birds, in the way of classification, etc., as well as accommodation, and one object of the Union is to improve the conditions of Shows generally.

Most of the complaints that have been brought to the Union's notice are cases of default on the part of mixed Shows, either by non-payment of special prize money, amalgamating classes without notice, or paying half prize money without any notice to this effect being given in the schedules, and also almost wilful neglect of the birds themselves.

Further, exhibitors suspended by the Union would have the run of all Sbows not applying for license, as well as the Sbows of such societies as refrain from re-affiliating to the Union.

To bear out this, I give an extract from the report of the Dutcb (Rabbit) Clubs whicb, be it noted, has no prohibition Rule:—

It is to be regretted tbat some Shows still decline to accept the Club's reasonable conditions, the difficulty with some being tbe refusal of entries from those persons who are under suspension. Very little can be said for tbe management of an exhibition where the officers, rather than support the Club, prefer to accept entries from persons whom they know to have been convicted after the fullest enquiries.

This is what will happen at our mixed Shows and others not affiliated. We have had instances of this in the cases of suspensions made by tbe L.P.O.S. and the Norwicb Plainhead Club, their suspensions not being backed up by many Show authorities.

The Council further point out that this Rule, to which exception has been taken, is no new feature; it is adopted by many kindred Unions, and in a more stringent form by tbe Kennel Club, tbe Homing Union, the Jockey Club, the National Hunt Club, and tbe Amateur Athletic Association.

The Secretary of the Pigeon Club writes, when reviewing the C.B.U. Rules:—"You have some splendid Rules, especially 14, 15, and 17. To be able to exercise real power in this fashion is a step in the right direction for the Fancy. I wish our Rules were more to the effect of these three."

The voting papers should be returned to me on or before the 1st June.

GEO. W. F. LYTHGOE, Sec.

THE SEASON'S COLOUR FOODS.

Reports on Samples.

The colour feeding of cage birds has now grown to such proportions that a vast quantity of pepper, both hot and cold, is annually consumed, and a large number of dealers are regularly engaged in ransacking the markets of Spain and elsewhere for the pods from which it is manufactured. One of the foremost merchants in the trade is Mr. J. W. Ramsden, 10, Heron Road, Herne Hill, and the samples just received from him for this year's supply seem to indicate that be has again been particularly fortunate in securing exceptional quality feeds. We have carefully examined the feeds submitted, and find them to be a brilliantly rich and deep colour, commendably free from waste and foreign substances, ground to a nicety, and containing the proper proportion of natural oil. Mr. Ramsden's many years' experience of the trade stands him in good stead in the preparation of these feeds, and his high reputation for first-class quality peppers should be enhanced by the supply he offers the public this year. The smell and appearance of both samples leave nothing to be desired, and the Pure Cayenne (prepared for the benefit of those who desire to mix a little hot pepper with the tasteless) is a particularly attractive, clean and bright article. Ramsden's peppers make their most cogent appeal to the birdkeeper, however, in the fact that they are guaranteed to be "absolutely pure and unadulterated."

Other traders' samples will be reported on as received.

Owing to the Hall being engaged, Leamington Show will not be held on the dates originally fixed, but upon November 7th and 8th.

SHOW ADVERTISEMENTS
(TARIFF ON APPLICATION).

HARPENDEN, WHIT-MONDAY,
Horse Jumping and Driving Competitions, Dogs.
POULTRY, PIGEONS, RABBITS and CAGE BIRDS. Entries finally close in all Sections **Monday, May 13th,** to the Secretary.
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THE MANAGER, "Cage Birds.

A curious friendship between birds has been recently observed at Ballantrae. A Blackbird built her nest in a quiet covert in the neighbourhood, and after laying four eggs she was joined by a Thrush, who also laid four eggs in the same nest. Owing to the sheltered nature of their retreat, the hospitable Blackbird and her friend hatched the double brood in peace.

Although it is more than a fortnight since my last advertisement appeared, I am still receiving orders for birds and pamphlets. The pamphlet will be sent as soon as received from printers, and postal orders will be returned as soon as possible. I really cannot return them as quickly as received, and have about £7 in hand at the present moment. Quite seven out of every ten mention CAGE BIRDS, which speaks well for your paper as an advertising medium. —ERNEST G. BROWNING, Ealing, W.

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Never was the bird keeper better catered for in respect of birdy literature than he is to-day, and nowhere can you find a handier, more practical, or complete guide to the hobby of cage bird keeping than I offer in CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL.

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Publisher.—Take one of our ANNUALS, Sir?

Beginner.—Not I. What do I want with an annual? I've got the weekly.

Publisher.—Without disparaging the weekly, Sir, the ANNUAL is a totally different publication. The ANNUAL is a handy work of reference. You find its value right throughout the year. You never know when it may come in handy—save a bird's life or give you exactly the item you want to know.

Beginner.—Will it tell me if there's a club in my district?

Publisher.—Yes. Here is a complete list of clubs, the names and addresses of the secretaries, fees, etc.

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Publisher.—That's just where its value comes in. See the Glossary of Fanciers' Terms.

Beginner.—By George, that's handy! Will it also tell me how to breed Canaries?

Publisher.—Certainly! And also how to breed Mules and Hybrids. There is also a chapter on keeping a pet bird, and a most useful article by Mr. Sam Drake on "Rearing Young Canaries."

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Beginner.—Stop! stop! man; give me a dozen copies. I'll take them away and distribute them to friends as a public duty. However it's done for the price I can't see. Look here, pack up every blessed book you publish, and let me know how much you want from me.

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"CAGE BIRDS" GREAT
CANARY BREEDING COMPETITION.

A BOON TO THE FANCY.

£28 CASH IN PRIZES.

Two Sections: (1) NOVICES, (2) OLD HANDS.

1. Only Novice Breeders are eligible for the Novice Competition, a "Novice" to mean anyone who has never bred Canaries before.
2. The Prizes will be: **A**, Cup, value £5 (or Cash), First Prize; **B**, Cash, £3, Second Prize; **C**, Cash, £2, Third Prize; and **D**, Five £1 Cash Prizes for the next best in succession.
3. Prizes to go to the "most successful" breeders, meaning those of the competitors who are most successful in satisfactorily rearing the best average of healthy young birds during 1907. Canary breeding season now in progress.
4. The young Canaries must be bred by the competitors on or before July 15th, 1907, next. None bred after that date will be eligible.
5. All stock birds used must be the *bonâ fide* property of the Competitor.
6. Competitors must have the results of their breeding operations attested to by two responsible officials of any recognised Cage Bird Society, or may swear a declaration attested to by two responsible witnesses (form on application).
7. From now till the date of the Competition closing, August 17th, each issue of CAGE BIRDS will contain a Coupon, and when sending in the declaration competitors must enclose the whole series of coupons to show that they have been during the period regular readers of CAGE BIRDS.
8. The Editor's decision shall be final.

FIVE POUNDS Cash, or Cup to full value, at winner's option, is offered for the most successful Canary breeder of any experience. All breeders of one season's experience and upwards eligible. Same conditions as for Novices. The Editor's decision to be final.

We also invite the hearty co-operation of all readers in the following "rolling" scheme :—

THE "TELL SIX" PLAN.

By simply procuring SIX Signatures you may be able to win £6.

The plan is as follows: All you have to do is to tell six of your friends, unrelated to each other, about CAGE BIRDS' great Canary Breeding Competition, and persuade each of them to enter and tell six of their friends about it also. You send in to us the first six signatures to an undertaking to this effect, and if any of the signers are successful in our Canary Breeding Competition we will award you £1 for each successful competitor nominated by you. If any of the six people you tell fill up our forms as appended with signatures of six of their friends whom they have persuaded to enter, we will award them £1 for each successful competitor nominated by them. If two or more people nominate the same successful competitor the nomination prize will be divided amongst the successful nominators. The nomination forms must reach us by May 27, 1907, and the *bonâ fide* signatures and addresses in full of the competitors you have induced to enter must be given in each case. Here is the

NOMINATION FORM.

We, the undersigned, having carefully read, or had read to us, the rules of CAGE BIRDS great Canary Breeding Competition, agree to enter for the Competition and abide by the rules of same. We further, each of us, undertake to try and induce six of our friends to enter the Competition and tell six of their friends about it also :—

Full Name and Address.

1. .....
2. .....
3. .....
4. .....
5. .....
6. .....

The above are the *bonâ fide* signatures and the complete addresses of six intending competitors in CAGE BIRDS' Canary Breeding Competition, and I hereby nominate them to win one of your prizes. If any of them are successful I should like my prize money sent to me addressed as under :—

Name .....

Address .....

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Every form sent in, if properly filled up, will entitle the sender, whether a successful nominator or not, to a set of picture postcards, "Dickie in the Dumps."

All forms must be sent in on or before May 27, 1907.

You need not necessarily enter for the Canary Breeding Competition to win one of the nomination prizes. It will be sufficient if a breeder nominated by you on one of our forms is successful in winning one of our prizes. That is to say, if he or she is successful you will be successful. If there is any point you are dubious on, write—

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Canary Breeding Competition.
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CLUB NOTICES.

No charge is made for notices of forthcoming meetings, but they can only be inserted once. Should secretaries desire to secure immediate insertion of their announcements **exactly as written** they can do so by prepayment at the rate of three words a penny.

Altrincham C.B.S.—May 28th, at Central Cafe, 8 p.m. prompt. Paper by Mr. J. Waters, "Novice's Experience of Breeding"; other important business; please note alteration in date.—T. Harrison, sec.

Birkenhead C.F.A.—May 21st, at Temperance Hall, 8 p.m. Discussion on rearing young birds and motion to provide cup for competition.—J. T. Harding, sec.

Bolton and Dis. O. and R.C.S.—May 20th at Joiners' Arms Hotel, Deansgate, 8 o'clock. Special meeting, business important; all members specially requested to meet.—J. Stringer, sec.

Bradford (East) O.S.—Members and friends are requested to meet at Farrar's Clothiers shop, Town Hall Square, on Whit Tuesday, at 1 p.m., thence to proceed by car to Allerton for a ramble to Harden and Bingley. Members must make their own provision for tea; no arrangements have been made in this respect, so as to make it optional for each to make their own choice. A hearty invitation is given to all fanciers and friends to join us. I might say that the ramble looks like being a success, as I have already received about 50 names of those who are desirous of joining us.—H. Hill, sec.

Bristol C.B.S.—June 5th, at Crown Hotel, 8 p.m. General business; lecture (cage making).—J. Munro, sec.

Cambridge and Cambs C.B.S.—May 29th, at Headquarters, 8.30 p.m. Discussion, "Management of Cage Birds," opened by Mr. Green.—T. S. Moore, sec.

City of Bradford O.S.—May 25th, at Travellers' Rest, 8. Important business; please notify any change of address by return for new Union book.—P. Stansfield, sec.

Crewe O.S.—May 21st, at Nag's Head, 7.30 p.m. Arranging for Members' Shows and Table Show, etc.—A. Wilkinson, sec.

Crook and Dis. C.B.S.—May 18th, at Love's Hotel, 7.30 p.m. Lecture by Mr. J. J. Bright, "Management of Cage Birds"; all fanciers cordially invited. —W. W. Rutherford, sec.

Derby C.B.C.—May 25th, at Victoria Street Congregational Schoolroom, 7 p.m. Half-yearly meeting; nominating young birds (members must attend or send their nominations); cup for points special; and other important business.—W. H. Bamsey, hon. sec.

Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.—May 23rd, at the Herne Tavern, Peckham, 8 p.m. Extra special general meeting re the Cage Bird Union; deletion of latter part of rule 17; definition of a novice; members asked to make special effort to attend.—W. Hodson, sec.

Ealing, Hanwell and Dis. F.S.—May 23rd, at Mission Hall, Hanwell, 8 p.m. Members' Show of Young Birds and British and Foreign Birds; Mr. H. Knight will judge; lecture on the Yorkshire Canary; visitors welcome.—W. Bird, hon. sec.

Farnworth and Dis. C.B.S.—May 19th, at Old Post Office Inn, 7.30 p.m. Classification and judge for First Feather Show.—W. Dawson, sec.

Gt. Harwood and Dis. C.B.S.—May 22nd, at Headquarters, Church Street, 7.30 prompt. C.B.U. and other business; please note change of day.—F. Sharples, sec.

Green Canary Association.—May 23rd, at Oldham Hall, Renshaw Street, Liverpool, 8 p.m. Judge and schedule for Young Show; uniform cages, etc.—S. Hadwin, sec.

Hamilton Cadzow Oaks O.S.—May 18th, at Royal Hotel, 7.30 p.m. Selection of judges and classification for Open Show.—R. Gadsden, sec.

Hartlepools C.B.S.—Annual excursion to Wynyard Park on Whit Monday. Brake leaves Y.M.C.A. Rooms at 12 noon. Tea at Wolviston. All intending to join please notify hon. sec., in order that arrangements may be completed.—E. Woodhead, sec.

Hyde and Dis. C.B.S.—May 20th, at St. George's School, 8 p.m. Important business.—T. Allsop, sec.

Kircaldy C.B.S.—June 12th, at Recreation Rooms, High Street.—J. Wilson, sec.

Leicester C.B.S.—May 22nd, at Headquarters, 8 p.m. Lecture, "Colour Feeding," by Mr. T. Ride; arrangements for Nest Feather Show, etc.—J. Heighton, sec.

Metropolitan Association of C.M. and H.B.—May 23rd, at Crown Hotel, Lavender Hill, S.W., 8.15 p.m. Lecture by T. R. Trower, Esq., on "Seeds and their Use"; all fanciers heartily welcome.—A. J. Head, sec.

Morriston and Dis. C.B.S.—May 25th, at Woodfield Street Coffee Tavern, 7.30 p.m. Table Show of British birds and Mules; Class 1, Greenfinches; 2, Chaffinches and Bramblefinches; 3, Mules; judge, Mr. Harding Williams.—D. Jeremy, sec.

Newcastle and Dis. C.B.S.—Special meeting, May 23rd, at 65, Grainger Street, 8 p.m. C.B.U. rule 17.—Curry and Hutchison, secs.

Northern Crest Club.—May 23rd, at Station Cafe, Sunderland, 7.30 p.m. C.B.U. business; definition of novice, etc.—Thos. Robson, sec.

Pendleton and Salford O.S.—June 6th, at Derby Arms.—W. Jackson, hon. sec.

Seaham Harbour and Dis. C.B.B.A.—May 18th, at Station Hotel, 7. Fix date for First Feather Show and other important business.—J. M. Nicholson, sec.

Southern Norwich P.C.—May 23rd, at Raglan Hotel, Aldersgate Street, E.C., 6.45 sharp. Committee meeting; Cage Bird Union. General meeting, 7.30 p.m.; type of Norwich.—F. S. Matthes, hon. sec.

Spen Valley C.B.S.—May 17th, at Northgate Hotel, 8 p.m. Special business.—A. Whitehead, sec.

Stockport B.F.A.—May 21st, at Boar's Head Hotel, 8 p.m. Allotting specials for First Feather Show; discussion and voting on Cage Bird Union rules; members urgently requested to attend.—W. Stafford, sec.

Sunderland C.B.A.—May 25th, at Fawcett Street Cafe, 7.30. Members to vote in respect to rule 17 of Cage Bird Union rules, also novice.—F. Gordon, sec.

Swansea and Dis. C.B.S.—May 23rd, at 7.30 p.m. Classes for Siskins, Redpolls, Chaffinches, or Bramble and A.O.V.; judge, Mr. J. E. Jeffries.—A. Hitchings, hon. sec.

Watford and Dis. C.B.S.—May 22nd, at the George Hotel, Watford, 8 p.m. Adjourned general meeting; balance-sheet, fixing Autumn Show, and to consider the advisibility of holding monthly shows, etc.—R. Watts, sec.

West Bromwich C.B.S.—May 22nd, at Green's Refreshment Rooms, 12, Bull Street.—T. Duffield, sec. pro. tem.

Whitburn and Dis. C.B.S.—May 31st. All members and intending members requested to attend.—T. Duncan, sec.

Mr. J. Wilcock will judge Burnley First Feather Show, on June 15th.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

DOUBTS AND DIFFICULTIES SOLVED BY SPECIALISTS.

Queries will be answered under the following conditions:—

(1)—*All questions must be clearly written in ink (or typewritten) on one side only of paper, and must conclude with either the correct name of querist, or a pseudonym, or initials.*

(2)—*The proper name and address in full of querist must always be written on a separate sheet of paper and enclosed with the query. In no case must the address appear on the query.*

(3)—*Queries intended for different specialists must not be written on the same sheet of paper.*

(4)—**Queries must not include** *or be included in orders for books, instructions re advertisements, or any other matter for publication.*

(5)—*The department to which the queries refer must be stated in bold letters on the left-hand corner of the query.*

(6)—*If an answer in the same week's issue is desired, queries must be posted to reach us by* **Monday's first post** *at latest. Queries will be dealt with in the order in which they are received, and only as space permits. The earlier queries are received the better attention they are likely to have.*

(7)—*Queries relating to illnesses of birds, except enquiries as to cause of death (for which see Post Mortems) will be answered by return of post on receipt of a postal order for sixpence and an addressed stamped envelope. Queries of an ordinary nature will be answered by post, if desired, on receipt of a postal order for one shilling and a stamped addressed envelope.*

(8)—*All who require letters of complaint written to advertisers must state grounds for doing so clearly and fully, and enclose a fee of sixpence to pay postage expenses, &c., otherwise their letters will not receive attention.*

(9)—*All queries must be addressed* **the Editor, "Cage Birds,"** *154, Fleet Street, London, E.C. Only queries so sent will be answered. Postcards are not admissible.*

NOTE.—Readers are requested to carefully study past numbers and current issue before submitting questions. By doing so they may save trouble and unnecessary repetition.

THE following gentlemen represent CAGE BIRDS staff of **ADVISORY EXPERTS.** Queries must in no case be addressed to any of them individually, but to the Editor.

Norwich Plainheads.—**J. H. Payne.** Yorkshires.—**H. W. Battye.** Crests & Crestbreds—**W. E. Greeves.** Cinnamons—**J. North.** Miscell.—**"Old Judge."** Border Fancies—**J. Patterson.** Scotch Fancies—**R. Wright.** Lizards—**Barker Clegg.** Lancashires—**S. R. Compston.** Greens—**S. Hadwin.** Belgians—**W. B. Cobb.** British Birds, Mules and Hybrids—**G. E. Weston.** Foreign Birds—**Wesley T. Page,** F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S., &c. Park and Lake Aviculture—**Frank Finn,** B.A., F.Z.S., M.B.O.U., &c. Wild Bird Life—**H. Norman.**

CANARIES.

NORWICH PLAINHEADS.

Answered by J. H. PAYNE.

The Great and Small.

A.J.L.—No, it is not by any means a rare occurrence for a hen Canary to lay a very small egg amongst a clutch, and for the others to be fertile. I have seen them as small as a pea. I am pleased to hear all your other eggs are fertile, and trust the hen will be in the mood to feed and rear the young as well as she has the others.

Egg-bound or What?

A Lover of Norwich Plainheads.—Stop the milk sop, and give instead, three times a week, a small teaspoonful of egg food, to which add six drops of Parrish's Chemical Food. Let her have a pinch of maw seed three times a week, and in other respects feed as you have been doing. I should recommend you, the next time she makes her nest, to take the cock out in the evening and return him in the morning. I rather think from what you say that the hen has laid and the cock has probably eaten the eggs, but if you do as I suggest, you will soon see. I think if she lays after making another nest you might reasonably assume that the cock is not a safe one to keep with the hen, so after she has laid her third egg take him away and let the hen rear the young herself. To make sure that he is an egg eater you may put one in the nest, and then quietly watch him from a distance.

Not an Incubator.

J.L.B.—I think your hen will most likely do better now the weather is warmer. She was hardly in full breeding condition, and probably was a late hatched one. Take her away from the cock for a week, and feed as you have been doing, except that you might add to the egg food five drops of Parrish's Chemical Food.

A Non-Builder.

W.H.E.—Your hen is evidently out of condition or else an old one, and gone beyond breeding. It would have helped me to have given you a more satisfactory reply had you have given me the age of the hen if you knew it. I should advise you to take her away from the cock for a fortnight and feed as you have been doing, except that you add to the egg food six drops of Allen and Hanbury's Byno-Phosphates, and on the days she is not having this give, in the drinking water, ten drops of tincture of quinine. Also give, three times a week, a pinch of maw seed and a few young dandelion leaves. Let her have as much fresh air as you can when the weather is nice and genial.

How and When to Buy.

Ignoramus.—(1) The best time for you to purchase stock birds for next year's breeding would be about November. They will then be through moult, that is, those that are likely to make good stock birds. (2) It is quite a matter of choice whether you buy clears, ticked, or green. I should say have some clear and some marked, pairing a clear to a marked or ticked bird. (3) I should recommend you to pair a yellow to a buff, and vice versa, as you seem to have had no previous experience. (4) You should get a pair of stock birds likely to produce you a winner for about £2, if they come from a good strain.

Soft Moult.

Nonplussed.—No; it is not absolutely necessary for Canaries that have fallen into a soft moult to have a complete moult before they are fit to breed. Some will go right through whilst others will stop as yours have apparently done. You may get a nest from yours this season, but you will need to get them into as high condition as you possibly can, and not put them together until they are thoroughly fit. Give them, three times a week, a small teaspoonful each of egg food, to which add six drops of Parrish's Chemical Food. On the days they are not having this, put in the drinking water ten drops of tincture of quinine; also give them some young dandelion leaves two or three times a week. Let them have plenty of fresh air when the weather is genial. Give, three times a week, a pinch of maw seed to each bird, and a little hemp seed.

What Sex a Singer?

Walser.—I see no reason why the five eggs your hen has laid should not prove fertile; in fact, I should say they are, and as she was with the buff cock until within three days of your putting her with the yellow cock and the laying of her first egg, I think you may safely assume the eggs will be fertilised by the former; but there is a possibility of your having one or two fertilised by the yellow. (2) Yes; it is quite possible for a pair of good feeders to bring up a nest of six youngsters. (3) Your query, How can one tell the sex of a supposed singing hen, caused me a little mental worry until I suddenly ran up against myself, as it were, with the full conviction that, after all, it must be a hen just the same. I presume you mean how can one tell a singing hen? There should be no difficulty now, at this time of the year, in telling the sex of a bird to a fancier of experience; if you know one near you, get him to have a look at yours. As you say yours sings well but will not pair to either a cock or hen, it is difficult to hazard an opinion without seeing it. (4) Yes; a hen Canary would no doubt hatch and rear a Sparrow, and if you wish to try the experiment, place the egg with the hens on the evening of the day on which she laid the third. I cannot tell you what a Sparrow-Canary Mule is like, as I have never yet seen one.

Is it a Chill?

Esperantist.—Give your bird that you think has caught a chill, in the drinking water, for three days, ten drops of acetate of ammonia, fresh daily. As you say he is singing, and looks and keeps tight in feather, I am of your opinion, that the warmer weather will soon bring him round, and he will lose the noise which emanates from the nostrils. (2) I prefer the hard-boiled egg and Osborne biscuit to the cake you mention, but in my opinion there is nothing to equal egg and genuine home-made bread, if one has the time to mix it up fresh twice or three times a day; but where a breeder has only time to mix his food up once a day, then biscuits are better, as food keeps better.

YORKSHIRES.

Answered by H. W. BATTYE.

Not Feeding.

R. B. W.—There are many reasons that may be given as likely to have been the cause of your pair of birds giving up feeding their young, probably their natural desire to again go to nest was the principal cause of your misfortune. It is very grieving when the young ones get to a fortnight old, and then the old ones let them die of hunger, but we bird breeders have to make the best we can of these things, and hope for better luck next time. I should advise you to take away the cock on the same night as the hen lays her third egg, when the hen will in all probability do all right, and will not want to nest again so soon as when the cock was running with her all the time.

Mating a Trio.

No Name.—You say you have two Yorkshire hens and a cock, and wish to know whether it would be best to put all three into one large cage, or put cock and one hen together until she has laid, and then remove cock and pair him with the other hen. The latter is by far the best and safest course, or if both hens were very "proud" you could run him with one hen, a few hours at a time, and then put him with the other for an hour or two, or if this is inconvenient for you through being away from home during the day, run him with one hen from tea-time to, say, seven or eight o'clock in the morning, and then put him to the other hen during the daytime.

Why Did They Die?

T.C.R.—Your mode of feeding is quite correct, and no doubt the cause of your young birds dying when from seven to ten days old will be the cold unseasonable weather we have been having of late. During such weather it is not advisable to give over much green food. Just a sprig or two fresh twice or thrice a day. If you have a hen that seems to be getting a little slack in her feeding, and does not feed without it, I should advise you to give as much as she wanted. Care should be taken that all green food is washed perfectly clean, and that it has not a touch of frost about it; if it has, this will very quickly upset the young ones. A good way to make sure there is not frost upon it, is to keep it in the living room for, say, half an hour or so before giving it to the birds. You need not be downhearted, as you are not alone in losing young ones. (2) There are many reputed ways of curing sweating hens, but few are successful during the existing round. I am afraid in many cases it is caused by weakness, and in others nervousness, owing to being disturbed; giving green food too soon after hatching will sometimes bring it on. During the early spring, when the weather is generally on the cool side, it is safest not to give green food till the young ones are at least five or six days old, and then it should be given sparingly till they are ten days old. A bath is generally of service to the hen when showing signs of sweating, just a dip, and then taken away.

Change of Quarters.

E.H.—I will answer your last query first. Yes, by all means remove them into the other room upstairs, taking them into their fresh quarters as early as you can in the morning, which will give them a much better chance to get accustomed to the change than being removed at night, as the temperature will be at its lowest in the old quarters. The birds have the whole day before them, be constantly on the move, and will hardly notice the change. Your cage is all right as to size, etc. When the hen had only hatched two young ones out of five eggs, you should have left at least one of the eggs in the nest, as this acts as a good support for the young during the first week or so. The cock is evidently trying to drive the hen to nest again, and as soon as the old young one you have left leaves the nest, I should give the hen a fresh nest, and if the parents do not pluck the youngster, allow it to remain with them, but if they molest it, then you must hang it in front of breeding cage in a nursery cage, a Yorkshire show cage will do, and when your hen has laid her third egg, next round, remove the cock; the hen will probably do better by herself, and rear more young ones. Do not feed on egg food during the time the hen is sitting. Give plain canary seed in the hopper as a staple diet, and give separate, every two or three days, a teaspoonful of good summer rape; let this be the only food while the hen is sitting. When she hatches, give a little egg food first day, and just a little crushed hemp, along with egg food, and one or two sprigs of green food until the young are seven or eight days old, when you may give them as much hemp and green food as they will eat. I do not care to use soaked rape seed when it is possible to get green food fresh and good, either dandelion, lettuce, or watercress. The egg food you make will do very well.

CRESTS AND CRESTBREDS.

Answered by W. E. GREEVES.

Crested Cock Unwell.

G. Lowery.—Your bird appears to be suffering from lung trouble, no doubt caused by a chill. Your feeding has been correct, but now, instead of the egg food, give this bird bread and milk prepared as follows:—Cut a small square of bread, over which pour sufficient milk to well moisten the bread; put this in a tea-cup and stand in a saucepan of boiling water for five minutes, then take out and let it cool; over this put four drops of syrup of tolu. Continue this every day for a week; be careful that the milk is quite sweet. To the drinking water add six drops of whisky. At the end of the week, if the bird is better, discontinue the above and, instead of the whisky, add a few drops of Parrish's Chemical Food to the water. You may continue canary seed as a staple food, and a pinch of maw seed twice a week; also German summer rape twice a week, but no green food. A small quantity of linseed twice a week would be beneficial if it will eat it. A bed-room is not an ideal place to keep your birds in; it would be better if they could be kept in an airy, well lighted and ventilated room. Personally I do not consider it healthy to keep birds in a room in which one sleeps; if you can possibly find another room for them I should advise you to do so. At the same time I have to admit that I know of instances where birds are kept, and that successfully, under like conditions.

SCOTCH FANCIES.

Answered by R. WRIGHT.

Tollcross.—Your hen will be a very nervous bird. Keep her nice and quiet. She will breed all right. I have had the same myself many times. The cock will come all right when the pens are shooting; he will get stronger in song as the weather improves. This has been a very severe winter on birds that are the least touched.

LIZARDS.

Answered by BARKER CLEGG.

When to Commence Colour Feeding.

W. Lomax.—It is an unnecessary practice to commence feeding young birds with colour food immediately they begin to feed themselves. With first nest birds start when eight weeks old, second nests seven weeks, later nests six weeks. Commence by using one teaspoonful of colour food to 12 of egg food (one twelfth part), gradually increasing weekly until you are using half of each; continue this until your birds are finishing the moult. Particularly notice that the cap is clear from pen feathers before you commence reducing the quantity of colour food. I use one part Natal (hot) to three parts of (cold) colour food. Write again at any time. I shall be pleased to assist you.

ROLLERS.

Answered by "SCHOOLMASTER."

Taking Cock Away.

G.B.A.—Some breeders of Roller Canaries run their cock birds with even more hens than two, so there is no reason why you yourself should not do the same thing. German hens are noted for being good mothers, and it is not necessary to leave the cock with them while the young are being reared. Take the cock bird away from the hen which is now sitting, leave him for a day by himself, then put him along with the second hen, which you say seems ready to go to nest. If you put him back with the first hen the day after she hatches, he would no doubt help her feed the young; but it is not necessary to do so.

Bare at Neck.

A.M.W.—The most general cause of loss of feathers, especially round the head and neck, is the attacks of red mite. Is your bird free from them? Throw a white cloth, or handkerchief, over the cage at night (two or three nights, if necessary), when close examination in the morning is almost sure to show red-mite sticking to it, if any be present. Should there be any, the cage will have to be well scalded with boiling water or soap-suds, and the bird be well dusted with harmless insect powder, such as Keating's or pyrethrum. For full details of treatment see the ANNUAL. If you can find no trace of the mite, I don't know that I should bother about the loss of feathers as long as the bird sings and seems healthy. It is a fact that many Rollers seem liable to go bare in places, and it will come all right when he moults. You can, if you like, gently rub the bare spot with a little hazeline ointment once a day, leaving it off immediately you feel new quills pushing through. You do not say whether the bird is singing or not now; if off song, I should certainly think red-mite are troubling him.

Clear Eggs.

Not to be Beaten.—Your letter is long, but my answer will be short, though, perhaps, not sweet. I advise you to get another cock bird. You say that he is in full song, has mated freely with two different hens, yet four nests of eggs have proved entirely clear. Get another cock, by all means. None of the circumstances you name would account for clear eggs—the conditions under which you have the birds seem, in fact, quite good. You say the cock bird sired young last season. But that was not with you, and personally I should judge by his performances with me rather than by what I was told.

MISCELLANEOUS CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by "OLD JUDGE."

Hen not Laying.

Hen made a nest and has sat regularly in it for about a month, but has laid no eggs. She appears to be very healthy, and I looked upon her as my best hen, putting her with a specially good cock. Can I do anything to persuade her to lay, or shall I get another hen? She has plenty of green food, fresh seed, and water every day.—L. A. FOOT.

L. A. Foot.—If you had given your hen a little egg food daily from the time of pairing up, she might possibly have laid. I should advise you to separate the pair for about a week. Give twice daily to each of them egg food, sprinkled with unaw seed, and in addition to the ordinary canary seed, which should be given by itself in the hopper, give on alternate days to each bird half a teaspoonful of inga or hemp seed. This can be given in a small tin, or on the floor of the cage, and don't forget a bit of green food. Let them have a bath every other day. At the expiration of the week return them to the breeding cage, and continue the treatment here advised.

Hen with One Egg.

W. J. Banks.—Your questions are somewhat involved, and I really cannot get at your meaning. If the hen has only laid one egg I should not advise you to let her sit. The earthenware or terra cotta nests are the best; they can be lined with felt, which I suppose is what you mean. When a hen lays in a normal manner, the eggs should be returned on the evening of the day upon which the third egg is laid. I have done my best to get at your meaning, and hope I have succeeded. Please don't write on the back and front of an envelope again, and let each question be clear and distinct. I much regret to hear of your ill-luck, and if I can in any way assist you to better things, shall be most pleased and happy to do so.

Birds Out of Condition.

Allan Roberts.—I am delighted to know that the treatment I recommended for the birds which had been in the soft moult has pulled them round, and equally sorry that the yellow variegated cock is no better. I am afraid he is past hope. The symptoms you describe point towards his early death. The treatment I recommended will relieve him, but cure I believe is impossible.

The Needs of a Beginner.

(1) A large attic facing south, gets all the morning sun. Can I use it for Canary breeding? It has a window 5 ft. long and 3 ft. wide, and will open about 18 in. from the top. Would the birds have sufficient air, as it is very warm? (2) Would you advise me to take up Norwich Plainheads? I want to breed for show. (3) Which is the most popular colour. (4) Am I too late to commence breeding for exhibition? (5) I have a nice home-made cage measuring 30 in. long, 18 in. high, and about 15 in. deep (single). Is this too large for Canaries?—C. N. BEGINNER.

C. N. Beginner.—(1) Your attic should do very well for a bird room, and the space, 18 in. by 3 ft., should give you plenty of ventilation, except in very warm weather, and then it would be advisable to have the door wide open all day, using a wire frame to keep out the domestic cat, and to prevent a bird from escaping, should one happen to get out of its cage. The window should also be wired in the same manner. (2) If you are fond of Norwich Plainheads, then most certainly make a start with that variety. You are more likely to be successful with a variety of which you are fond than of one which you are not. (3) This question I hardly understand. The two colours are yellow and buff, and birds of each are equally plentiful, and equally popular. (4) If you commence at once you could manage to get one nest of young this season, but I should advise you not to attempt more, as the birds would not moult through in time for the autumn shows. (5) Your cage is not too large. Such a cage would give your birds plenty of room for exercise, and this is most desirable.

Is Colour Feeding Detrimental?

Do you consider colour feeding in any way detrimental to the health or longevity of the bird? When is the right time to start it, and what best to give them? One pair of birds, when finished laying, pulled all the nest out, leaving eggs in bare pan, and sat on them—spoilt. What was reason?—MONTAGUE.

Montague.—Colour feeding carelessly practised will undoubtedly be detrimental to a bird's life and health. In the hands of sensible men colour feeding will not harm birds, but in the hands of those who know not the meaning of the word reason, harm may result. But you must understand that the basis of all—sweet or cool—colour feeds is a vegetable of a perfectly innocuous character, which cannot, unless given in absurd proportions, do harm. The best time to start colour feeding is when the young birds are about seven or eight weeks old, mixing a small quantity at first and gradually increasing. It would be impossible to say why your birds pulled out the nest lining. The eggs were probably spoilt owing to the heat escaping from the openings in the pan.

Canary Wheezing.

R.T.H.—Give your bird each day a little milk sop, prepared in the way recommended by Mr. Greeves under Crest Queries to-day, and in its drinking water mix 10 drops each of paregoric and syrup of squills. Give the ordinary canary seed, and in addition give on alternate days half a teaspoonful of inga and German summer rape seed.

Weak on Legs.

Canary, with very hard breathing, sleeps very nearly all day, and very weak on its legs.—EVERTON.

Everton.—Give your bird each day a little milk sop, well sprinkled with maw seed. Continue the seed which you are giving, and in its drinking water mix 30 drops of Fellow's Compound Syrup, fresh each morning. You might also place a piece of beef suet in the wires of its cage about twice a week. This treatment should also prove useful in the other case which you mention.

No Results.

Yorkshire cock and German hen together six weeks, hen not laid, plays with nesting, does not build, feed each other. Fed on canary, rape, inga, maw, and hemp seed, egg food twice a week, green food daily. Will the hen lay as it gets warmer, or does she need a different mate?—H. J. M.

H.J.M.—As the season is half over, time is precious, and you cannot afford to wait for this hen any longer. I should advise you to give each of them fresh mates. It is difficult to say which is to blame. Your feeding is all right, except that you might give the egg food every day, and stop the hemp. It often happens that although two particular birds will not mate together, they will, if given fresh partners, commence housekeeping at once.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

Handrearing Goldfinches and Bullfinches.

Bird Lover.—Neither Goldfinches nor Bullfinches are difficult to bring up by hand, providing the two principal rules connected with hand-rearing are duly observed, viz., to feed a little at a time only from dawn to dark, and to keep the nestlings scrupulously clean. I don't believe in taking them from their parents at too early an age; let them show their feathers nicely before you remove them. The food to be used is the usual kind—that is, egg and biscuit. Crush two Osborne biscuits, and well mix with them the yolk and half the white of a hard-boiled egg, using a fork to do this with,

one with thin prongs. When feeding take the required quantity of this mixture, and make it the consistency of thin paste (or of cream) with new milk. See that it is always sweet and free from the slightest taint of sourness. It must be made fresh at least once daily. A few small cut-up pieces of mealworm may be dipped in milk and popped into their mouths pretty frequently; likewise any house flies you can capture should also be fed to them. As the youngsters grow, add a little soaked summer rape to the stock food. Steep the rape seed in cold water, which thoroughly change every day. It will soon begin to germinate (burst), and is then ready for use, dabbing it as dry as possible in a towel before mixing it with the soft food. When they begin to pick up for themselves, wean them on to soaked rape, maw, lightly-cracked canary and hemp seeds, hulled and broken up sunflower seed kernels, seeding chickweed, shepherd's purse, and groundsel tops. I have had them pick up ants' eggs with relish; in fact, I often mix some amongst the food I hand-feed with. For the benefit of other readers of this column, I may say that by following this procedure any seed-eating British bird can be successfully hand-reared. Foreign bird queries should be written on a separate sheet of paper; read rules.

Hand-rearing Chaffinches.

E.S.M.—Young Chaffinches, in common with other young Finches, should be taken when about ten days old, not before. Feed exactly as advised in answer to "Bird Lover" this week. They will soon let you know when they feel like "picking up" a bit of food for themselves. They do this some time before it is wise or possible to discontinue the hand-feeding. No; Chaffinches are not at all difficult to bring up by hand, providing one has patience, and also the time to devote to the proper carrying out of the task.

More Young Birds; also Mealworms.

No Name.—I cannot tell you where or from whom you can purchase young Nightingales, or other of the rarer British birds, for hand-rearing purposes. If I did, I should be exposing whoever I mentioned to prosecution, for, as surely you know, it is illegal both to take and be in the possession of young wild birds. I cannot trace your locality from the query, so cannot say whether the birds breed in your neighbourhood. Young birds ten or twelve days old would not stand any long train or other journey, however, unless personally tended en route. You might advertise your requirements in CAGE BIRDS, if you choose, and see if you can get into touch with someone close by you who could obtain the youngsters you desire. It certainly is not necessarily a sign of ill-health when Thrushes stand on one leg—what curious notions some bird-keepers get! See another reply on this point this week. I think it would puzzle you to give a Thrush too many mealworms—your pocket would ache long before his "Little Mary." One mealworm per diem is certainly not too many for a Goldfinch, or a Bullfinch, or for matter of that any bird which cares to eat mealworms. I quite agree with you that for Goldies, etc., they are very good, as an occasional treat.

Crissel and Meat Meal.

Young Reader.—Crissel is the same as meat-meal, if obtainable in its finest form—it is the trade name given by a certain firm to this preparation of meat, which is made in three (I believe) grades, coarse, medium, and fine, the latter being the one for cage bird keepers to use, though the others, when soaked in hot water, are useful for some of the coarse-feeding, large birds. When I ask for meat-meal at good corn shops, I never have any difficulty in obtaining it. It is a widely used article by live-stock keepers.

What Does it Mean?

Mug at the Game.—It simply means, my friend, that your hen is not quite in rank breeding condition. Many hens put a bit of stuff in the nest-pan, then carry it out again, for several days before finally settling down to build in earnest. Before you read this, in fact, she will probably have started to put her nest together in a hurry. If the cock Goldfinch makes himself a nuisance for part of the day, your course is clearly to take him away from the hen and the nest during that period. It is only essential that he should be with her for an hour morning and evening—less than that if he promptly behaves as he should towards her. I can quite believe a seven year old Linnet will breed, if still in vigorous condition.

Hen Mules as Feeders.

Melbourne.—I don't advise you to turn an unmated hen Mule loose in your aviary amongst the breeding couples. She would probably only be mischievous and troublesome. You seem to be under a misapprehension: Hen Mules make good foster mothers, but that does not mean they will go about from nest to nest popping food into the mouths of young birds they think the rightful parents are neglecting. Oh, no. Give a hen Mule fertile eggs from another hen which is a bad mother, then she will play her part. You could use two or three more hen Canaries, if you choose.

Enamel for Show Cages.

Cornwall.—The best all-round colour is very dark (holly) green. If you have this on the insides and the wires, the cages will do to hold practically any bird. All the Mules you mention would look well in front of it (Goldfinch, Greenfinch, and Linnet-Bullfinch, and light Goldfinch and Linnet-Canary). Some would probably prefer a very light green or blue for the Greenfinch-Bullfinch. You could do a cage in this colour, and see which you think suits him best.

To Ensure Fertile Eggs.

A. J. Gander.—I find your question somewhat difficult to understand. To ensure fertile eggs it is only necessary for the cock bird to be with the hen two or three days before she lays. If you drive matters too fine, however, there is danger of the early eggs of the clutch proving unfertile. I have known hens hurriedly mated after they had unexpectedly dropped the first egg, and the last two or three eggs of the clutch have proved fertile. In fact, I have myself had a hen produce both Linnet and Goldfinch Mules in the same nest—showing that my Linnet fertilised some of the eggs and my Goldfinch the remainder. Does this answer you? Don't mate your hen again until she has had a rest; and don't write with blue ink on blue paper—I have my eyesight to preserve.

Handrearing Thrushes and Blackbirds.

T. Nagle.—It seems incredible I should be asked again how to hand-rear Thrushes, etc., when only a fortnight ago I explained at length how to do so. As you are so very new a reader, however, I suppose I must forgive you. Blackbirds and Thrushes are very easy to rear from the nest, and many people do so on nothing but bread and milk. Equal parts of stale bread and best ants' eggs (freed from rubbish), made very moist with new milk, would be a very fair food. To rear strong, lusty youngsters, however, the method I prefer is as follows:—Boil a fresh egg ten or twelve minutes, and, when cold, well mix with a fork the yolk and a little (say a third) of the white into two crushed Osborne biscuits; add to this a tablespoonful of best ants' eggs (removing bits of stick and rubbish, if present), stirring all well together. Just before you feed, take the necessary portion of food and make it into a sloppy consistency with new milk. In hot weather (and at all times) be careful the food is always fresh and sweet. Feed a little at a time only, but very often, from dawn to dusk; and a feed after dark is not at all a bad thing. Cut a few mealworms into pieces, also, dip them into milk, and drop them into the nestlings' mouths. As the youngsters grow, too, a great many fanciers add now and then a pinch of small, but sharp and gritty sand to the food; I often do so myself. It seems to act as a preventative of looseness of the bowels (or diarrhœa). Give also at all times flies and like small insects; and live ants' eggs if you can get them. Young birds want feeding once an hour (do not "stuff" them at any time) at first; every two hours or so at later stages. Cease hand-feeding when they cease to "cry" to be fed, and are picking up food for themselves. Keep the young birds warm, cosy, and scrupulously clean. No special appliance is necessary for the feeding. I have used a large, blunted (with a pen-knife) match stick with every success; likewise a quill toothpick with all sharp corners removed. The handiest implement I ever possessed, however, was a little bone mustard spoon, which I cut to a suitable shape and different sizes at each end (handle and bowl), and smoothed off with very fine glass-paper. Different fanciers have different ideas though, and once used to a certain thing cannot feed with any other. I expect many, too, will be trying the glass syringe idea, shown in an illustration in the January "Bird World Magazine." Put the food well down at the back of the tongue, and always be careful not to bruise or lacerate the tender mouths of the nestlings.

Are Greenfinch Mules Worth While?

Joe.—I most certainly think Greenfinch Mules are worth breeding. If bred from parents rich in colour they come a beautiful tone of colour themselves, and the cocks can always be depended on to turn out good songsters, though hardly so free in this respect, generally speaking, as Goldfinch and Linnet Mules. There is almost as ready a sale for cock Greenie Mules as for the latter, and more buyers than there are birds, so far as good exhibition specimens are concerned.

Some Ailments.

Miss U.—The case of the Greenfinch reads like a slight cold, no doubt acquired during the recent changeable weather, and, if so, I cannot recommend any better medicine than the bronchial syrup now being used. The symptoms ("gasping") are often premonitory of liver trouble, however, and, if the syrup affords no relief, try half a teaspoonful of taraxacum (dandelion juice) in two tablespoonfuls of drinking water, fresh daily, over three or four days. I think the hen Bullie is going along very nicely; the fact of her sleeping peacefully points that way. I should reduce the dose of the syrup, and give it at intervals only. You could not do better than try Zam Buk on your Thrush's leg. You are quite right; I recommended it some time ago in this column. I have used and found it good. As to it "performing miracles," however, you must use your own judgment.

On One Leg.

Stump.—If I were thinking of wagering on the matter, I should bet more birds sleep on one leg than on two, so clearly there is nothing extraordinary in the fact of your own bird journeying to the land of Nod on one leg. I have observed, by the aid of my binoculars, that a great many birds out in the fields sit at ease on one leg (make it "stand" if you like) when indulging in a spell of singing. To use one leg only, and tuck the other up close to the body, would seem to be, to a bird, a very restful pose. Have you never heard of the yarn that birds which sleep on one leg (say the right) are cocks, and those which sleep on the other are hens? Many a "green" fancier has been "had" with it.

From Open to Box Cage.

Novice.—Your Thrush is sure to take a week or two to settle down in his new home and fresh surroundings. Being used to an all open cage, the change that a box cage must be is a great one. But, never fear, the change is all for the bird's benefit, and he will sing out just as stoutly as ever in a few days time, I'll wager. Mix a teaspoonful of finely-minced fresh cream cheese amongst his daily food allowance three times a week for the next fortnight.

Canary-Gouldian Finch Hybrid.

L. A. Foot.—Your query got accidentally put amongst mine. Our Mr. Page will reply to it next week. In the meantime I will hazard the opinion that he will be unable to speak favourably of your chances of success in mating a cock Canary to a hen Black-headed Gouldian; very interesting to try, I should imagine.

Concerning Nightingales.

O.S.—You are a little too early yet for young Nightingales. As far as I have been able to observe, the wretched weather has kept all the migratory birds backward. It was only during the hot spell last Saturday and Sunday that I observed Whitethroats, Willow and Wood Warblers, and the like, mating, though some have been with us weeks. I guess you are quite right in assuming the pair you saw had not commenced domestic operations. The traps used by most fanciers are the spring-over net traps; they have been advertised lately in our columns. They are quite simple in use; the setting explains itself, and the frame only needs artistically disguising with dead leaves, etc.

Thrush with Scaly Legs.

H.B.—Make some olive oil nicely warm by standing it in hot water, and well soak the scaly legs with this, afterwards gently removing the scales with the finger-nails or the point of a pen-knife blade. Be careful, of course, not to break, or put out, a leg. If you accidentally cause the legs to bleed, paint with Friar's Balsam. Otherwise, when you have finished, just dress them with lanoline or vaseline, or Zam Buk if you like. A bird soon gets over the operation, and is, of course, very much the better for it afterwards, especially when troubled to the extent your Thrush would seem to be. If painful to him, it is only natural he should go off song.

Song Thrush "Off-Colour."

T.N.—I can only say again, as I have said to others so many times in the past, that you are not feeding your Thrush sufficiently well. The fits and weakness all point this way, when considered in the light of the methods outlined in your letter. It is not sufficient to buy a packet of somebody's food (no matter if it boasts a thousand testimonials), and give it month in and month out, mixed with just a spot of two of cold water. The food needs properly mixing, and the bird needs insect life in addition. Proceed on the following lines: Damp the quantity of food required for use with grated raw carrot, or finely chopped tender dandelion, chickweed, lettuce, watercress, etc., according to season, or cold boiled potato, or even a little ripe fruit, varying it as much as possible. Give a few mealworms daily, and any live foods you can get in season—for instance, smooth caterpillars, flies, spiders, wasp-grub, gentles, earwigs, beetles, cockroaches, small garden worms, and the like. A little ripe fruit and various berries, sweet apple, pear, split grapes, orange, red and white currants, banana, etc., straw, rasp, black, privet, elder, haw, etc., berries are also relished. Into the stock food a proportion of preserved yolk of egg (flake) should frequently be well mixed; or a hard-boiled egg; or a little finely-scraped raw lean meat makes a nice change at times, but should not be overdone. Get a bottle of cod liver oil with hypophosphites from a chemist, and every day well incorporate half to a small teaspoonful with the bird's food allowance. Use only a little at first, and gradually increase to the full dose. This treatment should soon make a "new man" of him.

Linnet with Swelled Feet.

F. W. Martin.—Bathe the legs and feet daily with nicely warm water for a few minutes, then dry with a soft cloth, and gently massage the swollen parts with a little Zam Buk taken up on the tips of the thumb and first finger. Give a gentle dose of saline medicine—as much sulphate of soda as will lie on a sixpence dissolved in two tablespoonfuls of water. Repeat after a day's interval on plain water.

Are They Finches?

Argument.—Yes; Linnets, Greenfinches (Green Linnets you wrongly term these), Siskins, and Redpolls are all members of the great Finch family—"Fringillidæ." The Greenfinch, however, unlike the rest, is not a member of the sub-family "Fringillinæ," but is, along with the Hawfinch, a member of the sub-family "Coccothraustinæ," or Grosbecks. What do you say?—if he uses the family title often no wonder he has a swollen beak? Go on.

Making Preserved Egg-Flake.

R. Dews.—I really am not sure exactly how this is produced. I read an account of it somewhere, but memory plays me false. I believe, however, the yolks are merely poured to a suitable depth on flat tins (probably greased) and placed in a moderate oven for the moisture to evaporate, when the "egg-flake" of commerce is the result.

Nightingales Breeding in Captivity.

A. Austin.—It is quite true that the Nightingale has been successfully bred in a suitably fitted outdoor aviary. I do not know of any instance of the bird having been induced to breed when confined in a cage. What are the "several instances" your friend has heard of?—were they in cage or aviary?

Sex of Goldfinches.

Novice Reader.—The surest sign of the sex of a Goldfinch is afforded by the blaze. If the blaze exteuds back to the far edge of the eye, the bird can safely be bought as a cock; the farther it extends back the safer the sign, of course. If the blaze stops short at, say, from the beginning (reckoning from the beak) to the middle of the eye, then it is likely to be a hen. A very small-blazed bird is an object for suspicion. At the same time, genuine cocks with quite tiny blazes are not at all uncommon. The hens are usually paler (more dingy) in colour all over than the cocks, and have the wing butts (shoulders) ashy or greyish in tone, instead of dense glossy black as in most males. Cock and hen are otherwise alike—one has no "marks which the other lacks."

Concerning a Blackbird.

W.H.P.—Get a bottle of glyco-thymoline (any good chemist), and every day bathe the bird's eyes, and wash out its mouth, with a warm diluted solution, made according to the directions accompanying the bottle. Do it twice, and even thrice, a day at first, if it seems necessary. You can extract the broken tail feathers, if you like, but the other plumage will not come right until after the next moult. Let him bathe, and it may improve, however. A Blackie sings practically all the year round when kept in a cage—moulting period only barred. The fresh air will not hurt him, once the cold, damp days have disappeared.

Hen Linnet to Cock Canary.

L. Matthews.—It is quite possible to successfully mate either a Yorkshire or Crested Canary with a hen Linnet. Of course, you understand that the mating of cock Linnet to hen Canary is the usual method, and the one much more likely to meet with success. I cannot recommend any particular dealer; it is against our rules to do so. If you have yet to buy your hen Linnet, I am afraid your chances of success are not bright, unless you can lay hands on a house moulted one in good condition, or a steady young hen caught last back-end. I should prefer a not too lengthy Yorkshire for her mate.

A Question of Condition.

Muler.—It seems evident your Goldfinch is not yet in breeding condition. Many, owing to the peculiar weather, are very backward this year. Your hen, however, can hardly be in breeding condition either, or she would have shown signs of building. As I am continually telling readers, it is no use mating up birds which are not in breeding form; they won't do any good. Separate this couple, leaving them where they can see each other—if possible where the cock can feed the hen through the wires. There is no reason whatever why the two birds should not eventually breed, but you will probably have to wait until the sunny weather comes to stay ere you do any good. Let the Goldie have a liberal allowance of niger and maw seeds daily, also dandelion, both young leaves, and seeding and flowering heads, and flowering groundsel tops. The hen might be helped on by a teaspoonful of egg and biscuit daily, into which has been well mixed 4 or 5 spots of Parrish's Chemical Food. When she commences to carry nesting stuff about in her beak, then run the Goldfinch along with her again.

Mating a Linnet.

G.B.A.—Although I said you were probably too early for the Linnets, it must be left for you to say whether this is really so or not. I could not tell for certain myself unless I saw them. If they are in full song (that is, singing vigorously during greater part of the day), and have beaks which look a deep blue-black in colour, then you can safely leave them with any hen Canary, and reasonably expect to get fertile eggs. Cock Linnets are usually quite easily mated with hen Canaries, and when in high condition feed and pay them other attentions with a freedom and ardour that leave no room for doubt in the mind of the owner. As your other query concerns a matter of Roller Canary breeding, you must look in the Roller Canary column for a reply to it. Questions about different birds (note rules) should be written on separate pieces of paper.

Handrearing Blackbirds: Dead Goldfinch.

E. A. Kay.—You should have sent the body of your dead Goldfinch to our Mr. North for post mortem examination; it does not come within my province to determine the causes of deaths. It reads like an attack of some internal inflammation, for treatment of which consult the chapter on diseases in the "Annual." There is nothing wrong with the seed sample sent, so far as my eyes and microscope tell me. It was only the week before last that I told how to hand-rear Blackbirds. What a pity readers will not have the kindness to look back a number or two, and so save me much valuable time! Note another reply this week. If the youngsters are constipated, mix 2 spots of tasteless castor oil with a little of the soft food, and feed this to them, repeating the dose if it seems necessary, after a suitable interval. It is against our rules to recommend any particular advertisers; if you use the deposit system you can hardly go wrong.

Goldfinch Mule "Picking" Himself.

Pieker.—If you are quite sure red mite do not infest your bird, then it is not easy to say what is the reason—some skin irritation, possibly. Get a bottle of Scrubb's Cloudy Ammonia, and put sufficient of this in water to turn it just cloudy in colour, then well spray the bird with it every day. See that he does not catch cold while getting dry. If he has picked himself anywhere until raw and bleeding, touch the spots with Friar's Balsam; if the places simply look red and irritable, use hazeline cream instead. Feed him very plainly, using canary, teazle, and maw seeds chiefly, along with soaked rape, avoiding for the time being hemp, linseed, niger, and oily seeds. Let him have a feed of dandelion daily. Ten drops of fresh lemon juice, well stirred into its drinking water every day might help the Mule to recover.

Breeding Bullfinches in Cages.

F.J.J.—It is a difficult matter to induce Bullfinches to breed when confined in a cage. Still, it it on record as having been achieved. In a suitably fitted outdoor aviary Bullfinches have nested and reared their young on a fair number of occasions. It is not difficult to get the hen Bullie to prepare a nest and lay eggs when in a cage, the real difficulty being to get the eggs fertilised and the young birds reared. The breeding of Bullfinches in a cage will, of course, afford any one a pleasant field for experimentation, but, coming down to the practical side of the question, I must say that one gains nothing whatever by it. Caught Bullfinches are usually so easy to get steady, that if the proeuring of tame specimens be the sole object, then there is no necessity to start in and try to breed them. Further, delightfully tame hand-reared Bullfinches can be bought for 4/- or 5/- each, during the latter part of the year, when they come over in hundreds from the Continent—"broken pipers," or the failures among the nestlings which have been under tuition. If you decide to try to breed, let your couple have an old Thrush or Blackbird nest, which most hen Bullies are very fond of, and will re-line and lay in. There are plenty of good ones to be had now from out the hedgerows, which have just seen the backs of the "first round" of young Blackies or Throstles.

A Batch of Brevities.

Will Mules Breed? (One in Doubt).—Believe me, I have answered this question scores of times—quite recently, too. It has never yet been proved that Mules have produced young, either when their mate has been some pure species or another Mule. Pleased to hear result, of course. Goldfinches in aviaries are not meddlesome like they are in cages.

Eggs Laid on Floor (H.D.).—Put the nest box on the floor of the cage. If this does not induce the hen to lay her eggs in the proper receptacle, you can only put the perches low down and cover the cage bottom with a thick layer of sawdust, which will break the fall, and so prevent the precious objects from cracking.

Anxious.—I do not think you are feeding your birds too well, in fact I should give them a small teaspoonful of egg food each every day, with which 3 or 4 spots of Chemical Food have been well mixed. When the sunny, really warm weather comes along you will doubtless find the birds ready enough to breed. Gather and give them all a feed of dandelion daily, young leaves and flowering and seedy heads. As regards the society, we could not mention any one in particular. If you get CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL, however, you will find all the London clubs therein, with headquarters and secretary's address.

Weed.—The yellow head you enclose is not that of the dandelion, but of a similar looking, though smaller, flower, useless however to give to birds. The true dandelion is easily recognised; all the leaves spring direct from the ground, as it were, and do not grow from a central stalk. Sample of shepherd's purse I have posted on to you.

Pied Blackbird (J. Saunders).—If this bird's plumage is a mixture of dense black and white, and the bill and eye ceres are distinctly yellow, it is a certain cock. I should keep it, and moult it. From your description the Blackie would seem to be very nicely marked indeed, and you might get a sovereign to thirty shillings for him later on, if in good condition.

Anxious.—I was denied the pleasure (?) of tickling my olfactory nerves with the perfume from your dead Linnet, owing to an unfortunate absence from London. Hemp would not kill it, given in the moderate quantity you mention; neither would sea-sand, unless heavily charged with sewage or other impurity. Whether it was a "show specimen" or not I cannot, of course, say.

C. Melhuish.—Thrushes have been bred in an aviary, and if you possess such a place it would certainly be worth while trying the experiment. If not, I should let her have her liberty. You can safely let her go into the fields, providing her wing flights are in good order. Many hen British birds lay eggs in captivity when kept in tip-top condition; it is not at all a rare occurrence.

E. Lord.—I should not for a moment contemplate putting Oxeye (Great) Tits into an aviary containing small Foreign birds. You'll run up against a disaster if you do, sooner or later. Blue Tits might be trusted; but even these would carry an element of danger, for well-authenticated instances of them slaughtering fellow inmates of aviaries are on record. I never personally, however, had serious trouble with Blue Tits, though they are apt to "bustle about" other birds.

Bad Legs (G. T. Ainsworth).—I expect your Thrush is troubled with what fanciers term "scaly legs" or "leggings," and you should treat him as advised another inquirer on the same point this week. It is a trouble which attacks most birds that have been a long time in confinement.

Thrush Recovering (Tatters).—I should stop the bread and milk gradually, and gradually get him on to a proper Thrush stock food, made as directed in another reply this week. It could hardly be expected to sing yet; but the song is the only certain means of telling whether it is a

cock or a hen, for both sexes are alike in plumage. Bathe the feet in nicely warm water, and afterwards anoint them with a little stimulating ointment—say Zam Buk. The plumage may not come right until after the next moult.

Lark Recovering (South Wales).—Quite a gratifying number of "recoveries" this week! You probably expect too much in regard to the singing; give the bird a little more time. Do you know for certain that it is a cock, however? If he is now plump, I should drop the cod liver oil, and mix into the soft food instead six or seven drops of chemical food every day. Commence with two or three drops only, and gradually work the number up.

A Change of Husbands (A.H.).—You have done nothing wrong in changing the cock Goldfinch for the cock Canary. It was quite the correct thing to remove the former from the room entirely. Feed him well, and give him another chance at, say, the beginning of June. All Goldfinches, of course, will not breed when confined in a cage. You may unfortunately have one of this brand.

Bullie Laying Well (E.H.B.).—As the cock Canary was with the hen Bullie seven clear days before she commenced laying the clutch, there was full time for all to be fertilised. I trust your hopes may be realised. Many hen Bullies lay freely, and many, alas, lay unfertile eggs. There is always hope of fertility, however, when a hen builds, lays, and sits in such methodical fashion as yours has done. She may even turn out a good mother, and, in any case, the cock Canary is quite likely to take on the feeding duties.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S.

What Bird?

My son has brought from Pernambuco a Parrot with black beak and legs, green body, yellow face, bright blue at top of head, and red tips on shoulders. What kind of Parrot is it? It is mopy and dull, but very tame, also thirsty, but I have not given any water. Is the dietary herewith correct.—J. ROBERTS.

J. Roberts.—It is a Blue-fronted Amazon, a handsome and entertaining species, and if properly treated hardy and enduring. It is also, as a rule, both a good talker and mimic. Your diet is altogether wrong. It is a cruelty to deprive a Parrot of water, but as you have withheld it so long, give it with caution at first, only letting it have a few sips at a time at intervals. Never give tea, coffee, or milk slops, table scraps, or animal food of any kind. Diet:—A seed mixture of canary, oats, small Indian corn, hemp, dari, and sunflower seed, in equal parts. Let this be your staple diet. Also give regular supplies of grit, cuttlefish, and green food. Give, not altogether, but so as to vary the diet:—Ripe fruit, plain biscuit, nuts, boiled potato, raw carrot, and a crust of household bread dry. A little boiled maize twice a week is beneficial to this species (it only keeps fresh one day). Put half a teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in two tablespoonfuls of water, and let it have only this to drink for one day. Follow this by well colouring the drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food. So treated it should soon improve, but on your present diet it will not thrive.

Treatment of Madagasar Love Birds.

(1) Do they breed? (2) What size and kind of cage do they want? (3) What nesting material? (4) What food?—EAGER.

Eager.—(1) Yes, but they are not such frequent breeders as Budgerigars, and I fear their doing so in a cage very doubtful. (2) The cage to induce them to breed in must be large, say at least 3 ft. by 1½ ft. by 1½ ft. high, with a husk hung up in one corner, and a closed box, with hole in front at the other, also plenty of branches for them to climb about and perch on. (3) Either stick (branches), from which they can pare the bark, or you must supply them with thin bark, recently stripped from almost any kind of wood. They will carry this to their nest, and snugly line it with same. (4) Canary, white and spray millet seeds, a few oats, cuttlefish, green food, grit, and water ad lib. When they have young to feed give them a dry crust of household bread. These birds are rather wild at first, so be as unobtrusive as possible in your movements, etc., while attending to them. Note.—All birds, even the most hardy, must be kept out of draught.

Outdoor Aviary and it's Inhabitants.

In my aviary, 10 by 6 by 9 ft., I have pairs of the following Zebra and Cinnamon Finches, Cutthroats, Javas, Avadavats, Spice Birds, Linnet and Canary, Goldfinch and Canary. (1) How many of them may be termed breeders, and what nests do they require? (2) How many more could I put in, and what kind—seed eaters only? (3) How soon can I put out a pair of Canaries that have been kept in cold room? (4) Are Spice Birds and Cinnamon Finches one and the same? (5) Can you name my two Weavers from description given, also are they males?—NOVICE.

Novice.—(1) All the birds you name, except the Avadavat, may be accounted as probable breeders. The Avadavat seldom nests in captivity; in such instances as this has occurred it has been in large outdoor aviaries. Their ease is certainly not hopeless; some have succeeded, why not you? Put up cocoanut husks and shells, also boxes of several types, and supply long grass, hay and moss for nesting material. If the back of your aviary is lined, as it should be, with twiggy branches, some of the birds will build there. (2) You could put in two or three more pairs, but you must not overcrowd; the less in number the greater prospect of successful breeding. Put in pairs of Rufous-tailed Finches, Silverbills, and Diamond Doves, the last-named are beautiful little creatures and almost sure breeders. You must give a little soft food when seed-eaters have young, the same as you do with Canaries. (3) By the time you see this reply it should be safe to put them out, unless the weather turns very unseasonable. (4) Dealers' and trivial names are very unreliable, and, while in this case they apply to the same bird, they are often used in an irregular and misleading manner. (5) Your Weavers appear to be Black-faced Weavers, but from the meagre description it is not possible to determine their sex or exact species. However, if they are males, they will very soon be transformed into quite brilliant birds to what they are now.

Outdoor Aviary.

I herewith send particulars of my aviary. Will you please suggest any necessary alterations, and instruct me how to fit it up?—FRESH AIR.

Fresh Air.—Your aviary is well arranged, save that one side must be bourded up weather proof, to form the back, and the aviary should be so placed that the front faces as near south as possible. The roof should overhang twelve inches at the front as a screen from driving rain. The back of aviary, which should be felted outside the boards, should be lined on the inside with twiggy branches (I find peasticks very handy), and also same should be fixed horizontally under ridge, well up against the roof. Fix a number of nest boxes, husks, shells, and rush baskets behind the twigs, in fact, put up as many as you can so that they are at least twelve inches apart; the husks you should hang from roof. Have several seed hoppers in various parts of the aviary, and see that any food or water vessels are not directly beneath branches or perches. You will have space for half a dozen pairs for breeding, with perhaps a few pairs of Waxbills, which I do not suppose will attempt to nest, but they will not interfere with the others if plenty of nest boxes, etc., are provided. They are beautiful little things, no trouble once they are acclimatised, and add life and go to the aviary. You would find the Common Avadavat, Golden-breasted and Orange-cheek Waxbills as good and beautiful as any for this purpose.

Ring-necked Parrakeets.

Please give me a few hints as to the general treatment of these birds. I am hoping to breed them. Do you think they are genuine Ring-necks from the particulars given?—A.T.C.

A.T.C.—The advice given in our reply to J. H. Woodward re Moustache Parrakeets will equally apply to Ring-necks. Providing both birds are adult you have a true pair of Ring-necked Parrakeets. Yes, they will have long tails, which will appear in due course. You do not give your diet, but this is evidently all right as the birds have improved in condition; keep up a good supply of cuttlefish, and just colour their drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food till they are in full plumage again. Give ripe fruit as in season, and when they have young to feed they will appreciate a liberal supply of oats, green food, and dry crusts of household bread. A good-sized bath should be kept in their aviary, so that they may bathe according to their fancy. Several fairly thick branches set in the ground will be useful for them to climb about on, and also supply them with material on which to exercise their beaks, and so save the woodwork of your aviary.

What Parrot, etc.?

(1) It has a grey back, pink breast, white crown, and short tail; what kind is it? (2) Will it talk, and must it be taught?—NO NAME.

No Name.—(1) It is the Australian Red-breasted Cockatoo (*Cacatua roseicapilla*), a hardy and long-lived species, once over the effects of importation. (2) Some individuals talk fairly well, but the majority do not do much in this direction; though most speak a few words fairly plain. In spite of this they are droll, companionable birds, readily learn tricks, and are good acrobats. As regards training, keep them where they will hear plenty of conversation, and also try constant repetition of words and short phrases. (3) A mixture of canary, oats, wheat, dari, hemp, small Indian corn, and sunflower seed. Well mix, and always keep a supply in the cage, also the same as to grit, cuttlefish, and water. Give as extras, and to vary its diet, ripe fruit, nuts, plain biscuits, green food, boiled potato (dry), and raw carrot. Do not give table scraps, sops, fats, or any kind of animal food whatever. The temperature of any ordinary living room will be ample for it, but it must not be exposed to draught.

Breeding Foreign Finches.

In my outdoor aviary I have Saffron Finches, Grey Java Sparrows, Black-headed Nuns, and male Bullfinch and Goldfinch, and four hen Canaries. What kind of nest boxes and materials do the Foreigners require? What food when they have young?—BEGINNER.

Beginner.—It is much the best plan to put up a number of nest boxes, in your case say a dozen at least. Cocoa-nut husks are favourite receptacles for many kinds of Finches, have those specially wired for Finches (see advertisement columns). Hartz Canary travelling cages are also used by many species; remove the fittings and cut out a couple of the bars, and they simply require hanging up. Put up a few of the earthenware bracket Canary nest pans, and also some square boxes; have a round hole, 1½ in. cut out in the front for entrance. Hay and long grass is about all they require for nest material, but if you have a dead bush about, they will appreciate the fibrous rootlets of same. For the birds you name canary, white, brown and spray millet, green food, cuttlefish, grit, and water ad lib. should be the regulation diet. Any insects such as beetles, spiders, earwigs, green fly, etc., as you can capture will be a welcome and wholesome addition to their bill of fare. When they have young to feed, supply a little of some good soft food mixture (see advertisements); if you wish to mix your own, see reply to another correspondent in this issue. You would find a pair of Zebra Finches (3/6) freer breeders than those you have at present, and you have ample room for them.

Breeding Budgerigars.

I have three pairs in outdoor aviary, but all are moulting badly. They seem to be in breeding condition, as they are feeding each other the whole of the time. What treatment must I give to get them to breed?—PERPLEXED.

Perplexed.—These birds will undoubtedly settle down to breeding as soon as they are in feather again. You must have at least six husks put up for them to prevent quarreling; they require no nesting material. Let them have an unlimited supply of cuttlefish and green food, tufts of grass in flower are plentiful now, and they cannot have too much of it, providing it is not sodden with wet. The floor of aviary should be well covered with good gritty sand and bird grit, and crushed egg shells from your table scattered over same. All else that will be required is canary and millet seed, spray millet as often as you choose to give it, a few oats twice a week. When they are feeding young supply oats daily, and give a dry crust of stale household bread. Just colouring their drinking water (use a crock or glass drinking vessel) with Parrish's Chemical Food will help them through the moult.

Cockateels Dying Egg-bound.

I have just lost two hens from this complaint, which had been in my possession for a year, and were in splendid condition. What treatment can I give to remedy this?—J. JOHNSON.

J. Johnson.—The changeable temperature of the greenhouse has had much to do with your trouble, but if you have thorough ventilation without draught, the situation should not be an impossible one. I presume you have top of their cage or enclosure covered in and not open to the glass; if not, you should rectify this at once. I do not think the size of the egg had anything to do with it, but that through, possibly, insufficient exercise the bird was too fat to pass the egg. Diet: Canary and millet in equal parts, and a few oats twice a week; liberal supplies of cuttlefish, green food, such as lettuce, tufts of grass, etc. When they have young to feed give oats daily, also a dry crust of housebold bread; crush the egg shells left from your table, and scatter same on floor of aviary or cage, also supply, if obtainable, crushed mortar rubbish; by so treating I have never had a case of egg binding with these birds. No, they do not require bread and milk. When you noticed the birds droop, the application of a few drops of olive oil direct to the bird's mouth, and a little to the vent, and steaming the vent afterwards over a jug of hot water for a few minutes would possibly have saved the birds' lives. It is well to give a little brandy and water immediately after such treatment.

What Bird?

(1) It is a large bird, green body, red beak, long blue tail, rose and black ring round neck. What kind of bird is it, and what country does it come from? (2) How can I teach it to talk? (3) How can I tell male and female? (4) How must I feed him?—E. H. V.

E. H. V.—(1) It is the Indian Ring-necked Parrakeet (*Palæornis torquata*), and a male. (2) First you must get it thoroughly tame and accustomed to yourself; keep it where it will hear plenty of conversation, and also by constant repetition, not several things at once, but a short phrase or word at a time till it is learned, then take up another. (3) The female has no ring round the neck when adult; young immature males resemble the adult female. (4) The staple diet is a seed mixture of maize, wheat, dari, oats, and canary in equal parts, and half a part of hemp seed; plain biscuit, nuts, ripe fruit, grit, cuttlefish, green food, such as lettuce, green peas, grass, etc., boiled potato, raw carrot, and water ad lib. Do not on any account give tea, coffee, or milk sops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food. This is a hardy species once it has got over the hardships of the voyage to this country, but it must be protected from draught.

Grey Parrot Moping.

I have carried out your instructions, but the bird will not eat the seed mixture and fruit. He eats biscuit, potato, and Indian corn. His condition appears about the same, but I notice a small white lump on the side of his tongue, rather far back, and for the last two days does not appear able to crack his corn. How must I treat for this?—W. H.

W.H.—You must continue the treatment advised in our previous reply, with the following modifications:—Cease the Chemical Food for about a fortnight, and in place of same mix daily 12 grains chlorate of potassium with each ounce of the bird's drinking water; also mix 20 grains of chlorate of potassium with 2 drachms of honey, and wipe out the bird's mouth with this three or four times daily, using a feather or camel hair brush for the purpose; you must use a fresh portion of the mixture each time. Keep the bird warm and out of draught. Still tempt him with a little fruit, and keep a tin of the proper seed mixture in its cage; it should ultimately take to same. It will take no hurt, and should do well on the food it is taking. Boil the Indian corn for it while its mouth is sore (it only keeps fresh one day). I have given you treatment for an ulcerated mouth, as that is what appears to be the trouble; at the same time, where single growths appear it is always better to let a vet. see it (I advise this in your case). If it is anything needing removal, a vet. should be able to give almost immediate relief. It is not possible to diagnose such cases as the present with certainty by correspondence.

Ribbon Finches not Sitting.

My birds laid four eggs on April 8th, but broke them, and on the 26th she commenced laying again, and has now 12 eggs, but does not sit regularly. How can I get them to batch out and rear the young?—A.L.O.B.

A.L.O.B.—It appears to me you have two hens, as I never knew these birds to lay more than six eggs to the clutch, it is usually only four or five. You can easily decide the sexes of your birds; the male has a bright red band or collar round the front of the neck, extending to the far side of the ear coverts; the female is a plain brown bird having no collar. The male certainly relieves the female at times, and carefully guards and feeds her on the nest, leaving the duty of incubation very largely to the female. Diet: Canary, white and spray millet, ants' eggs (cocoons), and when they have young to feed, a mixture of crushed Osborne biscuit, ants' eggs, and dried flies in equal parts, made crumbly moist for use. You must also supply regularly cuttlefish, grit, green food, and water "ad lib." It appears to me that, if you have a true pair, the high temperature of your room (this is a very hardy species) and the egg food have over-stimulated the birds; consequently, as soon as they have laid a clutch, they start building again just as yours have done. However, I strongly suspect you have two hens.

Grey Parrot with Damaged Beak.

I bought this bird in wretched plumage, but by following advice given in "C.B." its plumage is now in lovely condition. But its beak appears to be rotting, and keeps breaking away; it does not appear to hurt him, for he frequently knocks it against cage wires. It is otherwise healthy, is very lively, and talks nearly all day. How shall I treat?—A. BENNETT.

A. Bennett.—I do not think there is any actual disease which is causing the beak to wear away, but am of the opinion it is being broken away by knocking and biting at the cage wire. I suggest keeping a piece of cuttlefish in the cage, and also a thickish branch of some non-splintering wood; it should take to amusing itself by chewing these up and leaving the wires of cage alone. Cotton reels are also useful, given for the same purpose. However, as it is such an entertaining bird, it would be worth your while to let a vet. see it, if there is no improvement shortly. The beak cannot be soft, or the bird could not eat its mixture, and you say it is in good health, lively, and talking well, so that I am at a loss to actually diagnose the trouble. It will be safest to let a vet. see it, and if there is any actual disease he will be in a position to provide a remedy, which at present I cannot do from your details. I have a rare Hawk-headed Calque that frequently chips his beak by imitating the postman's knock with his beak against the wires of his cage, but, still, not to any serious extent.

Port Lincoln Parrakeets.

What is their size and colouring? Do they make nice cage pets? What sort of voices have they? Are they quiet birds for Parrakeets?—F.C.D.

F.C.D.—This most handsome Parrakeet is very hardy, and is arrayed in bright green, yellow band at back of neck, whole of the head blackish-brown, with a narrow frontal band of red, the flights and outer tail feathers blue. They are not timid birds and are readily tamed, soon learn to know and show affection to those who supply their needs. Their call is rather melodious than otherwise, and not unduly loud. It is not a species given to much talking, but individuals that have spoken a few words, and also whistled tunes, have been heard of. They are about the size of Rosellas, and are not noisy for Parrakeets. Diet: Principally canary and millet seed, but oats, sunflower, hemp, dari, and maize may also be given; green food, cuttlefish, grit, and water "ad lib." A little ripe fruit, apple, pear, banana, etc., as in season, is wholesome, and should be regularly offered. A piece of some non-splintering wood, say, about 2 in. diameter by 18 in. or so long, preferably with the bark, should be kept in the cage for it to exercise its beak upon.

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POST MORTEMS.

Mr. J. North, 435, Oxford Road, Reading, will examine cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for a reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post-mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to J. North, with fee. Any sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

Canary Hen (E. and G. W.).—Death was caused by peritonitis, or inflammation of the lining of the abdomen, probably caused by rupture of immature egg. The hen was a young one, and had disease of liver, which, one with the other, may account for her peculiarities in sitting and laying. Such cannot be avoided, but only the most healthy birds should be selected for breeding.

Canary Hen (Mrs. Debenham).—The immediate cause of death was apoplexy, but in my opinion this was the result of feverishness, set up by scrofulous condition of the lungs. I also think this is an infectious state, and possibly accounts for your other losses. If you have other birds you must run them into clean cages and disinfect the others.

Goldfinch (C. Parsons).—Chronic softening of liver, ending with rupture of blood-vessel of that organ.

Featherless Canary Hen ("Fulham").—Long established liver disease, which probably accounts for absence of plumage; lungs also affected and recently inflamed.

GENERAL.

Answered by the EDITOR.

Memo Forms (R. G. and others).—We have written you.

Gave Copy Away (Mrs. A. B.).—Many thanks for assistance.

Gone Astray (Walter D.).—Hope you will be successful in tracing the lost MSS.

Bad Luck (T.H.T.).—Sorry to hear your members are having such bad luck. May it not continue.

Address Wanted (John T. Hunter).—The names and addresses of show reporters are never given publicity to. Sorry can't oblige you.

Cutting (A. E. W.).—Many thanks for thinking of us. You will see we have made use of the cutting.

Palace Prize Money (H. Mills, J. Stanger, and others).—Many thanks for kind letters. So long as you are satisfied, we are.

"Plates are Splendid." (A. J. Luce).—Glad you liked the plates. Your bird room will certainly be made attractive by hanging them up in it.

Notes (D. C. V.).—Many thanks for kind wishes. Your notes will have our best consideration, and we are obliged to you for sending same.

Finch Wanted (J. H. Nevin).—It would be very unfair for us to recommend one advertiser to the detriment of others. You must consult our advertisement columns and chose for yourself.

Address Required (G.W.).—It is against our rules to furnish addresses, but we are pleased to forward stamped letters unaddressed. Repeat name when sending.

Persian Cats (W. Brook).—Several papers are published dealing with cats. "Our Cats," "Fur and Feather," and "The Bazaar" are all reputable organs of the cat fancy.

Specimen Copies (W. H. Love).—It is very good of you to offer to distribute specimen copies, which have been duly forwarded. Accept our grateful thanks.

Pestle and Mortar (Grover).—A pestle and mortar can be bought very cheaply at any large drug stores or ironmongers—probably at most chemists' shops.

Gateshead and the C.B.U. Rules (G. W. McP.).—Our sins be upon our own head. We are willing and anxious to allow you fair play. The point in your letter we took exception to was the reference to "the injured party," not to your defence of yourself.

Photo of Aviary (Sergeant Dowler).—Many thanks for photo, which we hope to reproduce some time when space permits, possibly in a future Special Number. We are pleased to know that the chance glance through a copy of CAGE BIRDS led to your taking up a hobby which has given you so much pleasure.

Like a Fairy Tale (G. McLeod).—Your humour, George, is just a trifle too long-winded and forced. The idea of a legless Bullfinch-Ostrich Hybrid swallowing a boa-constrictor is certainly fantastic and you are evidently of a keenly satirical disposition. Try "Funny Cuts." "Will Hybrids Breed?" is one of those perennially unanswered questions we cannot satisfy you upon.

Tar (Constant Reader).—Either coal tar, or Stockholm tar will answer the purpose. They both have great medicinal properties, and are equally efficacious in diseases of the respiratory organs. One poultry fancier whom we know swears by tar and glycerine in chest affections, using the tar in the proportion of one to twenty of glycerine, and then giving 15 drops of the mixture to each ounce of the water.

Competition (Jenkin L. Thomas).—To adopt an historic phrase, now almost forgotten, "Where are your eyes?" You cannot enter Doves in a Canary-breeding competition. That appears to be your intention; if it isn't, we "ajolopise." We know of no connubial process, at any rate, which will propagate little Canaries out of Doves. You may have solved the problem, and, if so, go ahead. Neither are we vendors of cages. Plenty of cage makers, reliable and trustworthy men, advertise in our columns, and to them we respectfully refer you.

Starting a Society at Long Eaton (H. Hay).—We have inserted a short paragraph calling attention to your desire to form a society, which we hope will lead to local fanciers responding to your invitation. You should ask your local newspaper to insert a similar notice, and if you are connected with any local club you might get notices put up in the club house, in your barber's shop, and in the restaurants and hotels. Having secured a number of names, you could call a meeting at some suitable place to discuss matters, enrol members, and start the society. If you were to write to one or more prominent fanciers in Derby or Nottingham it is quite possible they would come over to the meeting, give you some good advice, help you to float the society, and assist you in the formation of rules.

IS IT A QUAIL?

SIR,—In answer to your correspondent, Edward Jenner, the bird he has caught is undoubtedly a cock common Quail, such as are often offered for killing purposes by the high-class fishmongers and poulterers. It would be interesting to me to know where he caught it, as I released two cock Quails on April 18th, in a field near my house, Newport, Monmouthshire, as I had too many cocks. I find them very interesting in an aviary, breeding with me very freely; but they are terrible fighters, the cocks killing each other. Edward Jenner is feeding correctly, except that they are fond of some kind of insect food, worms being relished.

VINCENT BUTLER.

CAGE BIRD SOCIETY FOR BURTON.

SIR,—There has been a considerable amount of talk amongst the cage bird fanciers in this town as to the advisability of forming a cage bird society, but I am sorry to say it has not got beyond talk. If we are to have a society (and a show) devoted to cage birds alone, now is the time to commence and arrange details, etc. Surely there are one or two among the large number of breeders in Burton-on-Trent who would take the matter in hand and call a meeting. Once started, I feel sure it would go, as there are now a larger number of cage bird fanciers here than ever. I trust this will meet the eye of some of them who will give their views on the matter. Why cannot we have a good cage bird society in the town, and arrange for lectures, washing exhibitions, table shows, etc., etc., the same as is done in many other places? "JUMBO."

HEN BULLFINCH LAYS FREELY.

SIR,—I am writing of the experience I have had with a hen Bullfinch, thinking that it will interest some of your readers. It is one that I caught in 1905, and it laid 14 eggs in 1906; but they were all clear. I had a Redpoll in with her. I have put a Norwich Canary up with her this time. I had the Canary running with her for about two months, and then I took it out, and she laid one egg on April 29th. So I put the Canary straight back again, and she laid again on May 6th and the next four following days, missing Saturday, and laying again on Sunday—that is, six eggs in one week. I think this is something out of the common, as I only have her in a cage. I have put five of her eggs under a Canary, and given her three of the Canary's eggs and one of her own. She is sitting at the present very close, and the cock sits over her all day. I only hope that I will have a bit better luck this time. I conclude by wishing your paper every success.

G. H. BOWERBANK.

THE NORWICH PLAINHEAD.

SIR,—Two or three mistakes were made by the comp. in setting up my lecture, and I shall esteem it a favour if you will kindly have them corrected. In the first place, the comma introduced after the word "however" in the second sentence of the second paragraph spoils the sense. The third sentence of the second paragraph should begin thus: "The stock birds have been," etc. Then the latter part of a sentence at the bottom of col. 3 should read: "Veterans that are required to do battle again for the honour of the house." A period should have been used after the word "year" in the peroration, and the beginning of the last sentence should have read: "And if any among us should find, when 'the time of the singing of birds' has once more slipped into the dead past, that we have little," etc., etc. J. A. ECKERSLEY.

RESIGNATIONS AT BARROW.

Some Reasons and a Disclaimer.

SIR,—I noticed in your valuable paper a fortnight since a paragraph wherein was mentioned the names of the Barrow and District C.B.A. officers who had resigned their positions. This (the sending of my name) was done without my consent, or any knowledge of the same being done. My reason for resigning I made known at the time, telling the members that having got a better position at work I could not devote my time to the secretarial duties of the Association. Since resigning office, I have resigned membership, the reasons being:—(1) Having been accused of working detrimental to the Association, by being connected with the late Treasurer and President in running our December Open Show to a financial failure. Still, the members voted in favour of the balance-sheet being accepted as correct as from the auditors, gentlemen whom I do not remember ever meeting personally. (2) After electing a local gentleman to judge this year's Nest Feather Show at one meeting, the following meeting they rescinded the minute, and a member goes for an outside judge and offers to pay the judge's fee himself, until he gets excited a bit once, then he declares that he is not doing it himself, but that five or six are subscribing, showing that the business of the club is done outside and not in a proper manner. Now I think I have taken up enough of your valuable space, but will remain a true fancier in the person of E. E. MILLER.

THE WICKEDNESS OF COLOUR FEEDING.

SIR,—It was my humble opinion that the Fancy consisted of men who bred birds as a pleasurable hobby or pastime, and as an inseparable consequence spent a goodly portion of their spare time in the bird room, or some special corner where their hobby was carried on, with egg drawers, seed hoppers, cage scrapers—implements analogous to the spade, fork, etc., of the gardener—in their hands, and that the best of the season's produce sometimes found its way to exhibitions for the gratification of the sight-seeing public, the hulk of whom, far from being fanciers, would probably not be able to tell a Canary from a Yellow-hammer, or a "colour fed nose" from a pickled beetroot. But, perhaps I was wrong, and after all birds may be spontaneously generated, and every visitor to a bird show a fancier, just as, perhaps, every visitor to a flower and vegetable show must be a gardener. Although your printer so faithfully carried out Mr. The Pink and Green-striped Elephant's instructions to print "simile," I could not resist the "smile" when I read of the gardener's disregard for the blue bag, red ochre, etc. Of course, he does not want such things as these. But is he ever seen with a bag of guano, nitrate of soda, superphosphate of lime, etc., etc., and does he never employ them to improve, or to "feed" the colour of his flowers and vegetables in a manner precisely analogous to the dark deeds of bird fanciers when they "feed" or improve the latent colour of their birds. Yes, Mr. Printer, make it "smile" this time. We are getting on, surely.

CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

THE CRESTED CANARY CLUB AND THE C.B.U.

SIR,—The importance of the letter signed "A Country Member," which appeared on the 27th ult., may be estimated by the fact that it has up to the present remained unanswered. I have several reasons for delaying its passing into oblivion, the first, and not the least, being the more than ordinary knowledge possessed by the writer of what transpires at the Councils of the C.B.U. I regret that he has screened his identity with the cloak of anonymity. If his motives and intuitions are sincere, surely he has no need to fear even strained relations ensuing. The club, as a body, are, I feel, quite open to conviction and conversion in the event of sound and open argument being advanced. That "A Country Member's" arguments are somewhat unreasonable renders it all the more desirable that his identity should be disclosed and his conversion effected. He states that he has known Mr. W. E. Greeves for many years, and justly credits that gentleman with being a man of "sound, reasonable judgment." And so say all of us (old song). But worse follows. The good "Country Member" proceeds to state that when Mr. Greeves' views on the C.C.C. and C.B.U. are subject to examination in a calm and reasonable frame of mind, the opinions of Mr. Greeves at once become "entirely perverted and wrong-headed." The confusion of thought on the part of "A Country Member" should entitle him to high office in that bewildering body known as the C.B.U. Might I ask if this is so? I am prompted to ask this question, having regard to what is reported to have transpired at a recent meeting of the Council of the C.B.U., at which it was decided by the (doubtless unconscious) humourists there assembled to justify a judge for disqualifying, and exonerating the exhibitors. It may be coincidence, but the parallel would suggest that "A Country Member" was strongly in evidence at the meeting, which bids fair to become historic, providing ridicule does not kill it. "A Country Member" asks that the C.B.U. be given a chance to settle down. By all means. Let some fancier compose a sleeping draught, and another its epitaph. "Country Member" argues that, "if fair cause for dissatisfaction arises, we shall soon see societies and districts resigning membership from it." It would be idle to deny there is a great deal of dissatisfaction existing, and I am inclined to believe that many resignations will very soon take effect. The wicked fanciers who say "things" about the C.B.U. are, according to "A Country Member," "like unto an hysterical woman." This is very sad, coming from such an example of calm reflection as he infers himself to be. It dawns on him at this stage that he is straying from the point. It is a sign of grace on his part, but I wish it had come earlier. I repeat the request he makes—viz., That every member of the C.C.C. will thresh out for himself (I have reason to think they have already done so.—J. T.) these two questions:—First, what will the C.C.C. lose by affiliation? Secondly, what benefits may it not at some period in the near future hope to gain by reason of being affiliated? And I would particularly ask the members also to note that, whatever they may lose, "Country Member" is evidently of the opinion that, whatever the near future may bring, at the present moment there is absolutely nothing to be gained by affiliation. JOHN TYSON.

KEYSTONE OF THE C.B.U.

SIR,—I would ask Mr. D. A. Ogilvie to disprove my assertion before he says he believes there's not a man on the job gets his expenses paid, and my statement is a slur on the No. 1 committee. What I have stated is perfectly correct, so where does the slur come in? Facts are hard things, and I trust that you did not think that I wished to draw down the thunder of the committee out of pure cussedness. What I quoted in my letter I had from the Secretary of the society in question, and I formed the opinion myself from that society's last year's show that they could ill afford any extra expense. I consider they have a right to know the business transacted at the committee meetings, instead of being told that it is private and does not affect them. I have yet to learn that such is the case, for whatever business is dealt with by the district committee is bound to affect the district in a more or less general way. There is nothing in the C.B.U. rules for the guidance of societies whether the delegates should be paid expenses or not; but, like Mr. Ogilvie, I was surprised to know that such were being paid, especially seeing that the return railway fare was under 1s. I do not know what other expenses are chargeable, as I did not ascertain the exact amount paid. As I am not a member of the society in question, I will leave it to the Secretary of same to hear me out. If anyone should know what has been done, he should; and I trust he will take up his case with the district council delegate. I thank Mr. Stephenson for his straightforward letter, and trust he will learn the result. T. TAYLOR.

GATESHEAD AND THE C.B.U.

SIR,—What evil spirit prompted me to ask for CAGE BIRDS before I had finished my dinner on the Friday night I do not know, but I got such a dose of Taylor's correspondence that my digestive organs were fairly paralysed, waking me in the dead of the night, and while I lay tormented with racking pains I mentally wrote enough to fill the present issue of CAGE BIRDS. There may be a difficulty in defining what is personal, but I think Mr. Taylor will find his criticism of my first letter in March 16th, which I allowed to pass, being a personal reference as full of insinuation to a sensitive mind as would warrant a great deal more than I have written. His second was of the same nature, and his third—Great Scott! How he growls, and how his claws do tear! Poor Mac! There is little of him left. My objection to Gateshead's action was in reference to distribution of rules, not to its attitude concerning Rule 17, which Mr. Taylor well knows, seeing my letter the week following the Press report of the annual general meeting, in which there was no other reference to the C.B.U. than the decision not to send out its rules to members; but as he has been completely confounded on that point he tries to justify his whole attitude by making Rule 17 appear the subject of our difference. Had I wished to make a personal matter of it I should have done so by mentioning names. What has followed is the result of Mr. Taylor's own action. This is what has annoyed him. The reason I quoted Mr. Taylor's positive statement was the assurance of long servitude to the Gateshead Society which it conveyed that can only cease with its dissolution, as I am sure the members will wish to keep him. Had I left out the remunerative portion of his statement I might have been accused of another "knavish practice"—trying to hide his unselfish sacrifice of time and labour. To show how he casts about for something to discredit me with in the eyes of the Fancy, and detract, if possible, from what I have written, he first says, in the issue of March 16th, that I am not a member of Gateshead, and then in his last letter he would make me out to be one—unpaid. Since he has introduced my past relations with Gateshead, let me explain. The first year I was a member I attended every monthly meeting, and I was so much discouraged at the small attendance and general want of interest displayed that I at last decided to make a better use of the little leisure time I had to spare, as a whole night was lost in going to meet a mere handful of fanciers out of a membership of over 70. On one occasion a friend and myself had our four miles' walk to meet only—the Secretary, who was not Mr. Taylor. Previous to the annual meeting of 1905 I sent in my resignation, and a suggestion for another member to fill my place on the committee, and who was elected. The Secretary would not hear of my desire, and as soon as I became aware that my subscription for the year had been paid by a gentleman—who, I do not know—I handed the amount to the Secretary with the words, "That is neither yours nor mine." Whether I was right or not I cannot tell. This was after I had tried both by word and pen to create some interest other than the holding of a show only in the Society. He might also have told you my services were very often in demand for the chair; that might have been the result of the small attendances. Since Mr. Taylor tries to hold me up to the ridicule of your readers, I pray you will allow me a fair field, and will defend myself without the aid of the family lawyer against all the trash with which he tries to encompass me, that only smothers himself, and on it I will still stand triumphantly for law and progress.

G. W. MACPARTLING.

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THOSE BLACK MEALWORMS.

SIR,—I scarcely see how Mr. C. P. Arthur's remarks about Europeans and Negroes applies to this question, unless he thinks I said mealworms only turned black after death. If that is so, let him read my remarks over again. I have seen mealworms black enough and apparently healthy enough at the same time. He mentions two instances, probably extreme examples, where the proportion of black mealworms is less than one in 5,000, and more than 2,500 in 5,000 respectively. Now, cannot he suggest some sensible and logical reason for this truly tremendous disparity? He begins his letter by fearing I am out of my depth in writing of this matter, and concludes it by saying he has never kept any black worms separate to see how they developed. I make no comment on this, but I will venture to suggest that he might do worse than isolate a few and watch their development, then, perhaps, he will be in a better position to say something about them. His remark about my kind of black mealworms, as he is pleased to call them, being easily produced in an overcrowded box, because "there is too much weight on the bottom ones" (these are his own words), distinctly implies that he believes the pressure of the worms on each other to be the cause of them turning black. Surely he cannot fail to see the weakness of such a theory. If the worms were packed in a solid mass in the box, there would be no more pressure on those at the bottom than anywhere else, for the simple reason that they do not stay there. The whole mass is just a moving, pulsating body, and the worms that are at the bottom one minute are just as likely or not to be on top the next minute. CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

THANKS TO A NORWICH SPECIALIST.

SIR,—In response to my letter on Cinnamon Borders, I have to thank Mr. W. Rudd, who has kindly given me three Canaries to make a start with. They are not the birds as described in my letter; two of them are from my own selection. I believe that I shall, with patience and perseverance, eventually breed Cinnamon Borders as neat and compact as the Yellows and Buffs now seen at shows. In the nineteenth century I wanted large Canaries; now I must reverse my breeding and try for the smallest. When, through ill-health, I gave up bird breeding, I was using one hard-boiled egg to six pairs; now I am beginning afresh. I intend trying some of the substitutes. Will some of your readers give their opinions concerning these advertised foods—Yolk-flake egg, Rearum, Champion Egg Food, Lifebelt, Noeggusei, Celebrated Egg Food, Eggertine, and Cod-liver Oil Cage Bird Food?

J. H. VERRALL.

[This is against our rules.—ED. "C.B."]

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THE SCOTCH FANCY CANARY.

A Model Plate.

SIR,—In CAGE BIRDS for May 11th a letter appears by "Fancier," where he says the model by the famous judge, Mr. R. Wright, Greenock, is still the most popular, and that those who objected to it have gone out of the Fancy. He also states the opposition was very faint, and has vanished. Will "Fancier" explain what he means by the opposition being faint, and that they are now out of the Fancy? Who were the objectors out of the seven members of committee who fixed the model, "and who are out of the Fancy"? I understand that another famous breeder, Mr. Harrison, also submitted a model, which was termed a good second if it did not gain first position in the eyes of the seven. This model was very highly spoken of by fanciers, east and west, as being of the proper type. I understand it was pretty well known beforehand what model would be adopted, and through this hole and corner deliberation (I can describe it in no other fashion) a model was adopted, not for breeders as a whole, but, I suggest, for the good of the S.F.N.D.A. members only. If meant for the whole body of breeders as an "ideal," then I say why only have seven members of committee? And out of that number, the senders of the only two models submitted, Mr. Wright and Mr. Harrison, both formed part of the committee to deliberate on models submitted by themselves. How strange, is it not? And what is of equal import, how is it that the members of committee hail principally from the same quarter of the globe, as follows:—Paisley, 2; Greenock, 2; Glasgow, 2; Leeds, 1? What about Edinburgh, Dundee, etc.? I am afraid that "Fancier," on due consideration of the facts, cannot possibly say that Mr. Wright's "model" was the adopted one for Scotch breeders as a body. Someone more conversant with the facts in reference to this model adoption might give us their views of the subject. What has Mr. Harrison to say? But, "Fancier," be good enough to let us know who the "vanished" objectors are who have "gone out of the Fancy." I crave the Editor's indulgence to insert this letter, and await with curiosity "Fancier's" reply.

PIEBALD.

SIR,—Noticing a letter dealing with Mr. R. Wright's model, produeed with the assistance of some photographs, in which the writer states:—"Those who objected to its adoption have gone out of the Fancy; the opposition was very faint, but has vanished." But for this statement I would not have troubled to reply. The writer must have a poor conception of humanity, if he thinks the manner in which this photo was produced can be forgotten in such a short space of time. Fanciers cannot blot out those meetings of the G.S.F.N.D.O. in a month or two. Having been closely connected with the Fancy for over thirty years, I have seen nothing which has left such a bad impression during the whole of my career. When one reads of a model by Mr. R. Wright, of Greenock, one laughs, and when I saw his first photo produced, I mean the one he used to carry about in his pocket to show and hand round to fanciers previous to those meetings of the G.S.F.N.D.O.—short, bad body, out of position. I would advise fanciers to hear the opinion of some Paisley fanciers on it. It would do them good. Many of those men clearly, and without favour, spoke their minds. I venture to say these men have not gone out of the Fancy. It is within my knowledge that Mr. R. Wright did approach Mr. J. Harrison, of Greenock, to paint a model, to be called, "Harrison and Wright's model," and he refused. At the same time, Mr. Wright informed him that they would beat all comers. No doubt the same means would have been used, as those by which he accomplished his own. I also know that at a quite recent date Mr. Wright again approached Mr. Harrison with a view to getting him to paint this so-called model. I hold no brief for Mr. Harrison, but merely mention these facts. In my opinion, a man who fails by his own skill to complete anything he undertakes is not entitled to full credit. Give honour where honour is due. The most recent photo of Mr. Wright's model still has deformed feet, the same as shown in photo of Mr. Jackson's old bird, also the head with drive lengthened. Put a powerful glass on it, and you can see the joints. It is not artistic. I would inform "A Fancier" that the opposition it not dead, nor gone out of the Fancy, but alive to-day, as ever, and will be as long as life lasts. What a lovely way "Fancier" has of trying to bluff matters over; but it won't come off in this case.

BELGIAN.

NORWICH PLAINHEAD CLUB FOR NEWCASTLE.

SIR,—As we have three grand societies in Newcastle—viz., Newcastle Good Intent, Northern Crest, and Yorkshire Clubs—there are several Norwich fanciers in and about the district who think it is time we were forming a Norwich Plainhead Club. Seeing there are quite a large number of Norwich fanciers in the North, I think we could form a very strong society. I therefore wish to state that if any of the Norwich fanciers desirous of such a club being formed will communicate with me, I will write and let them know when and where we can hold a meeting, trusting they turn up by the score.

L. STONE.

296, Simonside Terrace, Heaton, Newcastle.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. It kills all insects, harmless to everything else.

THE DEFINITION OF A NOVICE.

SIR,—A special meeting of the L.C.B.A. will be held at the Napier Tavern, 25, High Holborn, W.C., Friday, May 24th, at 8 p.m. sharp, to discuss rule 17 of the C.B.U. and the universal definition of a novice for all open shows, and all members are earnestly requested to attend (even at slight personal inconvenience), to participate in the debate on such momentous questions. There is also a feeling that there should be a uniform definition of a novice for members' shows—i.e., shows confined to members of unaffiliated societies for London and district—and the co-operation of all societies is cordially invited to attend the above meeting, when an endeavour will be made to settle the question, which can only be done by mutual consent. To be perfectly fair, it has been considered that a chairman for the latter portion should be elected at the meeting, and that such an one should be neither chairman nor delegate of any represented society. It is hoped that all kindred societies will endeavour to take part or convey their views in writing, if unable to be represented.

JOHN TYSON.

TAKING BIRDS BY SEA.

SIR,—I beg to inform "Emigrant," whose query appeared in May 4th issue, that he can easily take birds by the liners to the U.S.A. The charge is £1 per bird—not much when you say it quick!

GASTORO.

AN OUTDOOR AVIARY.

Advice Needed.

SIR,—I keep Canaries, but am not one of those fortunate individuals who have a spare room in which to keep their birds, and I should like to know if any of your readers could advise me how to build a small wooden house in which to stack my cages. I find it very difficult to keep the birds in good condition in a living room, although there must be many who have the same difficulties to cope with. Any advice which could be given me would be very much appreciated.

WALTER S. BREWSTER.

INSECT FOOD FOR FINCHES.

SIR,—Mr. Fuller's letter of May 4th shows how insect life is appreciated more or less by all kinds of birds. A simple plan to obtain a large quantity is to provide oneself with an ordinary umbrella. This open and drawn with the edge against the grass and wayside vegetation will entrap a large quantity. When sufficient are caught the captures may be either boxed, or, simpler still, the umbrella closed and fastened at top by an indiarubber band.

AVICULTURA.

A QUESTION OF IDENTIFICATION.

SIR,—Will any reader of CAGE BIRDS kindly name for me the following:—A nest, built in a holly bush; form, funnel shape; length, about as long as half-pint tumbler; built with dried reed grass, or, rather, woven; and built lengthways across the bush, the entrance resembling a Jenny Wren, and larger at the entrance portion; feather lined, and showing to full view five small eggs—white, with dark red-brown spots, large and thick at the greater end, smaller spots and fewer on reaching the smaller portion of the egg? Are the owners songsters of any calibre, and what would be their menu taken as young nestlings, and further on as adults?

O. S.

EGG-BINDING EXTRAORDINARY.

SIR,—Regarding this extraordinary egg-bound hen of mine, I now write to give you further news. I took her to an experienced fancier, as Mr. Payne advised, and he examined her most minutely. While he had her in his hand, examining her, he was of opinion that the swelling was an egg rather bigger than the usual. The size, shape and touch of the swelling gave him this opinion. Also, after reading Mr. McNaughton's letter, I am convinced that this is so. I may mention in passing that the apex or narrow end of the egg points towards the vent. The fancier, however, after seeing her hopping about in a cage and watching her narrowly, came to the ultimate conclusion that the swelling was a growth of some sort. The fact that the egg was at the right-hand side of, and not below, the vent spoke strongly in favour of this theory. In any case, what would be the treatment? She is lively and eats well, but is in rather bad feather.

WM. R. SMELLIE, M.A.

CHAMPION LAYERS.

SIR,—I read with much interest the letters of two of your correspondents in last week's CAGE BIRDS respecting the number of eggs laid by their birds. It may interest them and your numerous readers to know that one of my Norwich hens has laid a clutch of eight eggs. Until a week ago I was not aware what number she had, as I had never the opportunity of looking in her nest after placing her eggs in, as usual, on the third day of laying, she being a very good sitter. On that day I happened to find her feeding, but no sooner was I in the room than she was in her nest again. Curiosity, however, compelled me to remove her, when, to my astonishment, I found the number as stated. Knowing that, properly, she could not cover or bring up such a number, I took three away and placed under a hen that had laid only two eggs, and placed those two under another which had only a small number. I am pleased to say that yesterday (Sunday) I had five youngsters out, and to-day I note the remaining three are chipping. Is not this good? I ought to add that the hen I gave the three eggs to has been sitting only a week, but is attending to the youngsters satisfactorily. Both hens are separated from the cocks.

WILLIAM H. WILLIS.

Boulge Hall, Woodbridge.

Many letters unavoidably held over.

THE QUESTION OF THE HOUR.

Is Rule 17 to Go?

At the monthly meeting of the Hartlepools C.B.S., held on May 7th, the Hon. Secretary read correspondence from the secretary of the C.B.U., desiring the Society's attitude towards Rule 17, also their opinion regarding the definition of a novice. Respecting the much-abused Rule 17, Mr. Woodhead said it was his opinion that without it the Union would have only a foundation of sand. He was not sure whether it would not be wiser to take a step further, and dispense with the granting of licenses. As the conditions now stood the Union had framed rules that partly favoured non-affiliated societies. In his opinion the societies that refused to toe the line, and yet applied for a license, were in a much better position than those who were affiliated. The granting of a license actually conferred on the society applying all the benefits that the Union can confer respecting the show, yet they were powerless to impose conditions beyond the actual date of the fixture. Consequently their members were at liberty to follow their own sweet will, for the remainder of the season at all events, as regards the selection of shows to which they desire to send their birds, and no one could say them nay. However, he thought a reciprocal spirit was essential to the welfare of the Fancy, and a society that would reap where they did not sow adopted an attitude he did not desire his society to emulate. That the Union had been a great stimulus in the north-eastern district no one could deny, for never in the history of the Fancy were there so many recruits figuring in the catalogues as during the past season; and he unhesitatingly attributed this increase to the powerful influence exercised by the Union, especially in regard to the straightforward manner in which exhibitors were compelled to show their birds.—Mr. Ronald agreed that on a point of honour the Society should adhere to the Union, and thus strengthen their hands to carry out the good work they had begun.—Mr. Williams also supported, and on the resolution being put to the meeting after a lengthy discussion, bearing on almost every aspect of the case, it was unanimously decided to remain members of the Union, and record their sympathy with Rule 17 in its entirety.

Regarding the definition of a novice, proposition No. 3 found most favour, inasmuch as it got rid of the most successful exhibitor in the shortest possible manner, thus making room for those who were novices in the strictest sense.

E. WOODHEAD.

SIR,—May I respectfully point out the injustice of voting on this question by the elected delegates only? Personally, I represent a society of over 120 members, and yet on such an important matter my vote is only equal to another of my fellow-delegates representing 20 members. Therefore his vote is of six times greater value than mine, and this notwithstanding my Association pays the maximum fee, while the society of 20 only pays 3s. 4d. And I am given to understand this is not the spirit of the resolution passed at the Crystal Palace, but that it was to be a vote of all affiliated members. To obviate such injustice I would submit that all secretaries or delegates take the number of votes of their respective societies for and against, and forward them to the secretary of the C.B.U., and thus allow the majority of affiliated members to decide the question. Then, again, I consider the instructions of the Executive Committee nothing short of an insult to the intelligence of all affiliated societies, and most undemocratic. Their annual report is their election address, and it is quite unnecessary for them to endeavour collectively to coerce the Fancy. Such methods only go to prove that they have no confidence in the Fancy, and why should the Fancy place any confidence in them? If the C.B.U. is desired by the Fancy, coercion is not necessary. The Executive evidently are afraid of this privilege being deleted, and resort to a practice of undue influence to obtain their desire, rather than allow the good sense of the Fancy to prevail legitimately. Why do they (the Executive) refrain from expressing their opinion and instructions on the definition of a novice? There is as much justification on such an important and vexed question for comments to guide those whom they evidently consider unable to arrive at a wise decision on the other matter.

JOHN TYSON.

[It will be noticed in our Correspondence columns that Mr. Tyson is calling a meeting to consider these matters, and to which he invites representatives of all London societies. —ED.]

Our society have unanimously decided that rule 17 remain as at present. The members present at the meeting were of opinion that without it the C.B.U. would lose its strength. —F. HOWES, Hon. Sec. Wolverhamptou and District C.B.S.

A Dual Effort.

An important meeting of the Potteries and District C.B.A. was held on May 4th, writes Mr. J. Simcock, the Sec., at which it was decided to make the First Feather Show an inter-club show with the Crewe and District O.S. Delegates of both societies have met, and all has been satisfactorily arranged. Mr. F Bate, of Stoke-on-Trent, will be the judge.

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The Management of a Bird Room.

By W. Down.

A Paper read to the Members of the Exeter and District Cage Bird Society on April 2nd, 1907.

The management of a bird-room, although simple when conducted with a proper system, if not systematically conducted will end in turmoil and trouble; in fact, I have known many throw up the spouge because the surroundings became almost like a heap of rubbish. To the old fancier a subject of this simplicity may be considered by some almost like throwing away time to listen to it—yet possibly even to them there may be a word drop that will be a little help. But it is not the old fanciers I am thinking so much about, it is the young fancier to whom I hope this paper will be helpful and instructive. A great deal depends on the schooling of the young fancier, and it should be the object of the old fanciers to take him by the hand and nourish him into a vigorous, hardy plant; in many cases if left alone he sees no beauty in his hobby, and gives up.

SITUATION OF BIRD-ROOM.

I prefer the situation of the bird-room to be S.W., but birdy men as a rule have to be content with "Hobson's choice." "This or nothing." Wherever it is we must try to make the best of it. Should we be fortunate enough to be able to set a room aside for our sole purpose, we must think ourselves very lucky and favoured, but wherever it is, whole room or part, the first thing to do is to get the room thoroughly clean. Examine the wallpaper; should there be any loose or broken edges, remove the paper and show the bare walls, as loose paper is a great harbour for our friend the "mite." In case "the powers that be" cannot let us have a room absolutely and solely, we must make the best of it by packing up the contents and placing it in the worst and darkest part, and so get the very best, the lightest, and most pleasant for the birds. Having come to this decision, which is a very important one, the next thing is the fitting up of shelves, although some fanciers place the cages one on the other, and some drive nails into walls. I prefer the shelves, they give a great advantage in getting at any single cage without having to shift perhaps three or four cages, or the chance of a nail coming out just when you have a nest full of valuable eggs, and making you lose your temper somewhat.

FIXING THE CAGES.

Having the shelves fixed, ready for the breeding cages, and a space allotted for flight cages, we will consider, if possible, the best breeding cage. What we have to study now is, economy of time. A very great consideration. As most of us belong to the working class, time is money. This being so, we must construct our cages and appliances so that we can get over a very considerable amount of work in a short space of time. The plainer the cages are made the better. Box cages, with all wire fronts, soldered, with loose lifting gates or doors. I will give you the size of my cages: 26 in. long, 11 in. wide, 16 in. high, with wire and dummy partitions. Every joint should be thoroughly matched and bntted, well stopped in to avoid a place for insects.

DEALING WITH INSECTS.

Insects will come as long as we keep birds, do what we will, so the best thing to do is to make a place for them. For many years past I have adopted a simple plan for the top of the cage to act as a door, to be fixed with leather hinges. By this simple means there is just a small open joint between the top edge of the cage and doors—just a place suitable for insects. There you will find them, not by tens, but thousands, if allowed time. Now for the killing process. First prepare yourself with a small glass or cup of benzoline and a small paint brush. Dip the brush in the benzoline, and wash off the top edges and door edge. By adopting this plan you will be able to keep down the insects to a small minimum.

CONSTRUCTION OF CAGES.

The construction of the breeding cage should be carefully studied, and more considered than it is. Our aim should be the comfort of the birds. Therefore, I advise double breeders, front slides, and all slides, seed hoppers and pans exactly the same size; everything should be made on the duplicate system, "fit one—fit all." The perches should be large—oblong—with just the square edge taken off a little rough (to avoid slipping), but be sure and not have any splinters. The object in having a large perch is to give the bird something to grip. Again, attention should be paid to fixing the perch. Many an addled-egg is owing to a badly fixed perch. Fix all your perches throughout the exact distance from the bottom, also sides, or else they will interfere with the working of nest pans. The pans should be hung on a small hook screwed into the back of the cage, so that the rim of the nest pan shall be about half an inch above perch.

WHITEWASH OR ENAMEL?

We now are come to the finishing of the cages. After trying all decoctions of past ages I have come to a decision. The best thing to do is to enamel your cages inside, and stain and varnish them outside. This has a great advantage. Should you require to clean a cage in emergency you can do so by wiping it out with a chamois leather. By the time you have put the cage together it is ready for use, without any fear of damp, which in itself is a great advantage. The flight cages require a little consideration. The longer you can give the flight the better; it is not so much height as length. The flights generally depend on the space at our disposal, but if space is no object I should recommend flights being made in sections, which would work to great advantage, and be found suitable for all requirements. We must not forget another very important item connected with the cages, that is, "the order of the bath." Have a good supply of baths, special large ones for the flight cages, to be used freely in summer and in winter; the bath is as beneficial as their food. But one word of caution: for winter bathing always have a supply of water for to-morrow's baths. Keep it in a pail in the bird-room, by so doing it will be tempered with the normal heat of the room. If fresh drawn from the tap on a frosty morning it is likely to cause chills and other ailments.

POTS AND PANS.

Let all your egg pans be earthenware or glass, and have a few extra ones, as they are always useful. Great attention should be paid to these, especially in the months of July, August and September wash them out with hot water at least twice every week. Nothing turns off egg food so quickly as a sour receptacle. The perforated earthenware nest pans suspended by wire brackets are the best foundation for the nest I have used. Here I must draw your especial attention to the bracket. Have your brackets made specially with extra stout wire, this will prevent the vibration caused when the birds jump on the edge of the nest pan. Let the pan be well set off the side and back, so as to give plenty of room for the hen to turn and twist about. Some hens are very much given to this performance; others you will see them in one position no matter how often you visit your room. Let the pan be a little large than small. I like the felt linings, and sew them in with thread. Generally speaking, a lining will last the whole season. For the nesting you can use either cow or doe hair; 6d. worth will be quite sufficient for 12 pairs the whole of the season, very little is reqnired.

DON'T TRUST TO MEMORY.

Memory is very fickle, so the best way is not to trust too much to it, but prevent mistakes by numbering your cages. Also have a divisioned box with numbers to correspond with cages. As the eggs are laid remove same to the egg box with the corresponding number to your cage, then substitute an old egg or china dummy. When you set the hen on the third or fourth egg gum a paper tab on the cage with number of eggs, date of sitting, and date of hatching. Another help to simplify and expedite matters is to get a large calendar and place the cage numbers on the date when the time is up. You will find this plan helpful, as at a glance you can see the numbers expected to hatch to-day or to-morrow. By so doing you will see your expectations day by day. Most important is this memoranda, as to future generations for use in the stud book. This to the fancier of pedigree stock is as important as the bird; in fact, it is impossible to go on very many years without it. One side should give full pedigree of birds, the other side detailed results of the breeding season.

THE VALUE OF SAND.

Another thing we must not lose sight of, and which is a most important factor at this period, is a plentiful supply of sharp gravel. I like the coarse sea sand. With it add a good amount of broken oyster and cockle shell; you will find all this picked out. Sawdust is used by many breeders, it has its advantages and disadvantages. The aroma of the pine is very refreshing and acts as a deodoriser. The greatest objection to the use of this is, should a chick be pulled outside it is not so easy to detect, and here I would mention when the young are about, it generally occurs the first seven days, they are frequently pulled out of the nest. Therefore it is most advisable to look in the bottom of cages several times during the day. Should one be found give it the usual chance before throwing it away. As soon as possible get all your chicks into large cages; by that means sometimes it avoids a considerable amount of plucking. I have known the hen not to touch a feather until they are 26 or 28 days old. Should a hen start to pluck at that age, she is not long about her work of destruction. The sooner they can maintain themselves the better, and the quicker, reasonably, they are placed in a roomy cage the better for them, as it helps considerably their development.

PICKING THE BEST.

Attention should be given to those that are showing anything of a superior nature. These should be placed in a separate cage, not more than two in an ordinary breeding cage. You now should be thinking of First Feather Shows, and the honours looming in the distance, dwelling with pride on your best young bird carrying off one of the coveted trophies. With this object in view the young must have careful consideration. During the moulting season feed your birds liberally, and partially cover them over with a calico cover, as it assists the moult and keeps them clean.

CARE OF BREEDING HENS.

Keep your stock hens in the flight cages from September until March, as a great deal of the success of the breeding season depends upon how they have been wintered. In February you will see, by their quick flight from perch to perch, the condition they are in. About this time I tie several pieces of twine on wires, to give them a little occupation. They are given to pluck each other; the twine gives them something to play with. I keep them in flight until such time as they are ready for the matrimonial stake. There is nothing to be gained by having the breeding pairs in the same cage two or three weeks before they are fit. They only knock each other about. When pairing I examine the toe nails, if they are sharp I cut off the sharp point, so as to avoid puncturing the egg, and, of course, perform the usual trimming of the vent. I now refer to the feathery breeds.

THE INTRODUCTION.

Shall we just for one moment picture how the cock should he when the hen is first introduced to his lordship. For an instant he walks the perch looking at the hen. Suddenly he stops and pulls himself up to his utmost height, with wings drooped a little, his throat is swollen almost twice the usual size, with the throat feathers at right angles. Then he starts his song of love and admiration, at the same time dancing upon the perch as though his feet were tickled with an electric battery. Generally speaking, business has commenced in less than a week, and eggs will shortly be produced.

FEEDING THE BREEDING STOCK.

I commence to feed up the breeding stock the last week in January, and bring them on gradually. It is much better than cramming them suddenly. All seed before being used should be sifted, and all seed hoppers should be emptied once weekly. It is surprising the accumulation of dust and dross which gets to the bottom. With this dust and dross we must remember "what has lived will live again and produce life," and about September and October you will find a quantity of insect life in the corner of the hopper.

BIRD ROOM APPLIANCES.

In every bird room it is necessary to have a certain number of tools and appliances at hand, such as a crushing mill, pestle and mortar, stone slab, palette knife or long thin dinner knife, teaspoon, dinner fork, scissors, pair each of cutting and round pliers, wire, small hammer, a plane, two buckets—one for water, one for dust. The water bucket should be always half full of water, as it acts as a conductor for all smells. Sweeping brush, dust pan, a table, a chair, a wire-netting swing door in front of window to prevent any escape. It is most advisable and essential to have plenty of fresh air, especially in the summer months, when the window should be open to the fullest extent. With regard to the ventilation of rooms during winter months, when the frost and north-east wind blows, the fancier must use his discretion. Fresh air without draughts is what you have to study in winter, but give them as much fresh air as you possible can.

USE THE BEST SEEDS.

Let your seeds be of the very best quality. Buy as cheaply as you can, but always have regard to quality. It is better to give 1s. or 2s. extra per bushel than buy inferior stuff that is on the market. Buy it by the bushel, as you are saving money by so doing. I refer to Canary seed, other seeds buy in small quantities according to size of stock. During the winter and spring a very good soft food is made of the following heat-forming foods: Oatmeal (baked), barley, wheat, oats, hemp seed ground together, moistened with a little soaked rape seed. The birds enjoy it very much. Add a pinch of salt and carrot or stewed apple, and give twice or thrice a week. Now a final look round the room. Keep a good supply of fresh air, keep the room in the pink of order and cleanliness, have all breeding cages and appliances the same size, with an extra two or three for emergency, have flight cages in apple-pie order, and as large as space will allow, no pictures or cards to be nailed against the walls above the cages, they are a great harbour for the insects.

A USEFUL MEMBER.

I will now introduce to your notice a very useful member of the household, "Our Cat." A she cat is far preferable to "Mr. Tom." A female is more easily trained, and a well-trained cat in a bird room is a valuable asset. Where there are birds mice will follow. Do what you will, they consume a considerable amount of seed and poison more, therefore it should be the work of all good fanciers to pay a visit to the bird room at least once a night. Your faithful cat will be sure to follow, especially if she has caught mice in the room. Another very useful and inexpensive article should be in daily requisition—the thermometer; great attention should he paid to its readings morning and night, this will assist the fancier to a very great extent during the winter months. Dry frost is not to be feared; it is the cold, muggy, damp weather which is the producer of various ailments, such as asthma, bronchitis, indigestion, and bowel complaints.

THE BURNING QUESTION.

Is artificial heat required or not? First, we have to consider the position and situation of room; second, the breed of birds. There are many breeds of an active disposition, never still, others are heavy and dormant. Our birds are domesticated, and as such we should treat them. When one uses the term "heated room," it covers a wide area. The fancier who indulges in this luxury and expeuse for the benefit of his pets treats them with great care and consideration. It must not be supposed for one moment one is going in for cremation. Just for example, say normal temperature six degrees of frost, room (heated), 40 degrees heat, or 35 degrees temperature; room (heated) 45 to 50 degrees. I will leave you to judge whether at 50 degrees it is likely to produce a fainting fit, or injury to the constitution of the birds. Considering my personal feelings, I must say it is more enjoyable to sit in a room at 50 degrees, than 35 degrees or six degrees of frost, and by using a little heat a valuable specimen is saved from ailments and spared to us, perhaps the founder of a very valuable strain. Again, in the very early breeding season, about the latter part of March, how often we get a sharp snip of frost, and cold east winds! To my mind warmth is more essential at this time than at Christmas. Let the temperature drop all of a sudden, as it often does at this particular time of the season and the result is—egg bound hens, cocks down in condition, chilled eggs, dead in shell, etc. Possibly by the use of a little heat all this would be avoided. Ladies and Gentlemen, I must thank you for your kind attention, and, heat or no heat, I wish you all a successful breeding season.

Catastrophic!

The Sparrow is known to be a plucky as well as an arrogant and fussy bird, and a resident in a Glasgow suburb, who has a favourite cat which is fond of Sparrow to luuch, tells in a contemporary how the other day puss made a successful raid, and was bringing in a bird, when a great commotion arose amoug the captive's friends. A well-organised corps of Sparrows swooped down on grimalkin with much forcible language and, attacking her furiously with claw and beak, forced her to relinquish her prey. Since this exciting experience puss appreciates home comforts and a milk diet rather more than formerly.

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Roller Canary Breeding.

By F. A. LESTER.

A Paper read before the British Roller Canary Club on February 5th, 1907 *(translated from the "Allgemiene Kanarien Zeitung").*

(Continued from Special Supplement, April 27th, 1907).

WHICH BIRDS TO CHOOSE FOR BREEDING.

I have endeavoured to prove in my first article, that one need not be afraid to use in-breeding for the preserving and improvement of the strain, for to a certain extent it is necessary. It is my duty now to speak about further rules which have to be used for birds intended for breeding, so as to produce profitable results. Here I come to a subject which has been dealt with many times, and treated in numberless publications, but as I suppose that young breeders, beginners, will read this article, I write this for their benefit, hoping it will not be uninteresting for an old breeder to freshen up his knowledge. For breeding purposes it is, above all things, necessary to select in good time birds of well developed bodies and of a good strain, and to look well after them. The choice of hens should be made after the moult, either in the months of September or October. Hens which have not finished moulting by this time, or those who moult a second time in the year, should be excluded from next year's breeding. In cocks you have to consider, besides their bodily frame, their singing abilities, and these can only be chosen during the months of December and January, when their song is developed.

DECIDING THE SEX.

Let us consider the first question. How are you to know their sex? In most cases you are able to distinguish the sex of the young ones while they are in the nest, yet it will happen, even to most experienced breeders, in separating them to take cocks for hens, and vice versa. The cock has, as a rule, a more genteel and proud bearing, thicker head, broader tail, and longer legs. The cocks have before the moult, and after the first moult, the feathers round the eyes and bill darker and more shining than the hens. Directly after the moult, or a severe illness, the shining colour is paler in the above-mentioned places, the glossy shining is absent. After the first moult, the double throat ring of the cock is formed; compared with the plain white ring of the hen there is a sharper distinction between the two. The surest sign is the song. Cocks only a few weeks old expand the throat very much while singing, and after six or seven weeks with extended head, while the hen produces only a stuttering note, and lets the head sink low directly. The hens sing very seldom, and, as a rule, only in later years.

FIXING THE AGE.

In the choice of the breeding birds it is also necessary to be able to find out their age. Old Canaries have a hook on the point of the bill, the scales on the feet and toes are strongly developed, and get darker as the years go on. Sometimes you will find young cocks with hooks and partly developed scales. Very often the scales on the feet are removed to deceive buyers. Therefore, you must look at the toes, where removal is impossible. If a bird in autumn, after the moult, brings the full touren, you may depend upon it you have to do with a bird who is three years old. The young Canaries do not sing perfectly after the first moult, they sing three or four weeks softly and leave off abruptly. As regards the age of breeding birds, two year old cocks and two to three year old hens are considered the best. The first are firmer in their song, and of the latter it is said they produce stronger cocks. Some breeders do not care about the age of the birds they employ, which, according to my opinion, is very wrong. Two or three year old hens, which have proved themselves careful mothers, and whose young ones have proved good singers, should not be parted with at any price. The advantages which these hens offer are manifold. You can expect that these birds will be good breeding hens in the third year. Old hens discharge their breeding duties with more calmness than young ones.

One has often observed that older hens kept young cocks to their duty by warning calls. Furthermore, you can judge, by the singing results of their brood in former years, what kind of qualities these old hens possess which cannot be found in young hens. The voices of the hens have a great influence on the song of their young ones. Four year old hens should not be used.

SIGNS OF HEALTH.

To know their health. The first thing which we observe in a healthy bird is his smooth fitting, clean plumage. The figure is lithe and without any faulty parts. The movements are lively, the eyes bright, the breast is fleshy, and the belly sunk in. Further, the bird should take his food with relish, without being ravenous. Birds which continually sit on the feeding vessel, crunching the seed, or are not able to break the rape seed, are not healthy. The bill and the feet must be normally built, and the tail full-grown. The state of health of birds is very often not considered sufficiently, and breeders are surprised when, shortly before the breeding season begins, a number of birds show signs of illness. It is not sufficient to look superficially as to whether there is a fleshy breast, whether the belly is puffed out, maybe inflamed, or whether it shows blue spots. The belly must not be higher than the breast, it must be lower, and falling in towards the tail. The most fruitful hens are those whose belly appears broad and long when you blow the feathers back. The colour of the flesh should be pale yellow, and the intestines must not show through. Red or blue spots on the belly are signs of liver complaint, and demand the exclusion of the bird from all breeding purposes. Sometimes you find a fine blue vein crosswise the belly, or some hens show a high belly—these should also be excluded, as they are inclined to the sweating disease. In proving the health of the cocks, act in the same way as with the hens, but in the exclusion of unsuitable birds be more severe. The belly must fall in; if you notice blue veins on the belly, or blue spots, you must not use them, as they may prove unfruitful the first year, and always are in the second year. Birds who suffer from hoarseness, whose breathing is noisy, or who pluck out the feathers of other birds, pick the eggs, or are quarrelsome, should also be excluded from breeding. The excrements of cocks and hens should be watched, whether they are firm and of a natural colour. If this is not the case keep them out of the breeding-room, because this may be the consequence of disease, which would show itself later on in the room.

KNOWLEDGE OF HEREDITY.

It would be well to be aquainted with the faults which their parents and grand-parents had, as faults are easily inheritable. You should also know whether the hens have bred well, are good feeders, and whether their young cocks have turned out good singers. To be able to prove this satisfactorily it is necessary to keep a genealogical book, which has been repeatedly mentioned in this paper. The breeder should make the firm resolution not to put in the breeding cage any unsuitable birds, as the brood is sure to inherit all the bad faults of the parents.

Practice has proved that good female birds paired with middling male birds produce a better brood than the best male birds paired with middling hens. Most marked is the distinction if the hens do not belong to the same strain as the cocks, which means, do not possess the same form of body and singing peculiarities. The cocks of a stud should have a song as nearly as possible equal to the strain song to which the hen belongs. No less observe, also, that the touren of the old cocks are of good virtue, because the young cocks during their sojourn in the breeding-room adopt quicker the lighter and lesser valuable touren than the beautiful and difficult ones.

BREEDER SHOULD LEARN FAULTS.

The breeder has occasion to learn the song faults and the antics of every bird, as well as the call notes of the hens in his strain, and can form a conclusion how the birds will turn out, yet it is best to pair birds of the same strain. In this way the breeder has it in his own hands, after a few generations, to lessen the faults particular to his strain, or even totally to remove them, and obtain purity of song. Unfortunately, by this method many beautiful touren are lost, and the song of the bird gets poor in touren. Thus arises the question whether the breeder should not take a little fault along with his bargain, so as to keep up the variety of the song, or even increase it. I should advise the latter, because there is nothing to prevent the industrious and attentive breeder to get one or more cocks with greater purity of song and richness of touren, and if the breeder, through keeping a genealogical book, can ascertain from which pair those first class singers came, then he has the hope to obtain from this pair and its brood excellent results in the following year. If the breeder is compelled to introduce fresh blood in his strain, which means crossing, then the breeding becomes more difficult, and he must be content to see for several years inferior results. The same happens if the breeder buys cocks and hens and breeds with a foreign unknown strain. If the breeder is compelled to buy new birds, then let him get the very best, as far as his means permit it. Needs the breeder cocks or hens, then let him buy birds of such strain as correspond with the song of his own strain. Here it may happen, that the breeder, if he gets his birds from outside dealers, in most cases does not know what material he may get. What does it mean? For example, birds of Seifert strain, without the certainty which principal touren these birds sing. If the breeder advertises—"Original Seifert birds, awarded gold medals, and of many excellent touren," the buyer must not expect that every bird of this strain sings all touren to perfection without a fault. Thus it happens very often that the buyer is disillusioned in the performance of the birds sent, and does not find touren which he most expected. Birds of a certain singing direction, Seifert birds for instance, have different singing peculiarities, so that even inside the strain Seifert, unknowingly the most dangerous crossings are undertaken by the breeder. This is the cause why many breeders, notwithstanding their yearly purchases of fine singers, never get a strain of their own.

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THE BREEDING OF CANARIES.

By J. POOLEY.

(Continued from page 432.)

THE DARK SIDE OF THINGS.

So far I have written on the bright side of our interesting hobby, as though it is just putting the birds together and a nestful of young each time; but there are many disappointments in Canary breeding.

If the birds are not quite ready, we find nests of clear eggs, birds dead in the shell, or a hen is egg-bound; but so far I have not had a case. If I had I should gently catch the hen and drop some warm salad oil in the vent with a feather, and steam her with a jug of hot water. I use a lot of niga seed in the spring; perhaps this is the reason. Sometimes a cock bird pulls the nest to pieces, and another will not let the hen sit; it is advisable to remove such birds. Sometimes the hen refuses to sit all her time, but do not throw the eggs away, even if cold, if you have another hen sitting; give them to her, and she may bring them off. I had a case, and they all hatched. Hens refusing to feed, is perhaps, the worst trouble of all in the breeding season; a change of food sometimes has the desired effect. Often the hen sweats her young. I think frequent bathing a great help to such hens, and to lift her from the nest every time you feed is worth risking. Should you find a young bird lying on the floor, and to all appearances dead, do not throw it away, but warm it and replace it in the nest. Most likely it will recover, and the next time you feed you will not be able to tell which it was.

NOT TIME FOR EVERYTHING.

As there are so many little disappointments, it is too long to write everything one thinks of, but I will not conclude till I give one more drawback, and that is dirty cages and utensils. I clean the cages out very often, so as not to leave any stale food lying about, as it is often the cause of young birds dying from diarrhœa and inflammation of the bowels just as they begin to feed themselves.

I wash all egg pans and drinkers at least once a day, and in the very hot weather twice. I have a double quantity, change them and wash a little later. I take the perches out and clean them often, looking to see if there are any red mite at the ends; if so, I dip them in methylated spirit, paraffin or turpentine, which makes them move about a bit.

It is advisable to take a good look round night and morning to see if any eggs are broken, or any young dead in the nest, as in the hot weather decomposition quickly sets in.

I look at the birds in the nest several times in the day, and the hens get used to it; but most writers say do not interfere with them.

CANARY MANAGEMENT.

By W. BROTHERTON.

A Lecture delivered before the Goldthorpe, Thurnscoe & Dis. C.B.S., on April 20th.

My first word is on the room, which should be thoroughly well cleaned and disinfected before commencing to breed. I advise where the skirting board round the room is open to dust with insect powder, and leave for an hour, when you will find that any red mite that are concealed will have been drawn out by the powder. Then I start whitewashing the room, the bottom first, with very thick whitewash, which will kill all these pests. Then we come to the cages, which require well cleaning and whitewashing. For these I get a quantity of good strong soda and water, say a half-pint glass full of common washing soda to a bucket of water, and run it well into any cracks there are in the cage. You will quickly find any red mite that are there will soon be escaping on the other side, when you must give them a dose of the soda and water, which will kill them. I use whiting to whiten the cages, not lime, as I think a good many birds are blinded by lime as it peels off the cage. Now we come to the birds.

HINTS ON YORKSHIRES.

I like my hens to be of the best type I can get, well up on the legs, with as little feather on the thigh as possible. I contend that a Yorkshire is only half a bird when it is bred, you have to make the other half afterwards in the training. Keep clear of frills in the cock, and see that there is no parting in the feather just above the thigh, which is a very big fault. Some say that to regain size you should pair a Lancashire Plainhead cock with your hens, but I do not advise it, as you are apt to spoil your birds for two or three years by getting them coarse in feather. I advise you to purchase your stock birds of good size, as it is far easier and quicker than crossing with the Lancashire. For colour and quality obtain a good grass green marked bird. It is a mistake to pair your birds before they are ready, as it is often the cause of clear eggs. I prefer young hens, as they are more careful of their eggs, and seem to make better feeders. I also advise that the eggs are left in the nest first round, as sometimes a young hen will not take to them again when they are replaced. When sitting, disturb your birds as little as possible. Never pair a bird that is in any way troubled with asthma, as it is almost sure to break out in the young afterwards. The best way to deal with such birds is to kill them; it is the only cure for that complaint. When a hen is due to hatch, I give nothing but plain egg for two days, then mix a little bread with it, gradually increasing the amount of bread as the young birds get older. I always use two or three different kinds of green food, such as dandelion, watercress, groundsel, and chickweed, and supply them with plenty of that which they eat most. Many youngsters die of constipation, through not being supplied with green food.

NORWICH AND MULES.

We now come to the Norwich Canary. I advise that you select a good bird with a good pipe tail, well up under the wings, and standing well across the perch. A good round head is an important point. The bird should be well filled up in the neck, and not browy, as this shows your bird is not far removed from the Crestbred. The back should be a shade hollow. I do not mean by that a regular spout down the back, but hollowed out a little from head to tail, with a good broad chest.

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** The Clever Woodpecker.

A friend of mine had two Woodpeckers, and he did not want one of them, so he gave me the hen. I put her in a Parrot cage. I had had her for about 18 days when two wires got broken round the cage and I took it to be mended. I got the Woodpecker and put it into a box, and set it in the open yard; then I took the cage to be mended. When I came back it began to rain. I went and got the box and put it in the dry. At night I fetched the cage and then got the box and took it to it. I opened the lid. There was no bird there, but a little hole in the side of the box. It was very small, but the Woodpecker must have squeezed through it, for I never saw the bird again.—Sent by J. V. MESSINGER (age 13), Magdalen College School, Brackley.

* Our Pet Linnet.

We have a Linnet, which has been in our possession for four years. He is so tame that he will take seeds out of our hands. If we say "Jake, do you want a sunflower?" he will hop from perch to perch, as he is very fond of them. If we put our finger towards the cage without the seed, he gets very angry and spreads out his wings. He pecks at our finger and makes a great noise. When the seed is held up to him he comes forward quite pleased and takes it from our fingers. My little sister, aged two years, has to get up on a chair every day, and she says she wants to give wee Jake his seed. He is a great favourite with all of us.—Sent by LUCY COCKRAN (age 12 years), 374, Main Street, Maryhill, Glasgow.

Parrots.

Parrots are mischievous birds and need strong cages. They also require fresh air and clean water for bathing and for drinking. Parrots should be kept free from draughts, and, as they are natives of a tropical climate, they should be in a warm room in the winter. The food should consist chiefly of grain, such as boiled Indian corn (given cold), also canary seed and occasionally hemp. Some authorities consider much hemp to be too heating. The Parrot also likes sop, with a little sugar, once a day. Meat should never be given, but a little potato or bread will not hurt the bird. Be careful to allow no food to become sour. If a Parrot takes cold, keep the bird very warm. If he picks out his feathers, give a green capsicum.—A. H. EDWARDS (age 11), 100, Paulet Road, Camberwell, London, S.E.

A Homing Canary.

We had a Canary about a year ago which was very tame. We used to let her out of the cage every morning in the dining-room, where it used to fly about. On two occasions, when the door was open she flew up into mother's bedroom and was caught; but once the maid had left the dining-room door open, also the street door, when she flew away, and we thought we had lost her, as she was out all day; but in the evening she came on the bedroom window-sill, when mother put the cage on to another window-sill, and she at once flew in.—Sent by FLORENCE M. SMITH (age 14), 3, Wakehurst Road, Wandsworth Common, S.W.

A Cheerful Noise.

We have two Norwich Canaries. We call them Jim and Joe. They seem to be singing all the time, and when they are singing together we can hardly understand what one another are talking about. We follow your advice in CAGE BIRDS week by week, seeing how to treat them in all ways. Since we have been following your paper they seem to be noisier than ever.—From ELSIE MAY MILES (age 13), 250, Church Road, St. George, Bristol.

* Feeding the Birds.

I live in the country and therefore I am surrounded with birds. I often save pieces of stale bread and make milk sops for the birds. Sometimes nice-looking birds come, other times we only get Sparrows. The other day I was very highly excited. I went down into the cellar and, to my surprise, I saw through the window seven Chaffinches, one Blackbird, a Starling, and a large number of Sparrows having a very good meal in the garden. Just recently I read of a man having lost a hen Pigeon, and the bird had been lost a few days when a boy discovered a cock Pigeon dropping food down a chimney. The man secured a ladder and, to his surprise, found the hen Pigeon stuck fast in the chimney. Sent by G. W. LUNN (aged 12), 12, Henry Terrace, Yeadon, near Leeds, Yorkshire.

A Swan's Love Story.

A few years ago a pair of Swans took up their abode on Moorhouse Tarn, near Wigton, but a ruthless robber secured the eggs, and, heart-broken Mrs. Swan never recovered from the blow. One morning her body was seen lying near the Tarn with her distressed consort hovering round. After keeping vigil for a few days he covered the body with leaves and took a sorrowful departure. Every spring since has the faithful Swan returned to the grave of his loved one, always alone, and, with the Moorhens for company, has spent the summer on the lake. —LESLIE BURNS (aged 8), 4a, Benson-st., Linthorpe, Middlesbrough.

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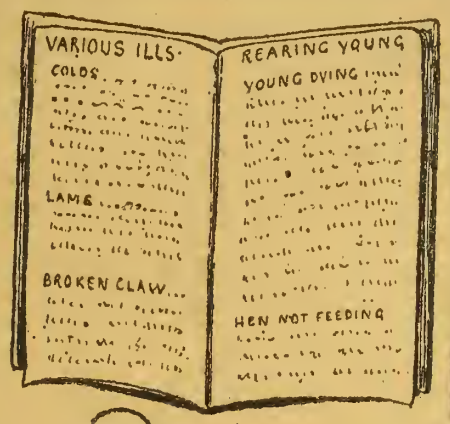
No. 101.

BOOK OF HANDY REFERENCE.

Sent by William H. Gibb, 1, Clyde Road, Brighton.

I am a constant reader of CAGE BIRDS, and each week see items on rearing and feeding, etc., of birds in its pages. Now many of these items when I want later on I cannot find easily without looking through perhaps 20



books, and so I cut out the paragraphs and paste them in a stiff-covered book which I keep for the purpose. You can obtain a stiff-covered order book about 8 in. long and 3½ in. wide for a few pence, and will find that the pages are wide enough for a column from CAGE BIRDS. There is no need to destroy the rest of the paper, as it is always handy to read later on.

No. 102.

TO STORE SPARE FEED AND WATER GLASSES.

Sent by B. E. Holloway, 18, New Park St., Castle Fields, Shrewsbury.

A simple thing I have found useful in the bird-room is a strip of hard wood wired for spare feed and water bottles, as shown below:—

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Learning to Sing.

Do young birds learn their songs by direct imitation of their parents, or is the power of song an innate quality? Some observations made by Mr. W. H. Hudson, on a species of Tinamou (*Rhynchotus rufescens*) throw some light on the question. This species has a peculiar and characteristic song or call of its own, and, according to Mr. Hudson's observations, it does not require to learn it. A young bird was taken from the nest when just breaking the shell, and brought up in a house where it could never have had the chance of hearing its parents. Yet long before it was full grown it would retire to a dark corner in the room, and give its characteristic song in great perfection. Here the song must have been innate. The experiments of the Hon. Daines Barrington, in which various species were reared under Linnets, and learned and sang the Linnet song instead of their own, suggest, on the other hand, that the young bird learns by direct imitation.

WILD BIRD LIFE

All communications for this column should be written on one side of the paper only, duly authenticated with the name and address of the writer, not necessarily for publication, and sent to H. Norman, Editor, "Wild Bird Life," "Eastcote," Alma Road, Carshalton, Surrey, by Monday in each week. Original observations and records invited.

The Martins and the Swallows.

The House Martins have appeared in the village; but at present only a limited number of them have been seen. The Swallows are here in full force, and there is every sign of them being even more numerous than last year. We had a pair build under the rafters of a wood shed, and another one higher up just under the tiles, where they both reared respectable families. Some of these youngsters have evidently returned with their parents to the old home, for yesterday quite a dozen birds were seen flying in and out of the building, and it is quite possible we shall have a colony of them this season, for they are not likely to be disturbed.

The pretty Swallow can hardly be classed as one of our song birds, and yet if you should happen to hear some half-dozen of them singing together while sitting in a row, as they will, upon the ridge of a building, it certainly sounds very pleasing. The individual song is a gentle warbling, very well sustained. One is glad to be able to record an increase in these graceful birds, because of late years observers have been under the impression that the House Martins have been pushing the Swallows out, although one can hardly realise the fact, because there is very little affinity between them, except in the manner of hawking for food. The situation of the nest is totally different, and therefore neither bird interferes with the other.

Although the Martins have been seen in the neighbourhood for some time, they have only within the last few days come into the village. Exactly the same thing happened last year. It is a very difficult matter to account for some of the ways of our wild creatures. As far as one is able to judge there is no reason whatever why these birds should not make their first appearance in a sheltered village, protected from rough weather as it is on all sides, with trees and water in abundance, than in other less fortunate places in the district. But such is the case, and although we are well into the month of May, the full number of these happy little birds has not yet appeared. Last season the village was full of them, but the summer had well advanced before the majority arrived. They are no sooner here than building commences. The old nests, which are still left in spite of frost and storms, are inspected again and again, with a good deal of chattering, while the birds cling to the crumbling structure, or the brick walls under the eaves.

The work of collecting and carrying the mud and straw to the chosen site is done chiefly in the early morning, although in bright, dry weather a little will be added during the day. Martins are very careful

The House Martin.

builders, and will wait some time to allow fresh material to dry thoroughly before adding more. It is a pretty sight to see a crowd of them at the edge of a pond or puddle in the road collecting mud. If disturbed before they are ready they simply fly round and return again.

Although the Martin is a pretty bird, with his blue-back body and white rump, he is not so handsome as the Swallow, neither are his ariel flights executed with quite the elegance and grace of the larger bird. The Swallow has a light, skimming flight, sometimes continuing quite a long way before turning, whereas the Martin flies in shorter curves, without the lengthened, skimming action of the other. Identification is not by any means a difficult matter: the longer tail of the Swallow, and the shorter one of the Martin, with the distinct white patch at the lower part of the back, are easily noted.

Notes and Queries.

Something like a Freak!

A red Blackbird, curiously marked with splashes of white over the feathers, has been captured, it is reported, on the Garendon (Loughborough) estate.

The Artful Jackdaw.

Of all our British birds, the Magpies, Jays and Daws are the most amusing and the most artful. They always appear to be on the look-out for some form of mischief, and where they are perfectly tame, and allowed to roam, take a keen pleasure in seeking society, especially that of children. At Halling, a village near Rochester, one is allowed to roam at will, and one of his chief delights is to fly off to the school, some distance away, and watch the children come out. This he does daily, to the delight of the youngsters.

A User of Mud.

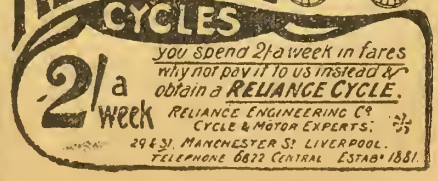
There is plenty of variety in the study of wild birds' nests, and he who has the time and inclination to roam the woods and fields will find sufficient to interest him in the homes of the feathered ones. The Thrush, Swallow and Martin all use mud in the construction of their nests, but they are not the only birds to do so, for the Nuthatch makes use of it, although not quite in the same manner. She finds an old tree with a hole in it, and if the entrance is too large (and it generally is), she plasters it up with clay, leaving just sufficient opening for her to go in and out. One can hardly find a reason for this habit. Anyone would think simply a hole in a tree would do as well for a Nuthatch to build in as it does for a Woodpecker, Wryneck or Starling.

Hawks Still Thriving.

Hawks have not been quite exterminated, in spite of constant persecution. In wooded districts one may occasionally be seen roaming the fields and beating quietly up the tall hedgerows. The Sparrow Hawk is particularly fond of working in this way, and many a Finch or Bunting has been pounced upon before it was aware of the enemy being in the district. Occasionally one may find evidence of the tragedy—some small mound of earth, with the feathers of the victim strewn around. We can then identify the luckless one, as we did the other day. It was a young Thrush that had, unfortunately for him, come within reach of the destroyer. And thus his young life was cut off almost as soon as commenced, his immature wing tips proving that he was quite a baby.

The Cuckoo Extraordinary.

A friend sends me a few interesting notes about the Cuckoo. It appears a Robin took possession of a bag hanging in an outhouse in the garden, about 50 ft. from the house. She laid her batch of eggs and commenced to sit. To the astonishment of the owner, only one bird was hatched, and there were no signs of the other eggs. In sending me particulars, she said: "All the other eggs must have got rolled into one, for the young bird was bigger than a Robin and had a large, gaping mouth." Undoubtedly it was a young Cuckoo. I should very much like to have seen it, because, in the first place, the egg must have been deposited long before the average time of the Cuckoo; and, secondly, the bird must have gone into the garden, which is a small one, and entered the shed to find the Robin's nest.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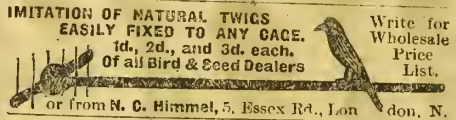

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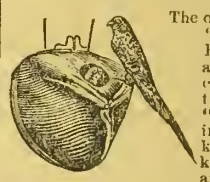

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WANTED, cage birds, cocks or pairs, for rainproof coat, 15/-.—Dorney, 1, Hawthorn-ter., Londonderry.

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Foreign Bird Queries continued from p. 475.

Napoleon Weaver Going Out of Colour.

My bird went into colour on the 1st of April, but at the end of the month he commenced to go out again, and is now in winter dress. Can you give me the reason, and will he come into colour again this year? What are the sexual distinctions of the Cape Canary? Which is the better songster, Cape Canary or Alario Finch?—"THANK YOU."

"Thank You."—It is very usual for them to come into colour about the time yours did. I do not at the present time possess the Napoleon, but two of my Madagascars were in full colour about that date; one was not so forward, and he only has the red half way down the underparts, the cold weather having checked development. It is doubtful if it will come into colour again this year; if so, it will probably be only partial, and occur in July or August. It was the cold weather coming after the spell of bright warm weather that has thrown your bird out of colour. I find this happens with many species during their first year in this country, and that afterwards the weather does not affect them. You diet is very satisfactory, and cannot be improved upon. The female of *Serinus canicollis* is slightly smaller than the male, the yellows not so rich and the upper surface duller, browner and more dusky than that of the male. Both the Alario and Cape Canary are fine songsters, but the Alario, in my opinion, has the more sustained song, that of the Cape Canary being the sweeter, but not so varied, as that of the Alario.

Gouldian-Canary Hybrids.

Can I expect to breed from a male Canary and a female Black-headed Gouldian? If so, what kind of nest, material, and food must I give?—L. A. FOOT.

L. A. Foot.—I have never heard of such a cross; at the same time I can see no real obstacle in the way, but it is probable, as with all Hybrid breeding that such may not come off the first season. It is certainly worth trying, and I should recommend that they be kept out of hearing of other Gouldians. A German travelling cage would be as likely a resting receptacle as any, with hay and long grass as nesting material. As to diet, give canary, white and spray millet, oats, and rice in the husk (Paddy rice), with grass in flower and other greenfood, cuttlefish, a piece of rock salt, and, when they are nesting, supply a little of some good soft food mixture, or the following slightly damped:—crumbled spong cake, ants' eggs (very best), dried flies, and crushed Osborne biscuits in equal parts. Let their cage be a roomy one, or it is no use looking for any result, and more than that, Gouldians have a habit of soon "shuffling off" when in confined quarters. Shall be interested in hearing details of the experiment.

STRATFORD & EAST LONDON F.S.

Meeting May 16th. Office of hon. secretary was declared vacant. The balance sheet when presented by that official a few weeks ago was questioned by certain gentlemen, and mole hills soon became mountains. Some bad feeling arose, which, combined with other things, terminated in a popular member of the cage bird section calling a special meeting, as allowed under the rules, "to consider the future welfare of the society." Members turned up in force, and although asked by Mr. J. Smith (the chairman) to curtail their grievances, within a few minutes the secretary was engaged in a wordy warfare with several of the members. The matter was eventually closed by the meeting voting the secretary out of office. Mr. S. Sheldrick, of 86, Grove-rd., Bow, was elected hon. sec., and Mr. T. H. Houlding, asst. hon. sec. Messrs. H. Mason and F. Jayne were appointed hon. auditors. On the proposal of the chairman, a vote of thanks was accorded the late secretary for his services. At the conclusion of the business a special meeting was held to consider the appointment of an hon. solicitor to the society. Mr. W. Daybell, of the Broadway, Stratford, when approached on the subject, kindly consented to fill the office, and that gentleman was unanimously elected. A vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Daybell for his interest in the society.

SCOTTISH CREST CLUB.

Committee meeting held Glasgow, May 11th. Present, Messrs. J. McLay, J. Young, J. Noble, G. McPhail, G. F. Adamson, Wm. Griffiths, and the Secretary. The result of ballot was read, and the president and vice-president were elected. Mr. McLay was voted to the chair for another year, which he accepted after expressing his desire to see the honour go round. All the vice-presidents were re-elected, and Mr. Chas. Campbell added. Mr. A. Miller sent in his resignation as auditor, and Mr. J. Munro was appointed. Applications were read from Glasgow and West of Scotland, Kilmarnock, and Dundee Associations, soliciting the patronage of S.C.C. Mr. Young moved, seconded by Mr. Munro, that we hold our Show with Kilmarnock if suitable terms can be arranged. Mr. G. McPhail moved an amendment, seconded by Mr. Griffiths, that it be left over till next meeting. On a vote being taken the motion carried. The advisability of selecting a judge out of the S.C.C. members to allow all of them to participate in the competition for medals was discussed. Finally, Mr. Griffiths moved, seconded by Mr. C. Campbell, that the selection be as formerly out of the official six, which carried. The report on the Club Show Cage was called for, but no information had been received. Some drinking tins of various shapes were brought forward by Mr. Young for selection, but this was left over till next meeting, when a few more may be brought forward. Two new members were proposed and accepted, Wm. Thornton, Kilmarnock, and J. Ferguson, Stirling. Next meeting last Saturday in June.—A. CHALMERS.

THE SHOWS.

HARPENDEN.

This fixture, which has year by year increased in attractiveness and in its dimensions, was held in Rothamstead Park on Whit Monday. The arrangements were ably carried out by the stewards, Messrs. Bard, Wilkinson, Willis, Willmott, Godden, and C. W. M. Wilkinson, whilst Mr. J. B. Townend, the popular secretary, was as energetic as ever, and kept a keen eye over all. With such enthusiastic workers and such generous patrons as it possesses, Harpenden cannot fail to be successful. Considering that it is right in the heart of the breeding season, it was not surprising that entries in Canaries were poor; but in the other classes they came up well, and the quality was splendid, especially in the British section. In fact, in this section the chief interest of the show was centred, and most of the exhibits staged would have done (in fact, have in the past) credit to many a show of greater pretensions. Mr. C. A. House judged.

NORWICH. YELL.: cancelled. BUFF (4): 1, Priestley, good-shaped nice-coloured bird in grand form; 2, Markham, rare shaped bird, capital head, but not in such good fettle; vhc, Ward; hc, Willmott. YORKS.: both cancelled, as was CANARY, A.O.V. MULES (8): 1, vhc, hc. Andrews, charming little Buff, ticked on eye, nice shape and style, good colour and as tight as wax; 2, Davies, rich coloured, well marked, shapely Linnet-Bullie; 3, Ward, nicely marked, well feathered Gold.-Bullfinch, very steady; res., Cocks, another good Linnet-Bullie. BRITISH GOLDFINCH (11): 1, Vincent, grand rich, deep-cut blaze, capital bars, lovely chest, good cheeks and back; 2, A Howe, another gem, but not quite so clear in cheeks, lovely body colour and bars; 3, vhc (2), Andrews, very smart blaze, rich colour, although not quite so tight in feather; res., Smeeton, very snaky in shape, grand colour and feathers, loses cheeks; hc, Cooper, Rouse. A.O.V. FINCH (12): 1, 2, R. J. Howe, noted Chaffinch and Bullfinch, both put down in the pink of condition; 3, res., A. Howe, Hawfinch and Bramblefinch, another charming pair, a wonderful quartet, which reflect the greatest credit upon their owners; vhc, Andrews, Hills; w.c. 667, Andrews, a Pied Goldfinch. A.O.V. (7): 1, 3, R. J. Howe, well-known Thrush in grand fettle, and a very rich-coloured, close-feathered Yellow Wagtail, a grand brace; 2, hc, Baldry, very sweet little Whitethroat, in grand colour and feather; res, Rouse; vhc, Ward; abs., 666, Smeeton. FOREIGN (8): 1, Davies, very gorgeous King Parrakeet, grandly marked and in rare feather; 2, vhc, Miss Bulteel, very fine Red Rump and Blue Mountain Lory, a charming pair of birds, of great merit; 3, R. J. Howe, very fine pair of Yellow Budgerigars, well marked and sound in colour; res, hc, Cooper; vhc, Andrews; hc, Judge.

CLUB REPORTS.

QUEEN'S PARK AND DIS. C.B.A.

Meeting May 16th. Mr. J. Robson gave his lecture, "The Breeding Room and its Occupants," which was closely followed and much appreciated by the members present. After the lecture the chairman declared the meeting open for discussion. Several interesting points were raised by Messrs. Bassett, Buckman, Lewis Monger, Rogers, and Stuckey, which Mr. Robson very ably answered, giving his reasons and making his meaning thoroughly clear. A hearty vote of thanks to the lecturer for the very pleasant and instructive evening brought the meeting to a close.

J. C. BIRCH, Hon. Sec.

WOLVERHAMPTON C.B.S.

Meeting May 14th. Table Show of British Finches and Mules, with a judging competition. Two good teams were staged by Mr. Weaver and Mr. Osborne, and most of the members present had a try to place the birds, which proved very interesting. Several very important matters of business were discussed. The famous Rule 17 came in for most comment, and after considering the matter from many standpoints, everyone agreed that without this rule it would be difficult to carry out the objects of the Union. As regards the novice question, it was thought that No. 1 definition was the best workable, and the meeting voted for that. Our chairman, Mr. F. J. Weaver, was appointed representative to C.B.U. One new member was elected. We feel sure there are many more fanciers in the district who would benefit by becoming members of the society. I should be glad to supply any applicant with copy of rules and other particulars.

F. HOWES, Hon. Sec.

25, Leslie-road, Wolverhampton.

GRIMSBY AND DIS. C.B.S.

Members did not turn up in such good numbers as usual. Correspondence from the C.B.U. was attended to. Mr. H. E. Stubbs, our chairman, was elected delegate to the C.B.U. After a short discussion No. 4 definition of a novice was chosen. A special committee was appointed to arrange classification for Open Show. Mr. Garthwaite gave us a very interesting demonstration in feeding young birds in the nest with his famous "Lifebelt." Mr. Garthwaite, after explaining the qualities of this food, brought out a nest of five youngsters a few days old. He then showed our members how to use his feeder, which we all thought unique and interesting. Several members then fed the birds, and I am sure they never had a better feed, although they all called for more. Committee meeting on Tuesday. Classification was arranged:—Norwich (open) 6 classes, Yorkshires 3, Crests and Crestbred 2, Cinamons 2, A.O.V. Canary 1, Mule and Hybrid 1, Selling Class 2, Gift Class 1, British 4, Foreign 2, Novice Norwich 2, Novice Yorkshire 1. Next month we have our First Feather Show, and Mr. D. Hope, of Hull, is expected down to adjudicate. I hope we shall have plenty of entries, and make a decent show. We must start by 7 prompt.

H. EMERSON, Hon. Sec.

THE STOCK BOOK: See Page 473.

HUCKNALL TORKARD C.B.S.

First Feather Show on May 18th, but through the very changeable weather the entries only numbered seven. Yell. Norwich: 1, Pepper; 2, Winterbottom. Buff: 1, Twine. Buff Ticked: 1, Winterbottom. Buff Crestbred: 1, Riley Bros.; 2, Faux.

A. A. ASTBURY, Sec.

CROOK AND DIS. C.B.S.

Meeting May 18th. A large attendance, and several new members added to the list. It was decided to hold Open Show on December 28th, and on Saturday, June 18th a Browney singing contest at Mr. T. Fowler's Loves Hotel. Mr. J. Horner, chairman, offers a special for the first, Mr. T. Cleminson will judge, and Mr. Bright act as timekeeper. Mr. J. J. Bright gave a capital address on "Canary Management and Rearing." He dealt first with cages, and advised giving them a coat of whitewash and alum, as alum is a preventive of inseets. Birds should be well supplied with grit, as this is beneficial in digesting food, and shelling eggs. Cuttlefish is another thing that must not be forgotten. Feeding utensils must be kept clean and sweet if you want to keep your stock healthy. Birds must not be fed on too rich a diet. During winter let plain Spanish canary seed be their staple diet, with a pinch of mixed seed now and again, also a piece of ripe apple, boiled carrot, or beetroot. A few grains of hemp seed will aid them in keeping warm, but it must be used with care. Feed up for pairing about the latter part of February by giving a little egg food, with a pinch of maw seed, once or twice a week. Put them a bath on if the weather is not extra cold. Do not be in a hurry in pairing. The first or second week in April is soon enough. As soon as you run your birds together supply them with nest pan and building material, and give a teaspoonful of egg food to each pair of birds. If all goes well, in about twelve or fourteen days after pairing there should be an egg in the nest pan, but take eggs out till the third egg is laid, and then give the hen a clean, newly-lined nest pan, not forgetting to dust it with insect powder. Put the eggs in the nest on the evening of the day she laid the third egg. The hen's diet while sitting should be canary seed only, and withhold the bath for the first seven days, then give it to her now and again if the weather be hot and dry. On the evening of the thirteenth day give the hen a little egg food with a pinch of maw seed, and add a little hemp and German rape to her canary seed. Increase the supply of hemp as the birds get older. When the young are four days old give the hen a little green food, say a young dandelion leaf or a spray of watereress, taking care it is not frosted. If the weather be hot, give the hen a bath, as it will encourage her to feed and rear her brood, as a bath puts new life into her. When the young are twenty-four days old they will be leaving the nest, but don't take the nest away the first time you see them out, as they generally go back a night or two to roost. When the young are taken away give them crushed hemp seed, and egg food same strength as the old birds, and give them cold tea instead of water to drink; as they get older weaken the tea. Never give birds green food after they can manage for themselves. Mr. J. Horner remarked that it was just the kind of address that made people take an interest in breeding birds, and hoped Mr. Bright would come and enlighten us with another address, as he was sure he had interested all those present. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the lecturer.

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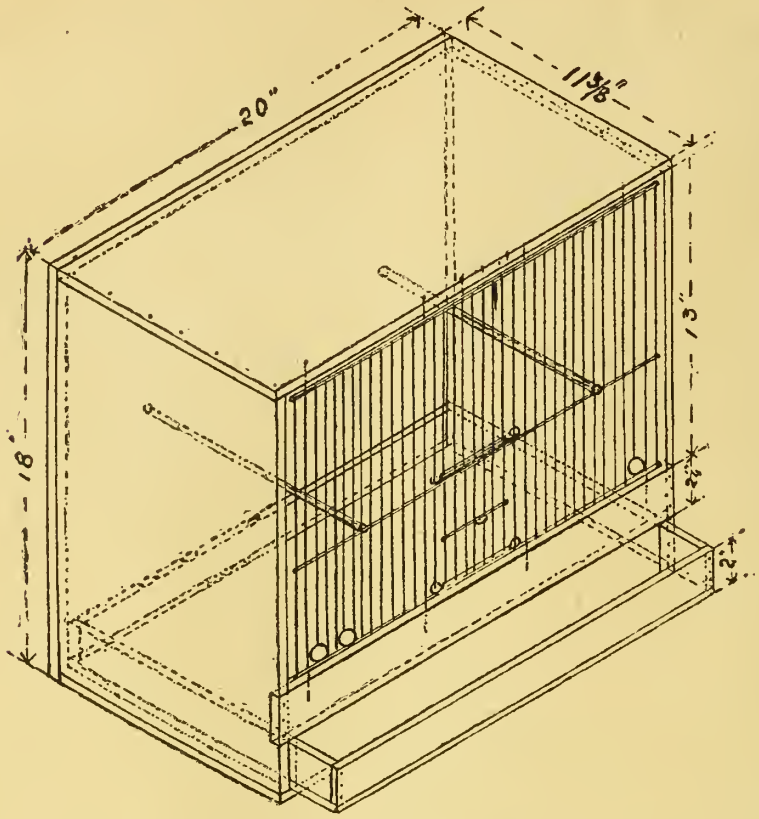

Isometrical View Of Cage

ILLUSTRATED IDEAS

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No. 103.

A GOOD COMPOSITE CAGE.

Sent by George Peacock, 8, Park Road, Gravesend.

The cage above illustrated I have found very good for breeding purposes, and also as a store cage. It is very easily made and looks neat, yet is strong when finished. The sand-tray projecting about 2 in. in front of the cage collects all the husks and seeds thrown out by the birds, so keeping the room always neat and clean, and the seeds can be used again for the same birds, without the risk there is of carrying complaints to other birds when the seeds are allowed to fall on the floor from all the cages. I have shown all the woodwork cut out of boards of one thickness, which saves a lot of waste, as the cuttings off one piece can be used for other parts. The wood is yellow deal, and the thickness is ¼ in., which after being planed and glass-papered, is about 5-16th of an inch, which makes a nice, substantial cage. The loose fronts can be purchased from one of the numerous advertisers in CAGE BIRDS. It will pay you to give a good price for them, as some advertised at cutting prices are not worth the trouble of fixing, as they are not square and the wire is generally bent, so spoiling the appearance of the whole cage. The size required will be 18in. by 12 in. Give the cage, inside and out, two coats of sanitary distemper, first stopping all the nail holes, etc., with the distemper in a stiff paste. Allow the first coat to thoroughly dry before applying the second. If the cages are made all of one size, they can be piled one upon another, and when a dozen or so are stacked together, they look very neat and are always clean, as the seeds do not fall down the fronts. Any further information I will be pleased to give, if requested by any reader.—G. PEACOCK.

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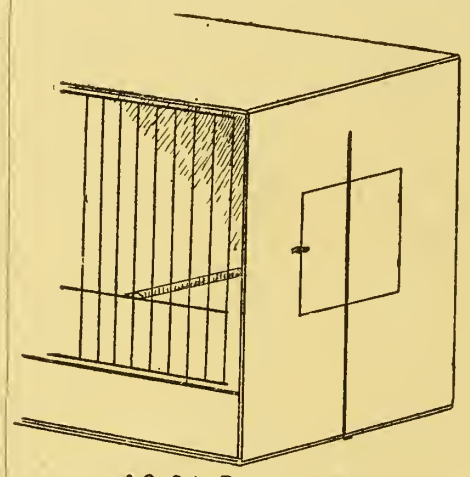
No. 104.

SAFETY DOOR FOR SHOW CAGES.

Sent by W. E. Warrington, 26, Abington Avenue, Northampton.

We have heard one or two complaints of birds being stolen out of their cages when at shows. I have sketched a device for a safety door, which it is impossible to open without the cage being lifted from off the bench. The illustration shows a pin, or short piece of wire, which passes right through the door, and so fastens it securely, the head (at the bottom) falling into a groove cut into the wood.—W. E. WARRINGTON.



A Safety-Door Device.

A Lancashire that could Win Without a Leg!

A well-known authority tells the following story of his experiences whilst officiating as judge at a popular local show in the County Palatine. It happened some twenty years ago, at a time when the classes at these local fixtures were well filled, and the competition was keen. Therefore a judge had to be prepared for a shoal of comment in the real Lancashire style, if his awards were in any way questionable. In judging the Lancashire classes, says he, I came across a bird, a real good one, but he had a claw off. Still, after going through the class, he stood so well in front of the others that I gave him first prize, knowing quite well I should have to "face the music" later in the day. After I had had dinner we adjourned to the room, where a goodly company was assembled. I had not long to wait. A voice chimed out: "Thar's a nice judge thar's put a gradely bird first," pouring forth a volume of choice Lancashire rhetoric, maintaining that a bird with a defect like that should not win, and that I was "no judge to judge birds like that." Knowing the exhibitor well, I said very coolly: "Now look here, you know that bird is a topper. Why, he is that much in front of anything in the class you can go and chop his leg off, and then he can win easily." This reply created loud laughter and proved sufficient to bring the experience to a close.

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The red breast of the Bullfinch, too, will fade in captivity unless he is given the wild fruits and berries which contain the colouring matter he needs to keep him in perfect beauty.

It is the same wth. the Rosy Pastor and the American Flamingo, both of which birds lose their lovely tints of pink and scarlet unless they are given some harmless dye in place of their natural food.

But some birds, and among them those whose hues are more brilliant than any others—namely the Humming Birds—have no bright colouring matter in their feathers. Seen under the microscope they are but black or grey, and their flaming colours of red and green and blue and gold, shown as the tiny birds flash about in the sunshine, are, like the colours of the rainbow itself, due to the splitting up of the rays of light into its component parts by the miniature prisms formed by the very shape and structure of the feather.

* * The Order of the Bath.

Birds are very particular in the matter of toilets. Some use water only, others use dust and water, others dust only. Wild ducks feed by salt water, will only bathe in fresh water, and fly inland twenty or thirty miles in order to get a fresh water bath. Sparrows take two kinds of baths—water and dust. While they are not particular about the former, only the cleanest and dryest dust will serve for the latter. The Partridge takes a loam bath, scratching off the turf he loosens a square foot of rich, chocolate coloured loam, and bathes there in his sleek plumage. All Softbills love a bath of ashes. Any person walking over a piece of land which has been the scene of a prairie fire in miniature will notice every little while a disturbance in the charred ash heaps, and up, shaking off a fine cloud of ash dust, many birds will rise.—TOM HAMPTON (age 12), High-street, Cheslyn Hay, near Walsall.

* Tame Birds and Wild.

My uncle has got a lot of Yorkshires and Goldfinches, and he bred some Mules last year in an outdoor aviary. A cat came and frightened them, and one of the Mules broke its beak, but it has grown again now. I felt so sorry about it. I always feed the wild birds when there is snow on the ground, and it is so pretty to see them, all kinds feeding together, also the Starlings and Thrushes, which are plentiful in the garden. I saw two Tom-tits early in February feeding one another, and carrying stuff to make a nest. Very early to start nesting, is it not? I am very fond of reading CAGE BIRDS every week.—From OWEN GWYNNE (aged 10 years), Eland House, Llanelly.

* The Longtailed Tit.

A family party of Longtailed Tits is a fascinating sight with their soft, fluffy feathers, their little backs shining with a sort of roseate burnishing, greyish white caps and breasts, and long black tails edged with white. When seen methodically hunting along a hedge in a string, following one another in little short flights, they move with the ease and grace of tiny mice. Often they hang head downwards for a moment, managing their long tails with wonderful cleverness. It is the custom of these wee birds to remain together in their families through the winter, and I am told that at night they all cuddle together in one soft mass for warmth. One would like to surprise the family thus, but I greatly enjoy the fortunate sight of the happy little party on their daily excursion after food.—WILLIAM H. WINSTONE (aged 15), 2, Soundwell-rd., Staple Hill, Bristol.

The Linnet.

The Linnet is a very lively little bird, and a good songster. Its plumage is of a brown colour. If caught when young it becomes very tame, and can be taught several tricks. It is now becoming rather rare, on account of so many being caught every year, and it is fast gaining ground as a cage pet.—LLEWELYN ROBERTS (aged 15), Eirianfa, Conway.

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Some Members and Friends at the Dulwich C.B.S. Annual Outing.

DULWICH AND PECKHAM C.B.S.

A Delightful Country Ramble.

It was a very happy inspiration when Mr. E. S. Lugg conceived the idea of a ramble for the members and friends of the Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S., with a view of seeing—

"The feathered throng
Who pay their quitrents with a song."
(Green.)

The proposal was no sooner placed before the Executive than it assumed concrete form, and the excursion was duly carried out on Sunday, May 12th. The party, which numbered 33, chaperoned by Mr. Lugg, left New Cross in a special saloon attached to the 9.25 train, the destination being Dartford. The company included Mr. J. Robson, Mr. George (from India), Mr. Gain ("News of the World"), Mr. W. Goodwin (proprietor Herne Hotel, Peckham Rye), Mr. G. F. Woolhouse, Mr. A. E. Rogers, Mr. J. B. Waterman (Press Association), Mr. F. J. Waterman, junr., Mr. A. Rees, Mr. W. Rees, Mr. C. Venier, Mr. W. R. Wall, Mr. J. R. Wall, Mr. C. Botting, Mr. A. Austers, Mr. Allan Cunningham, Mr. Allan Cunningham, junr. (of the Royal Navy), Mr. G. J. Warley, Mr. Silverthorn, Mr. E. A. Deaxter, Mr. W. Cook, Mr. W. J. Cranfield, Mr. L. J. Richardson, Mr. Doughty, Mr. Bains and Mr. Alderman. The amateur photographic section (all fanciers, of course) was represented by Mr. W. Hodson (hon. sec. of the D. and P. C.B.S), Mr. W. Lovsey, Mr. S. J. Kent, Mr. W. Brooks, Mr. J. Johnson, and Mr. J. Sullivan. Dartford was reached at 10.10. Full advantage was at once taken of the bona-fide clause of the Licensing Act (which many averred was one of the most beneficent pieces of legislation ever carried out) at a neighbouring hostelry, and after a stop of a quarter of an hour a start was made for Stone, a picturesque little Kentish village nestling down by the river Darenth, some seven miles distant. Dartford is a quaint old place, and it was here that the insurrection headed by Wat Tyler, in the reign of Richard II., began. The weather was charmingly fine, the sun shining forth with July-like fervour from a sky of azure blue, while a refreshing westerly breeze, laden with the rich fragrance of flowers, swept across the country. The route lay across strawberry plantations, orchards, hop gardens and cornfields, and, judging by the great wealth of bloom that everywhere met the eye, the forthcoming fruit season bids fair to be an exceedingly good one.

As the party proceeded, Skylarks were seen here and there rising from adjacent fields, and presently the Heavens would be filled with their rapturous song, continued until they became mere specks on the horizon. Then the woods would reverberate with the majestic melody of the Blackbird and Thrush, and later the mournful echo of the Cuckoo's notes would be heard ringing through the stately elms. Then a Bullie, looking gorgeous in all the glory of his spring plumage, would be espied singing his peculiarly buzzing notes to his mate, who was cosily brooding her eggs in a sheltered spot close by, and his song seemed quite funereal when compared with the shrill and cheerful "pink, pink" of the sprightly Chaffinch or the sweet melody of the Linnet.

"Sweet is the breath of morn, her rising sweet
With charms of earliest birds."

So wrote Milton, and only the pen of that sublime poet could do full justice to the enchanting scene now before us. Some of the party would have liked to have seen a few more birds, especially of the Wren, Wryneck, Wagtail, Tits, Meadow Pipit, and the Lapwing species; but, although this pleasure was denied them, ample amends were made by the captivating beauty of the rural scenery. Towards one o'clock the sun had gained great power, and some of the ramblers looked with envious eyes upon our friend from India, who was not in the least perturbed by the glass standing at 100 deg. Fahr., he being used to the high temperature of the land of the Rajahs.

Presently a cheer was raised by the irrepressible Mr. Barnes (who would have it that there were more than 1,760 yards in a Kentish mile—that is, on a hot day!) when our chaperon, pointing to a white cottage in the distance, said, "That's where we bivouac, gentlemen." Our tryst was reached at 2.30, and, after much-needed ablutions had been performed, the party sat down and did full justice to the very excellent cold luncheon provided by our hostess, Mrs. Ruskin, the repast being taken in truly rural simplicity, which was the very spice of its enjoyment. The village of Stone is chiefly agricultural. The church is a very ancient one, and contains effigies of Willshyre, of Stone Castle, bearing date 1526. The Castle is of great antiquity, and belonged to Sir John de Northwood in the reign of Edward III. After the inner man had been refreshed the travellers, headed by Mr. Ruskin, proceeded into Darenth Woods, and many interesting things in bird life were met with, much to the delight of the wielders of the camera. Peeps were had at nests of eggs of the Robin, Blackbird, Thrush, Linnet and Greenfinch; whilst a splendidly-constructed Chaffinch nest in the fork of a tree proved a veritable gold mine to our snap-shotters. Mr. Barnes and Mr. Rogers kept the party in roars of laughter by their quaint mannerisms. One rambler solemnly averred he had been caught in a man-trap, but when it afterwards transpired the instrument in question was not "set" at the time, and that, therefore, he could not for once have "put his foot in it," his breezy stories were for the rest of the day received cum grano salis. Arriving back at the cottage at 5 o'clock, the party were photographed in various groups, after which full justice was done to the "cup that cheers, but does not inebriate," and the other good things provided by Mrs. Ruskin. A move was then made to the lawn at the back of the cottage, where Mr. Goodwin, the treasurer, in a few appropriate remarks, formally presented Mr. A. Cunningham with his badge of office on his election on the committee, and after the recipient had suitably replied the ramblers, at 6.15, made a start for home. Some insisted upon bringing away with them in small boxes braces of young ducks, of which our worthy host had quite a colony, and the rollicking fun caused by the persistent plaintive "quack, quacks" of these little birds en route can be more easily imagined than described. Dartford was reached at 8 o'clock, and the party at once entrained in the special saloon. The home-coming was devoted entirely to speech-making. Mr. Hodson moved, and Mr. Woolhouse (the chairman) seconded, a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Lugg for the very able manner in which he had conducted the outing; and Mr. Lugg having replied in a neat speech, Mr. Goodwin expressed the hope that another ramble would be organised, even on more ambitious lines than the present one, and suggested as the rendezvous one of the South-western shires. His idea appeared to meet with general approval. Mr. Gain proposed "The Press," and in the course of an eloquent speech Mr. J. Robson expatiated on the great good these outings wrought from the health point of view. He paid a high compliment to the management upon the successful manner in which the excursion had been engineered, and expressed the hope he would have the pleasure of accompanying the party upon many another occasion.

At 8.35 the train steamed into New Cross, to the sounds of "For he's a jolly good fellow," sung in honour of Mr. Lugg, who had been most indefatigable in his endeavours to secure the comfort of everybody, and he greatly appreciated the musical tribute paid him. The party separated, each expressing the earnest hope he would live to participate in many similar gatherings; and thus Dulwich's first country ramble proved an unqualified success from every point of view.

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GUARANTEED CLASSES AT THE CRYSTAL PALACE SHOW.

Sir,—Regarding the prize money in the open Crested classes, while I must appreciate the kind sentiments in your letter, I would much rather not have received any more prizé money, as I had already received all I was justly entitled to, viz., full prizo money in the Crestbred cocks which was a full class, and half prize money in two Crest classes that did not fill.

H. Horton.

Blackheath.

Sir,—Although an exhibitor of no repute in Cage Bird circles, but as one who has suffered in an instance almost identical to that affecting Mr. Wright, I heartily endorse his action in the stand he is now making for the cause of exhibitors. In view of your editorial footnote re special prize at Cheltenham Show, February 2nd issue, you say that "the Courts have ruled that committees are responsible for all special prizes offered in their schedules, whether purporting to come from donors or not." Is it to be understood that the executive of the L. and P.O.S. are to put whatever interpretation they like on a special prize they may receive? In your report of the preparations for the Palace Show you guarantee the entire Scotch Fancy section, as also the Champion Crests, which I am sure is plain enough for any show secretary to understand, and the generous spirit which prompted you to stand for these sections cannot be flattered by the returning of the extra prize by some, apparently as an act of charity. Is our premier society going to make a precedent for smaller bodies to follow? Are they going to regard the exhibitor merely as the tool whereby they can get a large entry and secure a successful gate? Too long this has been the rule in some of the less responsible societies, and it will be a bad day for exhibitors when they can point to the L. and P.O.S. as the example they have followed. I am quite a stranger to Mr. Wright, but am sure that in saying his friend's remarks as to his calling are both impolitic and impolite I am only voicing what is the opinion of all honest-minded fanciers. Whether Mr. Wright earns his living as an insurance agent or as a seavenger is nothing to do with the case in point, but I think an income thus derived, no matter how precarious, stands out in bright relief as compared with an income of £15,000 per week derived from the work of others.

G. S. McCreath.

[The sentiments expressed by the foregoing correspondent do him credit, but, unfortunately for his arguments, they are based on an entire misconception of the facts. Our prize money was not offered in any schedule, consequently no exhibitor made any entries upon the strength of it—it was only when the classes were going to have the pen put through them that our offer was made. In fact our offer to guarantee the prize money in the first instance was an "act of grace," and Mr. Wright accepted the half of the prize money so offered. When tendered the other half of the prize money by us in exactly the same way he magniloquently declines it (using bad Latin to do so) as "an act of grace," demanding it as his "legal right." What logic or common sense is there in that? No, no Mr. McCreath, Mr. E. G. Wright does not want fair play from us and without abusing him or having any animosity towards him, we can still express surprise that he should be content to play the jackal to somebody else's lion. —Editor C.B.]

Sir,—I commenced a letter to you ten days ago re prize money at the late Palace Show, but was called away on a very important case, hence the delay which I hope you will please excuse. I can assure you that I never for one moment expected full prize money, and I consider you have acted more than generously in paying same. I wish there were more like you, then we should not have had all Lancashire and Lizard classes cancelled at the Palace Show, 1906, and it's a pity, in my opinion, that when anyone comes forward to do a good turn someone should push themselves forward and try to bite the hand that feeds them.

F. J. Green.

Redhill.

Sir,—Will you kindly let me have a small space in your next issue to contradict statements made by one of your correspondents in last Friday's Cage Birds? He says that Mr. Wright tried to convert me to his way of thinking, and that I was recommended to return cheque. Both statements are quite wrong and without the slightest foundation. I really cannot understand how anyone could say such a thing about me. Fancy having to be recommended to do what was only right! Thanking you in anticipation and with best wishes for a continuation of your merited success,

Wm. Cairns.

Sir,—With reference to my personal letter to you from which you have taken an extract referring to Mr. E. G. Wright will you kindly put in a few lines to say that Mr. Cairns did not require anyone to recommend him to do what he felt was his duty as soon as he received, viz., to return cheque, as he did not consider he was in any way entitled to it?

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SHOW ADVERTISEMENTS
(TARIFF ON APPLICATION).

GT. HORTON **O.S. Annual Show of Canaries** in their First Feather and British Birds will be held on **Saturday, June 8th,** in the Congregational Hall, Gt. Horton. —Schedules from Samuel Dean, sec., 24, Crossley Street, Gt. Horton.

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Your Breeding Register is splendidly got up, and, in my opinion, indispensable in every bird room. No one who keeps a record of his birds' doings can afford to be without it. I am sorry to say that so far the breeding season has been extremely poor in this district.—Geo. W. Read, Hon. Sec. Weston-super-Mare P.P.C.B.A.

The last issue of the "Bird World Magazine" is A1.—Miss R. Steel (Liverpool.)

Mr. J. Perry has removed to the Aviaries and Seed Stores, 98, Attercliffe-common, Sheffield.

The judges at Dysart on October 26th will be Messrs. J. Hogg, J. Maclay and J. Goodfellow.

I had so many applications from my advertisement in Cage Birds that I could not reply to all individually.—Wm. Raper (York).

Please thank all applicants for birds advertised in Cage Birds. They are far too numerous for me to do so.—N. Johnson, Bolton, Wigton.

A meeting of cage bird fanciers will take place at the Odd Fellows' Hotel, Maesteg, on Wednesday, May 29th, at 8 p.m., when all interested in cage birds are invited to attend.—Thomas Miles.

We have decided to remove our headquarters from the Plough and Arrow to the Coffee Tavern, and shall be pleased to see all those wishing to become members at our next meeting on June 1st.—A. A. Astbury, Sec. Hucknall Torkard C.B.S.

I should like to see aviaries in our London Parks, writes Mr. J. Kay (Charlton). Greenwich being the Royal Park ought certainly to have one. The Park at Warringon has a large one, besides a fine apiary for fish; and Darwen Park has an aviary.

Fanciers should not overlook the annual "ramble" of the National British Bird and Mule Club, which takes place to-day (Saturday, May 25th), the venue being Epping Forest, and the trains leaving Liverpool-st. Station at 9.33 a.m. and 1.3 p.m. for Loughton.

J. T. Blatch (Leyton) writes:—I received your book, "Canary Breeding for Beginners," yesterday, 30th inst., and have the pleasure of saying it contains all I wanted to know about breeding and rearing young Canaries. It is a very useful book, and I can strongly recommend it to all those who go in for Canary breeding, etc.

The Ashington and Hurst C.B.S. wish to express their regret in losing an active member in the person of Mr. John Smith, who is emigrating to New South Wales. He took a keen interest in Norwich, and was a fairly successful breeder and exhibitor. We all wish him God-speed and success in the new country.—J. Miles, Hon. Sec.

Our First Feather Show on July 13th will be judged by Mr. A. Wake. Mr. W. Mundell will judge Canaries and Mr. F. Marwood British Birds at our open show on October 26th. Mr. G. Harker has given the Society a splendid silver rose bowl, value £6 6s., to be competed for at this show.—Arthur Wake, Sec. Middlesbro' C.B.S.

The patronage of the C.M.Y.C. has been granted to the Gt. Horton and Bfd. West First Feather Show. The specials are for novices, best fourth and best vhc in Cin. marked classes. Subscriptions for this year now due. None but paid-up members can compete for club's specials.—R. Garnett, Hon. Sec., 17, Woodville Terrace, Windhill, Shipley.

From the report and balance-sheet of the Macclesfield C.B.S. we gather that the past year was most successful, there being a record entry at the annual show and a great improvement in the quality of the birds. After all liabilities have been defrayed there is a balance in hand of £10 11s. 6d. The secretary is Mr. F. Broadhurst, 36, Burton Street, Macclesfield.

Lovers of Yorkshire Canaries will hear with regret of the serious illness of Mr. D. Mallinson, who is suffering from heart disease and dropsy, and for the last three weeks has been unable to lie down or take any rest. We are sure all who have the pleasure of Mr. Mallinson's acquaintance will join with us in wishing him alleviation of his suffering, and restoration to health.

Those who lose young Canaries just as they commence picking alone should try Mr. Palmer's Tussiline. A few drops in the drinking water, and fed according to his instructions, will save them. Having had 20 years' experience in Canary breeding, he should know something about them. Tussiline is sold in bottles, 7d., 1s. and 2s., by Mr. Palmer, chemist, Gamlingay. —Advt.

Valuable prizes have been accepted by the Yorkshire Canary Club for competition by members feeding their birds on Ramsden's Pure Peppers. Prizes have also been offered to the Norwich Plainhead Club, Southern Norwich Club, and Southern Yorkshire Club. Ramsden's Peppers are undoubtedly the finest on the market, and are guaranteed absolutely pure.—Advt.

Lancashire fanciers should not miss the lecture on the Lancashire Canary, which is to be given by Councillor S. R. Compston, Cage Birds' expert on the Lancashire Canary, at the L. and L.F.A. meeting at Glossop on June 2nd; time, 2.45 p.m. Don't forget excursions from Manchester and Oldham on that date, 6d. return. Other very important business to be dealt with. Fanciers and friends cordially invited.—H. Oliver, Sec.

Mr. Simpson Bingham has removed to 3, Meadow Bank-crescent, Edinburgh.

Wigan Show is to be held on December 6th and 7th. Mr. J. Trengove will judge.

Breeding Register is a useful and well-contrived work.—H. Oliver, Sec. L. and L.F.A.

Mr. J. E. Hudson, 75, New Hey-road, Bowling, Bradford, has been elected secretary of the East Bowling B.F.A.

Am delighted with "C.B." Other such papers I compare as very weakly chickens in comparison with "C.B."—Walter Lycett, Apedale-view, Chesterton, Staffs.

Accept my very best thanks for doing me the honour of putting my Lancashire Coppy in Cage Birds, also the kindly notes on the same. —F. J. Green, Redhill.

I am pleased to say that our society is going ahead, and we have made thirteen new members during the last three months.—F. Broadhurst, Hon. Sec. Macclesfield C.B.S.

The Greenwich and Deptford C.B.S. have decided to meet on the second Thursday in each month instead of the first, as we feel it detrimental to the interest of both Greenwich and Deptford and the Dulwich and Peckham to allow the meeting nights to clash. From reports to hand, I believe your Novice Breeding Competition is being taken up by a large number in this neighbourhood.—Geo. Hill, Hon. Sec.

OBITUARY.

C. BAKER, Junr.

It is with feelings of greatest sympathy and regret that we chronicle the sad death of the son of Mr. C. Baker, the well-known bird dealer of Bedminster. Whilst engaged on Sunday morning, April 28th, in preparing a cup of tea for his parents, his clothes caught fire. He was severely burned, and lingered in great pain until May 12th. The lad was a particularly bright and intelligent little fellow, and was quite the apple of his father's eye. He was a keen fancier, and for the last three years has managed a loft of racing Pigeons himself, and has bred and reared many winners. He also took a wonderful interest in wild bird life, and was especially fond of studying the habits and doings of the migrants. His death is a sad blow to his parents, and to them we tender our deepest sympathy in their severe bereavement.

The London and Provincial O.S. mustered in very fair numbers last week to hear Mr. Allen Silver, of British bird celebrity, read a paper on his pet hobby. Some most instructive and interesting observations were made by Mr. Silver, and a lively debate ensued with profit to all present. The discussion touched on the vexed question of colour feeding British birds—British Bird Club standards—feather production, etc., and Mr. Silver handled his subject in a masterly manner.

Judging from the annual report and balance sheet for 1906-7 just to hand the National British Bird and Mule Club would seem to be in a very satisfactory position, and progressing strongly. Much of the credit of this has to be laid at the door of the painstaking and enthusiastic Hon. Secretaries, Messrs. Plumbridge and Carr, of 2, Broad-st. Station, London, E.C., who will be pleased to hear from any lovers of our native birds who would like to join the Club, and so further the objects for which it was instituted.

Green Canary Association Cups.

A meeting in connection with the G.C.A. subscription cups will be held at the Oldham Hall, Oldham Street, Liverpool, on Thursday, May 30th. at 8 p.m., when G. R. Johnson, Esq. (President) will take the chair. Will all who have promised subscriptions kindly attend, as there will be designs of cups, etc., on view? Can we also appeal to anyone interested in the Green Canary for a small subscription towards the above? It is our intention to provide four cups—viz., Champion Yorkshire cup, Champion Norwich cup, Novice Yorkshire cup, Novice Norwich cup.—T. Wilson and J. W. Metcalfe, Secs. pro tem., 12, Brythen Street, Liverpool.

Birds and Maids.

The annual ramble and nesting expedition of the Great Harwood and District C.B.S. took place on May 12th. About 20 members and friends started from headquarters at eight in the morning, and proceeded by way of Stonyhouse Nook, Bonney Inn, Ribchester Bridge, to Hirst Green, where an excellent dinner was partaken of. Afterwards the ramblers struck off by Hacking Boat, Chew Mill, and Billington, and home was reached about 6.30 p.m. Numerous nests with young and eggs were found, including Thrush, Blackbird, Peewit, Pheasant, Lesser Whitethroat, Robin, etc. A few of the younger ramblers were interested part of the route in another way, having found a few pretty maids to ramble with. Another ramble will take place in June, and any fancier or friend wishing to join us will be made welcome.—F. Sharples, Sec.

JUDGES OF CAGE BIRDS.

The attention of Show Secretaries is directed to the following list of gentlemen willing to act as Judges. Terms for insertion on application.

H. W. AXE, 55, Market Place, Doncaster. Judge of Canaries and other Cage Birds. Practical experience (Norwich and ritish speciality).
W. O BARLOW, The Aviaries, Malpas, Cheshire. Judge of Canaries, British Birds and Mules. Terms moderate
J. C. BARNES, 149, Duncombe Street, Walkley, Sheffield. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Long practical experience. Terms moderate.
W. P. BARNES, Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Life practical experience. Breeder and exhibitor. Reporter for Fancy Press. Commercial Road, Grantham.
GEO. BENNETT, 46, Wenlock Street, Luton, Beds. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Thirty years' experience. Terms moderate.
J. BERTIE, 7, Mitchell-st., Nottingham, Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds; all classes; 30 years' practical experience.
W. A. COWGILL, 115, Washington Street, Girlington, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Over twenty years' experience. Terms moderate.
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E. A. LOVELL, 19, Islington Road, Southville, Bristol. Judge of Cage Birds (all varieties). Life experience.
F. MARWOOD, 1, Barnard Street, Thornaby-on-Tees, Mules, British and Foreign, a Speciality. 17 years exhibitor. Terms moderate.
W. R. MILES, The Aviaries, Chichester, Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Life experience.
W. MUNDELL, 6, Carlisle Place, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds.
J. NORTH, 435, Oxford Road, Reading. Canaries, British and Foreign Birds. Author of "The Common Sense of Canary Rearing."
J. PATTERSON, Chirnside. Judge of Cage Birds All varieties. Wide practical experience. Specialist Border Fancy Judge.
J. H. PAYNE, 17, Northgate Street, Gloucester. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Cage Birds.
PARKER ROBINSON, N.B.B. & M. Club, 1, Back Hartington Street South, Barrow-in-Furness. Cage Birds, all Varieties.
J. H. ROE, 167, Clarence Rd., Derby. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Twenty years' practical experience.
WILLIAM J. ROSS, 19, Haulgh Road, Inverness, N.B. Judge of Pigeons, Canaries and Cage Birds. All varieties. Life experience.
C. E. SILK, The Aviaries, Emsworth, Hants. Judge of Canaries and all Cage Birds. Life experience.
HENRY TAMS, Orchard Place, Longton, Staffs. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Birds. Twenty-five years Breeder and Exhibitor.
R. B. TOPE, Hoe Street, Plymouth. Judge of Cage Birds, Rabbits, Cats, and Cavies. Twenty-five years' experience.
J. WILCOCK, 14, Chapel Street, Eccleshill, near Bradford, Yorkshire. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. 25 years Breeder and Exhibitor leading shows.
J. C. WILMOT, 17, Sandhurst Road, Bedford. Judge of Canaries & British Birds. Thirty years' experience.

OUR CANARY BREEDING COMPETITION.

Great Inrush of Novices.

T. Bishop (Sheffield Cage Bird Society) writes:—I have had several enquiries re competition already, and think good will result from it.

Sir,—I have found that the Breeding Competition is a great benefit to our society, we have four or five new members to join at next meeting. Your Breeding Register is a splendid book, and the information it contains is extra good.—J. T. Carrick, Hon. Sec. Jarrow C.B.S.

H. Foden, Secretary Ashton-under-Lyne O.S., writes:—I am glad to say that we enrolled four new novice members at our meeting held May 18th. This speaks well for Cage Birds Breeding Competition, as the above members came for particulars and forms for the Competition.

What shall I do as to time for getting the form filled up? I have been told it was not until August the 21st, when the birds had to be on the perches. It says in Cage Birds entry forms to be sent in May 27th. One of the Cage Bird Club members told me that I could not enter the competition because I was not also a member. Can I or can I not?—W. H. Baker.

Our correspondent is confusing the two schemes—the Breeding Competition and the "Tell Six" plan. The nomination (not "entry") forms in the latter have to be sent in by May 27th. The breeding competition (in which alone, presumably, our correspondent is interested) does not close until August 17th, vide rules. Anyone is eligible to enter this competition, whether members of a cage bird club or not.—Editor.

I never had a fancy for bird keeping until I had a present made of a cock Canary bird, and thinking he would be lonely with himself I bought a mate for him, not caring whether they bred or not. I have always had a feeling against birds in cages, and thought it a shame to keep them in prison, so I have taken a great interest in them. I have three young birds, seven weeks old. Hen only laid three eggs. Hen now sitting on four eggs. Have made my own cages, and got all information from Cage Birds, which I have taken since last February. I think it a very valuable paper for novices. Will you advise me about some person to see my birds right?—A. Hodgson, 11, Waerth-street, Leeds.

[Will the secretary of Leeds C.B.S. kindly communicate with Mr. Hodgson?]

THE CAGE BIRD UNION.

The Question of the Hour.

SIR,—At our last meeting held May 8th a letter was read from Mr. Lythgoe, Secretary of the Cage Bird Union, the first part of which deals with a resolution carried at the delegates' meeting held at the Crystal Palace, February 16th, 1907, re Rule 17. From your report (CAGE BIRDS, February 23rd) I learn that "On the vote being taken Mr. Bradshaw's motion was carried, and it was further agreed to submit the altered Rule 17 to the various affiliated clubs for their opinion upon it." Mr. Lythgoe in his letter says: "I also enclose you a voting paper for your Society's vote as to whether the latter part of Rule 17 shall be deleted." I should be glad if you will say whether your report is correct. If so I think Mr. Lythgoe is overstepping the line, in fact, if your readers will refer to the letter, I think the majority of them will agree that he is. Of course I can quite understand why Mr. Lythgoe and his Council are doing their best to keep Rule 17 alive, seeing they were present when this famous Rule was hatched. In his letter Mr. Lythgoe also gives his Council's opinion regarding this Rule—which I am sure is very much out of place. All the affiliated societies are getting tired; they have had enough discussion of Rule 17 without having the old arguments brought up again. What are our delegates fit for if this Council is to be allowed to thwart their purposes by appealing to all members of the Union through Mr. Lythgoe. I should like to know what the duties of our delegates are? Has the Council power to veto the decisions arrived at by our representatives? The whole of the letter indicates that the only brains connected with the Canary World lie in or near Manchester. I should like to advise Mr. Lythgoe and his Council to take the reins over altogether, stop this farce, govern all the affiliated societies with firm hands, force Rule 17 whether it is wanted or not, or be satisfied with the decisions arrived at by the delegates, who attend the meetings on behalf of their societies. I believe the Union from its birth is a farce. As far as I know the Council is self-appointed, the rules were made before any society was asked to send a delegate, everything was cut and dried, and this Council expects that all societies are prepared to accept their ruling without objecting to them.

J. W. VERNON.

Inveravon, Altrincham.

SIR,—Mr. Tyson writes on the injustice of voting on this question being by the elected delegates only. The injustice is quite imaginary on Mr. Tyson's part. The delegates are not asked to vote, the circulars being addressed to the secretaries of societies, not to the delegates, and distinctly ask for the society's vote, with a request to call a meeting to discuss the matter. Your correspondents, Messrs. Ogilvie Stevenson and Taylor, are in some doubt as to the payment of delegates' expenses. It was announced after the Council meeting held at Nottingham that the railways fares of delegates attending meetings or shows on Union business would be paid if applied for if the distance was over five miles.

GEO. W. F. LYTHGOE.

P.S.—To meet the wishes of a few societies who hold monthly meetings only the date for sending in voting papers on Rule 17 is extended to June 8th. Will other societies kindly send their papers in at once?—G.W.L.

A special general meeting of the City of Birmingham C.B.S. was held at the club room on the 15th inst. to consider proposed alteration of rule 17 of the C.B.U. I regret to say that out of 56 members warned, only 10, including myself, turned up. A letter was received from the President expressing his regret at being unable to attend, and stating that, in his opinion, it was desirable in the best interests of the Union that rule 17 should stand as at present. The rule in question was fully discussed by the members present. When the vote was taken, four voted for the rule to stand as now and four for the latter portion to be deleted, the chairman giving his vote in favour of the rule standing as at present. The society has, therefore, recorded its vote against the proposed alteration.

H. C. WILKINS, Hon. Sec.

SIR,—Mr. Tyson wishes to point out the injustice of voting by elected delegates only. There seems to me to be something misleading in this. I am under the impression that all members are asked, through their respective societies, to vote, at any rate it was laid before our last meeting and a vote taken on it. Mr. Tyson is calling a meeting of the L.C.B.A. to discuss Rule 17, also definition of a novice. I presume they intend coming to some decision on the matter, and voting on it. I don't think the delegates have the power of voting on any matter of importance, and certainly not on the making or altering of rules without first obtaining the opinion of their particular society, and I should think all delegates drop their private opinions and vote on instructions received from societies. I mean only important business. I quite understand matters will crop up on which they will have to use their own judgment. The question of a delegate having one or more votes was thoroughly thrashed out at the first meeting called to discuss the formation of the Union, and I should say it is open to any society to forward, at the proper time, through their own delegate any resolution they care to pass that they think will be of benefit to the Union in regard to altering or adding new rules. Mr. Tyson feels insulted that the Executive Council should issue instructions on Rule 17. Surely it is not unreasonable for any society or union who have been attacked for doing a certain thing to give their reasons, and, if possible, justify themselves for so doing? Let me take Mr. Tyson back to the meeting at Manchester. He attended full of enthusiasm, and had thought of nothing else all the way from London, and arrived at Manchester with his pockets bulging with notes about the good things the Union, if formed, was going to accomplish. How we were going to make the railway companies give us a little more respect, how we were to get cheaper tickets, cheaper carriage and better attention to our birds; how, in fact, everything in the garden was to be lovely. He had so many notes he could not give them all to the meeting in the time at his disposal, and left part of them with a Press representative. Are all these things more difficult to obtain now than they were twelve months ago? It is certain if fanciers keep on picking little bits out with which they don't agree, and like school children say "I shan't play," the Union won't do much good. No matter how perfect we get the rules there will be something someone will not agree with, but if they are fanciers they will work and try to get it altered, not by showing their superior intelligence in the Fancy Press, but by getting their society to adopt their views, and their delegate to push them, and getting sufficient power behind to have a general vote. Mr. Tyson seems to have cooled down in Union matters considerably during the last few months. Have we to think him one of the disappointed place seekers?

C. R. STEPHENSON.

SIR,—Fanciers! you can surely see through all this writing against the Union. Who is it that is so opposed to the Union but one who sought an official position on it, and because you would not have him as secretary is now tooth and nail against it? Are we to be led by one who is so ambitious, yet when his ambitions are checked rises against that which he wished to control? If London were to rule the Union it would be extinct within twelve months. Why all this opposition? The chief reason is that the Londoners are not at the forefront. They have tried in years gone by to rule the Fancy, but fanciers would not have them. Now that we have a true Union, acceptable to the great majority, they try to thwart it. And why should such a majority work to attain desirable objects and allow the minority to stand comfortably by and reap the results of their work which they will do if you drop Rule 17. I say retain the rule as it has stood this last year. It has been a power for good, and a terror to the evil doers. It may entail a slight hardship on the members for a year or two, but, brother fanciers, what of that if by a little sacrifice we can benefit the whole body of Cage Bird fanciers. Never before has such a measure of success attended the efforts to form a Union. We have now to keep it alive that the good work begun may flourish. Your votes will do it. See the examples of Blaydon and Hartlepool. Plump then for Rule 17.

T. C. CRAWHALL.

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Blackburn and Dis. C.B.S.—May 30th, at Meliona Restaurant, 8 p.m. Rule 17 C.B.U.; Members' Show business.—J. W. Marsden, sec.

Blaydon-on-Tyne and Dis. C.B.S.—June 1st, at Co-op. Hall, Blaydon, 7.30 p.m. Consideration of schedule.—D. A. Ogilvie, sec.

Bradford (East) O.S.—June 1st, at Park Chapel Schools. First Feather Show; judge, Mr. W. A. Cowgill (Girlington); all birds to be staged by 2.30. —H. Hill, sec.

Bramley O.S. (Leeds).—May 25th, at Headquarters, 7.30. Classification for First Feather Show; voting on the novice question for C.B.U.—J. Metcalfe, sec.

Chester and Dis. C.B.S.—May 28th, at Nag's Head Cocoa House, 8 o'clock. Special general meeting.—A. J. Red, sec.

Cinnamon-Marked Y.C.C.—Committee meeting, May 25th, at Market Tavern, Bradford, 5.30 p.m.—R. Garnett, sec.

City of Bradford O.S.—Arrangements for ramble. Meet June 2nd, at Midland Station, 10 o'clock, to proceed by 10.15 train for Menston, en route for Otley, Denton Park, Askwith, etc. Fanciers or friends are assured of a cordial welcome.—P. Stansfield, sec.

Coventry O.S.—May 29th, at Sydenham Palace, Ford Street, 8.30 p.m. Mr. F. W. Harris will lecture on "Colouring Agents"; faneiers invited.—G. Turrell, see.

Crook Original C.B.P. and R.S.—Special meeting, June 1st. Members kindly attend, business important.—A. Bowes, sec.

Darlington C.B.S.—May 29th, at Half Moon, 7.30 p.m. Leeture, at 8 p.m., by A. Brown, Esq. (Gateshead), on "Colour Feeding and Moulting"; open to all interested.—E. Brunskill, sec.

Gateshead and Dis. C.B.S.—May 29th, at Lockhart's Cafe, High Street, 7.30 p.m. Rule 17 of the C.B.U. and what constitutes a novice; also correspondence.—T. Taylor, sec.

Glasgow and Western Counties N.M.B. and F.B.C.—May 25th, at 122, Ingram Street, Glasgow, 6 p.m. Monthly Show; classes—Yellowhammer, A.O.V. Bunting, Lesser Redpoll, A.O.V. Small British; classification, etc.—Adam and Jack, secs.

Great Horton Good Intent O.S.—May 25th, at the Church Schools, 8 p.m. The Yorkshire Union of Cage Bird Societies, etc.—A. Holden, sec.

Hucknall Torkard C.B.S.—Next First Feather Show, June 8th.—A. A. Astbury, sec.

Jarrow C.B.F.S.—June 5th, at Lockhart's Cafe, 7.30 p.m. Drawing up of schedule; also contribution cards.—T. Carrick, sec.

Keighley and Dis C.B.S.—Committee meeting, May 28th, at King's Head Hotel, 7.30 p.m. Members' Show and new members.—Wm. Wright, see.

Larkhall C.B.C.—June 1st, at Miners' Hall, 6 p.m. Election of office bearers for ensuing year.—G. Kirk, sec.

Leigh and Dis. C.B.S.—May 28th, at Railway Hotel, 7.30. Debate on birdy matters.—A. Parks, sec.

L.C.B.A.—Special meeting, May 24th, at Napier Tavern, 8 p.m.—T. A. Wade, hon. see.

Manchester and N.C.O.S.—May 27th, at Deansgate Hotel, 7.45 sharp. C.B.U. rule 17 and definition of novice; also First Feather Show business.—E. Jones, asst. see.

Middlesbrough Teeside C.B.S.—June 1st, at Crown Hotel, 7.30 p.m. Schedule for Open Show.—A. Wake, sec.

N.B.B. and M.C.—May 30th, at 25, High Holborn, 8 p.m. To consider the Sub-committee's revised British bird list.—Plumbridge and Carr, secs.

Northampton Hand-in-Hand.—May 28th, at Foresters' Arms, 8.15 p.m. Schedule and judge for December show; to pay entries for Nest Feather Show; to discuss rule 17 C.B.U., and if the Society should continue to belong to it.—J. Nason, sec.

North Manchester C.B.S.—May 28th, at Christ Church Schools, 8 p.m. Schedules for First Feather Show.—J. Davey, see.

Oldham and Dis.—May 28th, at Textile Dining Rooms, 8. Final preparations for show; meet weekly until First Feather Show.—A. Aekroyd, sec.

Potteries C.B.A.—June 1st, at Red Lion, Stoke, 8 p.m. Important business.—J. Simcock, see.

Queen's Park and Dis. C.B.A.—June 6th, at Windsor Castle Hotel, 8 p.m. Arrangements for First Feather Show.—J. C. Birch, sec.

Rotherham C.B.S.—May 25th, at College Inn, 8 p.m. Classes for Nest Feather Show and eleet judges for Annual Show.—J. C. Hayes, sec.

Stratford and East London F.S.—June 13th, at Workmen's Hall, 8 o'clock. Note change of secretary from Mr. Blakebrough to S. L. Sheldrick, 86, Grove Road, Bow.

Walthamstow F.A.—May 30th, at Headquarters, 8 p.m.—C. W. Mead, see.

Wandsworth and Dis. F.S.—May 30th, at 8 p.m.—W. Summers, sec.

Warrington and Dis. C.B.S.—May 30th, at Blue Bell, 7.45. Young Bird Show.—J. Emmett, see.

Western Counties O.S.—May 27th, at Boro' Restaurant, Plymouth, 7.30 p.m. Nest Feather Show; rule 17 C.B.U.—Thos. Pope, sec.

Weston-super-Mare and Dis. F.S.—June 4th, at Star Coffee House, 8 p.m. Annual Show business.—G. W. Read, sec.

Wibsey C.B.S.—Ramble on May 26th. Members meet in Foster Square at 2 p.m., for Greengates' car, to walk, via Apperley Bridge, to Baildon. Fanciers and friends cordially invited.—E. W. Johnson, see.

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CANARIES.

NORWICH PLAINHEADS.

Answered by J. H. PAYNE.

Eggs Cold.

K.D.F.—(1) By all means let the hen sit her time out, notwithstanding the fact that she remained off the eggs long enough for them to get cold, especially as you say she is not sitting well. You will probably have youngsters hateh out if the eggs were fertilised. (2) If your cock bird feeds the hen and the young birds do not think of taking him away. Let well alone.

Young Birds and Green Food.

T.E.R.—The probability is that the hen would have fed the three young ones that died had you put green food to her at the commeneement. The fact of her feeding the remaining one as soon as you gave her some dandelion leaves, points unmistakably to such a conelusion. If the young one is going on well you might let it remain. Let the hen have plenty of green food the next nest, chickweed if you can procure it, also plenty of hemp seed. Give the green food fresh two or three times a day. As you say the cock bird has the reputation of being a good feeder, by all means let him stop with the hen, as a good reliable feeding cock is a valuable asset to a breeder.

YORKSHIRES.

Answered by H. W. BATTYE.

Matrimonial Infelicity.

Ellis Dean.—The bird that is always fighting with the cock I am inclined to think is a cock, though some hens are very pugnacious, and require a partner who is determined to be master. Have you examined her? If you are not able to distinguish the sexes, get some practical local fancier to examine her, and he will probably be able to tell you whether it is a hen or a cock. You might try it a few days in a cage by itself, putting the cage where it can see the other birds, and where you can see it, but where it cannot see you, when very likely it will sing if it is, as I suspect, a cock bird. In any case, it will be the best thing to do, as if really a hen it will perhaps be the means of causing it to go to nest straight off. When you pair it up again, say in about a week's time, give egg food daily, sprinkling a little maw seed over it, and for green food give two or three leaves of young, tender dandelion.

Is She a Suffragette?

Not Downhearted.—Some hens are past understanding. I had a young hen myself this time that laid her first clutch of eggs on the cage bottom, and I tried all I knew to drive her to lay in the nest. She also laid the three first eggs of her second clutch the same, then on the fourth morning I was agreeably surprised on going into my bird room to see her on the nest, and she had laid her fourth egg in the nest. I gave her the other three eggs, she laid a fifth, and then went on with her sitting as well as could be wished. I may say until she had laid her fourth egg of her second clutch I had never seen her in the nest, so you need not be surprised at what a Canary hen will or will not do. As to your hen not building, I never give my hens enough material to build a nest, but just a little to play with, as I always line my nests to begin with, any kind of soft thick cloth or felt will do for the purpose. I use a soft felt-like material that tailors use for padding the shoulders in making coats, and this answers better than I have previously tried. Cut it round about the size of your nests, and then clip four V shaped bits out of all four sides, so that it will fit nicely in the nest pan, then give the nests a thin coat of starch or paste, fit in the lining; press it well to the sides, and put in a warm place. When dry they will be ready for use; do this with as many spare nests as you have, so that you will only have the trouble once now and again. If you have been leaving the cock with the hen whilst sitting, try taking him away on the evening of the day the hen lays her third egg, and if you have been doing this, try leaving the cock with her. Some will not sit without the cock, and others will not sit when the cock is with them. A Canary breeder needs to act up to your nom de plume, and not be downhearted; he also should have the patience Job was credited with, for he needs it sometimes.

CRESTS AND CRESTBREDS.

Answered by W. E. GREEVES.

Crested Hen Drowsy.

Constant Reader.—To advise you as to treatment of your hen, I must first know the age of your bird. If you bred it, has it always been in this condition, or has this drowsiness recently developed? I have occasionally had birds of this class, and generally they have been bred from my best; I have one, in fact, at the present time. They have been put under every kind of treatment, but without success, and the conclusion that I have come to is that they are no use, but a nuisance even to see about. If the trouble has been recently developed, I should advise you to keep it on a seed diet: Canary seed daily, German rape every other day, and millet seed in between, with no egg food, and neither hemp nor maw seed. Give a small dandelion leaf every other day, and put a few drops of Parrish's Chemical Food in the drinking water daily for a week. On bright sunny days dip the bird in a bucket of water, which must be the same temperature as the room in which the bird is; do this in the morning between 10 and 1 o'clock.

Blister under Wing.

A. Brawn.—Take a clean needle and just prick the blister, which you say has just formed under the wing; there will be no need to do anything further. These blisters more often than not come on the neck, and if so I have generally found them fatal. Of course, as in everything, there are exceptions. Yours is not in a dangerous place, and the young bird should be all right in a few days.

BORDERS.

Answered by J. PATTERSON.

Contrary Hen.

Novice.—I am rather afraid that you have been too long in putting nest beside the hen, and I expect she has had the seed box chosen as her nesting place. You cannot do more for her with this round. Let her have a nest at once, with plenty of building material such as is sold by dealers in penny bags, or if you are in the country, give her plenty of dried moss and grass, and a little hair to line it with. You will notice if she intends building in the nest, or in the seed box as formerly. If in the nest all is well, but if she insists on the latter you must take seed box out, turn it upside down, and put back again; also place a few spars of wood across in the same direction on the top of seed box, so as she is entirely blocked out, and I have no doubt she will take to the nest afterwards. You must feed her in small tins hung on wire of cage until she has laid in the nest. You can then remove the wood and feed as usual. (2) Your feeding is all right, but don't use any hemp now until the young are hatched, and your birds will derive great benefit from a teaspoonful of egg food twice a week from now onwards till the young are hatched, when you must give it fresh thrice daily, along with green food twice daily.

Sickly Hens.

C.P.M.—There are many causes for hens turning sick when the young are from three to ten days old, and seeing that yours were attending to their duties and feeding well until the sickness came on, I expect it would be nesting diarrhœa; if so, you will notice by the excreta. Let her have milk sop morning and night, with a little arrowroot sprinkled over it, and a dessert spoonful of lime water added to an ordinary sized drinker. Give little or no egg or green food till you see an improvement. Are you sure you were not giving your green food stale? See it is fresh, and if you have any suspicions wash it in a weak solution of permanganate of potash, and dry thoroughly before giving. Another cause of sickly hens is that many fanciers dust the nest over with insect powder when either prior to the young hatching out or immediately they are hatched. You must remember that a hen uses up all excreta passed from the young, some for seven days, others longer. When the young discharge their excreta upon side of nest, it gets mixed with insect powder, and one no longer wonders at a hen turning sick and giving over feeding.

LIZARDS.

Answered by BARKER CLEGG.

Four Silvers in a Nest.

Beginner.—Yes, it often happens there are four Silvers in a nest. I have on several occasions experienced the same in my own room. It is quite likely that in the following nest you may have a Gold or two from the same pair. Of course, you may be mistaken, because I have known amateurs who have been surprised when what they had at first thought were Silvers have moulted out Golds; An experienced fancier, however, can pick them out in the nest. No doubt you will pay more attention to these points of colour, whereby you will get more capable of deciding. The answer to your second question is yes. The lines which you say are clear and distinct are indicative of a prospective good and well spangled bird.

ROLLERS.

Answered by "SCHOOLMASTER."

Makes a "Hissing" Noise.

Rifleman.—I do not think there can be much the matter with your Roller cock, perhaps only a little cold or hoarseness acquired during the recent changeable weather. Keep him out of draughts, and in not too cold a room, throwing a light cover over him at night. Give a little egg food, or canary bread bought from the bird shop, every day. If you dissolve a little sugar candy in its drinking water for a few days, I think you will find the hoarseness disappear—a lump as big as a sixpence would do, fresh daily. Put a piece of mutton suet between the cage wires for him to peck at. If he is no better at the end of a week, well mix a tablespoonful of glycerine with two tablespoonfuls of honey, and stir a small teaspoonful of the mixture into the drinking water every day.

Hen Moulting Again.

Bad Luck.—You are right; it is bad luck to get a hen drop into moult at this time of the year. I should think you must have had her in an uneven temperature, or else a draught. You must separate her from the cock (they can do no good together) and keep her in a box cage in a snug position. Give her the canary and rape, as you are now doing, and, on every second day, give a teaspoonful of egg food, with a sprinkle of maw seed over it. On the days you are not giving the latter give a small teaspoonful of linseed. Get 1 oz. of crystals of citrate of iron and quinine from a chemist, and dissolve as much as will cover a three-penny-bit in two tablespoonfuls of drinking water, changing it every day, and not giving it in tin or zinc vessels, but glass or pot. You may pull her round in time to get a last nest, but it is no use trying until she is in full condition.

No Result Yet.

Sailor.—Perhaps your cock bird is not in condition. It looks like it, seeing that the hen laid one egg a month ago, and has laid no more since; he doesn't drive her to nest, as fanciers say. Is he in full song? It looks as though the hen was in forward condition, else she would not have laid. I note that the temperature of her room was changed, and this might have thrown her back, though it is not clear from your letter whether the change took place before or after the laying of the egg. Her feeding seems to be all right. You should give her a little (small teaspoonful) of egg food every day, letting fall among it not more than four or five spots of chemical food. You say she sometimes seems a little sluggish; this might be due to her being over-fat, perhaps, or because of her liver. Put half a teaspoonful of dandelion juice, from the chemist's, into two tablespoonfuls of drinking water every day for five or six days, it being very good for sluggish liver and "drowsy" hens. She will probably do all right when we get some warm weather. But be sure the cock bird is in form.

Singing and Bathing.

Markham.—It will not do to let the young Rollers hear the song of the Norwich, as they will at once pick it up. Birds being bred for singing purposes must be bred in a room to themselves—Rollers can't be mixed with other breeds. It is not nice to have to move breeding birds about, as it might tend to put them off their duties. Still, if you want the youngsters for contest purposes you'll have to do it, and I think your best plan will be to carry out the removal when they are six days old. (2) Letting the old birds have a bath will not hurt the young. In hot weather it is very beneficial to both, and can be offered freely; in cold weather use discretion, and let the young be a few days old before hanging it on. A little quassia in is good.

Owing to the Whitsuntide Holidays many Queries have necessarily had to remain unanswered until onr next issue.—Editor.

Feet Badly Clogged.

J. G.—You are not using the right kind of sand. It wants to be pure grit, and not contain any dust or dirt, which goes like mud when the excreta falls on it, and clogs round the toes if the birds happen to hop amongst it. Get some pure grit from a good advertiser in CAGE BIRDS (or a sample or two from different ones), and compare it with what you are using, and I think you'll see a difference. You want to wash the toes well with good soap and warm water (a tooth-brush is a good thing to do it with), afterwards drying them and rubbing a little vaseline in, or you might try the Zam Buk now so often recommended.

A Difficulty; and a "Cocky" Hen.

W.R.—(1) I don't know any reason why this hen should not yet do good this season, but you don't want to pair her up yet awhile, but give her a week or two's rest. Let her have egg bread every other day, just a small teaspoonful, with four spots of chemical food mixed amongst it. Put in her drinking water every day, for three days, a half teasponful of dandelion juice, bought from a chemist; then give two more doses, but with a day's interval between them. (2) You made me laugh a bit here. You say you "bought a Seifert hen from a dealer, which has bothered with nesting, but never gets anything into the pan. Worst of all, it has spoilt the song of the cock bird, which was a splendid singer, without a faulty note, for the hen is always singing and has an awful screech. I have separated them, for though they had mated grandly, one peculiarity was that the hen always seemed to act the part of the cock—you will know what I mean, I think. Is it wise to bother any further with it?" Yes; I know what you mean. I should also like to know what sort of young you are likely to get from pairing up two cocks, for the "hen" the dealer sold you is, of course, really a cock. I should have thought you would have tumbled to that. So you'll see it isn't much use bothering further with this "pair."

MISCELLANEOUS CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by "OLD JUDGE."

Young Birds Dying.

Blivion.—It is quite impossible to say definitely why your birds died, but doubtless the extraordinary changes of temperature which we have had the last few weeks have had much to do with it. You are not alone in your trouble; from all parts of the country the cry is the same, and old experienced breeders are no better off than the novices. I can only express my regret at your ill luck, and encourage you to try again.

Seed Samples.

Seeds.—The samples of each seed seem to be of very fair quality, but the samples sent were so small that it is quite impossible to give a really definite opinion. They are all clean, bright, and sweet both to smell and taste, but the canary is rather small. Whilst not first-class samples, they are up to the general average.

Was it the Thunder?

I paired up on April 1st. First egg May 7th, fourth May 12th. I never tried bird breeding before, but as I had a pair of good birds I thought I would try them. On 12th hen stopped, was in nest at 8 p.m., but at 9.30 p.m. we had a very severe thunderstorm; have never seen her in the nest since. Has the thunder frightened the hen? —T. M. C.

T.M.C.—Your feeding is all right, and everything seems to have been satisfactory until the thunderstorm came. Judging by what you say, I can only imagine that the hen was nervous, and became frightened at the unusual conditions. Try them again, and I hope better luck will attend you.

Soaked Seed.

Would you tell me how to keep soaked seeds so that they do not go sour, also how to remove caked sand, which is quite hard on my bird's feet? —H. A. W.

H. A. W.—Soaked seed should be prepared by mixing in equal quantities, canary, summer rape, and hemp seed, soaking it in cold water for 24 hours, stirring and rinsing well in fresh water, and straining off at least twice during the day; when giving the seed rinse it well in fresh water, strain off and give to the birds. The seed should be set soaking each morning and night. For instance, Monday's supply should be put in water on Sunday morning and evening, and so on day by day. To remove the sand from your bird's feet, catch him, and soak his feet for a few minutes in warm water; this will soften the sand, and you will be able to remove it easily. If his claws are at all overgrown, clip them. Overgrown claws are often the cause of dirt adhering to the feet.

A Non Singer.

A Jones.—I can hardly believe your bird is a cock if it is twelve months of age and has never sung a note. Have you tried pairing it? Your feeding is all right, and if a cock the bird should have sung long ere this.

Colour Feeds.

Demain and Briggs.—The samples submitted seem all right, and we see no reason why you should not use them. If we have any preference it would be for No. 1 sample, the colour is so rich and deep.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

Hen's Slight Wheezing.

Dock.—Unless the hen seems really ailing, I certainly do not think, under the circumstances, it would be advisable to interfere with her at all. According to your letter, the "wheezing" would seem to be very slight, and to only be noticeable at intervals. If she felt particularly out of sorts she would not continue sitting in the exemplary manner she is now doing, neither would she seem "lively when off the nest." The best and most harmless thing you can give her is the following:—Honey, three tablespoonfuls; glycerine, two tablespoonfuls, well incorporated. Of this mixture, well stir a small teaspoonful into two tablespoonfuls of drinking water, fresh daily, until relief is obtained.

Is it too Late?

Tower.—It is not by any means too late as yet to start Mule breeding. In fact, the present is a very good time to begin, though, of course, one's birds ought to be in ripe condition. It is not often one has much difficulty in mating a Linnet with a hen Canary, for they are kind, tractable little birds. Still, they must be in breeding condition, and I am afraid, from what you say, you own Linnet is not up to concert pitch yet. Feed him on the following stock mixture:—Canary, three parts; teazle, summer rape, charlock, hemp, and linseed, one part each. Also mix niger and maw seeds in equal parts, and give a small teaspoonful daily, in a separate pot. But most important of all, the bird must have a free supply of seeding dandelion, shepherd's purse, chickweed, and groundsel (the two first-mentioned in particular), and also the young leaves and flowering heads of dandelion. A week on this regimen should suffice to fit him for breeding, providing he is at present in song. A Linnet's beak turns a deep slaty-blue colour when the bird is in ripe breeding condition.

About a Thrush.

Postal.—You will find a reply in this issue, given an inquirer concerning a Blackbird, which is in pretty much the same condition as your own Thrush. Possibly the remarks made therein will apply to your case also. Are you sure no parasites infest the cage? And do you give a sufficiency of green food? As regards the song, do you mean to convey that the bird has never, all the time you have had it, uttered other than one solitary kind of note? If so, then I expect it is merely a call note, and that the specimen you have is unfortunately a hen. If the latter really be the case, then you have an all-sufficient explanation of the failure of the Thrush to "burst into full song."

A Match; also an Aviary.

K.D.F.—(1) I fancy you have wrongly summed up the situation. The fact that your Greenfinch and hen Canary do not fight I consider most promising. If a Greenfinch is on bad terms with his partner, or does not "fancy her," he soon lets all parties concerned have unmistakable proof of his displeasure. I counsel you to let the couple go ahead. If you can put a wired slide between them for a few hours, I imagine you will find the Greenie exhibit anxiety to get back alongside his mate, and probably he would feed her through the wires. It might be well to try. (2) Your aviary, 18 ft. long by 8 ft. high by 9 ft. wide, with a stream running through and a piece of rocky ground in it, reads very promising, and I should think it will make a beautiful place. If you care to go in for a few Softbills (the expense and trouble of providing suitable food being no object), you could have a delightful collection of birds therein. One or two of the smaller Waders, etc., would lend distinction to the place—say, selected from the Sandpiper, Redshank, Knot, Ruff, Little Stint, Dotterel, and Dunlin, and not overlooking the Dipper (no relation, of course, but fond of water). You would need to run a piece of coarse-mesh wire netting down to the bed of the stream, to prevent escapes that way. For seed-eaters you can select any species you like from among the Finches and Buntings. For the other Softbills, choose from amongst the Grey and Yellow Wagtails, Wheatear, Whinchat, Stonechat, and Redstarts, Blackcap and Garden Warblers, Bearded and Long-tailed Tits, Waxwing, and Tree, Meadow, and Rock Pipits. Don't overcrowd the aviary, of course. Any birds which prove unduly aggressively disposed should be removed. Some of the above (Yellow Wagtail and Redstart, for instance) are summer migrants, but if your aviary faces south and is well sheltered, I fancy they would winter in it all right. I know cases where they have done so.

A Hand-rearing Trouble.

A. P. Abbeywood.—I am of the opinion that your trouble arises through you relying too exclusively on the soft food when the birds are growing. Young Thrushes and Blackbirds should have given them plenty of cut-up mealworms and garden worms (small). Put a pinch of gritty sand once a day amongst the soft food. If they seem at any time to have a touch of the diarrhœa, a pinch of prepared chalk (from any chemist), well mixed amongst the food, would doubtless put that right. You should certainly also give the nestlings any smooth caterpillars and flies and grubs you come across.

Concerning Young Thrushes.

A. Rushen.—Pleased to know you have been so successful in your hand-rearing experiences when following my advice. Young Thrushes can be caged off separately as soon as they are feeding themselves. It does not matter, however, if you keep all four together for a few weeks, though the cage, to properly accommodate them, will need to he a large one. In fact, the larger a cage is for a single Thrush, the better will he keep in condition and thrive and sing. A box cage, 30 to 36 in. long by 16 to 18 in. high and 12 in. deep, makes an admirable stock cage for Thrushes and similar large Softbills. For outdoor use it should have either a span roof or one sloping from back to front, covered with some waterproof material to keep it dry during showers. It is never advisable to keep two Thrushes in the same cage for singing purposes. The food given young Thrushes, etc., when they are commencing to feed themselves, should be prepared from the first with a little of some vegetable ingredient—cold boiled potato, finely-minced lettuce, grated raw carrot, etc. (note a reply given last week on the preparation of Thrush food). A little scraped raw meat, or a very little grated cheese, occasionally given, will do no harm. I have certainly found it best not to let young birds have a free run at water when commencing to fend for themselves. Still, it is not always easy to manage to let them have a drink at intervals only. The food will be made somewhat moist at first, of course, and milk be replaced by water as the moistening agent; the latter should he gradually brought about in the course of the rearing.

"Toes Doubled Up."

A. T. Allen.—It is difficult to gather the exact nature of the trouble from the meagre particulars you give. I presume, however, the back claw has been damaged in some way, and so slipped forward amongst the front toes. If this is so, get from a chemist a small piece of india-rubber tubing, such as is used on infants' feeding bottles. Cut off a piece about ⅜ to ½ in. long. Anoint the toes with a little vaseline or lanoline (butter will do at a pinch) and pass the piece of tubing over the three front ones, taking the back claw up the leg (inside the tubing). Leave the rubber on for ten to fourtcen days, then cut it off, when the toe should remain in its correct position. Let the hird have narrow perches only for a time—one just under and one just over ⅜ in. wide. If the ahove advice does not seem to hit the trouhle on the head, so to speak, send me a fuller explanation of the matter, accompanied, if possible, by a rough sketch showing how the foot looks.

An Aviary Matter.

H. C. Anxious.—Your aviary, 8 ft. long, 5 ft. wide, and 5 ft. 6 in. high, would accommodate up to two dozen small birds with comfort—I am assuming it is, as it ought to be, roofed in all over. The introduction of female birds often makes the males take up a quarrelsome attitude towards other inmates of an aviary, especially a small one like yours. This may account for your Greenfinch quarreling, though, truth to tell, this species often makes itselt disagreeable when kept in mixed collections. The species you have together ought to go along all right—though, as regards the Weavers, etc., you should consult our Mr. Page, those heing foreign birds, and so outside my own department. You could intodnce a Meadow (or a Tree) Pipit and a Grey (or Pied) Wagtail, which would feed on the same insectivorous and live foods as the Skylark you already have in the place. Other seed-eaters you could safely accommodate are Goldfinch, Bullfinch, Twite, Lesser and Mealy Redpolls, and Siskin, Reed, Corn, Yellow and Cirl Buntings, and Tree Sparrow. The Softbills you must feed on insectivorous food, prepared as recommended in this column; also live foods (note many replies given during the last two or three weeks). The seed-eaters should have teazle, hemp, canary, sunflower, summer rape, and millet seeds, supplied in separate dishes: the other seeds (maw, niger, etc.) should be given occasionally. For green tood, supply any or all of the kinds I recommend, according to the season—chickweed, shepherd's purse, dandelion, groundsel, lettuce, watercress, rape seedlings, etc.

A Trio Concerning Mules.

W.J.S.—(1) Give the Mule, for one day, a dose of saline medicine, as much sulphate of soda as will lie on a shilling, dissolved in two tablespoonfuls of drinking water. The next day give plain water, but the following day repeat the saline, using, however, only half the quantity of the sulphate. Give the bird milk sop, liberally sprinkled with maw seed, to eat. You were very foolish to let the bird go for a fortnight without treatment, although palpably ailing and you will be distinctly fortunate if you succeed in pulling it round. Ailing birds need immediate treatment. (2) There are very few Goldfinches that will not toneh niger, maw, and teazle seeds, and very, very few Greenfinches that do not revel in sunflower seed. Have you offered your hirds these? The hemp seed will do them no harm, providing their cage is large enough to allow of wing exercise being taken. (3) I should certainly think a healthy hen, which gave no sign of desiring to build and breed last season, and which has made no sign this, up to the present, is a barren hen. Such are not common, but crop up occasionally.

About a Mealworm Box.

E.P.—If you could cover the outside edges of the wooden box with tin (bent over) you would probably find it act quite satisfactorily. Still, you can change the mealworms into a tin hox, if you choose, with perfect safety. Remember always that the more room you can give the worms the hetter will they thrive. If you make the change, transfer all the pieces of sacking from the old to the new box. Get a fine wire sieve, and riddle the rest of the contents, throwing away all the "dust" which percolates through the sieve, and transferring the remainder to the new home. It will be found a rare dusty job, I can assure you. I don't know what you mean by "clots . . . laid on their hacks and dead." Do you mean the dead beetles, or what? If so, these are only "shells," and can be removed or left, just as you please. There is no object in leaving them hehind, bowever.

Lark Food going Sour; also Wasps.

J. H. Beaumont.—I don't know what Lark food it is you use which goes sour in a day in the food pot. but I can assure you that no really good food ought to do so. I certainly do not think that the "dry chick food sold at most corn dealers, if soaked in lard and made up into a paste," would be a satisfactory food for any cage bird, much more a Lark. I wouldn't feed any bird of mine on it. Besides, such chick food usually contains a percentage of grit and calcined shell, and I very much question whether it is wise and proper to force these things on birds such as Larks—that is, grit with every meal, whether they like it, and want it, or not. There are plenty of good Lark foods advertised in our columns, and which will, I'll warrant, not turn scur. In our issue of May 4th last, I dealt at length with the feeding and management of Larks. Why not try the food therein recommended? As regards giving dead wasps, "drowned in syrup," to young Thrushes and Blackbirds, I can offer no opinion on the point, never having tried such an experiment. Possibly some kind reader may be able to give both of us some information on the subject.

Blackbird in Poor Plumage.

Rifleman.—Possibly your bird and its cage may be infested with hird lice; this frequently happens where they are kept in a warm room. Or the complaint may be due to poor feeding on your part; if these birds are not given a proportion of vegetable matter amongst their daily food, and some fruit now and again, they soon go off in condition. Read the reply to "T.N." in last week's issue, and follow the advice therein, should your method of feeding be at fault. Leave off the sulphate of soda, but you could continue the flowers of sulphur for a time, mixing as much as just covers a shilling amongst its soft food daily. If parasites are worrying the bird, then its cage must be scalded out with hoiling soda and water, and, when dry, given a coat of sanitary washable distemper. The bird itself (you appear to be able to handle it well) should be well sprinkled with Keating's insect powder, or pyrethrum powder, especially in the region of the neck, under the wings, and at root of tail, seeing the powder gets well down among the plumage. Put a small teaspoonful of quassia extract (from chemist) into its bath every day. Queries for different specialists must be written on separate sheets of paper; read rules. See our Roller Canary specialist's column for further reply.

A Varied Trio.

F.E.H.—(1) All the birds you specify moult at the usual season, viz., during July and August (normally). Some (the Chaffinch and Reed Bunting, for instance) undergo a partial moult during the spring, which, however, does not necessarily indicate the shedding of plumage, but merely a change of colour due to the dropping off of the fringe of the feathers or some other cause. Some species, however, do actually shed portions of their plumage twice a year (usually accompanied hy some colour change), but not the primary and tail feathers, as a rule. The Lesser Whitethroat is a case in point. (2) At present I don't think a Dotterel would stand any chance of gaining recognition on the show bench. Whether the forthcoming additions to the list of the N.B.B and M.C. will include this lovely member of the Plover family I cannot, of course, say. It would make a handsome exhibit, and, curiously enough, the female is more richly coloured and somewhat larger than the male. In a wild state it feeds on worms, snails, gruhs and a variety of insect life, and probably various grasses and the buds and shoots of various plants. In captivity you would need to supply these things, and get it on to the usual soft food mixture of game or partridge meal (or melox), etc., while probably various table scraps would be relished. A run on a lawn or grass-plot would no doubt be essential to the keeping of the bird in first-class condition. (3) There can be no gainsaying the fact that the majority of the winning Greenfinches of to-day have had some (more or less) colour feed. At the same time, if you can lay hands on a bright grass-green specimen, very rich and heavy in yellow at wings and tail, and large in size, then you need not trouble about colour feeding it.

Some Brevities.

Canary Rejecting Young Linnets (J. B. Mills).—There can be no doubt whatever that the hen Canary recognises the two young Linnets to be interlopers—aliens—and will have no truck with them, consequently fires them out of the nest as fast as you put them into it. If you have no other hen you can try them under, I am afraid the ecuple are doomed. Some hens won't even take kindly to strange young Canaries introduced amongst their own brood; some, on the other hand, make no fuss over such trifles, providing the discrepency in size (if any) be not too great. You could try hand-feeding, of course.

Hand-rearing Linnets (W.M.H.F.).—Feed your young Linnets exactly as advised "Bird Lover" in last week's issue, and you should have no difficulty in bringing them up. Use the soaked rape freely as the birds begin to get well feathered.

Linnet Off in Feather (A.E.L.).—The "bald patches" are not easy to get covered with fresh plumage. Are you sure the bird is not troubled with red-mite? If so, get a little mild sulphur ointment (any chemist will supply it, if you explain your purpose), and anoint the spot gently with it every day for a time, discontinuing it at once should new quills seem to be coming through. Don't use much at a time, and don't rub the reverse way of the feather, upwards, but downwards. If red-mite worry him, though, you will need to be rid of them ere you can expect improvement. Several queries in last week's issue (Canary columns) deal with red-mite.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S.

Breeding Grassfinches.

My Zebra Finches continually desert their eggs. How can I remedy this? What kind of nest boxes and material do Gouldian and other Grass Finches require?—L. A. FOOT.

L. A. Foot.—I am of the opinion that the Zebra Finches are being disturbed by the other birds; these confiding little creatures will usually nest under almost any conditions. Do mice get into their nesting receptacles? Let them have plenty of grass in flower, and well hide some of the nest boxes and husks behind some twiggy branches, and put one or two husks in some position which the mice cannot reach—that is, if you are troubled with these pests; if so, get a tube of Danysz Virus and use as per directions. In addition to the nests you have already up get some Hartz Canary travelling cages, remove the fitting, cut out two of the bars to give the birds access to the interior, stuff in a little hay, and hang them up. Supply hay and long grass for nesting material, and they will make use of any kind of dried green food you supply them with. You must give soft food when they are feeding young, and as much grass in flower as you can get. Blighty sprays from rose and fruit trees will be much appreciated by the birds, and will help to bring them into breeding condition.

Out-door Aviary Queries.

(1) In my outdoor aviary, 12 by 12 by 6 ft. high, I have 34 Weavers, Finches, and Waxbills. Have I too many? (2) I found a smallish but long white egg in one of the husks; it has disappeared; do you think any of the other birds have taken it? I have not lost any of my birds since they have been outside.—C.L.M.E.G.C.

C.L.M.E.G.C.—(1) The birds you have are certainly not too many for your aviary, and in such space they should not materially interfere with one another. I should say the cold weather we have been experieneing recently has had most to do with your failures so far, but most Finches certainly need soft food when feeding young. I have found ants' eggs scattered on the ground very useful at this time. I have had very healthy broods of Cutthroats reared on nothing else. (2) It is impossible to say which of your birds the egg belonged to, or as to the way it disappeared. I do not think the Weavers are the culprits, more likely the Whitethroated Finches. Surround your nest boxes with plenty of twiggy branches. Frequently the eggs become attached to the hen's breast feathers, and are carried out so, fall to the ground, are broken, and then soon eaten up. You are to be congratulated on the possession of two pairs of acclimatised Lavender Finches; these are decidedly delicate birds when first imported. Such a case as yours helps to prove my contention that even the so-called delicate species, when they have once got over the effects of voyage and confinement in dealers' shops, are both better and healthier, in suitably constructed outdoor aviaries, than they are indoors. I am of the opinion that your next broods will be successfully reared. Cutthroats are somewhat erratic, will simply play at nesting during almost all the year, and then rear a brood or two in the fall of the year.

Grey Parrot and Sulphur-crested Cockatoo.

(1) Is the Grey Parrot the best talker and best screamer among Parrots, and does either sex speak equally well? (2) Are Sulphur-crested Cockatoos good talkers? My bird (a young one) has so far made no attempt to do so, though in good health and plumage.—WHITE COCKIE.

White Cockie.—(1) The Grey Parrot is undoubtedly the best and clearest talker, though the Blue-fronted Amazon runs it very close. Once a Grey Parrot has been properly trained it only screams occasionally, and most when scared or excited. Opinions differ as to which sex is the better talker. For myself, I prefer the male. (2) I have come across many quite accomplished Sulphur-crested Cockatoos, and most individuals speak a few words. Keep your bird where it will hear plenty of conversation, and also try the constant repetition of words and short phrases, and it should soon pick up a few words. The crest should become fuller as the bird matures. For the next month make its drinking water the colour of pale port, every other day, with Parrish's Chemical Food.

Senegal Marabou Parrakeet, etc.

Please give me a description of the Senegal Marabou Parrakeet and the Bare-eyed Conure.—SENGAL.

Sengal.—I do not know what species these dealers or trivial names refer to, but presume Senegal Marabou Parrakeet must either refer to the Senegal Parrot (*Pœocephalus senegalus*) or the Rose-ringed Parrakeet (*Palæornis docilis*). The first-named has a black head, green upper surface, and the greater part of under surface orange yellow; the latter is very similar to the Indian Ring-necked Parrakeet, hut slightly smaller. Neither do I know the species to which the term Bare-eyed Conure is given, nor can I trace it in the fairly numerous works on my hookshelves. I must confess that in the past I have paid little or no attention to the trivial names; they are so unreliable and loosely applied as to make it very doubtful what species a given name belongs to in most instances.

Grey Parrot Weak on its Legs.

I have treated the bird as advised, but it is still weak and mopish. It is ahout six years old, and previously had always heen healthy. How can I treat it?—H. TAGG.

H. Tagg.—I can only advise warmth and quiet for the bird; continue to treat and diet as directed in my previous reply. Keep the bird's bowels moving freely, but not watery loose, by the use of either Dinneford's magnesia or Epsom salts; with the first-named add one teaspoonful to each ounce of the drinking water, and, as to the latter, make the drinking water just saline with same. Continue the chemical food regularly; this is all you can do, and hope for the best. The details you supply all point to this being a case of partial paralysis; if so, I fear the bird will gradually get worse until the end comes, though it will probahly linger some time. Of course, I am premising that there has heen no injury, such as strained leg, etc., in which case, after this interval, you can only leave Nature to recuperate. Keep it in your warmest room, and in a position quite free from draught. I shall be interested to hear how the bird progresses.

Rock Parrot with Diarrhœa, etc.

The bird has been in England a fortnight, and has been fed on bread soaked in tea, ripe fruit, and nuts. It is suffering from diarrhœa and sickness. How must I treat?—M. RILEY.

M. Riley.—It is the sloppy, unwholesome diet that is responsible for your bird's ill health. Do not give tea, coffee, or milk slops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food whatever. Diet: Canary, hemp, dari, wheat, and maize; well mix, and always keep a supply in the cage; green food, grit, cuttlefish, and water must be regularly supplied; also, to vary the diet, give ripe fruit, nuts, plain biscuits, dry crust household, and a little boiled potato (dry). Make its drinking water quite saline with Epsom salts, and let it have only this to drink for one day; for the next two days stir into the drinking water three drops of laudanum, and let it have as much cuttlefish as it will eat. Follow this treatment by a course of Parrish's Chemical Food for two or three weeks; make the drinking water the colour of pale port with the chemical food. Only use a glass or crock drinking vessel while giving drugs. While the diarrhœa continues its cage should be cleaned out twice daily, or the better plan would be to remove the excreta at once. The bird should soon improve under the above treatment, and, if fed as directed, there should be no recurrence of the trouble.

Rock Mynah.

The bird is larger than a Blackbird; its plumage is black with a little white in wings, legs, and lobes on face, yellow. How must I feed and treat?—P. RUSSELL.

P. Russell.—From your description you have the Greater Hill Mynah (*Mainatus intermedius*), which is found on the lower ranges of the Himalayas, to Assam and Burmah. This bird makes a most interesting pet, providing it has a roomy cage which receives a daily clean. A well trained specimen is really a talented bird; it has a full, rich song, marred by one or two harsh notes, is a good and clear talker, and is an admirable mimic. The temperature of any living room will suffice, but like all birds it must not be subjected to draught. It should be given the opportunity to bathe daily. Diet: It must have for its staple food some good soft food mixture (see advertisement columns), or the following is one of the best—game meal, ants' eggs (best), dried flies, dried pupæ, and crushed Osborne biscuits; all the above will keep dry indefinitely. For use, take a portion of the game meal, pour over it as much boiling water as it will absorb, and then knead in equal parts of the other items, when it should be just crumbly moist. For a change, boiled potato or raw carrot may be added to the mixture with advantage. Give it as much ripe fruit as it will eat, and supply some live insects, such as mealworms, beetles, spiders—in fact, almost anything that creeps or flies that you can capture for it. They have one of the most talented birds at the London Zoo I ever met; it articulates very clearly and in a very human voice, "Who are you?"—"What are you talking about?"—"I'm surprised at you!"—"Come a bit closer," and many other phrases, the result of careful and patient training.

Red-crested and Pope Cardinals Interbreeding.

The birds have built in a German travelling cage, and are sitting on two eggs. Is this a rare cross? Would the young be of any value? They have done considerable damage to other birds.—M. ARMSTEIN.

M. Armstein.—I had in my aviary, last year, one pair each Red-crested and Pope Cardinals; the hen Pope died, and this year the Red-crest has paired up with the Pope, torsaking her own mate, and, so far, though they have built (no eggs yet), they have done no harm whatever, though they have for companions a mixed series of birds, varying in size from Waxbills up to Tanagers and Starlings. I should say the Hybrids would not have much more value than the pure birds. They could not fail to be handsome, whichever parent they most favoured, as both parents are certainly heautiful birds. You will have to supply quite a large number of insects if any young are hatched, such as mealworms, live ants' cocoons, beetles, spiders, earwigs—in fact, almost anything that creeps and flies that you can capture; supply these at intervals during daylight. I certainly consider them worth rearing. I don't know of any record of the cross having heen reared up to the present, and it would be an achievement worth trying for. It is very probable that the young of such closely related species would be fertile. Hope you will have luck with them.

Alexandrine Parrakeet Out of Order.

It is very thin, mopish, and breathes heavily. It has been fed on Parrot mixture, ripe fruit, table scraps, and tea sops. What is the remedy?—D. WOOD.

D. Wood.—Your diet is at fault. Do not give tea, coffee, or milk slops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food whatever. Get from your corn dealer a quart each canary, hemp, wheat, dari, oats, maize, and sunflower seeds; well mix and let this be your staple diet. In addition, supply daily, ripe fruit, green food, grit, cuttlefish, and water. Give as extras, to vary the diet, plain biscuit (dry), nuts, boiled potato (dry), and a dry crust of stale household bread. For one day, put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's magnesia in its drinking water, and repeat this as necessary to keep its bowels moving freely, but not watery loose. On other days, that is, when not giving the magnesia, make its drinking water the colour of pale port with Parrish's Chemical Food. Continue this treatment till the bird is in condition again. The diet, as given above, must be a permanent one; the bird will simply get worse and finally die if present diet is continued. Moving the bird from room to room should have no ill effect, providing its cage is not stood in a draught, which no species of bird can stand. The temperature of any living room will be ample for this species.

Foreign Seed-eaters for Indoor Aviary.

The aviary is 7 hy 4 hy 4 ft. and contains six British birds. What foreign birds, and how many, could I keep with these?—"HOPPY."

"Hoppy."—You have accommodatiou for about 18 birds. I hope you have not Chaffinch, Greenfinch or Yellowhammer among your British; if so, I fear you will have trouble later. Choose from the following: Zebra Finches (4/6), Gouldian Finches (17/6), Ribbon Finches (3/6), Ruficauda Finches (10/-), Pectoral Finches (10/-), Long-tail Grassfinches (10/-), Zebra Waxbills (4/6), St. Helena, Grey, and Orange-cheek Waxbills (2/6 to 4/6), Bengalese (4/6, white 10/-), Java Sparrows (3/6, white 10/-); Mannikins in variety (3/6 to 4/6), all per pair. The small Waxbills you could put in half as many again as the other birds—that is, those about the size of a Canary. All those named are handsome birds, the Mannikins heing more sombrely clad than the others.

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POST MORTEMS.

Mr. J. North, 435, Oxford Road, Reading, will examine cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for a reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post-mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to J. North, with fee. Any sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

Canary (W. Connor).—Softening of liver, scrofulous lungs, feverishness, and apoplexy caused death of your bird.

Yorkshire Canary (M. F., Jun., Ligoneil).—Enlargement and softening of liver, then inflammation (involving the lungs), ending with apoplexy. I consider this condition to be infectious.

GENERAL.

Answered by the EDITOR.

Names (Geo. Roberts).—Thanks; send the names by all means.

In the Country (T.S.).—Glad to know your holiday was so pleasant.

Bird Publications (Magazine).—You will find one of these magazines advertised in our columns. We can give you no information regarding the other.

Not a Breeder (D. K. Wilson).—We are glad to know that, although not a breeder, you find "C.B." so interesting. That being so, may we ask you to kindly bring it to the notice of all your friends?

Young Nats. (C. Harrison).—Sorry we can't consider your proposal favourably. You might be interested to know that the average number of letters received weekly about this feature is very little short of a hundred.

Colour Feed (E. Brady).—Some of the samples you send are very good, being rich, deep, and bright in colour. It would be somewhat difficult to place them in order of merit, but from appearances we incline to C and B in the order named.

Supplements and Cases (H. P. Johnson).—We published four numbers with supplements prior to 1905, and shall be pleased to send you same for 1/6, post free. Cases for Vol. 10, complete, are now ready, price 1/6, and cases and index for Vol. 1 of the "Bird World" will be ready shortly.

Suggestions (J. Kay).—Most certainly your suggestions are not offensive to us. On the contrary, some of them appear worthy of every consideration, and you can rest assured they shall receive it, and be carried into effect if at all possible. We will see into the distribution matter at once.

THE WICKEDNESS OF COLOUR FEEDING.

SIR,—No, no, Mr. Claude St. John, there is no analogy whatever, but just the contrary. Plants take soda, ammonia, etc., as their natural food—plant life, in fact. Birds are compelled to swallow colour food to gratify the depraved taste of their owners. Now have another smile—or, rather, a good laugh, this time—at your own knowledge.

PINK AND GREEN-STRIPED ELEPHANT.

AN OUTDOOR AVIARY.

SIR,—In last week's issue, page 460, W. S. Brewster is seeking advice on an outdoor bird place. I would refer him to CAGE BIRDS, March 23rd, page 283, as perhaps the bird place therein depicted would suit and the letterpress give him details, especially if he lives in the South of England. If in the North I should say double board it. Size, quality, etc., he could vary to suit his position and space. I have four pairs in my own now, and two are sitting. The "Cabin" still suits me.—J. KAY.

WONDERFUL TAMENESS OF ROBINS.

SIR,—Reading a few notes recently of the exceptional tameness of the Robin when nesting, I would like to record an instance to verify this statement. We have a Robin that has built a nest, and now incubating three eggs, in a futlock hole (a hole for building scaffolding into), which is about 5 ft. above the ground, and we are unloading tons of steel, bricks, timber, and other materials past the spot continually. The ben seems to take an unusual interest in our operations, and the cock gives us a chirp each time we peep into the nest, and has got hold of the idea that our work is being carried on especially for their sole benefit.

F. BOXALL.

East Grinstead.

IS A £5 LIMIT CLASS AN OPEN CLASS?

SIR,—I shall be much obliged if you can help me, through your valuable columns, to settle a small dispute that I feel sure must often have caused considerable trouble. Is a £5 limit class an open class? At first sight, of course, that query seems absurd. But I contend that, although the price is limited, yet any bird one may feel disposed to enter in such a class is eligible, and no bird is debarred from entering; therefore I consider that a man who wins a first in such a class should be classed the same as a man who wins a first in the acknowledged open classes, and not be eligible to any longer compete in novice classes.

H. EMERSON.

[This appears to resolve itself into the eternal question, What constitutes a novice? The point raised is an interesting one, but we hardly see how a £5 limit class can be held to be synonymous with an open class, though, true enough, it is very "close to the wind." Many societies differ considerably as to what does and what does not take a fancier out of the novice section.—EDITOR.]

CONCERNING WAGTAILS.

SIR,—I have been watching the Wagtails lately. Some few Pied and Grey have been with us all the winter. The Yellow has not yet come to my knowledge. Some years since either the Blue-headed or the Grey-headed was reported for our district by no less a person than the Curator of the Halifax Museum. I forget now whether it was *M. flava* or *M. viridis*. So I have been on the watch lately. I had a suspicion that we had the White Wagtail (*M. alba*) too, but my observations have not yielded anything certain yet. I think it a very bad thing that scarcely any book on birds that I have seen gives a good description of the hens. I felt almost certain that I had discovered the White, but on consulting a well-known authority I am inclined to think it was the hen Pied, though the bird had far from a "henny" appearance. Then, again, on Sunday morning I saw what I took to be a Grey Wagtail, with very little yellow on it, and certainly minus the black bib. Only a few days previously I had seen one which had a breast and under parts as yellow as any Canary which has not been fed. I should like to know through CAGE BIRDS if all hen Grey Wagtails are minus the black bib at this time of year, and if there is any other means of distinction between the White and the Pied than by comparing the rumps, which is impossible unless the bird is in the hand. I presume some of your readers will know both the Grey-headed and the Blue-headed, so perhaps they will say if they resemble the Grey very much. A short time ago I was looking at a case of birds that had been shot in our district 50 years ago, and there was one that I can't find mentioned in the British list. It appeared to be of the Warbler tribe, judging by its bill, which was about 4½ in. long, had a sort of brownish beak, a black cap, which came right round the neck and extended some way down the breast—something like the cut of a Pied Wagtail; whilst its face was a deep jonque yellow. The outer tail feathers were edged with white, whilst the centre ones had no traces of white on them at all. Have you any idea what this could be? W.

CHAMPION LAYERS.

SIR,—I have a Norwich Buff hen sitting on nine of her own eggs. Following are the particulars:—She laid five eggs six weeks ago, and hatched four. The second nest she laid four eggs right off, rested a day, and then laid five more right off. I am expecting the eggs to be hatched about Thursday this week. The cock bird is a Yorkshire Green. I have been a breeder for many years, but never had more than six at a time.

HENRY BABER.

PROPOSED LINNET CLUB FOR SPRINGBURN.

SIR,—Kindly allow me to ask some of our Linnet fanciers in Springburn why cannot we in Springburn have a Linnet club, and arrange for meetings, singing contests, lectures, table shows, etc., the same as they have in other places? Surely there are enough Linnet fanciers in Springburn to form a decent club of this sort? I hope some gentleman will take the matter in hand and call a meeting, also let us have the opinion of other Springburn and district Linnet fanciers on the matter in CAGE BIRDS. Wake up, noo, Springburn!

A LINNET FANCIER.

THE LANCASHIRE CANARY.

SIR,—I have been repeatedly asked what I think about Mr. House's lecture on "The Lancashire." In these days one has to be very careful what he writes or says, or he is pounced upon and charged with having some ulterior motive, and, if that charge cannot be made to work, he is declared to be a member of a mutual admiration society, and is simply endorsing all his fellow-members say. The London fanciers were fortunate in having "The Lancashire" for the subject, and a better choice could not have been made in selecting a lecturer. Mr. House's description of the Lancashire is almost as near what a Lancashire should be as it is possible for one man to find words to picture it. Every breeder in the North will be pleased to find that more are taking to breeding this grand variety in the South, and many will be glad to give them every assistance possible. Lancashires are prolific breeders, easy to rear, one of the oldest varieties, and certainly the noblest looking Canary in the show cage. As I have promised to lecture on "The Lancashire" at Glossop on June 2nd, I shall have an opportunity of going into more detail, and should be highly pleased to see a large number of visitors. The members of the Lancashire and Lizard Fanciers' Association would give them a hearty welcome. I shall have something to say about mating, and also about the show cages.

S. R. COMPSTON.

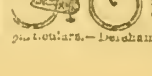
SIR,—In thanking Mr. Fuller for his appreciative remarks anent my lecture on the Lancashire, it gives me much pleasure to answer his question about the length of the Coppy and Plainhead. In life, birds vary in length and width of head and length and stoutness of body, therefore if true to Nature, an artist would make a difference between two individual birds; but in sketching two ideal birds, then the heads and bodies should be in exact proportion to each other, the Coppy being the counterpart of the Plainhead, with the exception of its headgear.

C. A. HOUSE.

THE DEFINITION OF A NOVICE.

SIR,—The reason given by the Hartlepools C.B.S. for adopting suggestion No. 3 issued by the C.B.U. is certainly interesting, viz., because it got rid of the most successful exhibitor in the least possible time, and if this suggestion is adopted by the majority of those voting I am of the opinion that the Fancy will not continue to increase as latterly, and would respectfully point out that if a novice acts on the advice of almost every authority and buys the best he possibly can it is likely he may win his three first prizes at the first show at which he exhibits, and thus be compelled to exhibit as a champion without even having experienced a breeding season. While it is not desirable to prolong to any extent the reign of a novice I feel it is not the desire of the Fancy to get rid of him, but rather allow him a reasonable time to gain experience which will enable him to retain his position when promoted, and trust to further that end the majority will plump for suggestion No. 4. Fanciers who have experienced the effect immediate promotion even to an amateur section, will, I feel, support me in stating the bad effect it has had on their particular societies. A novice promoted by suggestion No. 3 is hardly likely to gain sufficient experience to hold his own with the champions, and it will only require a few rebuffs such as entry fees, carriage to and from shows, etc., without even the sign of a prize to determine such an one to give it up, and thus those so frequently termed the backbone of the Fancy are driven out. Allow them a reasonable time and you will stand a much better chance of retaining them.

JOHN TYSON.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THE USE OF HEMP SEED.

SIR,—I notice, in giving the results of his examination of the dead bodies sent to him, that Mr. North, in a large majority of cases, gives "softening of the liver," or "liver disease," as the cause of death. May I ask him through your columns if the too generous use of hemp seed is conducive to the state of things described? I have heard it said that hemp seed causes softening of the liver in birds, and for that reason should not be used in large quantities—in fact, only as a pick-me-up when birds are run down, or as a stimulant to get them into breeding condition.

INQUIRER.

PROPOSED SOCIETY FOR BURTON.

SIR,—Referring to Jumbo's letter, I should like to say a society was formed in Burton a year or so ago, but owing to bad luck and fanciers getting disheartened it was decided to let it lie dormant for a time. No doubt, had fanciers stuck together, it would have carried on all right. There is a mixed society in the town, and if they would, as Jumbo says, arrange for lectures, table shows, etc., I think their membership would increase. Otherwise, I for one am in favour of a C.B.S., as there must be something to attract members to the meetings.

TRY AGAIN.

NORTHERN YORKSHIRE C.C.

SIR,—The committee have decided to grant three medals, or value, at each show they give their patronage to, one for the best old bird, one for the best young bird, and one for the best bird shown by a novice; also, in addition to the above, a special for most points gained by three nominated birds over all the shows where patronage is given. This is in addition to the cup for best young bird bred by a member, for which we are asking subscriptions. I have only £3 promised towards this cup. We would like it to be at least £5 value, so that if any of your readers who feel generously disposed will send me a small donation, it will be very gratefully acknowledged. We have now 31 members on our books, which is considered very good for our first year's working, especially as the Yorkshire has previously been so neglected in the district. Will those members whose subscription has not yet been paid please note that, according to rule, it must be paid before June? Those of our members whom I have seen are having very indifferent results this breeding season. One member has had over 60 eggs, and not a single young bird alive.

T. C. CRAWHALL, Hon. Sec.

A NOVICE'S EXPERIENCES IN CANARY BREEDING.

SIR,—After reading the excellent articles and reports of lectures and papers read before cage bird societies in various parts of the country which have recently appeared in your columns, I thought possibly my experience as a Canary breeder would be interesting to some of your readers, if not exactly instructive. This experience, I may add, is of a very limited nature, for although my father had one Canary which he kept for about 15 years, this veteran never, to my knowledge, sang a note, though we continually hoped that some day he would reward our patience. But he died instead. About 18 months ago I saw an advertisement in one of the Sunday papers offering beautiful singing Canaries (day or gaslight, though why they did not add oil and electric, must, I suppose, be due to an oversight on the part of the writer of the advertisement) at 3s. 9d. each or 21s. a stick. The stick business I did not understand, but the 3s. 9d. each was quite clear, and I sent for one. This duly arrived, although in the meantime I had been called on to pay another 3d. for packing or travelling cage, I forget which, and also 10d. for carriage. However, I concluded this was not expensive if I got a good songster. I caged and hung him in the position specially selected, which would allow his song to be heard in every part of the house. For a few days we made many and varied excuses for him not singing, but as time went on, and still no song, a family conference was called, and the matter thoroughly discussed, the final decision being that his food was unsuitable, and must be immediately changed. The variety of seed I obtained from the local seedsman caused that gentleman, I really believe, to imagine I had purchased a Zoo, and kept it in the garden or elsewhere. About this time I came across CAGE BIRDS, and obtained from it all the information I could re singing Canaries. We continued our treatment for some time longer, and supplemented the seed diet with egg food and biscuit, fat bacon in the wires, apple (sliced), boiled carrot, raw onions, and watercress, adding to his drinking water the mixture recommended by your Mr. Lester, and in which one of the component parts was whisky. I am not sure we did not have serious thoughts of giving him champagne, but it was all to no purpose—sing he would not! But he was a capital trencherman, and enjoyed it all immensely. After further endeavours to fathom the mystery, we thought perhaps he would sing if he had a mate, for had I not seen one of your specialists' replies to a correspondent in which he said, "the cock by this time ought to be singing her (meaning the hen) round the cage"? I bought a hen and put them together, they apparently agreeing fairly well. That went on for a time, when I noticed the cock wanted to make a nest, as he was continually carrying feathers about in his beak. I then got a breeding cage, and turned them in. They soon made a nest, after fighting, re-arranging, and fussing about generally. A few days afterwards I found an egg, the only drawback to my pleasure being still without song. Never mind, he would sing later on. The eggs continued to arrive—one, two, three, four, five, six (Good gracious, how many eggs do Canaries lay?), seven, eight! A reference to my literature on the subject showed that they usually lay four. This hen must be an exception to the general rule, or else I was about to become famous as the owner of a remarkable laying strain of Canaries. I could not make it out at all, but eventually I was cruelly told I must have paired two hens together. This was a heavy blow to me, but the loss of dignity amongst my friends was the worst of all. I determined I would return the "fraud" personally, and would insist on a cock bird songster (day or gaslight) being given in exchange. Well, they gave me another, and assured me that this one was just coming into full song. By this time I had undoubtedly got an attack of bird fever, and I therefore made up my mind to immediately pair these two, and see if I could not breed some songsters. I then should be able to show my friends that there is nothing like perseverance, even if you have trifling mishaps by the way. I started off again with the egg food, which they could eat in champion style, Parrish's Food seemed to be relished as a digestive, until they danced along the perches in real athletic form. They started building, but after a couple of days had a disagreement as to what a nest should be made of, the hen plucking the feathers out of the cock till he had the appearance of a badly picked Christmas goose. But, dear sir, I feel certain your sympathy will be extended to me when I tell you that I had a repetition of my previous experience, viz., eight eggs—sixteen eggs in two nests. People talk of the physical deterioration of the Britisher, our lack of backbone, and general want of stamina, but if an experience of this character was not enough to put any Englishman on his mettle, now what would be? I there and then made a vow that I would breed Canaries, whether from two cocks, two hens, or anything else I cared not a rap, but Canaries I would breed. I have this spring purchased two Rollers, sex unknown, though they are supposed to be cocks, and they certainly sing. I put them with the two hens (sex certain), and last week one of them laid five eggs. I will leave you to imagine my feelings when I approached the cage on the sixth morning. I believe something terrible would have happened if there had been any further addition to the egg basket. Fortunately for all concerned, they stopped at five, which, at all events, is more promising. I am hoping for the best, and should I ever be able to advertise any songsters for sale, I intend, although I have not registered the name, to call them real good "one-lighters." They are quite good enough for me now. With best wishes to CAGE BIRDS.

C.

NORWICH PLAINHEAD CLUB FOR NEWCASTLE.

SIR,—Referring to Mr. Stone's letter, perhaps he will be able to inform me if the three flourishing clubs in Newcastle are confined to City of Newcastle members, or open to the Northern Counties; also if the suggested N.P. Club is to be confined to City or open to the Borders? If the latter, would it not be better, in the interests of catering on a larger scale for the N.P., not only in Newcastle, but on the Borders, if these enthusiastic fanciers would join hands and work in conjunction with the already existing B.C.N. and C. Club? This club holds its meetings in Newcastle, and gives most of its patronage to shows around Newcastle. At our annual meeting in Newcastle six weeks ago, a hearty invitation was given to all, whether members or not. Surely some of these fanciers might have attended. Any suggestions in the way of improving or developing the B.C.N.C.C. would have been welcomely received. Hoping Mr. Stone and his fellow-fanciers will co-operate with us and make one great society.

A. HAY, Sec. B.C.N.C.C.

ERIN-GO-BRAGH.

SIR,—I predict a bright future for the cage bird Fancy in Ireland. With the addition of another specialist club things are commencing to look up. Norwich Plainhead and Crest exhibitors are going to be well catered for next season; the officers in connection with the club will leave no stone unturned to make it a success. From the rule book of the club to hand, I notice it will be run on the same lines as the Y.C.C. of Ireland. Those who have not as yet joined would do well to send on their names to the hon. sec. as soon as possible.

Fanciers in Ireland will be sorry to hear of the departure of Mr. W. Fortune, one of the vice-presidents of the Y.C.C. He has gone to Scotland, but I am glad to say he will still endeavour to send us across some exhibits. I hope he will make the bird of the "Broad Acres" popular over there.

I see that Lifford Ennis, Co. Clare, intend having a cage bird show in connection with their annual flower show, but the hon. sec., Mr. H. Bill informs me that it will be confined to Co. Clare for the first season.

I hear it rumoured that Mr. J. D. Rowe, of Dundalk, is giving up Canaries; I hope it is not going to happen, as the retirement of such a man as Mr. Rowe would be a great loss, especially to the Y.C.C., as his sound advice is always needed and looked for.

Breeding operations are going on fairly well considering the wintry weather. I hear from some fanciers around Dublin that they have several promising youngsters on the perches.

CAGE BIRDS' Breeding Competition is looked forward to with great interest.

A capital idea for Irish cage bird fanciers would be to approach the committee of the International exhibition to have a cage birds' show about the end of October, in connection with the exhibition.

C. J. MULLIGAN.

THE LATE G. LAWSON.

SIR,—It was with surprise and regret I read of the death of Mr. Geo. Lawson, late of Culross, whom I knew well. It was in 1891, when he was taking almost everything before him, that I made his acquaintance. Owing to business I visited Culross from my home, Kincardine, once a week. It was then I commenced this most interesting and instructive hobby, he kindly showing me through his lovely and well-kept collection of birds, in his usual good-natured way. Seeing I was struck with them, he offered me a pair cheap; and, knowing the value of them to-day, they were cheap. From thence I have been a lover of the pets ever since, and for years after, when in touch with him, he was always open to have a talk about the birds. I may say the advice I had from him has been most valuable, he being of a kindly disposition and respected by all who had the pleasure of coming in contact with him. I would not have known of the sad news had it not been for CAGE BIRDS, and it surprised me to think it found its way to the little village of Oakley. If I may be permitted the pleasure, I will give Mr. Hogg a call about August, when I am visiting Kincardine, where, I believe, this paper has also found its way. Kindly convey my deepest sympathy to the bereaved family. J. A. SIMPSON.

London, W.

BORDER COUNTIES NORWICH AND CINNAMON CLUB.

SIR,—It gives me great pleasure to intimate to the members of above club that Mr. Sandiford has granted us one of his two guinea challenge cups for competition this next show season in colour-fed classes. The member gaining most points over all shows under our patronage to be the winner, providing his birds were colour-fed on Sandiford's colour feed. Members should inform me where and when they get their feed, so that I will be able to check their points in due course. I would again impress upon secretaries whose societies are getting our patronage to see that their judge becomes a member, as, if not, patronage will be withdrawn and given to some other show that has a member judging. A full list of shows receiving our patronage appeared in CAGE BIRDS for April 12th. Any member having his subscription still unpaid will do me a great favour in remitting same at once, so that I may be able to draw up a list of specials for show season. Fanciers wishing to join should do so at once, fee 2s. 6d. Besides Sandiford Cup, the club's solid silver Bowl will be competed for at five shows, for most points; also at same five shows a gold medal will be given to the novice gaining most points. The following new members have been enrolled:—Messrs. O'Neal (Sunderland), Buck (Gateshead), Lowthian (Penrith), Lawcon (Carlisle).

A. HAY, Sec.

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THE POINTS OF AN EXHIBITION LINNET.

SIR,—I should like to point out to Mr. Houlton that I did not quote him as an authority on the exhibition Linnet. I believe that I only used his name once, and that was to say that I did not think that he favoured the light throat on an Exhibition Linnet. If I have made a mistake in making the above statement, I should like to suggest to Mr. Houlton that instead of referring Mr. Marwood and myself to a lecture given by him and published in another paper some years ago, that he give, for the benefit of the readers of your interesting and instructive paper, his present ideas of what an ideal exhibition Linnet should be. If Mr. Houlton will kindly refer back to CAGE BIRDS, April 6th, he will there find that I say that my reason for writing was that I thought it was time that a standard of perfection was fixed for the exhibition Linnet, so that both judges and exhibitors would know what was really wanted. Does Mr. H. agree with this statement? Here is an incident which bears out my contention. At one of the most important shows held in England, a certain judge placed three gentleman's Linnets in the money. I will name them Mr. A., Mr. B., and Mr. C. Mr. A. won first, Mr. B. second and fourth, Mr. C. third. Mr. B. purchased the winner. He had, therefore, in his possession the winners of first, second and fourth. Mr. C., being secretary of a show that was to take place the following week (the certain judge again officiating), pressed Mr. B. to send his birds, which he did, with the result that Mr. C. about swept the decks, and Mr. B. did not win a card of any description, and this with birds that stood first, second, and fourth the week before in a strong class and same judge. I think, Mr. Editor, the above incident, also the differences of opinion existing between both judges and exhibitors, goes to prove that it is time that a standard of perfection was drawn up for the exhibition Linnet. F. KING.

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RESIGNATIONS AT BARROW.

SIR,—I see in last week's paper that favourite old heading "Resignations at Barrow," and I say that those who put the resignations there were working detrimental to the interests of our society. I told the members so at our last summoned meeting. Now, Mr. Miller, our late secretary, says that since resigning the secretarial duties he has resigned membership, which is quite correct, his excuse being that he was accused of working detrimental to the society's interest, also that his resignation was put into print without his knowledge of it being put there. Now, there is something mysterious about that. But, anyhow, his resignation of membership was read at our last meeting, and it was proposed, seconded and carried unanimously that we accept it. Getting to know this, he rushes into print with this paltry excuse. But the members knew months since the reason why those officers resigned office: simply because one man was made a member of our society whom they did not like, and who knows too much for them. So they threw up their positions (child's play). But I am glad to say the gap has been filled up by other members. Since then we have made about 20 new members—and more to follow. As regards the judge for our Nest Feather Show, it was proposed that our secretary write to four outside judges for their terms. On receiving these, the members thought it would be better to have a local judge, so Mr. Wagstaff (our late president) was elected. Now, at the following meeting the minutes were passed as read, re Bro. Wagstaff judging the Nest Feather Show. Now, it was again proposed that we have an outside judge, and the members, thinking it was going to be too expensive, I myself guaranteed to pay the fee of the outside judge whom the majority of the members were in favour of. I don't know the gentleman, and never saw him in my life; but, strange to say, he is of the same name as myself—viz., Mr. Wynn, of Lancaster—and this is the reason they think I know him. But honesty is my motto, and while I am in the chair I shall see that everything is worked in a straightforward manner to the best of my ability. I wish the Barrow and District Cage Bird Association every success, and I also still remain "a true fancier." F. WYNN (President.)

[We believe the Lancaster fancier and judge referred to spells his name "Winn," and not as given in the above letter.—EDITOR.]

THE CRESTED CANARY CLUB AND THE C.B.U.

SIR,—In your issue of April 27th last I took occasion to examine the contention of Mr. W. E. Greeves that any connection between the C.C.C. and the C.B.U. meant that the former club would be "totally wrecked," become a "nonentity," and that affiliation was "purely a case of give all and take nothing." I pointed out that in my own opinion nothing of the sort would, or could, happen, and gave my reasons at the same time. Now, the expressions made use of by Mr. Greeves cannot be said to be other than strong ones, and if the issue is so plain and so clear, then it should be easy to make clear to all of us exactly how the disastrous state of affairs he predicts is going to be brought about; also, in the course of doing so, to refute the reasons I myself gave for declining to believe that such things could possibly follow. Mr. Greeves remains silent, however. Therefore, I may be allowed to again urge my fellow-members of the Crested Canary Club not to be blinded by mere statements—alarmist statements I might well call them—unsupported by any convincing facts. I wrote: "Neither Mr. Greeves nor anyone else can show in what manner affiliation to the C.B.U. would affect the prosperity of the C.C.C., or interfere with its working methods, or tie the hands of the club in dealing with the interests of the bird it represents." I repeat that challenge. It surely should not be difficult to successfully take up if there is any foundation in fact for the awful pictures C.C.C. members have recently had drawn for them?

In your last issue, however, Mr. John Tyson is pleased to delay my letter "passing into oblivion," while he indulges in a little of that cheap wittieism for which he is distinguished among us—the sort of "witticism" that knows not where wit ends and vulgarity begins. He makes no attempt to refute my own conclusions; he twists much that I wrote to suit his own purposes (a favourite trick with him); and that he is animated solely by animosity towards the C.B.U. is self-evident. Mr. Tyson holds a position under the C.B.U., was recently nominated to hold a higher; now he appeals for someone to compose the epitaph of that body. Is this straightforward procedure? How does he square with his conscience the holding of an official position in a body he is deliberately trying to undermine, and has been practically from the first? How does this attitude and the elevating tone of his communication square with his oft-expressed desire to uplift the Fancy and enlist the best class of people in it? One feels tempted to drag in Burns and quote: "Oh, wad some power the giftie gie us to see oursel's as ithers see us?" One other point, Mr. Editor. You will bear me out that I hold no official position on the C.B.U., so bring nothing more than "ordinary knowledge" to bear on the subject. I, at least, feel sure the C.B.U. (I am not concerned with its officials) is a needed body, and will flourish; also that it is now making progress. What Mr. Tyson's own idea of progress is I am not concerned with, though possibly when the C.B.U. secretary begins to fill page after page of his annual report with gloomy prognostication and wailing and threats of his own resignation, then Mr. T. will admit the C.B.U. is going ahead. A COUNTRY MEMBER.

NON-PAYMENT OF PRIZE MONEY.

SIR,—I should like to ask, through your valuable paper, who is responsible for prize money won in a close club show. I won some prize money at our show held in November. The Secretary called a meeting in December to pay out the prize money, but the treasurer did not turn up. The Secretary had got the door money and the patrons' subscriptions in hand, not having paid it over to the Treasurer. He paid that out as far as it would go, but I and a few more did not get ours. I have asked the Secretary twice to call a meeting, but he takes no notice. It seems to me that as he and most of the committee have got their money they are going to break the Society up, and let the Treasurer keep the money he has, and I and a few more have to lose ours. I should like to know who is liable for the money, as I am only a labouring man, and I can't afford to lose mine. These are things that keep little fanciers from joining Societies.

A. H. D.

[All the members of a show committee are jointly and severally liable for the prize money of any show they organise. The usual course is to sue the Secretary, but in the case of the club becoming bankrupt you yourself are liable for your share of any deficiency.—EDITOR "C.B."]

PARASITES ON CANARIES.

SIR,—Mr. St. John says he can quite believe that the method I put before your readers is, in the hands of an expert, preferable to powder. He doubts whether one wash will remove all the eggs that are on the bird. He seems to have overlooked the fact that I also recommended the use of fluid in same proportion (two teaspoonfuls to a quart of water) to be sprayed on the bird, and surely any novice can do that. In this way it will kill the lice quickly, is preferable to powder, and does away with the necessity of catching the bird, especially if it is paired up and probably on the point of laying. I can recommend this way to anyone who is not capable of washing a bird by hand. I also advise the use of a few drops of fluid in the bath, not much—very little indeed will do—and this will be found more efficient than quassia essence for keeping them free from the attacks of red mite. As for hand-washing not removing eggs of this parasite, it is because I think it does remove them I prefer to hand-wash, as the brush going through the feathers, and the great quantity of water that is used in rinsing will bring the eggs out of the feathers if anything will. Again, he says that birds that are in vigorous health are not generally troubled with grey lice. It is my opinion that if you have them on unhealthy specimens, you are nearly sure to have a few on some of your healthy stock that have been kept near to the cage or cages occupied by unhealthy stock. Often the only reason that a bird is down in condition is because it is infested by these lice. I have found these lice on several healthy birds this season in fanciers' bird rooms, besides on one or two healthy ones of my own. I also find them on any stock that is suffering from what is often called asthma, but I do not recommend anyone to wash any birds that are troubled in this way, as they cannot stand washing. In a case of this sort it is best to use the spray occasionally until bird is cleared. I have received by post a number of letters asking what I should do in cases where these lice have been seen on a nest of young, and here is a copy of one and answer I sent to them. This is from a London fancier:—"I have read with much interest your paragraph in CAGE BIRDS re riddance of lice and red mite. I have a couple of young Crests, 11 days old, and I noticed this morning a red mite on the head of one of them, and I thought a small insect dashing quickly about. My Crests are valuable, and I don't want to do anything rashly. Would it be safe to spray them, or what would you recommend? I shall esteem your early reply a kind favour, as it is awkward washing a bird when they are breeding."——"In no case should I wet a nest of young birds to clear them of insect pests. I should put them into a clean nest; the lining should be soaked in a strong mixture of fluid and water and thoroughly dried; put in fresh hair, and transfer the young to this clean nest. A little common soft soap, just smeared under the ridge of the nest pan and just under the wire as well, will make a nest practically red-mite proof. I should also just lightly spray the old birds occasionally, as if the grey lice are seen on the young I think it safe to say that the old birds have them too." Is there no fancier in or about Bolton open to have a bird that is infested washed at my risk, as per my offer? Then we shall see whether it is efficient or not. My word is not enough on a matter like this. If others will try it, and give their experiences, the whole of the Fancy can then judge whether it is worthy of general adoption or not.

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FEATHER PLUCKING IN PARROTS.

SIR,—The title of these few notes is doubtless an intensely interesting one to every keeper of Parrots and Parrakeets, and possibly to many lovers of foreign birds who are not actually Parrot keepers, as there is little doubt the miserable, wretched appearance of a confirmed feather-plucking Parrot—and they are by no means uncommon—deter many a foreign bird lover from going into the Parrot-keeping branch. My intention now is only to just mention a few of the most generally-accepted causes and cures, with some comments and theories based on a variety of cases which have come under my notice. And as many members of the Parrot race go through a partial or complete moult at this season, and are, consequently more liable to begin to form the habit, my remarks may not appear quite inopportune. Idleness, or lack of some occupation to divert the bird's attention away from itself, has long been considered a fertile cause of the habit, and yet it is quite a common thing to find a special family pet Parrot which can scarcely have the least cause for complaint on this score deeply imbued in the habit. Others, again, are to be found which have always been kept well supplied with wood in one form or another to chew up and play with.

Another cause to which the habit is largely attributed is lice. Many of the Parrot race become greatly infested at times with grey lice similar to those which attack poultry. But here, again, it is not every feather-plucker which can owe its habit to this cause, as they are to be found among the very best-cared-for and cleanly-kept birds. Then, some years ago, a very dogmatic assertion was made that sops and other unsuitable articles of diet were accountable not only for feather-plucking, but practically the whole of the tremendous mortality which occurs amongst Grey Parrots, and that a certain prescribed form of diet and treatment should be a panacea for all these ills. However well-grounded the theory might have been, it must have been discounted to some extent when the bird which the originator treated on these new lines became more or less a feather-plucker, and enjoyed a very moderate lease of life in comparison with what acclimatised Parrots of the hardier kinds are supposed to enjoy. Of course, Greys are not worse than other varieties for feather-plucking. I doubt whether they are really as bad as the Amazons and some of the Cockatoos.

In my own opinion I have come to believe that in some cases mechanical causes, so to speak, are at the root of the trouble. When the birds are moulting the larger feathers are very often liable to damage in the quill state by the birds climbing about their cages. Possibly the space may be too confined for these large-bodied birds; the perches, perhaps, badly placed, or the wiring defective, more or less. In any case, the result may be the same. As the bird scrambles about the wires in every imaginable position, it makes use of its tail and wing feathers to aid its movements; and when these feathers are in the quill, and almost ready to burst the quill, a comparatively small amount of pressure upon them bends them at the base and causes them to stick out at an angle.

Unless this displacement is of the most temporary nature, the feather is strangled, as it were, at the base, ceases development, and soon drops out, or is pulled out by the bird. The presence of these damaged quills appear to have a great attraction for the birds, and in many cases I believe they are the first step towards making the bird a feather-plucker. It not only amuses itself by plucking out other quills that are uninjured, but in doing so seems to acquire a taste for the contents, and sucks them with evident delight. Once such a taste is acquired, the cure is almost a forlorn hope. Smearing the feathers or quills where they are being attacked with distasteful substances, spraying the bird with quassia-tainted water, giving soft wood to chew up, or a bit of stout cord to unravel, and placing a cord or thin chain collar on the neck for it to play with, have all been recommended as aids to success; and possibly every method may, singly, or in combination with others, prove of some success.

But it seems to me that every method, to be really a useful aid to cure the habit, should aim at preventing accidental injury to and consequent loss of feathers in the quill state—in a word, to put the greatest temptation to form the habit out of the bird's way. Then its taste for something containing moisture should be gratified by a little sweet fruit every day, such as grape, orange, banana, apple, or even an occasional bit of ripe pear, and any small ripe garden fruits that may happen to be in season, and which it shows a fondness for.

PSITTA.

(Many letters unavoidably held over.)

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. It kills all insects, harmless to everything else.

The Rearing and Management of Insectivorous British Birds.

A Paper by Mr. S. W. Birchley, Gloucester, read before the Sheffield C.B.S. on April 4th, 1907.

(*Continued from p.* 420.)

THE MELODIOUS BLACKBIRD AND THRUSH.

These birds, to my mind, make famous pets. Of course, I openly admit they have one disadvantage, and that is, if they are not very frequently cleaned out, they get in a most frightful condition, which is most discouraging to their owner. When requiring a Blackbird, never catch an old one, for they very rarely take kindly to confinement, but die. I advise you to take a nest of young at nine days old, and feed every two hours with hard boiled egg and ants' eggs, not forgetting a meal-worm occasionally, and, when strong enough gradually wean off on to the food I have already described; by using this method you will get some fine, vigorous youngsters. Should they appear to droop at all, I advise you to give them a litle scraped or very finely chopped raw beef or mutton. You will be able to distinguished the cocks by the blackness of plumage, and as a rule they are smaller than the hen. You will find the adult bird fond of all the insect life you can get, including snails, etc.; also ripe fruit in season. Pied and albino specimens of this bird have frequently been exhibited, but unless the bird is exceptionally even marked with the white feathers it stands little chance of premier honours. When selecting a show specimen get one as stately in carriage as possible, of a dense black colour, and with a rich bill and eye ceres.

You will find a little colour food will greatly help in getting the bill and eye ceres to a good colour. But you very rarely get a really good bird until he is at least two or three years old, as Blackies, like many other birds, greatly improve with age.

The Thrush is a great favourite of mine, and I believe he is one of the most popular of our cage birds. Not only is he a first class songster, but he is a great favourite on the show bench. I advise you to hand-rear this bird also, if possible, using the same methods as I advised for the Blackbird, when you will find him do well. Unfortunately you cannot sex these birds like you can the Blackbird; but, on the other hand, if you are looking for an exhibition specimen, you will invariably find the hens the most distinctly spotted. Of course, there are exceptions to this. That gem of Mr. Howe's is a hen, and lucky is the man who ever gets one to beat her, although there were some most excellent Thrushes on the bench last year. For an exhibition specimen of this variety get one as bold as possible, with good, large eye, well spotted on breast and thighs, the "moonings" not running into one another. Colour feed these birds, as it greatly adds to the warmth of the breast colouring, and also helps to bring the beautiful olive brown back and wing coverings to a richer shade.

THE STARLING AND RING OUSEL.

Taking the Starling bird all round, he is a most amusing pet, and as artful a bird as you could possibly meet. I have known mine many times push up the punch-bar door of his cage and get out. I have then tied it down, and believe me he has untied the string when the knot has been within reach of his long beak. Hand-rear your birds the same as I have previously mentioned, as you will find the adult birds hard to steady, and they will very often sulk and die rather than eat the food you provide them with; but you will find the hand-reared bird very docile, and even affectionate. Don't forget plenty of insect life and ripe fruit, when obtainable; you will also find them partial to cheese, and a little butcher's meat occasionally. Often times he will relish a little green food in the spring and summer-time.

Some are of opinion that the male has no song, but I really cannot agree with this, for the two I have in my possession sing the Thrushes' song most fluently in my presence, and I have known the younger one to try and sing like the Goldies, but he can't manage that yet; still, I believe in time he will succeed, for he does try hard. If you require a Starling for exhibition, get one a mass of spangling from head to tail, and mind and see that the spots are not matted (running together) on the belly. Shape, too, is a great thing in these birds, and also the richness of colour. I should advise you to colour-feed this bird also, as it brings out the brown tints in the wing flights and back.

The Ring Ousel is a bird I have never yet had the pleasure of keeping in captivity, but I should think fed and reared the same as the Blackbirds, no trouble would follow. A very fine specimen was shown last season by a Mr. Burrows; this bird did a lot of winning, and deserved all he got, in my opinion. They are particularly shy birds when wild, and are exceedingly hard to obtain.

Before closing, gentlemen, I should like to say I greatly regret, owing to the serious illness of my wife and indisposition of myself, I have really not been able to write such a lengthy paper as I should like to have done, but I sincerely hope that you will take the will for the deed, and all being well and you are sufficiently interested in the few lines I have written, I will endeavour to do something better for you next season. May you all have a prosperous time this next few months, when you will be endeavouring to excel your past season's work.

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MAGPIES IN PICCADILLY.

LONDON CABBIES INTERESTED IN ORNITHOLOGY.

Right under the eyes of a number of sympathetic cabmen an ardent courtship is being conducted on the northern edge of the Green Park, within a stone's throw of Piccadilly. The lovers are a pair of Magpies, who have found summer quarters in a high tree nearly opposite the St. James's Club.

In the intervals of courtship they are intent upon house-building, and have completed the floor of a nest, the rough material for which was easily discovered in the park. Now that they have come to the task of roofing it in, however—the Magpie builds a very solid and comfortable structure, entirely closed in save for one small doorway—the requisite material is less easily found, and there could be no prettier sight than that of the birds flying hither and thither in their search. Whenever there is a gleam of sunshine their pure white scapulars and the inner web of the flight feathers flash out in vivid contrast with the deep, glossy black of the wings. Then, as the birds turn and wheel in the captivating way which has gained them a reputation for beauty from Lapland to the Mediterranean, the long tail-feathers become iridescent with lustrous greens and browns and purples.

Already the Magpies are on good terms with the Pigeons which wax fat at the neighbouring cab-rank and with a pair of Wrens who live next door but one. But the Sparrows they ignore with a contempt as complete as that which they entertain for the roar of the Piccadilly traffic, and the grunting of the motor-omnibuses. The Piccadilly cabmen beguile the weary hours of waiting on the rank by watching the movements of the new comers.

"They're birds of evil omen," remarked one, recently.

"And that's not surprising," rejoined another, "considering the condition of the cab trade."

"Funny thing they should have built their nest opposite our rank," said another cabby. "The Magpie's a wicked, low-down bird. I've been looking up his history at the Free Library in St. Martin's Lane. He's the only fevvered creature that wouldn't go into the Ark along with Noah."

"No wonder he don't mind the rain, then," chimed in a third cabby.

"But you mustn't kill him, 'cause that's unlucky, and trade's bad enough already. I'll tell you what we must do. We must coax him with worms and snails, and try to tame him and make him talk."

"Yes, teach him to whistle and to call a cab."

"'Ow peaceful like 'e sits on his perch mindin' nothin'," interrupted the cab-minder, who had been watering the horses and just left off to join the natural history class. "Look at 'is fevvers—all drenched. 'E's got the cabman's spirit right enough."

"Another thing," said the learned cabby, who had been to St. Martin's Library, "be careful how you leave money about, for the book says the Magpie has a nasty trick of carrying off bright and glittering articles, and hides them in his nest and all sorts of funny places out of sheer mischief."

The amorous Magpies in the Green Park are not the only pair of their species in the West End. The nearest neighbours of the Piccadilly cabbies' pets are to be seen in St. James's Park, where two of their kith are busy rebuilding a nest they have before occupied.

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Stray Notes About Birds.

By CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

IS THE BELGIAN DEPARTING?

That the popularity of the Belgian has waned of late years must be patent to all, yet its absence from the last Palace Show must have come as a surprise to many, and incidentally gave rise to the question as to whether the breed was slowly following in the wake of the London Fancy. Surely every bird lover, whether a Belgian fancier or not, would sincerely regret the loss of this formerly called "King of the Fancy," forming as it does one of the most wonderful examples of the Canary breeder's skill and patience. Maybe some measure of its unpopularity is due to the repute it has of being delicate, difficult to manage, and requiring a large supply of feeders to act as foster-parents for their young. Whatever may have been the case in some strains, these charges could certainly not apply to all alike. I know at least one successful breeder and exhibitor of Belgians until recent years, now, unfortunately, gathered to his fathers, who held a high opinion of their hardihood and ease of management, and treated his stock on much the same lines as one might treat the Norwich or Yorkshire. He was able to dispense with artificial heat, and, in a general way, required no feeders to rear his young. Yet his success on the show bench proved his stock was good. Therefore, under judicious management, delicacy cannot be a valid reason for allowing the breed to pass into obscurity.

THE AGE FOR MATING CANARIES.

This is a question which might profitably be discussed more frequently. Except, perhaps, with a few isolated individuals, any definite age for commencing to breed is rarely, if ever, thought of. Nevertheless, it is a factor to reckon with in some of the larger breeds of birds, where size and substance of body are essential points. The usual plan is a kind of happy-go-lucky system of mating up in the spring all the birds that are available for the purpose, without regard to the fact that some of the later hatched birds of the previous season are not more than eight or nine months old, and may be still far from mature. This method will work well enough with small breeds such as the Border Fancy or the Lizard, and with the Yorkshire, where extreme slimness is a virtue it may, if properly managed, be turned to good account. But with breeds like the Lancashire, Crests, and similar large bodied varieties, it is not improbable that breeding from immature birds may have a tendency to cause the stock to degenerate in size. A very successful Crest breeder of former days was a strong believer in this theory, and usually abstained from mating late hatched birds in the following year, thus keeping them over the second moult before mating them. The practice might well be commended to Lancashire breeders to prevent the real, or supposed, loss of substance.

BREEDING FOR COLOUR.

Colouring feeding is notoriously a thorny subject, and the uninitiated reader of the correspondence which occurs from time to time on the subject may sometimes be led to believe that he may safely rely upon foods for putting in—not on, please—his colour. But this is a false notion, and the fancier who wishes to succeed well at colour feeding must first realise that it is just as essential to breed for colour as it ever was. The one who depends solely upon food to produce his colour will sooner or later go to the wall, for unless a certain amount of natural colour is bred in the birds no amount of colour feeding is going to produce an effect similar to that which will occur with birds having plenty of latent colour bred in them. Therefore, whatever type of colour is being sought after the novice should be careful not to get too far away from the green blood. This is the real fount of colour, the value of which cannot be over estimated, and it is only by keeping a fair proportion running through his stock that the fancier can expect to get the best results from colour foods when the proper time arrives for employing them.

YOUNG DEAD IN SHELL.

How is it that one hears of so many cases of young being found dead in the shell during the early part of the season? One of the commonest theories as to the cause of the trouble used to be sudden noises or jarring, such as the banging of doors, etc. But this theory has been pretty well exploded by the circumstances and conditions under which birds have been kept and bred successfully. It would be interesting to glean information from general observations of the nests in which young are found dead in the shell. Here are a few questions, the answers to which will probably contain a solution of the problem. Is the nest a scantily lined earthenware pan a few sizes too large for the hen in question? Or is it in a nest-box with the sides of the nest flattened and making a saucer rather than a cup-shaped nest? And is the material a good retainer of heat? In the early part of the season, when the temperature fluctuates greatly, nice snug, cup-shaped nests are to be preferred, and the ventilated nest-pan, however good it may be for later nests in hot weather, is, I fear, not altogether desirable for the first nests, unless furnished with a good solid nest inside.

THE SONGLESS PEKIN.

We have heard so much about the song, or no song, of the Pekin during the last few years, that one must naturally feel somewhat chary about making any reference to it. But as I offer it as just a simple theory for any or all to cogitate upon or pull to pieces, as fancy pleases, I will not hesitate to give the thought that occurs to me in the shape of a question. Is it probable that a large percentage of the birds imported are young males which have been caged before they had acquired their song from parental tuition? It is a well-known fact that many British birds learn the best part of their song from their parents after leaving the nest, and hand-reared birds of their species, which do not hear a wild bird's song, make but very indifferent singers. Why should not the Pekin be subject to similar conditions? A great many of the birds that come into the market are probably quite young, and not only then, but at all ages the diffieulty of distinguishing the sexes is great, so that when a Pekin does not sing it is usually voted a hen. But judging from all the records the number of singing Pekins is most ridiculously small in comparison with the number of birds imported. Is it likely either that the number of males is so insignificant, or that errors of judgment of sex are made in such a wholesale manner?

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THE SPARROWS v. THE HOUSE MARTINS.

A Humourous Account of Human Intervention in the Annual Duel for Nests.

To-day in my garden, says a writer in the "Evening Standard," has been devoted to making ready for the arrival of the House Martins. The first public meeting of the year to protest against an era of Bulgarian atrocities has consequently been held among the Sparrows. My modest dwelling, all too near London, is still favoured every year by three or four pairs of "temple-haunting Martlets," which add a good deal each summer to the pleasures of existence. The Sparrows also find a good deal of pleasure and satisfaction, of a calculated and unholy kind, in the fact that Martins nest about the house. A Martin's nest is a solid mud erection, involving the outlay of a great amount of honest labour, and it possesses the advantage that with fair usage from wind and weather it is still sound and fit for occupation in the spring after it is originally built and used. Here comes in the Sparrow's opportunity, and the need for Bulgarian atrocities every year.

Indignation Meetings on the Waterspout.

Without my intervention in the capacity of the Grand Turk, by the time that the Martins come Sparrows have already occupied all the existing nests, and hold them against their legitimate owners by their native self-assertiveness. The Martins then have to build new ones, and even if this addition to the colony goes on satisfactorily, and the shells of the fresh-built nests are not seized, as soon as finished, by more Sparrows, the nesting season is so much delayed for the Martins that they often are able only to bring up one brood in the course of the summer, instead of two, as Nature intended. Therefore, as soon as Swallows, of one sort or another, begin to be reported in the papers, I begin the summer's work of making the life of the Sparrow not a happy one and the season opens for indignation meetings on the waterspouts!

Once a Martin's nest is stuffed up with the extraordinary mixture of dry weeds and rubbish heap extracts which the parent Sparrows consider suitable for pillowing their young, the offended Martin has no more use for it, and as a Martin's nest it may be struck off the register. As soon as untidy tufts are seen protruding from the nest's doorway a root and branch policy must be organised against that nest: it must forthwith be poked down with a pole. It is quite useless to let the Sparrows remain in possession, under any idea that since they are provided for already, they will offer less interferenee to the Martins when they come. This is not the Sparrow's way at all. As soon as the Martins have nearly finished a new nest, the Sparrow will probably seize it for change of air, having previously made the other one uninhabitable by his peculiar methods of furnishing it.

The Sparrows have some Fun.

So to protect my House Martins against the Sparrows I have to alter the balance of Nature from time to time with a bean-pole, as I did this afternoon. The difficulty is, not to alter one's own balance too violently and unexpectedly at the same time when standing on the top rung of a garden ladder wielding a battering ram about fifteen feet long. Care must be taken in such cases to construct the implement of light and manageable materials, such as a bamboo curtain rod, with a sweet pea stick tied firmly to the end with garden bast.

During the preliminary preparations on the lawn a flow of satirical and piercing language may be expected from the Sparrows assembled on the corner of the spouting. They are blissfully unaware of the ultimate purpose of your manœuvres, and obviously regard you as engaged in a new and extremely silly garden game. When the knot breaks in the bast they develop, in unison, a particularly offensive laugh. If you are a man of ordinary sensitiveness and self-respect you begin to get a little nettled at this, and tie up the next bit of bast firmly and with purpose. The smart cock Sparrow in the black waistcoat still thinks your behaviour consumedly funny: you would advise him to reflect that they laugh best who laugh last.

'Ware the Addled Eggs.

Having carefully ascended as near the top of the ladder as is felt to be prudent, you proceed to make passes with the battering ram in the direction of the threatened nest. The Sparrows begin to be a little uncertain if there was not some mistake about the point of that joke; their remarks show a distinct change of tone. You, on your side, discover that the only way to keep your weapon under effective control is to hold it perpendicularly and assault the nest when immediately over your head. Reflecting on the possibility of addled eggs, you go indoors for your oldest garden coat, if you have not got it on already, and pull a squash hat as far down over your ears as it will go. The change of popular sentiment among the Sparrows is conspicuously shown by the fact that no laugh is raised even at your present appearance. A few vigorous prods with the pole, and the usurped Martin's nest comes rattling and fluttering down past your ears. On inspecting the debris, you experience a profound feeling of thankfulness that it occurred to you to remember addled eggs.

The Sparrows after this will probably keep clear of the Martins' nests under the eaves till the light-winged birds have come home again; their own efforts will now be concentrated on stuffing hay-balls, which will presently abound with vociferous young, into every crevice of the joists, beams, and spouts, and behind the creepers on the wall. In defence of your newly-sown seeds, as well as of the Martins, who are now engaged in sticking little black bread pills of mud all along the wall under the eaves to discover a good foundation, the campaign is waged more fiercely against these untidy nests. You learn, from repeated and vindictive experiments, the exceeding usefulness, in twisting them out, of your original battering ram with two straight bits of cane tied on side by side at the end, like a sort of primeval toasting fork.

Your Secret History Revealed.

It is not until you have examined in detail two or three large and well-lined Sparrows nests that you realise the amazing intimacy of the Sparrow with the details of your domestic and private life. You are positively reduced to blushing at some of the fragments from the past of yourself and your household, which acquire a peculiarly discreditable and indelicate appearance when disinterred from the dust heap and exposed to the penetrating criticisms of the Sparrow family which has chosen to annex them. You are perfectly certain, for instance, that the Sparrow has not only put his own construction upon the paper label from a liqueur bottle of nine months back, and the dead bunch of violets which you bought outside Cannon-street Station some time in February, but that the entire neighbourhood is informed that your whole family are confirmed alcoholics, and that your own escapades of gallantry are the scandal of the town. Scraps of old letters appear to have a concentrated innuendo in every work when discovered months later in the furniture of the Sparrow's mansion. To treat a bird like this with consideration is kindness wholly misplaced. He deserves every method of extermination which ingenuity can devise. For we know quite well that nothing can ever exterminate him—and that we should be very sorry if it did. All that is the matter with the Sparrow is that he is a great deal too numerous, and consequently aggressive. What he needs is constantly "moving on." Every householder should be his own policeman.

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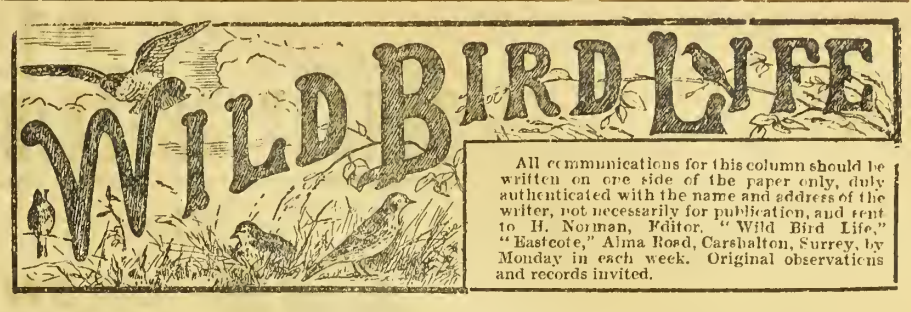

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The Turtle Dove.

In our rambles we have seen two or three Turtle Doves. These birds are migratory, and are among the last batch of summer visitors to arrive. They evidently love warmth and sunshine, for they are never so plentiful with us as during a hot summer. Although all our resident Pigeons are Doves (for the two words are used in literature almost synonymously when writing of any one of the species) the Turtle appears more fitted to enjoy the name Dove, by reason of his smaller size, colour, and gentle bearing.

These birds appear to drift to our shores in the spring in small flocks, and during the hot summer days go about in pairs, for they are not gregarious during nesting. Like the majority of our migratory birds the cocks appear to reach here first, and it is these we see and note roaming the countryside at the present time. Just now they are not at all shy, but after pairing and nesting commences they become wary, and difficult to approach. It is difficult to define the range of these pretty birds, for it varies considerably according to the season; but they are evidently extending, for we hear of them a good way further west and north than we did a few years ago. Those reaching the extreme north must be as stragglers only.

Although these birds are fond of wooded districts, within easy reach of cultivated fields, some parts which one would think to be ideal spots for them are quite deserted. But, then, in this matter the Turtle Dove does not differ from many other species. We have here plenty of woods, adjoining corn fields, and other cultivated ground, admirably suited to them, but very few are to be met with at any time, although the Wood Pigeons are plentiful everywhere, which fact, indeed, might govern the numbers of the smaller bird.

The Turtle Dove feeds principally upon grain and various wild seed. It is very destructive to peas and tares, but beyond this it must, during the latter part of the summer, help considerably to reduce the wild seed crop for the following year, for we frequently see them alight in the standing corn fields long before the corn has commenced to ripen. They can only be there for the wild food growing between the rows. These birds drink frequently, and during the hot summer weather visit the drinking places several times during the day. If one wishes to see them one cannot do better than hide near a pond in a wood, or any pool of water that birds are known to frequent—the different birds that drink there during the day, in fact, will astonish one. The Finches, the Thrushes, Warblers, and Pigeons, may all be seen in the course of an hour or two.

The Turtle Dove.

The nest of the Turtle Dove is a flat structure, made of dead twigs woven together like basket work. It is so slight that the eggs may often be seen through the bottom. The bird is fonder of building in tall hedges, especially where the whitethorn is common, than the Ring Dove; indeed, it more often chooses tall bushes than trees. It is a close sitter, and one may walk beneath the nest without disturbing it, and when driveu away it quickly returns. The eggs are creamy-white in colour, smooth in texture, and oval in form.

Notes and Queries.

Nesting Freaks.

It is very curious to see the nest of a bird situated in a position so unusual as to appear unnatural; and yet during the summer months this frequently occurs. Only the other day I saw a Blackbird's nest in a carpenter's shop. It was placed flat upon a board, and appeared to be more the work of a man than a bird. It contained two young ones.

A Note on the Shrike.

The Red-backed Shrike is probably one of our most interesting summer visitors. He is exceedingly local, yet returns to the same spot year after year, nesting in almost the same bush as the previous season. He is practically a miniature Hawk, having quite the bold ways of the larger birds; but his prey is principally the large insects and an occasional young bird.

Young Missel Thrushes.

Young Missel Thrushes appear to be plentiful this season. It is quite a common sight to see three or four hopping about after one of their parents upon the grass land. They are very pale in colour when compared with the adult birds, but, although they look very babyish, they are strong fliers, even before they can properly feed themselves. This is quite unlike the young Song Thrushes, for they are very weak upon the wing, and may easily be run down if driven into the open.

Nest in a Pig Net.

Among the very strange nesting places of birds that have come to light must be placed the one just discovered in a cowshed at Brookfield Farm, Churchdown, in the occupation of Mr. George Hannis. About a week after a pig net had been thrown over a beam, says a Cheltenham paper, it was found that a pair of Wrens had built their nest in its meshes and that five eggs were laid. A number of persons availed themselves of Mr. Hannis's kindness to take a peep at the net nest.

Co-Partnership in Bird-Life.

A bird's nest of quite a unique character is to be seen in the wild gardens at Wiggie, Redhill In a rustic arch a Blackbird and a Wren have built a combined nest, about 5 ft. from the ground, and both are now engaged in sitting on their eggs. The nest is oblong in shape, the Blackbird having the top storey, while the Wren is to be seen peeping out of a side door. Although during the past week hundreds of visitors have inspected the grounds, and passed within a foot of the nest, the two birds appear in no way to be frightened.

An Abundance of Songsters.

This season is remarkable for the great number of Nightingales. Last year they were not over plentiful, but it is just possible they had an exceptionally good breeding season, and consequently the young ones would return to the land of their birth, and so the woods are full of the song of this full-throated musician. One may often meet an acquaintance who has probably heard the 'Gale for the first time, and as proof of the extraordinary melody of this bird I do not remember hearing anyone say he was disappointed in the song.

Hawks and Canary.

A gentleman living in Nauntou Park Road, Cheltenham, was called into the garden by his wife one day last week to see a large bird that refused to move when approached. It had flown into a neighbouring apple tree when he reached the garden, but it suddenly swooped down right close to himself, wife, and two children, and attempted to seize a Canary that was in its cage on the lawn. He rushed forward and managed to seize the bird, which proved to be a full-grown Sparrow Hawk. He put it into a cage and photographed it. He kept the Hawk that night, to show it to his friends; but on going to release it next morning he found it dead—evidently of fright, as it had not been injured.

The Unobtrusive Crake.

Of all our feathered visitors that come along this month, one has the unique property of remaining unseen for months to come, though not unheard, by the majority of even those who dwell in the country. This is the Corncrake, or Landrail, a skulking, unobtrusive creature, which crosses the North Sea only on fine nights, and not in the mad March gales that bring so many others to their doom against the lighthouse lantern or treacherous electric wires that girdle all our coasts along the railroads. The Landrail comes alone or in little batches, and at once plunges into the grass fields, there bringing up its family, and rarely flying within the vision of man until, in the early days of September, the dogs and the beaters put it up in company with partridges, and sometimes knock it over—a not very creditable performance, since, as Sir Herbert Maxwell says, it flies along like a great moth. Were it not that the Landrail makes an excellent dish, so slow a mover might well be spared. Some voices, though without music, are pleasing, and the Corncrake's is of these.

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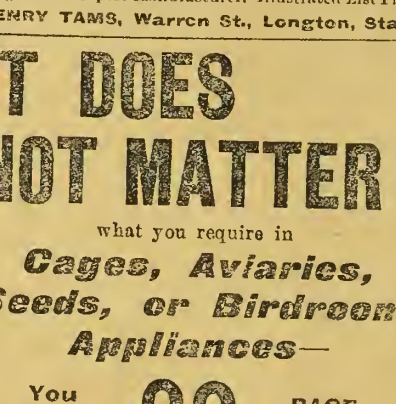

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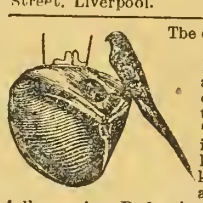

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CLEAR buff Norwich hen Canary, in good condition, 5/-; exchange.—Coles, Banks, Buckby.

EXCHANGE 90 bird papers for Norwich cock.—Dee, 27, Russell-st., Chester.

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Foreign Bird Queries continued from p. 494.

What Parrot?

Head, white; neck and breast, rose pink; wing, back, and tail, grey; when vexed it raises the feathers on the top of its head like a crest. What kind of Parrot is it? Will it talk? How must I feed and treat?—F.L.

F.L.—It is the Rose-breasted Cockatoo (*Cacatua roseicapilla*), a hardy and enduring species once it has got over the hardships of the voyage to this country. Some specimens of this species make good talkers, all talk a little if trained. Keep it where it will hear plenty of conversation; also try the constant repetition of such words and phrases that you wish it to repeat, not a number at once, but one at a time, and no change till this is learned. Diet: Canary, millet, oats, wheat, dari, and maize, in equal parts, well mix, and let this be your staple diet; also give ripe fruit, green food, grit, cuttlefish, plain biscuit, boiled potato, raw carrot, nuts, and water (note reply to other querists). Make your bird's drinking water quite saline with Epsom Salts for one day, and repeat as necessary to keep its bowels freely moving, yet not watery loose. It appears to me that either your bird is very wild or its cage very small for it to wound its wings as you describe. Avoid scaring it till it is thoroughly accustomed to you, and be as gentle and quiet in your movements when attending to its cage, etc., till it is tame. Hope it will do well.

Budgerigars Breeding in Cage.

(1) I have bought a pair of these birds, the cock is backward. Is my dietary correct, and do they require special treatment at this time? (2) Will they breed in a Crystal Palace cage, 3½ by 1½ by 3 ft. high?—NEW STARTER.

New Starter.—(1) Your diet is correct as to its variety, but at this period let them have as much grass in flower and cuttlefish as they will eat. It will do the male no harm if you caught it and gave it 2 drops of pure salad oil direct to the beak, and put them on a course of Parrish's Chemical Food, making their drinking water the colour of pale port with same for about a month. (2) There is no reason why they should not, but an all wire cage is not suitable for any birds, save to keep a few odd males in for decorative purposes principally, and under any conditions such a cage must not be placed in a window or where a draught can blow through it. The cage par excellence for captive birds is one of the semi-box type, in such they can obtain shelter from draught under almost any conditions, unless it be so placed that the wind blows directly into it. However, if you keep them out of draught they should ultimately settle down and breed in your C.P. aviary. They are hardy birds, and do not require artificial heat at any time.

Budgerigars Dropping Feathers.

I have had the birds three weeks, they appear in health, are very active, but dropping a lot of feathers; do they require any special treatment? They have made no attempt to nest; will they do so this season, or is it too late? Could I put one pair each of Madagascars, Javas, and Zebras in with them, or would it be better to have another pair of Budgerigars?—W.P.

W.P.—Your aviary should answer well for the birds. Give all the ventilation possible, but do not create a draught; some ventilation should be given at night now, that is the place should not be closed up entirely. They have not yet had sufficient time to settle down, neither are they yet in breeding condition, though the hen is rapidly becoming so. No, it is not too late, once they start these will go on well into the fall of the year bringing out their young. I cannot advise keeping Finches with Budgerigars and Lovebirds in so small an aviary. Why not have one pair each Green and Yellow Budgerigars and a pair of the Lovebirds; this would give you a pleasing variety, and they would stimulate one another in the effort to reproduce their kind. You will find several answers to other querists that should help you in the management of your birds. Your dietary is correct, but keep up a liberal supply of green food (grass in flower), cuttlefish, grit, and crushed egg shells from your table. Hope you will have good luck with them.

Blue-fronted Amazon III.

My bird has a sort of choking affection two or three times a day, worse after his meals; it only lasts from three to five minutes, during which he tries to be sick, makes a funny noise, then flaps his wings, and lifts up his feathers. Immediately afterwards he is all right again, laughs and talks, and is as lively as can be. What is the matter with it, and how shall I treat?—WALTER PEARSON.

Walter Pearson.—I am of the opinion that there is nothing the matter with your bird, and that the symptoms you name are those of its disgorging its food, which is common to many species of Parrots when they are with those they are fond of; it is usually accompanied by various noises, according to the species concerned, also wagging and contortions of neck and shaking loose of the feathers. I do not think it is more than this habit with your bird, as if it were either ulceration of mouth or throat, or dyspepsia, it would not be lively and talkative afterwards. Diet: For your staple food use the following mixture: Canary, millet, dari, wheat, Indian corn, hemp, and sunflower seeds in equal parts; also regular supplies of ripe fruit, green food, cuttlefish, and water. Supply as extras to vary the diet, plain biscuit, boiled potato, raw carrot, and a few nuts. If you are convinced there is some ailment you must write again at once, and try and give me a few more particulars—well examine the bird's mouth before writing again.

Grey Parrot with Growth, etc.

I treated my Grey (No. 1) as you advised, and the growth has now entirely disappeared. The other bird (No. 2) still eats its voidings when it can get at them, but closely wiring the grating, as you advised, has partially cured this. It is fed on boiled corn, potato, and fruit, with table bits. It will not eat dry seed yet. Can you help me further with this bird?—PERPLEXED.

Perplexed.—(1) Am glad to note that the treatment was successful, and that the bird is now quite well again. (2) The only thing you can do re this objectionable habit is to remove any voidings that cling to the grating as soon as possible. As regards its diet, keep to that advised in our earlier reply, and given again to other correspondents in this issue. Do not give table scraps, tea sops, or anything of that kind. The green food you are giving is very wholesome, as is also such ripe fruit as you can get it to eat. The Parrish's Chemical Food will also do good. Try this method: Half fill its tin with the dry mixture, fill up with boiled maize, and give no more for the day so long as there is any food in the tin; keep up this practice for a time and note the result. Of course the above only applies to the boiled maize and seed mixture—you will supply ripe fruit, etc., as usual. Keep its bowels moving freely, but not watery loose, by giving Dinneford's Magnesia as necessary. I should keep a piece of cuttlefish hanging in the cage, ultimately it will take to it., Mix a little Parrot grit with its seed mixture.

CLUB REPORTS.

WIBSEY AND DIS. C.B.S.

Held a very successful supper on May 11th. About forty fanciers and friends sat down to an excellent meat pie. After supper a very good programme of songs and pianoforte selections was rendered by various friends, and during the evening six new members were passed (this brings up the membership to 37, which is an increase of 15 on last year).

E. W. JOHNSON, Sec.

CITY OF WAKEFIELD O.S.

Meeting held May 14th, Mr. S. Sheard in chair. The Secretaries read letter from C.B.U. granting licence for show on November 12th and 13th. The show dates are altered accordingly. Then came a paper on "The Roller Canary," by Mr. J. Netherwood, secretary Wakefield Roller C.S. Last year he captured the silver cup (at the Palace) of British Roller C.C. His paper dwelt on the keeping, feeding, and training of the Roller Canary. He laid special stress on the fact that Roller Canaries were like other varieties in this respect—"To get a good bird you must pay a good price."

W. D. KEELEY, Hon. Sec.

EALING AND HANWELL F.S.

Meeting held May 23rd, Mr. Councillor Smales in chair. Mr. H. Knight judged, and gave satisfaction to all. CLEAR, ETC., YORKS.: 1, 3, vhc, Smith; 2, hc, Robinson. MARKED, ETC.: 1, 2, 3, hc, Robinson; vhc, Smith. NORWICH: 1, Thursby; 2, 3, Robinson. BRITISH: 1, spl best bird in show (kindly given by Mr. Daintry), Thursby, a Goldfinch; 2, Smith; 3, vhc, hc, Robinson. MULES: 1, Robinson. FOREIGN: 1, Smith. After judging, Mr. Knight proceeded with his lecture on the Yorkshire Canary, his audience following with keen interest. The various points raised by Mr. Knight as to the best means to employ to keep up size, maintaining and improving quality and colour, brought on a good and lively discussion, in which Messrs. Smales, Robinson, Kemble, Smith, Hetherington, and others joined in. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Knight for attending and helping the members with his advice and interesting lecture.

W. BIRD, Hon. Sec.

CITY OF GLASGOW O.A.

Committee meeting May 16th. Mr. J. Young presided. It was carried that the general meeting be held on June 15th. It was agreed that the classification be taken first, the election of judges next, and other business afterwards. A motion was made that if a member moved that a new class be added to the classification, he be not asked to guarantee the class. This motion led to a long and warm discussion, but ultimately the previous question was moved and carried. It was carried that the election of judges be carried out as formerly. Then the question of voting by proxy was taken up. It was carried that everyone sending membership fee of 2s. 6d. on or before June 15th be entitled to nominate and vote for the election of judges. This did not satisfy a prominent member present, and he proposed that the judges be nominated now by the committee, and ballot papers be issued, and everyone returning said papers with the membership fee of 2s. 6d. vote on the nominees of their choice. This led to a long and somewhat heated argument, but the chairman intimated that the motion was incompetent, and the question dropped. The president read a letter from the Glasgow and West of Scotland Association, asking that the "McLean" Cup be returned to them in terms of the original conditions of the donor, and it was agreed that the Cup would be banded over on the production of proof that they were entitled to it. It was carried that the show be advertised in the fanciers' papers to the extent entitling their show into Coming Events column.

A. MCDONALD, Sec.

B.B. & M. CLUB FOR BRADFORD AND COUNTY OF YORKSHIRE.

A meeting, convened by Mr. H. J. Chittenden, was held on May 25th at the Market Tavern, Bradford, to see if it was possible to form a club for the furtherance of the interests of British bird fanciers in Bradford and Yorkshire generally. A goodly number turned up, and amongst the company were Mr. W. A. Cowgill, Mr. W. H. Shackleton, Mr. Fred Hammond (Sec. Yorkshire Union), Mr. Sam Dean, Mr. T. Clegg, Mr. R. Sutcliffe (Baildon), Mr. J. S. Clarkson (Halifax), Mr. Phillip Mason (Windhill), Mr. A. Dobson (Saltaire), Mr. T. H. Inman, Mr. H. Simmonett, Mr. W. Sleaford, and others. Mr. W. A. Cowgill was voted to the chair. Mr. Chittenden, in a few well chosen remarks, put the object of the meeting, and said he would like to see a club formed for the purpose of assisting those who kept a few British birds, and also those of the Canary cult who during the season perhaps bred a few Mules. He would like, if it were possible, to throw it open to the whole of Yorkshire, as at present there was no such society for British bird fanciers. The Chairman also spoke, and instanced the benefits which would accrue if classes were provided at our shows for British birds and Mules, and how interesting it would be. He thought a small subscription from each fancier would enable them to put the club, if formed, on a sound footing, so that specials may be given and classes guaranteed for British birds and Mules.—Mr. F. Hammond said he had great pleasure in proposing that: "A club be formed for encouraging British birds and Hybrids." Mr. W. R. Myers, in seconding Mr. Hammond's proposal, showed that much interest was taken in the surrounding districts in British birds, and if they had a classification bow interesting it would be for visitors to shows. On the motion being put to the meeting, it was carried with acclamation. Mr. Sam Dean proposed, and was seconded by Mr. J. Hartley, that this society be called "The Bradford and County British Bird and Mule Club," which was passed without a dissentient voice. Mr. Dean expressed a wish that this society would not operate locally only, but would enrol members from all parts of our largest county. Mr. Hammond proposed, and Mr. Greaves seconded Mr. W. R. Myers as secretary pro tem. The following gentlemen were elected as officers:—President, Mr. W. A. Cowgill; vice-presidents, Messrs. Sam Dean and H. J. Chittenden; committee, Messrs. T. H. Inman, Phillip Mason, Fred Tyler, Chas. Ross, H. Midgley, W. Sleaford. After much discussion, the amount of subscription was fixed (provisionally to the minute being ratified at the next meeting) at 1s. per annum. Twenty-one gentlemen gave their names as members of Bradford and County British Bird and Mule Club. Great Horton O.S., who are holding their First Feather Show on June 8th, and Bradford West on June 22nd, have put on an open class for any variety of British bird (limit £10). It is hoped that British bird fanciers will rally round and give these shows their support, and that entries will come in not only from Bradford and District, but from afar. Schedule for both these shows can be had from me on application. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Bradford West First Feather Show, in Whitley-lane Schools, June 22nd, at 7 p.m.

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THE CAGE BIRD UNION.

The Question of the Hour.

The Five Definitions of a Novice.

Appended are the five definitions of a Novice being voted on by societies which are affiliated to the C.B.U., it being intended that the definition receiving the largest total of votes shall govern all open shows held under C.B.U. rules:

1. A Novice is one who has never won a 1st, 2nd, or 3rd prize in Open or Amateur Classes, or three first prizes in Novice Classes for Canaries or Hybrids.

2. A Novice is one who has not won a prize at any Open Show. All birds shown in Novice Clases shall be their own breeding and breeding stock.

3. A Novice is one who has never won a 1st prize in Open Competition, or three first prizes in Open Novice Classes.

4. A Novice is one who has never won a 1st in Open Competition, or three 1st prizes in Novice Classes at three separate Shows.

5. A Novice is one who has never won three 1st prizes in Open Novice, Open Amateur, or Champion Classes.

All these definitions are presumed to apply to Canary and Hybrid Classes only.

Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.

A specially-convened meeting, held May 23rd, to discuss proposed deletion of the latter part of Rule 17, and suggestions for the definition of a novice. Speeial notice had been sent to members with voting papers, to be returned by those who could not attend meeting. It is to be regretted that a larger number did not return same. Mr. G. T. Woolhouse was elected to the chair. A very lively discussion took place, and opinions seemed fairly divided; but upon the votes being counted, it was found that 22 had voted that the latter part of Rule 17 be deleted, and 14 that the whole of the rule stand. Mr. Lovsey and Mr. Cranfield acted as scrutineers. With regard to the novice question, it was found that suggestion No. 3 found most favour. Mr. Johnson suggested that it would he better if it read—"or three 1st prizes in open novice classes at three separate shows." The Secretary was instructed to forward this suggestion to Mr. Lythgoe.—W. Hodson, Hon. Sec.

Suggested Extra Entrance Fee for Non-Members.

At Sunderland, on May 23rd, the Northern Crest Club met to discuss C.B.U. Rule 17 and definition of a novice. There was a poor muster of members, owing to the wet night and also a meeting at Newcastle. In Mr. Robt. Swan's absence, Mr. A. Brown, of Gateshead, was voted to the chair. The minutes of last meeting were read, and after rescinding the minute relating to members sending the numbers of their birds, competing at shows, to the Sec., they were adopted. It was decided to enter "N.C.C." on entry form as before. Rule 17 next came up for discussion, and with the exception of the Hon. Sec., those present thought it hardly fair to give the non-union fanciers the advantage, insomuch as they could show at any open show, while a union man could only show at exhibitious under C.B.U. rules. It was decided to reply "No" to the question; hut the Sec. was instructed to write to Mr. Lythgoe to the effect that if the rule could be altered to make all exhibitors of cage birds members of the Union, the N.C.C. would then be in favour of it. One member suggested that twopence extra entry fee could he charged at shows to non-members of the Union, and forwarded to the Secretary, Mr. T. Robson proposed that the rule stand, and said it was also unfair that societies that did not join the Union should reap the benefit equally with those who did, and that if it stood all societies would join for the sake of support. There was no seconder. No. 2 novice definition was chosen. The Sec. had an offer of a medal from Mr. Goulden for novices, whieh it was decided to accept, and the members present guaranteed the class, so that it would be put on at Sunderland.—T. Robson, Hon. Sec.

Mr. John Tyson Replies.

Sir,—Firstly, I would respectfully request all affiliated societies to exercise great caution with regard to their voting on Rule 17, or they may vote for the retention of the whole rule when intendiug the deletion—like some one I know who said "yes," when he should have written "no." I should like to know if all last year's affiliated societies agreed to remain affiliated this year? Have societies been requested to elect their delegates for this year? It is quite possible other members might be substituted. And if the last year's delegates have been re-elected, has the Secretary of the C.B.U. been advised? I have before me a list of delegates from whom I am requested to elect a representative on the Executive Council, and I know one society has definitely decided not to again affiliate; and if rumour is correct it is highly probable another or two will follow. Under such circumstances, is not the voting futile? The injustice of the voting is by no means imaginary. Call it a delegate or society, whichever you like, the method is the same. All I ask is that the voting of each affiliated society be taken—so many for and so many against—and the whole of them submitted to Mr. Lythgoe, or, perhaps better, a scrutineer (the same as the election of president and secretary), and I take it every affiliated member would be agreeable to abide by such a decision. This is the spirit of the resolution which was, I understand, carried at the Crystal Palace. I think it is quite possible a few calm and collected gentlemen might be able to grasp the decision quite as readily as the officials, if the account of the chaos and confusion is any criterion. Why are the delegates of societies not apprised of anything pertaining to their particular society? They are the representatives, and not the societies, and I think it is their duty to call meetings to discuss any subject or arrange with the society to do so. As I have previously said, the office of a delegate is a myth, and nothing more nor less thau a dose of soothing syrup to make it appear that each society is represented. Even an ordinary affiliated member can be deputed to attend a show on behalf of the Union. Therefore, what need of allowing delegates' expenses for over five miles? Is it not true that a delegate can, and has been, deputed to police his own show? Can anything more ridiculous be imagined, if correct? I think Mr. Lythgoe would have been well advised in giving delegates' travelling expenses as a separate item in the balance-sheet, instead of coupling them with those of the Executive Council. I know of several shows in London who never had a delegate appointed to supervise at all.

Am sorry my letter respecting voting did not appear clear to Mr. Stephenson, but I hardly think he should have said it was misleading, if he personally was unable to grasp it. However, I will try if possible to make it clear, and will imagine the L. and P.O.S. voting was in favour of the latter portion of Rule 17 standing hy 17 to eight against, and the L.C.B.A. voted 18 against and four for its retention. Total those members together (if possible), and let the largest number decide the question—i.e., 21 for retention and 26 against—and pursue this method through the whole of the affiliated societies. What is there misleading in this? And surely the method is clear? Yorkshire men, as a rule, do not require such an explicit explanation. I have been trying for some time to ascertain the power of a delegate. (Good old Mother Leigh!) Quite so; but what are you to do when decisions are required before a delegate has the opportunity of discussing the questions with his members? Why has Mr. Lythgoe had to extend this voting till June 8th? And this is not by any means the first time an extension was necessary. What of the annual general meeting? Even with this extension, the L.C.B.A. would not have been able to discuss the questions except at a special meetiug (and which was duly called) for the purpose. It amuses me highly to think that Mr. Stephenson should see fit to mention several of the things I had in my mind at the Manchester meeting (and still have). They evidently appealed to him, but not to the C.B.U; and, so far as I am aware, none have been attempted. What has the C.B.U. done? Committed one exhibitor without giving him a hearing, and upheld a judge while, at the same time, exenerating the exhibitors! And what have these two items cost? I feel free to admit there would not have been so mnch cause for dissatisfaction if any of the items Mr. Stephenson mentions had ever been attempted.

From the first I have been against several of the methods of the C.B.U. Firstly, I objected to the composition of the provisional committee. I believe I am correct in saying seven were appointed within very easy reach of Manchester—in the hollow of the hand, as it were—two for London (I previously said one was sufficient), and two were appointed without even their respective societies being sufficiently interested to write and compliment its possible formation. I'll give you my word that so long as I remain the delegate of an affiliated society I shall "continue to play," notwithstanding Mr. Stephenson's school-children illustration, which clearly goes to prove that he has not lived sufficiently long to forget the methods extended to him.

Of what value are the C.B.U. rules? I am sorry to repeat this contentious portion of Rule 17: "And registered members of the Union shall be liable to suspension if found exhibitiug at a suspended or non-affiliated or non-licensed club's show other than First Feather Show or Shows confined to members." Yet at our special meeting one of the provisional committee, Mr. R. J. Pretty, said that Mr. Lythgoe had written and given him and several others permission to exhibit at Watford (which was an open show, neither affiliated or licensed) because they were members, although the classes in which they exhibited were not confined to members. Is this the correct definition? Again, on principle, I withheld payment of 3s. 9d. for show rules (which, however, has uow been paid), and this amount was laid before the Executive Council as an outstanding debt without my knowledge, and, consequently, without being able to state my case. I was prepared to bring the matter before the general meeting at the Palace, and had my letters and schedules, etc., necessary for the substantiation of my case; but the meeting was concluded before I could attend. I wrote asking Mr. Lythgoe what he proposed doing with those societies that announced their show being held uuder C.B.U. rules, but failed to conform to one of its chief conditions (printed in large and black type)—viz., to send a copy of the rules with every schedule. He wrote me that he proposed doing uothing with them, and on this ground I withheld payment as a protest, and with the hope that my course would lead to the exposure of the injustice of many societies having to pay for conforming to conditions, while others were set free for non-compliance.

Now, Mr. Crawhall, the Fancy I think will agree that you appear to have a very bad case, and I need trouble very little about what you have written, as you either know nothing of your subject, or have been grossly mis-informed. Wonderful example, Birmingham; I understand carried by the casting vote of the chairman. Differences of opinion appear to be very evenly divided. I did hear that Hartlepool was carried in the same way, but cannot find that verified in the Fancy Press. Speaking of Birmingham, I refer merely to the scant number who voted. I imagine it would be much more interesting if we had the opinion of the majority, who apparently treat the C.B.U. with a chilly indifference. I challenge Mr. Crawhall or Mr. Stephenson to bring forward anything I have written or said to prove that I have in any way courted office in the C.B.U.

John Tyson.

THE SOUTHERN NORWICH PLAINHEAD CLUB AND C.B.U. MATTERS.

At the last meeting of the S.N.P.C., held at the "Raglan," Aldersgate Street, E.C., on May 23rd, there was only a poor attendance of members. Mr. R. J. Pretty was elected to the chair. The first business was the consideration of the deletion or otherwise of the famous barring clause of Rule 17 of the Cage Bird Union, this matter having been turned over from the previous committee meeting, owing to the paucity of committeemen present thereat. It was soon disposed of, Mr. R. L. Crisp moving, and Mr. A. W. Curtis seconding, that it be referred to tho whole of the members to vote upon. After a few words of protest from the Secretary on the score of the expense involved, this proposition was carried hy three votes to one.

A discussion then followed, on the initiation of Mr. Curtis, as to forwarding a recommendation to the C.B.U. Secretary, appealing to him to allow of further time between sending out his circulars on matters requiring a delegate's decision, to allow of the said delegate consulting his members before giving his vote on whatever points were raised. Mr. Curtis considered an interval of at least a month should be provided for between the receipt of the circular and the day for posting the reply. Mr. Ramsden pointed out that the revision of Rule 17 had been before the Fancy since the February Palace Show, so that every society had surely had ample time to consider it. Mr. Curtis said he was not referring to Rule 17, but to the election of the members of the Executive Council from amongst the delegates. Mr. Ramsden said that that point had been before the Fancy for a year, for it was well kuown that the Executive were to he elected annually. Further, he did not see the necessity for a delegate to consult his members on the point, as it was well understood that the delegates were themselves to elect one of their number to represent their centre on the Executive Council. The Chairman also thought this a matter for the delegates to settle amongst themselves. Mr. Curtis stuck to his point on principle, saying he thought there would be far less grumbling if more work were thrown on the members of societies, for no one could then style it cliqueism. The election of the Executive Council he considered of prime importance, and he, if left to himself, might conceivably vote for a fellow-delegate to whom 75 per cent. of his members objected to. Mr. Crisp seconded the recommendation, saying he thought at least five weeks' time should be given delegates in which to send in their decisions, to allow them to consult their members. On being put to the vote it was carried by four votes to nil.

Mr. Ramsden then raised the point that the S.N.P.C. delegate, Mr. G. Crabb, ought to be instructed by that meeting whom he was to vote for. This was demurred to by several present, who thought Mr. Crabb, having been elected by and carrying the confidence of the members, should he left to vote as he pleased. Mr. Ramsden eventually moved a resolution that Mr. Crabb be left to vote for whom he pleased. Mr. L. Brown seconded, and Mr. Crisp supported it on this occasion, as the time was limited for sending in the vote, and it was carried unanimously.

THE LONDON CAGE BIRD ASSOCIATION.

There was an excellent gathering at the special meeting of the L.C.B.A., called for May 24th last, at the Napier, High Holborn, W.C., a number of friends mingling with the members. Tho business forward was the discussion on Rule 17 of the C.B.U., and that body's definition of a novice. The novice question as it affected the metropolitan district was also discussed, and this part of the proceedings is reported elsewhere in this issue. Mr. J. Dewhurst ably filled the position of chairman during the first part of the proceedings.

Mr. R. L. Crisp moved that the latter portion of Rule 17 be deleted (i.e., that portion which reads "registered members of the Union shall be liable to suspension if found exhibiting at a suspended or non-affiliated or non-licensed club's show, other than first feather shows and shows confined to members"). This proposition was seconded by Mr. A. W. Curtis. Mr. Crisp expressed himself as strongly opposed to coercive measures being introduced into the Fancy, for they deprived a man of one of the privileges of citizenship, the right to act and do as he thought best. Besides, such coercion as was exerted by Rule 17 ought not to be necessary, for if the C.B.U. was the good thiug it was said to he fanciers and societies would support it without being compelled to do so. He believed in governing by love rather than hy force. He took exception to the wording of the circular sent out hy the C.B.U. Secretary, it being altogether one-sided, and nothing more nor less than an attempt to bias readers of it in favour of the rule. Further, the question was sent out in a misleading manner. The circular asked:—Is your Society in favour of the whole of Rule 17 being retained? Then it went on to say:—The words proposed to be deleted are, etc., etc. When a man read this, he was quite likely to write Yes at the foot, meaning he was in favour of the words printed being deleted. But the "Yes," being read in conjunction with the question, left it as though he had voted for the whole of the rule being retained. He thought many were likely to fall into this error, and thought this ambiguousness should certainly have been avoided. He also considered the clause of Rule 17 under discussion to be most unfair to members of the Union, inasmuch as it allowed non-members to come to Union shows and take whatever prize-money they could, while members of the C.B.U. could not go to non-Union Shows and take any prize money there. The clause should either be done away with altogether, or all exhibitors should be compelled to join the C.B.U., so that all of them might he on an equal footing. As it stood at present Rule 17 was neither just nor equitable.

Mr. Curtis endorsed Mr. Crisp's remarks in the main, not agreeing with the manner in which the vote had been put before the various societies, and also being opposed to coercion on principle. Further, he objected strongly to the one-sidedness of the harring clause contained in the Rule.

Mr. A. C. Burn said that while the way the vote had been taken was not a democratic one, he was heartily in favour of Rule 17. Mr. Crisp had said that it touched his citizenship; personally, he could not see that. All rules were more or less coercive, even those of their own Society. Yet the coercion existed only to be used when necessary. Even some of the country's laws he disapproved of; yet he was forced to recognise that they were absolutely necessary. If one did not break them, however, one did not come under them. The C.B.U. was an organised body established for the good of the Fancy, and they ought to have a rule compelling all fanciers to belong to it, and so come under its authority. Take Rule 17 away, and you took away the bed rock of the Union. Mr. Crisp had spoken of love as the controlling force. Well, love had proved insufficient in the past; it had not prevented wrong-doing. They would make a mistake to delete any portion of the rule. It was necessary in the best interests of the Fancy, to work for its purification, and to establish the Union on a proper basis. He recognised there were things in the Union which needed altering; but they must remember it was yet in its infancy, and that it would take several years' working to properly mould it.

Mr. Stevenson said the Rule simply encouraged the fancier who did not belong to the Union—he could show anywhere, whereas the members of the C.B.U. could not. Mr. Burns: That's what I disagree with. Mr. Crisp: That's what I disagree with, too. Non-affiliated members can take our prize money; we can't trespass on their preserves. Last year I bred

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some birds I considered fit to send into Yorkshire to compete. I got a schedule, only to find that my membership of the C.B.U. debarred me from showing them. Those who floated the C.B.U. are afraid their orphan will not exist without coercion.

Mr. Burns repeated that he was in full agreement with Rule 17. The sole object for which the Union was formed was the betterment and improvement of the Fancy, and therefore they should compel all fanciers and societies to become affiliated, so that the governing body could exercise control over them whenever necessary. Why should anyone wish to stay outside of such a body? If we want them to come in we must coerce them. "Coercion" such as this applied to all kinds of Unions and to many branches of sport. The football union would neither permit the clubs forming it playing unregistered clubs, nor the players to play for such.

A speaker, whose name escaped us, said he looked upon the L.C.B.A. as the head of the Fancy in London, as a body composed of honourable men, capable of conducting their business in an honourable way, and he felt sure they would expel anyone who did wrong. He thought it absurd they should not conduct their business in their own way. He failed to see the goodness of the C.B.U.

Mr. Crisp pressed his point as regards non-affiliated members showing where affiliated members were not allowed to do. Mr. Tyson then rose and pointed out that at the initiation of the C.B.U. it was proposed to debar non-affiliated fanciers from showing at Union shows. But Mr. Ramsden said that if that were carried the L. and P.O.S., his Society, could not join them, on account of the Crystal Palace Show. He set his back to the wall, and so that part was struck out. He himself held that if the latter portion of Rule 17 were to stand at all, it should be added to. If the barring were enforced it would, of course, make a big difference to some open shows, at least at first, and that was the reason Mr. Ramsden had to adopt the attitude he did. He objected to the way the Rule was being voted on. Let every member of a society have a voice on the point, and not the delegates alone, and then, if the barring clause were retained by a majority of the whole membership of the Union, they (the L.C.B.A.) were quite prepared to adopt it. No fair-minded body of men would, he felt sure, wish to do otherwise.

Mr. Crisp: We must all admire Mr. Ramsden; he is the strong man of the Union—the only bright star on the dark horizon. He knows what he wants, and sees that he gets it.

Mr. Curtis: At the meeting at the Palace, immediately Mr. Ramsden found that the majority were against holding to the latter portion of Rule 17, he got up and contended that that meeting was not properly constituted to deal with the matter, and endeavoured to squash its consideration. He had said that if the barring clause were extended the Palace authorities could no longer accept the C.B.U. rules under which to run the National Show—that it could no longer be held at the Palace. Mr. Ramsden raised no objection until they began to tread on his favourite corn.

Mr. Dewhurst (the Chairman) interposed to say that he understood the Palace authorities said there were many people residing round about the Palace who must show, as they had supported their show for many years.

Mr. Curtis: Isn't it possible to shift the venue of the great National Show from the Palace? We have other halls in London quite as good. I would suggest Olympia.

The Chairman ruled this matter out of order.

AN IMPORTANT POINT.

Mr. C. H. Cooper rose and enquired whether, as an affiliated L.C.B.A. member, he could exhibit at the show of another society of which he was also a member, but which was not affiliated, and whose show was not licensed? Mr. Crisp replied that he could not do so.

Mr. R. J. Pretty, however, rose and said that he could, and, further, he could show in the open classes. He gave Mr. Lythgoe as his authority for the statement, and instanced the case of the West Herts Fanciers' Association, which held a mixed show last season and gave a few cage bird classes. No license was taken out, and the Association was not affiliated to the C.B.U. Members of the Watford C.B.S., who were also members of West Herts F.A., exhibited at the latter's show in the open classes, after bringing the facts to the knowledge of the C.B.U. Secretary, and obtaining his assurance that they could do so. As regards Rule 17, he was against any alteration of it. He pointed out that if it was upheld, it became practically impossible for any show to be a success unless it held a C.B.U. license, consequently there would be very few fixtures C.B.U. members could not send to.

Mr. Curtis said that if the facts as stated by Mr. Pretty were correct, the action of the C.B.U. Secretary was directly contrary to rule as he and others read it. If Mr. Lythgoe placed that construction on it, all fanciers should be made acquainted with it. Possibly, however, he only acted in accordance with the statement made at a delegate meeting, that Rule 17 would not be strictly enforced last season.

Mr. Tyson said he was sure the majority did not understand it in the light set out by Mr. Pretty, and Mr. Crisp remarked that if the interpretation they had heard from Mr. Pretty were correct, it undoubtedly took much of the sting out of the rule.

Mr. Burn suggested the C.B.U. Secretary be written to on the point. He said he could see no rule to admit it being done, neither could he see any rule to squash it. There ought to be a rule to bring it into effect, and he would suggest they send in this addition to the next annual general meeting.

Mr. Crisp moved that the question be now put, and on a vote the proposed deletion of the latter portion of Rule 17 was carried by 18 votes to four. Several present were thus, apparently, content to "sit on the fence."

The next business was the selection of a definition of a Novice to govern all open shows. Mr. Tyson moved that definition No. 4 be recommended for adoption. He considered this allowed plenty of scope for the novice, who did not want restricting unnecessarily; otherwise the Fancy generally would suffer.

Mr. Stevenson seconded this, and Mr. Curtis supported. The latter gentleman said he considered definition 4 the most favourable. It retained fanciers in the novice ranks for a fair time, and gave them as much scope as possible before compelling them to compete among the champions. Some definitions were rather hard, compelling him to go up on winning his first 1st prize. The novice should have every consideration, educating him in the Fancy.

Mr. Burn thought they were going too fast, and that the Union was not in a position to sustain a universal definition of a novice. They did not know the minds of all affiliated societies, which should all be invited to discuss the question and submit what they considered the best definition, the latter then to be all voted upon at the next annual general meeting.

Mr. Cooper (Cooper Bros.) said he considered there were sufficient definitions of a novice on the paper before them to satisfy any society. He doubted whether they could get any better. Mr. J. S. Clarke rose and submitted that they were flattering the C.B.U. by considering them at all. The antics of those on the Council were enough to make anyone's gorge rise. Why not ask them to define when a guarantee was not a guarantee?

Mr. Curtis appealed to the meeting to come to a decision. He said they must all be heartily tired of the novice question, and it was high time it was settled. They had already spent two and a half hours discussing it at the Palace, only to leave it exactly where it was.

On a vote being taken, it was found the meeting was unanimously in favour of definition 4 being adopted.

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PRESTON.

SIR,—Allow me to thank all those who assisted in making our contest such a great success. This was the first Linnet contest in Preston for many years. I hope that Linnet fanciers in Preston will waken up and form a club, as the Preston O.S. refused to take any interest in our last contest. The proprietor of the Cherry Tree Inn, Mr. R. Kirkham, will give any assistance they may require.—J. HINDLE, Hon. Sec.

BLACKBURN.

Blackburn Linnet Singing Association held contest for quality on May 18th, at the Old Red Lion, when thirty birds competed for seven prizes. 1, Burnes; 2, Mills; 3, Leeming; 4, Bentley; 5, Dobson; 6, 7, Topping. Next contest June 1st, members only. Bothman Cup and other prizes to be competed for.—RD. HAYHURST, Sec.

Blackburn L.S.A. held contest for quality May 25th, at Old Red Lion. Fifteen birds competed for three prizes, given by Mr. J. Harrison. 1st, Dodd; 2nd, Christopherson; 3rd, Carter. Judge, G. Rostron; timekeeper, G. Slater.—R. HAZLEHURST, Sec.

HOUGHTON-LE-SPRING.

A Linnet contest took place at Black Lion Hotel on May 25th. Fifteen birds were entered, and some very fair singing was heard, which delighted the visitors. The landlord gave two valuable prizes. The first bird, "The Poker," which belonged to Fred Dee, was a very nice singer, but lucky to win against such a bird as D. Laidler's "Sea King," which is a real trier, and will amply repay his owner some day if these singings are more common. T. Muckridge kept time, and A. Widdowfield judged, and gave general satisfaction.—LINTIE.

LEEDS.

The Prince Albert L.A. met on May 19th to compete for three prizes, given by Mr. J. R. Saynor. There was a good attendance of visitors. Sixteen previous birds competed. Judges, G. Towers and S. Green; timekeeper, J. Smith. 1st, 2nd, Allen; third prize divided between Wood and Dean. Contest on May 20th, when Mr. Saynor added £3 towards the yearly contributions to be sung for, entitling every member to a prize. The birds were in the pink of condition, and gave a good account of themselves, to the satisfaction of all present. Judges, S. Green and A. Binner. 1st, 3rd, 4th, 9th, 10th, Allen; 2nd, Smith; 5th, Dean; 6th, Binns; 7th, Green; 8th, Wood. After the contest, Mr. Allen, president of the Association, made a present to the secretary for his valuable services during the year.—E. WOOD, Hon. Sec.

SIR,—Seeing in CAGE BIRDS of May 18th that Mr. Allen was offering a gold medal to anyone who could bring a Linnet to beat his champion, I paid a visit to the Albert Inn on May 26th, and beat his champion, so I hope he will fulfil his promise.—JAMES CLARK (the Original Linnet King).

The usual contest at Skinner's Arms, Buslingthorpe, on May 19th, when sixteen good birds competed for three prizes. 1st, Whitaker; 2nd, Laycock; 3, Neat. Judges, T. Somers and F. Raper. On May 21st, twenty-six birds competed for three prizes, given by Mr. A. Fisher. There was a large attendance, and the birds gave a good account of themselves. 1st, Galley; 2nd, Booth; 3rd, Hodgson. Judges, T. Crane and G. Towers; timekeeper, B. Mawson.—F. RAPER, Hon. Sec.

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The Prince Albert Linnet Association held their usual contest May 26th, when 16 birds sang for three prizes, given by Mr. J. R. Saynor. There was a good attendance of visitors. Judges, S. Green and B. Jackson; timekeeper, G. Towers; 1st, Clark; 2nd, 3rd, Allen.—E. WOOD, Hon. Sec.

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*Oct. 16.—**Exeter & Devon P.P. & C.B.S.** (J H.P.)
Oct. 16—**Leek C.B.S.**
*Oct. 16 and 17.—**Grimsby & Dis. C.B.S.** (J.C.B.)
*Oct. 16 and 17.—**Hayle & District F.A.** (J.H.R)
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*Oct. 18 & 19.—**Newcastle** (T.H., J.C.B., C.H., J.P.)
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Nov. 9.—**Kirkcaldy C.B.S.**
*Nov. 9.—**Bo'ness.**
*Nov. 9.—**Stockton-on-Tees** (J.B., J.S., J.M.)
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*Nov. 22 and 23.—**Sunderland.** [J.S.)
Nov. 23.—**Perth** (J.S., M.McL., G.F.A., D.C., J.P.,
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*Nov. 26 and 27.—**Derby** (J.B. J.R., J.H.R., J.H.S.)
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Dec. 3.—**Diss C.B.S.** (J.R.)
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Dec. 14.—**Harrogate C.S.S.** (H.W.B.)
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West London F.A. First Feather Show will he held on July 13th. Mr. J. Robson will judge.

The judges for the Attercliffe First Feather Sbow, on July 6th, are Messrs. Taylor, Champion and Bagnall.

Mr. Jas Winter, the Secretary of the Scottish National C.B.S., has removed to 11, Parkside Street Edinburgh.

Wibsey will hold its First Feather Shows on June 15th and July 20th. Mr. C. Stebbings will judge the first, and Mr. J. Hartley the second.

Mr. A. Morton, the Secretary of the Brighouse C.B.S., has removed to 12, Bridge End, Brighouse, at which address he has opened a naturalists' and fanciers' depot.

Mr. J. W. Ramsden asks us to mention that, owing to pressure of business, he will be unable to represent the London district on the Council of the C.B.U. in future, and requests delegates not to vote for him.

The L. and P.O.S. Autumn Members' Show will be held at the Crystal Palace on November 6th and 7th. The show will be confined to members only, and should be an interesting fixture, as it is being held on the same dates as the National Chrysanthemum Show.

At the Walthamstow F.A. last meeting, writes Mr. C. W. Mead, the sec., it was decided to hold an annual Members' Show at the back end of October, also to make a 3d. reduction on all entries made by members at the Open Show in January.

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The committee of the Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S. appreciate the decision of the Deptford and Greenwich C.B.S. to alter their meeting night, writes Mr. W. Hodson, the Hon. Sec. There is no doubt it will be to our mutual benefit. I should like to take this opportunity to thank you for the splendid report you gave in your last issue of our country ramble.

At the last Palace Show users of Ramsden's Pure Peppers were awarded the following prizes:—31 firsts, 27 seconds, 20 thirds, 16 fourths, and commendations too numerous to mention. The birds, in their glorious array, were a living advertisement, and easily proved the superiority of Ramsden's Peppers over all others. Ramsden's Peppers are absolutely pure and fully guaranteed.—ADVT.

From the balance-sheet of the Southern Norwich Plainhead Club we gather that from its income of £19 14s. 9d. it gave £10 2s. in specials, and that the balance in hand is £2 6s. 1d. Mr. Matthes, the Hon. Sec., writes:—"The Committee desire to thank Mr. Ramsden for specials, teapot and medals, for bottest coloured birds shown under club patronage, and gratefully accept the gift for competition."

Breeding results in this district are, so far, very unsatisfactory. While a few fanciers are having the best of luck, the majority are suffering from the usual lot of empty eggs, dead in shell, etc., the long spell of cold weather we have had lately being the chief cause of so many disasters. As the weather now shows some improvement, we are looking forward to a successful finish.—JAS. WINTER, Sec. Scottish National C.B.S.

At the last meeting of the Pendleton and Salford O.S. the hon. secretary, Mr. Skelton, tendered his resignation, which was accepted with regret, and I wish to inform the members that I have taken over the hon. secretaryship of same, writes Mr. W. Jackson, 17, Caton Street, Tamworth Street, Old Trafford; and I trust they will help me and the society by being present at our meetings as often as possible, and so strengthen our position in the bird world.

The London and Counties A.C.B. members' ramble takes place on Sunday next, June 2nd, to Amersham. Trains leave Marylebone at 10.35 a.m. and 2.30 p.m. Fare, 1s. 9d.; each to take his own ticket at the booking office. The early party will be under the care of Mr. R. J. Pretty, and the latter one is confided to the care of Mr. A. Williams. Fanciers and friends are invited to participate, and should communicate to Mr. R. J. Pretty, 6, Old Burlington Street, W.—ADVT.

Of unusual interest is the May issue of "Bird Notes." The coloured plate is a representation of four handsome members of the Finch family, by Mr. H. Goodchild, and is dealt with at length in an article by Mr. Wesley T. Page, F.Z.S. Mrs. Anningson contributes a most charming article, "Nesting Notes." Dr. Clarke asks the question, "Have birds a sense of humour?" and then proceeds to answer it in a most entertaining manner. Miss Baker and Mr. Harrison contribute articles, and the number altogether is a most readable issue.

Mr. J. R. Thompson's address is now Wolsley Place, Friar Street, Craigie, Perth.

Thank all those who enquired for my Rollers. I had far too many applications to reply to all.—WALTER WHITEHEAD, Shaw, Oldham.

Messrs. Waters, Melhuish, and Jones are the judges at the First Feather Show of the Cardiff C.B.S., on June 5th.

L.C.B.A. Young Bird Show, Saturday, July 13th; judges, Mr. W. Armstrong for Canaries, and Mr. H. Norman for British birds.

Mr. J. Sandiford has again given a cup to Cinnamou-marked Yorks Club for competition amongst its members at winter shows.—R. GARNETT, Hon. Sec.

Will you please thank all applicants for my Norwich hens? Replies are too numerous, and I have answered all those who sent stamp.—C. BRIDGEFORD, Wellingboro'.

Mr. T. Pearson, of Greenwich, writes us from Yarmouth:—Kindly advise correspondents that, while by the briny, I don't intend to be troubled with letters. I'm here for a rest, and I mean to have it.

I had so many replies to my last advertisement re Norwich hen that I could not reply to them all, and so should be pleased if you could find space in your valuable paper to thank those who replied.—G. BELLAMY, Wisbech.

The first round of young appears to be only poor in the Brighton district, writes a correspondent. Have not had one youngster out myself; can't do anything right this year. One fancier has eighteen pairs up and bad all clear eggs first round, and all hens laid a clutch.

Please draw attention of show committees to the fact that I am down to judge each week from October 5th to December 7th, and, owing to my late illness, I will not take any after that date. I have refused over a score more, and secretaries keep writing me for terms when I am now fully engaged.—J. PATTERSON, Cbirnside.

We have arranged a country ramble for June 8th to Castle Mills. There is a train leaves Central Station at 2.40 p.m., and reaches Hale Station—which is to be the meeting place—at 3 o'clock. We shall be joined here by the Altrincham and Stockport Societies, and proceed by the fields, a walk of, say, five miles, to Castle Mills, where tea will be arranged for. We hope to have a good gathering, and all members and friends are most cordially invited. —E. JONES, Assist. Sec. Manchester and N.C.O.S.

I built a shed at the bottom of my garden, and did not know how to utilise it till I picked up, in the middle of March, a copy of CAGE BIRDS in a railway carriage. After perusing it I made up my mind to try my hand at Canary breeding. I bought my birds during the latter end of March and the commencement of April, and since I have had them I have not had the luck I should wish, as my first nest was not successful; but the birds are now all sitting, and it is most interesting to watch the birds pairing, nesting, etc., and I can assure you I have since spent many happy hours in my shed watching the birds. I should say I have gone by House's "Canary Manual" in my breeding, and I have found it very explicit. —P. SPENCER ROBINSON, Old Windsor.

Took it for a Lark.

To illustrate his point in a toast of the judges, the President of the Darwen Agricultural Society made use of the following quip:—Some time ago a man stole a goose from the front of a poulterer's shop in Blackburn; the poulterer gave chase and caught the thief. "Neaw then," said he; "wod's ta meon, takin' t' Goose like thad for?" "Nay," said the thief, "Aw nobbut tuk id for a Lark." At which the poulterer replied, "Ah, an' a bonny judge tha'd mek at a bird show."

A Yorkshireman in Wales.

A representative gathering of Cardiff fanciers—including the cream of the local Yorkshire Fancy—assembled at Maskell's Cafe, on Whit Tuesday, to hear a lecture by Mr. W. A. Cowgill (Bradford) on "The Yorkshire Canary." Mr. W. Harrington occupied the chair and extended to the visitor a most hearty welcome on his first visit to Cardiff, where he was the guest of Mr. W. C. Baker. Mr. Cowgill, who had a splendid reception, gave a very exhaustive address, dealing with cages, stock, breeding, washing and showing. His lecture was accorded the keenest attention, and was followed by an educative debate, in which Messrs. W. C. Baker, W. C. Flyn, G. Thompson, A. Fryer, R. C. Davies, A. Shellam, H. Ford, J. Protheroe, G. Penny, Woodruff and Negus took part. Mr. Cowgill, replying, said he had visited several of the rooms and was greatly struck to find what strides this particular breed had made in South Wales. A more ardent and enthusiastic lot of fanciers he had never met, and he was convinced that in the coming season they would more than hold their own. The usual votes of thanks brought the meeting (which will live long in the minds of those present) to a close.—F. C. BAKER.

Mr. J. F. Hills is to judge British birds at the Cambridge Show, and not Mr. F. Hills, as previously announced.

Kindly thank applicants for birds and camera advertisement in CAGE BIRDS. I really could not write to them all; I had so many offers.—A. CLARK, Garmouth, Moraysbire.

Fanciers are doing badly round here—very few youngsters. Several good hens and cocks died with the cold. The Brecon Beacons were covered with snow on Tuesday. I have a few young, but not what I had last year by this time. I have lost some of my best birds, others not laying, or had clear eggs.—D. H. TEDSTONE, Brecon.

OBITUARY.

Mr. R. FELL (Windermere).

It is with feelings of the deepest regret that we chronicle the death of that veteran breeder, Mr. R. Fell, of Windermere. In years gone by the firm of Fell and Son was one which commanded great respect from fellow competitors, and although of late years Mr. R. Fell has not done much exhibiting he has spent much of his time amongst his birds, of which to the last he was a keen lover. Our sympathy goes out to his dear ones left behind.

Mr. JOHN BURTON (Falmouth).

By the death of Mr. John Burton, of Falmouth, Cornwall loses one of its most interesting and enterprising personages. Commencing his business life with hawking a basket of crockery, he died on Tuesday last a famous and wealthy man. His enterprise and resource as a man of business have long been known throughout the West of England, and his Royal Old Curiosity Shop at Falmouth has been visited by members of nearly all the reigning families of Europe. Nothing was too big and nothing too small for the notice of John Burton. He would buy a single bird or a ship's cargo. On one occasion he tried to purchase from the Government Smeaton's old Eddystone Lighthouse; another occasion found

The late John Burton.

him opening up negotiations for the fire-escape which was prominent in the famous Parnell-O'Shea case. Lord Rosebery on one occasion said that John Burton was himself the greatest curiosity in the shop. Much sympathy will be felt for his family, and many a tear shed over the death of one of the most interesting personalities known to visitors to Cornwall. One of Mr. Burton's sons is Mr. Thomas Burton, the founder and secretary of the Falmouth Cage Bird Society. In the "Bird World Magazine" for May appeared a most interesting article dealing with the Royal Old Curiosity Shop and its owner. Alas! he is no more.

Mr. TAYLOR (Mansfield-Woodhouse).

When the members of the Mansfield C.B.C. met on Thursday evening last they experienced a severe shock. Whilst many of them had been enjoying a Whitsuntide holiday, one of their members, Mr. Taylor, of Mansfield-Woodhouse, had suddenly passed to the great beyond, and had been interred in the quiet cemetery. It seemed impossible that the tall, strong-looking man, who had so cheerfully said good-night to them only a fortnight before, would nevermore be present with them. Mr. Taylor was a comparatively new member, very quiet and unassuming in manner, and was for these very qualities fast gaining the respect and esteem of his fellow members. We are sure that all who knew him will extend their sympathy to those he has left behind, and whose loss will be irreparable. A letter of condolence was sent by the Secretary to the sorrowing widow, but the members feel how empty such messages must be to her in her great trouble.—H. ROSLYN.

The Southern Yorkshire C.C.

The annual meeting will take place at the "Napier Tavern," High Holborn, on June 7th, at 8 p.m., when the presentation of prizes, election of officers, and other important business on the agenda will be dealt with.—R. P. BROOME, Hon. Sec.

A Scotsman's Joke!

The lady who was perplexed by the fact that her two Canaries were not singers (she called them Wheeler and Wilson) should have purchased "Canary Breeding for Beginners," published by CAGE BIRDS at 6d. It contains a great deal of useful information about these popular little birds.—"Highland Times" (Inverness).

A SENSATION AT THE ZOO.

By F. FINN, F.Z.S.

A FLOCK OF HUMMING BIRDS.

All the previous week I had been in a state of anticipation, having heard a large consignment of Humming Birds was due to arrive at the Zoo on Monday last, and when I went there on Monday morning I was delighted to find they had come—about twenty of them. The Insect House was closed while arrangements were being made for their accommodation in the glass cases that had been prepared for them, but I was kindly allowed to be present and assist at the installation.

TORPID TREASURES.

Some of the birds were lively enough in their travelling cages, but others were in a very torpid condition, and anyone not knowing the peculiarities of Humming Birds would have thought them doomed to a certainty. But it seems that these little creatures, like reptiles, become inanimate if the temperature is too cold to suit them, but are readily revived by warmth. It was not at all cold on Monday morning, but it was too cold for Hummers, and several of the little things were being warmed on a cloth spread over the hot water pipes when I arrived.

A RISKY EXPERIENCE.

Presently one revived rather suddenly, and the next thing we knew was that the tiny creature—a hen—was buzzing about in the roof, and then it led us a pretty dance. Humming Birds can apparently see glass, for they do not bump against it, as other birds would do, unless exhausted, and this escaped atom hovered around, alighting occasionally, and seemed as if it would never be tired out. Then there was the danger of its ultimately falling on to a cage inhabited by some dangerous inmate, and I was told off to keep an eye on the abode of "Tommy," the talking Hill-Mynah, who, excited by a counter attraction, was in great form, and saying pretty nearly all he knew.

MEAT FOR A MARMOZET.

It so happened when the bird did flutter down that it fell on a worse place than Tommy's cage, if possible—the domicile of a pair of Marmozets. With thoughts of savoury meals previously enjoyed in its South American home, precipitated itself on the hapless Hummer and grabbed her by the head. As quickly as I could I seized the rest of the bird—there was not much of it between us! The Marmozet, with a defcrence to the rights of a Fellow of the Society which I warmly appreciate, allowed me to withdraw the Humming Bird whole, and it was quickly placed in the case with its friends.

NOT EASILY FRIGHTENED.

An experience like this would upset a good many birds' nerves for months, but this identical bird, not content with very soon pulling itself together and flying about the case more nimbly than any of them, actually persisted, not long after, in coming and hovering in front of the camera of my friend, Mr. W. S. Berridge, who was trying to get photographs of the little birds. Evidently Humming Birds are gifted with the most robust nerves, and I may say that none of these show any timidity whatsoever.

One peculiarity which is very much against the Humming Bird as a cage pet might be easily noticed in these. It has practically no use for its feet except to perch with; if a bird flutters down to the floor, it makes no attempt to walk, or at most a tiny step or so, and relies on its wings to make a fresh start, and flutters along if it cannot rise. On the perches also it sits still, or sidles along with a great deal of wing-action. Thus it will be seen that a bird with a few wing feathers missing, or its plumage matted, is at once debarred from getting about—a very serious matter. Still, if the food were placed handy, such an one might recover, as it could take exercise by whizzing its wings, a thing they constantly do.

WILL THEY SURVIVE?

There seems to be a general impression abroad that Humming Birds outside their native land are doomed to a speedy end, but all I can say is the majority of the present lot look like living; most of them are far better than the first one the Zoo ever had, which lived a fortnight in November. This, by the way, was brought over by Captain A. Pain, a very generous donor to the Society, and the present birds have been brought over by this gentleman's brother. For such a service I think both of them ought to receive the Society's silver medal. Captain Pain was present on this occasion, and gave me some interesting information.

THE FEEDING OF HUMMING-BIRDS.

The food given to these birds has been syrup mixed with "Marmite," a vegetable preparation which looks, tastes, and smells like meat extract, and presumably has the same nutritive power. The chief point calling for criticism in the birds' appearance is that they seem rather "gummed up," a difficult thing to avoid with honey-sucking birds in general. The best plan would be, I think, to have moveable perches arranged in the travelling cages, so that they could be cleaned as often as possible, while the floor should be daily covered with fresh blotting-paper. Also, the fewer birds put together the better is the result is likely to be. The birds ought to have some solid food, as they undoubtedly feed much on small insects, and it may prove possible to supply them with aphides, or some kind of ant might be acceptable. They show no desire to eat the small yellow house ant, unfortunately. Although living so much on liquid food they drink water also, and appreciate a bath.

HUMMERS IN AVICULTURE.

I am of opinion that if these birds do well, it will lead to our seeing Humming Birds in private hands before long. Evidently, if warmth and cleanliness can be ensured, the birds are not so very hard to manage; I doubt if they are really as delicate as our Wren or Goldcrest, for example. I am inclined to think that such food as the latter birds would be found to thrive on—the best ants' eggs and dried flies, for example—should be pulverised and mixed with the syrup given to Humming Birds, as I doubt if purely liquid food is suitable for their digestive organs, and, of course, live insects small enough for such birds are hard to get anyhow, and impossible to provide on a voyage.

For keeping up the necessary warmth a cage largely composed of glass, and with a hot water tin under it, could be used with advantage; but this particular difficulty would probably keep most specimens off the show bench, though if their owner went with them matters could be arranged well enough.

OUR CANARY BREEDING COMPETITION.

See Back Page for Particulars.

Will you kindly send me a form for entering your competition for novices in Canary breeding? At the same time, could you let me know who is the nearest person to apply to as a member of a recognised cage bird society, as there is no cage bird society here or in Windsor?—P. S. ROBINSON, Albany Villa, Old Windsor.

[It is not absolutely necessary that the witnesses should be members of a cage bird society. Rule 6 deals with such cases as yours, and if you send a sworn declaration, properly witnessed, it does not matter whether the witnesses be fanciers or non-fanciers.—ED.]

I am very pleased with your paper, which is much better than any other I have seen. I am entering for your competition.—A. ADCOCK, High Street, Chatteris.

I hope to enter your competition, as it is my first year of breeding. I have four young ones at present, and am watching them in my bird room like a jealous cat. I do want to keep them if I possibly can manage it.—T. DEAN, Wigan.

At our last meeting we had a long chat about your scheme, and I am pleased to say that, should it come to the knowledge of any of our members that there are any likely competitors, either in our neighbourhood or surrounding districts, four of our officials have volunteered to work on your behalf, and at the same time be the means of bringing them into our society.—A. WILKINSON, Hon. Sec. Garston B.B.A.

I have been a reader of CAGE BIRDS for two or three months, but have only just taken a fit to join the competition. It is my first year with Canaries, and I should like to know if the eggs or young Canaries that I have bred count in the competition?—A. HUDSON, 22, Whittaker Street, Burnley.

[Yes, most certainly, the young will count.—ED.]

Kindly send me one of your forms for your "C. B." competition for novices, as I am only a novice. I have never bred a bird of any sort before, and I should very much like to go in for one of your prizes. I have only got two pairs of birds, but I have got one pair of birds with four strong youngsters out of five, hatched on the 23rd of April, hoping these will be eligible to compete, and started reading CAGE BIRDS about seven or eight weeks ago, and I find it very interesting, and some useful advice for novices, and I think that every novice should have one of your CAGE BIRDS ANNUALS. I find it very useful, as I have had one of my hens egg bound, and the first thing that I did was to look at the "C. B. A.," and I followed the instructions there and the hen was all right next day.—A. BISSET (Swindon).

London and Counties A.C.B.—Special General Meeting, May 30th, at The Bay Malton, 8.30 p.m. To discuss rule 17 C.B.U. and to take a vote thereon; also to select a definition of a novice. You will find full particulars of these questions on page 454 of CAGE BIRDS of May 18th. Outing on June 2nd to Amersham. It is the desire of some of our members to go early. The afternoon train leaves Marylebone (G.C.R.) 2.30 p.m., the morning train 10.35 a.m. Will those members who desire to participate in this ramble kindly let me know by Thursday, at the meeting, so that arrangements can be made for providing dinner and tea. Fare, 1s. 9d., members to take their own tickets.—R. J. Pretty, hon. sec.

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Accrington and Dis. C.B.S.—June 13th, at Central Conservative Club, 8 p.m. Young Show business; new members, etc.—D. Harwood, sec.

Arbroath Scotch F.C.C.—June 6th, at Crockatt's Rooms, 8. Intending members invited.—J. S. Napier, sec.

Ashington and Hirst C.B.S.—June 5th, at Grand Hotel, Hirst, 7 p.m. Date of show.—J. Miles, sec.

Barnsley and Dis. C.B.S.—June 4th, at Maltsters' Rest, 8 p.m.—T. Coward, sec.

Battersea and Dis. C.B.A.—June 5th, at Duchess of Devonshire, Clapham Junction, 8.15. Schedule of Open Young Bird Show, and other important business.—F. Easterling, sec.

Bermondsey and Dis. F.S.—June 4th, at Samson's Castle, 8.30 p.m.—A. Lupton, sec.

Bolton and Dis. O. and R.C.S.—June 3rd, at Joiners' Arms Hotel, Deansgate, 8 o'clock p.m. Important business; members earnestly requested to attend.—J. Stringer, sec.

Bolton and Dis. P.C.B.S.—June 4th, at Olinda Cafe, 8 p.m. Allotment of specials; Nest Feather Show business.—J. W. Bancroft, sec.

Bradford (East) O.S.—June 4th, at Park Chapel Schools, 8 p.m.—H. Hill, sec.

Bradford (West) C.B.A.—The members will meet at the Midland Station, June 1st, to go by the 2.5 p.m. train to Ilkley, and then walk to Addingham and back to Ilkley; any friends wishing to go will be heartily welcome.—T. Clegg, sec.

Cheltenham C.B.S.—June 5th, at Sydney Arms Hotel, 8 p.m. First Feather Show business.—A. S. Treasure, hon. sec.

City and County of Perth O.A.—June 3rd, at City Cafe.—R. Thompson, sec.

City of Bradford O.S.—June 8th, at Travellers' Rest, 8. Dates, etc., Members' Shows; Union business.—P. Stansfield, sec.

City of Dundee and Dis. N.M. and B.B.A.—June 5th, at Doig's Rooms, 8 p.m.—Alex. Miller, sec.

City of Hull C.B.S.—June 3rd, at Oddfellows' Hall, 8. Second Nest Feather Show; judges, Messrs. Brumby and Harland.—F. F. Potter, sec.

Clapham and Dis. C.B.A.—June 3rd, at Alexandra Hotel, Clapham Common, 8 p.m. Forming of rules; enrolling new members, and important business.—H. W. Baker, hon. sec.

Crewe O.S.—June 1st, at Nag's Head, 6 p.m. Table Show of British Birds. June 4th, at 7.30, monthly meeting.—A. Wilkinson, sec.

Dalkeith and Dis. C.C.—June 1st, at Ship Inn, 7 p.m. Election of judges and classification.—Thos. Briggs, sec.

Darlington C. and B.B.F.A.—June 5th, at George Hotel, 8 p.m. Classification for Open Show, etc.—R. S. Black, sec.

Denholme and Thornton C.B.S.—June 4th, at Bull's Head, Thornton, 8 p.m. Date of First Feather Shows; members please attend.—J. Jarratt, sec.

Dewsbury and Dis. C.B.S.—June 1st, at Royal Hotel, 7.30. Important business.—B. Cook, sec.

Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.—June 6th, at the Herne Tavern, Peckham Rye, 8 p.m. sharp. Paper on "The Norwich P.H.," by W. J. Cranfield, followed by open discussion; all friends invited.—W. Hodson, hon. sec.

Eccleshill C.B.A.—June 1st, at Fountain Inn, 8 p.m. Date of First Feather Show; also levy to Yorkshire Union and judges for Y.U. winter shows.—W. Ashworth, sec.

Edinburgh Norwich Canary and M.B.S.—June 6th, at 142, High Street, 8 p.m. Business meeting.—W. Dunlop, sec.

Exeter and Dis. C.B.S.—June 4th, at Oddfellows' Hall, 8 p.m. First Feather Show; Mr. J. Rushmere judge; eleven classes—two N.P., two Crest, two Yorks., one A.V. Canary, one Mules, one Goldfinches, one British, one Foreign; prizes—silver cup and eleven medals.—R. H. Folley, sec.

Glasgow Derby.—Annual meeting, June 7th, at Grand National Halls, Corbals Cross, 8 p.m. Election of judges, etc.—D. Black, sec.

Gloucester and Dis. C.B.S.—June 6th, at Ram Hotel. First Feather Show; judge, Mr. F. Mansfield; birds to be staged by 6.30.—J. Houghton, sec.

Greenock, Port Glasgow, and Gourock O.S.—June 5th, at Victoria Hall, 8 p.m.—W. H. Stodter, sec.

Guisborough F.S.—June 1st, at Headquarters, 7 p.m. Very important.—W. T. Simpson, hon. sec.

Halifax O.S.—June 1st, at Griffin Hotel, 8 p.m. First Feather Show.—J. F. Thackray, sec.

Hartlepools C.B.S.—June 4th, at Y.M.C.A. Rooms, 8 p.m. Mr. Woodhead will give his experience and impressions on entering the Fancy.—E. Woodhead, sec

Huddersfield O.S.—June 3rd, at White Hart Hotel, 8 p.m. Monthly Table Show.—S. Lodge, sec.

Jarrow and Dis. C.B.F.S.—June 5th, at Lockhart's Cafe, Ormond Street, 7.30 prompt. Very urgent business; members please turn up; schedule, also contribution card and representative.—J. S. Carrick, sec.

Laisterdyke B.F.A.—June 1st, at Royal Oak Hotel, 2 o'clock. First Feather Show; judge, W. Mann. Monthly meeting, June 4th; buying colour feed, etc.—J. Pownall, sec.

Leyton and Dis. C.B.A.—June 3rd, at Headquarters, 8 p.m. Lecture on colour feeding by Mr. Morris.—B. F. Forse, sec.

Leeds C.B.S.—June 1st, at Lockhart's, 7.30 Debate on moulting; important business re judges for Open Show.—Stephenson and Hornby, secs.

Leeds Roller C.C.—June 1st, at Lockhart's, 7.30 p.m. Arrange judges for coming contest; a hearty invitation is extended to all Roller fanciers.—C. Towes, sec.

Loanhead and Dis. C.B.S.—June 8th, at Volunteer Hall, 7 p.m. Election of judges, consideration of staging, and hall for show.—W. B. Smart, sec.

L.C.B.A.—June 13th, at The Napier, High Holborn, 8.30 p.m. Revision of schedule for Autumn Show; committee at 8.—T. A. Wade, sec.

L. and L.F.A.—June 2nd, at Cluskey's Rooms, Glossop, 3 p.m. Lecture by S. R. Compston; show cages; Cage Bird Union patronage, etc.—H. Oliver, sec.

Lowestoft and Dis. C.B.S.—June 3rd, at Fox and Hounds, 8.30 p.m.—George Francis, sec.

Manchester and N.C.O.S.—June 3rd, at Deansgate Hotel, 7.45 sharp. First Feather Show business; final arrangements for ramble, on June 8th, to Castle Mills and district.—E. Jones, asst. sec.

Manningham C.B.A.—June 1st, at Mowbray Arms, 7.30. Selection of judges for Union shows, etc.—E. Kemp, sec.

Morley C.B.S.—June 1st, at Band Room, 7.30. First Feather Show, etc.; all members please attend.—W. H. Groundwell, sec.

Morriston C.B.S.—June 5th, at Woodfield Coffee Tavern, 7.30 p.m.—D. Jeremy, sec.

Newcastle and Dis. C.B.S.—June 6th, at Lockhart's, 7.30. C.B.U. rule 17; other important business.—Curry and Hutchinson, secs.

Nottingham and Notts O.S.—June 5th, at Cobden Hall, 8 p.m. Very special business in connection with the C.B.U.—G. E. Wilkinson, sec.

Ormskirk and Dis. C.B.S.—June 3rd, at Headquarters, 8 p.m. Arrangements for First Feather Show; washing exhibition by Mr. Thos. Johnson; all fanciers invited.—T. H. Tiffen, sec.

Pendleton and Salford O.S.—At Derby Arms, Oldfield Road, 8 p.m. First Feather and other important business; friends cordially invited and new members will be admitted; CAGE BIRDS' competition forms can be had at the meeting; all correspondence now to be addressed to W. Jackson, hon. sec., 17, Caton Street, Tamworth Street, Old Trafford.

Preston O.S.—June 4th, at Empress Cafe, 8 p.m. Annual ramble, Sunday, June 2nd, 9.30 train Longridge; all fanciers invited.—J. W. Cleminson, sec.

Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.—June 5th, at Temperance Club, 8 p.m. First Feather Show business, etc.—Sam. M. Clayton, sec.

St. Helens O.S.—June 3rd, at George Inn, 8 p.m.—T. Vose, sec.

Sheffield and Dis. C.B.S.—June 6th, at Wentworth Cafe, Pinstone Street, 8 p.m. Novice Young Bird Table Show; two classes Yorks., two Nor., two Crests, one A.C.V.; entry, 3d. per cage.—Bishop and Pilley, sec.

South and North Shields C.B.S.—June 5th, at Gregg's Cafe, 7.30. Classes for First Feather Show; payment of subscriptions to enable members to show in members' classes.—Wm. Duke, sec.

Spen Valley C.B.S.—June 3rd at Northgate Hotel, 8 o'clock.—A. Whitehead, sec.

Stockport B.F.A.—June 4th, at Boar's Head Hotel, 8 p.m. Entries for First Feather Show must be on the table at 9 p.m.—W. Stafford, sec.

Stockton-on-Tees and Dis. C.B.S.—June 6th, at Leeds Hotel, 8 o'clock. Important business.—J. W. Lowes, hon. sec.

Wallasey and Dis. C.B.S.—June 6th, at St. Mary's Schools, 8 p.m. Discussion on training and staging young birds for exhibition.—Wm. Mallinson, sec.

West Bromwich and Dis. C.B.S.—June 5th, at 12, Bull Street, 8 p.m. Passing of rules and election of officials.—T. Duffield, sec. pro. tem.

West London F.A.—June 6th, at Bush Hotel. Mr. Trower will lecture on seeds.—J. Dewhurst, hon. sec.

West of Scotland B.C.—June 6th, at Nelson's Temperance Hotel, 83, Ingram Street, Glasgow, 7.30 p.m. Lecture on "The Norwich Plainhead," by Mr. C. Campbell (Stirling); all fanciers invited.—Geo. Smart, sec.

Wibsey and Dis. C.B.S.—June 1st, at Horse and Groom Inn, 8 p.m.—E. W. Johnson, sec.

Wimbledon and Dis. C.B.S.—June 3rd, at The Broadway, 8 p.m. Rule 17 and what is a novice; also judging competition British birds.—W. H. Colman, hon. sec.

Windhill, Shipley and Dis. O.S.—June 1st. Members' Show; judge, J. Broadley.—E. Broadley, sec.

Yorkshire Canary Club.—Annual General Meeting, June 8th, at the Oddfellows' Hall, Thornton Road, Bradford, 4 o'clock. All members kindly attend.—W. Mundell, hon. sec.

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CANARIES.

NORWICH PLAINHEADS.

Answered by J. H. PAYNE.

Bird Moping.

J. G. H. Bellamy.—Put a piece of sulphate of soda in the bird's drinking water about the size of a horse bean, and let him have this to drink for one day; then give, in the drinking water, fresh daily, for a fortnight, ten drops of tincture of quinine. Three times a week you may give him a small piece of spouge cake, to which put on a few drops of best sherry. For the staple diet you cannot do better than give best Spanish canary, and, as a tit-bit, give twice a week a half teaspoonful of the following mixture:—Hemp, German rape, and niga seed. Let it have, in the summer months, a few young dandelion leaves and a sprig of watercress two or three times a week, and during the winter a piece of sweet apple put between the bars of the cage occasionally, for it to peck at.

Not Pairing.

Breathless.—You are doing quite right to put the hen on plain canary seed, if you think excessive fatness is the cause of her not going to nest. Give two or three times a week some young dandelion leaves. Put a piece of sulphate of soda in the drinking water twice in one week, about the size of a horse bean, and at the end of ten days return the cock to her.

Hen Breaking Eggs.

F. L. Hill.—The cause of your three eggs being broken in the nest is probably due to the cock pecking them, he being most likely of a mischievous disposition, or it may be that the hen has long toe nails; examine her, and if she has them abnormally long cut them down with a sharp pair of scissors. Do not cut them too far down or you will make them bleed. If you hold them up to a strong light you will notice a vein running so far down. Cut to below this. The next nest take the cock away, as he may be the cause of the mischief, and as the season is so far advanced you cannot afford to run the risk of more broken eggs.

Wheezy Hen.

H.E.S.—Your hen is certainly not in breeding condition or she would have laid more than one egg, and it is now doubtful if she will do much good this season. When we get some warm weather this will do her more good than anything. Feed as you have been doing, except the milk sop, and instead give three times a week a small teaspoonful of egg food, to which add 6 drops of Parrish's Chemical Food. Give her some young dandelion leaves three times a week.

Colour Feeding.

R.W.S.—Commence giving your young Norwich colour food when they are six weeks old, and, as you say, in a mild form for the first few days. The tail and flight feathers which have been plucked by the hen will undoubtedly show the colour food. The bird with the tail plucked out would not be eligible to compete in a class worded as some are, non-tailed and flighted, but it would be where the class is simply unflighted. The two feathers in the flights would not debar it from competing in such a class, neither would it count against it to any great extent.

Young Bird Difficulties.

F.H.—You need not have any fear about the young birds falling from the nest, as they are sensible enough not to venture too much. If you shifted the nest, when they begin to move about they would probably jump out, and not go back again. Young birds that get out of the nest too early nearly always get a check, and rarely grow and feather as they would if they had remained in the nest until they were quite strong. The longer young birds stay in the nest the better and stronger they will be. (2) No, a nursery cage should not have the door open so that the old birds can get in to the young, as this defeats the object for which they are intended—to keep the old birds from plucking the young. The old birds will feed the young through the wires. Put the young in the nursery cage when they have been out of the nest a day or two. Yes, you may put a perch in about three inches from the bottom. You may have your nursery cage about eight inches square. (4) For eight birds you will require a cage about four feet long, twenty inches high, and a foot wide.

Is it Paralysis?

S. Brandon.—Your bird is either in a very weak state or else it has partial paralysis. You may try giving it 2 drops of Parrish's Chemical Food every day for a fortnight, which drop into the beak. Bathe the legs in a little warm water, afterwards drying with cotton wool. Should it get no better then I am afraid it is beyond a cure, and I should recommend you to destroy it.

Lump on Chest.

No Name.—I am pleased to hear that your bird has made such a good recovery under the treatment I recommended, and that he is now singing lustily, and in good form. Bathe the lump on your hen's chest twice a day for three or four days with a little warm water, which put on with a piece of soft sponge, then prick with a clean needle, and gently press the lump, when you will probably find some matter will come away.

Noise in Nostrils.

Experantist.—You had better not follow out my advice which I gave you whilst the cock is with the hen and young ones, as it would probably upset the latter. You had better stop until the hen has gone to nest again, when you can take him away for a few days whilst you administer the remedy, and afterwards return him. (2) No, I do not think I can suggest anything else at present. Try what I recommended first, and if it has not the desired effect write again.

Breeding Difficulties.

St. Vincent.—Should the eggs, which are under the hen with the two newly-hatched young ones, hatch out, the only thing you can do is to take out these two youngsters and put them at the cage bottom in a nest by themselves, where the cock will feed them. I am doubtful about the eggs hatching out at all, as they will not get the regulation heat when with young birds up to ten days old as, of course, the hen will not sit so close as she would if incubating the eggs. There is no accounting for your hen leaving the nest in the manner she did. It is only just another instance of the fickleness of the softer sex.

How to Divide the Wives.

Collier Lad.—I should recommend you to keep the cock with the No. 1 hen, and let the other two hens rear their young themselves. When the young are old enough to do for themselves you can then run the cock back to the hens. Your feeding is right so far, but you may use the white as well as the yolk of the eggs. Let them have plenty of hemp seed and green food. Chickweed, when in seed, is a grand thing.

Continued Moulting.

H.P.T.—The constant moulting must have considerably weakened your bird, so you had better give a tonic. Let it have in its drinking water every day for a fortnight, fresh daily, 10 drops of tincture of quinine. Two or three times a week let it have a small teaspoonful of egg and biscuit, to which add 6 drops of Parrish's Chemical Food. You do not say whether you hang your bird in a window or not, but if so remove it at once to a cosy corner away from all draughts. Cover over at night with a warm cloth, and hang below the level of the gas burner. Let the staple diet be best Spanish canary seed, and occasionally just a pinch of mixed seeds, hemp, German rape, and niga.

A Question of Claws.

Second Year.—For the claw which has turned aside I should recommend you to split a bit of soft quill, put it round the claw, and bind with a piece of fine white worsted, taking care not to bind too tightly. Let this stop on for a week, and then remove, when you will see if it has effected any improvement. Should you see any sign of redness about the foot, you will know that you have bound up too tightly, and you must then loosen it a little. (2) I should not recommend you to use up the egg shell with the egg whilst feeding young ones. It is a very good plan to do this just previous to the breeding season, when getting the birds into condition, and it acts as a preventive against soft shelled eggs.

YORKSHIRES.

Answered by H. W. BATTYE.

Cause of Death.

A.C.D.—From the particulars you give of the sudden death of your Yorkshire cock, I am of opinion that the bird had a fit, and broke a blood vessel. Perhaps it had been startled by something; it may have been by one or more of the young ones coming out of the nest and fluttering about, probably the cock bird was of a very nervous disposition. I have seen such birds go off into a fit immediately if frightened by any little sudden disturbance. I don't think his exertions in feeding the young ones would have anything to do with his death. Sorry you have had the misfortune to lose such a useful bird, but these are the kind of disappointments bird breeders have to contend with. Pleased you have had such good luck up to this happening. Keep up your courage, and don't be downhearted. Glad to hear you have found CAGE BIRDS so useful and helpful to you in your early efforts as a Canary breeder.

Young Birds Dying.

R. E. Gibson.—Am sorry to hear of your misfortune, but this has been a very trying season to a good many bird breeders. Your feeding is fairly correct, but would advise stopping all food except egg food and crushed hemp seed from the time the young leave the hen until they are able to crack seed for themselves. When they are about five weeks old you might sprinkle a little summer rape seed on the top of the white seed in the seed hopper, as they will be able to crack this sooner than the white seed. Milk sop is good on many occasions when a bird is ailing, but I cannot recommend its use as a general food for young birds, neither do I advise green food when the young ones have been taken away from the hen. I think if you stick to dry egg food and crushed hemp seed you cannot do better. I hope you will have better luck than you have been having up to now.

Why Did They Die?

No Name.—Sorry to hear of your being so unfortunate in losing your young birds when they have left their parents, but am afraid this will be the case with a great many breeders, owing largely to the very unseasonable weather we are and have been having, and there does not seem much sign of any improvement up to the present. Your feeding is all right, except the milk sop, which is a rather dangerous food for young birds, and especially for breeders who are like you and have to leave home very early in the morning, and have no one to attend to them till they return home at night. I do not care for sloppy food of any kind for young birds at from four to six weeks old. If a bird is ill, sometimes milk sop will do much good, but as a regular food I cannot recommend it. (2) As to how much egg food a bird four weeks old should have per day I can hardly say, as young birds the same as old ones vary a good deal, some waste far more than they eat. (3) You ask is it correct to not let young birds have any water until they are about five weeks old. In my opinion it certainly is neither correct, wise, nor humane to deprive them of the chance to drink till that or any other age, and to my mind those who do are guilty of cruelty, and deserve to be punished. If you noticed birds that were drinking more than was good for them you might limit their opportunities by allowing them to have the water on for half an hour, say, morning, noon, and night. I have not used Nestle's milk, so cannot say whether it is as good as cow's milk, but think I should prefer the latter, though possibly Nestle's may not turn sour so soon as cow's milk.

A Fighting Pair.

A.E.H.—From what you say I have very little doubt your birds are both cocks. Could you not get some experienced local fancier to examine the one you bought for a hen? The sex will be easy enough, I think, to determine by this time by a breeder of experience. Seeing that you have been feeding them as you have for such a length of time, everything points to both birds being cocks.

The Use of Colour Food.

Colour Food.—(1) Yes, you should give your young birds colour food every day during the moult, beginning when they are seven or eight weeks old and continuing till they are in full feather again. You can reduce the strength of the colour food towards the finish of the moult, but do not stop it till the bird has finished the head and neck, which is usually the latest. (2) The second moult will not begin until August or September next year. I don't think sulphate of iron is any good until the latter part of the moult, when you can put a piece about the size of a split pea in the drinking water on alternate days.

Bad Feeders.

S. Taylor.—I am at a loss to account for the way your birds are behaving with the second nest, as when a pair have been agreeable and fed well together during the first round they usually will do the same with the second, and I think when the young ones get a little older you will see they may be doing all right. The cock bird seems to be jealous of the hen feeding the young ones, and wants to do all the work himself. You do not say how old the second nest of young are, but if they are old enough to keep themselves warm without the hen sitting on them, say twelve or fourteen days old, I should be inclined to take the hen away and let him have a try by himself, as you say the hen will not feed when by herself. I hope you will manage to rear them.

CRESTS AND CRESTBREDS.

Answered by W. E. GREEVES.

Crested Young Ones Dying at Three Days Old.

E. Southwood.—Yours is a case that a great many breeders of Canaries have to report. Your management is quite correct, and you can do nothing more than you have already done. Did the hen feed the young ones? If so, I should consider in a half-hearted manner, and not sufficient to keep them alive. If a hen won't feed, there is no known method that will make her; the better plan is to take the young ones and put under a hen that is known to be a good feeder. You did quite right to take the eggs away until the third was laid; my plan is to take the third egg away and not sit the hen down till the evening on the three eggs. The next time the hen sits, I should take the cock bird away, and not return him until the young ones are four days old. I do not like groundsel as a green food for breeding birds, nor young ones; instead, give chickweed or watercress. Your feeding is quite correct, but do not give egg food to the hen when sitting oftener than once a week.

Crested Hen's Crest Falling Off.

A Novice.—Crest feathers will fall out and back of head get bare without any apparent cause. This will not interfere with your hen's breeding. I should advise you to leave it alone, it will moult out all right. The noise is no doubt caused from a cold; give bread and milk daily for a week, over which put a few drops of syrup of tolu, and add to the drinking water a few drops of whisky. As you say she laid last Sunday and Monday, I conclude that she is now sitting. If at the end of 14 days the cold is not relieved, remove the young one to another hen to bring up. Fitful laying is not at all uncommon, and cannot be remedied. The only thing to do is to have patience and hope for better results. Large breeders have the advantage in being able to put these casual-laid eggs under other hens. Yes, I consider it the better plan to shut the young ones away from the old birds so soon as the hen commences to build, whether she plucks them or not, either by the aid of a nursery cage or by a wired partition in the breeding cage, so that the young may be fed by their parents.

CINNAMONS.

Answered by J. NORTH

Fertile Hen not Laying.

Constant Reader.—It is hazardous to assign a reason for your four year old hen building a nest but laying no eggs, although you say she bred both Canaries and Mules last year, but you do not say whether or not she was then under your observation. Four years is not a bad age for a breeding hen, and although you relate that you have older hens now rearing families, there are a great many that do not live so long. Your hen is evidently out of condition, but this might arise from excessive laying last year, or she may have liver or kidney trouble, in which case her excreta would be copious and light in colour. Remove her into a good sized cage, give fresh salad and a bath daily, also plenty of grit and broken egg shells. Keep her there until she shows signs of wanting to nest again.

BORDERS.

Answered by J. PATTERSON.

Pairing Various.

East Boldon.—Yes, Cinnamon Borders are to be obtained, but there are very few Cinnamon cocks in the market at any time, or, indeed, I may say, bred at all. Most breeders, with but few exceptions, use Cinnamon blood solely to set markings and improve the quality of feather in their show birds, and I have no hesitation in advising you to use both birds of a Cinnamon colour. Judging from the inquiries received for Cinnamon stock birds, they seem at last to have won many admirers. I find that when paired up year after year they increase the length of feather, and you must introduce a little dark blood from parents exceedingly short in feather to counteract this tendency. (2) Yes, a pair of this sort will undoubtedly breed greens, unless their parents were bred from lightly marked birds; then you might expect a few heavily marked progeny in each nest. It is also advisable to pair a green to a Cinnamon, they tone down the feather and at the same time bring up the peucilling, especially if the hen be the Cinnamon. See that your green birds are not inclined to show bronze on butts of wings; if so, it is not advisable to use them, as the young will show this fault more markedly. Regarding the colour of the young, it greatly depends on the parentage of your stock birds; say a green cock bird from dark-eyed parents and a Cinnamon hen, the young would all be greens, but if a dash of Cinnamon blood in him, you might expect both greens and Cinnamons, and the Cinnamons bred which you might expect to be hens are very valuable to pair back to green blood again; but if a Cinnamon cock and a green hen (unless the hen was bred from Cinnamons), the progeny you might expect to be both greens and Cinnamons; the Cinnamons so bred would turn out hens, and if there is Cinnamon blood on the hen's side as well, they would be both cocks and hens. (3) Yes, the dimensions for your breeder are very suitable, and allow each pair nice room. When the partitions are taken out it would make a good flight, but personally I prefer the Scotch all-wire single breeder, they are more adapted to the active little Borders, also very simple in construction, and therefore much easier to keep bright and clean.

Single Chick.

Wilkie.—Many fanciers have felt great difficulty rearing a single chick in a nest. If you have another nest of youngsters about the same age, it is advisable to either put it amongst them, or, if the number of the brood is say, five, take other two from nest about the same size, and put along with the single one, and you will find that the hen will attend to the three better, and that they will grow ever so much more rapid; but see you put some mark or take the markings of your single birds before putting the others beside it, so that you may know it for future guidance. If, however, you have none of the same age, I have found a few pieces of cork, little larger than one of her eggs, act wonders in keeping a hen from sitting so heavily on the chick. I have no doubt but that you will find the legs deformed a little. I have seen these scarcely able to take the perch, and others had to be killed for the same trouble. The cause, I think, is the continual weight of the hen's body and the chick being nearly in the same position; it puts its legs one at each side, with the result they get cramped.

BELGIANS.

Answered by W. B. COBB.

Hen not Pairing.

Very Slow.—Your hen cannot possibly be in breeding trim, otherwise she would have shown signs of nesting under the circumstances you mention. Young hens, I find, sometimes rather backward in coming into breeding condition, especially when they have been paired up all the winter. Separate the hen by all means, and in addition to your staple diet of Spanish canary seed, give a little egg food three times a week, on alternate days giving a little German rape seed, and pair up again in about a fortnight or three weeks. Do not change your birds into another room again or you will more than likely put some of them into the moult.

Room for Belgians.

W.D.F.B.—Keeping Belgians in a room built of wood, 3 in. thick, 8 ft. by 9 ft. by 8 ft. high. Well, it is quite possible. I know breeders who use such rooms to keep and breed Canaries, but I do not advise them myself for Belgians. Especially, as you say, you noticed damp striking up from the floor (concrete) last back-end. There is nothing more detrimental to success in breeding Belgians than a damp room. Providing you can make your room damp proof, I see no reason why you should not be able to breed in it; the situation and aspect of your room is all that is desirable, but it ought to be well ventilated. I would far rather advise a working man launching out in Belgians to keep no more than he can conveniently indoors to experimenting with outside structures.

ROLLERS.

Answered by "SCHOOLMASTER."

A Heavy Loss.

Disappointed.—It is very sad to lose one's birds in the way yours have gone. It is only possible to come to one conclusion, that they died of "bird fever," or some other infectious disease. You say you had 13 birds, and bought another cock bird, which died within a week of you getting it. Then two days afterwards the hen you had paired him to died, and since then your other birds have followed at short intervals, until only one is left. That is exactly how bird fever clears out a stock. It seems highly probable the disease was introduced by the strange bird you bought. You should have sent a body to Mr. North for post mortem examination. Still, I have no doubt as to the cause myself. You say the birds "seem only ill about two days, and go like a fluffy ball." Strange birds, bought from strange places, should be put apart for a week or ten days before being put with one's other birds—in quarantine, as it were—to be sure of their perfect health. Your cages and your room will want thoroughly disinfecting before you can hope to keep fresh birds in them. You should get Dr. Clarke's booklet on "Septic Fever," post free 7d. from CAGE BIRDS office. Better luck to you in the future. Remember to always take precautions when buying from strangers.

No Song Since the Moult.

Cam.—I should think your two cock birds have never come into good condition after the moult. Do they wheeze at all, or show any signs of having a cold, or of suffering from "loss of voice"? If they do not I should advise you to give them a little more generous diet. Get some good hemp, maw, and niger seed, and give each bird half a teaspoonful on alternate days, that is, hemp one day, maw the next, etc. Also get some egg bread, or one of the patent Canary foods advertised in our columns, and give each bird a small teaspoonful every day, well mixing amongst it 3 or 4 (not more) spots of Parrish's Chemical Food, obtainable from any chemist. Further, let them have one or two small dandelion leaves, and a seeding head,

every day. This treatment should soon bring them on song. Remember that Rollers want a little change of food at times, especially during and just after the moult, and not be kept on just canary and rape all their lives. It is very likely your food which has been at fault. I suppose you let them have a bath frequently. Supply good grit, keep them in a cosy spot, and give a bit of appls now and again?

MISCELLANEOUS CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by "OLD JUDGE."

Colour Feeding.

Will you tell me a good colour food, and how to mix it? At what age to feed young birds on the colour food? I have twelve young birds from two pairs, very pale in colour. Will they alter in colour in their moult?—NOVICE, HACKNEY.

Novice, Hackney.—My advice to you is to purchase your colour food from one of the firms advertised in CAGE BIRDS, and mix it according to the directions upon the cannister. You should commence feeding the young when about six or seven weeks old, mixing just a little at first with the egg food, and gradually increasing the quantity. You have done exceedingly well in getting twelve young birds from two pairs thus early in the season. Don't worry about their being pale in colour. Young birds look very pale when compared with adults which have been colour fed. If carefully moulted your birds will, after the moult, be as rich in colour as their parents. In giving the colour feed the most important thing to remember is regularity of feeding, and not to leave off the colour feed until the birds are quite fine in feather.

Strange Death of Canary.

Can you advise me on feeding young Canaries, as three died when four days old, one died when 13 days old. When I was throwing it away I noticed a lump in his throat. When I examined it I found three hemp seeds in his throat, and I put it down to that.—J.W.J.

J.W.J.—Your feeding is perfectly correct, and I can only suggest that the weather may have been the cause of the death of the very young birds. As to the older one, although I have never before heard of such a thing, it is quite possible, nay, more probable, that the hemp seed caused its death. It is very strange indeed for one of the old birds to choke one of their young in this way by putting whole hemp seed down its throat. It is possible that one of the old birds is suffering from some affection of the throat or mouth, and thus cannot shell the seed properly before giving it to the young. I should advise you to watch the old birds to see if this is so.

The Keeping of Eggs.

C. Francis.—Canary eggs will not keep the same length of time as the eggs of larger birds such as Pigeons or Poultry. I cannot say exactly how long they will keep, and I doubt if it has ever been definitely determined. Further, eggs vary in their capacity for keeping. An unfertilised egg will keep double the length of time that an egg which has been fertilised will keep. I have known fertilised eggs to be kept ten days and then hatch; some will not hatch if fresh laid. To determine exactly how long eggs will keep would mean a long series of experiments, and the destruction of many eggs.

Colour Feed.

G. Bleach.—The sample you send is not very special, and I should not care to use it; in bulk, however, it may be all right. You say it is "Tasteless Cayenne Pepper," but it looks to me a mixture.

Red-Mite in Nest.

W. Holmes.—(1) You should change the bird into a fresh cage, give a clean nest well sprinkled with Keating's Insect Powder; place a little essence of qnassia in the bathing water. (2) The secretary of the Leicester C.B.S. is Mr. J. Heighton, 65, Biddulph Street.

A Tale of Woe.

I paired a pair of Norwich, hen laid two eggs, then died; paired Norwich cock to German hen, she laid four eggs, sat them one day and died; then I paired Norwich cock to another German hen, she had five eggs, sat on them five days then left them, and has since been like a ball of wool on perch, panting, and with head under wing. All seemed in champion condition till I started breeding.—J.W.

J.W.—Yours is indeed a tale of woe. You know the old story about the long lane, and I most sincerely hope you have ere this found the turning in yours. Your feeding reads all right, and having given the matter very careful consideration I can only come to the conclusion that some portion of the food that you have been giving has caused inflammation, and death. Have you been very careful in seeing that all food and drinking vessels have been kept sweet and clean? Do you mix the egg food fresh each time of feeding? Thousands of birds suffer and die year by year through the mistaken economy of their owners in giving them food in which decomposition has commenced. For the hen which is still queer I should advise a diet of boiled milk and bread, giving it fresh three times a day, and place 2 or 3 drops of syrup of buckthorn on the top of each portion when given. Stop the hemp seed, and carefully wash all green food in clean water, in which you have sprinkled a handful of salt. Carefully examine the seed you are using; it may be the cause of your trouble is badly harvested or kiln dried seed. If you care to send me samples, I shall be pleased to give you my opinion on the same.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

A "Mixed" Aviary.

Beginner.—It is quite possible to keep certain British birds in the same aviary as certain foreign birds, and a very handsome and interesting collection such a mixture makes. Exactly what Britishers you can keep, however, depends on the sort of foreigners you desire to go in for. You must address a query to our Mr. Page for advice on matters concerning the latter class of birds. Your aviary, 8 by 5 by 7 ft., if roofed in all over, will comfortably accommodate two dozen to thirty small birds. I am afraid you will be rather late for any results in the breeding line this present season. Any breeding, of course, will be accomplished in the aviary when the birds are flying loose. It is not altogether a satisfactory method to cage part up and leave part flying about, for the latter distract the former in more ways than one. The late Dr. Greene's two books, "British Birds for Cage and Aviaries," and "Foreign" ditto, price 3s. 9d. and 2s. 9d., respectively, post free, would be very helpful to you. They may be had from this office. Gold finches, Bullfinches, Linnets, Lesser and Mealy Redpolls, Twites would be safe companions for your foreign birds; while a Greenfinch, Tree Sparrow, Snow, Cirl, and Reed Buntings would probably also be found admissible.

Thistle Seed; a Linnet.

M.G.M.—The sample of thistle seed you send is the correct kind for birds. The dealers name for it, so far as I know, is simply "thistle seed." But, of course, there is more than one kind of thistle seed, and the bird keeper needs to be sure he is getting that kind which is suitable for birds. The proper thistle seed is somewhat smaller, perhaps, than niger seed, and somewbat similar in shape, and of a mottled greyish-brown colour. The thistle seed sold bird-keepers which is of no use as a bird food, is a considerably larger, bulkier seed, darker in colour, and having a heavily-ribbed appearance. Keep a little of the seed you now have always by you, and see that you get similar when buying more. The "baldness" will not prevent your Linnet breeding if he is otherwise in full health and song, and carrying a deep, slaty-blue coloured beak. When you changed the room a second time you may have caused him to lose a few feathers in a cross moult. In all likelihood the bare place will not be covered with new plumage until after the next moult. Let the bird have a feed of dandelion, shepherd's purse, and similar seeding green foods every day.

Concerning Philomel.

Colour Food.—Most certainly Nightingales will sing when kept in captivity. You must surely be a new hand at bird keeping not to have known that fact already; this I mention with a view to warning you that a Nightingale is not by any means the sort of bird a beginner in the keeping of insectivorous species should try his prentice band on. Gain some knowledge concerning such before you touch 'Gales. Cock birds caught in the early spring, before the females reach our shores, are about the best one can get. Skill is required to "meat them off" and get them used to caged existence. Those caught just before they start on the autumn migration are also good, though usually apt at first to be a bit lively. Only an experienced fancier can possibly tell cocks from hens; both look practically alike. Hen Redstarts are often sold the unwary as cock Nightingales. Nightingales vary very much in price. I have seen them advertised at 5/- and 7s. 6d. But I very much doubt if a fancier who had one really steady and on song, and who was prepared to guarantee it so, would sell under from 30s. to 50s. For one thing, a fresh-caught Nightingale costs three or four shillings in food, usually, before it can even be considered properly "meated off." How, then, can fanciers expect to really get the latter for just a few shillings?

Minds that Think Alike.

Hopeful.—It is certainly extraordinary that your two Bullie hens should be amicably proceeding with their domestic duties in the same nesting receptacle. If they were mine, I should certainly let them go ahead, just to see how the home-sharing arrangement turned out in the end. If they don't disagree in the near future, you can't go far wrong by so doing. If they commence to squabble—well, you must perforce remove one or the other of them out of the indoor aviary. You might try hanging another nesting receptacle close up by the side of the one now in use. I can quite believe, however, the two hens would sit side by side in the same nest. I once saw an even more extraordinary sight. In an indoor aviary a Canary had built her nest on the floor, at the foot of a stump which served as a centre perch, and had one youngster therein, a fairly well-grown baby, too. The curious part arose in the fact that another hen had laid her eggs in the same nest and was calmly incubating them! Thus one had the astounding sight of a hen sitting on her eggs in a nest containing a young bird some ten days old, which was being fed by another hen—the original builder of the nest! Being built on the ground (mainly of dried grasses), without box or pan of any kind, it was of course, rather more expansive than the usual nest. The youngster nestled close up to the sitting hen in the intervals of feeding. "Uncle Peter," most veracious of persons, can vouch for the accuracy of this story.

A Varied Trio.

Louie.—(1) The best food to get a rich breast colour on a Bullfinch is a free supply of blackberries during the moult. When they are going out of season, change on to privet berries, which will be just coming in. The tops of heather, dock, nettles, and other wild seeds and berries, are also excellent things to give. (2) Three nests in a season are not too many for a sound young hen to undertake. Let her go ahead on number three by all means, especially seeing that the cock bird lends her such signal help in the feeding line. (3) Young Canaries six weeks old can safely be put into a flight cage. It is generally safe to turn them into one when they are four weeks old. The fact that the baby cock birds are trying to sing speaks well for their excellent health and condition. In future kindly remember that queries for different departments must be written on separate sheets of paper—vide rules—or you run the risk of not getting an answer.

Goldfinch Ailing.

A. S. Robinson.—It is possible your Goldfinch may have a touch of liver trouble. Anyway, I should, I think, separate him from the hen Canary until he recovers his wonted liveliness. Crush a chlorate of potash lozenge and mix it with half a teaspoonful of sulphate of soda. Of this mixture, take as much as will lie on a shilling and dissolve it in two tablespoonfuls of drinking water, which leave on the cage for one day. The following day give plain water; the day after stir half a teaspoonful of dandelion juice (taraxacum) in it. Repeat the taraxacum for three days. I have never found hemp harm a Goldfinch. Leave the linseed out of the mixture and substitute maw seed. Give dandelion heads and a few young leaves, by all means. I think you will find your bird recovered at the end of this treatment, and in song again.

Mule not in Stout Song.

Anxious to Know.—Of course I can't say definitely without seeing the bird, but I should say it is much more likely to be a Linnet-Canary than a Linnet-Goldfinch. Anyway, if a cock bird, it should be quite easy to decide which variety it is. If it were the latter, it would show the Goldfinch beak, blaze, and wing bars and markings in a quite unmistakeable manner. A Linnet-Canary Mule is just a sober-coloured brownish bird (like a Linnet) with white edging to the wing flights, and a flush of Canary (yellowish) colour in the region of the head. If it is the Hybrid you mention, however, that might account for your thinking he "does not bring out his full song," for a Linnet-Goldfinch does not sing the loud, rattling kind of song indulged in by either Linnet or Goldfinch-Canary Hybrids. You had better write me again, if, from the above remarks, you are able to decide the identity of the specimen. The packet Finch mixture sold by any good firm of seed vendors would suit your bird, if you don't want the trouble of preparing a mixture yourself. Go out and get him some seeding dandelion heads daily, together with a few young, tender leaves.

Advice about a Bullfinch.

F. H. H. Fulham.—You will have to get rid of the red-mite, or your Bullfinch will certainly get even worse in plumage. The cage should be either stoved in a moderately warm oven for 15 minutes or so, or soused with boiling water or soap-suds, whichever seems best to you. If of wood, it should then be well coated inside with sanitary washable distemper. You can dust the Bullfinch with Keating's Insect Powder. Or you can dip him in a bath (with the cbill off) containing quassia, taking care he does not take cold whilst drying. Never fear, he has not got "surfeit"—he wouldn't be lively and singing if he had. Don't bother with medicine. The following would make him an excellent stock mixture:—Canary and teazle one pint each, summer rape half a pint, maw a quarter pint. Give, in addition, about a dessertspoonful of sunflower seed daily. A feed of mixed packet seed (get a good make) or Finch mixture, once a week, would do nicely for a change. Let him have a little ripe apple, pear, banana, and any other likely fruit; also black, straw, privet, haw, etc., berries when in season. The great mistake most keepers of Bullfinches make is to keep their birds without fruit. They forget that Bullie is by nature a great fruit and berry eater, with a beak specially designed to that end. Dandelion, shepherd's purse, chickweed, plantain, dock, charlock, hard-heads, thistles, and many other green foods and wild weeds are relished by him.

An Egg-Eating Fiend.

Jumbo.—Hens which persist in smashing and eating every egg they lay are a—well, to put it as briefly as possible, a nuisance. Your own Bullie hen would seem to be a particularly virulent kind of nuisance. If you could try her in a good-sized aviary, you might find this alter her. I have also known "faked" eggs cure an egg-eating hen; have used them successfully myself, in fact. Here is the recipe: Take any clear egg, and, with an egg-drill (used on nesting expeditions), bore a fair-sized hole in one side and eject the contents in the usual way. If you have not an egg-drill, the side can be punctured and gradually broken away with a needle-point to allow the contents to be got out. Then make a mixture of mustard and cayenne pepper (the hottest sample you can lay hands on), with a little water, and fill up the now empty shell with this delectable "cream." Over the hole stick a little thin court plaster, or gold-beaters' skin. After dark (or as near it as possible) slip this "egg" quietly into the nest (often it will do placed on the cage bottom) of the hen addicted to egg-eating, and take yourself off to roost. Don't go into the bird-room too early the next morning (not, of course, from fear of hearing any unladylike language), and repeat the "faked" egg again at night. One experience is generally all-sufficient; Still, hens have been known to seem to rather like it. Let me know how you get on, and I will advise you further, if necessary. I may add that I have also cured egg-eating Goldfinches by the above dodge. Hen Siskins are very different in appearance to cocks, being very grey looking, lacking almost entirely the bright yellows and greens of the male. They have a more striped appearance.

Colour-Feeding a Greenfinch.

A. Wilson.—It is usually a very difficult matter to get a Greenfinch (and other Finches, too) to eat colour food made in the usual way—viz., with egg-bread. Most have to be "judiciously starved" on to it. There is a risk, of course, of them being upset and succumbing during the process. Some fanciers get over this difficulty by gradually accustoming the birds to eating ground up seeds (canary, linseed, and maw, generally). Then, about the end of June, they commence adding a little colour-feed, working up the strength by degrees. One or two large firms in the seed line sell seeds with the shells removed (some, I fancy, terming these "cooked seeds"), which, of course, can readily be treated with colour food. Both crushed and shelled seeds absorb the colouring agent quite well. A certain successful fancier of my aquaintance, with a liking for colour feeding Britishers (especially Bullfinches), uses crushed linseed only as a vehicle for conveying the pepper. You must experiment and find out which way, or ways, best meet your own case—there is no "royal road" as with Canaries, unless it be with hand-reared British birds. Any yellow feed of repute would answer—most fanciers use red-feed, however. Moult him in a good-sized cage—flight cage, if you like, providing he is very steady at present. The quantity of colour food depends on the bird—a rich yellow Greenfinch would naturally need less than a dingier-coloured one. One in four ought to be the outside strength necessary; one in six or seven might suffice. Use your own judgment. In my opinion, an overfed Greenfinch is spoiled.

Backward in Coming Forward.

Tatters.—Your hen is unusually late in coming into breeding condition. Are you sure she is a young, vigorous bird? Your feeding does not seem to have been over generous, however, and this, in conjunction with the peculiar weather we have experienced, may account for it. Instead of sugar, put a piece of cuttlefish between the bars of the cage. Give a teaspoonful of egg food every day, and mix amongst it four spots of Parrish's Chemical Food. Let her have (the Linnet as well) a few small tender dandelion leaves, also seeding heads, every day. Also mix maw and niger seeds in equal parts, and hemp and linseed; put a teaspoonful of the former in the cage one day, and a teaspoonful of the latter the next. This treatment should soon put a different complexion on matters, especially if the south wind and the sun should by any chance come to stay amongst us. It is usual to remove the first three eggs as laid, substituting a dummy, removing the latter and returning the former on the evening of the day the third egg is laid, when the hen usually settles down seriously to the duties of incubation.

Hand-rearing Again.

G.W.M.—I shall have written sufficient to fill a book on hand-rearing before the season is over. It is not to be thought because I do not mention methods of hand-rearing advocated by others that I necessarily disagree with those said methods. I could not possibly, in this column, mention them all in the space and time at my disposal. I have but a few short hours every week to get through the answering of many scores of questions on almost every conceivable aspect of bird-keeping—and inconceivable, too, sometimes. Young Blackbirds and Thrushes, for instance, can be successfully reared on many different foods. New milk can be used to moisten it with (or it may be boiled and used either luke-warm or when cold), or water will answer, or a drop of water can be given at the conclusion of each feed. Read also the replies to "A. P. Abbeywood" and "A. Rushen" in last week's issue. As the birds grow and commence to leave the nest, add a little finely-minced green meat, say lettuce, to their food. You must keep nestlings cosy and warm. A spare room is not suitable during such weather as we have experienced this spring; a snug, warmed kitchen being much more to the purpose. The nest, or basket containing it should be well wrapped up at night. Don't omit to put a pinch of tiny, yet sharp, grit amongst the food occasionally; or a pinch of crushed cuttlefish bone; or alternate them. Nestlings must also be kept scrupulously clean, or they will not thrive.

Dandelion Heads.

J.H.H.—The method I myself adopt for getting dandelion seed from the heads for storing purposes is a simple one, yet at the same time effective. Only really ripe heads are gathered—just as they form "clocks" and are ready to blow—and these are dropped into a capacious brown-paper bag. The latter is given a good shaking up, when the ripe seed drops to the bottom, and the "fluff," etc., can be taken out by the hand and deposited in the dustbin, or be burnt in the garden. The seed can then be placed in a fine sieve, and other waste particles be blown away off the top, after which it can be stored away. Tins can be used for the latter purpose, though sack or linen bags are best—providing the room is dry and free from mice—giving them an occasional shaking up. Thistle and other wild seeds can also be collected and stored by adopting a similar procedure.

Hand-rearing Hawfinches.

Will He.—I am glad to learn you reared the young Bullfinches so satisfactorily on the food, etc., recommended in my column. You cannot improve on that treatment for rearing the young Hawfinches also. Give these young birds cut-up mealworms freely, also give them a fair allowance of soaked and sprouting rape seed amongst the food as they begin to get well-feathered, and don't forget an occasional pinch of small, sharp grit amongst it, too. You can shell and crush a few sunflower seeds when you are feeding, fairly frequently, and mix them amongst the soft food; it is a very good, nutritious seed. As the youngsters begin to pick for themselves, let them have a free supply of sunflower seed (with others, of course), over which a rolling-pin, or jam jar, has been lightly passed, just cracking it. Also then offer them soaked summer rape, seeding shepherd's purse, etc., including young peas when you can get them.

Deformed Claws.

A. T. Allen.—When the front toes are all curled up in a bunch under the ball of the foot, treatment is very difficult, and often quite unsatisfactory. If they seem quite stiff and set in this position, I am afraid the Chaffinch promises to be a cripple for the remainder of its life. I once cured a young Mule by binding its foot on top of a fairly wide perch (or rather, about three-quarters of an inch of perch material) with silk, and then putting it, for a fortnight, in a cage without any perches in it. I cut notches (or grooves) in the soft wood for the toes to go in, so the thing did not slip. It looked a fearfully clumsy contrivance; but it answered in this case. With an old bird (and you do not say how long it has been affected) the case might well be different. A reader in CAGE BIRDS some little time back advocated placing the foot out on a piece of suitably stout cardboard, and "stitching" the toes into position on it (with silk, I should fancy), leaving the cardboard on for 12 or 14 days. You might care to try this. In any case, don't bind the toes down too tightly, and after you take off the appliance, let the perches in the cage be thin for a time, say, quarter-inch to three-eighths. It might be well to gently massage the toes with Zam Buk before tying them up; also whilst in position.

Fertility of Eggs; Soil for Aviary Floor.

K. Megan.—I do not see any objection to the floor of an aviary being composed of the natural soil—so far, that is, as the use of the soil itself is concerned. Of course, it would need raking over, and the surface renewing from time to time, as seemed necessary, just in the same way as any other similar material. If your aviary is a smallish one, and not roofed over (or only partially so), I do not then recommend you to stick to the earth floor, for the drainage is usually so bad that any continued rain simply converts it into a morass; it holds the wet, too, and the birds get the mud on their feet, and convey it all over the place. A layer of sharp gravel on a foundation of broken brick (or rubble) is unquestionably hard to beat as a covering for an aviary floor. The heaviest rain affects it but little, and it is quickly dry. To test the fertility of eggs is a very simple matter after they have been sat on six or seven days. Get a piece of dark brown cardboard, the size of a postcard (if black on one side, so much the better), and cut a hole in the centre a little smaller than an egg. Hold this board in front of a strong light (a window will do) and hold the eggs to be tested in front of the hole. If they admit the light through they are unfertile (i.e., clear), but if they are opaque (dense) they are fertile. An experienced fancier can tell fertile eggs at a much earlier stage than the above, for blood-vessels begin to form inside fertilised eggs very shortly after incubation has started.

Concerning Hawfinches.

T. Brown.—With regard to hand-rearing Hawfinches, see reply to "Will He" this week, and the reply to "Bird-lover" two weeks ago, for fuller information. To colour-feed hand-reared Hawfinches is quite a simple matter. Keep them used to eating a little soft food, either egg food or a good insectivorous mixture, and introduce the colouring agent amongst this gradually. "Full strength" depends on the original colour of the bird, but for a jonque a proportion of one in four, or one in three at most, should be ample. It is doubtful whether buff Hawfinches "take" the colour food to benefit them, so far as enhanced depth goes; and a good jonque certainly does not need colour-feeding at all. To get an adult-caught Hawfinch to eat colour food would probably necessitate your adopting the process known as "starving him on to it," and in doing this, of course, you stand an excellent chance of losing the bird altogether. For an adult Hawfinch the principal food is sound, plump, white sunflower seed. Given this, and a mealworm or two every day or so, the bird asks for little more. The mealworms, however, should be given direct from the fingers; a little patience, and he will take them fearlessly, so great is the bird's love for them. They are an invaluable agent in steadying a Hawfinch. The bird also appreciates hemp, linseed, canary, oats, and sometimes a little buckwheat, dari, groats, summer rape, small maize, etc. His powerful beak makes short work of beechmast, walnuts, plum and cherry stones, hawthorn, privet, etc., berries, and the like. One never need be fast for dainties acceptable to the Hawfinch. Green food they are not particularly keen on, but appreciate a little young lettuce, watercress, chickweed, shepherd's purse, also ripe apple, pear, etc., occasionally. They make an exception in favour of

tender green garden peas, of which they are passionately fond, and these are especially good for young birds, given in the pod. They are fond of a bath, so let him have one whenever the weather is suitable. See his perches are of proper thickness, and if food and water hang outside the cage, see also that the bead holes are of proper size.

Two Too Many.

K.D.F.—Three questions at a time are supposed to be the limit, my good friend, not five. (1) If the lump on the neck is hard (solid) to the touch, paint it once daily with a little tincture of iodine, obtainable from any chemist. If it seems to be full of pus (matter), it should be opened, and this gently squeezed out. Wash it afterwards with warm water coloured with Condy's Fluid, and anoint with a little of any healing ointment. If you use iodine, don't let it touch anywhere other than the hard place. (2) Meadow Pipits can be hand-reared by the methods recommended at length to "T. Nagle" in our issue for May 18th. The young should be taken when from ten to twelve days old. It may be necessary to "cram" them once or twice at first (it usually is), but they will soon learn to gape to be fed. (3) If you took the Great Tit's nest and eggs, and caught the old bird at the same time, and transferred the lot—lock, stock, and barrel—to your aviary, she certainly would not be at all likely to proceed with the incubation and hatch and rear the young. It is a great idea; but, alas, unworkable. (4) Ivy berries are eaten by most members of the Thrush family (the Missel in particular) during the stress of winter. You could try them in captivity; I don't remember ever having done so myself. (5) Kingfishers are nasty birds to hand-rear, and nasty birds to keep in confinement, unless in a very large aviary containing a pond or stream. I don't advise you to try to hand-rear any, though, as you say you can get plenty of small fishes, water grubs, etc., you would have little difficulty in doing so. The excreta is most offensive; the birds "smell to high heaven," as the poet says—like three fish shops rolled into one, as a friend of mine puts it, who once tackled the hand-rearing of two nests at the same time.

Hand-rearing Starlings.

F.O.—You will have no difficulty whatever in hand-rearing the young Starling on the lines you mention—viz., those recommended by me for rearing young Thrushes, etc. You can certainly occasionally moisten the food with water instead of milk, and a vessel of water should be put in the cage when the bird commences to pick about for itself. You must, however, give it animal food of some kind, either mealworms or small garden worms (cut up to a suitable size), while the caterpillars you mention, if of the smooth variety, would answer admirably. Also you could scrape a little raw lean mutton amongst its food fairly frequently. When it commences to feed itself, give a good insectivorous mixture designed for the coarse-feeding Softbills, and let it contain finely-minced lettuce or other green-meat in liberal quantity. You can safely let the youngster have its liberty when from eight to ten weeks old; though maybe you will not feel inclined to take this course, as hand-reared Starlings make really delightful pets—very knowing and imitative little beggars, with an aptitude for picking up a few words, though not all acquire the latter accomplishment.

A Batch of Brevities.

Melon-coloured Legs (Starter).—You say you have a Goldfinch with "melon-coloured legs," and want to know whether that fact will affect him muling, or on the show bench. The answer to both is, no—providing, of course, he is good enough at other points, viz., in condition and in show properties. I suppose it is a sign that the bird has been house moulted—usually referred to as being "white-legged," though "melon-colour" would fit many of them.

Weeds and Herbs (Cissy).—I do not know of any book which deals with weeds and herbs from the point of view of food for birds. An elementary work on wild flowers (obtainable at most book shops) would help you to identify the kinds usually advocated. A really thorough work, well illustrated, would cost, probably, 5s. to 10s., second-hand; call and inquire at some of the second-hand bookshops in your city.

A Point About Hedge Sparrows (C.P.).—Your friend, of course, is absolutely wrong (absurdly wrong, I should have said, had you not appealed to me to take the question seriously). No bird performs the act of procreation in the manner described.

An Aviary Matter (W.H.P.).—You are to be congratulated on possessing so exceptionally good an aviary. You can safely turn another cock Goldfinch and hen Bullfinch therein. It might be well, however, if you kept the couple together in a large cage for a week before releasing them. When the young birds come, the chief thing to provide is plenty of the seeding green foods mentioned in this column. A dish of made insectivorous food, and some small mealworms (also any small grubs and smooth caterpillars) are also likely to be eagerly utilised; likewise any sprays of foliage covered with blight (green fly).

Young Owl (Breathless).—I don't know that a young Owl would be of any great value when stuffed, but it would make a nice ornament for your drawing room, no doubt. They are very pretty creatures when still in their first plumage. Any taxidermist would set it up for you; see several advertisements which have lately appeared in our columns. It is against the rules to recommend any advertiser in particular.

A Question of Identification (Constant Reader).—The birds you saw with a white rump, conspicuously shown when flying, were undoubtedly Wheatears. They frequently build in holes in stone walls. They are not particularly difficult to hand-rear; follow the method I advocate for Softbills. As there is no question of song with this species, it is well to hand-rear them, when, of course, they are delightfully steady.

Dead Siskin (Miss D.).—As the Whitsuntide holidays intervened between the corpse reaching me, I did not care to get too close to it. Kindly read our post mortem rules, when you will see that bodies for opinion as to cause of death should be sent direct to Mr. North (Reading), who undertakes the duties in this direction.

Ailing Linnet (No Name).—Give your bird plenty of maw seed to eat; also small dandelion leaves and seeding heads, likewise seeding shepherd's purse and chickweed. In its drinking water for three or four days put some dandelion juice (taraxacum), obtainable from any chemist—in the proportion of half a teaspoonful to two tablespoonsful. Give him summer rape seed, and only a little of the black (bitter tasting) rape.

Respecting a Mule (H.M.).—I find it very difficult to understand your question. If the Mule's wings droop naturally, you cannot do anything to alter that; nor can you alter the length of its legs. You puzzle me. As you say the bird is a good singer, it must be in good health, and I advise you not to try any experiments or dodges with him—let well alone. The cage is a curious shape—it would be better 16 in. long, 12 high, and 9 wide—and without a round top. Mules are better in a box cage (wired in front only), and with two perches placed on a level. Your top perch is too near the top of the cage.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S.

Yellow Budgerigars Weak on Legs.

My birds seem to have got cramped, and appear to be in pain with their feet and legs; the hen is the worst. Is there any remedy?—A. CUMMING.

A. Cumming.—I am of the opinion that the weakness in your birds is constitutional, and that little or nothing can be done for them. If this is the case they will get worse instead of better, and become miserable looking objects. All you can do is to put them on a course of Parrish's Chemical Food, well colouring their drinking water with same, and if there is any sign of constipation make their drinking water just saline with Epsom Salts till relief is given. Add to your diet a liberal supply of grass in flower (i.e., grass in the ear). Keep them in some position where they will be free from draught, yet get plenty of fresh air. If there is no improvement in their condition in five or six weeks' time, I should certainly advise you to mercifully chloroform them out of the way. I should not attempt to breed from such birds, as their progeny would probably inherit the weakness in a more pronounced form.

Grey Parrot in Poor Condition.

My bird is three years old, feed as advised in "C.B." Though I have had it two and a half years it has never moulted. It is very mopy, breathes heavily, and makes a rasping noise. Have given it ipecacuanha wine, oxymel of squills, and glycerine. Can you suggest any remedy?—F.M.W.

F.M.W.—I am rather at a loss to account for the condition of your bird. I presume that it does not get any table scraps or slops, as such would soon bring about such a state of affairs. A healthy bird should have moulted before this. Take it into your warmest room, keep it out of draught, yet where it will get fresh air. For one day make its drinking water quite saline with Epsom Salts, and repeat this as necessary to keep its bowels moving freely, but not watery loose. When not giving the salts, well colour its drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food. Keep up a liberal supply of ripe fruit, green food, and cuttlefish. Unless there is something amiss which your note fails to indicate, it should soon recover its normal condition. If you are satisfied the bird has caught a chill, you had better continue to give the ipecacuanha mixture, in lieu of the Chemical Food till relief is given. It would be better to report progress in a fortnight's time.

Budgerigars Not Breeding.

A.B.—I really cannot give you any further help than that contained in my previous reply, together with the treatment you have been trying in the interval. I may, however, suggest one or two things, which if they exist should be removed at once. Are the birds in any draught? If so, you must take measures to remedy this. Are the sexes of your birds equal? As I read yours, it appears you have more males than females; if so this would account for much of the trouble you have had with these unusually most hardy of birds. It also appears to me that your birds (the hens at any rate) are in very low tone, and I should advise you not to attempt breeding for six or eight weeks at least with them. Put them on a course of Parrish's Chemical Food, and supply green food (grass in flower, etc.), and cuttle fish ad lib. Note: They must have plenty of fresh air, yet not subjected to draught.

Budgerigars Dying.

I bought a pair of these birds, they arrived safe, and in the pink of condition. I put them in a Canary cage in my aviary containing three Indian Green Parrakeets, so as to get them used to the other birds before letting them loose. The first day one died, the next the other. What could be the cause?—UNFORTUNATE BREEDER.

Unfortunate Breeder.—There is no doubt but what the Indian Green Parrakeets gave these birds a blow on the head with their beaks; it is always best to have the bodies examined in such cases. If your aviary is an outdoor one, and the cage was in the outer portion, such nights as we have had recently would be quite sufficient to account for the death of even such birds as Budgerigars. From your details I can suggest no other reason. As to treatment of these birds, there are several replies in this issue that should help you. I am of the opinion that the birds would have fared better had they have been turned into the aviary straight away. The larger Parrakeets as a rule completely ignore such small fry.

Nuns and Zebra Finches.

(1) Is there any difference in plumage of male and female Black-headed Nuns? They appear exactly alike to me. Will they nest? (2) Zebra Finches built nest, laid nine eggs. Is this an unusual number?—HEREFORDSHIRE.

Herefordshire.—(1) The sexual distinctions are infinitesimal, and need a practised eye to discover them. The male when fully mature has a black stripe down the centre of abdomen, this is almost obscured by the brown feathers in the female. I have not yet heard of any instance of these birds breeding in captivity. Yet there is no reason why they should not. (2) I presume your birds are as yet only playing at nesting (unless you have two hens), and that none of these eggs will hatch. I presume you know these attractive little birds, the male has chestnut ear coverts, and the sides are also chestnut, thickly spotted with white, and the under surface is composed of black, white, and grey. Five eggs has been the usual number in my aviary.

Soft Food, etc., for Cage Birds and Finches.

(1) What is the correct diet for Green Lovebirds? (2) Are these the same as Madagascar Lovebirds? (3) Do you advise the use of insectivorous food for Lovebirds, Saffron and Zebra Finches and Brown Nuns?—NAVY.

Navy.—(1) Canary and millet seed, green food, cuttlefish, grit, a few white oats once or twice a week, and water ad lib. (2) The female Madagascar is an all green bird, the males having the whole of the head and neck a sort of pale lavender grey. The Passerine Parrakeet (Blue-winged Lovebird) is also a green bird, the male being adorned with ultramine-blue in the wings and rump. There are also several species of South American Lovebirds, one species of which is at present on view in the Parrot House at the London Zoo, viz., the Guianese Lovebird; it is all green, and much smaller than the Madagascar. (3) A good insectivorous mixture must be given to Saffrons, Zebras, Nuns, etc., when they are feeding young, and a little is wholesome as a regular item of the diet for such species as will eat; but though such species of Lovebirds as I keep with my Finches indulge in it, and take no effect, probably because of the space they have for flight and being in the open air, I should not advise it for them when kept in cages, and should not give to such even when in the aviary when unmixed with other birds, such as Finches, etc., the diet named in answer 1 being ample for them.

Blue-fronted Amazon not Talking.

(1) I have had the bird fifteen months and it makes no attempt to talk. Do you mean that the same words should be said over and over again, by constant repetition? (2) It is fed as you advise, but it eats the hemp and sunflower and does not care for the rest. Are these two sufficient? (3) Will it do to put the maize in without boiling?—W.R.

W.R.—(1) Occasionally a specimen comes to hand which refuses all advances, but it is uncommon with the Blue-front, most individuals of which make good linguists and mimics. Keep it where it will hear plenty of conversation, and also try the constant repetition of such words and short phrases as you wish it to learn. Yes, my meaning is say the one thing over and over again at intervals, and keeping at the one thing till it is learned, and then taking up a fresh one, and so. Many individuals, however, pick up the bulk of their vocabulary from the general conversation which they hear. If convenient it is good practice to keep such a bird, once it is tamed, in the general living room, and it should soon pick up what it hears. (2) As your bird objects to the small seed you can leave out the canary seed, but the other give as named; fill its tin up daily, and do not give any more till the next day unless it has emptied it. It will first take the sunflower and hemp (as do many species), and then satisfy its hunger during the day on the other seeds. (3) If it eats sufficient of the dry seed mixture to keep itself in condition the boiled maize is not necessary, but a little given occasionally is a wholesome change of diet.

Young Grey Parrot Ailing.

The bird was bought a fortnight ago. For the first few days it seemed to do well, but now it is mopish, and only rouses up for its food; its bowels are watery loose, and it makes no attempt to talk or whistle. How can I treat?—B.K.B.

B.K.B.—The conditions under which these birds are imported to this country leave many of them tainted with the germs of disease, which usually develops during the first weeks following arrival, and I fear that is what is the matter with your bird. Your diet is correct as to what you use, but I should advise filling its tin three parts full of the mixture, and then filling up with the boiled maize. For one day only put half a teaspoonful of Diuneford's Magnesia over the boiled maize, and for the next month or more make its drinking water the colour of pale port with Parrish's Chemical Food. Keep it in your warmest room for the present, and out of reach of draught. I should advise the prompt removal of its voidings, with a liberal and fresh supply of sand in the cage tray daily. It should be sufficient to give the boiled maize once daily, unless you see it is refusing the seed mixture, but I am of the opinion that the reason it is not taking this is that you are covering it up with a too ample supply of the boiled maize, and renewing same before the dry mixture is reached. Let it have a little of such ripe fruit as is in season daily, also a leaf of tender lettuce as opportunity occurs.

A Question of Food.

The bird has been fed on potatoes, beef, etc. On the plumage getting into bad condition this was stopped. He is now fed solely on hemp, sunflower, and Indian corn. Is this correct?—F.H.

F.H.—You must treat as advised in our previous reply. You will find correct diet given in this and recent issues, to which I must refer you. As I suspected the unnatural dict has caused the mischief, and it will be a work of time undoing same. Let it have as much cuttlefish, green food (fresh and tender lettuce, etc.), and ripe fruit as it will eat, also a few nuts, but no table scraps, sops, slops, or any other such unwholesome food. Wheat and dari added to your mixture would be ample, as from what it has been accustomed to it is possible it would refuse the smaller seeds. On all warm and genial days let it have a bath, or spray it if it will not bathe, but however warm the weather may be it must be kept out of draught till dry. It should ultimately recover condition, but will, I fear, somewhat tax your patience before this comes about. If you find it is pulling out its feathers, you must use the remedies advised almost weekly in this column, and persevere with them, for it is a work of time undoing the effect of a prolonged course of unwholesome food.

Breeding Green Budgerigars.

(1) I have the birds in a Crystal Palace aviary, 42 by 22 by 36 in., with two husks; they are fed as you advise, but the cock is mopish and out of sorts. Is the cage suitable? Will they breed in a room without a fire? Should the seed be mixed or separate.—NEW START.

New Start.—These birds are every whit as hardy as our native Sparrows, but no birds can stand draught, and possibly you have yours standing near a window, a fruitful source of disaster with birds, no matter how hardy they be. All wire cages I do not approve of, unless they stand in some position where draught cannot pass through them. A semi-box cage is the best type, by that I mean one having a wooden back and bottom, and the top and sides half wood and wire; in such a cage the birds can always find shelter from draught. They do not need any artificial heat; in fact, they are better without it. As soon as they are in condition they should breed. The seed is always best kept in separate hoppers, the birds can then make their choice without undue waste. I should advise making their drinking water just saline with Epsom Salts for one day, repeating same in a week's time. Put them on a course of Parrish's Chemical Food, well colouring the drinking water with same. Of course, when giving the aperient you will omit the Chemical Food for that day. Let the bird have a regular supply of green food, as much grass in flower (grass in the ear) as they will eat, and the same as to cuttlefish.

Budgerigars, Stanley Parrakeets.

(1) My Budgerigar is seven or eight years old, mopish, has growth on breast. Shall I destroy it? (2) What is the smallest cage Ribbon Finches will breed in? (3) Please give description, habits, price, etc., of Stanley and Beautiful Parrakeets? (4) What small Foreign bird would make a nice companionable pet?—BASHAU.

Bashau.—(1) I should destroy this bird; it is really the most humane way to treat it. (2) They have bred in an ordinary Canary breeding cage, but such is too confined, and in such the birds frequently become infested with lice. A good cage is one of the semi-box type, and 2½ by 1½ by 1½ ft. See reply to another correspondent in this issue. (3) No, they are two distinct species. Stanley (*Platycercus icterotis*). Beautiful (*Psephotus pulcherrimus*):—Stanley: Crown of head, back of neck, chest, and under surface generally, crimson; the upper surface is mostly black, each feather being bordered with green, yellow or crimson; rump and upper tail coverts green, with a golden sheen; two central tail feathers green, remainder light blue. Beautiful: Forehead, scarlet; eye region, pale yellow; crown and nape, blackish; back, greyish brown; sides of neck, shoulders, rump, and upper tail coverts, greenish-blue; a small patch of vermillion adorns the shoulder of each wing; central tail feathers, brown with bluish tips; the outer ones a variegated with black and greenish-blue; throat and chest, rich emerald green, most of the feathers being tipped with bluish; abdomen and under tail coverts, scarlet. The dietary of both these beautiful birds is simple, canary, millet and oats, green food, cuttlefish, grit, and water ad lib. The Beautiful is decidedly delicate on arrival, and is very rare. Their price would be what the dealers choose to charge for them. The Stanley was advertised in our last issue as Yellow-cheek Parrakeets at four guineas the pair. (4) Insectivorous birds as a rule are more confiding than seed eaters. Of the latter I have had in a large garden aviary, Diamond Finches, Ruficaudas, Zebra Finches, Serins, and Javas come and eat from the hand. There is scarcely an insectivorous species but what can be trained to do so with kindness and patience; as a rule the sight of a mealworm is sufficient to drive away timidity in their eagerness to get same.

Rock Parrot Pulling its Feathers.

Is this habit curable? The bird has now very few feathers on its back and breast. It is fed on Parrot mixture, maize, fruit, and potato. How shall I treat it?—W.J.R.

W.J.R.—Give your bird for its staple food the following mixture: Canary, oats, wheat, dari, Indian corn, hemp, and sunflower seeds in equal parts; also give ripe fruit, plain biscuit, boiled potato, raw carrot, green food, cuttlefish, grit, and water. Do not give any table scraps, sops, slops, or any kind of animal food whatever. Keep the bird as much occupied as possible; soak its plumage every other day with quassia solution, and persevere with this treatment. It is only necessary to soak such parts as the bird is in the habit of plucking. Give it pieces of some non-splintery wood, cotton reels, etc., to play with and chew up. If this fails you had better try a light collar round its neck, with a piece of steel chain hanging from same over its breast. It is always slow work curing a bird of this habit—many individuals never give it up once they are confirmed in it. Give it a cooling aperient occasionally, half a teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in about one ounce of water, and let it have only this to drink for that day. At the same time its bowels must not be permitted to become watery loose.

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POST MORTEMS.

Mr. J. North, 435, Oxford Road, Reading, will examine cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for a reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post-mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to J. North, with fee. Any sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

Siskin (Meleta).—Chronic enlargement of liver, ending with apoplexy, the result of overfeeding.

Canary (W.H.T.).—Your bird died of softening of liver, giving rise to feverishness and pneumonia. It is thought the diet has been too stimulating, with an insufficiency of salad.

Canary (Singing).—Inflammation of liver, spleen, and lungs, ending with apoplexy. These are symptoms of "bird fever," and your other losses probably arose through the same disease.

Green Canary Hen (Miss A. Fielding).—Inflammation of liver and spleen caused death of your hen. These symptoms are suggestive of bird fever, and it would be well to disinfect the cage occupied by this bird. Cocks and hens kept in same room but in separate cages are prone to worry themselves and their owners by abortive attempts to carry out their natural instincts.

Buff Norwich Hen (F.B.).—Hen was not egg bound, but had "taken a chill," owing chiefly, I take it, to the fact that she had an enlarged liver, this organ then becoming inflamed, and a large blood vessel breaking. A gentle saline aperient, such as sulphate of soda, if given when first symptoms were observed, might have done good, or a liberal diet of salad during the last two months might have kept the liver in a healthier condition.

Breeding Hen Canary (W. H. Hunt).—The softened liver and excessive fatness indicate diet too heating, and I consider that this hen, and possibly your other five, have died from feverishness, partly owing to this cause and partly to the usual high temperature incidental to the nesting period. Your sample of canary food smells strongly of lard, which is quite unnecessary, and may have given rise to this unfavourable state.

GENERAL.

Answered by the EDITOR.

Scrutiny (D. H. Tedstone).—Yes, I shall be pleased to act as scrutineer for your club election.

The Mystery Solved (Oswald).—Many thanks for item, which had already been seen by us in the local papers. We thank you none the less.

Voices in the Night (R. Farmer).—We are indebted to you for forwarding this ingenious design, which made us "smile some."

Palace Prize Money (E.A.).—Rem acu tetigisti! Habeas caeoethes scribendi sed nihilo nihil fit. Suppressio est veri. Finitum est.

Suggestions (Edgar Broadbent and H. H. Jones).—Many thanks for your suggestions, which are having our careful consideration.

Judge's Name (E. L. and G. W. J.).—The initials must have crept in by mistake. I much regret the occurrence, and will see that it is altered this week.

Society in Brighton (A.H.).—The only society in Brighton is the Brighton Fur and Feather Association, and the secretary is Mr. F. Perrin, Turf Mouseries, Market-street.

Assistance (T. Dean).—We thank you very much for your kind recommendation of CAGE BIRDS. Such actions as yours are most encouraging to us in our efforts to make CAGE BIRDS all that its readers would have it.

"Cage Birds" Vol. X. (Miss Chatto).—Yes, Vol. X. can be obtained from this office, price 5s., post free. Your copy of the "Bird World" was sent. We are sending you another. Glad to know you are so pleased with it.

Foreign Bird Query (J. Pickering).—We much regret being unable to oblige you. Had you sent the query a day earlier it could have been answered this week. Our experts do not reside at the office, and queries have to be sent to them.

THE TYPE OF THE NORWICH PLAINHEAD CANARY.

Southern Breeders Meet to Adopt a Standard and Select a Model.

The matter of arriving at a standard of excellence and selecting a model for the guidance of judges and breeders of the Norwich Plainhead Canary was the chief item in the programme at the meeting of the Southern Norwich P.C. convened on May 23rd last at the "Raglan," Aldersgate-street.

What promised to be a most interesting evening's work, however, was more or less spoilt and rendered abortive by the apathy of those who ought to have been most concerned in the issue. Not to put too fine a point upon it, hardly a single prominent south-country breeder of the chubby ones put in an appearance, while the S.N.P.C. members present totalled but eight or nine, and had it not been for a number of visitors we should have mustered a very small company indeed. This result was not by any means a fair return for the energy and initiative displayed by Mr. F. S. Matthes, the hon. secretary, in the matter, but, neither discouraged nor dismayed, he is going ahead, and there is every prospect of something tangible being accomplished in the very near future. Mr. R. J. Pretty was elected to the chair.

The Chairman stated the objects of the meeting, and said the matter had been broached by Mr. Spillman, of Plymouth, from whom a letter was read advocating a decision being come to on the matter of type and colour, their relative value as exhibition points, etc., and giving as an instance of the need of such the case of a Norwich Plainhead which won at a big show in a big class one week, yet only got a minor card at a smaller show the week after in much less keen competition, though in quite as good form itself. The two judges were both well-known men.

The Secretary announced that he had received a considerable number of drawings from interested fanciers and others, which he proposed handing round the meeting. Mr. Matthes also said that the S.N.P.C. were working hand-in-hand with the N.P.C. and the Scottish N.P.C. in the matter, all three bodies being anxious to arrive at some mutually satisfactory decision. The N.P.C. were waiting the result of that meeting. Messrs. F. J. Martin (Battersea), Stewart (Glasgow), Lydon and Norman were amongst the senders of sketches.

While the inspection of the drawings proceeded Mr. Crisp rose and said that as they were far from being a representative body that evening, he did not see how they could come to any decision on such a momentous point as was before them. In any case, whatever they decided upon, it would, he gathered, have to be submitted to the N.P.C. for consideration at their forthcoming meeting, when, of course, it very probably might not meet the approval of that body. It was a subject beset with difficulties.

Mr. House thought the idea of the meeting a very good and very fair one, inasmuch as it showed that the northern breeders did not desire to force their own ideas on the southerners.

Mr. Ramsden said that, with all respect to those present, he felt there were more breeders away who knew more about the matter, and he certainly thought the big southern breeders and exhibitors should have a voice in it. He himself was more in favour of selecting a number of sketches to submit to the said breeders, and also to the south-country judges, for them to pick two or three which could be sent on to Mr. Raynes, the N.P.C. secretary, to be put before the meeting of the latter society.

Mr. Curtis suggested selecting six south-country judges, by the vote of the meeting, to look over the sketches and decide amongst themselves as to the best model. He said it was the judges who had to decide at the shows. Further, he felt that if certain breeders and exhibitors were selected, it would give rise to jealousy, as other S.N.P.C. members might consider they ought to have been consulted as well. Mr. Ramsden was in favour of the judges going through the drawings, posting them on to one, and asking him to post them on to the next judge. He would take not more than the three sketches receiving the highest number of votes from the judges, and submit them to the southern breeders to select the final one to be sent to the N.P.C. as representing their own ideal.

Mr. Crisp said that, as he had remarked before, it was a matter beset with difficulties. The judges might not find their ideal amongst the sketches. Let the judges submit their own ideals, and then let them decide which they will judge to. No doubt they did not all set the same value on certain points. One man might have experienced difficulty in getting colour into his own birds, consequently he favoured high-coloured birds on the show bench. Another might have had difficulty in getting short tails, and so have an inclination to favour that property when he saw it in the birds before him. Once get the judges into line, then the breeders *must* come into line, or they would not get into the cards. Was type only the thing to go for? That was what they all wanted to know; also, what valuation to put on the matters of size and colour.

The Chairman said he agreed with Mr. Crisp as to the difficulty of the question. He could quite believe that what the judges decided on might not please the breeders.

Mr. Ramsden pointed out that as there was a possibility of a contest taking place between all three of the specialist Norwich Plainhead Clubs, it was essential one standard of excellence should be agreed on by all.

Mr. Matthes said the Scottish N.P.C. had already decided on a standard of excellence and scale of points for judging purposes, and at the request of the meeting he proceeded to read it:—

STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE AND SCALE OF POINTS.

Standard of Excellence.

COLOUR: Deep, bright, rich, pure and level throughout.

SHAPE: Head, round, full and neat; neck, short and thick; body, short and chubby, with back well filled in; deep, broad, full chest.

FEATHERS: Soft and silky, with brilliancy and compactness.

WINGS AND TAIL: Short, compact, and good carriage.

SIZE: Well proportioned.

BEAK: Short and stout (clear).

LEGS: Well set back (also clear).

FEET: Perfect.

CONDITION: Health, cleanliness, and sound feathers. Streaked beak and marked legs not a disqualification, but count against the bird to its extent.

LENGTH: Not to exceed 6½ inches.

Scale of Points for Judging.

HEAD	15
NECK	10
BACK	10
CHEST	15
WINGS	10
TAIL	5
LEGS AND FEET	5
QUALITY	15
COLOUR	15
Total	100

Mr. Ramsden moved that this standard and scale of points be accepted by the S.N.P.C., and that the N.P.C. secretary be notified to that effect. He said he felt perfectly satisfied it was a fair and adequate one. Further, that he was breaking no confidences when he stated he had recently had a chat with Mr. Raynes, and so had reason to believe that the N.P.C. were themselves favourable to its adoption. Mr. Marley seconded, and the resolution was unanimously carried.

Mr. Crisp raised the point as to whether the ideal drawing selected could stand for both yellows and buffs—would not the neck in the former be thinner than in the latter? He knew it generally was so in Yorkshires.

Mr. House said this would not obtain in the "ideal" bird, which, of course, was understood to be depicted, for both yellows and buffs would be proportionate in all properties.

Mr. Crisp then asked whether, under the standard adopted, an exhibitor could lodge an objection against a bird in the prize-list for being over-length? It seemed to be the general opinion that this could be done, though a voice was heard to ask, "What about the judge's decision being final except in case of fraud?" Mr. Ramsden said that if a bird were given him as being 6½ inches long he would undertake to measure it either 6¼ in. or 6¾ in., as he pleased. The "exact" measuring of birds was exploded long ago. The judge could tell nearly enough whether a bird was over the proper length, and it was the judge who did his duty who had the fanciers' show under him.

Coming back to the model question, it was eventually unanimously decided, on the proposition of Mr. Ramsden, seconded by Mr. Curtis, that the whole of the models be submitted to six recognised south-country judges (residing within the area covered by the S.N.P.C.), to select the three nearest the ideal set forth in the S.N.P.C. standard of excellence these three to be then submitted to the S.N.P.C. committee for final decision.

Mr. Marley then proposed, and Mr. Matthes seconded, that the members of the S.N.P.C. be supplied with a list of all recognised south-country judges of Norwich Canaries, and be asked to select from it the six to whom the drawings were to be submitted, and this was carried.

Mr. Crisp expressed the opinion that if the judges could be prevailed on to meet at some convenient place and discuss the models, and the members of the S.N.P.C. be present, it might be a both instructive and entertaining affair. This, of course, raised smiles all round. Votes of thanks to those who had submitted sketches to the consideration of the Club, and to the Chairman for his services brought the meeting to a close.

PROPOSED FEDERATION OF LONDON SOCIETIES.

Also a Definition of a Novice to Govern all Societies within the Metropolitan Police-area.

For the special meeting of May 24th last, at the Old Napier, High Holborn, W.C., Mr. J. Tyson had invited secretaries or delegates from all metropolitan societies to attend and discuss the Novice question, with a view to arriving at a definition of a Novice which should be universal so far as London societies were concerned, and so put the novices in all of them on an equal footing. An independent fancier (representing no particular society) was elected to the chair, in the person of Mr. Turner.

Mr. Crisp said the crux of the whole matter appeared to lie in the point as to whether the amateur section should be allowed to stand. Under the C.B.U. rules, governing the open shows, there would be no amateur section. At members' shows, of course, societies were left to decide as they pleased. Personally, he considered the amateur classes a useful "half-way house," in which the fancier could gain experience, when no longer eligible to compete as a novice, before being compelled to "face the music" amongst the champions. Unfortunately, almost every London society differed in its interpretation of what constituted a novice. He was in favour of submitting all the definitions at present in vogue to each society concerned, to select the best one out of them, each society agreeing to abide by the definition which secured the most votes from amongst the said societies.

Mr. Tyson thought the question whether the amateur section should stand must be governed by what definition of a novice was selected; if it was a stringent one, then the amateur section would be needed. Another thing which needed putting a stop to was the fact that a fancier could at present win in the champion classes at one society, yet could join another, and there show in the novice classes. That, he thought, was ridiculous. The trouble, of course, arose through each society being a law unto itself as regards what constituted a novice. The L.C.B.A. had made their own definition more stringent, and compelled some of their novices to move up. In consequence, things had been better all round for the society, the amateur classes at their last members' show being about the best they had ever had, while the novice section did not suffer at all, because more members were induced to bring out birds.

Mr. Crisp: That's it; if you allow men to remain in the novice ranks too long, the "raw recruits" can't get a card, and the odds are they won't remain in the Fancy long. We all want to win something, and even a card is encouraging. The amateur section is a useful intermediary, as if a fancier is a novice for one year only, he then has one or two years, or even more, as a "probationer" in that section before going up into the champions. I submit that this is a fairer way to deal with him than on the basis of three firsts at three separate shows, as in the C.B.U. open rules, for then a man might remain a novice for three years, to the detriment of the younger members of a society.

Mr. J. S. Clark exclaimed: He can go on winning seconds and thirds to all eternity! Mr. C. H. Cooper contended that it would crush the novice if he were "sent up" after winning one first, as the competition at some members' shows was so poor. For instance, a man might win first at some shows, and yet at the L.C.B.A. show the same bird probably wouldn't be good enough to secure even a card.—Mr. Crisp: I should be willing to add there must be at least three competitors.

Mr. A. C. Burn here rose, and said he would move a proposition that a meeting be called at some convenient date and place in the Metropolis, to which representatives of every metropolitan society be invited, the object being to form a Federation of London Societies. When they had accomplished this, then they should decide on the best definition of an amateur and a novice. He thought they should form one big London organisation, and hold one big show every year. So organised, they would be both strong and wealthy enough, for the Federation would have the membership and funds of every metropolitan society at the back of it. Further, they had a place wherein to hold a show which was second to none in England. He recognised that the formation of such a Federation must necessarily be a work of time, and he did not expect coming to any decision that night, for there were no representatives there empowered to voice their societies' views. He had no power himself to even voice the views of the society (the City and Suburban A.C.B.) of which he was an official.

Mr. Tyson explained that every secretary had been summoned to that meeting, which was, in fact, a meeting of London societies. But he thought it only fair to explain that the notice given had been so short that they had not had time to consult their members. He desired it to be particularly understood that this was not an L.C.B.A. meeting, for the L.C.B.A. only had one voice in the matter, and whatever definition of a novice or amateur were arrived at, the L.C.B.A. would adopt it in common with the other societies.

Mr. Crisp put in the following amendment:—"That the rules governing the amateur and novice questions in every society within the London police area be printed together and circulated to every member of the said societies, the societies to then discuss the matter, and vote for one rule out of the number, the one receiving the highest number of votes to be accepted as the definition of a novice and an amateur for all the aforesaid societies."—Mr. C. H. Cooper seconded this, and it was carried without dissent.

Before the Chairman put the above to the meeting, Mr. Burn pressed the consideration of his Federation scheme (which the Chairman thought out of order at that moment), and this led to a sparkling passage of arms—or, rather, words—between himself and Mr. J. S. Clarke. Mr. Clarke threw cold water rather copiously upon the scheme, and said London societies and fanciers would never be got to federate as long as the world kept turning round. He had "had some." Both the L.C.B.A. and himself had tried similar schemes in the past, and they had come to nought. Mr. Burn spoke through faith; he spoke through experience.

Mr. Burn retorted that he had no doubt both Mr. Clarke and the L.C.B.A. had tried big things in the past. He was not concerned with anyone's past failures: he would try to do better.

After the novice question had been disposed of, Mr. Burn again returned to the "charge." He moved that the following question be put at the foot of every paper sent out:—"Are you in favour of establishing a Federation of London Societies?"—Mr. Cooper seconded, and it was unanimously carried.—Mr. Burn said he would not complicate the issue by adding any details, but let it be fought out on the plain question.—Mr. Clarke, however, thought it would be necessary to at least state the object of such Federation, as all would be asking.—Eventually this was left in the hands of the officials afterwards appointed.—It was pointed out that the Federation would be able to see that the ruling on the novice question, and any similar rulings, were properly carried into effect; also that the proposed annual show would not in any way interfere with the present annual show of any London society.—Mr. Burn thought at least two months should be given the societies concerned to consider the schemes.

Mr. J. W. Rennie was elected to the post of Hon. Secretary, for the purpose of circularising the metropolitan societies, and testing the general feeling. Also to convene a further meeting at such a date in the future as seemed desirable. On the question of preliminary expenses and their payment, it was decided to send round the hat, with the result that 25s. 6d. was subscribed in "next to no time." Mr. R. L. Crisp was then appointed Treasurer. A hearty vote of thanks to the Chairman brought the meeting to a close.

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SIR,—Since last issue a friend has sent 2s. 6d. towards club funds, and another offered a handsome medal for second most points for novices. Here's a chance for novices—two medals, and only half a dozen novices so far.

A. HAY, Sec.

30, Main Road, Tweedmouth.

CLOTHES PEG AS FEEDER.

SIR,—Yesterday I was shaping a stick to feed some young Blackbirds when I noticed a new wooden clothes peg, one of the machine-made ones, made of hard wood and nicely smoothed. When I had sawn one of the legs off I found I had a very handy tool with which to feed such birds as Thrushes, Blackbirds, etc. The level and smooth surface being just the thing, and the top nice to handle. I tied a bit of string round the neck, hanging it on a tack near where wanted, so as to be always handy.

HULLITE.

THE DULWICH AND PECKHAM RAMBLE.

SIR,—In your report of the country ramble of the Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S., you mention, as one of the number, Mr. Alan Cunningham. Can any of your readers inform me whether this is the Mr. Cunningham who some few years ago lived in Frome, as I should, as an old friend, like to get his address, or, if this should meet his own eye, I should like to get a line from him.

BERT BARNES.

Sunny Side, Frome.

SKYLARK LAYS EGGS IN CAGE.

SIR,—I have had an experience which, I understand from my birdie friends, seldom happens. I reared a Skylark last season, and let it run about my bird room. Unfortunately, about three months ago, one of its legs was caught in a spring mouse trap, and I had to cut it off at the upper joint. Since then I kept it in a cage along with another Lark that I have had for about 20 months. Last Monday I found an egg in the bottom of the cage. I was naturally astonished. I took it out, but put it back on Wednesday, and it disappeared on Thursday. On Friday she was running (or hopping) about with some straw in her bill. She laid again on Friday. The egg was not two minutes laid when the other Lark promptly devoured it. This is where the first egg went to, no doubt. She fell sick Saturday morning. I tried to fix her up by putting her beside the fire, and oiled her a little, but found her dead in the morning. I opened her, and found an egg had broken inside. I thought the hopping about on the one leg must have been the cause. Perhaps it is not so uncommon for them to lay in confinement, but I thought it might interest some of the Fancy. The other is a cock, but I understand it is impossible to have fertile eggs in the cage; all the same, they can lay. My Canary breeding experience up to date is:—One nest, four clear eggs, one chick out of four eggs, three chicks out of three eggs, two Goldie Mules out of four eggs. There is something rotten in the State of Denmark.

T. P. OGILVY.

HOW I BUILT AN OUT-DOOR AVIARY.

SIR,—I see a reader asking for information with regard to an out-door bird-house. I will explain how I built one for myself, which suits its purpose well. I have built it against the end of my house, which has saved me one side (the largest). The frame work is of 2½ in. by 1½ in. quartering, which is kept together by knee irons (or angle irons) and ⅝ in. coach screws, so to enable me to take down and rebuild at any other place I may want it. Sides and ends are ½ in. boards, tongued and grooved. I have also stripped joints to prevent any draught. Roof is of ⅝ in. boards, not tongued nor grooved. On top of boards I have several layers of brown paper, put on in the following way:—First a layer of paper, then a coat of tar; another layer of paper, then tar, and so on. When dry you have a roof that will be all that is desired—warm, dry and insect-proof. The floor is boarded. I have two doors, one wooden to shut out all draught, another made similar to a cage front. Nearly all material I bought second-hand from a builder's yard, being careful not to use any that had a shake or crack in. I have a ventilator in opposite end to door, which is a dozen holes, made with a ¾-in. bit, and a slide to cover them when very cold. Fresh air is admitted through door, according to weather. If very warm, I leave door wide open; only wire door closed to prevent pussy entering, or any birds being lost if out of cage. Wooden door opens into porch, wire door opens outside. After I finished building I gave a coat of paint, then puttied up all nail holes and small cracks; then gave two more coats of paint. My cages are racked at back of birds' house against wall of dwelling house, in three tiers. If I have omitted anything reader wants to know, I shall be only too pleased to oblige. I may say my birds were in this place all last winter without heat, and without ill effects.

LINEMAN.

AN EARLY FEEDER.

SIR,—I have a young bird 24 days old, which was hand fed from the 14th day, feeding four other young ones 17 days old. I was astonished the first time I saw it. Is it not a rare occurrence?—ANDREW WILSON.

PROPOSED SOCIETY FOR BURTON.

SIR,—Referring to the letters of "Jumbo" and "Try Again," would it not be as well for all bird fanciers desirous of forming a new society to meet together to discuss the matter? Mr. Dickens' house, the New Inn, Station Street, would, I think, be very central, and if all interested in the movement will meet there at eight o'clock on Tuesday evening, June 4th, something might be settled towards its promotion. I think there are plenty of fanciers in the district who would not only support but would welcome a society devoted solely to cage birds. I trust all interested will turn up.—W. R. BELLAMY.

PARASITES ON CANARIES.

SIR,—I am pleased to see, since I gave a short paper upon the above subject before the Bolton O. and R.C.S., which you kindly published in CAGE BIRDS, Mr. St. John has given some good advice, and now my friend, Mr. Allen, is giving us some more. Well, I suppose we are like Oliver Twist—we can do with it, especially when it comes from those who are thoroughly conversant with the subject; but I think Mr. Allen has let his pen run away with him. It is only a few weeks since I told Mr. A. that his birds had lice on them, and in that short time he has found out all about them. I have studied them for as many years, and here let me tell him quassia will kill all the grey lice that are moving on a bird while he is getting his washing tackle ready. Quassia is a good tonic for birds, and can do them nothing but good if they drink it, and it will kill every insect at the same time. Then he says the lice, after his treatment, will be found dead at the ends of the feathers. I think not. These are not lice; they are more like those things fanciers have got their eyes on just now—some will hatch and some may die in the shell. Then Mr. Allen has something to say about red mite. Does Mr. A. sit up all night to watch if the red mite come to sip his Sanitas and Kill-germ vintage? If not, how does he arrive at his knowledge? They will not sally forth in the daytime.

FRED PROCTOR.

THE CRESTED CANARY CLUB AND THE C.B.U.

SIR,—I fail to see how the C.C.C will, as a body, be injuriously affected by joining the C.B.U. I understand that the object of the C.B.U. is to purify the Fancy, and one of its objects is to prevent the present practice of purchasing fabulously-priced winners with the object of creating a name on the show bench, the reward for his notoriety being the sale of exhausted old birds or inferior stock. If the C.B.U. can only achieve this one object, it will be a real boon to the "true" fancier and a terror to the "professional" fancier. I wonder how many young crest fanciers have paid £5 or £10 of their hard-earned savings thinking they would get a good pair of stock birds, with the above unfortunate results. If the seller's attention is called to the result, his excuse is that high-class Crests are difficult to rear, and the novice throws up the Fancy in disgust. How much better it would be if he had had a pair sold him that would have bred some fair birds which would have got into the cards at the smaller shows!

ANOTHER COUNTRY MEMBER.

SIR,—I do not propose to waste much more of your valuable space in dealing with "A Country Member." It would neither interest nor elevate the Fancy to enumerate my many failings—of which I am perfectly aware. I would refer him to another letter on Rule 17, which will answer much of his own. He is altogether wrong. I am trying to get the C.B.U. upon a sound and impartial basis, and will use what influence I possess in favour of the L.C.B.A. again affiliating, owing to them holding an open show. Are you really serious? Do you think two of the decisions of the C.B.U. have had a tendency to elevate the Fancy? Why, the Executive Council themselves do not consider affiliated members capable of coming to a wise decision without their instructions, and, whatever failings I possess, even "Country Member" cannot accuse me of treating the C.C.C. members with such scant respect as to try and influence their decisions. "Country Member" may be straightforward for all I know, but he is still afraid of openly exposing his identity. The office of Secretary of the C.C.C. is vacant, and the position offers excellent opportunities for one of such refined intelligence, and his influence would be all the more apparent by following one so susceptible to vulgarity.

JOHN TYSON.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. It kills all insects, harmless to everything else.

THE REMEDIAL EFFECTS OF TAR.

SIR,—A few weeks ago one of your correspondents told of the good results he had obtained from the use of coal tar given in the drinking water to one of his Yorkshire hens suffering from asthma. As I also had a Yorkshire hen affected in the same way (she used to wheeze and sneeze and pant dreadfully), I decided to give the coal tar a trial. I took a bottle and tried to get it first of all at a wholesale druggist's, but the only thing they could give me was solution of tar, sold at 1s. per bottle. I thought perhaps that was not the right thing, so went to a chemist's shop, but they, too, only kept solution of tar, but told me they would make a small quantity. So I bought threepennyworth, and, according to your correspondent's instructions, gave my hen a few drops in the drinking water. At the end of a week I was surprised at the result—she seemed so much better, and after a fortnight had elapsed the bird was practically well. She is now mated and accepts every attention from the cock bird, so that I have great hopes for her; but a month ago, well, she looked like going over to the great unknown. I trust I have not encroached too far upon your valuable space, but thought, perhaps, others of your readers might profit by my experience. Care must be taken in using the tar, as it is a poison. Just sufficient to colour the drinking water a milky white is all that is required.

MISS BUSHNELL.

SPRING NOTES FROM RAMSEY.

SIR,—Early in March eggs of the Thrush were found in many places. The middle of March young Thrushes were found in three nests, but only three in each nest. This singular occurance I cannot account for. Why there should only be three eggs and all fertile so easily I will leave. About the middle of March I was informed from two quarters that the Cuckoo had been heard, which I did not believe. No donbt the Wood Pigeon or a mimic (boy) had been taken for this call. Several pairs of Wheatears had been seen, and were closely got at; the Chiff Chaff was also seen. At the end of March several nests of the Wren had been found, some in old cans and pots. Several Skylarks' nests with eggs in were also located, but not destroyed. The Chiff Chaff, again, was heard early in April in all directions. Several nests of the Owls were found; these birds build early. On April 10th three different reports came to hand that the Cuckoo was both seen and heard. This I doubt very much, and am sorry to doubt my informants, some of whom were naturalists. On April 18th I myself heard these well-known notes, also those of the Nightingale, which is the earliest I have as yet recorded. At the time of writing these notes no Swallows have yet appeared. Bird life is now very interesting, as most have selected partners. A large flock of Starlings was seen on March 31st. There is no doubt they had not settled down in this district, or they may have been visitors to this part. Several nests of Starlings I now know of. I had heard that the Blackcap was both seen and heard on April 18th—this may have been so, but I cannot vouch for the facts. The Goldfinches are now busily flying about in pairs; three pairs have come close to me, and I hope they may settle. No Bullfinches have yet been near here, although my birds are continually calling; but the Chaffinches are very numerous, and are continually answering my birds, also upsetting them, with their Hybrid notes. I must confess that my Chaffinches can beat the wild birds at singing, thanks to the hemp and other artificial foods and seeds which have brought them on. Whether I shall ever get them to pair and breed in confinement I have my doubts, but perseverance is the main point, with patience included. I yet hope to get this bird to cross with several of our British birds and Canaries. The Blackbirds were somewhat later than the Thrushes—in fact, nearly a month from the first Thursh's visit I had been informed of; but now they are quite plentiful. Several nests have been hand reared, for as a rule these early nests are mostly cocks. There may be, of course, exceptions to this rule, but I have not found it so after 20 years' careful study of all wild birds. The Hedge Sparrows are very numerous, but this year they have been somewhat later than usual in building. A pair of Kingfishers have been seen about the brook, but how long they will remain before some amateurish sportsmen get to work I will leave. There have been several instances where they have bred in this district near the town, but this was many years ago. I doubt very much if there are many, or any, nests in the district, without you go into the isolated fens. These birds are now very rare in this locality; in years gone by they were plentiful. I cannot think it is because they are shot, or I should have heard of them; but, anyhow, they have gone. In some places of our beautiful wild fens, where bird life and Nature in all its wild surroundings and beauty may be seen, many a valuable lesson can be learnt. Many nests of the Butcher Bird have been found in these wilds. Unfortunately, I have not been able to explore them; the reports only come to hand by my friends, who spend a few hours in these parts, or half-holidays, or when they could get away from business. These wilds are the homes of the spring migrants, and many nests of these have been found; but it is most difficult to locate them, as they are mostly preserved, not for the wild birds' sake, but for the game which is plentiful, and breeds in this wilderness. Anyone who could spend a few days at this time of year in these fens, and are lovers of Nature, would be amply rewarded, both in bird and insect life.

T. H. KINCH.

RESIGNATIONS AT BARROW.

SIR,—I was greatly surprised on finding that the President of the B. and D.C.B.A. was replying to my letter, which appeared in your previous issue. I expected this would have been the Association's business, and replied to by the Secretary. Now, he (the President) goes on to give you reasons of his own for my resignation, which are contrary to fact, and only a way of getting out of it. He puts one reason down to not liking a gentleman that was made a member. Now, I called on this gentleman myself, as I do all my business straightforward. He said he had nothing against me, and I told him I had nothing against him. When he was made a member I wanted him in the room to ask him a certain question. Not being granted his admission to the room, I told the members I would not vote one way nor the other, as I wasn't going to be guided by anyone. Now, I have some good friends who are members yet. With regard to the acceptance of my resignation, I have learned something about the "Unanimous Vote" that was taken. This is a fact, and will be on the minute book, viz.:—There was a proposition that it be accepted, and an amendment that I be called upon to give my full reasons for same. The vote was taken, and was a tie. Some wanted the Chairman to give his casting vote, but someone would not have it (one of my friends, I expect). So the vote was put again, and the proposition "carried unanimously" by one vote! This isn't how Mr. W. gives it to the Fancy. Regarding the Nest Feather Show judge, Mr. W. does not contradict my statement that five or six were subscribing to the judge's fee. It was done outside by some until I resigned. My motto is, "Do unto others as you would like to be done to."—E. E. MILLER.

WILD BIRD OBSERVATIONS.

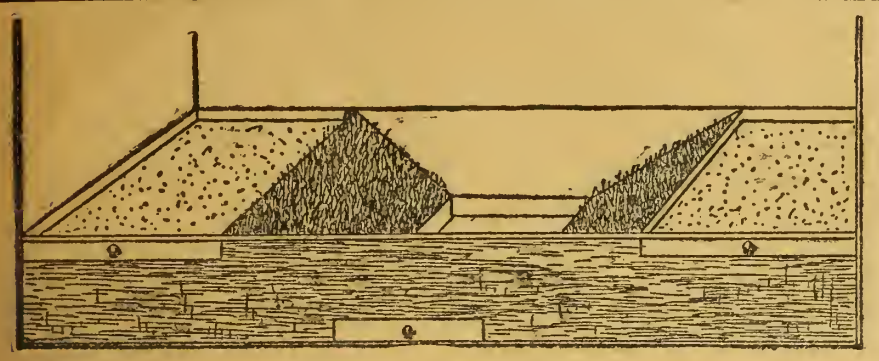
SIR,—During a recent trip in Essex I observed by sight or hearing, or both, the following birds in order as given:—Rook, Blackbird, Mistle Thrush, Willow Wren, Starling, Robin, Water Hen, Pheasant, Sparrow, Blue Tit, Thrush, Greenfinch, Swift, Lark, Whitethroat (one and nest), Swallow, Hedge Sparrow, Martin, Chaffinch, Wood Pigeon, Sand Martin, Heron, Reed Bunting (a pair and one), Linnet, Magpie, Wren, Cole Tit, Cuckoo, Chiff Chaff, Corn Bunting, Partridge; 31 different British birds. And later, during a trip to Scotland (southern portion) and North of England, all inland, I observed by sight or hearing, or both, the following birds in order as given:—Rook, Jackdaw, Starling, Lapwing, Wood Pigeon, Blackbird, Martin, Mistle Thrush, Chaffinch, Pheasant, Swift, Sparrow, Cuckoo (both heard and seen), Willow Wren, Hedge Sparrow, Robin, Thrush, Blue Tit, Black-headed Gull, Cole Tit, Sand Piper (three, on the Clyde), Sand Martin, Lesser Black-backed Gull, Wren, Greenfinch, Reed Bunting (one only). Sedge Warbler (one only), Dipper, Partridge, Herring Gull, Redshank (one pair), Curlew (four), Coot, Water Hen, Wild Duck, Garden Warbler, Yellow Bunting (two); 37 different British birds. The Carrion Crow was probably seen also.

I was rather surprised to find so many Gulls inland at this season of the year, and apparently away from breeding haunts. I was also surprised at not seeing the Pied Wagtail, Grey Wagtail and others; also at not seeing the Yellow Bunting till so late; also at the scarcity of Linnets. We hear a good deal of rare birds, and of the rarest British birds, and so on; but it would be interesting to pick out the most numerous British birds, or the six most numerous. I should feel inclined to pick out the Rook as most numerous, and after the Rook the Starling.

VIATOR.

THE SCOTCH FANCY MODEL.

SIR,—I go further than "Piebald," and say this photo of which "Fancier" writes about was not even selected according to the arranged procedure of the Glasgow Scotch Fancy National Derby Ornithological Society. First, at the May meeting of the Sub-Committee, only four were present: Messrs. W. Hart, T. Smith, R. Wright, and myself. The matter was left over to be selected at another Sub-Committee meeting in June; that meeting was not held. A half-yearly meeting was held in June, and the matter was brought up. I was not present at the time. Mr. Wright's photo was selected by consent. I was given to understand no vote was taken. But "Piebald," I am not going to accept a composite photo of three champions in one as a model. First, it was a short bird, the original photo of Mr. Lawson's old champion buff, spoilt by having back added to it, which made it appear short and out of position. Since then many lessons appear to have been learned. It was lengthened, and each photo I have seen appears to me different, a little being added to some part. The last I saw was drive had been lengthened, as "Belgian" says, "you can see the joints." Puzzle:—What was the original one submitted to June meeting? The only model that could be adopted is through a representative body from all districts of Scotch Fancy breeders. One could only be amused at "Fancier." He says all opposition to this photo has gone out of the Fancy. I for one have not, and am pleased to say that I have now a nest of Fancies a fortnight old, looking grand, and I hope to come up smiling again this year. If there had been anything like a fair "crack of the whip," I should have held my peace; but under the circumstances must ever oppose this photo wherever it appears. Allow me, as an old official of the L. and P.O.S., and one keenly interested in this variety, to thank you for your generosity in the interest of Scotch Fancy classes at the last Palace Show.—J. HARRISON.



Interior of Novel Lark, etc., Cage.

A NOVEL WAGTAIL, LARK OR PIPIT CAGE.

SIR,—The enclosed sketch shows the bottom part of a cage which I think would answer very well to keep a Wagtail, Lark, Pipit or similar bird in. A glance at the drawing will at once explain the idea, and, of course, it can be worked out to any size the fancier chooses. Three trays are run in from the front. The bottom one, in the centre, is to hold water for the bird to paddle in, so should be made of tin, or, better still, thin galvanised sheet iron, which will not rust, and may be had cheaply from any ironmonger. Sloping upwards from this are two shallow boxes (tin-lined, if preferred) to hold clover turfs. Then at the top, each side, come drawers to hold sand, or sand and road dust mixed, for the birds to take a sand-bath in. This cage, I think, meets all the requirements of the species I have mentioned. The measurements of my own cage are:—Length, 36 in.; height, 18 in.; and width, 11 in. I have doors cut in each end, about 4 in. wide, and a door about 6 in. wide in the wire front. The wood piece at front is 6 in. high. The sand-trays are each 8 in. wide, while the water-tank is 4 in. wide and 1½ in. deep, the rest of the length being taken up by the turf banks. I consider this pattern might be used for either show or stock purposes.

W. C. H. WYTHE.

Forest Gate.

THE CAGE BIRD UNION.

SIR,—The enclosed document has reached me. As the subjects seem very interesting to the Cage Bird Fancy at the present moment, I hope you will see your way to find room for it.

OBSERVER.

GRAND FIELD DAY OF THE IRRECONCILABLES.

MAY MEETING.

Enter—PRISKO, SONTY, TURKIE and REV. SNORE (*of mature experience*).

PRISKO: I am sorry we have to meet at a public house.

SONTY: Well, let that pass.

PRISKO: Now, you two, Sonty and Turkie, take your time from me. Sonty was out of his reckoning entirely when he went to Manchester. We never imagined the Lops would fall in. However, they did, and since then we mean war.

LITTLE TURKIE: I think we have no chance. The C.B.U. is too many for us all over the country. The fact is the C.B.U. is wanted, and you, Prisko, may hold your Utopian ideas about "no coercion" and the "intelligence of Englishmen," and so on; but what about the Northampton and Preston experts?

SONTY: Of course, the Elcebee had a perfect right to accept the Northampton expert's entries after he was dished by the Lops, seeing the first article in our creed is to "go agin them."

REV. SNORE: I differ, and I must tell you, Sonty, that some of your actions and letters are far from my liking. Besides, why don't you write anonymously? You have spoilt your reputation sadly by signing your letters. Take the Nottingham case, for instance. A lot of people think you cantankerous, and think you would fight with your own shadow; but, of course, I am a friend of yours. Also, you generally have a whine; but, I repeat, I am a candid friend of yours.

SONTY: Anyhow, don't call me Uriah Heap.

TURKIE: I am not quite sure, Sonty, that your argument about each member of each society having a vote is right. I think you should have looked further ahead.

SONTY: I differ from you. What I write I am not ashamed of. I am a very superior person, and withal so "'umble." No one can "hold a candle to me," as the song goes.

PRISKO: I do a good deal of bullet moulding, but I don't endorse everything our friend puts in the papers.

REV. SNORE: I think our friend Sonty's argument won't hold water at all. Why does he not begin by reforming Parliamentary voting? Besides, why stop at one man one vote? It is well known that many a fancier depends on his suffragette, and I could soon take you to places where the grey mare is the better horse. Why, therefore, should not Mrs. Sonty have a vote? But why stop there? Why not include the little Sontys, and also your sisters, and your cousins, and your aunts, whether members or not? No, your letter is nonsense, and the Secretary of the C.B.U. is quite in order in his way of taking the vote. Take my advice, and be more careful, or you will soon reduce yourself to the level of the Hampshire Lark. You are perilously near that level now.

PRISKO: Coercion is hateful to me. I object to bit and bridle. I must be allowed to prance to my delight. I like to be a law unto myself, and to indulge my own sweet will.

REV. SNORE: Prisko, my man, not so fast. You occupy a fairly exalted and quite honourable niche in the temple of the Fancy, I allow; but be careful of over-vaulting ambition. You remember the tale of the old parson and the young one. The old parson said to the young one, "What denomination do you belong to?" "The Independents," smartly replied the young man. "Ah," said the old man "the angels in Heaven are not independent." No, Prisko, you take your place quietly in the C.B.U. team, and you will do yourself more good by doing your bit of the joint work than by all your prancing and kicking.

PRISKO: I shall consider your valued counsel. Well now, my beauties, what about the amateur and novice?

REV. SNORE: Old Trippy was, I think, one of the fathers of the amateur, who flourished under the fostering care of his parents for a time, but who is now practically dead. He has been buried by the National Show. He hardly existed in the country at all. He is a sickly Cockney, and scarcely ever got beyond London town. The only good he ever did in this world was to bring a few coppers to the coffers of show secretaries. The sooner he is consigned to oblivion the better, and let us stand on rule 4 for the novice. Prisko, yon admire an Englishman. Why not let the novice prove himself an Englishman, and step up among the champions, instead of degenerating into a pot-hunter? There is a hole in the ballad somewhere. Sonty here has called a meeting, but whether it is a meeting of the Elcebees only, or of all London societies, I hardly know. Also, the meeting is only called in connection with the novice, so that, according to my strict views (where other people are concerned), the amateur cannot be discussed at it, no more can any other subject; only the novice and his definition. Your letter, Sonty, is also not clear on other points.

TURKIE: Another mistake, I think, Sonty. I hate dastardly circulars. They make my blood boil.

PRISKO and SONTY (in one breath): And mine.

REV. SNORE: Keep your hair on, all of you. The C.B.U. circular was quite a proper one, and what more natural or correct for the Secretary of the C.B.U. than to explain the position fully to his members? Can you dispute the facts? No; you are all evidently chagrined to find that so many important societies or unions outside our Fancy have found it necessary to adopt such a rule as C.B.U. No. 17. And, indeed, societies that have not adopted such a rule deplore their want of it, all going to prove that the C.B.U. are going on the right lines in maintaining the rule, and that you are the narrow-minded and cramped party who are out of touch with the Fancy, and that you are not wanted.

SONTY: I want to say a word about the C.C.C. and the C.B.U. No one can rate the members of the C.C.C. better than I can, when they don't respond fully to my appeals for cash, etc., although (considering there are generally two quite distinct classes in every local and specialist society—those who give and those who get), I must allow I don't see what benefits those who give obtain; but, of course, inconsistency is what I delight in, and I am quite right in taking the other side, when it comes to be a question of the C.C.C. contributing to the funds of the C.B.U., and in taking the miserable stand that there is "nothing to be gained."

REV. SNORE: Sonty, my friend, suppose no fancier ever put a bird in a show unless he were sure "there was something to be gained," and suppose no fancier ever contributed towards a special or other fund unless he was sure "there was something to be gained," where would the Fancy be to-day? Again, Sonty, my friend, how would it be if you and your compatriots drove the C.B.U. into a little more coercion, and if they made a rule that no specialist society could hold a show in connection with, or offer specials at, any affiliated show, unless that specialist society was itself affiliated? It would be easy to prove that such a specialist show or specialist prizes are not a members' show or members' (special) prizes in the ordinary acceptation of the term. Again, Sonty, why did you reply to "Country Member," whose letter was not replied to sooner because it was unanswerable? Your weak wit at the commencement of your letter only shows that your mental calibre is vastly inferior to his. You should not judge "Country Member's" letter by your own, which is certainly not worth replying to.

A DEFORMED BORDER.

SIR,—I have a little novelty which may be of some interest to readers of CAGE BIRDS. It is the first I have seen. It is a Yellow Border, a month old on Saturday, and doing for himself. He has only one wing; the left is missing. There is no sign of any butt or anything else, and a little beauty he is. D. JENKINS.

"NEAR TO NATURE'S HEART."

The members of the Hartlepools C.B.S., accompanied by a few friends, spent an almost ideal day's outing on Whit Monday. Leaving West Hartlepool at 12 noon, the party arrived at Wynyard Park at 2.15, and there met the steward, D. W. Meiklejohn, Esq., through whose kindness the society had been granted the privilege of rambling through the most beautiful woods surrounding Wynyard Castle. After the formation of groups, we were taken charge of by the keepers and conducted through the woods in a most intelligent and praiseworthy manner, all of them showing great interest in bird life, and were delighted to point out to us all the items of interest they had noted during the past week, after being apprised of our visit. Four hours were spent in an absolute Garden of Eden, and at several periods during the ramble the sound of a human voice after a lull in the conversation seemed almost a sacrilege, so perfect were the surroundings. All were loth to depart from it, but the good things provided by Host Balmer had to be despatched, and the lightning rapidity with which the viands disappeared was something to be wondered at. After the tables had been cleared, a spokesman for each group related their experiences, and many a hearty laugh rang out at the graphic descriptions given. Without finding anything rare, several interesting items were related. The Blue Tit was observed sitting on a clutch of eggs, the nest being built in a hole in a tree. One member of the party gently approached, and, in order to get a peep of the eggs, inserted his finger and actually touched the hen, when she receded; and on looking again she could not be seen. A piece of stick was then inserted, but her castle proved a veritable stronghold, and she could not be dislodged. In passing through a lonely glade the keeper advised caution, and the party soon came into full view of "the haunt of the Kingfisher." Perched on the stump of an old tree projecting from the water was the beautifully-plumaged Kingfisher; but only those caught a glimpse of him who were in the forefront, as, becoming aware of the intrusion, he spread his wings, causing a momentary flash of brilliant colours, and was then lost to view. Two or three instances of the Field-fare nesting were recorded, also the Bullfinch, Sandpiper, Chaffinch, Robin, Wren, Whitethroat, Blackbird, Thrush, Partridge, etc. A most interesting experience was given by one of the party, which came under his notice a short time ago. Along with some friends they were having a few days' shooting, and ferrets were engaged in driving rabbits from their burrows. One of the ferrests failed to return, and after a considerable time had elapsed it was decided to dig it out. Implements were procured, and both rabbit and ferret were dislodged. It was noticed, however, that the end of the burrow had not been reached, and more sand was dug out; and the surprise of the party can be imagined when a Cushat, or Wood Pigeon, emerged from the aperture. It was found to have deposited two eggs, and on these being examined they were found to be in an advanced state of incubation. I should imagine that a spell of warm weather had brought the hen into breeding condition, and when the cold east winds again became prevalent, instinct prompted her to select a warmer situation, in order that her brood might be reared in safety. During the evening a number of songs were rendered by Messrs. Meynell, Williams, Eyres, Robinson, Guthrie and Woodhead, and a most enjoyable, healthy and instructive day was brought to a close by the chairman (Mr. Mustard) proposing a vote of thanks to all who had conduced to their enjoyment. This was seconded by Mr. Slater, and carried unanimously. E. WOODHEAD, Hon. Sec.

REVIEWS OF SCHEDULES.

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CANARY BREEDING.

By W. PAGE.

The Second Prize Essay in the recent Competition promoted by the City and Suburban Association of Canary Breeders.

Only being a breeder of Canaries for a few years, I hardly feel capable of writing on the above subject, but will quote my experiences, and the routine I have followed, which up to the present has been very satisfactory with all Canaries I have bred or bought.

With breeding, the first item to study is suitable accommodation and cages for the variety one intends to venture in. My preference being for the Yorkshire, this is the variety I will write upon. I never keep more birds than I can comfortably house and keep clean, as all must own cleanliness is a virtue in keeping all birds, especially so in breeding stock, and nothing is better than having a few spare cages unoccupied, both breeders and stock.

STYLE OF BREEDING CAGE.

The breeder I have found most convenient and suitable for the variety I write on is as follows:—Box pattern measuring 24 in. by 19 in. by 11 in. This makes a roomy Yorkshire breeder, taking a 15 in. front with four cross bars, with spring door to permit of easy access to nest pan, and also two sliding doors, one at each end. The two centre bars cut away to permit of wire slide being used for the purpose of pairing up, of which I will write later, also wooden slide, to insert which makes two stock cages of each breeder, and with a hole cut in slide they can be converted into training cages. Each cage is fitted with two seed hoppers, tin, glass fronted for preference, two glass hat drinkers, and two china egg drawers, the registered ones with slot for sliding door to fix in, and nest material rack, hook for nest pan at the right hand end and earthenware nest pan, lined complete. This is what I consider an ideal breeder. I would mention I prefer them without sand trays, but with deep turn-rail, using sawdust on bottom with tin of grit in cage. I hang up a piece of cuttlefish bone, and all is ready for the birds.

A QUESTION OF L. S. D.

Regarding the selection of stock birds, I advise fanciers to get the best they can afford, as all know in purchasing stock it is practically a case of £ s. d. One cannot expect good stock at low price. My advice is, pay a fair price and see you get value. If unable to decide for yourself, get a fancier with more experience to see them before you approve of same. Also get one to run over your stock after you have paired them off. He will then tell you if they could be improved on or otherwise, and, best of all, when the pair show comes on for the society, or societies, you belong to, put them on the show bench and compare them with others, and fanciers at shows will only be too pleased to point out the faults of each pair. Any of our qualified judges will give their opinion on them when at the shows if desired, and the reason they are cardless, should they stand so. They will also explain where the winners excell to your own mating. This gives you the chance of looking over your stock and pairing them up to compensate for the deficiencies pointed out by fanciers or judge yon have asked for advice. Shonld they stand in the cards (which they ought to if a fair price is paid), then one gets the reporters' opinion, and also the weak points of each pair.

THE PAIRING TIME.

Having got the cages and birds to one's satisfaction, or as near as the pockets will allow, as we find a fancier is never satisfied, for if he has good birds his ambition is to try and improve them. In mating the birds you have paired, nothing beats having a wire division to one's breeders and placing cock one side and hen the other. I have found I have far better results keeping them separated until the hen is well forward in condition and the cock singing to her through the wire slide. Then you can rely upon them starting in earnest, almost as soon as the slide is withdrawn. I have found cocks more vigorous if treated in this way, it saves all fighting and delay, and I consider it greatly helps in having less clear eggs.

HOW TO FEED.

As regards feeding, every fancier has his or her own particular way, and my advice is if successful with their method of feeding keep on with it. I have always found the following suit my birds, and have had good results:—Best Spanish canary all the winter, with sweet apple and boiled rape once a week; the following mixture twice a week: Two parts rape (German summer), ½ part crushed hemp, ¼ part maw, ½ part medium oatmeal, ½ part niger, and have always found them thrive on same in cold room. When pairing I allow one teaspoon of egg food to each pair daily, giving the cock the largest portion (as the hen gets it usually in the end), with young, tender dandelion leaves, until hen has finished laying her first clutch. I then give watercress for green food during remainder of season. Should I have any very backward and need more nourishment, I give a mealworm every other day until in condition for pairing, but on above diet very seldom have to use them, as I may say my birds were ready in February, on the plain seed and mixture as above. I give nesting material in rack, take away eggs as laid, putting them back at 6 p.m. on the day when I have three eggs, if it is a hen I don't know, but some of my hens lay five, and in that case I wait for the fourth egg before returning them, so that all have an equal chance on hatching.

A KNOTTY QUESTION.

Should all be smooth sailing, I leave cock with hen, but if otherwise, behind the wire slide he goes, and even then some of them call the hen off too much to feed her. If so, then in goes the wooden slide, replacing wire one when young have hatched; leave him behind for about three days, and I have always found him take up parental duties at once. I give plain canary seed whilst the hen is sitting, giving a little egg food the day before the eggs are due to hatch, and egg food (yolk only) when hatched for the first three days, hemp crushed *ad lib.* until reared. I give the egg food fresh three times a day, cress twice, and go into the room last thing at night and fill up egg and hemp drawer for first thing in the morning. When young can pick up I put them in a large cage, 36 in. by 16 in. by 11 in., until on hard seed; then place them in large flight, 8 ft. by 3½ ft. by 2 ft.

WEANING TIME.

When I take young away from the parents I give midday, instead of egg food, milk sop, and twice a week boiled rape, and have always found them do well on it. When young are on hard seed I give a little egg food one day, milk sop the next, and keep them on same until I start colour feeding.

I think I have given a fair detail of my method of breeding, etc., and would say I powder all nest pans and change same at 14 days. I would mention that on the above method I have my first round from seven hens, 13 out of 22, on the sticks, and the other nine in the nest doing well.

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THE COMING OF THE MIGRANTS.

THE LAUGH OF THE WRYNECK.

The musical laugh of the Wryneck ripples from the orchard. A single tree in a notch of the downs by the sea caught five of them one Sunday morning lately. We shall not see five grown Wrynecks in one tree again till another year has gone by, but there will be as many young ones in a hole in the apple tree, whence our returned "Cuckoo's mate" will ruthlessly drag out the nest of a Blue Tit to make room for them. A score of Yellow Wagtails are running about among the cattle in the home close, snipping up the first British insects they have tasted for many long months. There is a flash of feathered lightning among the pear blossoms of the walled garden to tell us that the gorgeous Redstart is again at work at his fly-catching. How glorious to view again his tropical colouring—his black casque with snow-white crest, the slate blue of his back shading into pure grey at the sides, his flaming tail constantly in motion. The hand of the south wind has flung us back our birds, scattering them justly into every nook that knew them last summer. Wheatears are wafted across intervening lowlands to the uplands they belong to; Landrails are blown over mountain passes to the fat valleys they love; scarcely a Nightingale flutters beyond the line of the Severn; a large area in the southern home counties is without Redstarts; pied Fly-catchers go only to the Cumberland Lakes; and many other partialities are observed. These are facts to make us believe that not only does the English-bred bird come home to England, but that in practically every case each individual regains the very copse where he was hatched, or where she built last year. Where an old bird has died in the interim, one of its family takes the old nesting site; where the parents survive, the young ones nest as near to the family seat as may be.

THE RANGE OF THE BIRDS.

The summer range of these far-travelled little birds is remarkably small. We frequently find that a single tree forms the whole summer world. Thus in the middle of a long mountain pass a single adventurous Rowan has established itself, and all day long on any summer day its own pair of Willow Wrens can be seen flicking in and out its graceful foliage in the eternal quest for insects to feed the little family in the heather below. A mile further on, another Rowan has also its own pair of this or some other species. Each hedge that was the shambles of a Butcher-bird last year, will have its red-backed tyrant again; from each tree-top that had its Tree Pipit, the bird will spring into the air and float back on wide wings, singing its falling song. It is a trite saying that the problem of how birds return is still unsolved. We cannot even agree that there is a seasonal wind that aids them in the first requisite of a roughly cardinal direction. The most nearly favourable wind, blindly followed, would be apt to take our Blackcaps to the middle of the Atlantic, instead of among the groves of Ireland, or to leave the whole of England unsupplied with Nightingales. With the utmost willingness of Æolus to help, a sense of direction is required. There is probably an inherited knowledge of the main route to guide the flock, especially in autumn, when the journey is away from home, and the faculty of always knowing the direction of home to aid the individual.

MAN IN THE DARK.

Man with his compasses, his logarithms, his observations of the stars and other signs, his deductive reason, and his mechanical reference to the stored-up wisdom of a thousand generations has scarcely a glimmering of the faculty we call instinct in lower creatures, or intuition in our talk of future human acquirements. Knowing nothing of the homing faculty, we are eager to deny its existence, in spite of almost overwhelming evidence. We grant the Homing Pigeon enormous powers of oversight, in order to deny it a psychological excellence that we do not possess. Our summer migrants confound even this far-fetched explanation by sometimes crossing five hundred miles of sea, and by usually choosing the night for their migrations.

It is the old story of the single accomplishment proving better than a whole bag of tricks. The skilled navigator in possession of all the resources of science, goes miles out of his way in order to cast his ship on the rocks, while the tiny Gold-crested Wren crosses seas and continents straight to the tree where its nest was slung twelve months ago. The feat is a triumph of the single aim. The whole being of the bird is concentrated on this purpose, which reason would tell it at once was impossible. It is suddenly endowed with a faith that removes mountains, and makes seas as though they were not.

IS IT HYPNOTISM?

Anyone who knew the physical constitution of the bird and no more, would say that for nine out of ten of them an interrupted journey of a hundred miles was impossible. The feat of migration is so stupendous that we try to believe that the rarity of the air in the higher regions gives the birds an advantage; some daring spirits go so far as to say that they do but go aloft and wait till the world has brought the end of the journey beneath them. These have left out of account the known force (in higher natures) of the obsession of an idea. The hypnotised person is capable of exertion a hundred and a thousand times beyond the ordinary strength of his muscle. The bird on migration is in the hands of a cosmic power of which we have the dimmest perception.

HINTS ON HYBRID BREEDING.

By St. Bride.

I have had numerous inquiries as to how to treat British birds paired for Hybridising, and in order to give the greatest number the benefit of experience gained practically, I shall endeavour to give a short account of the troubles and successes which accompany this most interesting branch of the Fancy. I had been a Canary fancier for over twenty years, and was tempted by a friend to try a male Greenfinch and a female Bullfinch. The latter I had wintered and had intended to breed her with a Goldfinch, but in the month of May he softened down and the Greenfinch took his place. This bird was quiet and undemonstrative, and my comrades predicted that it was a waste of seed and water, and that I would never get a feather. Having a good stock of determination, I persevered, and between the middle of June, and about the same time in August, I was rewarded with six Hybrids, three of each sex.

Early in June the Bullie hen rushed about the cage carrying fine grass, of which there was a plentiful supply, the bottom of the cage being covered to avoid breakage of the eggs. She was erratic in laying, at one time in the cup, and at another time from the perch; the bulk of the eggs were saved, and be it to the credit of the pair, they did not touch an egg exposed on the grass. Though one pair might act thus, the next might destroy them; indeed, I heard of a case where the Bullfinch hen devoured the egg the moment it was dropped. Needless to say, none of her eggs were tested. The hen I commenced with never attempted to hatch, but rushed clutch after clutch, until she had about fifty eggs. The pair did remarkably well; a fair percentage of the eggs were fertile, but were not all hatched. Some went back in the shell. Six, however, were reared, as I have already indicated, and proved a very interesting group.

The young are easily reared, they are strong and pushful in early life, and almost compel the foster parents to feed; they grow quickly, and can do for themselves earlier than Canaries. They also pass through the moult quickly. A July bird, if in good health, will moult and be ready for exhibition in October, quite a contrast to the tardy moult of a late-bred Canary. It is essential to colour-feed them, and this has to be started shortly before breaking into the moult, and ought to be continued till thoroughly through.

Hybrids are predisposed to jump on the wires, and break their feathers, which is against successful exhibiting. To guard against this they should be moulted and kept in a goodly-sized box cage, only wired in the front. I advocate these perches and no projection inside to injure the feathers. I have since tried a bigger stock with the Greenfinch and Bullfinch, Canary and Bullfinch, Goldfinch and Bullfinch, Redpoll and Bullfinch, and Goldfinch and Redpoll, and while I had high hopes of all of these, success was confined to the Greenfinch and Bullfinch, and Goldfinch and Bullfinch.

I have bred and been successful with various kinds of cage birds, but none ever yielded the pleasure and the profit of the Hybrids. The initial outlay is small. A really nice Hybrid, with grand carriage and with beautiful feathers, will ever bring a good price. The breeder who is successful in hatching and rearing a male Redpoll-Bullfinch this season will be well rewarded financially. So far as the writer knows there is not a single specimen of that cross in existence. In Scotland every Bullfinch hen which could be got is caged up. The demand this spring far exceeded the supply. Siberian Bullfinches were at a premium, but notwithstanding this, I have come across a number of very fine hens.

My advice to everyone who thinks of trying Hybrids is to have a large stock of feeding pairs, to test eggs, and where fertile to hatch and rear.

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CORRECTION IN No. 103.

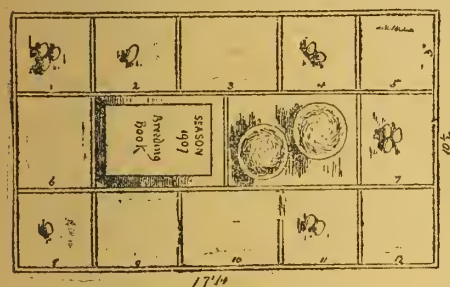
There is a slight error in the letterpress of the description of the cage. It is printed ¼-in. boards, whereas it should have been ⅜-in. boards.—GEORGE PEACOCK.

No. 105.

USEFUL BOX FOR STORING EGGS, etc., IN.

Sent by G. E. Douglas, 29, Brunton Street, Percy Main, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

I took a fancy to try my luck at breeding Canaries last year. I purchased a pair Norwich, from which I bred nine young, all strong, healthy birds, thanks to information received through your paper. This year I have six pairs up, also Linnet and Canary and Goldfinch and Canary. I am enclosing you a sketch of a very useful egg case which I have made for my use and find very convenient.



A Useful Egg, &c., Box.

Where a number of birds are kept, the cages are numbered to correspond with the compartments, and sawdust is used in bottom for the eggs to lay on. It might be of use to other novice fanciers like myself, and is very easily made, and at little cost. It is made out of ⅜ in. thick wood, and my own case is 17¼ in. long, 10½ in. wide, and 2 in. high, with lid on hinges. Each compartment is about 3 in. square, except, of course, the centre ones.—GEORGE E. DOUGLAS.

No. 106.

WHERE IS IT?

Sent by R. Farmer, 11, South Elgin Street, Edinburgh.

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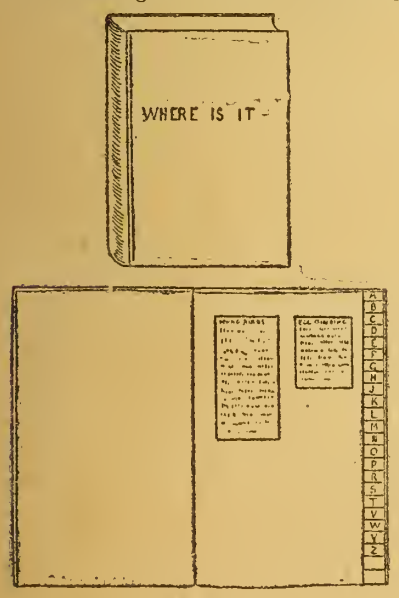

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Take the leaves and cut about ¼ in. in with a pair of scissors, allowing as many leaves to each letter as you go down as you think necessary, till you reach the end of the book. Then insert a tin, by fanning the index, keeping each of the top division under the tin, the bottom division above the tin. Take a steel rule and place it on the top of bottom divisions (a little slant towards the bottom) cutting these bottom divisions away with a sharp knife to make a complete index. Then letter from your top divisions A, B, C, and so on, leaving out X, Z, and any other letters you may desire. The various little notes you may stick inside the book by leaving a small margin and tipping the same with gum. A double index can be made, only the second index might be divided, say, into 16 spaces for the various breeds or species, Borders, British, Cinnamons, Crests, etc., and be lettered lengthways from bottom to the top of each cut. Fanciers unable to carry out this idea can make paper tags, folding them through the middle, and slightly gumming each side of the edge of the front of the pages, to allow the tags to adhere to them. All the fancier has to do is to look at his index, and then turn up the subject. Letter a label, "Where is it?" or "Here it is," and place same on the front of book. If you have no specimen copies of CAGE BIRDS beside you, and have taken out most of the items which interest you and put them in your book, hand over the remainder to any novice bird lovers, or bird-keepers, or others you may know. They will probably in due course take a wider interest in the Fancy.—R. FARMER.

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** Maternal Tenderness of a Bird.

A Sparrow, which had built her nest on the thatched roof of a house, was observed to continue her regular visits long after the time when the young birds had taken their flight. This unusual circumstance continued throughout the year, and in the winter a gentleman who had all along observed her, determined on investigating its cause. He, therefore, mounted a ladder, and found one of the young birds detained a prisoner, by means of the string of worsted which formed part of the nest having become accidentally twisted round its leg. Being thus incapacitated from procuring its own subsistence, it had been fed and sustained by the continued exertions of its mother.—From E. LYDYARD (age 11 years), 60, St. Nicholas Road, St. Paul's, Bristol.

* The Twite.

The Twite is a pretty, plain, brown bird, with speckled throat, and short, delicate, orange-coloured beak—a sort of half way stage between the Redpoll and the Brown Linnet. It is a north-country bird, and appears in England in the winter months, when it associates on the hills and moorlands with its cousins and with the Bramblings, to which it has many resemblances, and is considered to be closely related, but is never very numerous. It soon settles down and becomes friendly and familiar in captivity. Its food varies with the seasons, a little insect diet in the spring being acceptable.—ALBERT HEMSLEY (age 14), 8, Beeston Road, Old Lenton, Nottingham.

* A Friendly Robin.

Two years ago a little Robin, finding the dining-room window open in a country vicarage in Cheshire, hoped in to see what the world was like indoors, and since then he has come in regularly every day, especially at tea time. If the weather is cold, and the window remains shut, he sits outside and looks at the family most reproachfully. One day he was found sitting on the table eating the bread and butter, and his greatest delight is to hop round the room picking up crumbs. When he hears the window opened he will fly from the other end of the garden and come in. Visitors are much surprised to see the little bird come in confidently, however many persons are in the room. Occasionally another Robin has stood on the window-sill, as if wishing to come in; but the first Robin regards him as an intruder, and drives him angrily away.—Sent by T. L. JONES, 31, Princess Street, Chester.

The Robin.

The Robin stays in the country all summer, and is extremely shy; but in winter Robin will fly in at the open window in search of food. I have seen Robins flutter up three pairs of stairs in search of food, and hop into stables. The Robin has a bright-red patch on its breast, and from that it gets its name—"Robin Redbreast." It measures from 4 to 5½ ins (the tail 2¼ ins.). It builds its nest on the ground, and lays from five to seven eggs. Robins are to be found all over Europe, except in the extreme north.—Sent by ANDREW WALDIE (age 13), 8, Rosevale Street, Hawick, N.B.

The Sparrow Hawk and the Birdcatcher.

There is an old bird-catcher living here, who spends a great deal of his time in catching, especially Linnets, which he moults out for exhibition. One day he took his call bird and all his necessities for a day's catching, no doubt thinking he would have a good batch of birds to take home. After liming the twigs and placing his sweet-singing Linnet-Mule in a suitable bush, he sought refuge for the purpose of watching the birds alighting on his twigs. A Sparrow Hawk, flying overhead, eyed his prey in the bush and, swooping down, seized the bird out of the cage. The old catcher tried to stone the thief, but all his stones proved useless. As all chances of catching were now in vain, the old catcher made for home, and now I think he will know the Sparrow Hawk as an enemy.—Sent by ALBERT GILL (aged 15 years), 20, Drumgold Street, Douglas, Isle-of-Man.

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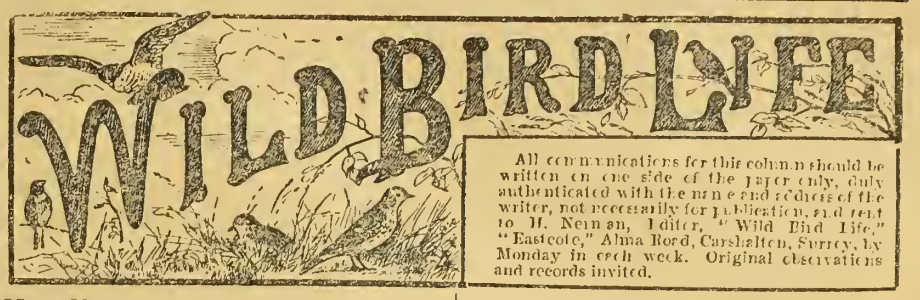

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May Notes.

The month of May has slipped past, and although the weather has been cold and wet, wild Nature has not stood still. The landscape shows all the glorious beauties of early summer, the meadows are thick with luxuriant grass, the rich colours of sorrel and buttercup enhancing the beauty of the sward. The hedgerows are white with the blossoms of the May, the scent from which on dull days is almost overpowering. As the blossom dies off the petals are scattered by the action of the birds, for just now almost every bush and tree has its feathered occupant.

We enter the wood, now thickly clothed with green. Bird music is heard on every side; the rollicking refrain of the Chaffinch, the sweet notes of the Linnet, and the love song of the Greenbird, come from the interlaced branches overhead; away at the other side of the wood the cheerful notes of the Song Thrush sound loud and clear. To-day the Thrush has been exceptionally musical. He commenced at peep of day, and scarcely rested until sundown. Yesterday he hardly sang a note; but the mellow pipe of the Blackbird was then heard continually, while to-day he is silent. It is certainly curious that these birds seldom sing together. We generally associate the Blackbird with fine weather and the Thrush as a prophet of wet; and yet yesterday and to-day the singing of the birds has been reversed. The Merle sang before the coming of the rain, and the Mavis has rattled off his joyous song so incessantly that we have hourly looked for a continuance of moisture. One may watch the ways of wild creatures all one's life, and yet fail to justify their doings with any degree of certainty.

Of all the woodland sounds, none are so soothing to the ear as the note of the Dove. It is not bird music such as we associate with singing birds; it is simply a long drawn out sound, and yet like the two-note song of the Cuckoo is as pleasant to listen to as the warble of a migrant or the trill of a Finch.

The number of the Hawks has been increased by the Kestrel, which at this time of the year is the most common species. It is a shade large than the Sparrow Hawk, with perpendicular spots or stripes on the underpart of the body. But one may easily distinguish him when on the wing. He is poised in the air on quivering wings with head to wind, so that his feathers are unruffled. The act of hovering is quite easy to a bird in such a position. Watch the Skylark, when he soars it is always head to the wind. Even in almost calm weather, when he rises in circles the segment made with the wind is greater than the one against it.

The Kestrel hovers in the same spot, his keen eye searching the ground immediately below him. Evidently he sees nothing to descend for. With a few beats of his long wings he moves some distance away, and repeats the performance. His flight is easy and graceful; when hovering his wings are outstretched, his tail and head point downwards, the former somewhat spread, which doubtless helps him to retain his position. By these movements we know we are watching the Windhover (one of his local names), for the Sparrow Hawk only occasionally acts in this manner, and then does not repeat it as the Kestrel does. The flight of the Sparrow

The Kestrel.

Hawk is strong and swift. With rapid, gliding actions, he threads his way through the wood, drops over the hedge beyond, picking off some luckless Warbler with scarcely a pause in his flight.

The food of the Kestrel consists principally of mice, beetles, cockchafers, etc., and no doubt this bird is a friend to the farmer, for small rodents seldom escape his sudden drop from the clouds. One cannot deny that occasionally some luckless bird forms the meal for a Windover, as a proof of which one has from time to time been caught in the nets of the bird catcher while attempting to carry off the decoy bird. However much we may regret the killing of a songster to provide a meal for a Hawk, each of us watch with pleasure the strong flight and easy wing power of any one of the family.

Notes and Queries.

Robin's Nest in a Cage.

A correspondent writes to the "North Wilts Herald," pointing out the curious nesting-place of a Robin at Highworth. In the fowls' house of a friend, he says, an old bird-cage is hung close to the entrance. Thither a Robin was noticed to fly the other day, and on closer examination it was found that a nest containing five eggs was in the cage.

The Overcrowding of Birds.

Many species of wild birds are undoubtedly increasing at an alarming rate; some have practically no enemies, and these are rapidly asserting their superiority in numbers. Unfortunately, as they increase, they are obliged to alter their mode of living to exist in competition with their fellows, and thus we find many one-time useful birds now becoming harmful and destructive; consequently, farmers, market gardeners, etc., are obliged to form clubs for mutual protection against the feathered host. One would like to suggest that eggs only be taken, for in this there must be far less cruelty than in the destruction of young birds.

The Shooting of Rooks.

The Rookery is visited in the month of May for the purpose of shooting the young Rooks of the year, so as to keep the birds within reasonable bounds. This is a form of sport looked forward to by many, and, although it may appear easy to stand under a tree and knock over a black object perched above one in the branches, such a feat is not so easily performed as one would imagine, especially when the weapon used is only a small rifle. Strange to say, it is alleged that the rookeries which are visited annually for the purpose of thinning the numbers of the occupants, thrive much better than those left entirely to themselves. Possibly it is a case of the survival of the fittest; the strong youngsters may manage to get away out of range.

Strange Nesting Place.

At this time of the year we frequently find birds nesting in apparently unsuitable positions. To the bird, any place is suitable where she is able to successfully hatch and rear her brood. Somehow, a Blackbird's nest on the axle of a cart, a Robin's on a shelf in the house, or a Tit's down a lamp post, appear to be places not only unsuitable, but outside our ideas of wild Nature's ways. The straggling woodbine, the tall hedgerow, or the sweet-scented hawthorn are the positions we love to see containing the beautiful homes of our wild birds, and in such they form the most charming pictures imaginable. One hopes that the habit of nesting in strange places will not become hereditary.

A Night Fisherman.

It is alleged that the Heron has the power of emitting a phosphorescent light when fishing at night, and so attracting the fish within reach. Of course, it is well known that light has an attracting influence upon wild creatures—birds, beasts and fishes have all been taken at night by means of artificial light. But it hardly seems possible for a naturally luminous light to be used by one living wild creature for the purpose of securing another during the hours of darkness, especially when we consider that a bird like the Heron is not entirely a night fisher. Personally, I must confess that I have never had the opportunity of testing the matter; but anyone possessing a tame Heron should be able to say if the breast feathers of the bird are at all phosphorescent.

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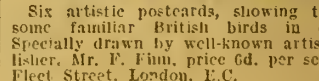

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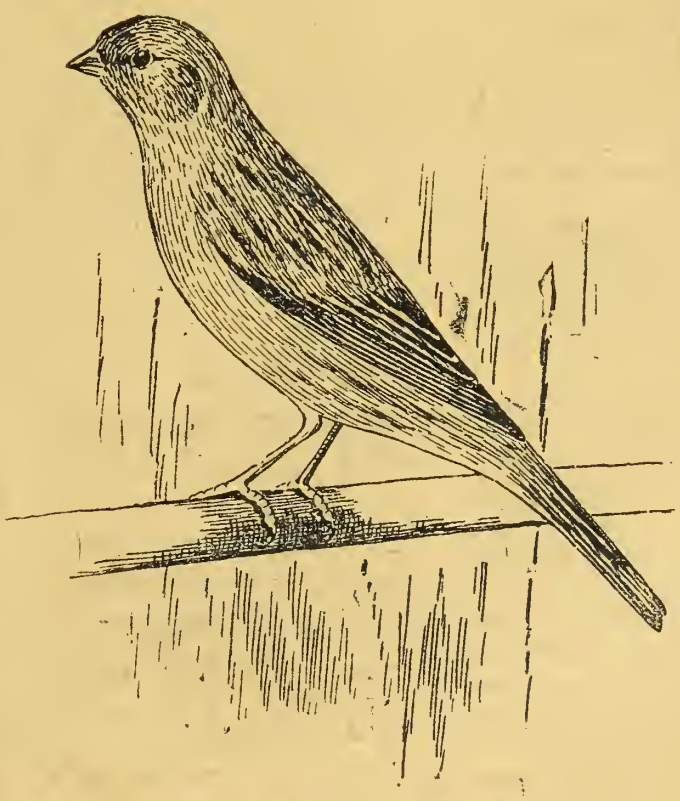

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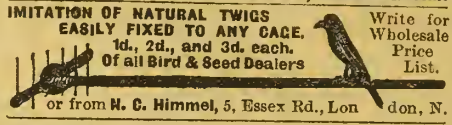

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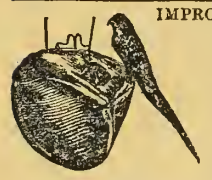

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WANTED, good young Crested cock, exchange large clear Crestbred cock; wanted large buff Norwich cock, exchange Green Crested hen; approval both ways.—Wallbank, 35, Withers-st., Blackburn.

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WANTED, any quantities of Canaries (any variety), Goldfinch and Linnet Mules, for cash; approval, will deposit with CAGE BIRDS.—Marsh, Freemasons' Aviaries, Pereira-st., Bethnal Green.

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REVIEWS OF SCHEDULES.

Doncaster Show.—July 4th. Judge, Mr. C. A. House. Eight classes—Norwich, Yorks, and A.V., bred 1907, 1 each; British 3, Local and Selling 1 each. Prizes, 8s., 4s., 2s. Entry fee 1s. Entries close June 19th to Mr. T. H. Chafer, 9, Market Place, Doncaster.

Battersea First Feather.—July 3rd, 1907. Eighteen classes. Open—Norwich 2, Yorks 2, Crests 1, A.O.V. 1; Members—Norwich 3, Yorks 3, Mules 1, British 5. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d., and a fourth of 1s. 6d. if more than 12 entries. Entry fee 1s. 6d. Judge, Mr. J. Robson. Entries close June 24th to Mr. F. Easterling, 5, St. Mark's Road, Fulham Road, S.W.

CLUB REPORTS.

MORRISTON C.B.S.

Table Show of British Birds and Mules held May 25th. GREENFINCH: 1, Evans; 2, Taylor; 3, Morgan. CHAFFINCH, ETC.; 1, Taylor; 2, Poulet; 3, Evans. A.V. BRIT.: 1, Morgan; 2, Evans; 3, East. MULE: 1, Ware; 2, Jones. Mr. Harding Williams judged. D. JEREMY, Sec.

[Club reports and club notices should be sent on different sheets of paper.—ED.]

DERBY CAGE BIRD CLUB.

Half-yearly meeting held May 25th, Mr. W. H. Eley presiding. The chief business of the meeting was to receive nomination for young birds for the Jubilee Show in November next. This what may be called "speculating night," for owing to the ill-luck of some of the members up to date, they had to nominate birds before they are hatched. Nevertheless, the entry was satisfactory. Messrs. F. Andrews and A. Cratchley were elected members.

W. H. BAMSEY, Hon. Sec.

WIMBLEDON C.B.S.

Meeting June 3rd. Judging competition of British birds, Mr. F. J. Day acting as final judge. On comparing the competitors' slips, the result was found to be as follows:—Mrs. Griffiths, Messrs. Warley, Found, Tutty, Griffiths, Smith, and Lupton, 6 points each; Messrs. Nodder and Piper, 3 points each; Mr. Brooke, 2 points; Messrs. Archer, Brooks, Jordan, Carson, Rorke, Standage, Whittome, Porter, and Dyke, 1 point each; and Mr. Colman, nil. During the evening six new members were elected. The question of the Young Stock Show, to be held on Monday, July 1st, was discussed, and members were urged to send as many entries as possible.

W. H. COLMAN, Hon. Sec.

B.E.N.A. (DULWICH CENTRE).

The subject for the May At Home was "British Birds." Mr. C. Hawkins, of Norwood, read the paper, which was from an observant's point of view, as he does not keep cage birds himself. He commenced with the House Sparrow, and after giving his remarks on some 39 different birds, finished up with a description of a Kingfisher's nest. The room was hung with coloured plates, including those of CAGE BIRDS, which were much admired. Two volumes of 'Familiar Wild Birds" were used to illustrate the birds spoken of. After the paper, the members inspected the birds in the garden, which include Canaries, Crossbill, Bramblefinch, Linnet, Thrush, Blackbird, and Magpie, which are being kept on the open-air systems, with only a hood for cover. The Canaries, which have been out all winter, have only just commenced to build, being about four weeks later than last year. Returning to the house, tea was served, and a hearty vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Hawkins for his paper, which brought the At Home to a close.

J. ACUTT, Sec.

NATIONAL BRITISH BIRD AND MULE CLUB.

Committee meeting held at headquarters, May 30th. Present, Mr. Robson (chairman), Mr. Fnll-james (vice-chairman), Messrs. Maxwell, Silver, Goodchild, Dobson, Hathaway, Cooper, Dewhurst, Trower, Francis, Weston, Plumbridge, and Carr. Proposed by Mr. Dewhurst, seconded by Mr. Cooper: "That the allotting of medals for the forthcoming shows take place at the July meeting, and that all applications be in by that date." Letters were read from Miss Ashford and Messrs. Dale, Lott, and Rouse. Proposed by Mr. Lott, seconded by Mr. Cooper, that Mrs. Hamblyn, 117, Millbrook-road, Southampton, become a member of the club. A letter was read from the sub-committee re the birds they recommended to be added to the club's British bird list. This brought forth much discussion, and some very strong arguments. The chairman put to the meeting each bird to be voted upon individually, which resulted in the following birds being added to the list:—Crested Tit, Woodchat Shrike, Turtle Dove, Ring Dove, Stock Dove, Rock Dove, Common Quail, Golden Plover, Kentish Plover, Ringed Plover, Lapwing, Dotterel, Turnstone, Dunlin, Knot, Ruff, Reeve, Sanderling, Common Sandpiper, Redshank, Greenshank, Swallow, House Martin, Sand Martin, Nutcracker, Golden Oriole, and Hoopoe.

PLUMBRIDGE & CARR, Hon. Secs.

NORTHAMPTON HAND IN HAND C.B.S.

Meeting May 28th, at Foresters' Arms. It was decided to hold the Annual Show, December 27th, 28th. Twenty-six classes arranged. The Cage Bird Union question was discussed. Eventually it was decided that the Society withdraw from same. Show of Young Birds will be held June 15th; all entries must be classed and paid for June 11th.

JNO. NASON, Sec.

BLAYDON C.B.S.

Meeting held June 1st. Schedule, as drawn up by committee for next Annual Show, was adopted. It was also decided to give £1 for most, and 10s. for second most points in open classes, as well as good specials for each class. We have every reason to believe it will draw an even larger entry than usual from our many patrons. Mr. J. W. Taylor, of Newcastle, was elected a vice-president.

D. A. OGILVIE, Hon. Sec.

ORMSKIRK AND DIS. C.B.S.

Meeting held 3rd inst. Mr. Thos. Johnson gave a most efficient exhibition of the art of washing cage birds. There was a good muster of members, who took a keen interest in the proceedings, especially the lathering process, which the old veteran fully explained as he went along. The colour of the second bird to undergo the bathing process resembled that of a crow rather than a Canary, and Mr. Johnson remarked it had never been washed since it was hatched, but when it emerged from the drying box there was ample proof of the masterly manner in which the brush and soap had been used. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Johnson. The date of the Young Bird Show was altered to July 13th.

T. H. TIPPEN, Hon. Sec.

THE LANCASHIRE AND LIZARD F.A.

The L.L.F.A. meeting at Cluskey's Rooms, Glossop, on June 2nd, before a large attendance of members and friends. The agenda included the show cage question. One of our members, Mr. J. Hampshire, of Cowper-street, Oldham, was appointed the maker. The Lizard show cage is to be left plain inside, so that the purchasers can enamel their own. All enamel is to be got through the Secretary, to enable all cages to be perfectly the same tint. Several other items were dealt with, after which Councillor S. R. Compston, of Macclesfield, gave a lecture on "The Lancashire Canary." High credit is due to the lecturer for the able manner in which he described the different points in the Lancashire Canary. Discussion followed, which Mr. Compston handled in a masterly manner. The usual vote of thanks to the lecturer brought a most interesting gathering to a close.

H. OLIVER, Sec.

GLASGOW AND W.C. NORWICH, M., B. & F.B.C.

Monthly meeting held May 25th.. The President presided. The following gentlemen were admitted to membership, viz., D. Smith, J. Nimmor, D. Hamilton, R. Condie, J. Whitelaw. The classification for Annual Show was drafted, and will be confirmed at next meeting. Judges were also nominated, and will go through the same process on June 29th, all business relating to show will be decided on that date. Monthly Show, Messrs. A. McFarlane, H. Riley, T. Dick, and J. Young judged. YELLOWHAMMER: 1, Brownlie, well-known winner, needs no comment; 2, Henderson, rare stamp, presses hard, with a well-defined head; 3, spl, Lawson, grand head, very steady; 4, Lawson; vhc, Malcolmson; hc, Roulstone; c, spl, Gadesden. A.O.V. BUNTING: 1, Lawson, good Snow Bunting, nicely staged; 2, Martin, splendid Reed Bunting, shown in A1 condition; 3, Lawson, Cirl Bunting, shown in faultless trim, greatly admired; 4, spl, Roulstone, Black-headed Bunting, good 'un; vhc, Gillies; hc, Johnstone; c, Adam. SMALL BRIT.: 1, Malcolmson, grand Yellow Wagtail, steady as a rock, an easy win; 2, Pettigrew, good Shore Lark, staged to perfection; 3, Adam, Swallow, good specimen; 4, Martin, Wheatear, splendid exhibit, grand colour; vhc, Stewart; vhc, Stewart; hc, Gillies; c, Hayes. LESSER REDPOLL: 1, Martin, Scottish National winner, looking as well as ever; 2, Shearer, nice exhibit, best of hihs; 3, Gordon, lively little "Poll," deserves his position; 4, Connelly, splendid hib, grand condition; vhc, spl, Brownlie; hc, spl, Henderson; c, Rodie. This was a champion class, and many good birds stood cardless. Next meeting June 29th. 1. Light Mule or Hybrid. 2. Dark Mules. 3. Large British. 4. Foreign Birds.

GARSTON B.B.A.

Meeting held May 15th, Mr. A. E. Crawley in the chair, who called upon Mr. Alf Thompson to open a discussion on "The Rearing and Feeding of Young Birds." Mr. Thompson, in his opening remarks, emphasised the fact that what he was about to say on the subject was from experience gained in his own bird room, and not taken from any books. Commencing, he wished the members present to understand that to be successful in breeding special attention must he taken regarding the treating of the hens from the completion of the nest to about the second week in March. He advocated a plain seed diet, with a little sweet apple two or three times a week, and not forgetting the bath on bright days. Just about a fortnight before pairing up he began to give them a little generous food, in the shape of egg meat; he uses Spratt's Patent Cod Liver Oil Food. During incubation he never allows the birds the bath, his opinion being that there was a tendency for the eggs to be chilled, but could with every confidence recommend a system he had practised for a great number of years, viz., on the thirteenth day to take the eggs out of the nest and holding for a few seconds in his mouth, and returning same, and he was very pleased to say that he was very rarely troubled with young dead in shell. On the evening of the thirteenth day he gave a little richly-made egg food, continuing with same until he saw that the hen was feeding satisfactorily, afterwards adding more biscuit to the egg. On the fourth day after hatching, in addition to the egg food, he gave crushed hemp and rape, with a little dandelion (three times a day), also added to the water 3 or 4 drops of Parrish's Chemical Food, which he had proved to be very beneficial. When the young birds were separated from their parents he supplied them with crushed hemp, and always put the seed box on containing good wholesome Spanish canary seed, and a supply of water with Tincture of Gentian, and when they were able to fend for themselves he transferred them to a single box cage to be put through their drill if required for Nest Feather Shows. With these remarks the lecturer closed, and thereupon the chairman threw the meeting open for questions, and needless to say many useful hints were gathered, both by the champions and novices, by the interesting discussion which followed. A hearty vote of thanks was duly accorded to Mr. Thompson for the masterly manner in which he had handled his subject, and Mr. Thompson suitably responded.

A. WILKINSON, Hon. Sec.

CROOK ORIGINAL C.B. & R.S.

Meeting held June 1st. Mr. H. Dixon presided. It was decided to hold our meetings on first Wednesday of month, instead of Saturday, at 7 p.m. Mr. J. H. Talt was elected vice-chairman. Four specials, given by members, for Table Show; also eight stewards appointed. Judges, Messrs. G. Sweet and F. Feltham. Eighteen new members enrolled and six nominated. The proceeds of Table Show to go towards purchasing two cups for Open Show.

A. BOWES, Sec.

CAMBRIDGE AND CAMBS. C.B.S.

The above Society brought their winter programme to a most successful close on May 29th with a discussion on "The Management of Cage Birds," opened by Mr. C. Green (Chesterton). Mr. Green, in a very lucid manner, explained the cages he used, how he prepared birds for breeding, the food he gave them, and all the details required to command success in the bird room. Messrs. Brooks, Bateman, Rogers, Moore, Linsey, Young, Gifford, Bye, etc., also carried on the discussion. A resolution, thanking Mr. Green for his paper, was proposed by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Bateman. Two new members (proposed by Messrs. Young and Brooks), Messrs. Williams and Austin, were elected.

T. S. MOORE, Hon. Sec.

SCOTTISH NORWICH PLAINHEAD CLUB.

Mr. J. Sandiford (Colour Food King) has, for the second year, presented the Scottish Plainhead Club with a £5 5s. challenge cup for competition amongst the members of the club. Those who had the pleasure of seeing last year's cup, know it is worth trying for. I shall endeavour to have the cup on exhibition at each show where patronage of the Scottish Plainhead Club is given. All Norwich fanciers who wish to compete for this cup must join the Scottish Plainhead Club, annual fee, 2/6 each person. The club are also giving two gold medals for the best young cock and best young hen bred 1907, in addition to the many other advantages of the club. Mr. Jas. F. Dewar has been selected cage maker to the club. Members wishing show cages are requested to get them from him. All cages will be stamped, so that any dispute about colour and make of cage can be traced. Will members kindly send on their subscriptions, which are now due? Those competing for Sandiford's cup are requested to use his colour food. D. SMITH, Sec.

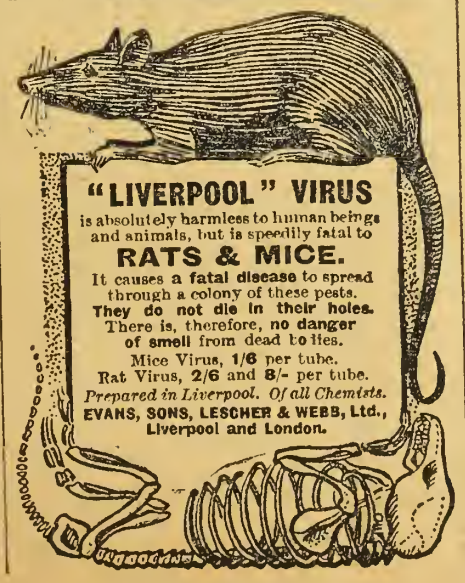
142, High Street, Edinburgh.

THE CINNAMON CANARY CLUB.

A Circular to Members.

Your votes upon the proposed deletion of Rule 17 of the Cage Bird Union are requested, also the definition of a Novice, one that will govern all Open Shows. I most sincerely hope you will give your most cordial support in favour of Rule 17 standing by placing Yes against it. I have weighed up all that has been written against Rule 17, and I can come to no other conclusion than that petty jealousy and spite are at the bottom of it all. It is the opinion of many old fanciers in London, and of myself, that the Union should be upheld by every society and club in the Fancy, and strengthened in every way. If this rule is struck out, many societies will drop out. Some here have openly said so. What will happen then? These shows will be open to receive entries from any disqualified persons and other undesirables for the benefit of their own coffers. Again, the opposition in London is in a great measure due to the success of the Union, and the failure of the Cage Bird Club, which the L.C.B.A. founded a few years ago. The whole power of the C.B.C. was centred in its founders, who tried to dictate to the whole Fancy from London. They were told at the time it would fail. Further, they gave away medals to he won by L.C.B.A. members. Another cry is "coercion." Why any rules of a society or union are coercive; take our own rules for example, Rule 10 on club cages is coercive. They have also circulated that the Union is run by Lythgoe, Ramsden, and CAGE BIRDS. Did you ever hear such arguments? Now, I want your instructions as to whom I shall elect upon the Executive Council. Mr. Ramsden has declined to stand this year owing to the pressure of business. The district in which we are located is No. 11. London and Home Counties North of the Thames is represented as follows:—City and Suburban, A. W. Curtis. London C.B.A., J. Tyson. L.P.O.S., J. W. Ramsden. London and Counties, E. Pretty (who will not stand). North London, W. O. Morris. West London, J. Dewhurst. British Roller C.C., J. W. Norris. Cinnamon C.C., R. J. Pretty. Watford C.B.S., R. J. Watts. We must have a stronger Council. The late Executive's decision on the Green disqualification has not strengthened the Union. It has had the reverse effect. Let us have men who can be courageous enough to say whether a judge or exhibitor is right or wrong. We want no half-way decisions upon such cases that are referred to them for settlement. Of the delegates named the following are against the Union in any shape or form: Messrs. Tyson, Dewhurst, Curtis. Please return your voting card on or before Thursday next, as the result must reach the Secretary by the 8th inst. I should be glad to receive any subscriptions for the current year.—R. J. PRETTY, Hon. Sec.

[Mr. Pretty's reference to CAGE BIRDS and the Cage Bird Union is replied to under his letter upon Rule 17, replying to Mr. Tyson.—ED. "C.B."]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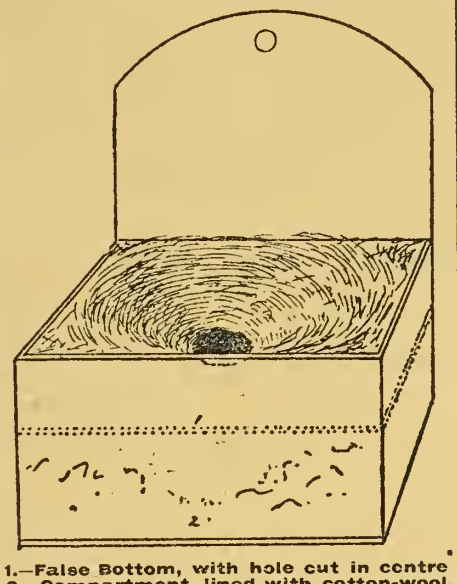
No. 107.

NEST-BOX FOR EGG-EATING HENS.

Sent by W. H. Baker, 6, Cambridge Street, Mansfield, Notts.

I had a hen this year eat the whole of her first nest of eggs. I did not mean her to eat the second, so made a nestbox like the enclosed sketch, and the dodge came off, with the



1.—False Bottom, with hole cut in centre 2.—Compartment, lined with cotton-wool, into which egg falls.

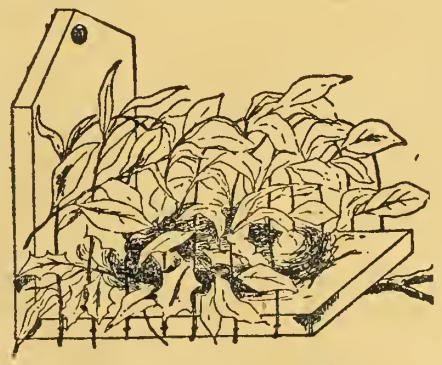
result that I hatched out all her eggs under another hen on May 18th. Get a deep wood nest-box, and fix in a removable false bottom with a hole large enough to let an egg fall through on to a bed of cotton wool placed underneath. Let the hen build her nest in the ordinary way, and make a hole in the bottom of it just before the eggs are due.—W. H. BAKER.

No. 108.

NEST FOR HYBRID COUPLES.

Sent by W. R. Smellie, M.A., Mayfield, Messend, N.B.

I enclose a drawing of a nest box which I have used with good results. I at first hung up three in my aviary. A pair of Greenfinches appropriated one, and built therein, while two Goldfinch Mules, paired respectively to a Canary and a Twite, have built beautiful little nests in the other two, and all three are on the point of laying. I will use the Mules as foster parents. Two days ago I hung up a fourth nest, and already a pair of Bullfinches are casting longing and businesslike eyes upon it. Hung in a dark place, close to the roof, and masked with twigs, a pair of good-conditioned birds cannot withstand its allurements. I find that small foreigners (Avadavats, etc.) like to roost and secrete themselves among the dense twigs at the top of these nests.



Nest for Hybrid Couples.

I make a hole for hanging nest on nail. The twigs are willow, bent round and fastened to board at each side by staples, or bent nails. A small piece of a branch at the entrance makes an excellent perch. The framework is made out of pieces of ½ in. board, about 6 in. square. The upright twigs should be interwoven with other twigs, preferably green twigs, i.e., ivy, holly, etc. The curved twigs do not lie so very symetrically, but as regards this, I think the rougher and more natural-looking it is the better. For the sake of clearness I have shown in the sketch fewer twigs than there are in the real article.—W. R. SMELLIE.

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Beginner.—I think I'll take a copy. Stay, though, I'm not only going in for Canaries; I may take up foreign birds.

Publisher.—Then you ought to read Wesley T. Page's chapter on "Some Pleasing and Beautiful Foreigners."

Beginner.—But suppose any of my birds become ill. Where shall I find this ANNUAL come in then?

Publisher.—Just where you want it, Sir. The chapter on diseases is arranged in alphabetical order, and is most comprehensive in character.

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THE CAGE BIRD UNION.

The Question of the Hour.

The Rule 17 Barometer.

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A.C.B.	L.C.B.A.
Potteries.	*Sunderland.
Watford.	
*Wimbledon.	
Wolverhampton.	

*Societies marked with a star have accepted or rejected after making some reservation or other.

LONDON SECRETARIES NOTE.

Re the uniform definition of a novice and amateur for members' shows within the Metropolitan Police area, will secretaries of all cage bird societies within the above area kindly forward a copy of their rules containing their respective definitions, as it is desirable that none should be overlooked? This, of course, does not apply to the large numher that have already sent.—J. W. RENNIE, the Royal Hotel, Mile End Road, E.

POTTERIES AND DIS. C.B.A.

At a meeting of our society, held June 1st, to discuss Cage Bird Union matters, it was unanimously decided by our members to give their vote in favour of Rule 17 remaining as at present, as they consider that the Union would be of no use whatever without it. They were also in favour of definition No. 4 of a novice.—J. SIMCOCK, Scc.

LONDON AND COUNTIES A.C.B.

The London and Counties A.C.B. decided in favour of Rule 17 at a special general meeting held on Thursday last, May 30th, by 16 votes to one, the dissentient being against because the rule does not prohibit non-affiliated members from showing at Union shows. The meeting also decided unanimously in favour of Novice definition 4.

WATFORD AND DIS. C.B.S.

The Watford and District C.B.S. committee, on June 3rd, unanimously decided in favour of Rule 17 standing. One newly-elected member, at the adjourned general meeting last week, sent his resignation to this committee because the whole of the members at the said general meeting spoke in favour of the rule standing. The resignation was unanimously accepted.

CHESTER AND DIS. C.B.S.

A meeting was held on May 28th to consider Rule 17. There was not a very large attendance. Mr. H. Stovin was elected to the chair. A very animated discussion took place, and it was eventually carried by 11 votes to one that the whole of the rule stand. Mr. Lythgoe having asked for suggestions to be laid hefore next meeting of the Council of the Union, it was decided by a large majority to forward the following suggestion as an addition to Rule 17:—"That entries for open shows be not accepted from anyone not a member of an affiliated society or an associate memher of the Union." No. 5 novice definition was chosen.—ALFRED J. RED, Hon. Sec.

THE CAGE BIRD SECTION AT "MIXED" SHOWS.

SIR,—I shall be glad if you will allow me to refer to Mr. Lythgoe's letter in support of retention of Rule 17 of the C.B.U. rules, and quoted in your issue of 18th ult. The clauses of that letter attacking mixed shows seem to me to be very sweeping, and while there may, in some cases, be some justification for the remarks, such wholesale condemnation may arouse prejudice and do injury where least deserved. I think the following facts will prove that it should not be applied to the Bristol Fanciers' Association. In our own case each section has its own superintendent and committee, and the general committee consists of these sectional committecs combined. Each section drafts its own classification and recommends its own judges. It follows, therefore, that if the cage bird section were considered a secondary branch of the show, it would be, probahly, the fault of the cage bird men themselves. But the case with us is quite the reverse. The recommendations of the cage hird committee have always been adopted without amendment in any particular. The cage bird classification has been a gradually increasing one, and I have reason to helieve that there will be a further increase in classes provided this ycar. Our hall last year cost us just upon £40 for a two-days' show, and the best part of the hall is always allotted to the cage bird sectiou, and special staging is always erected for same. The Association possesses silver in the shape of challenge bows and cups to the value of ahout £80. Of these, five bowls and a cup—total value £60—are competed for in the cage bird section, as against a value of about £20 in all the other sections combined. All the five howls are for open competition, and only the cup confincd to members. In addition to these, three bowls—each value £10 10s.—have been won outright in open competition in the cage hird section. Notwithstanding our heavy rent and losses almost year by year (last year we lost £36), we have always paid full prize-money, which has meant personal subscription hy ourselves, and have always set our faces strongly against amalgamation of classes. As a new officer I may, with all modesty, say that the management of our show in past years has heen highly praised.—G. T. H. MAGGS, Hon. Sec. Bristol F.A.

DERBY CAGE BIRD CLUB.

The much-vexed question, Rule 17 of the Cage Bird Union, came before the half-yearly meeting on May 25th. After much discussion it was proposed by Rev. S. Lawton Platt, seconded by Mr. W. Astle, "That we are not in favour of the latter part of Rule 17, and at the same time wish to make our protest against the manner in which the vote is heing taken, considering that the spirit of the resolution passed at the Crystal Palace was that the aggregate vote of all affiliated members should be taken." This was carried unanimously. The members thought it mattered little if the gentlemen clubs add to such a rule, hut it should not govern working men's cage birds societies; also that it aims at putting down genuine working men's shows in villages or small hamlets if they do not swallow Rule 17 of C.B.U.—W. H. BAMSEY, Hon. Sec.

GATESHEAD AND DIS. C.B.S.

Meeting held May 29th. Our delegate's report of the C.B.U. District meeting was read (as Mr. Brown was unable to be present), and a resolution was carried that the secretary bo instructed to write for further particulars regarding Messrs. Taylor and Sanderson's case. Rule 17 of the C.B.U. then came on for discussion. The secretary having read the letter attached to voting paper, a good deal of discussion took place. Eventually a proposition was put to the meeting: "That the part of Rule 17 referred to be deleted." This was seconded. An amendment was then proposed that Rule 17 stand as at present. This was seconded by one of the members, as he said, to test the meeting, although he would vote against it. The proposition was carried, 17 voting for it. On the amendment no one voted, four or five members remaining neutral. The novice question was then dealt with, and came in for a good deal of discussion. Definition 2, where it referred to the hirds being bred by the exhibitor, came in for a good dcal of favour, but objection was taken that otherwise a novice had not much encouragement in this definition, as a prize in open meant a 1st, 2nd, 3rd or 4th. A vote was taken, and the majority were in favour of No. 3 definition.—T. TAYLOR, Sec.

Mr. R. J. PRETTY REPLIES.

SIR,—I must protest against Mr. Tyson's action in deliberately misquoting my statement, made at the L.C.B.A. meeting to bolster up his petty, spiteful argument against Rule 17. He says that Mr. Lythgoe gave me and others permission to show at Watford Show. This alone is disproved by your report of the meeting (which is perfectly correct). In order to further disprove his statement, I quote Mr. Lythgoe's letter to me in reply to mine upon the issue of a licence for the West Herts Fanciers' Association Show in December last:—

The Cage Bird Union,
25, Stamford-street,
Old Trafford, Manchester.
November 28th, 1906.

Dear Mr. Pretty,—In reply to your letter of yesterday, license can he granted to the West Herts Association to hold their Show on Decemher 12th, under the Union's rules if you wish it—the date does not clash with any other in your district. To get over the difficulty of the rules not heing sent out with schedules, a copy should he sent to all exhibitors of cage hirds with their labels. You, yourself, and any other members of the Association would have heen quite in order in showing, but the members of Watford C.B.S., not members of the West Herts Society, would not have heen in order in showing, so that it is hetter to have a license.

Now, sir, where does Mr. Lythgoe's permission come in?

I spoke from memory, and I think this letter proves what I said was perfectly correct. This is not the first time that Mr. Tyson has deliberately served me this dirty trick; in fact, he seems to serve others the same to suit his own purposes. Again, in a former letter, he said that a society of 20 members only pays 3s. 4d. as an affiliation fee. What a pity he did not read and digest Rule 4 as well as he he has done 17, and he would see that the minimum fee is 5s. He also complains about the voting for officers. Perhaps he would like it arranged the same way as was the Crest Club election of officers last year. Mr. Tyson also complains about the equality of his vote. What has he to grumble about when he has himself and two of his members on the same District Committee? I say he has the preponderance there, and if he had the same on the Executive I suppose he would be satisfied. This would-be "Tammany Boss and Gang" tried to dictate to the Fancy a few years ago, when they formed the Cage Bird Club. They then threatened to wipe out all those who did not join it. We are still here, but the Cage Bird Club is not. Its failure was because the whole power was invested in this "Tammany" crew, who tried to govern the whole Fancy from London. Anyone can see that all Mr. Tyson's arguments are founded upon petty jealousy, spite, and malice, because the Cage Bird Union has attained such success. Let us hope it will continue to he successful, in spite of "Tammany's" cry that it is run by Messrs. Lythgoe and Ramsden, and I only heard in Watford last week that CAGE BIRDS has a hand in it. Mr. Tyson says he will continue to play. Well, it won't hurt us if he does. But let him play the game, and not the fool.—R. J. PRETTY.

[We hardly think such a statement as that referred to by Mr. Pretty, viz., that "CAGE BIRDS has a hand in the C.B.U.," deserves contradiction. We take this opportnnity of emphasising the fact that our policy from the start has heen absolute independence and freedom of interest.—EDITOR "C.B."]

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Mr. STEPHENSON REPLIES.

SIR,—Notwithstanding Mr. Tyson's figures, I still hold his previous letter was misleading. He writes: "May I respectfully point out the injustice of voting on this question by the elected delegates only?" Now, the elected delegates, in their official capacity as delegates, were never asked to vote on the question at all. The secretary of each society has, I think, received a voting paper, with a request to call a meeting of his particular society, and to take a vote of the members on the question; the delegate will only record his vote, one way or the other, with the rest of his fellow members. Again, Mr. Tyson writes: "Why are the delegates not apprised of anything pertaining to their particular society? They are the representatives, and not the societies." They are the representatives of the societies, not of the Union, and where the delegate does not happen to he the secretary of the society he represents, he has nothing whatever to do with calling society meetings. If he did call a meeting, I should think the secretary would very soon explain to him his position.

Mr. Tyson asks, "Is it not true a delegate can and has been deputed to police his own show?" The district committees appoint the show visitors in their own district, and if this is not done in a proper manner, it can hardly be laid to the blame of the Union. Why not send in full particulars to the C.B.U. secretary, and have it looked into, not save it up for a side slap at the Union in his correspondence? Is Mr. Tyson, as a delegate, doing his duty? I think not. To go back to his letter of May 18th. He states he represents a society of over 120 members, and complains his vote is only equal to another of his fellow delegates representing 20 members. Yet when his society of 120 members, at a (as reported) well-attended special meeting, take a vote on such an important question, they cau only total up 22 votes. I hold his fellow delegate represents a more enthusiastic band of fanciers than does Mr. Tyson, and that he will find a much better percentage of votes in the smaller society. Of what use are all your paper members, Mr. Tyson? I agree that it would be better for each society to send in the results of the voting, and a decision arrived at from the grand total. Even then, I think, there should be a majority of two-thirds in favour before any alteration is made. I might say our society sent in the result in this manner.

Mr. Tyson's objection to the formation of the provisional committee is frivolous. This committee was, I think, formed to the best advantage. I am under the impression I know the two he speaks of as having been elected without a word from their societies. If I am right, one is still on the Council, or was until recently. They were selected in order to make the committee as representative as possihle, and I think clearly shows there was no clique, hut a genuine endeavour to make the Union popular. Mr. Tyson warns all societies to be careful in voting—the explanations are so vague. One he knows said yes when he should have written no. What a lot of ignorant men we fanciers are! How thankful we should be that Mr. Tyson condescends to light our path, and give us the benefit of his intellect! There is no knowing into what errors we should fall if he withdrew into his shell and allowed us to go on our own sweet, irresponsible way. How clear Mr. Tyson is in the following: "I have a list of delegates from which I am requested to elect a representative on the Executive Council"! One word in that senteuce is absolutely misleading—"elect." Now, Mr. Tyson cannot "elect" a representative, and never could. Mr. Tyson may nominate, Mr. Tyson may vote; but the rest of the delegates in Mr. Tyson's district will see to it he does not elect. They also will have a vote, and he will have to "come down" to the level of his fellow delegates.

I would like to give Mr. Tyson the startling information that during the past few years quite a number of people have taken up their residence in Yorkshire who are not "Tykes." Curious, is it not? Probably I am not as old as Mr. Tyson, but I hope when I arrive at Mr. Tyson's mature age of wisdom I shall not have lost the instincts of a gentleman, or indulge in such cheap sarcasm, wit, humour, or whatever he calls it. C. R. STEPHENSON.

WIMBLEDON C.B.S.

Meeting held June 3rd., Mr. W. H. Stoakley in the chair. There was a very good attendance indeed.

After some little discussion, it was decided nem. con. to continue the affiliation of the society to the Cage Bird Union, 18 voting for, and the remainder of those present heing neutral. Then followed a discussion with reference to the latter portion of Rule 17 of the Union, on which they had asked the various societies affiliated to them to give an opinion. The portion of the rule referred to prevents registered members of the Union from showing at shows not licensed by the Union on pain of suspension. This, it was contended, pressed somewhat heavily on those cage bird fanciers who supported the Union, inasmuch as, although they could not show at unlicensed shows, those who gave no support to the Union could exhibit at any show, whether licensed or not. In the end a vote was taken, and it was decided by 16 to 6, the others not voting, that the society was not in favour of retaining the portion of the rule as it at present stands. They, however, decided by 21 to one, the others not voting, to instruct the secretary to write to the Uuion to say they were in favour of the retention of the rule, if an addition was made preventing non-registered fanciers from showing at licensed shows. Five definitions of a Novice were submitted by the Union for the Wimbledon and other societies affiliated to select one which they thought best, and, after some little discussion, it was decided to accept definition 5, which defined a Novice as one who has never won three first prizes in open novice, amateur or champion classes.

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LAISTERDYKE B.F.A.

The members of the Laisterdyke Bird Fanciers' Association held their first Show for the medal competition on June 1st, and considering the weather conditions, there was a fair entry. Some good quality birds were staged. Mr. W. Mann judged. YORKS. YELL.: 1, Morement; 2, Parker; 3, Pownall. BUFF: 1, Parker; 2, Morement; 3, Pownall; 4, Duckworth; vhc, Casey; hc, Hudson. TKD. YELL.: 1, 2, Hudson; 3, Pownall; 4, Langford; vhc, Duckworth. BUFF: 1, Morement; 2, 3, Casey; 4, Langford; vhc, Morement; hc, Hudson. CINN. MKD. YELL.: 1, 2, Parker. NOVICE YELL.: 1, 2, Shoesmith; 3, Broadbent; 4, Coates. BUFF: 1, 2, Swaine; 3, Shoesmith; 4, Broadbent; vhc, Coates. NOVICE TKD. YELL.: 1, Coates; 2, Broadhent. FOUL MKD.: 1, 2, 3, Swaine. BEST YELL. IN SHOW: Hudson. BEST BUFF: Shoesmith.

WINDHILL, SHIPLEY & DIS. O.S.

Held at the Blue Bell Hotel, on Saturday, June 1st. Mr. J. Broadley judged. YORKS. YELL.: 1, vhc, Armstead; 2, Denton; 3, Chippendale; hc, Towers; c, Smith. BUFF: 1, Denton; 2, Chippendale; 3, Drake; vhc, Armstead; hc, Towers; c, Leeming. TKD. YELL.: 1, Garnett; 2, 3, Leeming; vhc, Drake; hc, Smith; c, Drake. BUFF: 1, 3, Smith; 2, Garnett; vhc, hc, F. Drake. FOUL MKD.: 1, Garnett. SELL., 12s. 6d.: 1, Denton; 2, Garnett; 3, Smith.

CITY OF HULL.

Nest Feather Show (Members), June 3rd. NOR. YELL. (7): 1, vhc, Harland; 2, Pepper; 3, hc, c, Barwick. Competition keen. BUFF (4): 1, 2, Harland; 3, vhc, Pepper. NOVICE, YELL. (11): 1, McKay; 2, Mason; 3, Oliver; vhc, c, Spruit; c, Riley. Some promising youngsters. BUFF (8): 1, 3, Mason; 2, Walker; vhc, hc, Spruit; c, Riley. CINN. YELL. (3): 1, 2, 3, Pepper. CREST, NOVICE (3): 1, 2, Banks; 3, Spruit. CRESTBRED (4): 1, 3, vhc, Spruit; 2, Banks. YORKS. YELL., NOVICE (4): 1, Banks; 2, vhc, Oliver; 3, Kling. BUFF (9): 1, Prentice; 2, Banks; 3, vhc, hc, Lightfoot; c, Parks. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (11): 1, vhc, Stamford; 2, hc, Pepper; 3, Barwick; c, Parks. A.O.V. BRIT. (8): 1, hc, Pepper; 2, Walker; 3, vhc, Potter; c, Shindler. Some of these should be heard of later on. A remarkable show of 53 Canaries and 19 Britishers—72 in all.

BRADFORD (EAST) O.S.

Members' First Feather Show, June 1st. The entry was very good; some promising young birds were shown. Mr. W. A. Cowgill judged, and his awards gave satisfaction. The points gained at this show count towards the gold medals and other prizes that have been put up for competition at the Society's Shows this year. The entry of 62 averaged just over 10 per class. There was a good attendance of visitors to the show. The winners of most points were Mr. W. Crnise, 1; Mr. J. Farrar, 2; Mr. W. Stables and Mr. W. Laycock tie for third most points. YELL. YORKS.: 1, 2, c, Cruise; 3, Farrar; vhc, Chapman and Bateman; hc, Stables. BUFF: 1, e, Cruise; 2, Gelder; 3, vhc, Farrar; hc, Layeock. TKD., ETC., YELL. YORKS.: 1, 2, Cruise; 3, Greenwood; vhc, Hill; hc, Laycock; c, Wilkinson Bros. TKD., ETC., BUFF: 1, Stables; 2, Farrar; 3, Laycock; vhc, Wilson; hc, Northrop; c, Riley. CIN. TKD. YELL.: 1, Northrop. BUFF: 1, Hill.

W.C.O.S.

The First Nest Feather Show was held at Boro' Arms, Plymouth, on May 27th. The Society is offering for competition six silver goblets, one each section Yorkshire, Norwich, Crest and Crestbred, A.O.V. Mule, and British and Foreign, the winner of most points in the three Nest Feather Shows to be held May 27th, June 19th, July 17th, to hold cups for year, cup to be won twice to become property of winner, two birds only in each class to count. There was a record entry of 84 birds, the Norwich being the strongest with 32 in two classes. Mr. T. Dectle judged Norwich, Mr. Tope Yorkshires, Mr. Hamilton British and Foreign, Mr. Chenery Cinnamons. Members also turned up in record numbers, the room being full to overflowing. Mr. W. Spillman kindly gave a prize for amateur judging of Norwich from diagrams provided by himself. the winner being Mr. G. Harvey. Mr. Spillman then gave a very interesting explanation of the models, which was greatly appreciated. YORKS., YELL. (10): 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, Bassett; hc, Tremlett; c, Reed. BUFF (3): 1, 2, Hamilton; 3, Bassett. NOR., YELL. (15): 1, Spillman; 2, Harvey; 3, Smith; 4, vhc, Ruse; hc, e, Tucker. BUFF (17): 1, Spillman; 2, Garland; 3, Blatchford; 4, Ruse; vhc, Harvey; hc, Brenton; c, Pope. CREST (10): 1, hc, Bavage; 2, French; 3, Ryden; 4, Haskell; vhc, Full; c, Hobbs. CRESTBRED (9): 1, vhc, Ryder; 2, Hobbs; 3, Bavage; 4, French; hc, Haskell; c, Full. CINS. (2): 1, 2, Pope. MULE: 1, Rapson. GOLD. OR BULLFINCH (7): 1, vhc, Snell; 2, 3, Tremlett; 4, Blatchford; hc, Harvey. LINNET, ETC. (5): 1, Beer; 2, Endham; 3, Blatchford; 4, Cope; vhe, Tremlett. A.O.V. (3): 1, 2, Snell; 3, Tremlett.

When the Swallows Return.

When the Swallows return to us, instead of seeing them skimming here and there with a swiftness greater than that of the cloud-shadows, we have to look twice to be sure that they are Swallows, so plodding is their flight. They rest and sit at ease in the home garden they have won by days of flight. The sun strikes them as they sit there, beaks settled into chests, bodies sunk close to the bough, a quiet gurgle of throat-music speaking of a content that conquers tiredness. The birds are absolutely tame, and we can admire them now, as we cannot when the summer activity is on them, the delicious scheme of their colouring—the bronze-gold of their throats, the whiteness of their breasts, the purple blackness of the long cloak that covers the back. The uniform seems to glow as freshly as when it left Africa.

SINGING CONTESTS.

Mr. Samuel Mayall, of No. 6, Carolline-st., Oldham, would like the names and addresses of the secretaries of the leading Linnet and Roller Societies having contests. No doubt the gentlemen concerned will communicate with him.

ACCRINGTON.

A Lark singing contest took place at Brown Cow on June 1st. There were 12 entries, ten minutes hanging. Sanderson, 9-56; Greenhalgh, 6-30; Greenwood, 3-30; Bury, 3-20; Robinson, 1-24; Bury, -50.
A. KNOWLES, Sec.

WIGAN.

On Saturday, June 8th, 1907, an All England Linnet quality singing contest will be held at the Bell Vue Hotel, Woodhouse-lane, Wigan, when the proprietor will give 15s. first prize, and five other valuable prizes for 1s. entrance fee. Twopence charged to hear the birds sing, to be returned in refreshments. Singing to commence at 2 p.m. A special prize will be given for the best time.—JAMES HARMER.—ADVT.

BLACKBURN.

The Blackburn L.S.A. held their cup contest June 1st at the Old Red Lion. Twenty-four birds competed, and the singing was of the highest quality. 1st, cup, gold medal, Dobsou; 2nd, Bentley; 3rd, W. H. Topping; 4th, Leeming; 5th, R. Topping; 6th, Rostron. The next contest will be the consolation on June 15th.—RD. HAYHURST, Sec.

RYHOPE.

Queen's Head L.A. held usual contest June 1st, when 20 birds sang for four prizes, given by the Association and Mr. F. Ashmore. There was a good attendance of visitors. Judge, Mr. D. Spencer; timekeeper, Mr. J. Cope; 1st, Cowey; 2nd, Cope; 3rd, Telford; 4th, Mason.—J. MASON, Sec.

SHEFFIELD.

At the Old Britannia, Attercliffe, on June 2nd, 18 birds competed for three prizes. There was a good company present, and some splendid singing was heard. Result: Robinson, 98; Fowlstone, 51; Watson, 50. Judges, Messrs. Bollington and Robinson.

SIR,—I see Mr. H. Allen, of Leeds, is advertising his bird as the holder of the time record. If he is alluding to the contest in March, when he came here and beat me, I must tell him that the score he did on that occasion has been "knocked into a cocked hat" since. I think it is a great pity we do not get our contests reported, as we are in the thick of the Linnet singing in this district.
FREDK. WATSON, Sheffield.

LEEDS.

Sir,—Allow me to let readers know how it was my bird was beaten. I have been offering a medal since last December to anyone who could bring a bird to beat mine. I have had a great many visitors during the holidays to hear him, therefore I had him singing all the time. He also won the contests on May 19th, and ran away with the annual contest on May 20th. My bird being very tired after a week's hard work, did not sing much, therefore he saw defeat for the first time. Mr. Clarke being the lucky winner, I have handed him the medal, which he thanked me for very much. To show my bird is as good as ever, I gave him a week's rest and took him to the contest on June 2nd, when he again did his usual performance in running away with 1st prize. HARRY ALLEN.

On June 1st 17 of the best birds in Leeds sang for three prizes, given by Mr. J. Booth, at the King's Head, when some good singing was heard. 1, Hodgson; 2, Summers; 3, shared by Clarke and Fisher. Judges, J. Melia, T. Crane. Timekeeper, G. Towers. Also June 2nd, when 20 picked birds sung for four prizes. 1, Hodgson; 2, Fisher; 3, Stead; 4, Naylor. T. SUMMERS, Hon. Sec.

The Prince Albert Linnet Singing Association met June 2nd, to compete for three prizes given by Mr. J. R. Saynor. There was a good attendance of visitors. Judges, S. Green and C. Whittaker. Timekeeper, H. Greenwood. 1, Allen; 2, Clarke; 3, Wood. To the delight of a crowd of visitors, Mr. Allen's champion, in his usual form, simply ran away with the contest, and still proved to be the champion he is, which everyone acknowledged. After the contest Mr. Allen presented Mr. Clarke with the medal for the way Mr. Clarke beat his champion on May 26th, and Mr. Clarke thanked Mr. Allen. E. WOOD, Hon. Sec.

The usual contest took place at Skinner's Arms, Buslingthorpe. Fifteen birds competed for three prizes, given by Mr. A. Fisher. The singing was only moderate. Ridgewell, 1st; Laycock, 2nd; Brooks, 3rd. Judges, Messrs. F. Raper and A. Blackburn. F. RAPER, Sec.

Quality Linnet singing at King's Head. Prizes given by Mr. J. Booth. Our great All England contests took place on Whit-Monday, with a crowded house, consisting of members and visitors from upwards of a score different towns in Lancashire and Yorkshire. Twenty-five of the best picked birds from the above towns competed for ten valuable prizes. First birds were hung at 11 prompt. The singing, as all the visitors agreed, was worth coming a good many miles further than they had come, and some had come one hundred miles. 1st, Booth; 2nd, Galley; 3rd, Stead; 4th, Biss; 5th, Galley; 6th, Hardscastle; 7th, Clegg; 8th, Biss; 9th, Crowther; 10th, Topping. The ninth and tenth prizes were contributed by Mr. Woodhead, Bird Seed Merchant, and Mr. Procter, Wire Worker. Judges in this contest gave every satisfaction. Judges: Messrs. J. Melia, T. Crane, J. Clark. At the giving out of prizes a tremendous roar of applause greeted the winner, Mr. J. Booth, and each winner in turn was loudly applauded. The rest of the evening was spent in harmony, owners of the winners trying to beat their own birds, to the delight of all present. P. Hoban sung his old favourite song, "Napoleon Crossing the Alps." Winners of week-end contests are:—May 25th: 19 birds, 1st, Booth; 2nd, Galley; 3rd, Fisher. May 26th: 20 birds, 1st Biss; 2nd, Fisher; 3rd, Lacy; 4th, Stead.—J. MELIA, Sec.

On the Nightjar.

On still summer evenings, about sundown, one may hear a peculiar "jarring" or "churring" noise proceeding from the edge of a plantation or wood. To one hearing it for the first time it certainly has a rather uncanny sound. One can hardly associate this with the love song of a bird, and yet it must be so, for the Nightjar expends as much effort in producing the note as does the Cuckoo on his familiar song. This bird does not indulge in the luxury of a nest, but deposits its two marble-like eggs upon the bare earth.

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BREEDING RESULTS.

According to reports of the different fanciers connected with Derby Society, the breeding season is very little better than last. The bright weather at Easter set the birds going at a merry pace, and some fanciers did fairly well, whilst others have done bad; but the cold weather since seems to have upset the hens altogether; in fact, they have done little since. But over this round again they seem to have gone about their parental duties in a more business-like fashion. Mr. J. H. Roe has about a score on the perch, and the Rev. S. Lawton Platt, with his crested pairs, has about 17, the greater part being Crest; these being the best results I have heard of up to date. The Yorkshire fanciers of Melbourne, Derby, seem to have made a good start, the hens laying and sitting well, with a very good percentage of eggs birded. One young fancier, Mr. A. Cratchley, I noticed, about three weeks since had 12 niee youngsters off four pairs of birds. Messrs. E. Spencer, G. York, H. Wall, F. Andrews and F. Illsley's stock seems to bid fair for a good breeding season. I quite believe you can get a Buff of two Yellows, but on visiting a well-known Derby Norwich fancier a few days since he showed me a nest of three off a pair of Buffs, and one of these is, without a doubt, a clear Yellow.—W. H. BAMSEY, Hon. Sec. Derby C.B.C.

Breeding operations are progressing somewhat slowly, owing, no doubt, to the long-continued cold weather; but there are a few exceptions. Mr. A. Brown, Mr. J. Brown, Mr. F. F. Hawkins, Mr. H. George, Mr. R. Lowery, Mr. H. Johnston and Mr. J. Harvey have all done well, and have a good percentage on the wing. There have been plenty of young birds, but the hens have been affected, no doubt by the cold weather, and a large number dropped off. —T. TAYLOR, Gateshead.

Breeding results in North London are not over grand at present. It might interest some of your readers to know that I have had a very large egg laid this year by one of my hens. It measures 1 by 3-16ths of an inch long and ¾ of an inch across. The hen is none the worse for it.—W. MORRIS, Stoke Newington.

The first round of the Canary breeders in the Wolverhampton district is only fair. Many of the fanciers whom I have seen have only a few on the stieks. Nests without eggs, and those with have been light. No doubt the changeable weather we have experienced has been the cause of this. I seem to be the only one who has had any luck. I have had them hatch well, and not a clear egg. I have 22 young doing for themselves, 12 more in nest, and 11 good eggs to hatch from eight hens. Mr. Tonks tells me that he has been successful with the Goldie-Bully and Greenie-Bully cross, having young from both, and several Siskin-Canary Mules. May he have the good fortune to rear them! Mr. Gadd has been going strong for the Chaffinch-Canary cross. Although the Finch seemed to perform his duties satisfactorily, the first clutch of eggs are light. Mr. Gadd is a trier. May he have the good fortune to yet bring it off is all the harm I wish him.—F. HOWES, Hon. Sec. Wolverhampton C.B.S.

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*Oct. 16 and 17.—**Hayle & District F.A.** (J.H.R)
*Oct. 17 and 18.—**Dulwich and Peckham** (J.R., G.E.W., W.V.)
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*Oct. 18 & 19.—**Newcastle** (T.H., J.C.B., C.H., J.P.)
Oct. 18 and 19.—**Accrington & Dis.** (J.R., J.W.)
Oct. 18 and 19.—**City of Glasgow O.S.**
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*Oct. 25 and 26.—**Manchester and N.C. O.S.**
*Oct. 25 and 26.—**S. Shields C.B.S.** (H.W.B., F.M.)
*Oct. 26.—**Middlesborough Tee-side C.B.S.**
*Oct. 26.—**Coventry O.S.** J.H.R.)
Oct. 26.—**Dysart.** (J.H., J.M., J.G.)
*Oct. 26 & 28.—**Cheltenham C.B.S.** (J.H.P., J.R.)
*Oct. 30.—**Morecambe F.A.**
Oct. 30.—**Torbay O.S., Paignton** (J.H.P.)
*Oct. 30 and 31—**Gloucester C.B.S.**
*Oct. 30 & 31.—**Welsh Nation'l** (G.E.W., J.N., J.B.E.
*Oct. 30 and 31.—**Wellingborough** (W.V., J.G.)
*Oct 30 and 31.—**Wolverhampton C.B.S.** (J.R.)
Oct. 31.—**Oswestry F. & F.A.** (O.H.)
*Nov 1 and 2.—**Mansfield** (J.C.B., J.R.)
*Nov. 1 & 2.—**Blackburn C.B.S.** (J.H.R., J.W.)
*Nov. 1 and 2.—**Blaydon C.B.S.** (J.R., J.T.)
*Nov. 2.—**Rochdale Good Intent** (H.W.B., R.B.)
Nov. 2.—**Darlington C. & B.B.F.A.** (W.M.)
*Nov. 2.—**Bramley O.S. (Leeds)** (J.C.B., J.B.)
*Nov. 2.—**Cleator Moor F.S.** (C.H. & A.H.)
*Nov. 2 and 4.—**Leicester Hand in Hand C.B.S.**
Nov. 2 and 4.—**Norwich Alliance** (W.E.G., J.R.)
*Nov. 5 and 6.—**York C.B.S.** (J.H.R., H.W.B.)
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*Nov. 6 & 7.—**Swansea** (T.H.M., J.P., D.H.T., J.H.J.,
*Nov. 7 and 8.—**Greenwich** (J.R., J.D.)
*Nov. 8 and 9.—**Preston O.S.** (J.C.B., P.R.)
*Nov. 8 and 9.—**Hinckley** (J.R.)
*Nov. 8 and 9.—**Sheffield Dis. C.B.S.** (A.A., W.V.)
*Nov. 8 and 9.—**Wallsend** (W.P.B., W.M., J.W.B.)
*Nov. 8 and 9.—**Warrington C.B.S.** (C.H.)
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*Nov. 14.—**Merthyr Tydfil** (J.H.P.)
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*Nov. 22 and 23.—**Bolton O. & R.C.S.** (J.T.)
*Nov. 22 and 23.—**Hull** (J.C.B., C.H.)
*Nov. 22 and 23.—**Sunderland.** [J.S.)
Nov. 23.—**Perth** (J.S., M.McL., G.F.A., D.C., J.P.,
*Nov. 26 and 27.—**Bournemouth C.B.S.** (T.H.)
*Nov. 26 and 27.—**Derby** (J.B. J.R., J.H.R., J.H.S.)
*Nov. 27 and 28.—**Cardiff** (J.H.P. & J.R.)
Nov. 28 and 29.—**Woolwich F.S.** (G.G.)
Nov. 28 and 29.—**Y.C.C. of Ireland** (H.W.B.)
Nov. 29 & 30.—**Jarrow & Dis. C.B.F.S.** (J.H.P.)
Nov. 30.—**City of Dundee** (A.C., J.A., J.C., A.C.)
Nov. 30.—**Darlington C.B.S.**
Nov. 30 —**Eccles & District C.B.S.**
Dec. 3.—**Diss C.B.S.** (J.R.)
*Dec. 4 and 5.—**Bristol F.A.** (J.H.P., T.H.)
Dec. 4 and 5.—**Weybridge & Dis. F.S.** (J.R.)
Dec. 5—**Haverfordwest.**
Dec. 6 and 7.—**Hartlepools C.B.S.** (H.W.B., J.M.)
Dec. 6 and 7.—**Rotherham C.B.S.**
Dec. 6 and 7.—**L.C.B.A. (Westminster).**
Dec. 6 and 7.—**Ulster O.S.**
Dec. 6 and 7.—**Wigan C.B.S.** (J.T.)
Dec. 7.—**Cupar** (E.G.W., J. McL., H.B., P. McQ.)
Dec. 7.—**Kilmarnock C.B.F.S.**
*Dec. 7 and 9—**Ilkeston O.S.** (C.H., R.R., J.H.R.)
Dec. 11—**Reading C.B.S.** (J.R.)
Dec. 12.—**Porth C.B.F.S.** (J.H.P., J.B.E.)
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Jan. 1 and 2, 1908.—**Scottish National C.B.S.**
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SHOW ADVERTISEMENTS

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Entries close June 18th.
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BATTERSEA and Dis. C.B.A. 2nd Annual Open and Members' Young Bird Show, Wed., July 3rd. (Entries close June 24th). "Duchess of Devonshire," Lavender Road, Clapham Junction. J. Robson, Judge. Schedules and any information, F. Easterling, 5, St. Mark's Road, Fulham Road, S.W.

The Newark and District Fanciers' Association have appointed as secretary Mr. S. C. Wilkins, 72, Milner Street, Newark.

The date of Ormskirk and District C.B.S. (Lancs) First Feather Show has been altered to July 13th, writes Mr. T. H. Tiffen, the Hon. Sec.

I wish to thank those readers who have been able to give me such valuable advice as to the building of an outdoor aviary.—W. S. Brewster.

For the benefit of the widow and family of the late W. Orme, a one-time member of the City and Suburban A.C.B., that body of fanciers has collected and forwarded on a sum totalling over £5.

We hear that the judges appointed for the Leeds Roller Club Show, which is to be held in conjunction with the Leeds Cage Bird Society on November 15th and 16th, are Mr. A. Rettich and Mr. J. Netherwood.

I beg to inform you that we have started an ornithological society in this district, the Milnshridge and District O.S., which will meet at the "Armitage Arms," Milnsbridge, Huddersfield, on the 3rd Tuesday in the month.—J. Cuttell, Sec.

From Wakefield comes the schedule of the City of Wakefield O.S. Show, which is to be held on Novemher 12th and 13th. We hope our friends in the West Riding capital will realise to the full the truth of the proverb about the early worm.

Mr. Quantrell, of Market Street, Watford, has consented to take up the secretaryship of the Watford and District C.B.S., as Mr. R. J. Watts, who was elected, regretted that he could not stand, as his medical adviser has ordered him away for the henefit of his health.

Mr. Parker Robinson, one of the judges originally chosen to judge at Leeds Open Show, having, write Messrs. C. R. Stephenson and W. Hornby, the Hon. Secs., expressed a wish to be released, owing to another engagement, the Leeds Society have relieved him of his duties.

At a meeting of the cage bird section of the Reigate F.A., held at Redhill on May 13th, Mr. Cosier read a paper on "The Norwich Canary, its Breeding, Feeding and Exhihiting." It was much enjoyed hy all present, and at the end of the meeting a hearty vote of thanks was given to Mr. Cosier.—A. W. Bacon, Hon. Sec.

We regret to hear that Mr. W. H. Bamsey, the highly-respected Secretary of the Derhy C.B.C., is suffering from a serious internal complaint, and has been ordered by his doctor to avoid all unnecessary work and anxiety. Mr. Bamsey's many friends will, we know, join with us in wishing him a speedy return to good health.

Numbers of young Canaries drop off at about six weeks old with a sort of distemper. They sit huddled up for a day or two and then die. Those who lose them should give Mr. Palmer's Tussiline a trial. It has saved hundreds, and rarely fails if fed according to his instructions. Tussiline is sold in bottles, 7d., 1s., 2s., hy Mr. Palmer, chemist, Gamlingay.—Advt.

Bournemouth C.B.A. First Feather Show will be held on July 10th. From the cluh hook we notice the Association has secured a splendid list of patrons and honorary members. Its membership now totals over 50, and the officers are well-known fanciers. Mr. W. O. Brooke, formerly Hon. Sec. of the L.P.O.S., is chairman, and the secretaries are Messrs. Leech and Jones, 156, Holdenhurst Road, Bournemouth.

Mr. F. Turnber, the well-known British bird enthusiast, asks us to notify his change of address to Princes Golf Club, Sandwich Bay, Kent. He writes:—It is very nice down here close to the sea. There are plenty of Wheatears about close to the house. I have only a few birds at presrnt, but hope to have a few more before the moult. I still have my Cage Birds to keep me in touch with the Fancy. It is like a new life living in the country after London.

A new society has been formed at Sowerby Bridge—the Sowerby Bridge and District Cage Bird Society. Fourteen gentlemen were enrolled as members at the first meeting, and Mr. C. A. Davies was appointed President, Mr. S. H. Jeffreys Hon. Treasurer, and Mr. A. E. Morton Secretary; the annual subscription to he 4s. per member. Will fanciers around this district please help us hy joining? All are cordially invited. The next meeting is to be held on June 10th, at 8 p.m., at the Wharfe Hotel.—A. E. Morton, Sec.

At a recent meeting of the London Cage Bird Association, Mr. Morris made some highly interesting remarks connected with tho hreeding of Canaries. He had found that he got some, in fact, most of his best birds from the smallest hens. The small hirds were the better feeders. Size in hens was more often than not associated with laziness. He advocated crushed hemp for the young birds up to the age of thirteen days, and was a great believer in giving young birds hread and milk. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded tho lecturer after a most interesting paper and discussion.

Mr. Apsley is to judge the Rochdale O.C. First Feather Show on July 8th.

The judges for Ilkeston Show, on December 7th and 9th, are Messrs. C. H. Houlton, R. Rhodes and J. H. Roe.

By an unfortunate printer's error the initials L.C.B.A., were last week appended to the announcement of the First Feather Show of the London and Counties A.C.B., which is to take place on July 13th.

Fanciers around Swansea and district do not appear to he having the best of luck this breeding season, so many young birds dying, writes Mr. W. A. Truscott. For myself, however, I am doing very well so far.

Mr. C. Baker, of Bedminster, desires to thank the many fanciers who have written to him expressing their sympathy with him in the death of his son. He especially thanks the fancier who sent the price of a wreath for the hoy's grave, but who omitted to send his name and address.

From the balance-sheet of the Civil Service F.A. we gather there is a halance in hand of £3 16s. 2½d. The rule hook contains a list of the members, and states the varieties they keep. The Association is open to all employed in the Civil Service. The secretary is Mr. A. Watson, 37, Russell Road, Holloway, London, N.

A very neat and natty little handhook has been issued by the London and Counties Association of Canary Breeders. It contains the rules, show rules, lists of meetings, shows, and other matters of interest to the members. The address of Mr. R. J. Pretty, the Secretary, is 6, Old Burlington Street, London, W.

OBITUARY.

Dr. JACOBSON, of Sleaford.

It is with profound regret that we announce the death of this great lover of birds. Dr. Jacohson had been in failing health for some time, but his death came quite unexpectedly on Sunday last. He was one of the keenest aviarists in the Sleaford district, his extensive aviaries heing stocked with both British and Foreign birds. One of the best-known men, as he was one of the most popular, in Sleaford, Dr. Jacobson will be sorely missed. A genial, warm-hearted fancier, a kind, sympathetic friend of the poor, his death causes a gap hard to fill.

A most interesting programme has been issued by the Greenwich and Deptford C.B.S. It includes lectures and papers on the Norwich and Yorkshire, colour feeding, hreeding results, ramhles, and shows. The headquarters are at "The Two Brewers," Church-street, Greenwich, and the secretary is Mr. G. Hill, 101, Barkworth-road, Bermondsey, S.E.

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Leeds Fanciers, Note.

The Leeds Cage Bird Society intend having a trip to Monk Fryston on Saturday, June 15th, to see the aviaries. Will all members who wish to go communicate with the secretaries? The aviaries are well worth a visit, and it is hoped a good number will send in their names.—C. R. Stephenson and W. Hornby, Hon. Secs.

A Pet Seagull.

Many years ago, writes a correspondent in a contemporary, while watching a heavy sea, a young gull was carried against me by the force of the wind. I held it, and, making it a captive, took it home. In a few days it was quite tame, and would follow me about like a dog. It would fight any cat that came near, and lived for four or five years.

Standards for British Birds.

Is it desirable or necessary for British birds to be judged to a standard? The point that the types of British birds were less fixed and more elastic than the types of Canaries was raised at a recent meeting of hird keepers in London, and one gentleman, a member of the National British Bird and Mule Club, expressed the opinion that it was quite superfluous in his private view for the cluh to have fixed standards. Canaries were bred for, but British birds had to be caught. What do exhihitors think of the argument?

Seen and Slaughtered.

The usual crop of records of rare birds and other living things being seen and promptly shot or destroyed has disfigured the columns of the press this season, as of yore. It reminds one of "Truth's" caustic comments on such edifying records, which that journal thus happily parodied:—

Sir,—I saw a Goldfinch beginning to build on February 25th, and I got her nest and hlew all the eggs on March 2nd.—A. Munky (aged five), the Rectory, Spoilehois.

Sir,—I saw a hig hluebottle in the nursery on March 1st, and after breakfast I caught him and pulled his wings off.—Georgey Porgy (aged four), Quiverful Vicarage.

Sir,—I saw a tabby kitten in our garden on March 5th, and I caught it aud put it down tho well on March 6th.—Johnny Green (aged seven), the Manse, Kilkatkin.

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THE LEADBEATER COCKATOO.

By F.Z.S.

When all has been said for them the Cockatoos, taking them altogether as a race, are not in the highest of good repute as cage pets. Their size, harsh voices, which they can use so distressfully from their human associate point of view, and sometimes treacherous temper, count against them when compared with many of the smaller and more tractable Parrots and Parrakeets. But, as we have often had pointed out, individuals vary greatly in all species, and it is by no means uncommon to discover some of the most delightful pets imaginable belonging to species that are in a general way anything but desirable companions. So much by the way.

The Cockatoos are, as a rule, not very popular as household pets, yet when taken in hand properly and carefully trained are capable of being made into extremely companionable and clever birds.

The Leadbeater, about which I began to write these notes, is quite one of the prettiest and most chastely coloured members of the tribe. He is handsome without being vulgar, having none of the gaudy display of contrasting hues which distinguish his Rose-breasted cousin, nor yet any of the sombreness of the Vasa. It may well be summarised as a delicate combination of tints suggestive of the summer delicacy of strawberries and cream. The general ground colour is white, delicately suffused with rosy pink on the head, neck, breast, and side, deepening to a crimson hue underneath the wings. The head has a long, prominent pointed crest, which it raises and displays very freely, and which is its chief adornment. It has a band of bright red at the base of the crest plumes, succeeded by a band of rich yellow, followed by another band of red, and ending with pure white tips. The beak is a pearl-grey colour, and the legs and feet dark grey.

The sexes are alike in general plumage; but it is pointed out by the late Dr. Greene that the sex of a given bird can always be distinguished by the colour of the irides, which are reddish-brown in the female, and black in the male.

It is a native of South Australia and New South Wales. In captivity it is hardy and vigorous, provided it is protected from draughts and damp, and is not so much addicted to screeching as are many of the Cockatoos, and in being tameable and of an amiable disposition it compares very favourably with the rest. Indeed, Gedney distinctly says that it is the most amiable of the Cockatoo tribe, and further adds that its habit of screeching is due chiefly to nervousness, and is suspended when the bird gets accustomed to its surroundings and learns to know its human associates.

It must be kindly treated, as any harshness or teasing on the part of its owners simply serves to perpetuate the vicious habit which has doubtless been the cause of most writers either giving it a bad character or almost ignoring it. Even such an authority as Dr. Russ, in his handbook, disposes of the Leadbeater in a very few lines.

Its food should consist of a mixture of maize, oats, hemp, dari, wheat, with pieces of plain, dry biscuit, raw carrot, and plenty of green food. All animal foods and milk sops should be avoided. A constant supply of coarse, gritty gravel, and fresh, pure water for drinking purposes must be provided.

Although Cockatoo breeding is scarcely likely to enter into the speculations of any save the most enthusiastic amateurs, it may be interesting to point out that Dr. Greene, in his standard work on Parrots, says that in such an event the adult birds should have insect food such as mealworms and daddy long-legs, but that such food should never be given to a single bird, or it will be a very powerful incentive to feather plucking, when the bird's great natural charm and beauty will quickly be transformed into a vision of misery and wretchedness.

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Altrincham C.B.S.—June 11th, at Central Cafe, 8 p.m. Special meeting; important notice of motion re Open Show business.—T. Harrison, sec.

Ashton-under-Lyne and Dis. O.S.—June 8th, at 16, Old Road, 7.30. First Feather Show and Monthly Table Shows.—H. Foden, sec.

Attercliffe and Dis. C.B.S.—June 13th, at Horse and Jockey Hotel. Novice Table Show of Young Birds; also final arrangements for Nest Feather Show.—W. Richinson, sec.

Bolton Woods C.B.S.—June 8th, at Victoria Hotel, 8 p.m.—E. Shepherd, sec.

Bradford (West) C.B.A.—Jnne 8th, at Red Lion Hotel, 8 p.m. Open First Feather Show.—T. Clegg, sec.

British Roller C.C.—June 11th, at King's Arms Tavern, 128, Bishopsgate Street Without, E.C., 8 p.m. Show cages.—J. W. Norris, hon. sec.

Bury and Dis. C.B.S.—June 11th, at Textile Hall, Bury, 7.30 p.m. Lecture by Mr. O. Stringer, of Seedley, Manchester, on "Colour Feeding"; a good attendance of members and fanciers requested.—F. E. Holden, asst. sec.

City and Suburban A.C.B.—June 10th, at 60, Paddington-st., W., 8 p.m. Lecture by S. H. Trower, Esq., on "Seeds"; visitors heartily welcomed.—V. Wynn, sec.

City of Wakefield O.S.—June 11th, at Victoria Cafe, 8 p.m. Washing exhibition by Mr. J. Netherwood.—Netherwood and Keeley, secs.

Crewe O.S.—June 8th, at Nag's Head, 6.30. Lecture, "Colour Feeding and Moulting Canaries," by J. Pitchford (Stoke-on-Trent); it is hoped all members and friends will kindly attend.—A. Wilkinson, sec.

Dudley and Dis. C.B.S.—June 12th, at Headquarters, 8.30 p.m. Dates of shows.—J. J. Mullett, sec.

East Bowling and Dis. B.F.A.—June 8th, at Barley Mow, Bowling, 7.30 prompt. Prize cards and schedules for yearly Members' Shows.—J. E. Hudson, sec.

Glasgow and W.C. Norwich, Etc., Club.—Members are reminded of ramble to Dalry on June 8th; train leaves St. Enoch's at 2.15 p.m.

Goldthorpe, Thurnscoe and Dis. C.B.S.—June 9th, at Headquarters, 7.30 p.m.—W. Jackson, sec.

Greenwich and Deptford C.B.S.—June 13th, at Two Brewers, 8 o'clock. Schedule Young Stock Show and paper on colour-feeding, by Mr. J. Sandiford.—Geo. Hill, sec.

Gt. Horton O.S.—June 8th, at Butchers' Arms, 8 p.m. Monthly Show.—S. Dean, scc.

Huddersfield O.S.—All members and friends are cordially invited to meet at Wharfe Inn, Firth Street, Sunday, June 9th, at 9 a.m., for ramble; guide, Mr. H. Stead.—S. Lodge, sec.

Lancashire C.A.—June 15th, at Textile Dining Rooms, Shaw Road, Oldham, 7 p.m. Patronage of show, etc.—J. Law, sec.

Larkhall C.B.C.—June 15th, at Miners' Hall, 6 p.m. Reconsideration of rules and Open for new members.—Geo. Kirk, sec.

Leek and Dis. C.B.S.—July 20th at Headquarters, 8. Open Show, etc.—J. Fowler, hon. sec.

Leicester C.B.S.—June 16th. Summer ramble to Pailton, via Lutterworth, leaving Great Central Railway Station at 10.5 a.m.—J. Heighton, scc.

Leigh and Dis. C.B.S.—June 11th, at Railway Hotel, 7.30. Final arrangements for Nest Feather Show.—A. Parks, scc.

Loughborough and Dis. C.B.A.—June 12th, at Charnwood Coffee House, 7.45.—P. J. Simmons, sec.

Liverpool B.B.A.—June 13th, at Oldham Hall, 8 p.m. Questions on any subject.—H. Barratt, sec.

Llanelly and Dis. C.B.S.—June 8th, at Bird-in-Hand, 7.30 p.m. To select date of Annual Open Show.—Sam. Jones, asst. hon. sec.

Macclesfield and Dis. C.B.S.—June 27th, at Daybrook Street School, 8 o'clock. Show business.—F. Broadbent, sec.

Metropolitan A.C.M. and H.B.—June 13th, at Crown Hotel, Lavender Hill, S.W., 8.15 p.m. Lecture by Mr. W. H. Vale, Esq., on Mules and Hybrids; all fanciers heartily welcome.—A. J. Head, sec.

Morpeth and Dis. O.S.—June 14th, at King's Head, 8 p.m.—A. Dippie, sec.

North London C.B.A.—June 12th, at Library Hall, Stoke Newington, 8 p.m. Young Stock Show business and discussion on breeding experiences.—R. P. Harper, sec.

North Manchester C.B.S.—June 11th, at Christ Church Schools, 8 p.m. Entries for First Feather Show.—J. Davey, sec.

Northern Yorkshire C.C.—June 12th, at 65, Grainger Street, Newcastle, 8 p.m. To arrange classes for First Feather Show; receive subscriptions.—T. C. Crawhall, hon. sec.

Oldham and Dis.—Ramble June 8th, to Fish Hatchery, at Wardle; leader, Mr. John Nadin. Meet at Rochdale O.S. Clubroom, Crook Street, at 3 o'clock. Lecture on "The Lancashire Canary," at the Rochdale Clubroom, at 7.30; fanciers and friends heartily welcomed.—A. Ackroyd, sec.

Pelton and Dis. C.B.S.—June 8th, at Fleece Inn, 7 p.m. Election of judge for Nest Feather Show.—L. Hall, sec.

Porth C.B.F.S.—June 8th. Schedule for show.—J. Challenger, sec.

Reading and Dis. C.B.S.—June 5th, at Palmer Hall, 8 p.m. Lecture by Mr. J. North, on "Hybrids"; discuss suggested first annual outing in the shape of a brake drive to "Six Bells," Bramley; all members are urged to attend; 1907 subscriptions due.—G. A. Charles, sec.

Reigate F.A. (C.B. Section).—June 10th at Mutton's Hotel, Redhill, 8.15 p.m. Arrangements for First Feather Show.—A. W. Bacon, hon. scc.

South London C. and F.A.—June 12th at Headquarters, The Royal George, Tanners' Hill, Lewquarters. Young Stock Show of Cage Birds; judge, J. Robson; exhibits to be staged by 7.30 p.m.—G. A. Jefferys, hon. sec.

Southport and Dis. C.B.S.—June 20th, at Thorpe's Rooms, 7.30 p.m. First Feather Show.—E. Riley, hon. sec.

South-West London C.B.S.—June 13th, at Plough Hotel, Clapham Junction, 8.30. Young Bird Show matters and discussion on novice question and Federation scheme.—W. Lilley, sec.

Stoke Newington F.A.—June 11th, at Devonshire Square Church, 8 p.m. Arrange schedule of Y.S. Show.—Geo. Dowden, sec.

Swansea and Dis. C.B.A.—June 13th, at Oxford Coffee Tavern, 7.30. Special business.—Alf. Hitchings, sec.

Wandsworth and Dis. F.S.—June 13th, at Ye Olde Swan, 8 p.m. Judging competition.—W. Summers, sec.

Wigan and Dis. C.B.S.—June 10th, at Adelphi Inn, 8 p.m. Schedules Young Show, etc.—W. Ridge, scc.

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CANARIES.

NORWICH PLAINHEADS.

Answered by J. H. PAYNE.

A Young Fancier.

K.D.F.—I am pleased to hear the eggs have hatched out, and trust you will have the luck to rear the young. But I should advise you to kill the one with the neck twisted, as it can never be of any use. (2) For the hen that is coustipated, give, in the drinking water, twice in one week, a piece of sulphate of soda about the size of a horse bean. Also let her have, two or three times a week, a couple of young dandelion leaves. The glycerine you gave would do her no harm; in fact, it would have a beneficial effect. I must congratulate you upon writing such a sensible letter, and for a lad of 12 years old it does you much credit. You are starting at about the age I did, and I sincerely hope you may be successful in your career in the Fancy.

Not on His Top Note.

No Name.—Give your Norwich cock 15 drops of syrup of tolu and six drops of whisky in his drinking water every other day for three weeks. You may give him the egg food as you are now doing, to which add six drops of Allen and Hanbury's Byno-phosphates. (2) Give your hen, twice in one week, a piece of sulphate of soda about the size of a horse bean, after which let her have, in the drinking water, fresh daily, for a fortnight, ten drops of tincture of quinine.

Moulting Out of Season.

Manty.—Your friend most probably hung the bird in the window, or else had it in a warm kitchen and hung up high above the gas. More birds are driven into cross moult through these two reasons than anything I know of. Keep him in a cosy place, well below the level of the gas, and out of the reach of any draught. Let him have the egg food, as you are doing now, and add to it six drops of Parrish's Chemical Food. Put in the drinking water, for the noise you say he makes, 15 drops of syrup of tolu and six drops of paregoric. Let him have this fresh daily for three weeks, and at night cover him over with a warm cloth. Give, three times a week, a couple of young dandelion leaves, and now and again a spray of watercress.

Mixing Soft Foods.

Novice.—(1) Use both the white and the yolk of the egg when mixing the food for feeding the young with, and also for colour feeding. (2) Put two heaped-up teaspoonfuls of colour food to one egg and equal weight of bread or biscuit, to which add a little sugar, and well mix together.

Concerning Canary Seed.

Sambo.—I should advise you to take the canary seed right away from the bird or birds that crack the seed and drop the kernels, and feed them on a mixture of hemp, German rape, and niga seeds, for eight or ten days. Then return the canary. This cracking of the seed is a habit some birds get into, and a very annoying one it is, too, especially if you have a lot flying together; and sometimes it is a very difficult one to break them of. Taking the seed away, as I have advised, will often have the desired effect. (2) The sample of seed is a very good one, being clean, plump, and well harvested.

Colour Feeding Young Birds.

A. Halliday.—You have done very well in your first attempt at Canary breeding to get five in one nest, and I hope you will have a continuance of fortune's favours. Put your young on colour food when they are six weeks old. You should use two heaped-up teaspoonfuls of the colour food to one egg, and equal weight of bread or biscuit, to which add a little sugar and well mix together. When commencing to colour feed, do not give quite so much colour feed, but work up gradually to the quantity advised. You may feed your next nest just in the same way. Yes, you may give your young, for a time, weak cold tea instead of water; or first boil the water.

Was it the Change of Seed?

Luckless.—Changing the seed would not be the cause of your bird's going into a soft moult. I should rather fancy you have had them in a draughty place, or perhaps kept them in an overheated room. If you can change them to another room, do so, and this may have the effect of checking it. Still continue the medicinal treatment, and cover them over at night with a warm cloth.

Troubled with Nesting Diarrhœa.

New Reader.—I am unable to account for your hens having nesting diarrhœa when the young were a fortnight old. But I am inclined to think the wretched weather has been the cause of so many going wrong this way. You say you use soaked rape seed. If you merely soak it in cold water, this it not the correct way to prepare it. You should pour boiling water over it and let it stand until cold. Then put it in a strainer, and let the tap water run over it for a little while. This will take away the rankness and acidity. You may give the hens a little egg food whilst they are incubating their next nests, also a pinch of maw seed every other day. Do you use plenty of hemp seed when your birds have young? If not, do so; let them have as much as they will eat.

YORKSHIRES.

Answered by H. W. BATTYE.

Treatment Successful.

H.A.P.—Glad to know your bird has so greatly improved under treatment; continue same according to your own judgment until milder weather comes, when probably your bird will be all right. Once or twice a week you might put a few drops of tincture of gentian in its drinking water. Gas is harmful, and is often the cause of birds throwing feathers, or being in what is known as the loose moult, all the year round.

Damaged Wing.

E.W.S.—Probably your youngster, which seems to have broken one wing, has had a severe knock. I should advise keeping it as quiet as possible for a week or so, when you may very likely see a great improvement. I have known birds recover and show very little signs of the accident, while others never after are able to pick the wing up properly. You can only do as above, and wait to see how it turns out later. (2) Why, in the name of common sense, will people buy birds that are in the state you say this bird is in! I don't think it will ever be worth anything to either you or any one else. You say it is three years old, has just got over a long moult, has hard swellings round vent, is not singing—in fact, is just about everything it ought not to be. If it was mine I would either kill it or give it away.

Colour Feeding, etc.

Rags.—(1) A good mixture with which to feed for colour is made up as follows:—One part hot Natal pepper to five of pimento, or tasteless pepper; add 1 oz. of oil to each pound of the pepper; various kinds of oil are used. Many use olive oil, which is perhaps the best; get what is known in the trade as sublime olive oil. Squeeze all lumps out of the tasteless, and then mix the peppers together; add the oil gradually, mixing as evenly as possible. (2) Your Yorkshire hen sits her eggs for four days, then stays off the nest on the fifth night, looks as though she had been disturbed, and I don't think the eggs will hatch out if, as you give me to understand, the hen was off the whole of the night.

Young Birds Dying.

Battye.—You say you have lost several young ones at about seven weeks old, yet you don't say a word as to how you have been feeding them; that being so, makes it very difficult for anyone to advise you; but at that age they should have got on hard seed, when they are not as liable to inflammation of the bowels as when on soft food. The medicine you mention is a capital remedy, but a little too slow in its action, as this complaint is not very long in either ending or mending. When a bird is from six to seven weeks old, it should not be eating any soft food. I consider this just the breathing space, as we may call it, between breaking off from egg food and being put on colour food. Milk sop is all right in its place, but not as a regular food for young birds, and is not necessary at from six to eight weks old, unless the bird it ailing. The quickest way to relieve in a case of inflammation of the bowels is to lightly touch the belly of the bird with turpentine, as often recommended in CAGE BIRDS.

Lump on Neck.

E. A. Wilder.—You say your friend's bird has formed a lump at the back of its neck, but you do not mention whether the lump is a solid one or not. If hard and solid, I would recommend painting it every day with tincture of iodine until it wears away; but if it is soft and seems full of water, I should lance it, squeeze out whatever it contains, wipe dry, and then anoint with lanoline or Zam Buk. As to its shoulders being raw, I fancy the bird is infested with red-mite, which will cause it to be continually pecking itself. Give it a good dredging with insect powder. Let it have a clean new cage, or scald the old one in boiling water, and then paint all the crevices with paraffin. If you don't think the bird is troubled with insects, try putting a thin white cloth over the cage at night, and some time after, before retiring, take a light and examine the cloth, when I think you may be convinced. The feeding seems all right.

Cause of Death.

Newport.—Your Yorkshire cock no doubt had broken a blood vessel, probably from some over excitement, and the hard work of feeding four big young ones will not have done him much good, as, when a cock is a real good feeder, he is quite different from a hen. The latter seems to know what is sufficient and when to give up, and will refuse to give more, while a cock that takes to feeding seems proud of his work, and will keep on feeding as long as there is a young one to open its mouth. Whilst I am fully alive to the usefulness of a good feeding cock at times, I very seldom allow my stock cocks to feed young ones. (2) Yes, I have very little doubt about your hen rearing the second nest by herself; my hens do, and last season I lost a cock suddenly on the day the hen laid her third egg; she laid a fourth, and hatched and reared four young ones.

Trouble with the Young.

Mrs. McVey.—In answer to the question of separating the healthy bird from the two that seem huddled up, by all means do so at once, and put the two into a clean cage and sprinkle the bottom of the cage with sand. For a week clear away all droppings three or four times a day, and sprinkle fresh sand over the place each time. Give fresh each morning, to the ailing birds, a little milk sop made from boiling milk and either a little stale bread or good biscuit; let it soak, then press out as much milk as you can. Well mix with the sop six drops of syrup of buckthorn and a little finely-powdered sugar, then sprinkle a pinch of maw seed over the lot. Let this, in addition to white canary seed, be its only food for three days, and then, for one week, substitute six drops of Parrish's Chemical Food for the syrup of buckthorn in the milk sop. Give what you find sufficient to last the day, clear away any remaining uneaten at night, and give fresh each morning. The blister you say the bird develops that has been badly plucked about the face and breast, will most likely have been brought on by getting some foreign or poisonous matter into the skin at the time it was plucked, and should advise you to again lance the blister and clean it well by washing in luke-warm water, in which you have dissolved a little permanganate of potash. Wipe thoroughly dry, and then anoint with pure lard, for three days, and afterwards just a daub of zinc ointment daily till well. Yes, water should be given to young birds when they are taken away from their parents; as a rule they do not drink much whilst on soft food, but to deprive them of the opportunity is, in my opinion, both unnecessary and cruel.

CRESTS AND CRESTBREDS.

Answered by W. E. GREEVES.

Crested Hen Breathing Heavily.

F. Pearse.—From the description you give of your Crested hen, I cannot think there is much the matter with it. The absence of noise when breathing is a sufficient guide that there is no lung trouble. When you say that it rolls at times, I conclude that you mean this happens when the bird is asleep. If so, I may tell you that this is no symptom of sickness, and is what many birds do when asleep. If it appears all right during the day, and is not wheezy, nor sits thick or mopy, you may be satisfied there is nothing seriously the matter. Your feeding is quite correct, but discontinue the dandelion juice. You might mix with the egg food a few drops of Parrish's Chemical Food, and to the water add 6 drops of whiskey for a few days. Should it develop any signs of sickness, write again and give every particular.

CINNAMONS.

Answered by J. NORTH

Which is the Better Match?

Brasso.—If your clear yellow cock, which you contemplate pairing with a Cinnamon hen, is not a Cinnamon nor Cinnamon-bred, you would not get any Cinnamon offspring from him, even when paired to a Cinnamon hen, but if you run such a hen with the heavily variegated cock that is bred from a Cinnamon ben and yellow cock, you may get some Cinnamon-coloured youngsters, most likely all of which would be hens and the young cocks green. Everything, however, depends on pedigree, and your special requirements about which I know next to nothing. If you want to breed Cinnamons this is not the way to do it; you must have more of this colour showing itself on the male side to be successful.

One Nest One Egg Hen.

Novice.—It is difficult to find a reason why your hen should be so reluctant to nest and lay. You do not say that she is a young hen, and so it seems possible she has shown her barrenness in past seasons, but if you knew her to be a young bird, there is time yet for her to mend her ways. Give her a teaspoonful of egg food every day, on which you have let fall three or four drops of Parrish's Chemical Food, a leaf or two of dandelion, watercress, or lettuce should also be given. She should be kept in a breeding cage provided with a sliding compartment of wire, so that the cock may see her without being able to molest her, or they may for a time be kept in separate cages, but placed close together—that is, until the hen shows signs of wanting to build.

ROLLERS.

Answered by "SCHOOLMASTER."

Fixing Marking Rings.

Sam Clark.—It is not difficult to fix on marking rings, provided one has not clumsy fingers. Only clumsy folk break toes and the like. They should be put on when the youngsters are about seven or eight days old. Hold the young birds so that their legs come among one's fingers. Smear just a little vaseline (butter, or even soap, will do at a pinch), over the leg which is to hold the ring, also the toes. Then hold the three front toes together, and pass the ring up over them. Let the back toe go back towards the shank of the leg, and take the ring up the leg over it. Then release the hind toe, and the ring will be found to keep in its place. It is but seldom they slip off again. Thus you will see closed rings are not difficult to put on, providing the birds are not left until too old. Wipe off the vaseline, etc., afterwards, of course. A nestful can be rung in a very few minutes. Rings which open are the more easily fixed, naturally.

Loss of Voice.

No Name.—Your bird must be thoroughly run down to have lost its voice for so long. You must keep it in a box cage, in a nice warm corner, free from draughts, and throw a cover over the cage at night if it seems necessary. Put a bit of mutton suet between the wires for the bird to peck at, changing it frequently. Give the bird, every day, a teaspoonful of prepared egg-bread (or any good ready-made Canary bread advertised in our columns), made just moist with milk, and well sprinkled with maw seed. Mind it never goes sour; make it freshly often. Let it have a good half-teaspoonful of linseed to eat daily. To put in the drinking water, it is hard to beat glycerine and honey, two tablespoonfuls of the former well mixed with three of the latter. Of this, a small teaspoonful should be well stirred in two tablespoonfuls of drinking water. If this proves ineffective, you might give a trial to the solution of tar mentioned in the correspondence columns last week.

MISCELLANEOUS CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by "OLD JUDGE."

Hens Dying.

A. Williams.—It is really quite impossible for me to help you, much as I should like to. When birds die suddenly in the manner which yours seem to have done, it is impossible to state the cause of death except by post mortem. Had you sent one or both of the dead bodies to Mr. North, with the needful fee, he would have been able to give you the help which I am prevented giving.

Are They a Pair?

H.T.—There is not the slightest doubt that you have paired two hens. The fact of there being eight eggs and both birds sitting is full proof. The only thing you can do is to secure at once a couple of cocks, and mate them to your hens. That is, if you are anxious to breed this season. It is very annoying and vexatious to think your season should have been spoilt in this manner. I am sorry for you.

Testing Eggs.

A. R. Parry.—Yes, you may test your eggs at the end of a week. It is best to do it at night. Take each egg and hold it lengthways between the forefinger and thumb in front of a candle, and you will at once see if the egg is fertile or not. If clear you will see the light streaming through, but if they are good they will be dark or opaque in appearance. Handle the eggs very carefully, or you may easily injure the delicate membranes in them, and thus prevent their being hatched.

Ventilating Bird Room.

Birdroom.—The fresh air should be admitted by ventilators fixed near the floor of the building, say about 6 in. up the walls, and the foul air could be carried away by an exhaust ventilator in the top of the roof. If impossible to fix a ventilator in the roof, you might fix some in the side walls as near the roof as possible; cover the openings with perforated zinc, and affix a sliding board to them, so that you may vary the inlet and outlet as necessity demands. If you are afraid of draught you can prevent it by fixing a sloping board so that the air on entering the room is thrown upwards, and not allowed to come straight on to the cages.

Quaker Oats.

Would Quaker Oats, boiled 30 minutes and mixed with condensed milk and brown sugar, be beneficial or harmful to Norwich Canaries breeding in outdoor aviary? Having put a plateful in the garden I was surprised to see how quick the Starlings and Sparrows devoured it. I then put some on the floor in the aviary, and the Canaries seemed to like it very much, and even the young in the nursery cages seemed to enjoy it; but, as it contains a quantity of starchy matter, I would not continue it until I had your opinion, which is always satisfactory to those in doubt.—THOMAS MINTER.

Thomas Minter.—Given in moderation, the feeding on Quaker Oats and milk in the manner you describe could be nothing but beneficial to the birds so fed. Quaker, or any of the other rolled oats, are not so heating in their effects on the blood of birds and animals fed upon them as the old-fashioned ground oatmeal. In conjunction with milk, rolled oats are almost an ideal farinaceous food. I should, however, prefer to use ordinary cow's milk, and cook both milk and oats together in an earthenware jar or stock pot. To get the full benefit of the oats and milk they should be cooked in a slow oven for about two hours, and not over a quick fire. I have used rolled oats in this manner many times for various animals and birds, especially in the winter time. I have, however, used Provost Oats; they are both grown and rolled in Scotland, and thus are all British, beside which no land in the world can grow oats like the south of Scotland. Scottish oats are far richer in feeding properties than those grown on any other soil.

Young Canaries Dying.

My young Canaries live for about nine days; they come on all right with flesh but without even one feather; the parents seem to feed them grand, but they all die. I give them egg and Osborne biscuits.—G.D.O.

G.D.O.—It is difficult to say why your birds have not feathered or lived. They should have been strong and vigorous, seeing that they were the result of a distinct cross between two different varieties. You say you have given them egg and biscuit, but you say nothing about other food. I presume, however, you have given them canary seed and green food. You also say nothing about the conditions under which they are kept. If in a room by themselves, or in a living room. Does the cock feed well? Does the hen sit close and sweat the young? I am inclined to think this is the most probable cause, and should advise you to remove the cock bird the next time the hen goes to nest. This will make her come off more frequently, and give the youngsters time to cool down. You might write me again giving fuller particulars as to food and where the birds are kept, when I shall be pleased to give you further advice.

Hen Swollen Behind.

I have a hen ill, all swollen and inflamed underneath. I resorted to remedies for egg-binding, but with no results. She was in the kitchen with a gas-stove. I have moved her out into a lobby where there is no artificial heat. I have been feeding her on milk sop. Yesterday I found her all stopped up with a yellow crustation, so steamed and oiled her with warm oil, but no egg came. She is still swollen towards the vent and a little inflamed, but the swelling does not seem like an egg.—G. WALLACE.

G. Wallace.—I am afraid that in moving your sick bird from a warm kitchen to a cold lobby you made matters far worse, especially during such variable weather as we have of late experienced. You should keep her in a nice warm room and out of sight and sound of the cock. Continue the milk sop and cover it with six drops of syrup of buckthorn for a week. Mix in the drinking water a little Parrish's Chemical Food, just enough to make the water a rich pink colour. The fact that the first nest of young did not hatch, and that the hen went wrong directly you put her with the cock for the second nest, indicates that she is not of a strong constitution. In place of the ordinary seed let her have some soaked or scalded German summer rape seed. Avoid all green food for a time. Give her some cuttlefish bone to peck at, and let her have access to good gritty sand at all times.

Troublesome Hens.

(1) Hen bred in April and hatched three; laid again, two eggs, and got egg-bound; with third seemed very bad. She has now laid two eggs, though alone. Shall I put her back to the cock? (2) I got a hen six weeks ago, in poor condition. She has picked up a bit, but eats and drinks very little. How will I best get her into breeding condition? She won't wash, either.—IRISH TYRO.

Irish Tyro.—(1) You ought to have taken the hen away out of sound, as well as sight, of the cock. The eggs certainly will not be fertile. If she is not strong it is a mistake to mate her, she cannot possibly rear healthy youngsters. If there is nothing wrong with her except the weakness caused by the egg-binding, and from which she should now have recovered, you may remate her. (2) It is very late to think about getting a hen into breeding condition, and from what you say with regard to this hen, I should most certainly advise you not to attempt breeding with her this season. If you do make the attempt you will only be courting disappointment.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. Weston.

Handrearing Bullfinches.

Miss A. F.—I have given this information many times lately, and am really unable to keep on repeating. In our issue of May 18th last very full details are to be found; and the subject is touched on in practically every issue since. Briefly, the process is to use two crushed Osborne biscuits well mixed into the yolk and half the white of a hard-boiled new-laid egg, beaten up finely, moistening the necessary portion to a creamy consistency when about to feed, with a little new milk. The latter may be boiled milk allowed to get cold, if you like; or just plain water can be used, though I strongly favour the milk. You can give a drop of water occasionally after feeding, but I have never found it necessary, though it is true I adopt this practice when hand-rearing large birds. Never give too much at a time, and feed, roughly speaking, about every two hours. Keep the nestlings cosy and scrupulously clean, and in a warm spot. Mix a pinch of fine, but gritty sand with their food now and again, or crushed cuttlefish bone will answer the same purpose. As the nestlings grow add a proportion of soaked and sprouting rape seed to the food; a few ants' eggs (freed from all rubbish) are also good. A few mealworms cut into pieces should also be dipped into milk and popped into the nestlings' mouths frequently; likewise any small house flies, smooth caterpillars and the like which you can capture.

Weaning Young Chaffinches.

Chaffinch.—It is safe to say that it is never a difficult matter to wean young Finches of any species on to a seed diet once they commence to pick for themselves. One needs to be careful, however, not to take them entirely away from their parents until they cease to "cry" to be fed. When hand-feeding, of course, you look upon yourself as a "foster-parent." You will at this period supply soaked German rape seed, which is just bursting (commencing to germinate), maw, lightly cracked canary and hemp seeds, hulled and broken up sunflower seed kernels, and seeding chickweed, shepherd's purse, and groundsel tops. Most of them will pick up ants' eggs with relish, especially if given liberally as an ingredient in a good insectivorous food. It is much better to offer them the latter moistened with milk (or water) rather than to keep on with the egg food. I believe in dropping the latter as early as is convenient, but not in dropping soft food altogether. To do so is a huge mistake. It is a most excellent plan to keep them with a liking for a feed of soft food; an occasional change on to it is an invaluable help to keeping all British Finches, especially useful during that trying period, the moult. It is surprising, too, how many Finches (I refer to adult-caught birds, now) can be induced to eat it—and ants' eggs alone, too—when milk is used as a moistening agent. British bird keepers should give the "tip" a trial for themselves. Of course, the trouble is that it must never be allowed to get tainted and sour; but that is far from impossible to compass. By the way, another sound tip is to let a motherly old hen Canary (or any other docile old bird) be in the flight cage into which the young Finches are turned; she will show them the way about. It is a mistake to turn them into an aviary, they then are apt to get exceeding wild.

Concerning Greypates.

Green 'Un.—(1) The kind of cage most suited for caging newly-caught Greypates in is a long, low one, wired in front only, and with the top made of strong canvas, if possible—very like, in fact, a catcher's store cage. Both seed and water should be placed inside the cage, and on a level with the perches—right under their noses, so to speak. If you have a hen Canary you can pop in amongst them, so much the better; she will show them the ins and out of things. A steady hen Goldfinch will often answer the same purpose well, but many of them I found inclined to "chivy" the young Goldies about. Put the seeds in hoppers running from front to back of cage (inside), at each end. You can hang a water tin outside after a time, when the birds have settled down, and they will readily follow the lead of the old bird and drink out of it. (2) If Greypates will eat a little egg food (made weak) or a high-grade insectivorous mixture, or even ants' eggs alone, I am strongly in favour of giving it them during the moult—old Goldfinches, too. Read reply to "Chaffinch" this week. (3) As I have frequently said, distinguishing the sex of Greypates is a tough job for a beginner to undertake. The colour of the wing-butt (shoulder) of an undoubted cock is often not a dense black. Quite one of the best guides, in my own opinion, is the look of the head when viewed in profile. The cock looks distinctly longer and flatter from bill tip to back of crown, the hen being shorter and more marble-shaped on the crown. This needs, of course, experience to determine. If you can get a long ("snaky," as they are termed) headed bird, with dense black shoulders, and a tinge of yellow showing on the breast feathers, you can bet on it as a sure cock. In London a very sure sign is the price; the 1/6 cocks outside the bird shops are hens, the 2/6 cocks are what they purport to be. A cock Grey is worth a certain figure, and no dealer sells them for less. The moral should be obvious. (4) You must excuse me answering this question—I am too modest.

Rearing Some Unknowns.

A. Legg.—The nests you found in the holes of a hedge-bank are those of the Redstart. Your description of the plumage of the old birds fits this species exactly (the males, that is)—viz., breast red, tail reddish at root, top of head black, with white streak right above beak and eyes, something like a Robin in build. Adult specimens make excellent show birds, providing, of course, they are extra good ones. The youngsters are not very difficult to hand-rear, providing you have the time and knowledge essential to the proper carrying out of the task. Take them when about ten days old, and feed on the lines advised "Miss A. F." this week, with egg and biscuit moistened with milk. Add, however, a good teaspoonful of best quality ants' eggs (freed from all rubbish) to the food, gradually increasing the quantity to a dessertspoonful. Don't give seed, of course, this species being insectivorous; but don't omit the occasional pinch of crushed cuttlefish, and also the mealworms, flies, caterpillars, etc. I question whether the old birds would rear them if you put them in a cage near the nesting site. In such a situation you would be likely to lose them through prowling vermin—and other prowlers, too, probably. Besides, the young would not be delightfully tame, as they would be if you hand-fed them in the usual way. Redstarts are shown in the class for insectivorous birds; among the small species if there is more than one class, among the migratory species if the classes are further sub-divided.

Bullfinches in an Aviary.

Osborne.—If you will read the rules you will find it clearly stated that queries for different specialists must be written on separate sheets of paper. Part of your letter relating to foreign birds has gone to our Mr. Page, and so I am unable to tell how large your aviary is, which handicaps me in answering. A pair of Bullfinches will certainly nest in an aviary, and then may generally be depended on to rear the young—though not always. You are feeding them but poorly; Bullies should have a feed of sunflower seed daily, and a proportion of summer rape should be present in the stock seed mixture. The green food should consist of dandelion, shepherd's purse, chickweed, and groundsel, both young leaves and seeding heads, also seeding grass; it is needed liberally when young are about. Unless the aviary is a real big one, you will be well advised to leave the couple in undisputed possession of it. When birds have had a place to themselves, they are apt to resent the introduction of others, especially when engaged in domestic duties. Try the nest-box shown in this week's "Illustrated Ideas" column. It is very like one I recommend and have found most useful—though more especially in cages. If you decide to put other birds in along with them, you could try a pair of Linnets and Redpolls with safety; probably a pair of Goldfinches. But, of course, I don't know the size of the place.

Piping Bullfinches; and a Mule.

Anxious to Know.—I thought you would find the Mule to be a Linnet-Canary. I should say the faulty song is due to his upbringing—i.e., he has never had a chance to learn a good, connected melody. You want to get a really good singing Linnet, or another Mule, or even a Canary, and let your own bird have a few months' tuition under the same, after which you will find its song very much improved. A good ordinary cock Bullfinch can be bought from 2s. upwards (fresh-caught) during the season. A piping Bullfinch (that is, trained to pipe, or whistle some tunes) will cost you anything from 30s. to £5—in fact, you cannot hope to get a good piper under 50s. to 60s. Of course, all Bullfinches have a "pipe" (natural song—if it is worthy the name "song"). Old Bullfinches cannot be taught to pipe tunes. Young Bullfinches have to be taken from the nest when six or seven days old, and hand-reared. From the time they commence to pick about for themselves, the melody it is desired they should learn has to be played over to them on a bird-organ or flute. The lessons should be given while the bird is in darkness or semi-darkness (cage covered with a wrapper.) They need to be constantly repeated the whole of the day, and a bird's education takes many weeks to complete. If you have plenty of time on your hands, and an inexhaustible fund of patience, you might produce a good piper. But you must remember that every nestling Bullie does not become proficient; the percentage of perfect pipers, in fact, is very small indeed, so that you would need to start with a dozen or two pupils. The production of piping Bullfinches is a standing industry in Germany, keeping those engaged in it constantly employed while the season is on.

A Mixed Quartette.

Harry.—If the Goldfinch roosts on the cage front, he might be cured by your getting one of those short patent perches which lock between the wires, pushing it in the cage at the spot where he clings to the wires and gently compelling him to go down on to it. Many Goldies like to roost at the highest point they can get up to in a cage. If, however, he has the wretched habit of running about over the wires during the day, fraying his tail, etc., the case is not so easy—unless the bird is a newly-caged one, when steadiness in the future may put an end to the trouble. You could try keeping him in a cage extra deep from front to back and not very high—two perches on a level, on the lines of the Finch Stock Cage illustrated and described in the 1906 Annual. Sometimes one is successful in breaking a bird of the habit by fitting a piece of glass over the upper part of the wire front, inside. Smooth off any sharp edges with very fine glass or emery paper. (2) There is no reason at all for you to think that your dandelion seed is no good simply because you did not collect it in the manner mentioned by me last week. The sample sent is good enough. I prefer myself, though, to let it ripen under natural conditions, as far as is possible, before I gather it. (3) You have nothing to grumble at, so far as I can see; it is an honour for a Redpoll to get second in a mixed class among other good birds. The judges naturally favour species such as the Siskin (all things being equal). The latter, having greater variety of marking, is more difficult to get in perfection than a Redpoll. Still, a judge who knows his business would never put a good Redpoll behind a moderate Siskin. (4) Some Redpolls are colour-fed, but pepper-feeding does not improve a Redpoll which is naturally rich in colour—is unnecessary, in fact. The leading Lesser Redpoll at the last Crystal Palace Show was not colour-fed, in my opinion. Redpolls will usually eat egg food, especially if run with a ben Canary (or other bird) which likes it; then the colour-feeding becomes easy. See also other replies last week.

Linnet with Damaged Leg.

Most Anxious.—If the fracture was in the lower part of the leg, it ought to have been easy to put on splints (made of a split quill, or toothpick). However, you can do nothing now, except wait and hope for the best. The leg may quite likely come all right. I have known many birds (even so large and restless as a Hawfinch) recover the perfect use of a broken leg which went unattended. The fracture will be thoroughly set when you read this reply (if you see him using the limb on a perch, as you say he has shown signs of doing), and you could gently catch him and massage the foot with Zam Buk ointment. The panting, I think, is merely incidental to his accident, and will cease when the bird is once again able to use its leg. Make it as easy as possible for the Linnet to get at food and water, etc., for a time. Your box cage, 12 by 12 by 9 inches, reads like an excellent cage to keep a Linnet in. As a permanent house it would be better were the length 16 inches. You ought to be able to purchase a steady, house moulted Linnet, in full song (and a good bird), for 7s. 6d. or 10s.

Concentrated Wisdom.

Shepherd's Purse (F.L.H., T.M., B.W.).—Have posted you a sample of shepherd's purse in the stamped addressed envelope enclosed.

Goldfinch Not Singing (Sambo).—You have not really had the Goldfinch very long yet (since March), and he may not be quite steady enough yet to indulge in singing. You bought it at the wrong end of the year, so this may well be the case. In the majority of cases it is not wise to buy birds which are caught on the verge of the breeding season. They are usually very wild, as you say yours was. If it has a good big blaze, extending backwards to the far edge of the eye, you can reckon it a safe cock.

Goldfinch and Linnet Mules (H.A.).—You will find hints in getting young Finches (and Finch Mules, of course, can be included) on to seed in the reply given "Chaffinch" this week, to which I must refer you. Maw seed should be freely offered; it is one of the first seeds young Mules and Hybrids pick up, and is very good for them. Ripe seeding shepherd's purse is also excellent. Sunflower seed is always good for Mules; it affords them exercise and occupation in the cracking, and so tends to obviate the feather "biting" they are prone to treat one another to.

Linnet Ailing (H.R.B.).—Your Linnet is bound to take time before he thoroughly recovers and gets on song. Give him plenty of maw seed to eat. Colour some warm water with Cuddy's Fluid to about the depth of light port wine, and bathe his eyes twice daily with this. Don't wet him unnecessarily. A piece of lint soaked in the fluid and laid gently on the eyes will be all-sufficient.

Indoor Aviary (Beginner).—You say your indoor aviary is 3 ft. long and 3 ft. high. But I cannot tell you how many birds it will hold from that; what I want to know is the width. The height matters but little; it is the floor space which determines the holding capacity. If it is 2 ft. wide it will hold six or seven small Finches comfortably; if 3 ft. wide two or three more. Feed as I advise all aviarists; see reply to "H. C. Anxious" in our issue of May 25th last. If you succeed in breeding either Bullfinches and Tree Sparrows, or Snow, Cirl, and Reed Buntings in cages, you will be very fortunate. None of the others you mention is easy, either.

Hand-rearing Missel Thrushes (K.D.F.).—You will not find Missel Thrushes hard to rear. Yes, adopt the method I advocate for Blackbirds, etc. Whether it is "worth while," you must decide for yourself. A really good specimen makes a good show bird; it makes a good pet, too; at least, I like them personally, they are so knowing, bold, and fearless. As songsters they cannot compare with either Song Thrush or Blackbird. They need a very large house cage, plenty of water for bathing, and to be cleaned out frequently.

Hand-rearing Jays (J.A.Y.).—I must confess I have not tried putting a nest of young Jays in a cage, and leaving them to be fed by their parents. Nor do I know anyone else who has tried it, and I don't remember reading of it being attempted. The method has been successfully adopted with some species, but there are always many things likely to render it abortive. Jays are very easy indeed to hand-rear, and if you follow the advice given an enquirer on Jackdaws this week you should certainly be successful.

Weeds and Herbs (Cissy).—You will find the Rev. C. A. John's book entitled, "Flowers of the Field," a very good one. A new and beautifully illustrated edition has been recently published by Routledge, price 7/6 net. Cassells also publish a useful little illustrated work on the subject, price 1/6 net. Both can be sent you from this office on receipt of price and postage.

Thistle Seed (M.G.M.).—I have looked up the scientific name of the thistle on the seeds of which Goldfinches, etc., mostly feed. It is known as *Onopordum acanthium*. Its English name is the Scotch Thistle (which sounds rather Irish, does it not?) But several other thistles bear seeds which are excellent for birds, such as the very common Marsh Plume Thistle, which grows very tall, on waste land and on the borders of fields, and carries bunches of small-sized seeding heads.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by Wesley T. Page, F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S.

Foreign Birds for Cages, etc.

(1) How many seed eaters can I keep in an outdoor aviary 3 ft. long and high and 2 ft. wide? What is their diet and treatment? (2) I have a pair of Budgerigars in a box cage, 4 by 1½ by 2 ft. What other Foreign birds could I put with them? The birds are not required for breeding purposes. —T.C.

T.C.—(1) For whatever purpose you keep birds it is always the wisest course not to overcrowd. In your case you can keep six birds the size of a Canary or twelve small Waxbills or Finches of a similar size. Canary, millet, and spray millet, green food, cuttlefish, and water for bathing and drinking. Choose from the following:—Gouldian and Alario Finches, Grey-necked Serin, Ruficauda and Pectoral Finches, Grey, Orange-cheek, and Golden-breasted Waxbills, Common and Green Avadavats. (2) It is unsafe even in an aviary to keep Budgerigars with Finches, and I cannot advise such procedure; also I presume ultimately the Budgerigars will breed whether you wish it or not. Hang up four husks, and you could keep in the cage two pairs of either Budgerigars or something similar, either of the following combinations would answer your purpose: (1) Green and Yellow Budgerigars. (2) Budgerigars and Madagascar Lovebird. (3) Budgerigars and Blue-winged Lovebirds. The following diet would answer for either combination: Canary, millet, and spray millet, green food (grass in flower, lettuce, etc.), cuttlefish, grit, and water ad lib. Supply crushed egg shells if there are any signs of nesting. For all the birds named both answers no artificial heat is necessary, but the birds must have a light and airy position, yet must not be in a draught or they will soon "shuffle off."

Voices of Stanley Parrakeets.

Are they nice cage pets kept singly, and are they readily tamed, and possessed of pleasant voices? Are they smaller than Rosellas? What should be the thickness of perches for Parrakeets of the Rosella type?—F.C.D.

F.C.D.—I have never kept this species till just recently; they have been too scarce. Those I have seen at the Zoo and elsewhere, while beautiful birds, gave me the impression of being dull and uninteresting, but this was possibly owing to their being lost in a crowd as it were, combined with small cages in which they were confined. They are not noisy for Parrakeets, neither are their voices unmusical. They are a little smaller than Rosellas. For perches for all my birds I usually use branches. Where it is not convenient to put in a branch I use a piece of one to fit across the cage, and in this instance I should chose one tapering from about ¾ to 1 in. For Rosellas, if compelled to use ordinary perches, should choose one about 1 in. in diameter or a little thinner.

Cutthroats.

How long do Cutthroats incubate their eggs? From details given do you think I shall succeed in rearing any?—D.B.V.

D.B.V.—Thirteen to fourteen days is the usual period, so by the time you see this reply you should have a brood of young birds, that is, if the eggs are going to hatch. Cutthroats are as likely as any birds to breed in a cage, and have done so in a cage of the size you name; but kept under such conditions, unless they receive the closest attention, are very liable to become infested with insects, and their nest box must be watched for these pests. Though a Blossom-head is a most unsafe companion even for other Parrakeets, I do not think it will interfere with the Cutthroats, as the three birds, I take it, have a room to themselves. Hang up some of the Hartz travelling cages; they should be scalded first, the fittings removed, and two of the sticks cut away that the birds can have ingress and egress, also a closed box or two, with a round, or, better, oval hole (1 by 1½ in.) for entrance. Supply them with a little hay and long grass, and all should go well. I have had numbers of these birds hatched and successfully reared in my aviary, and they almost invariably fed almost exclusively on ants' eggs alone, though their parents satisfied their own hunger with the usual seed diet. An abundance of green food should be supplied at this season, lettuce, grass in flower, and any non-poisonous weeds you can procure. Note: Cutthroats after playing at nesting all the summer will often bring off a couple of broods during October, November, and December, successfully rearing them too, even out of doors.

Gouldian Finch and Canary.

L. A. Foot.—I should have said in my previous reply to you that while not impossible, success is not very probable, for one thing the Gouldian is a late breeder; at the same time I consider there is a chance of success, as the few Canaries I keep I find quite as eager after grass in the ear as the Gouldians, and they take very much the same diet in other respects.

Will Cockatoo Talk?

I have a young Cockatoo, about a year old. It is very tame and affectionate. Is it likely to talk?—COCKATOO.

Cockatoo.—Most species of Cockatoos speak a few words at any rate, and very distinctly. Yours should do so, if you keep it where it will hear plenty of conversation, also try the constant repetition of such words and phrases as you wish it to learn (see reply to another querist in this issue on teaching Parrot to talk). I should commence to train it at once, and with patience it should in a few weeks commence to utter a word or two.

What Birds?

A friend has bought a pair of little birds of the Finch tribe. Can you name them for me from the following description? Upper parts, fawn; beaks, eyes, and ear patches of male, port wine colour; breast a lovely blue; the hen has not the port wine ear patches of the male. What is their food and treatment?—CONSTANT ENQUIRER.

Constant Enquirer.—Your friend has a pair of Cordon Bleus, very beautiful and freely imported birds, but also very delicate on arrival, and consequently there are many losses among these exquisite little birds before they become acclimatised. Canary, millet, and spray millet, green food, cuttlefish, grit, and water ad lib, both for bathing and drinking. If your friend caught some live ants' eggs, or rather cocoons, and green fly from rose or fruit trees, or small spiders, it will greatly help in getting them over the hardships of importation. They must be kept out of draught, yet in some well ventilated position. They are not free breeders under any conditions, but there are one or two instances on record of their having reared young in a cage. For there to be any probability of success it should be roomy, and of the box type.

Ceram Lories.

Please describe these birds and give treatment. Are they worth while keeping?—J.E.M.

J.E.M.—I did not recognise the species by this name, as I have never noticed it before, but getting a description from a friend of their colouring it was easy to recognise them as the Chattering Lory (*Lorius garrulus*). The general colour of the plumage of this fine bird is a refulgent crimson, wings and thighs green; shoulders, yellow; beak, orange colour. This species should have for its principal diet milk sop, prepared so: Crush a plain biscuit, Osborne for preference, add a good teaspoonful of sugar, and half a teacupful of milk, boil the whole up together, and give to the bird when cold; so prepared it will keep fresh for 24 hours in the hottest weather. Do not use bread in making this sop, it is not so wholesome for the bird as the method given above. In addition, let it have as much ripe fruit as it will eat, also a little canary seed. Offer it water two or three times a day at first, afterwards it can be continuously left in its cage. It is a beautiful and gorgeously apparelled bird, but its principal attractions lie therein; but with this as with other species, what is attractive to one individual is not so to another, so that as to its being worth keeping is a matter of individual opinion. It certainly is so to all lovers of this gorgeous tribe, but their cages require constant attention to keep them clean and wholesome.

Cardinals not Rearing Young.

The young were duly hatched out, but they only lived two days. The old birds are building again, but the cock bird does a lot of mischief in the aviary. Can I adopt any other method with the next clutch of eggs? Is my food mixture correct for hand-rearing?—M. ARMSTEIN.

M. Armstein.—Your bad luck with these birds is nothing unusual; it is almost impossible to rear them in a crowd, save as a very rare occurence. My Green Cardinals hatched out five times last season and one this, and not one reared, owing to the impossibility of keeping up a constant supply of insects. At the same time, I must give them their due, so far they have neither killed nor maimed any of their fellow captives (about 50). In such a case as yours I should not hesitate, if you have not a smaller aviary you could let them occupy alone you must cage them up for a time, until the breeding fever has left them. It is possible for a Canary to rear such birds. You will find the following unequalled as a soft food mixture for any purpose:—Game meal (fine ground), ants' eggs (very best), dried flies, dried pupæ (fine ground), crushed Osborne biscuit and crumbled sponge cake in equal parts—supply crumbly moist, and for such as will not carry green food to their fledglings, a little finely-minced chickweed or lettuce should be added to the soft food mixture. You can do nothing with the Cardinals, save keeping the place alive with insects; if you are pestered with cockroaches indoors, a couple of "Demon" traps should provide them with a fair amount; leave the insects in the trap, the birds will soon find a way to get at them. With two or three of these traps you might be able to succeed, especially if you can enlist any neighbour's sympathy; merely a changing of the traps should keep up the supply.

What Parrot?

I think myself it is the ordinary Grey Parrot; it has grey back and head, red breast and neck, and when aroused it raises a little crest on its head. What kind is it? How must I feed? What would be a suitable place to keep it in?—W. COATES.

W. Coates.—It is the Australian Rose-breasted Cockatoo (*Cacatua roseicapilla*). Its staple food should consist of a mixture of oats, wheat, dari, Indian corn, canary, hemp, and sunflower seeds, in equal parts; well mix and always keep a supply in its cage. In addition you must supply ripe fruit, boiled potato, raw carrot, plain biscuit, green food, grit, cuttlefish, nuts, and water ad lib. Do not give table scraps, tea, coffee, or milk sops, or slops of

any kind. Get a large-sized Parrot cage, and it can be kept in any living room, for Parrots and Cockatoos, unless they make themselves too obnoxious by screaming, should be kept in the ordinary living room; they are sociable birds and appreciate company; they soon become very entertaining with their drolleries and mimicry. This is a hardy and enduring species, and does not need any coddling; at the same time, it must not be subjected to draught.

Birds for Cages.

I have two large cages, one containing Budgerigars the other Canaries. What kind of bright-coloured foreign birds could be kept with them, silent one preferably, and those which would thrive on similar food?—"HUNS."

"Huns."—In the cage with the green Budgerigars I advise you to get a pair of yellow Budgerigars to keep them company, and if you hang up four cocoanut husks, as far apart as possible, they should soon settle down to breeding. Two pairs will be all the cage will accommodate, and you will need to dispose of the young as they are able to feed themselves. Or if you prefer quite a change, either Madagascar or Red-faced Lovebirds would meet your case. With the Canaries you could keep Gouldian (17/6), Ruficauda (12/6), Diamond (12/6), and Long-tailed Grassfinches (10/-); Zebra and Ribbon Finches (3/6 to 4/6), Java Sparrows (Grey 3/6, White 10/-), Orange-cheek, St. Helena, Grey, and Golden-crested Waxbills (3/6 to 4/6); also common and green Avadavats (3/6 to 4/6), all per pair. To the Canaries' diet you would have to add millet and spray millet, cuttlefish, and a piece of rock salt. I cannot advise as to number, size of cage not being given.

What Lory?

Can you tell me the name of this bird from description herewith? The dealers sell them as Scarlet Lories.—FOREIGN BIRDS.

Foreign Birds.—Your birds are evidently immature and not yet in possession of their full colouring, and while I incline to the opinion they will turn out to be the Red Lory, they may be either the Blue-breasted or Chattering Lories, or possibly the more uncommon Purple-breasted Lory. However, to repeat myself, when it has moulted out I think you will find it is the Red Lory (*Eos rubra*), the Scarlet Lorry of the dealers.

Rearing Firefinches.

(1) My birds are setting on four eggs in a cage; how long do they incubate? (2) If young ones are hatched, how must I feed? (3) At what age do they feed themselves? (4) What are the external differences in plumage of Long-tailed Grass Finches? (5) Is it usual for Fire Finches to eat bread when kept in cages?—TOMMA LITEN.

Tomma Liten.—(1) Usually 14 days. (2) A mixture of crumbled sponge cake, ants' eggs, and dried flies in equal parts; make crumbly moist for use. Also supply at the period green food, twice daily, particularly such as is infested with green and black fly or other plant bugs. (3) This is very variable, they, like many other species, are fed by their parents for some time after they are able to pick up for themselves, and I should advise their being kept with the old birds till they cease feeding them. (4) The sexes are alike, but the hen is practically a silent bird; the male is soon picked out by his plaintive call. (5) It is not a common occurrence for Fire Finches to breed under any conditions; however, on the Continent they have been successfully bred in cages, and there is a reasonable prospect of your birds being successfully reared.

Orange-cheeked Waxbills.

I have a pair of thee birds, and am keeping them in a small Canary show cage. Will they breed? What food and treatment do they require?—CANNICK.

Cannick.—Waxbills are shy breeders in captivity, even in large garden aviaries, though several have successfully reared Orange-cheeked Waxbills, and yours is by no means a hopeless experiment. The cage you are keeping them in is ridiculously small, even for these tiny birds. A show cage was never meant as a permanent home for a bird. Get a double breeding cage, put a bundle of twigs in one corner, and fix a bottle-shaped rush nest behind these, and hang at the other end a Hartz travelling cage, after removing the fittings and cutting away one of the bars to allow the birds space for ingress and egress; supply hay and long grass for nesting material, and possibly you may succeed in rearing a brood of these handsome little birds. Don't be too curious as to their actions if you notice signs of building going on.

Breeding Budgerigars.

I have a pair of Budgerigars which I purchased in January. They have not laid yet, though they are very busy about the husks. The colour of the hen's cere has been changeable, but it is now turning brown again. From the details given please tell me how to proceed.—ANXIOUS.

Anxious.—You have no cause to be anxious; a single pair of these birds often take quite a little time to settle down to nesting, but once they begin, brood after brood are reared in rapid succession. When the hen goes out of breeding condition her cere becomes bluish; when it is deep buff-brown, then she is in condition and likely to begin nesting promptly. There is no need to interfere with the husks; let them remain as they are; after they have played about with several they will make their choice, and settle down in earnest to reproduce their kind. If you think they are a little "off colour," for the next fortnight just colour their drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food; let them have as much grass in flower as they will eat, the same as to cuttlefish and crushed egg shells.

Birds for Outdoor Aviary.

I enclose sketch of aviary; it is 20 ft. long by 8 ft. wide. (1) What ventilation is required beyond the window shown? (2) How many birds will it accommodate? (3) Is my diet correct for list of birds enclosed? (4) Does the house require painting inside, mine is a damp district, if so, what shall I use?—NORTHERN DURHAM.

Northern Durham.—(1) Your aviary is well arranged, and you will need no further ventilation than to leave the flight holes open night and day. (2) You have accommodation for about 80 birds in your aviary, but I should not put in more than half that number at first, the less you crowd the brighter are your prospects of successful breeding results. You would find pairs of Gouldian (17/6), Ruficauda (12/6), Pectoral (10/-), Yellow-rumped (10/-), and Long-tailed Grassfinches (10/-) add greatly to the beauty of your collection, as would also the distinctive Diamond Dove (10/-), all per pair. (3) Your diet is ample for all the birds named. One thing is lacking, however, you should give a few mealworms or other insects occasionally, also scatter some ants' eggs on the ground for them. Do not trouble about boiled maize, the Lovebirds have an all-sufficient dietary. I am afraid sooner or later you will find them dangerous company for your Finches. Spruce branches and pea or bean sticks make excellent furnishing for the aviary. (4) Paint the house inside with Hall's Washable Distemper, and give your wire netting a coat of Brunswick Black.

Parrot with Overgrown Beak.

The upper mandible grows to an inordinate length, then chips away and falls off. I used to feed on table sops and Parrot mixture, but for the past two months have not been giving any sops. How must I treat?—MUDDLE.

Muddle.—Your best course is to give this bird plenty of cuttlefish; always keep a piece hanging in its cage, also a branch of some non-splintering wood and cotton reels to chew up and exercise its mandibles upon. If the abnormal growth of the beak interferes with the bird taking its food, then you had better let a vet. trim it off for you. But if it keeps hearty, and does not get thin, leave it alone. You have done right in stopping the sop; mix your own mixture—equal parts of oats, wheat, dari, canary. Indian corn, hemp, and sunflower seeds. Also supply, for variety, ripe fruit, nuts, plain biscuit, green food, cuttlefish, grit, and water ad lib. Do not give table scraps or slops of any kind. Before I can name it for you, you will have to let me have a few more details as to its plumage. What is the colour of its head? Has it a ring or collar round neck? Is its tail long or short?

Sexing Pekin Robins.

I have two young birds, at present they have no song, only a sort of rattle. As they mature, how can I sex them? Is my diet correct? Will St. Helena, Orange-cheeked, and Crimson-winged Waxbills escape through half-inch mesh fronts? What is their value as imported.—NOVICE.

Novice.—As these birds mature you will soon recognise them by their song; they will certainly utter it if they are males. The beaks of the males are a deeper red than those of the females; the males also have the eye region, top of head, and the yellow, etc., of the underparts deeper and richer in colour than those of their mates. Your soft food will answer well enough, but you must supply as well such ripe fruit as they will eat, also live insects, mealworms, or such earwigs, beetles, smooth caterpillars, spiders, etc., as your garden or hedgerows supply. Half-inch mesh wire netting will confine Waxbills, even the tiny Zebra Waxbill. Sometimes ½ in. is sold as ¾ in., and through this the smaller species might squeeze. The Crimson-winged Waxbill is worth 12/- to 15/-, the others 3/6 to 4/6 a pair.

Are Bronze Mannikins Amiable?

In an outdoor aviary I have Lavender Finches, Green Avadavats, Waxbills, and Bronze Mannikins; the latter chase the others about and peck at them. Will it be necessary to separate the birds? Are the Mannikins likely to breed, they seem anxious to nest? Do Lavender Finches breed in this country? Is there another name for Golden-breasted Waxbill?—E.F.

E.F.—The Bronze Mannikin is at all times well able to look after itself, and apt to be decidedly aggressive if it is kept in at all confined quarters, or if these are overcrowded. I should advise you to cage them (the Mannikins) up separately in a double breeding cage, supply them with hay, long grass, etc., and there is a probability of their breeding. They have done so under similar conditions. Lavender Finches have been successfully bred in several aviaries in this country, but such occurrences are by no means common. The Golden-breasted Waxbill is also known as the Zebra Waxbill.

Java Sparrows, Doves, etc.

(1) I have a pair of Grey Javas, and notice some difference in their beaks. Is this sexual? Where do they come from? What time of the year do they breed? (2) I have just a pair of Cutthroats; will they breed, and what time will they probably commence? (3) What size are Green Singing Finches? Are they easy to breed in a cage? Have they good song? What are the sexual distinctions? Are they hard to acclimatise? (4) Are Zebra and Diamond Doves delicate, and will they agree with Finches? Would they breed flying loose in room?—IRISH TYRO.

Irish Tyro.—Speaking generally, and not of any dealer, the cheaper birds are those only just come to hand, or the roughest in plumage out of a given consignment. For preference, I should myself get them as soon as they come over, and before they have spent much time in crowded shops, and only accept birds in good plumage, if I had to pay a little extra for them; even with this precaution there is always a percentage of losses with such purchases. (1) The Grey Java Sparrow is a native of Java, Sumatra, and Malacca; it is also found in many other countries where it has been introduced. The wild caught birds sometimes occupy large outdoor aviaries for years without nesting, but if you cross they with the white variety, a free breeding strain is produced, and the progeny are mostly pure Greys, with a very small percentage of pied specimens. At first they usually nest late in the year, September, October, or even November. (2) The Cutthroat is a free and yet somewhat erratic breeder, and will not, I suppose, attempt to breed till August, September, or even later. (3) About the size of the English Siskin; they are as likely to breed in a cage as in the aviary, but they are shy breeders, and comparatively few aviculturists succeed in breeding them. The sexual differences are infinitesimal; the hen is a slightly duller coloured bird, and even this slight difference would only hold good when those compared are somewhere about the same age. The hen Saffron Finch is a much duller bird than her mate; you can always pick out the male by his rich saffron cap. They have a song, but it is somewhat similar to saw scraping; they have bred both in cages and aviaries; they are late breeders. (4) Both these Doves are hardy. There are a pair of young just on the wing at present in my outdoor aviary; considering the weather we have been favoured with of late, this shows that they can stand almost anything. The Diamond is a lovely study in greys. Your birds would certainly be better flying loose in the room, but you must not mix the Budgerigars with them.

Budgerigars and Java Sparrows.

I have an aviary, 3 by 2½ by 3 ft. high. What other birds that are fairly free breeders could I put in with them? In another cage I have Java Sparrows. How can I tell the sexes? One of them seems in rather a sorry condition, how can I treat it?—LANE HEATON.

Lane Heaton.—You will find the first part of your query answered in our reply to "Huns" in this issue, to which I must refer you. Permit me to remind you that if you keep Budgerigars in a cage with Finches, sooner or later the Finches will suffer. The injured foot is partly the cause of the bird lying on the perch; it is certainly in a very bad condition, and if it were mine I should chloroform it out of the way. At any rate, it should be caged separately, so as not to infect the others. Make its drinking water quite saline with Epsom Salts for one day, and afterwards well colour the drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food. Even if it recovers, I fear it will always be a poor creature, and somewhat of an "object."

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Budgerigars Breeding.

(1) I have made my C.P. cage into a box cage by fastening thin boards round it. Will this answer well for breeding? (2) Should the sexes be kept separate till they are in breeding condition? (3) I have been troubled with parasites, have used Keatings, and put quassia in their bath. Is there any other remedy?—NEW START.

New Start.—(1) Yes, providing the joints of the wood are close, the cage will answer well enough, in fact, be as good as a box cage. (2) No, unless you want to stop breeding for any special purpose, leave the birds together. (3) Budgerigars do not bathe; they should either be dusted with Keating's or sprayed with quassia solution. Your cages should be scalded out and thoroughly cleansed, so as to eradicate these pests. The birds cannot do well while they are being eaten up by vermin.

Greenfood and Rock Salt.

(1) Are dandelion leaves good for Foreign Finches and Waxbills? (2) Is rock salt good for the same birds? I give cuttlefish, but I am told rock salt is good for Gouldians and other Finches.—B.C.

B.C.—(1) Yes, but there should be a change in the green food. Ring the changes on chickweed, grass in flower, dandelion, tender lettuce, and any wholesome garden weeds. (2) You have been correctly informed; rock salt is very good for Gouldians and any birds that will take it; its surface should be moistened several times daily.

Porch Aviaries and Birds.

(1) I am giving you full details of my aviaries, birds, and their diet. Can I improve either on the diet or construction of the aviaries? (2) What other birds could I add, and what would be their cost?—FOREIGN.

Foreign.—So long as the glass sides are draught proof the birds will do well enough, and I cannot suggest any improvement on their construction, but no birds can stand draught, and if this exists you must adopt some means to eliminate it. Your food is satisfactory, but in place of the soft food you are using I recommend the following:—Crushed Osborne biscuit, crumbled sponge cake, ants' eggs (best), and dried flies, in equal parts; make crumbly moist for use. There are several replies to other correspondents in this issue which should help as to food and treatment of given birds. Choose additional birds from those in our list in replies to "Huns" and "Northern Durham" in this issue. Six pairs in each aviary would be far better than crowding in more. The only doubtful point about your aviary is, can you make it secure against draught. If you sent me a rough sketch I could give you a better opinion on the matter.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. J. North, 435, Oxford Road, Reading, will examine cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for a reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post-mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to J. North, with fee. Any sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

Gouldian Finch (Mrs. Foot).—Softening of liver, then inflammation of that organ and of the lungs caused death of this pretty bird.

Hen Canary (Mrs. Elliott).—This hen, and possibly your other two, died of inflammation of the liver, spleen, and lungs, indicative of fever.

Goldfinch (R. G. Clark).—This bird died of chronic liver disease and acute inflammation of the lungs. I fancy it must have wintered in a warm room and lived well on rich food and under such conditions a transfer to an outdoor bird room would be likely to give it the inflammation of the lungs of which it died.

Cock Canary (M. Fisher).—This bird, although in high breeding condition, had well-established liver disease, then inflammation, involving the lungs and spleen, ending with rupture of large blood vessel. These are symptoms of "bird fever," so disinfection is suggested.

GENERAL.

Answered by the EDITOR.

Supplements (I. T. Cutting).—You have done well, sir, and deserve our best thanks.

Names and Addresses (S. Mayall).—We have dealt with your communication under another column.

Singing Matches (T. Summers).—Your members cannot read their paper carefully. We have published every report you have sent us.

Would Like to Know (W. J. Salmon).—Such questions cannot be answered through these columns.

Chaffinch's Nest (W. L. Murray).—Many thanks for sending so excellent a photograph and interesting accompanying notes, which we shall hope to publish at an early date. We shall be glad to have the other photo you mention, if you can secure it.

O.P.

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OUR CANARY BREEDING COMPETITION.

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SIR,—1. Concerning the classing of the competition, I am not very clear about the dates—viz., July 15th and August 17th. Does it mean that the last batch of birds must be hatched before or on July 15th, and be then allowed to run up to the last-mentioned date in order to give them a chance of reaching the perch and so look real birds, knowing, of course, from this how many actually lived out of last nest? (2) What check will there be to guarantee none were hatched after July 15th? (3) I have had three visits from our sec.—(1) before commencing breeding, (2) nest hatched out, (3) second sitting of eggs—and he will visit again soon. I trust every novice is having this searching out. I think you need to be very strict indeed. I forgot to ask sec. if I needed any form to fill in addition to sending in coupons. —MARKHAM.

[Our correspondent has evidently overlooked the fact that each competitor is required to fill in a declaration form, and to get two responsible witnesses to testify to the accuracy of the statements made in that said form. If he will turn to the particulars of the competition published this week, he will find therein given extracts from the declaration forms (competitors' and witnesses'), and which will explain away question 1. It is, of course, "real" birds (i.e., "successfully reared" ones) which alone can count. 2. "Markham" can rest assured that everything possible will be done to establish the bona-fides of winners in this competition. 3. It is wise of all novices to seek such corroboration of their breeding operations as "Markham" is doing, for such, of course, will be all in their favour should the results put them in the running for one or other of the prizes.—EDITOR.]

SIR,—Would you allow me to join your competition as a novice? I don't know of any bird fancier around here. You see I have to work seven days to the week, and what little spare time I have is all occupied by my birds. I am thinking of joining the Wigan and District Cage Birds Society for the Young Bird Show on June 29th. If eligible, please forward form and oblige. I have got three different persons to buy CAGE BIRDS this last three weeks, and they like it very much.—GEORGE RHEAD (Pemberton).

[Our correspondent is, of course, quite eligible, and declaration form has been duly sent him. He should get in touch with the secretary of the Wigan C.B.S. at once. No doubt one or other of the fanciers belonging thereto will help him in regard to conforming to the conditions of the competition.—EDITOR.]

SIR,—This is my first year at breeding, and I can qualify for the competition according to the conditions; but there is one thing of which I am in doubt. One rule reads that the results must be certified by an official of some C.B.S. Now, the stock I am breeding with are Rollers, and there is no Roller club in this district; but the gentleman that supplied me with my stock is a member of the English Roller C.C. (but not an official), and also a tradesman, and I could get another who is a member of a local C.B.S. (but not an official) to certify to the results. Would their signatures meet with the conditions you impose upon competitors? Have only been taking in your paper since the middle of January, but the advice given in it by your leading writers has brought me such good results up to now that I am anxious to test my success along with others that are only beginners like myself.—ROBERT PERRY (Hyson Green).

[We shall be pleased to enrol Mr. Perry as a competitor. The gentlemen he mentions would seem to fulfil the requirements of the rules.—EDITOR.]

I have six young ones out of 30 eggs. This is not very good, but I think I am lucky to get these; it has been such bad weather. Who is the nearest person to apply to as a member of a society near Stoke?—T. CALTON, 66, Clarence Street, Basford, Stoke-on-Trent.

[There are societies at Hanley and Stoke. The secretary of one of these will doubtless give Mr. Calton a call.—ED.]

In reference to your Canary Breeding Competition, the members were unanimous in thinking you have taken a step in the right direction. The only objection they have lies in rule 1. The opinion was expressed that if you had defined the "novice" as one who had been breeding, say, two or three years, it would have induced more to join the competition, and brought them in touch with local societies. In short, the members wish the competition every success, and thank you for your effort to try and swell the ranks of cage bird societies.—W. H. BAMSEY, Hon. Sec. Derby C.B.C.

Please forward competition form, as I intending trying, but there are no cage bird societies or any official I know here, being sixteen miles from town (Haverfordwest). What am I to do in that case? I hope to be able to join a bird club when I leave here next year, and go into the hobby properly. I have to entirely depend on your paper for news and advice of the hobby.—G. ROBERTS, St. David's.

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AN EARLY FEEDER.

SIR,—I would like to inform Mr. Andrew Wilson that I had a nest of Norwich, three ticked and one clear, hatched on May 7th, and a nest of Crests, one clear Crestbred and one clear-bodied dark Crest, hatched on May 7th; and to my surprise both the clear ones in each nest are feeding the others. I have just set both pairs again to-night. I might just state that I am only a novice, this being my second year at breeding, and all the information I have had has been from your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, which I wish every success.

GEORGE COWLES.

THE GREAT GLASS HOUSE.

SIR,—In reading CAGE BIRDS I came across an announcement that the L. and P.O.S. are going to hold a Members' Show at the Crystal Palace. I thought the Crystal Palace Company had put a stop to the different societies holding their shows there, and would only have the one show a year, the great Grand National, so that if a fancier did have the honour of taking a prize there, it would be an honour to him, it being a All-England Show. The L.P.O.S. have a date—what society is going to be the next? There will be a glut of first and special Palace birds in the sale columns of CAGE BIRDS next year. Perhaps other fanciers will kindly give their views on this matter?

G. H. NEAL.

NORWICH PLAINHEAD CLUB FOR NEWCASTLE.

SIR,—In reply to Mr. Hay's letter, none of the societies named by me are confined to the City of Newcastle, but are open, so far as I know, to the Northern Counties as well. He also asks if the proposed Norwich Plainhead Club is to be confined to the City of Newcastle? This will lie entirely with the members of the society when it is formed. I don't consider myself justified in taking anything concerning the society into my own hands, but will endeavour, when it is formed, to do all in my power to encourage Norwich Plainhead fanciers to do what they can to promote the interests of the bird for which the society is formed. Referring to Mr. Hay's questions relating to co-operation, etc., I must answer them the same as above. Trusting Mr. Hay and his fellow-fanciers will assist me in forming what might prove to be one of the most successful societies in the Kingdom. So rally round, you Norwich fanciers, and let us have a real good muster for a start!

L. STONE.

296, Simonside Terrace, Heaton, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

B.B. & M. CLUB FOR BRADFORD AND COUNTY OF YORKSHIRE.

SIR,—As a British bird lover and exhibitor of long standing, I should like to ask the gentlemen responsible for the formation of the above club a few questions. In the first place, would it not have been better if they had advertised the fact that they intended forming a club for the whole of Yorkshire, and given all Yorkshire British bird and Mule fanciers an invitation to be present? Is it not a fact that the rest of Yorkshire contains more British bird fanciers than there are British birds kept for exhibition in the whole of Bradford and district? Can they say what proportion of the 21 gentlemen who have joined the club are now, or ever have been, to any extent exhibitors of British birds or Mules? Can they give outside fanciers a guarantee that the above club will be worked independent of the Yorkshire Union? Is it the intention of the committee to encourage their members to support shows held outside the Bradford district by societies not members of the Yorkshire Union? I think I am entitled, as a Yorkshireman, to ask the above questions, and if they cannot be answered satisfactorily I shall think that the Bradford fanciers, in calling a meeting and adopting the above title, have overstepped the mark.

F. KING.

PECULIAR ANTICS OF A YORKSHIRE HEN.

SIR,—I have had an experience with a Yorkshire hen which I understand from experienced fanciers is an exceptionally rare occurrence. I paired this Yorkshire hen the latter end of March, and the first nest she laid two eggs on one morning, one of which was only partially shelled; and laid one egg on the two following mornings. I allowed her to sit on the three full shelled eggs, and she hatched out one young bird, which died the following day. I kept her caged off by herself for eight days, then paired her up again, just to get the same result as the first nest, the eggs in this case being clear. I then wrote to CAGE BIRDS seeking advice, and was advised to feed her on not too stimulating a diet for next round. I caged her off and worked to the reply I had received for three weeks. I then paired her again, and this time I have had a worse result. This unfortunate hen laid two eggs on the one morning, one partly shelled, missed the following morning and the next morning again laid two eggs, one partly shelled. I would feel obliged if some of your readers would let me know if they have ever known of a similar case to this. I may state in conclusion that the bird is very lively and seems to be in perfect health.

BLAIRHILL.

PARASITES ON CANARIES.

SIR,—Mr. F. Proctor tries to give your readers the impression that I have known about grey lice infesting birds for a few weeks only. He is mistaken; I have known and used the remedies I mentioned for six years, first finding the value of them when I kept Larks. I had a great deal of trouble to keep them clean, and I used the remedies that are still recommended by CAGE BIRDS' experts—viz., quassia and powder, and which are the same as those recommended by Mr. Proctor in his paper. I thought my room was entirely free from lice this season until Mr. P. mentioned having seen one or two on a pair of birds that he had from my room. I then looked over my stock and washed all the birds I found them on—five in number—and I have not seen one since, and it is not for want of looking for them. As for what Mr. P. says about quassia killing these lice, and all of them, in such a short time, and only one application, I know for a fact that it will not. I have used it often enough. If you have a special brand, Mr. Proctor, send me a little up, and I will try it for myself as soon as I have a chance. As to its being a good tonic, I never said anything against that. Again, Mr. P., allow me to tell you that the lice were dead at the ends of the feathers. I put some under a magnifying glass to make sure, and they were not eggs. Another word, friend Proctor, why not try the way I have told you of, and then comment upon it from actual experience?

R. ALLEN.

THE TYPE OF THE NORWICH PLAINHEAD.

From the N.P.C. Secretary.

SIR,—I have read the report of the Southern Norwich Plainhead Club meeting, which I regret to notice was not a large one. But it appears to me that it is a difficult matter to get some fanciers to a meeting, be it ever so important, unless their birds are close to them. I notice one of the speakers is reported to have said: "Let the judges submit their own ideas, and let them decide which they will judge to," and further on he says: "Once get the judges into line, then the breeders must come into line, or they will not get into the cards." When I read this it reminded me of a turf scandal some years ago that was brought into court. After a lengthy trial of some days, the judge said something like the following:—It seems to me that the owners are the gentlemen who pay all the expenses in keeping up the establishment, the trainers are the men who train the horses to win the races; but the jockeys are the masters of the situation. They can say whether a horse shall win or not. And this is what is going on to-day in the cage bird Fancy; but in my opinion it is wrong. The exhibitors are in line; it is the judges that want getting into line. The breeders know a good Norwich when they see one, and try to breed to it; but they are upset by the judges, who judge on different lines, and the latter will be followed by the new judges who take their places in the near future. But if all the breeders fix on one universal standard, with a scale of points, it is the duty of the judge to judge to it, and not to his own ideas. I was pleased to see the Southern Club has adopted the standard of excellence decided on by the Scotchmen, which is practically the one the N.P.C. issued at its formation some 10 years ago, so that the three clubs are agreed on that point. I also notice they have accepted the same scale of points as our friends across the border. At the last meeting of the committee of the N.P.C. I had a copy of the Scottish P.C. scale, but did not say what the various points were until my committee had put theirs on paper. On comparing them we found a little difference, although done a different way. Here is our scale:—

Head and neck	25
Chest	15
Back	10
Quality	15
Wings and tail	15
Colour	10
Staging and condition	10
Total	100

I purposely avoided sending this to the Press or to the Southern meeting, so that the latter might form its own idea, and, if widely different, to arrange to have them brought nearer. But as things have turned out, possibly when my committee meet again to confirm those figures and fill in details, they may consider the very slight difference that exists. Then surely the judges will recognise it? In answer to several inquiries as to whether the committee would consider any model or drawings sent, I wish to say that anyone may send drawings with a scale of points on to me, which will be welcomed by the committee at their next meeting. Referring again to the triangular contest, I am still hoping that the N.P.C. will have the pleasure of meeting both the other specialist Norwich clubs to see which is to have the coveted honour of staging the best birds.

J. RAYNES.

Hon. Sec. Norwich Plainhead Club.

NEWLY-FORMED LONG EATON AND DIS. C.B.S.

SIR,—A meeting was held on June 1st, at the Bull Hotel, to see if it was possible to form a club for the interest of all Canary and British bird fanciers. A good number of smiling faces turned up, including some well-known fanciers round about the district. A few rules and regulations were read out, which were agreed to be left over till the next meeting, which it was decided to call on June 15th, to commence at 7 p.m. I hope all fanciers throughout the district will rally round us, and let us have in Long Eaton what is wanted—a thorough good honest society.

W. HALLAM.

NORWICH PLAINHEAD CLUB FOR WALES.

SIR,—I have often been spoken to on the above subject, and I do not see why it could not be made a very successful club. I know of several who would be glad to see such a club started, and I have been waiting to see a few lines from some Norwich fancier more able than myself to bring this matter on. Now that it has been brought forward I hope to get the support of all Norwich Plainhead breeders and exhibitors in Wales (of course, I mean the whole of Wales, Monmouthshire included). I shall be glad to hear what my brother Norwich fanciers have to say on the matter, so that this may be started without much loss of time.

J. W. DUMMETT.

17, Penarth Road, Cardiff.

NORWICH FANCIERS AND THE DISQUALIFIED GREEN CANARIES.

SIR,—The enclosed letter has been received by Mr. Deacon. It is a report of the meeting held by the Norwich Society on the Palace Disqualification Case on the report by Mr. Freestone, the C.B.U. representative on the Council. Mr. Stewart sent his bird for Mr. Freestone to show the members of his district. If you think it would be of interest to your readers you are at liberty to publish the letter.

S. HANWIN.

DEAR MR. DEACON,—I sent bird off by 9.50 train this morning. Hope he has arrived safe. We had a fairly good meeting of Norwich fanciers last night considering this is holiday week. After giving in my report of the Council meeting at Manchester I produced Mr. Stewart's bird for their inspection. Mr. Stark, Chairman of the Norwich Alliance All-England Association, and Mr. Payne, of Messrs. Payne and Bennett, of Norwich, thoroughly examined the bird with the others looking on. I did not allow any feathers to be taken out as suggested, as the square and jagged feathers were so plainly to be seen I did not think it was right. After a thorough examination, they one and all came to the conclusion that the feathers were a natural growth. Messrs. Stark, Payne, Nichols, Cullington, Fish, and others, all old and well-known fanciers, in the discussion that followed after, gave their opinion that it was not possible for any man to trim feathers like it. They thought it was very likely produced by inbreeding. Mr. Fish, one of our best Norwich Plainhead breeders, then produced some feathers that he had that day taken from the back of a heavily variegated Norwich buff hen, last year's bird, and some of the feathers were square and jagged, but not so bad as the Yorkshire Green sent. This morning another fancier, a Mr. Miles, St. Andrew's, Norwich, who was at the meeting, brought me some feathers to look at that he had just taken out of the back of a Norwich Green hen that he bred last year. I have enclosed same for you to look at. They are a little bit jagged. Several of the Crest breeders said that square and jagged feathers were often found on young Crest and Crestbred birds. A resolution was passed unanimously thanking Mr. Stewart for his kindness in sending the Yorkshire Green, also sympathising with him in his disqualification through no fault of his own. I also thank you on behalf of my Association for all the trouble you have taken in the matter.—Yours faithfully,

W. W. FREESTONE.

THE CRESTED CANARY CLUB AND THE C.B.U.

SIR,—I had no intention of referring to this question again. If a "Country Member" expected me to reply to his letter in your issue of April 27th, I may say that I have nothing to add to what I have already written, and see nothing in his letter to cause me to alter the firm conviction I feel on this matter. My object in writing the letter which appeared in your issue of April 20th (at which time I can assure a "Country Member" my head was as level as usual, my mind perfectly tranquil, and bearing animosity towards no man) was to draw the attention of my fellow-members to the importance of well considering such an important matter before voting, and I gave my opinion as to what the result would be if given in the affirmative. A "Country Member" thinks otherwise than myself; it is now for the members to decide. What has been said will probably be food for reflection. I am not hostile to the Cage Bird Union. For that reason I am somewhat handicapped in putting in a lucid and more intelligible manner my reason why, at the present time, the C.C.C. should not be affiliated. If a "Country Member" is the gentleman I take him to be, the work of the C.B.U. during its existence, and what is being done at the present time, should make my motive obvious to him. I have had too much experience in public matters not to see beyond the surface which a "Country Member" holds as good and sufficient to veto my wrong-headed views. It is pretty certain that if affiliation takes place, the numbers of the C.C.C. will be considerably reduced. The question arises, is the sacrifice worth the experiment? I say decidedly, No. The C.C.C. has been able to manage its own affairs up to the present, and will be able to do so in the future. If the C.B.U. wants the support of the C.C.C., let it first show its ability to deal with matters in a satisfactory manner and gain the confidence of the Fancy at large. Whether its financial condition will permit it to bear heavy costs in a law suit better than the C.C.C. remains to be proved. Whether its rules are better also wants confirmation. Lawyers differ in opinion, and, like doctors, when they do, who is to decide? On line 19 of a "Country Member's" letter he says: "The C.B.U. does not set out to be a governing body to the C.C.C."; and yet in line 98 he says: "But the C.B.U. as a governing body to the whole Fancy." If the whole Fancy, surely this includes the C.C.C.? In a "Country Member's" opinion it may not be so in theory, but for all practical purposes I maintain the C.B.U. becomes the governing body of the C.C.C. To say otherwise is ridiculously absurd—e.g., the C.C.C. permits the under feathers of the Crest overhanging the bird's eye to be cut. Assuming that a judge disqualify a bird found in this condition, the owner appeals to the C.C.C., the judge to the C.B.U. If the latter upholds the judge, whose decision is final, where then does rule 2 come in, and the importance I attach to it? The day the C.C.C. becomes affiliated with the C.B.U., and its delegates enter the sacred precincts of the inner circle, they become as a snow man before "Old Sol." It is a matter for comment that all the pros on the question have been anonymous, and the more significant to sign as Country Members; one would imagine that the C.C.C. was a London club. If persons desire anonymity, they must be prepared to have constructions placed on their nom-de-plume; rightly or wrongly, they must bear the onus. The letter in your last issue, signed by "Another Country Member," throws a new light for the need of the C.B.U. It may be a matter of opinion; at the same time signs are not wanting that the socialistic tendency towards legislation is having a marked effect on the finance of this country. By all means introduce socialism into the cage bird Fancy and watch the result; it will be interesting. Who will suffer most remains to be seen. It has often been the poor breeder who has sold the winner, and been glad of the money. Surely even a socialist has a right to a return for his money?

W. E. GREEVES.

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MAESTEG AND DIS. C.B.S.

SIR,—I am very pleased to say we had a very successful meeting at the Oddfellows Hotel on May 29th, and that the fanciers who attended decided to form a society, to be called "Maesteg and District Cage Bird Society," with an annual subscription of 2s. 6d. We have a good many members already enrolled, and hope to have more at our next meeting. The chairman is Mr. Richard Treharne. Mr. John Bowen was appointed Treasurer. All fanciers in the Maesteg district are invited to attend our meetings.

W. JENKINS (Sec. pro tem.).

48, John Street, Maesteg.

A STAFFORDSHIRE RAMBLE.

SIR,—A party of Walsall birdy men, including the writer, went for a drive on Whit Monday to that well-known village, Brewood. Though the weather was not as we should have desired, the outing proved a very enjoyable one. We went round the village, admiring the fine old timbered houses and the ancient church, which quite charmed us with its majestic appearance. After seeing all we could in the village, we strolled through the beautiful winding lanes on a bird-nesting competition. We had heard from a good source that the place was an ideal quarter for a large variety of bird life. This soon proved to be true indeed, for the total of nests found were just 61, ending in a draw between J. B. Hawkes and E. Dickinson with 20 each. We were deeply interested and delighted with the variety found, which included the following:—Thrushes, Blackbirds, Robins, Hedge Warbler, Whinchat, Yellowhammer, Greenfinch, Chaffinch, Brown Linnet, Bullfinch, and one Goldfinch. Most of them contained eggs or young. One nest in particular came in for special comment—that of the Whitethoat, with eggs. This being placed in a bank, under a small bush, was an ideal nesting place, and well worth the focus of the camera. After tea we started for home, which we reached in safety, each expressing himself satisfied with the outing and delighted with the time spent among the birds in their natural haunts. A suggestion was made that the writer send report to "C.B.," a paper we like so well, and of which we are all interested readers, so that our local fanciers may go and see Brewood, not only for itself and surroundings, but for the bird life of the place, which they would not fail to enjoy.

A. HAWKES.

A DAY AMONG THE WILD BIRDS.

SIR.—Myself and a friend took train on May 19th for Hildenboro' for a ramble. On arrival, we entered a small spinney by the roadside. Our first find was a Jenny Wren's nest, in a bush about 6 ft. from the ground. Just at entrance to the nest were two flight feathers brought from the farmyard near by. One had the quill end inside and the other was outward, making a good entrance to the nest. Two feet underneath was a Blackbird's nest containing four young, about two days old. We found a Chaffinch sitting on four eggs; she sat very close. The nest was built in a fork of furze; we had a good view of the hen on the eggs. Thrush, Blackbird and Greenfinch followed. We heard the Cuckoo, and away to the left we could hear a Goldfinch with its pleasing song. We were met by a farmer, who questioned us as to our movements. We told him we were out to gain a little information on bird life. He seemed interested, and put to us rather a knotty question, which we had to admit we could not answer. He asked us if we could tell him how it was one never heard two Nightingales singing at same place and time? He said he had never been able to find it out, although he had been brought up among them all his life. Perhaps some of your many readers could answer it for him. He put us on to a good spot for Linnets and Goldies and Bullies. He gave us an invitation to look round his farmyard and garden—a very nice spot, looking right over into Tonbridge and Bidborough in the distance. In the garden hedge we found Chaffinch, Blackbird and Thrush nests, and in a little shrub, which he said he passed several times a day, we found a Thrush's nest with four young, almost about to leave the nest. He took us into his porch to show us where a Blackbird had reared a nest of young last year. There was the nest, and on looking inside we found that a Robin had taken possession of it and laid five eggs. We took leave of our new-found friend, Mr. Holmes; but his two young friends took us over a field to a place where there was a lot of furze bushes, and showed us Chaffinches, Linnets, Blackbirds, Thrushes and Greenfinches galore. It was most deafeuing to stand and hear the song from them. I might say that Mr. Holmes told us that there was not half the number of Peewits about as usual, but we saw a good few. Here our young friends directed us into an orchard. We soon found our much-sought Goldies and Bullies. In a small apple tree was a fine Goldfinch singing to his mate, who was sitting on five eggs. About 30 yards away was another pair busy building. Near by a fine Bullfinch was sitting on two eggs. The rain began to fall rather heavy, making it very wet to get among the hedges and bushes, so we made our way back through to village of Hildenboro', calling for dinner. Afterwards, walking by the River Medway, we heard the Nightingale at its best. Walking down the riverside and over the fields, we came to the Tonbridge Old Castle grounds, where there is a very fine rookery, with plenty of young leaving the nest. Here we had tea, and left Tonbridge by seven minutes past eight train, arriving home about 10, having spent a very enjoyable and profitable time among the bird life.

E. MEADES and E. JORDAN.

INFORMATION WANTED ABOUT A CHAMPION GREENFINCH.

SIR,—On looking back at an old number of CAGE BIRDS, dated February 23rd, I came across an advertisement on page 152, in Hardbills, where Mr. D. J. Gardner states that "the champion Greenfinch now in the possession of Mr. Howe was caught and supplied by him." I should like to know which Mr. Howe he meant.—R. J. HOWE.

THE SCOTCH FANCY MODEL.

SIR,—Many thanks, Mr. Harrison, for your interesting and straightforward letter. All along your letters on this important subject of a Scotch Fancy model have had the tone of honesty of purpose and the betterment of the Fancy, the Scotch Fancy in particular. A little more of this spirit is what is wanted. It appears to be a scarce product. There are one or two items in your letter that require explanation, and I, like a few others, look to the Committee elected to answer these items. There is not the slightest doubt that a mistake has been made on this model question. An all-important question that must be settled between the two types, smooth and tight feather, or rough and full feather. Which is it to be? If there is no solution of the difficulty then I suggest have a class for the rough, heavy feathered type, and call it Dutch Fancy, or what you like, but do not call it Scotch Fancy, for, in my opinion, it has no claim to it. Let us have judges who have the courage of their opinions. Give them a model to base their judgment on; then, and then only, shall we be able to clear the air, and leave less ground for complaint. Mr. Harrison says he is not prepared to accept Mr. Wright's model. I am not surprised to learn that, but wait a reply to that along with the other items from the inner circle. This particular Committee have evidently missed a grand opportunity for getting their names engrafted on the minds of breeders of the Scotch Fancy Canary with satisfaction and deserved approval. But what is the result? We are quite as far forward as ever. Still, there is time to recall that state of matters by the Committee adding to their numbers, and acting in conjunction with kindred associations wherever the Scotch Fancy is bred. Any expense could be met by subscription, but once again let me remind those interested that the question of deciding what type is, or is not, to be the standard must and can only be done on broad lines, to bring us as near as possible to a proper understanding as to the true type of a Scotch Fancy, which is impossible on present conditions.

PIEBALD.

HOW WE CAUGHT THE WILD "SPARRER NOKE."

A True Tale.

SIR,—"Hello, Jack, lad, turn thee out there," and as I, the trimmer of the S.T. Guillemot of the Seagull Fleet, rolled out of my bunk in answer to the shout of Bill, our bo'sun, whose first words on my head getting to the top of the companion ladder were: "Come on Jack, there's a great brown bod forrod, with shining yellow eyes as big as saucers. None of crew durst go on deck but me. I'd have bashed it with a handspike, but skipper wants it to be stuffed to match his other cases." I may here explain I held the post of naturalist on board the Guillemot, as well as that of trimmer, through getting half a dozen Kitties and a very fine Gannett to the stuffers in clean condition, a very hard task on board a trawler. It was just breaking day as I climbed on deck, rather a foggy morning off the Shetlands. I shivered in the raw air as I went forrod to see the cause of the barney, and a fearsome sight it looked in the grey foggy light, a large dark bird bolt upright with glinting yellow eyes, which were the only things that moved about it. As we passed by the bridge, our skipper shouted down to us, "Go back, you young daft heads, it's a blooming Sparrer Noke, and if it gets at you it will out you." The bos'un and me held a short council of war, and after I had persuaded him to lay down his handspike, I got him to mount the rail with a 2 cwt. basket we had commandeered from the coalie's last trip, while I, armed with half a bread loaf in one hand, and about two pounds of raw beef in the other, made a frontal attack, in spite of the warning from the skipper. "Them Sparrer Nokes is the nofullest bods out, and you will have no chance with it." I went nearer and nearer to it, waving the bread and meat in front of the astonished bird, while our fighting bo'sun crept round the rail to the bows, when down came the basket, and the norful Noke was our prisoner. After a little war dance round the basket me and the bos'un got a bit of old netting, and worked it under the basket, lashing it well round the sides. We then turned the Noke up for the inspection of the crew, who only half liked coming close to it. The skipper said, "It's the biggest Sparrer Noke I have ever seen." While our Geordie, engineer, said, "Na, na, laddie, that's na Sparrer Noke," the decky, a Lowestoft man, said it was a Kesteril, so the skipper turned to me and said, "Jack, what soat of a bod is it?" and as I have always found it best to march with the band said at once, "A Sparrer Noke, of course." This, no doubt, was the reason why during the day I was invited into the skipper's cabin for a glass of grog and a handful of cigars. I was appointed chief attendant to the "Sparrer Noke," which received the name of "Jack," in honour of your humble. I was allowed what beef I wanted for Jack, but he seemed to prefer the inside of fish, as we were gutting the catch. He soon seemed to improve in condition, but do as we would we could never get him to respond to any of our advances, but would retire to the back of the basket with half open beak and wings and eyes that seemed to nearly strike fire. After about ten days we made the Humber, and the skipper sent me and the bos'un with the "Noke" to the stuffers, but he had gone in the country and his shop was locked up while the morrow, so we hailed the driver of a waggonette and chartered him to drive us to the skipper's, as we wanted to be shut of "Jack," and go a bit on our own. Before we started, the driver wanted to have a look at "Jack," who was crouched at the far end of the basket, so I borrowed his whip to stir the "Noke" up. I said, "Come up, Jack," giving him a poke with the whip at the same time. Whether it was the smell of the land breeze, or thoughts of the many pokes he had had on board the Guillemot, I can't say, but Jack came up with a vengeance; the basket and net flew from the fierce striking claws as if they had been straw. "Hi' up, Jack, he means us," shouted the bo'sun, as out we both jumped, while the driver, with scared face, threw his horse rug over basket and struggling bird, calling out to us, "It's the hoss he's after, and if he blinds him you'll have to pay." So we boarded the waggonette again, and made the rug fast round the basket. The driver said a lot about chaps bringing such blooming things like them that they were afraid of. After a lot of gas, the bos'un said if he was frightened of the "Noke," he was not frightened of him, so he had better get down, and they would soon settle things, but as the bo'sun weighed about fourteen stone and had fists like shoulders of mutton, the driver did not take the hint. One of the bystanders who had gathered round said, "Take it to the park, they will have it." Off we set to get rid of Jack, and get the driver his rug. On arrival at the park lodge, and stating our business to the gardener, who we had called from his dinner, "Sparrer Noke," he said, as he lazily stretched himself in the doorway, "Hmmph, we have four already." This made us look at him with both respect and awe, and rose the sixpence, with which we were going to bribe him, to a shilling. This altered the case altogether, and he briskly said, "Bring him along, and let's look at him." After he had turned Jack into a large wire cage he seemed a bit flabbergasted, walking round and round him, then called to a passing gardener to run and fetch the superintendent. To us he said, "Don't go," as he saw we were sliding off to the wagonette, thinking the "Noke" was again going to be hung round our necks like the Albatross of the ancient mariner. On the superintendent looking at "the Noke," he asked the owner's and skipper's names, also what they called the trawler, where we were when we caught it, and, as we were going he said, "Tell the skipper I will thank him for it through the evening papers." After tea me and Bill turned up at the skipper's, who said, "You are lucky that it did not put you through it, as them Sparrer Nokes are blooming terrors." We told him our message, and after sending for the paper, we came across the following notice:—"The Park Aviaries. The captain of the S.T. Guillemot has just presented to the Parks Committee a magnificent Golden Eagle. The bird, which is a large young female, in splendid condition, will no doubt prove a great attraction to the numerous visitors, who will join the Committee in thanking the Captain for his valuable gift." "Goldin Negle," said the skipper, "well, I'm blowed." "I'll bet I bash the next that comes aboard, 'Sparrer Noke' or 'Golden Negle,'" growled Bo'sun Bill. The skipper turned to me, but I, guessing what was coming, struck in with, "You can never tell them sort of bods; see, we all called it Jack when it was nowt but a Jinney."

WAYSIDER.

The National British Bird and Mule Club Annual Ramble.

Photograph by Mr. V. Wynn, of the party grouped under the "Gilman Oak," the largest oak tree in Epping Forest.

A DAY WITH NATURE.

The National British Bird and Mule Club have an enjoyable Annual Outing.

The annual country ramble of the N.B.B. and M.C. took place on May 25th last, and was in every sense a splendid success. The venue was, as last year, Epping Forest, and the leafy glades and well-shrubbed commons of London's largest "playing ground" provided those who participated in the outing with an altogether delightful time. The "clerk of the weather" smiled on the venture to some purpose, sending us a tremendously hot day, which, coming sandwiched between the cheerless, cold weather so prevalent of late, rendering it dangerous to "cast a clout," made some of the party "sit up" in the process of tramping about clad with heavy clothing. Still, we endured it cheerfully. Only a particularly hard-to-please individual could possibly have taken exception to the glorious burst of sunshine which greeted the advance party on reaching Loughton (the starting point of the expedition) in the early morning. It numbered a "baker's dozen," and was joined by Mr. J. S. Clarke and Master Clarke, who filled with distinction the role of "guides and advisers in general" throughout the day's proceedings. Mr. Clarke is to be envied for his intimate knowledge of the Forest, every road, footpath and land-mark being seemingly known to him; while a keener eye for a bird's nest we never met before. Master Clarke (ætat some thirteen summers) "follows in his father's footsteps," and bids fair to outrival his paternal mentor in the near future so far as an intimate acquaintance with Epping and the bird-life it contains are concerned. It is fitting we should record our thanks to them. The second party joined the "all-day-outers" in the afternoon, when it was found that no fewer than fifty-three bird-lovers had forgathered to participate in the ramble. Many well-known gentlemen figured amongst them, including Messrs. J. Tyson and two sons, Lott, Wynn, G. Crabb, Dewhurst, Trower, Carr, Plumbridge, Silver, Maxwell, Shepherd, Harper, Robson, Cooper, Brown and Curtis; while the members of several kindred societies accepted the invitation thrown out by the N.B.B. and M.C. to join in the stroll.

The morning party cut right across the Forest, eventually pulling up at ye olde hostelry, happily named "The Owl," for lunch—a good and heartily enjoyed spread. In the afternoon the party turned southwards towards Chingford, bearing round to the right, and exploring the ground in the vicinity of Connaught Water, afterwards again making its way to the "Owl," where a splendid "high tea" met a well-deserved fate. Of all the incidents crowded into this enjoyable day we have not space to speak. Suffice it to say that, although the Forest is not an ideal place to see the birds themselves, the cover being too plentiful and thick, it is at least an ideal place for a nesting expedition, a wonderful variety of "aerial cradles" being hung within its confines. Among the nests to come under notice were those of the Whitethroat, Bullfinch, Robin, Chaffinch, Willow Warbler, Linnet, Green Woodpecker, and a probable Red-backed Shrike, to say nothing, of course, of scores of homes of what might be termed the "common fry." The birds observed included the Nightingale, Jay, Magpie, Garden Warbler, Chiff-chaff, Long-tailed Tit, Heron, Redpoll and Whinchat—a list, of course, which excludes dozens of well-known species.

In the evening, after the edibles had been disposed of, an impromptu concert was organised, and wound up the proceedings in acceptable manner. Mr. Geo. Crabb was elected chairman, and one or two fanciers distinguished themselves in the role of artistes, while the landlady's daughter yielded to the blandishments of Mr. Clarke and obliged with a sweet song. Several toasts and a little speechifying followed, after which the party wended its way to Loughton Station, amid the threatening of a storm, which, however, did not prevent the Nightingales—and one grand vocalist in particular—from providing us with an outburst of Nature's most delicious music—a fitting finale to so pleasant a day.—G. E. W.

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The Yorkshire Canary.

A Few Incidental Remarks.

A paper delivered by Mr. A. Paddock before the Birmingham C.B.S.

When I consider that there are others among your members much more qualified to treat upon the variety, you will readily understand that it is with some considerable anxiety, not to say reluctance, that I approach the subject. To those more experienced fanciers present, who could probably give me much valuable advice, I would here say that there may be containcd in this article an idea or two which goes some way to confirm a theory of their own, but about which they do not yet feel quite certain. And to the younger fanciers I trust there will be much useful advice. My hope is, therefore, that when I arrive at the end of my paper you will not have come to the conclusion that your evening has been wasted.

I have only been a fancier and breeder of the Yorkshire Canary for some five or six years, but during that time I have endeavoured, by every means in my power, to accumulate all the knowledge and object lessons possible, and yet I often think how little I really know about the subject.

A MISTAKEN IDEA.

I have frequently heard it said that what so and so does not know about the Yorkshire is not worth knowing. Now, I think that this is altogether a mistaken idea, when applied to the hobby of breeding exhibition Canaries. It might be applicable to a trade or profession, but in the subject under notice, where types are frequently altering, judges' ideas changing, and competition becoming keener and keener every day, I say it is a radical impossibility for any one individual to be right up to date with the times, and to know everything that is worth knowing about this or any other variety.

In proof of my contention, I would draw your notice to the enormous numbers of Yorkshire and Norwich birds that are bred in Bradford and Norwich alone every year, and yet out of these vast numbers, how many real champions do we hear about in any one season? I venture to assert that the champion exhibits, and by this I mean ideal specimens, bred in any one season from all the varieties of the Canary in the whole of the British Isles could be counted upon the fingers of one hand.

From this statement it will at once be assumed that fanciers need not be at all discouraged if they fail to breed several easy winners annually, and my advice to those present is to keep pegging away in the hopes that the future holds out brighter prospects, and when the time comes that you are fortunate enough to breed a specimen in which you and the judges are unable to find a fault, you will say that your time and labour have not been in vain. This difficulty of breeding an ideal specimen is, I consider, the very life of the Fancy. Were champions to be turned out like clockwork by every breeder, the result, I think, would be an immediate decline in the Fancy, or constant changes in the standard as being the lesser of two evils.

I hope these remarks will not tend to lessen the ardour of the younger members, or those who have not the spending power they would like to possess. To have a sufficiency of ready money wherewith to replenish one's bird room every year or as occasion demands, is to be in a most fortunate position, but we should remember that £ s. d. does not necessarily command success. What is much more to be desired is the power of discernment and the judgment begat of experience, whereby the fancier is able to distinguish the good from the poor, the better from the good, and so on.

Therefore to the beginner particularly would I say, acquire all the information you possibly can, study your birds closely, and find out wherein they are deficient. If you are invited to inspect a fancier's bird room avail yourself of the opportunity.

TAKING A CHANCE.

Should you have the chance of a chat with any of our well-known judges, and particularly any of our well-known breeders, take it, if at all possible. By such means as these will your views be developed and broadened, and you will learn more in two or three years than you would in a lifetime brooding over your hard luck and the incapacity of judges in general. By visiting the shows and availing yourselves of the opportunities mentioned above, you will the more readily in your mind's eye fix a pretty good idea of what the Yorkshire should be. Bear in mind that the Yorkshire is "the" bird. Never mind what other fanciers may have to say about any other variety. There are more Yorkshires bred in England than any other variety, and from all parts of the country are reports to say what gigantic strides the variety is making. In the Midlands they are easily the most popular of all, and are the backbone of our local shows. It will, therefore, at once be seen how very necessary it is to leave no stone unturned in order to achieve success on the show bench. Here I think a word or two of warning against what I may term the faddist will not be out of place. We are constantly coming across the breeder who has very fixed ideas on certain things, and half a dozen fanciers of one's acquaintance, you will find, treat certain matters in as many different ways. Do not be led astray by any individual on any single point, but digest their ideas and by using commonsense, and giving the most reasonable the first chance, you will ultimately find that which brings you success. An ounce of practice is worth tons of theory, and I think it is the height of folly to attempt anything in the way of dogma where live stock breeding is concerned.

And this is all the more apparent when we see the diversity of opinion which evidently exists among many of our judges of to-day.

TYPICAL BIRDS.

In conversation with a well-known Northern fancier some little time ago, the subject cropped up, and he volunteered the information, in a very positive manner, that Mr. So-and-So went for a typical bird of medium size. Mr. So-and-So, on the other hand, would always pick out a small one if it was very typical, and a bit extra in colour, while Mr. So-and-So went for size. Personally, I think size has been a little overdone during the last few years, not only in Yorkshires, but in almost every other variety, to the detriment of type. Of course, it is an axiom that a good big one is better than a good little one; but how often do we see the first prize winner at the head of the class almost solely on account of his size. I contend that a medium-sized bird should always beat a big one if he excels it in type, and is equal, or nearly so, in other properties.

The birds which excel in size may be and very often are more valuable to the breeder than those of medium size; but I think their proper place is the breeding room, or, if on exhibition, in classes reserved for pairs or stock birds.

It is very necessary to have size in one or other of your stock birds, but be very careful to see that you do not sacrifice type and quality, and I always prefer to have size on the part of the cock bird. The big typical seven-inch hens we sometimes read about are birds I have never seen. If I was fortunate enough to possess one I should take care she was paired to a cock well on the small side. The pairing of two extra big birds together is a mistake, for with the extra size you are breeding into the progeny you are also increasing the length of feather, which, no matter how fine the quality may be, is a thing to be avoided. We are all agreed, I suppose, on the hereditary tendency, of live stock to reproduce their like, and therefore it will appeal to you at once, as being very necessary, to have typical specimens to begin with in order to breed birds true to type.

Nor should a beginner think that all the product of two typical specimens will be as their parents, or he will be grievously disappointed. The next matter for consideration is the generally accepted theory that the progeny will favour for type the hen, so that it will be at once seen that you must have type in the hens from which you expect to breed your exhibition birds. I would draw your most earnest attention to this point, for neglect of it will cause you to remain in the background. It is absolutely useless to attempt to breed exhibition birds from hens that do not bear some semblance to type.

FAVOURS GOOD HENS.

Far rather would I breed with an ordinary good cock and good typical hen than vice versa, as the possibilities of breeding a show bird from the latter are infinitesimal.

Unfortunately, as you all no doubt know, good typical hens are exceedingly difficult to find, and still more difficult to breed. Especially difficult is it to find hens of good type and quality possessing plenty of breediness or style in them. This particular characteristic is the charm of the Yorkshire variety, and is solely derived from crossing with the Belgian, whereby we get that nerviness or swagger which is so much admired. It is of paramount importance to keep this dash of Belgian blood well established in your breeding room, otherwise you will find a rapid deterioration in your stock. They will become sluggish in their movements, and devoid of nerve, and, ultimately, position. If you are mating up otherwise good hens, but lacking the afore-mentioned breediness, be most particular that the cocks have a superabundance of it, and a sufficiency of this quality should be found in the young.

IMPORTANCE OF BREEDINESS.

This matter of breediness has a great deal to do with the stand or position of your stock. It is all very well to talk of training for position, but all the training in the world will not develop what is not there, and birds that have no breed in them in nine cases out of ten have no position.

By carefully watching these particulars you will develop a strain of birds which will be a credit to yourself, and one with some claim to pedigree. Let me here say that the pedigree of a stud should be as useful to the breeder of Yorkshire Canaries as to the breeder of dogs. Pedigree does not count for much in Canaries when you are selling a bird on its merits, but it is most useful to the breeder, and is a source of information to him the value of which it would be difficult to over-estimate. I do not mean to say that, being a buyer, I should be unduly influenced by pedigree, but were I certain that a good winning line lay behind the purchase in question, it is likely I should be well satisfied. This subject of pedigree opens up a tremendously large field for the scope of breeders, and I think it quite impossible to establish a strain of birds with some particular good qualities except by the aid of line breeding.

A BACK-END TEMPTATION.

At the end of the year one is very often tempted to dispose of all the undersized birds which have been bred that season. Now I am convinced this is a big mistake. You will very often find that the most typical birds you have bred are a bit deficient in size, and that in many cases the bigger birds from the same nest are a little short in type. These small typical birds are, I consider, a most valuable asset to the breeder. Especially is this the case when he knows by their pedigree that they are bred from birds which bred an average number of good-sized birds. I would very much rather breed from a bird of this sort than introduce fresh blood in order to get size when I knew nothing about the ancestors of the bird. Therefore, where you know that size is in the blood, do not clear out all those smaller birds. The hereditary tendency to produce size is still there, and you will generally find that these birds, properly mated, will produce good-sized typical specimens in the same proportion as their brothers and sisters, who can, in some cases, give them almost an inch in length. I do not wish to be understood as saying that all the small birds should be kept, but a careful selection of the very best should be made and retained in the bird room.

The hens, when of good quality, and also of good type, are very useful birds for stock purposes, paired up to cocks which are on the large side. They tend to keep the progeny within bounds as regards size, and go a long way to fix the trait of quality in one's strain. This is a most important factor, and should never be lost sight of by the breeder, who is endeavouring to build up a useful strain of his own.

If these points are not closely cultivated it will necessitate the fancier dipping into his pocket almost constantly, that is, if his aim is to remain at or near the top of the tree, to replenish and improve his stock.

GOING OUTSIDE FOR STOCK.

This going outside for stock birds cannot always be avoided; in fact, it must be done periodically; but, by close attention to selecting the proper birds to pair up and by paying attention to pedigree, the necessity of going outside for suitable birds will occur less frequently as time goes on. I would here like to mention a fact that has been forced upon me during the last few years. It is that many breeders of some standing are under the impression that big birds, irrespective of type, are good stock birds. I have often had my attention called to birds whose only strong point has been their size, and upon expressing the opinion that they were deficient in several points was told that they would be good stock birds. With this opinion I totally disagree. Big birds are most useful when typical, and without any serious fault, but to pair up such birds simply on account of their size is wasting time. You will do much better to pick moderate-sized mates for pairing with the smaller birds if you also pay due regard to the fact of how they were bred as regards size.

A SERIOUS FAULT.

Respecting what I consider to be the worse faults in a Yorkshire, I think the two most serious are flat heads and thin necks. It will generally be found that where two birds are paired up, one of which has either of these faults, almost every one of the young will fail in the same direction. Especially is this the case where flat-headed birds have been used. It is a blemish very difficult to get rid of by breeding out, and I should advise breeders to get rid of this sort of bird for what it will fetch. A Yorkshire with a nice round head has a very good start in the race for honours, while a flat-headed specimen is at once so handicapped as to have little or no chance of acquiring distinction. I often think that some judges allow this fault to count much two heavily against otherwise typical birds, as I have often seen a most typical specimen at the bottom of the cards simply on this account, while others that could certainly beat it in head properties, but which were deficient in other points, were placed above it. This treatment seems to me to be somewhat unjust. The Yorkshire club allocate 5 per cent. for head properties, while 20 per cent is given for quality of feather, and 20 per cent. for position. It therefore appears to me that some judges unduly handicap birds with flat heads, to the detriment of any other redeeming features they may possess. Possibly it is on account of them knowing how difficult it is to breed this fault out, that they handicap these birds so heavily. As regards thin necks, I do not think this is such a difficult matter to remedy, and by pairing these birds to mates which are somewhat short and also very thick in the neck you will soon get rid of this objectionable feature.

Discard all hens that are pronouncedly bad in this respect, as it will take such a lengthy time to breed the fault right out as to make the attempt not worth your while. The same might also be said of birds possessing very heavy frills. If the fault is not very aggravated a careful selection of partners, with nice even-lying feathers, showing no trace of a break in the gullet, will generally remedy the fault.

The hollow back is a fault which shows itself more at some times than others, and is not of vast importance, being easily bred out by choosing as partners birds which are well rounded in body and having very straight backs. One should not part with a good bird having this as its only fault without some consideration.

CONCERNING WINGS AND TAILS.

In the case of bad wing carriage, drooping, or crossing, birds with opposite tendencies should be paired together, and under no circumstances should two birds with the same fault be paired up. Shortness of thigh is almost always an invariable sign of want of breed, but plenty of thigh does not always mean a sufficiency of this most important characteristic. In selecting a mate for one a bit short in thigh, choose one showing plenty of it, and as breedy a bird as possible. Be particular never on any account to pair together birds having the same faults, as it will only accentuate and fix the disfigurement to such an extent as to render them useless in the bird room. I do not intend, in the space of this short paper, to say anything about cages and the methods of feeding, or anything pertaining to these matters. I should just, however, like to mention that I use whenever possible watercress for hens when feeding young birds. Thoroughly washed, and with all the loose moisture well shaken off, this is the best of all green foods. When the young birds are taken away from their parents the most valuable food I know of is scalded bread and milk, with the addition of a little sugar. Squeeze out the superfluous moisture, and give in small quantities to the young birds about three times a day in addition to the ordinary egg food. I am certain that if this method of feeding was more generally adopted there would be less complaint about the loss of young birds after leaving the parents. As a means of training the young birds into position, I run them into show cages, and in between each cage insert a piece of cardboard sufficiently high to cause the birds to stand very erect if they want to see over it. Their natural inquisitiveness to know what is going on around will make them pull themselves up, and this will help to bring that soldierlike attitude into their figures which we all desire to see in a well-trained Yorkshire. The time one spends in handling and training the young birds is amply repaid by their appearance on the show bench, for we can all appreciate the pleasure it is to pick up a well-trained bird, and we generally find that he is somewhere near the top. Great care should be taken not to overdo this training for position. It is very easy to spoil an otherwise good bird by over-training. The result is a strained position which the bird takes up, and the more breed it has in it the easier is the mistake made. Birds with good position as nestlings want very little training. Run them into the show-cage, and by gentle handling secure their confidence. This will prove ample to induce them to show themselves off to their utmost.

COLOUR FEEDING.

When your first nest of young birds is about ten weeks old, the second nine, and if you have a third eight, it is time to commence colour feeding. By anticipating the moult thus you get the blood fully charged before they begin to cast their feathers, and a nice level colour is the result. Begin with a very small quantity of the colour food, gradually increasing until the birds are nearly finished with the exception of the head, when the quantity of the pepper should be gradually diminished. Give them a bath three or four times a week on bright, sunny mornings, and you will find this to be an excellent conditioner. When you have picked out what you think will be your show birds, cage them off singly or in pairs after they are about three parts through the moult. This will reduce the chances of any accident through fighting, and will also assist you to keep them steady.

When preparing birds for exhibition I like to wash them four days before the show takes place. This gives them good time to get their feathers thoroughly dressed, and if you find that a little soap has been left in the neck or elsewhere you have the opportunity of re-washing the bird and still being in time for the show. I need hardly say that a good bird and a good wash is more than half the battle, so I would recommend the younger members to become as adept at tubbing a bird as possible, and as a means of practice to operate on their less valuable specimens frequently. Be careful to get all the soap out by thoroughly rinsing, at the same time being as expeditious as possible, while making a good job of it. Wash and rinse the way the feather lies, and dry slowly with the tail towards the fire. I think it wise to keep the birds in the same room until the following day, when they can be removed to the bird room.

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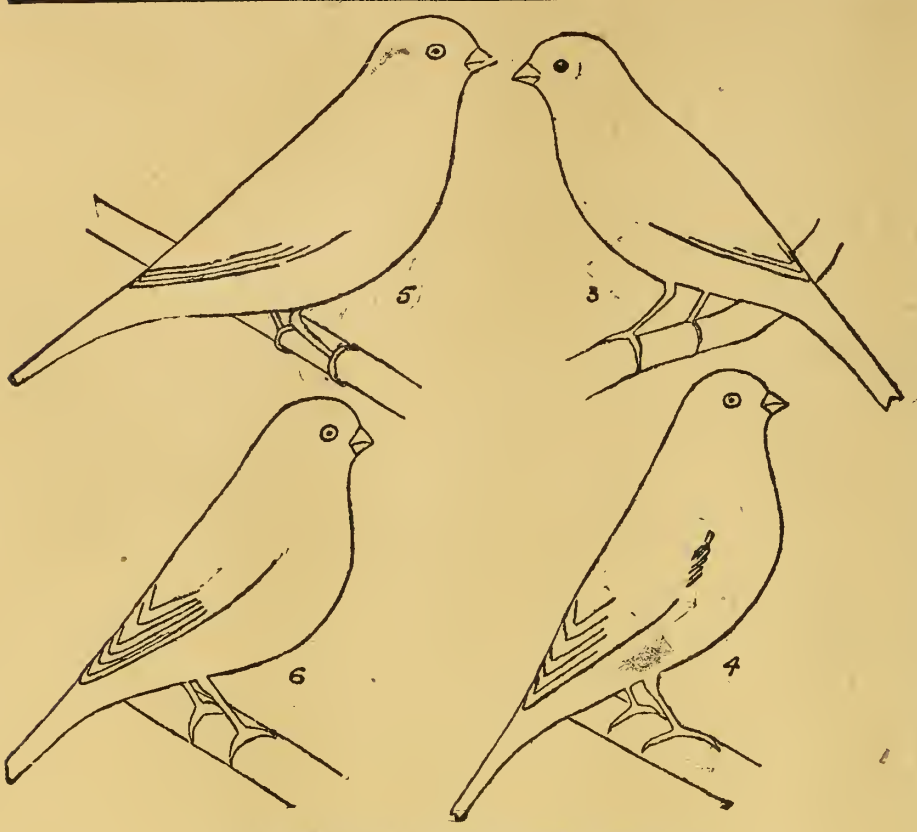

Types of Norwich Plainhead Canaries.
Illustrating Mr. Spillman's paper.

THE TYPE OF THE NORWICH PLAINHEAD.

An Illustrated Lecture given before the Members of the W.C.O.S., Plymouth, on May 27th, by W. Spillman.

Mr. Chairman and fellow fanciers: On previous occasions when I have addressed you I have not sought the assistance of any notes or other people's writings, preferring to base my discourse on what past experience had taught me. To-night I purpose making an exception, fearing, however, that by repeating the works or doings of others I may make a mistake. My ambition has always been to try to make these meetings agreeable, and the fountain-head for a course of instruction. On placing this illustrative competition at your disposal, I thought I would confine it to those members who had never won a first prize in open competition, and I am very glad to say it has met with general approval. I sketched these half a dozen birds (five of which I copied from what had already appeared in the Fancy Press, whilst the other is the nearest that I have yet put on paper to suit my own ideas). I cannot say it is perfection, even in my own estimation, for it lacks the finishing touch that shows quality and gives expression (which things I am content to leave in the hands of such an artist as Mr. Norman).

Directly I had finished them I sent them off to my friend, Mr. Martin (the worthy chairman of the Metropolitan Society, who had sent me a drawing previously), and I must tell you the only difference between ours was that the eye was not exactly in the same place, while his bird was a trifle heavy behind legs, and the tail was not wrapped up so tight as I like them. I asked him to place them in order as he thought fit, and to see how his awards compared with mine (then unknown to him). This is what he says—No. 1 2nd, 2 6th, 3 5th, 4 4th, 5 1st, 6 3rd. The first scores easy; and we agree. I pass over his second on the grounds of being too small, too long, and out of proportion—not chubby enough. Third, we agree. Fourth, we agree again. His fifth is too small in beak, a little stilty, unnatural tail, and too erect. His sixth I place second, for the bird possesses more all-round Norwich properties than those placed above it; has better head, is more proportionate, and is stouter—a far more useful bird. That is my candid opinion.

Well, now, we have had enough lectures appearing lately in CAGE BIRDS to meet the requirements of the most fastidious, and not the least amongst them is the one by our respected judge, Mr. George Gardner. How beautifully original, concise and practical, are his writings! How he drives home the point with dexterity! Really, if it is true that a lovely woman can bring the world to her feet by her beauty, then surely I must admit his word-pictures create a certain weakness in the knee for me. But even he and I don't agree on one point, and this, a pair matched for breeding. If I remember rightly, he strongly recommends the pairing of two show birds, whilst I shall always contend that the show bird is far surpassed by his big brother in producing exhibition specimens, and I am backed up in my contentions by no less than such an up-to-date authority, as our esteemed breeder, exhibitor and judge, Mr. W. Vardy.

In the show season of 1896-7, there was just as much difference of opinion as there is now. So I thought I would write and propose that we have a Norwich Plainhead Club, which should fix on a certain type. The following week I was supported by Mr. Payne and others, and, in a very short time we had Mr. A. G. Davis, of Manchester, acting as hon. secretary, and a club formed with about fifty members. The Committee held a meeting and decided to have a model, which in due course appeared in "Fur and Feather." And I believe about the same time Mr. Payne wrote his book containing his ideal. Certainly these were two distinct classes of bird.

Some time went on, and neither of these birds, although, mind you, differing so considerably in type, were challenged by anyone. So I fired up and again wrote as follows:—It is really astonishing to think that the Norwich Plainhead Club model, which I believe Mr. House claims the credit for, and Mr. Payne's ideal should go by without some comment on their merits or otherwise. Oh, the difference! Now if we take the N.P.C. model, which was accepted by a good number of representative fanciers, it is straight from head to tail, rather too erect, a bit hollow on the throat, and with a minature tail, for such an enormous body. Was ever such a bird bred? And is it likely one ever will be?

My word, I got it the following week! Mr. House said I was wrong in my statement, that he did not claim the credit for the model. But he had sent a rough proof and pointed out that it needed certain alterations ere it would fulfil his idea of a Norwich Plainhead. It was, however, placed before the committee and accepted as it was. So Mr. House had no alternative but to tell the artist to proceed with the original sketch, even although he thought it could be improved upon. Then Mr. House proceeded to express his opinion on Mr. Payne's ideal. It was too long in body, too squatty in carriage, and too long in leg; it was also too sulky looking for a Norwich Plainhead. He finished his letter by saying he should not have criticised Mr. Payne's ideal had I not mentioned his name, saying, "J.H.P. will, I know, receive my criticism in the same friendly spirit as it is given. Jack likes a big 'un; I don't."

Following this letter (in the same issue) were two other letters in agreement with me, and one of them by the late R. L. Wallace. Now, with Mr. House, I quite concur as regards Mr. Payne's ideal of years ago, of conrse, hence my putting him sixth in my awards. Number two I placed fifth (supposing it to be the same size as the others). I certainly preferred it to the aforenamed. My friend was not far out in his description as the bird appears so small on paper. But Mr. Vardy, I am sure, would say (as I do) that it is not so easy for him to put on paper what he can breed and put in a show cage. Number three I copied from the "Blaze of Colour Plate," and I placed it second, for, as a Yellow, I thought it the most proportionate and deserving its place. Number four, the N.P.C. model (full size) I put fourth, and I have already stated my reasons. Number five, my own, I will leave for my critics to pull to pieces; whilst the sixth I placed third, and was very near putting him second, but for his being too full at chest, unshapely at neck, poor in leg, and too erect. I thought there was no alternative than to give it its present position, consoling myself that he ran the second a close race.

Now, my friends, I have given you my reasons, and the first out of the hat that comes the nearest to my selections wins the special I am offering. I am very grateful for the compliment the committee paid me when they decided my placings should be accepted, and I thank you all for the very kind attention and assistance you have given me.

The Skylark:

Its Selection and Preparation for Singing Contests.

By A. C. ALLAWAY.

HAND-REARED BIRDS RECOMMENDED.

According to promise made you, I now send an account of my methods in dealing with the Skylark for the purpose of singing contests. In the first place, I may just say it is no use anyone going into it half-heartedly, but if he possesses patience and perseverence and does not mind a bit of trouble, I have no doubt he will eventually succeed, providing he gets the right stamp of bird. I must say, however, that all the feeding and training he can give will represent only time and money wasted unless the bird he has is a suitable one. But a suitable bird, like most other good things, is bad to get.

The best way to set about obtaining it is to hand-rear about a dozen young ones, taking the nests as soon as the young are a little feathered and strong enough to hold up their heads to be fed. They will certainly hang a bit longer on yonr hands before they can pick for themselves. You are more likely, though, to get more snitable birds than if they are left too long with the old ones, for most of them never seem then to get rid of that nervousness which is a characteristic of the Skylark, and so do very little good as singing contest performers.

HOW TO HAND-REAR YOUNG SKYLARKS.

For the benefit of beginners, I will give the best recipe for food for hand-rearing young Larks that I have ever tried. Take half a teacupful of boxings—or pollard, as I believe it is called in some parts. But be sure it is clean. Add to this half a hard-boiled egg, which has been pressed through an ordinary perforated zinc grater (white and yolk together), and one teaspoonful of grated bullock's liver. Scald altogether with boiled milk, minding not to make it too sloppy. The above is enough to make at once for about half-a-dozen birds.

Feed on this, giving no water to drink till they can pick for themselves, then stop the milk and scald the food with boiling water. But also add to each mixing the same quantity of dripping as is mentioned further on for use with the old Larks. You can now give them water, with just a little Parrish's chemical food in it. See they do not drink too much at first. Do not change this food for any other till they are right throngh their first moult, except to give them a very small mealworm now and again, and a little chickweed about twice a week, cut up very small with the scissors, and dropped on to the cage bottom.

SELECTING THE RIGHT BIRD.

As soon as the birds can safely fend for themselves, cage them off in separate cages and hang them up about breast high in a nice light place. Then watch for the birds that sing most, and will allow you to handle their cage without getting frightened; they are the ones you want. The birds that are restless, and jump about, may turn out very good Larks in the ordinary sense, but they are, as a rule, too nervous to ever make quick starters on song when hnng up at a strange place.

Having got three or four birds such as I have described (you cannot expect more out of a dozen, for, as I said, they are bad to get), do not be afraid to shift them about out of yonr own house into a public-house bar, or into a neighbour's house—in fact, anywhere, so that it makes a change. But do not take them where they can hear Canaries singing, as they seem to pick up the Canary song before anything else.

GETTING THE RIGHT SONG.

It is a lot of extra trouble taking several birds into the country to hear the wild Larks sing. This is a thing I never had time to do. I always had one or two of the best Larks I could get singing in the house while hand-rearing, and my young birds always came out well enough. But remember that whatever bird you have "taking the lead" in the house at this time, the young ones are sure to have most of that bird's song, even though you do take them into the country.

TRAINING TO SING.

Of course you cannot hang them all in the window at the same time, but you will have to encourage them to sing as much in the window as possible, by giving each bird its turn, and by so doing you will soon see which are the most likely to suit. When commencing to feed and train for the contest season, keep the birds in some part of the house where there is just sufficient light for them to see to feed by. Have a partition between each cage, so that the birds cannot see each other. And if the place is not quite dark enough to stop them from singing, you will have to make it so with a cover, for if allowed to tear away on song as they like you cannot expect the birds to be full of singing when you hang them in the window at a contest, or when shifting them from place to place in training.

At the same time, if yon find a bird becomes restless under cover, and wanting to sing, hang him up in the window and allow him to sing himself out a bit. But take him down as soon as he has eased himself, as it is a bad plan to allow Larks to hang in the window after finishing song. It is also a bad plan to allow them to sing under cover. These may seem very small matters to some, but I can assure you such small matters are sometimes of very great importance when it comes to competition. I have known many a good bird wasted by reason of the bad management bestowed upon him.

HOW INDIVIDUALS VARY.

With regard to the best food to get a Lark up fit for a contest, I am afraid this is rather difficult to explain, especially on paper. Besides, there is such a difference in birds individually. I have had a bird or two in my time that seemed to be always fit with no extra feeding; even when in moult they could not help singing a bit. Of course, such birds are very little trouble so far as feeding goes.

At the same time, I have had other birds that gave me no end of bother. Although splendid songsters and just about unbeatable in their own house, they were no use at all in a strange place, unless got right up to the highest state of condition, and caught in that condition. I have had birds of this stamp sing the quarter-of-an-hour right through without a break. And that is the reason you need at least half-a-dozen birds if you intend to go thoroughly into Lark singing, as any of them are liable to go off a bit at any time, so that you must have a few to choose amongst.

THE FOOD FOR CONTEST SINGERS.

I will now give particulars of the food I nsed with more success than all the rest of the fanciers in this district put together; but bear in mind the possession of the right stamp of bird had something to do with it. Cut into slices a small loaf of home-made bread, two days old, and dry them in the oven. Then crush them as fine as possible with the rolling pin. Keep this crumbled bread in a tin box, with lid on. Get half-a-pound of kidney beef suet, render it down, and keep the dripping in a cool place. When preparing the food take one tablespoonful of the bread, one-third of a hard-boiled egg (pressed through the perforated zinc), one teaspoonful of bullock's liver grated, one sweet almond grated, a bit of the dripping about the size of a horse bean, a bit of honey about the same size as the dripping, and two teaspoonsful of maw seed. Work it all well together—the egg will make it moist enough—and then press the whole through the perforated zinc grater, when it is ready for the birds.

The above is enough to make at once for two birds; if you have more birds, make accordingly. Do not give all of it at once, or they will waste it, but just what will serve till you have the chance to feed them again.

SOME FINAL HINTS.

This food, with about four small mealworms per bird every day, and just a little Spanish canary seed dropped on to the cage bottom amongst the sand, will bring your birds on splendid. About ten days before the contest is due, add two teaspoonsful of crushed hemp seed to each bird's daily fare. Give no green food of any kind till the day after the contest. Then, if your birds are very fit, stop the hemp seed and give a little chick-weed cut up small for a day or two, just to cool them down a bit. Of course, allow time to get them ready for the next contest, but it is dangerous trying to keep a Lark up to a high state of condition the whole season through, without any relaxation. If you do, the chances are that he will either turn stale on the high feeding, or, what is still worse, finish up by becoming subject to fits.

Type of Norwich Canary.—*Continued.*

WHAT IS A DESIRABLE BRITISH CAGE BIRD?

"Pity the Poor Judges!"

The N.B.B. & M.C. make some interesting additions to their list of "Desirable Cage Birds."

There was an excellent gathering at the National British Bird and Mule Club committee meeting, called for May 30th last, at headquarters, the "Old Napier," High Holborn, when an important agenda was got through. The item of special interest was the consideration of the recently-appointed sub-committee's recommendations with regard to the extension of the club's list of "British cage birds proper," eligible to compete for its cups, medals, etc. Their report, when read by the secretary, proved to be of a somewhat revolutionary nature, inasmuch as a goodly number of the small Waders was amongst the group put forward. Most of the birds were voted on individually; others in "family parties." In the end everyone was accepted, the complete list being as follows:—Crested Tit, Woodchat Shrike, Turtle, Ring, Stock and Rock Doves, Common Quail, Golden, Kentish and Ringed Plovers, Lapwing, Dotterel, Turnstone, Dunlin, Knot, Ruff, Reeve, Sanderling, Commou Sandpiper, Redshank and Greenshank.

After the sub-committee's list had been gone through, the claims of several other birds were put forward by various members of the committee, and these were put to the vote of the meeting and accepted. Thus the following species also take their place in the list by the side of those particularised above:—Nutcracker, Golden Oriole, Hoopoe, Swallow, House and Sand Martins.

There were many points of interest in the evening's discussion. Mr. Silver brought along a miniature library, which proved helpful in more than one instance, for there were few present to whom one or other of the birds under discussion did not present points requiring enlightenment. He read an engaging account from the worthy Bechstein extolling the Woodchat as a cage pet. The species is a rare occasional visitor to England, more especially to the southern and eastern counties, two instances of it breeding in the Isle of Wight being apparently based on trustworthy information. There would seem to be no records of the Woodchat having been observed in either Scotland or Ireland. It was unanimously accepted as a British cage bird.

The inclusion of the four species of Doves raised but little comment, the general opinion being that there were plenty of keepers of these gentle (according to the poet) creatures to warrant their inclusion in a show schedule, with a class to themselves. Mr. Fulljames, however, thought them too near the border-line of the pigeon fancier's preserves to be altogether pleasant; while their "cooing" was hardly on a par with the song of the Nightingale (what he thought of the "billing" he did not put on record). However, that Doves are largely kept, are suited to confinement, and are British birds, could not be questioned, and it seemed only fitting they should appear on the list of a club whose professed object is the furthering of the keeping of "British cage birds proper." So on they went.

The Crested Tit "came into its own" without even so much as an unkind word, and there is no doubt this beautiful bird will be an acquisition to the show bench, its exclusion hitherto being difficult to understand. A charming drawing of this attractive species appeared in CAGE BIRDS' 1907 Birthday Supplement. It is accepted as a resident of the forests which clothe the valley of the Spey and adjacent rivers (Scotland), though in small numbers only, and it has occurred at odd times in other parts of Scotland and England. In Ireland but two or three cases of its occurrence have been recorded.

The proposed inclusion of the Quail, the Plovers and the small Waders (vide list) also moved Mr. Fulljames to protest. Could they, be asked, be reasonably said to come within the definition, "British cage birds proper," as specified in the club's rules? Were they altogether suitable for keeping in a cage, and could show officials be expected to cater for such birds? These points were debated at length, but balance of opinion was heavily against Mr. Fulljames. It was pointed out that practically all the species were comparatively easily domesticated; that they could be, and had been, successfully kept in suitable cages; that the majority of them were graceful in form and bandsomely garbed, with interesting mannerisms, to say nothing of seasonal changes of plumage; that they thrived easily on the food generally supplied to the larger insectivorous birds, with garden worms, snails, grubs, tiny fish, etc., in addition—the fish, however, being not at all essential. Mr. Dewhurst, from personal experience, was able to give much valuable information.

The sub-committee's list being disposed of, Mr. Weston said that, as the Woodchat Shrike had been accepted, he should like to propose the Nutcracker be added to the list. Though, like the other species, only an occasional visitor to our island, it was a most attractive looking bird, quite suitable to cage life; while in all probability, seeing it was essentially a bird of the forest, and more or less Jay-like in its habits, it visited us oftener than was generally credited.

Mr. Maxwell said he should like to see the Swallow, House Martin and Sand Martin recognised. Personally, he experienced no difficulty in keeping them successfully—in fact, they were easier to keep and cater for than some other insectivorous birds on the list, and very much easier to get on to artificial food when newly taken. Mr. Fulljames strongly opposed the suggestion, contending that the three birds named were totally unsuited to existence in a cage, and that it savoured of cruelty. Mr. Maxwell he could quite understand being able to keep them, and other experienced fanciers too; but what of the beginners who would try their hands on them if placed on the club list, and of the number of birds they would be sure to lose? He was, personally, more in favour of cutting down the list, so far as the very delicate birds went, rather than of adding to it. This led to a keen, but entirely good-natured debate, in which Mr. Silver held forth eloquently on the ethics of cruelty, Mr. Weston also being moved to orate on the same subject, both combating the views taken by the previous speaker. Several others present also did not see eye-to-eye with Mr. Fulljames, Mr. Dewhurst confirming Mr. Maxwell as to the comparative ease with which Swallows could be induced to accept captive life, even to surviving several moults—unlike the Wrens and some of the Tits, which were notoriously difficult subjects.

Mr. Fulljames moved the inclusion of the Golden Oriole and the Hoopoe. Both, he said, were uncommon in our isles; but as to being able to successfully keep them in cages there could be no question of that. And, as such birds as the Woodchat and the Nutcracker had been accepted, it would not be logical to leave these two handsome species out.

On being put to the vote, all the species proposed were, as before indicated, formally placed on the N.B.B. and M.C. list. The meeting came to a conclusion at a late hour. Then someone suddenly recollected (amid laughter) that the case of the Meadow Bunting had never been considered! Someone was also heard to say, "Pity the poor judges! they'll have a hot time of it next year!" And one judge present avowed, with a tear in his eye, that he had accepted his last judging appointment!

THE YOUNG NATURALIST.

Prizes of 1s. and two of 6d. each will be given for respectively the best and two second best cuttings or original bits about birds. Competitors must be children under sixteen years of age. All efforts must be briefly and clearly written, and ON ONE SIDE OF THE PAPER ONLY.

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** Friendship between Birds.

Last winter a Starling which had only one leg came daily to be fed; the other appeared to have been torn out entirely, not a vestige of it remaining. The poor bird was very awkward in balancing itself, and such a piteous sight that we held a council of war to decide whether it would be kindest to shoot it or feed it. What determined me to vote for its life was that I noticed the extreme kindness of the other Starlings, allowing it to have the choicest morsels and often waiting their turn until it had finished its meal. The Starling has returned this winter, and comes daily to be fed, and still I notice the same kindness shown it by the others, excepting by one cross-grained bully who pecks everyone indiscrimately. But on one occasion, when the bully pecked the invalid, another Starling flew to the rescue and pecked the bully into decent behaviour.—ERNEST WHITE (age 13 years), Leigh Terrace, Park Road, Cowes, Isle of Wight.

* Ruby-throated Humming-birds.

These birds are very common in South America, and especially in Florida. They fly about from flower to flower, sipping the sweet honey. These birds fly about like butterflies, and they look like streaks of brilliant light. They build a very neat and beautiful nest, which is a deep one. It is composed of cotton and down inside and mosses outside. The nest is generally situated in a group of flowers. When they are hovering over a flower they make a buzzing and humming sound, and this is the reason why they are called humming birds. There are many species of these birds, varying from the size of a Swift to that of a bee. They can be called a Bird of Paradise, because they are so beautiful. Their food generally consists of small insects and honey. The ruby-throated Humming Bird is about the prettiest species of its tribe. They have a long beak and a pair of fine elastic wings, and a forked tail.—ERNEST HALL (age 12 years), 5, Holly Terrace, Whetstone, London, N.

* A Rat who Catches Sparrows.

A curious encounter between a rat and a Sparrow is described by a London resident. He writes: "I was having my dinner in the workshop when I heard some Sparrows chirping rather louder than usual. On going out to see the cause of the unusual noise, I saw a rat with a Sparrow in its mouth trying to get into its hole. Once he succeeded in getting it there, but somehow or other the Sparrow managed to drag him out again. Another Sparrow, seeing its mate in danger, went to its rescue. He flew on his mate's back and began pecking the rat so hard that he was glad to release the Sparrow, which flew away happy at his narrow escape from death.—Sent by WINIFRED M. BENNETT (age 13), 60, St. Peter's Road, Leicester.

Sparrows.

Most gardeners will tell you how mischievous the Sparrows are in fields and gardens. They will soon clear a row of young peas if they are not well protected. But still they do a great deal of good in other ways, by clearing the gardens of caterpillars and other insects. They will often build their nests in the spoutings and block them up.—FRANK THORNTON (age 11), High Street, Oakham, Rutland.

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Absence of Migrants—the Whitethroat.

The wanderings of our resident birds during the greater part of the year appear to be regulated principally by the food supply. The Chaffinches, for instance, will visit a certain district in great numbers where the beech mast are abundant, and the musical Linnets swarm in flocks to the land where the careless farmer has allowed the wild charlock seed to grow unchecked. Other instances of the doings of the Finches could be mentioned. When we come to consider the reasons for the non-arrival of certain species of Warblers, we are driven to conjecture and to theorise upon the absence of particular songsters. This can hardly be accounted for in the same manner, although it might be so without our knowing it, for some of the lesser Warblers feed upon insects so small that one would not be able to say positively if they were plentiful or not.

So far this summer our migrants have certainly not appeared in their usual numbers, hardly a bird of some species, generally plentiful, has been seen. The Swallows and Martins have, within the last few days, flocked into the village, and we therefore at present see a fair sprinkling of them. And if they are able to find food, how is it the Spotted Flycatchers have not arrived to interest us with their butterfly-like habits, for these birds feed upon the wing, differing only from the Swallow in the manner of taking the food. Last summer they were abundant everywhere, but up to the present time hardly a bird has been seen.

At the end of the Oaks-road there is a bridle path leading to Coulsdon. It is a most delightful place for the bird lover; the hedgerows are not too symmetrical, but have that wild, rambling way so delightful to see. The brambles, the wild clematis, and the thick-set thorn bushes grow in abundance, and during the summer the shady thicket is tenanted by sweet-voiced Warblers. The beautiful Whinchat and Stonechat watch from some prominent bush or raised clod in the field; the Tree Pipit descends from the summit of the spindly ash tree, with outstretched wings, singing as lustily as he can, as though the power of his melody was the stimulant that prevented him sinking to the ground, and at each few yards one may hear the delightful song of the Whitethroat.

An Excitable Creature.

See "Peggy" on some swaying branch, with swelling throat and quivering wings, singing as sweet a song as any of our summer birds; his crest is raised, his whole body quivering with excitement. He is an impulsive, fearless little fellow, as knowing as a Robin, and almost as trustful. Let him see you a few times without your startling him with any sudden movement or noise, and he seems to quickly understand that you mean him no wrong, for the next time you are passing his way his delightful little melody will not be interrupted by your appearance. Last year

The Lesser Whitethroat.

these dear little birds were plentiful, and many rambles were made exceeding pleasant by their fluttering ways. But few have been seen this year, and we miss them sadly.

Possibly the climatic conditions of the past month have prevented the Whitethroats reaching our district; or perhaps they came, and finding the cold spring had prevented the birth of their favourite food, passed on to some summer spot more sheltered from the cold winds and cheerless rain. And there, maybe, they will stay and nest, rearing a brood of sweet-voiced songsters, in a flimsy cradle almost too frail and delicate to hold the eggs, much more a healthy family of wee chicks.

Notes and Queries.

Facts about Rooks.

A certain professor has recently examined a number of Rooks, and kept a careful record of the food found in their crops. Taking the grain and potatoes on the one hand, and noxious insects on the other, the balance proved to be slightly in favour of the birds.

The Hawfinch and the Peas.

The Hawfinch does more damage (according to the "Gardeners' Chronicle") to garden peas than Sparrows, slugs and mice combined. Their wonderful dexterity in riddling peas is remarkable. They pierce the pods opposite the peas with their powerful bills and take out the peas, leaving the pod hanging like a piece of torn ribbon, and will go through the whole length of the rows in a very short space of time. It is absolutely necessary to take some means of precaution to safeguard the peas against this beautiful bird.

Ways and Means.

On Lord Townshend's estate at Raynham workmen have discovered a pair of Rooks nesting in a small coppice, not far from an extensive rookery. The male bird has lost his tail, apparently as the result of some accident, and the female has a broken wing. Being, therefore, unable to fly, they are said to have built their nest in a bush within a few feet of the ground, and have managed to construct a sort of ladder of twigs. The male bird contrives to pass up and down this, fluttering from step to step, in order to carry food to his sitting mate.

Colour Feeding Flamingoes!

The American Flamingo, in a wild state, is of a most beautiful scarlet colour, but in captivity fades, moult by moult, till almost white. By mixing some strong but harmless dye with the food, this colour has been almost completely restored during successive moults. But in the gardens of the Zoological Society of London this experiment has been improved upon. Here, some examples of this beautiful bird have recently been turned out into a pond swarming with small crustacea, which, in a state of Nature, form a large part of the bill of fare of this bird. As a consequence, the lost colour is returning to the plumage!

Deceiving the Starlings.

Speaking of the foolishness of birds in some respects, Mr. Richard Kearton, F.Z.S., said he had deceived them himself by substituting wooden painted eggs for the natural offspring of the birds. Two ladies also had come to him after one lecture and stated that a pair of Starlings which had nested in a barn near their house had for three seasons past hatched out barndoor fowls. The ladies had removed the Starlings' eggs and substituted a single hen's egg.

The Woodcock at Home.

Although Woodcock are at times flushed in different parts of the country, Ireland appears to be the home of the bird, as far as the British Islands are concerned. There they breed pretty extensively, and during the period of migration their numbers are considerably increased by arrivals from over the seas. It has been thought that all Woodcock are migratory, and that our home-bred birds leave us, to be replaced by aliens; but from recent observations it is just possible that some of our birds stay with us the year round, and are only migratory in the same sense as the Blackbird and Robin. Of course, it is possible that Woodcock change their habits with the season, according to the climatic condition prevailing at the time.

Nesting of the Seagull.

The Black-headed Gulls we naturally associate with the seashore, either long stretches of level sands, busy harbours, or rock-bound coasts, and one would expect such sea-loving birds to nest along the shore; but when the breeding season arrives these graceful creatures forsake the sand and wave and flock inland to lead a life similar to some of our large farm-loving birds. Upon some rough moor or pond island they nest in company, roaming over the adjacent country for food. They will follow the plough in flocks, with the Rooks and Starlings, feeding upon the grubs and worms brought to the surface by the ploughman and his team. Few birds are less harmful than these, and they should be left unmolested during their sojourn inland. Year after year they return to the same spot to breed, some of the galleries dating back beyond the memory of living man.

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SALE OR EXCHANGE - continued.

TWO Goldfinch Mules, two Chaffinches, one Bullfinch, cocks; exchange Canaries.—A. Pritchard, Woodham, Mortimer, Maldon.

WILL give Chaffinch, two Bullfinch cocks, and buff Yorkshire hen for 1906 yellow Norwich cocks, in full song.—Bingham, March, Cambs.

1906 HAND-REARED Jay, very tame, plain talker, whistles part of a tune, 12/6, with cage, or exchange Parrot.—Nash, 61, Western-rd., Brighton.

EXCHANGE cock Greenfinch, hen Goldfinch, cock Siskin, all house moulted twice, for Norwich cock or offers.—Urban Callear, Dawley, Shropshire.

COCK Goldfinch, muled last year and this, will exchange for anything useful, or sell for 10/-.—Thomas Ford, Brickworks, Norton Malton.

PAIR of Canary-reared Greenfinches, cock Greenfinch, cage moulted, 2/6 each; exchange.—Lydyard, 60, St. Nicholas-rd., Bristol.

HOUSE moulted cock Greenfinch, mule, 52 CAGE BIRDS and plates; exchange cock Goldfinch or Linnet; offers.—R. Clarke, Matlock.

FINGER-TAME Hawk, 5/-; thrice house moulted cock Linnet, bred Mules, sioging, 5/-; cock Lark singing, 2/-; exchanges.—Mrs. Ullyatt, Hallowes-lane, Dronfield.

TWO-YEAR-OLD hand-reared Thrush and Blackbird, champion songsters; exchange two Goldfinch Mules, in full song.—Stones, Bootmaker, Bardney, Lincoln.

WHITE-LEGGED cock Goldfinch, bred Mules, 7/6; large house moulted cock Linnet, 6/6; both steady as rock, two healthy hen Canaries, 5/-; exchange three cock Canaries.—Bryant, Tobacconist, Weston-super-Mare.

SIBERIAN Goldfinch, in splendid condition (caged three years), with hen Canary and 3 ft. breeding cage, will sell or exchange for fishing waders, fly rod, or good pair of Yorkshires.—Hollings, Llanidloes, N. Wales.

Mainly Canaries
To be Sold or Exchanged

LARGE buff Norwich cock, cau win, show cage, 7/6; offers.—Cook, Pembridge.

EXCHANGE clear yellow Yorkshire hen for cock Linnets; or sell 5/-.—13, Radcliffe-rd., Bolton.

EXCHANGE green yellow Yorkshire cock for three hen fowls, best offer.—Sheahan, 51, Warner-st., Kent-rd., London.

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshire Terrier dog pup, three months, make 8 lbs., 20/-; exchange Canaries.—A. McMillan, 77, Kilshaw-st., Liverpool.

NORWICH.—Five hens and three cocks, sell cheap, offers.—P. Titchmarsh, 10, Millbrook-rd., Brixton, S.W.

OWING to accident I cannot now manage my birds, and have a few good ones for disposal; personal callers preferred.—30, Guy-st., Bennett-st., Ardwick, Manchester.

YOUNG Yorkshire cock Canary, singing, cage complete, 10/-, exchange for greengrocer's scales and weights, or pair of good blankets, no rubbish.—Pell, 8, Wellington-rd., Enfield.

GRAND pair Yorkshires, large Cinnamon-marked buff cock, slim yellow hen, double breeding cage, 16/-; or exchange, camera preferred.—W. Peak, Holline-st., Buxton.

HEN Canaries, 1906, untried, will nest at once, one Cinnamon, two Norwich Plainheads, one Crested, 4/- each; one green Crestbred, very full feathered, 7/-; lot, £1; exchange Poultry.—Thompson, 47, Mitcham-rd., Tooting.

GRAND green Crested cock, variegated Crestbred hen (Roberts'), nest at once, sell 17/6; exchange for good pair Yorkshires, yellow cock, buff hen; approval anywhere.—Cartledge, Macclesfield Old-rd., Burbage, Buxton.

WHAT offers in Norwich?—Exchange Yorkshire hen and cock, house moulted cock Goldfinch, prize-bred cock Linnet, house moulted; your birds first; reference given; this is genuine.—J. E., 11, Leinster-av., North Strand, Dublin.

LONG slim buff Yorkshire hen, good feeding strain, 3/6; buff, feeding hen, cross, 2/6; large feathery Crest buff cock, massive bird, healthy, 7/6; 10/6 lot; first P.O. gets them; worth treble.—Mills, 34, Sutton-rd., Liscard, Cheshire.

Mainly Foreign
To be Sold or Exchanged

ONE pair Zebra Finches, outdoor, genuine pair; exchange pair ditto Budgerigars.—Devis, 1, Westlecott-rd., Old Swindon, Wiltshire.

ROCK Parrot, in fine plumage, for sale; or exchange for young Grey African Parrot.—Williams, 15, Pentrebach-rd., Pontypridd.

WHAT offers in Norwich for Indian green Parrot and cage, make good talker? Or sell 15/-.—J. Sharples, 3, Lawn-gr., Queen's-rd., Queen's Park, Manchester.

Miscellaneous
Sale or Exchange

BLACK Retriever pup, exchange for good singing bird.—Dickins, 28, Huntsworth-ter., Marylebone.

DOUBLE barrel muzzle, 14/6, poultry skip, 4/6, offers anything.—J. Percival, Irchester.

YOUNG hen, with nine May chicks, 7/6, or useful exchange.—18, Mecson-st., Clapton Park.

ALL kinds of winning rabbits and cavies, exchange Canaries.—Wyatt, Truro, Cornwall.

BLACKBIRD and cage, grand songster, 4/-; Australian Grey Parrot and cage, 17/6; exchange.—Kerr, 40, Carrick-st., Ayr.

MAGNIFICENT gent's bicycle, nearly new, 75/-, part exchange; also muling cock Goldfinch, 6/-, rare bargains; approval.—J. Meaden, Tisbury, Wilts.

MUSICAL-BOX, eight tunes, 25/-; Collie bitch, trained, 7/6; Whippet bitch, champion pedigree, 20/-.—Abbott, Liverpool-rd., Luton.

CALIFORNIAN Quail cock for sale, healthy, acclimatised, or exchange Foreigners; no rubbish.—Andrews, 17, Marfitt-st., Leicester.

TWO large aviaries, what offers in phonograph horn? Or sell: seen any time.—73, Westbourne-rd., Barnsbury, London.

LARGE aviary, 18 in. by 33 in., large dome, quite new, 12/-, worth double, exchange common fowls, chicks, or ducklings.—Loyd, 21, Bridge-st., Homerton.

BREEDER giving up, all appliances, no reasonable offer refused; particulars.—Manley, 85, Halton-rd., N.

COCK and hen Canary, house moulted, cock Greenfinch, two house moulted hen Bullfinches, 15/-; wanted 'cello.—Loasby, Beaconsfield-ter., Rushden.

BARGAIN.—Handsome mahogany Palace, three-compartment aviary, length 42 in., width 18 in., height centre dome 42 in., £1.—Aruold, Hadleigh, Suffolk.

BARGAIN.—Must sell, two pairs good Canaries, sitting of eggs, 16 cages, breeding, flight, brass, and (similar to Norwich show, new) cash, or exchange bicycle trailer, or cane mailcart and cash.—Cox, 45, Kensal-rd., Westbourne Park.

OFFERS, British exhibition Goldfinch, for Cassell's "Battles, 19th Century," new condition, complete, sell 10/6.—91, Crooksmoor-rd., Sheffield.

INDIAN Parrot and cage, 12/-, splendid specimen; yellow Norwich cock, grand type, 6/6.—Jennings, 33, Hitchman-rd., Leamington.

LADY'S gold watch, beautifully engraved, good timekeeper, sell 35/-, or exchange gold curb bangle.—Miller, Tailor, Southwick, Sunderland.

"HOBBIES" fretwork machine, as new, what offers in birds?—Kempsell, 29, Maydwell-st., Albany-rd., Camberwell, London.

EXCHANGE clarionet, value 17/6, for pair Yorkshire or Norwich Canaries, good strain; mutual approval.—Ryder, Canal-st., Skipton, Yorks.

A GREY Belgian doe, 12 months, for young cock Canary or puppy bitch.—Henn, 102, Moray-rd., Finsbury Park, London.

MONSTER lop doe, had one litter, sell or exchange birds; particulars stamp.—Beattie, Bennison-st., Guisboro'.

SELL three half-bred Persian kittens cheap, or exchange anything useful.—Apply, Merson, 6, Portessie, Buckie.

SEVERAL grand Redpolls for Hybrids, keen in aviary twelve months, also Homer hen, ruug; sell or exchange.—Budder, Holly-ter., Chiswick.

GRAND Scotch Terrier dog pup, pedigree, pick of litter, ten weeks, £1, or exchange ladies' calf Oxfords, 6's.—Budding, Eastington, Glos.

EXCHANGE two pairs Canaries and one breeding cage for phonograph and records, or anything useful, no rubbish offered or wanted.—J.C., 26, Eden-rd., Orford-rd., Walthamstow.

AGENTS wanted to sell moulting mixture, will force birds to moult, 8 oz. bottle, 1/6; certain red mite killer, 8 oz., 1/6, free.—Bird Shop, Hightown, Luton.

COCKS.—Goldfinch, Linnet, Reed Bunting, Redpoll, hen Canary, and long breeding cage, 9/-; exchange, sell singly.—Broadway, Westhy-rd., Boscombe.

BOVRIL pictures.—Two "Little Lady Bountiful," five "A Tempting Bait," cash, 6/- each, or exchange anything useful.—Powell, 115, Derby-rd., Kirkdale, Liverpool.

SQUARE aviary, 2 ft. long by 18 in. high by 16, pair Canaries, pair Redpolls, pair Linnets, sell or exchange; offers.—Williams, 840, Harrow-rd., Willesden.

PAIR Redpolls, 1/6; cock Bullie, house moulted, 3/-; Columbia phonograph, eight records, 10/6; exchange Linnet, silver albert, anything.—Huxley, St. Thomas's-pathway, Chester.

"CAGE BIRDS" GREAT

CANARY BREEDING COMPETITION.

A BOON TO THE FANCY.

£28 CASH IN PRIZES.

Two Sections: (1) NOVICES, (2) OLD HANDS.

1. Only Novice Breeders are eligible for the Novice Competition, a "Novice" to mean anyone who has never bred Canaries before.
2. The Prizes will be: **A**, Cup, value £5 (or Cash), First Prize; **B**, Cash, £3, Second Prize; **C**, Cash, £2, Third Prize; and **D**, Five £1 Cash Prizes for the next best in succession.
3. Prizes to go to the "most successful" breeders, meaning those of the competitors who are most successful in satisfactorily rearing the best average of healthy young birds during 1907 Canary breeding season now in progress.
4. The young Canaries must be bred by the competitors on or before July 15th, 1907, next. None bred after that date will be eligible. (Note definition of "successfully reared" given on Declaration Form.)
5. All stock birds used must be the *bonâ fide* property of the Competitor.
6. Competitors must have the results of their breeding operations attested to by two responsible officials of any recognised Cage Bird Society; or may swear a declaration attested to by two responsible witnesses. Declaration Forms (see extracts printed below) are now ready, and will be sent any competitor post free on application; a postcard will do.
7. From now till the date of the **COMPETITION CLOSING, AUG. 17th,** each issue of CAGE BIRDS will contain a Coupon, and when sending in the declaration competitors must enclose the whole series of coupons to show that they have been during the period regular readers of CAGE BIRDS.
8. The Editor's decision shall be final.

FIVE POUNDS Cash, or Cup to full value, at winner's option, is offered for the most successful Canary breeder of any experience. All breeders of one season's experience and upwards eligible. Same conditions as for Novices. The Editor's decision to be final.

NOTE.—All entries must be sent in by August 17th.

EXTRACTS FROM DECLARATION FORMS.

For Competitors.

I, the undersigned, having entered for "CAGE BIRDS" 1907 BREEDING COMPETITION, hereby make declaration, according to the terms of the said Competition: (1) That this is the first season I have tried to breed Canaries; (2) That I have used this season .....*(state number)*..... Cocks and .....*(state number)*..... Hens, which were and are now *bonâ fide* my own property; (3) That I successfully reared* by August 13th, 1907, ...*(state number)*..... young Canaries entirely from the aforementioned .....*(state number)*..... stock birds, the said young Canaries being in good health on the said August 13th.

* By "successfully reared" is meant that the young birds are feeding themselves—that is, are requiring no assistance from their parents.

For Witnesses.

We, the undersigned, having read the Declaration of .....*(state name)*..... ..... of .....*(give full address)*..... hereby declare that, to the best of our knowledge and belief, the said Declaration is true in substance and in fact, we having seen the above birds and checked the stated particulars concerning them.

DECLARATION FORMS NOW READY.

PLEASE APPLY,

Canary Breeding Competition.

JUNE 8th, 1907. **Coupon No. 9.**

F. CARL, 154, FLEET STREET, LONDON, E.C.

HEALTHY black Pug, 2½ years, white on chest, quiet, exchange Parrot or birds, 30/-.—Jones, Millbrook House, Rhyl.

TWO double breeders, 4 ft, flight, or 1907 Canaries in exchange for small serviceable lawn mower or roller; particulars.—Dunning (sec Norwich).

GENT'S cycle, free wheel, brake, good condition, £3, exchange cage birds; approval.—John Lewis, 31, Dinam-st., Nantymoel, Bridgend.

FINE big Collie pup, three months old, sell 15/-, or useful exchange, birds, anything.—Sheldon, 98, Kent-st., Upper Gornal, Dudley.

DOUBLE barrel pocket shot gun, in extra good condition, 9/-, or exchange; stamp reply.—T. Amery, Crowle, Doncaster.

EXCHANGE good bred Pole Nanny Goat, nine months old, for good singing birds and cages.—F. Simons, 41, Rochester-pl., Camden-rd., N.W.

EXCHANGE six ivorine handled knives or pair carvers for one cock or three hen Canaries; approval.—Marsden, Cutlery Manufacturers, 175, St. Philip's-rd., Sheffield.

TWO grand pairs of Pointers, just ready for second nest, 7/6 pair, one cock is honestly worth 30/-, or exchange good Airedale or common fowl.—Pimm, Icknield Port-rd., Birmingham.

NEW eight-day clock, strikes hours and half-hours on gong, sell 40/-, or Canaries.—Walker, 34, Hathaway-st., Maryhill, Glasgow.

EXCHANGE Fox Terrier bitch puppy, black tan head, white body, for cock Canary or cock Linnets, or sell 7/6.—Smith, 178, Graham-gdns., Hanwell.

VERY large sectional aviary, cost £16, sell £3 10/-; also splendid window aviary, cost £4 10/-, sell 17/6, bargains, or exchange gramophone.—Wakefield, Taxidermist, Blue-st., Boston, Lincolnshire.

CRESTED Linnet-Canary Mule, splendid songster, 10/6; also two spotted deer skins, make good rugs, 6/- each, or exchange.—Hatch, 4, Homerule-cottage, Ponndfield, Jarvishrook.

EXCHANGE six splendid staghorn-handled knives and six forks to match, also handsome pair silver mounted meat carvers and good bread knife; approval, for two cock or six hen Canaries.—Donohoe, 207, Arundel-st., Sheffield.

SHARPER, grand pedigree smooth Fox Terrier dog, 18 months, sire Piercefield Sharper, winner of 50 firsts and specials, dam Champion Patois, well-known winners, sell 30/-, cost £3 3/-, puppy; approval, deposit.—William Outram, Riber Cottage, Heanor, Derbyshire.

BLANKETS, boots, suits, watches, clocks, jewellery, electro-plate, table cutlery, furniture, autoharps, cycles, everything direct from makers, in exchange for live stock, Canaries, British and Foreign birds, etc.—Exchange Co., 30, Woollen-st., Sheffield.

COCK Linnet, twice cage moulted, and hen Canary, 8/-; cock Goldfinch, Pea-throat, and hen Canary, both bred Mules, 8/-, with breeding cages; exchange common fowls, chicks.—Loyd, 21, Bridge-st., Homerton.

SEVENTY-FIVE CAGE BIRDS, 50 other bird papers, six "Bird World Magazines," 23 plates, pair cutting pliers, 1/9; six-wheeled glass cutter, 2/6; exchange lot for cock Canary or Siberian Goldfinch; approval.—McDerment, 99½, George-st., Paisley.

EXCHANGE six ivorine handled knives and six nickel silver forks to match, also pair silver mounted carvers and six nickel silver teaspoons, approval, for two cocks or six hen Canaries.—Proprietress, Yeomanry Arms Hotel, Arundel-st., Sheffield.

LARGE buff Norwich cock, ticked hen, and three young, five weeks, 15/-; cock Linnet, Canary-reared hen Greenfinch, building, 4/6; four-key fife, 2/6; exchange poultry, anything useful; beautiful 'cello, sell 70/-; exchange.—Bass, Band Secretary, 14, Coombe-st., Lyme Regis, Dorset.

PAIR 26 by 1¼ Dunlop, wired on, road-racing covers, fitted with extra Smith's bands, equal to new, value 20/-; will exchange for two extra good German cocks; must be good songsters; no rubbish; approval with pleasure.—Raveu, 80, Lower Ford-st., Coventry.

NORWICH.—First-class pair, cock won 2nd Camberwell Baths, 2nd Earl's Court, etc., well known on show bench, sacrifice £2; also phonograph, nearly new, with 52 records, in case, sell 30/-, or exchange good Schoolmaster and part cash, or slot machine.—W. C. Welch, Elton-rd., Hertford.

NATURAL HISTORY.

CHEAP, what offers, over 100 small birds' eggs?—Jefferson, Fancier, Haxby, York.

VARIOUS.

GUARANTEED whalehone corsets, double busks, black or dove colour, 19 in. to 30 in., 2/6 free.—Harper's Stores, Nechells, Birmingham.

FISHING tackle book, containing 60 flies, all noted patterns, new, never used, post free 4/-.—Mitchellhill, Longtown, Cumberland.

SIXTY-SIX collars, 78 fronts, sizes from 13 to 14½, all new, 19/-, or offers.—Miller, Tailor, Southwick, Sunderland.

NOVELTY.—Magnificent pair tame Japanese Fancy Mice, most amusing, soon breed, complete in cage, 1/- lot.—Zoological Emporium, Sutton, Birmingham.

YORKSHIRE brood bitch, 14 months old, good breeder and mother, pedigree on application, price 50/-.—Munro, 165, Bellfield-st., Glasgow.

FISHERMEN, try a sample dozen assorted trout, sea-trout, or herling flies, 9d.; approval; noted killers.—Mitchelhill, Longtown, Cumberland.

PHEASANT, Partridge, and Wild Duck eggs, Fancy Pheasants and Water Fowl, etc.—Cuthbert Young, Finchley.

FOR Sale, Bovril Pictures, "A Tempting Bait," price 5/- each.—E. Jordan, 38, Bevington-rd., North Kensington, London.

CASSELL'S "Canaries and Cage Birds," perfect condition, 15/-, cost 45/-.—Fry, Alwinton, Godstone-rd., Purley.

MODEL railway, 38 ft., 1½ gauge, engine, carriages, etc., cost 35/-, accept 15/-; offers.—Jefferson, Fancier, Haxby, York.

BARGAIN.—Camera, plates, printing frame, paper, directions, developer, and fixing, 1/7, carriage paid.—Malley, 19, Heneryshott, Dumbarton.

LARGE Norwich cock, ticked buff, 1906, 6/-; steady cock Greenfinch, 2/-; hand-reared hen Goldfinch, 1/6; large Cinnamon hen, Norwich type, bred Mules, 5/-.—Taylor, 30, Dean-st., Haworth, Yorks.

CAMERA, new, snapshot, carries six ½ plates, recently cost 21/-, sell for 10/-, or with outfit, 14/- to prompt buyer; no time for hobby.—Eshelby, 37, Daniel-st., Cardiff.

ROLLER cocks, full song, 10/6; pairs, 15/-; odd hens, 5/-; three house moulted cock Chaffinches, full song, 2/- to 5/-; Mules.—Smith, Jeweller, Keston Lindsey.

NETTING for tennis enclosing.—1 in. mesh, 25 yds. by 3 yds., 6/6; 25 yds. by 4 yds., 7/6; any width and length kept in stock.—H. Robinson and Co., Garden Net Works, Rye, Sussex.

VALUABLE violin, property late violinist, marvellous tone, labelled "Stadivarius Cremona 1721," lock-up case, bow, tutor, music desk, £12 12/- outfit, sacrifice 10/6; approval willingly.—Mrs. Tyler, Rockingham, Uxbridge.

TANNED garden netting.—Protect your Strawberries and fruit from ravages of birds. 30 square yds., 1/-, can be sent any width or length. Nets oiled and dressed.—Henry Robinson and Co., Garden Net Works, Rye, Sussex.

A GENTLEMAN wishes to dispose of his £4 4/- military binocular glasses in saddler-made case, perfect definition, 10 achromatic lenses, will show a bullet mark at 1,000 yards; sacrifice, 11/6; willingly sent on approval before payment.—Captain, Caxton House, Upper Tulse-hill, London.

TWO highly pedigree-bred golden sable and white Collie puppies, ten weeks old, immense coats, frills, and brushes, grand heads, well carried ears and brushes, white collars, perfect markings, clean, healthy, lovely specimens, certainly make large winners, dog 25/-, bitch 15/-; approval; printed pedigree on application.—R. Marshall, Hagworthingham House, Spilsby, Lincolnshire.

SOAP 1d. lb., 36 lb. 3/- POSTAL ORDER. In bars, white or carbolic, direct from makers, marvellous value.—Roberts and Co., 161, Waverley-rd., Small Heath, Warwickshire.

GOLDFISH. GOLDFISH.

Small, 4/6 100, 40/- 1,000; medium, 6/- 100, 50/- 1,000; large, 7/- 100, 65/- 1,000; extra large, 10/- 100, 95/- 1,000; retail prices, 9d., 1/-, 2/-, 3/- per dozen.—De Von, 111, Bethnal Green-rd., London.

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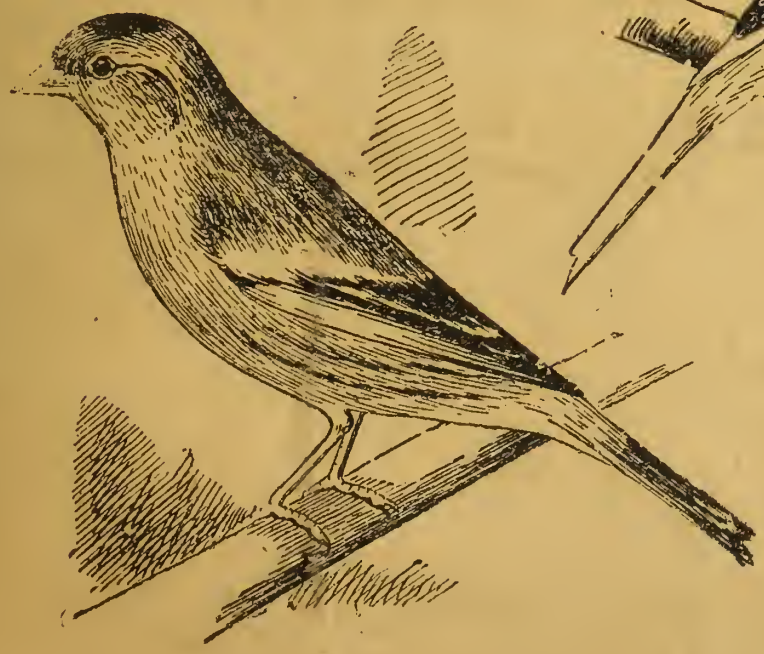

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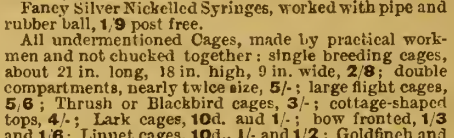

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Never were such times since Nelson died! Whatever has come over this erstwhile quiet and not-easily-moved district? I am speaking of Ilford, Seven Kings, Goodmayes, and that vast area of the "just beyond," which has been roused from its ultra-snobocracy and turned into a seething cauldron of fierce debate and controversy. Wherever one turns one hears of nothing but bird breeding and questions as to what is an "amateur" or "novice." In the clubs, in the bars, in the street, outside churches and chapels, meeting halls, doctors' shops, and undertakers, there is a continual, and in many cases belated, hum of conversation on the now universal topic of Canary breeding. Of course, I very soon caught the infection—in fact, I walked open-armed into it.

Right outside my abode there was gathered a round dozen of my neighbours evidently just finding their way home from the aforesaid "excuses for being detained in the City on business." The subject under discussion had evidently become so hot that it had deprived them for the time being of the means of locomotion. Had they proceeded a few paces further it is just possible I should still be ignorant of the cause of this unwonted excitement. But, as I have already stated, they came to a standstill immediately outside my house. Now, as a rule I retire at a respectable hour (unless in my turn I am "detained in the City on business"), and at this very time I was wooing sweet Morpheus—perhaps a trifle unsuccessfully, which accounted for my churlishness. Therefore, in words perhaps more forcible than polite, I asked them what the, etc., was the disturbance, and why they could not, etc., engage a hall for their discussions instead of annoying respectable people at an hour when none but Owls and Bats hold their meetings. And then, reader, came my enlightenment. Then the mystic veil was lifted. With one accord they almost flew at me. "Ah! you can settle this question for us, can't you?" Of course, I said that I would try if they would tell me what it was. And if you will believe me I would have told them anything just at that moment, if it was only to get rid of them.

If appears one or two of the company had made up their minds to go in for CAGE BIRDS breeding competition, and had been canvassing their friends to give their testimony of the genuineness of their statements that they were really novices. In their haste to get these signatures they had held forth in such glowing terms of their chances of winning a prize that they had enthused their friends, who also came to the decision that they also would start the hobby—especially when it was made so easy for them, for all they had to do was to buy CAGE BIRDS, study it carefully, bny a pair of birds, and win a big prize. What could be easier? But the point which was troubling them was whether they could sign for each other. I told them I thought they could, thinking to thus get rid of them and once more retire to rest and oblivion. But no, I had reckoned without my host. Several of my interlocutors knew Canary breeding was a hobby which I had embraced with a certain amount of success, and they plied me with question after question until they had perforce to cease for very want of breath. When I could get a word in edgeways I told them that to answer all their questions would take me until Christmas, and as I had a few pairs of birds to feed between now and then I could only refer them to the aforesaid CAGE BIRDS and CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL, where they could get all the information they wanted and more besides; that they could also "take it lying down," as I wanted to do at the time. This seemed to satisfy them, for they separated, each with a determination of outdoing the other in their new-found hobby. To say that I wished them luck would be a mild expression of my wishes—I wished them to—never mind, it is all over now, and it is quite hot enough here just at present. However, since that night I have met several of my friends and have made amends for my churlishness, for, after all, if one has a hobby he loves to commune with kindred souls.

Talking about hobbies, is it not strange that this desire to take up a hobby should attack one, as it were, in the springtime? Some take up one thing, some another—gardening, photography, fowls, etc., etc., but can any hobby compare with that of Canary breeding? The gardener gets all his enjoyment in the summer time; so does the photographer; so does most of the other votaries of the god "Hobby," but the Canary breeder gets his enjoyment all the year round. In the dismal days of winter he has the song of his pets to make him almost ignore or forget the biting cold, the dreary days and long, cheerless nights. Their music is like bottled sunshine, their company breathes of cloudless skies, mossy banks, and makes one feel at peace with all the world. And in encouraging this best of all hobbies and making it more popular with the community at large CAGE BIRDS has rendered a great service. That this service is being appreciated can readily be seen by the increasing number of people one meets in train and 'bus eagerly conning the pages of this most popular organ of the bird fancy every Friday morning. I hold no brief for CAGE BIRDS, but feel it my duty to do my share to repay, perhaps in a poor way, the thousand and one helpful hints this paper has given me. And now, Mr. Novice, it is trying to help you—£28 is offered in prizes, see particulars on another page. Go in and win; or, if you do not win, try, and next year you will be as enthusiastic in the pursuit of your hobby as the writer of this short article.

THE YOUNG NATURALIST.

Prizes of 1s. and two of 6d. each will be given for respectively the best and two second best cuttings or original bits about birds. Competitors must be children under sixteen years of age. All efforts must be briefly and clearly written, and ON ONE SIDE OF THE PAPER ONLY.

Two stars indicate the Winning Contribution; one Star the runners up.

* * The Proud Goldfinch.

I think this bird is the proudest and the most beautiful I have ever seen. The way he flies from perch to perch in the aviary, in the most graceful fashion, displaying to perfection the yellow bars on his wings, is very interesting, and truly, as Mr. Rudd says, he is "An aristocratic little gentleman." We have one flying in our aviary in the garden, with a dozen hen Canaries. It is my work to clean out the aviary, and the birds do not seem alarmed at my presence. When I put a little hemp and teazle seed down, he sings and shakes himself with pride, and if any other bird goes near his beloved seed he proudly drives it away. —ANNIE PICKERING (aged 13 years), 178, Victoria Street, Chadderton, Oldham.

* Albino Blackbird.

A gentleman caught a splendid Albino Blackbird on December 23rd. He exhibited it at Chirnside on January 1st, where it won first. It is a cock bird, with rare amber-coloured bill and bright eye ceres. His head and neck are whiter than the rest of his body. The inner flight of wings are also white. My father bought him for us, but he lost half of his tail in coming. We have turned him into our Pigeon loft, and feed him on Hyde's Lark Food, a few currants, and a few earthworms, and he appreciates all of them. We have also a pair of yellow Budgerigars, which are sitting on eggs, also a Siberian Goldfinch, which have all won on the show bench, and if the Blackbird lives he will be another of the team of Patterson Brothers.—GEO. PATTERSON (age 13), Chirnside.

* The Jackdaw.

We have had our Jackdaw for about eighteen months, and I am sure we would be sorry to part with him now. It is most amusing to watch his quaint ways. At first we were afraid of him leaving us, but now he flies about the neighbourhood, and we have no fear of his going away. Our Jackdaw is very sly in his ways. He hops about slowly and quietly, and then suddenly he will make a spring at something, especially if it be anything bright, and off with it, just as though we were after it. With training he talks a little; he can say "Jackey" quite plain.—J. G. Thompson (age 10), 21, Challoner Street, Cockermouth.

A Canary.

One day my father went up to feed his birds, and when he came to the cage of a yellow hen Canary he found the bird in the bottom of the cage. He brought it down into the warm house, and found out that its leg was broken in two places. He then said to me that he was going to destroy it, because it would never get better. I persuaded him not to, and we put it in a cage with its food in a glass, and hung it up in the house. In a fortnight it was up on the perch again, and in the best of health, and able to go amongst the other birds.—CHARLES EDWARD HALL (age 13), 21, Brownhill Avenue, Leeds.

Cruelty and Kindness.

The other day my sister saw some cruel boys throwing a poor little Sparrow up in the air. She went out and took it away from them. It was not dead, but stunned. As we keep birds, and have a Linnet, we put it in with the Linnet. Then we gave the Sparrow something to eat and drink, but in the evening we found it dead.—H. R. MARTIN (age 14), Pleasant View, Dunton Green, Kent.

The Weaver Birds.

The Common Weaver is found in India in well-wooded places, where it feeds on grain and the seeds of grasses. It receives its name on account of its strongly-made nest, of interwoven blades of grass, hanging from the boughs of trees, most beautiful in form, being long and well-shaped. The Sociable Weaver is found in Africa. The nest of this bird often contains several hundreds of cells, surrounding a whole tree, and requires a cart and several men to remove it.—M. PALFREYMAN (age 11), Crook's Cross, South Molton.

Use our Picture Postcards.

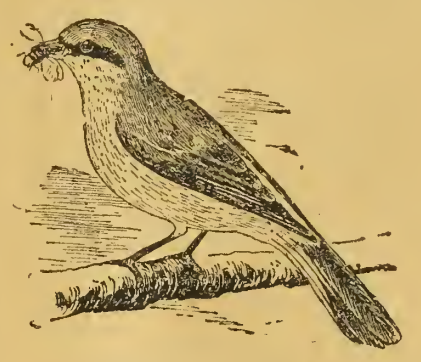
All communications for this column should be written on one side of the paper only, duly authenticated with the name and address of the writer, not necessarily for publication, and sent to H. Norman, Editor, "Wild Bird Life," "The Eyrie," Salisbury-road, Carshalton, Surrey, by Monday in each week. Original observations and records invited.

A Note on the Cuckoo.

We are now in the leafy month of June, and we may still hear the note of the Cuckoo mingling with the songs of the Finches and Warblers. To-day he was calling vigorously, the sound coming with the wind from the woods as clear as it does in the early spring days. Although it was so strong and clear, yet occasionally he would repeat "cuck" "cuck" twice before finishing his full note, and in one case he sounded it four times. The cry sounded very strange, and could hardly be recognised as part of the bird's song. We shall probably hear him for another week or so before he departs across the seas, leaving the young ones to follow in the autumn. There is, apparently, no reason why the old Cuckoos should not stay with us as long as the young ones do, for if these can stand our changeable climate until the month of September, as many of them do, the old birds could surely do the same; but they evidently just wander over here, deposit their eggs in the nests of smaller birds, making use of them to rear their greedy offspring, and then depart, apparently quite careless as to the welfare of the youngsters.

The Red-backed Shrike.

Bird lovers cannot but notice that many birds frequent particular districts, and are not to be found in others which, in our opinion, are quite as well suited to their pursuits and requirements. In the Red-backed Shrike we have a striking example of this habit, for these birds are singularly local. I know spots in different parts of the country where this bird is to be found nesting year after year with certainty, and, if unmolested, the same bush will be chosen for the site of the somewhat bulky home. This Shrike is a bird that shuns the moors and uplands, for he loves the rich-cultivated valleys—the open country more than the wood. He delights in the tall, straggling hedgerows dividing the stretches of meadow or cultivated land. In some places an old disused chalk-pit, overgrown with brambles, wild woodbine and a few strong-growing thorn bushes, is his chosen haunt. Such places are warm and dry, wild flowers grow in abundance, and big bees drone lazily by. These form a considerable portion of his daily food. The habit of the Butcher Bird partakes largely of that of the Flycatcher, and, like that bird, he no sooner arrives among us than he is at once detected, for he is seen perched on the topmost branch of the hedgerow, the stump of an old tree, or the gate post leading to the meadows, and from one of these commanding positions he is able to see all that is going on, and to flutter into the air after some passing beetle or bee. Occasionally a small bird ventures too near, and the larger Hawk-like creature pounces down upon the unfortunate one and beats the poor little fellow to death with his powerful hooked beak. Sometimes we may see him flutter down to the ground and search among the rank grass for the larger insects, or possibly some small field mouse. During his stay with us this bold bird can have no difficulty in procuring food. Half-fledged birds are



The Red-backed Shrike.

plentiful, and he can easily find nests full of callow young ones. His short wings do not fit him for the chase; he is unable to fly down and capture his victims in the manner of the Hawk; but he is, if anything, more dangerous than the larger bird. Many small birds wander unconsciously close to him, or allow him to mix freely with them. He comes upon them unawares, capturing the wounded or weakly.

The most interesting habit of the Shrike is that of impaling his victims upon the thorns of some handy bush. This is no doubt done for the purpose of tearing it to picces, for the legs and feet of this bird are not sufficiently powerful to hold its prey. Although the Shrike generally has some particular spot which one might designate its larder, the observer may often meet with evidence of his doings along the hedgerow, and, if followed up, will generally lead to the finding of the nest.

Notes and Queries.

A Fondness for Letter-boxes.

A Blue Tit has built her nest in a letter-box belonging to Mr. J. Searle, in Wood Lane, Long Sutton, Yorks, for the fifth year in succession. The bird has thirteen eggs this season, and up to the present has already successfully reared in the nest in this letter-box no fewer than 43 birds.

The Lapwing's Weird Ways.

The wild, weird ways of the Lapwing have somewhat abated. He has courted and nested, and his mate is now busily tending the downy chicks in the fast growing corn. Approach the haunts of the bird, and he quickly takes wing, rushing upwards with swift wing beats, turning sideways with one wing pointing to the sky, exposing the whole of the back and outstretched wings; the next instant he has turned; now the opposite wing is uppermost, showing the underpart of the body; a quick transition from black to white; and so he continues rushing round the field at a great rate, meanwhile calling repeatedly, but a different note to that of the early spring. He is anxious for the young ones, but he knows they are safer than the eggs were in the nest.

Bird Song in June.

In the month of June we get the sweetest notes from wild birds still in song. The passion of the spring is past, the birds sing now for very joy and gladness. There is no rivalry, no mad rush through the strain, breaking off halfway and finishing with a wild scream, as many of them do. The song as rendered now is slower and more tuneful, each note is full and round, and sung with deliberation and method. Get under a tall hedge and listen to the song of the Linnet, such round, full notes can hardly be recognised, so much do they differ from the hurried jerky music of the spring. The song talk of the Greenbird is a study in melody. Who says the Greenie has no song? Listen to him now in the month of June. His is a contented, pleasant trill, without much variation, 'tis true, but delightful to listen to along the breezy hedgerows.

The Nightingale in Scotland.

"The Scotsman" prints an interesting letter, dated 1889, from a Lady Margaret Cameron, wherein she says, "A Nightingale was heard for three weeks, and also seen, during the month of June, 1889. Thermometer 90 in the shade in May. Very hot all May, June, and July, but cold and wet in the south and east of England." This is particularly interesting, as the bird of melody is supposed never to reach beyond York, but one is inclined to think there is just as much possibility of the Nightingale straying out of his course, as some of the rare birds which from time to time reach these shores as stragglers. The note as to the weather conditions would help one to think it might be a genuine case. Doubtless the lady was well acquainted with the song of the Gale.

Bird Sanctuaries.

By the efforts of protective societies and private persons, several real bird sanctuaries exist in the country, and in size they extend from half an acre of wood to miles of moorland and seashore. Although our commoner birds are well able to hold their own, and need no protection beyond that of the law, yet many species of rare birds require the most careful watching, and as much seclusion as it is possible to give them. When a stretch of woodland is given up to wild bird life, it has been found that the larger birds are equally quick to take advantage of the facilities for nesting in security. Consequently, Hawks, Owls, Jays, and Crows increase rapidly, and these prey upon the smaller and equally interesting birds, so that unlimited protection comes as a mixed blessing. In the case of the Hawks and Owls they can be left to themselves, as they roam far and near, and are always running into danger, but with the Crow family it is another story. They increase rapidly, and pilfer the nests of eggs and young birds in the immediate vicinity, so that hardly a warbler can be found in a small wood where a family of Jays or Carrion Crows frequent.

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WANTED—continued.

WANTED, Canaries, any number, weekly, for cash; write, stating full particulars and price, to J. Thorn, 37, Plumstead-rd., Woolwich. Telephone, 365 Woolwich.

WANTED, chicks or Canaries, or Goldfinches; cock Greenfinch Mule, big bird, 5/-; pair of riding trousers and leggings, 10/-; harmonium, 10/-, maker, Hiller, cost £9 9/-.—Long, 18, Prout-rd., Clapton.

SALE OR EXCHANGE.

Mainly British
To be Sold or Exchanged

SELL or exchange pair 1906 hand-reared Hawks; what offers?—Green, Stanley-st., Bourne, Lincs.

FOR sale or exchange, four good cock Linnets, for good pair of Norwich Canaries.—H. Hamans, 29, Willis-st., Poplar.

COCK Blackbird, 2/6; four hand-reared cock Chaffinches, 10/6; two-year-old Linnet Mule, 8/6; full song.—Smith, Jeweller, Kirton Lindsey.

COCK hand-reared Linnet, muler, 7/6; exchange hen Canaries or anything useful.—Winstone, 1, Victoria-ter., Dukes-rd., Southampton.

SELL or exchange anything useful; splendid dark cock Goldfinch Mules; good English history wanted.—Bennett, Southfield, Radstock.

LARGE cock Goldfinch and hen Bullfinch, mated, for good Yorkshire or Norwich cock, singing.—Patrick, 38, Doris-st., Ringsend, Dublin.

WILL exchange cock and hen Bullfinch for young Canary cock.—Whittaker, Old Vine Bridge-st., Newcastle, Staffs.

SALE or exchange anything useful for several pairs of Greenfinches, Chaffinches, Bramblefinches.—C. Chapman, High-st. South, Dunstable.

RICH coloured dark jonque Goldfinch Mule, full finch song, 7/6; will exchange him and give cash for Goldfinch or Linnet Mule, on pure Linnet song; approval; deposit.—Shepherd, 24, Penzance-st., Moorrow, Cumberland.

TWICE cage moulted Goldfinch, feeding a yellow Yorkshire Sib hen, 12/6; large wire aviary, 7/-; sell, or exchange winning Goldfinch or Mule; offers; approval.—Particulars, 54A, Bygrove-rd., Merton, Surrey.

Mainly Canaries
To be Sold or Exchanged

THREE untried hens, 7/-, exchange anything.—Lewis, 18, Oak-rd., West Bromwich.

EXCHANGE large green Norwich hen for Flemish rabbits.—Smith, 90, Fonthill-rd., Aberdeen.

GOOD Norwich cock, 10/-; exchange Yorkshire cock.—F. Edmead, Bury Fields, Guildford.

TWO pairs of Canaries, nesting 12/-; approval, deposit.—Sansom, Leasebourne, Campden, Glos.

EXCHANGE pair good Canaries, Crested cock, for a pair of adult Budgerigars.—Gray, Cedars-rd., Hampton Wick, Middlesex.

TRIO winning Partridge Wyandottes, cost £6; exchange for Norwich, Yorkshires, Budgerigars; stamp reply.—Barrow, 95, Green-st., Eastbourne.

BUFF hen Canary, 3/-; partly clear hen Goldfinch Mule, 2/-; cock Bully, good, 3/-; black-marked hen Bully, 1/6; cage moulted.—8, Spring-rd., Abingdon.

BARGAIN.—Two good pairs Norwich, with eight young, five left nest, two good breeding cages, lot 35/-, worth 45/-.—W. Winsor, Coles-yard, Fairhazel-gdns., Hampstead, London.

CHAMPION Yorkshires, cocks, full song, 7/6 each; variegated Goldfinch Mule, full song, 7/6; ten days' approval; six breeding cages, 2/- each, 10/- six, carriage paid.—Powick, Eastfield House, Dewsbury.

PAIR Norwich, pair Yorkshires, and odd Yorkshire hen, all in breeding condition, must be sold, first 20/- has the lot; splendid value.—Renson, 80, Lower Ford-st., Coventry.

COCK Goldfinch, bred Mules, 6/-; yellow Yorkshire hen, 1906, 3/6; yellow Norwich hen, 1906, 3/-; or exchange young Norwich or good pair of Norwich or Hartz Mountains.—Holmes, 18, Village-gr., Everton, Liverpool.

GRAND pair of Rollers and three young ones, 15/-; exhibition Goldfinch and hen Canary, bred Mules, house moulted, 10/6, fit to show; on approval; deposit; exchange good bed clothes or a good lever watch or fowl.—Noah Bennett, New Johnst., Blackheath, Staffs.

Mainly Foreign
To be Sold or Exchanged

COCK Goldfinch, cock Saffron Finch, and Black-headed Mannikin, sell 10/6; or exchange.—Howard, Burnham Market Station, Norfolk.

CUTTHROAT, 2/6; Siskin, 3/6; greyish-white Java, 3/-; all full song; two light Goldfinch Mules, hens, 1/9, exchange.—"Broadway," Westby-rd., Boscombe.

TWO fine Blue-fronted Amazon talking Parrots, with cages, and warranted acclimatised, will exchange for gold curb albert or diamond ring, on approval, sell 50/- each cash, or exchange, 60/-.—Taylor, Seed Merchant, Preston-st., Manchester.

HANDSOME blue and yellow Macaw, on brass stand, good plain talker, very tame, comes on hand, whistles, sings, laughs, cries, in good feather, £3 10/-; Bare-eyed Cockatoo, very tame, make talker, whistles, 15/6; exchange full song cock Canaries or Mules; no fancy prices.—Clarke, 82, High-st., Sydenham.

Miscellaneous
Sale or Exchange

BANTAMS, Homers, Rabbits, clap nets, exchange for Canaries.—Muir, Guilford-rd., Southend-on-Sea.

WANTED, boots or cock Canaries, exchange good morning coat, vest.—Cook, Pembridge.

YOUNG Badger, strong and healthy, what offers? Or exchange.—Holloway, Castlefields, Shrewsbury.

SALE, outdoor aviary, 6 ft. by 3 ft. 6 in. by 6 ft. 6 in., portable, 22/-.—72, Palace-rd., Bowes Park, N.

WILL exchange 45 CAGE BIRDS; with coloured plates, and extra 1901 plates, for pair Budgerigars.—John Johnstone, 10, Telford-st., Inverness.

EXCHANGE pair hollow ground razors, in silk lined case, for one cock or three hen Canaries.—Joseph Royles, 250, Beet-st., Sheffield.

EXCHANGE six ivorine handled knives or pair carvers for one cock or three hen Canaries.—Herbert Marsden, 175, St. Phillip's-rd., Shelfield.

THREE Bull Terriers, puppies, for sale, 7/6 each; or exchange birds.—Merrington, 13, Dennett's gr., New Cross, London.

WHAT offers for four double breeding cages and four hen Canaries? Or sell £1.—Wolkerton, 9, Gladstone-yd., Sleaford.

FOR Sale or exchange, costume cloth, 15 Fancy Pigeons, some Tipplers and cross-breds.—Harry Leach, Mapplewell, Barnsley.

GOOD ¼-plate camera, scales, measure, dishes; sale, or exchange pair good Yorkshires.—Sturge, Middle-ter., Castle Green, Bristol.

FOUR 1907 birds, pair old ones, three double breeding cages; exchange cycle, Zonophone Disc.—Pearson, Commercial-st., Todmorden.

DOUBLE breeder, 32 by 16 by 8, wood and wire partitions, loose fronts, sand drawers, 5/-.—Broome, Windsor-rd., Oldham.

THREE Airedale pups, five weeks old, 5/- each; also good house moulted cock Goldfinch and Sib hred hen, 8/-.—Bradford, 1, Swan-st., Coventry.

FIRST-CLASS pair Red-crested Cardinals, 15/-; Goldfinch-Canary Mule, with cage, 10/-.—Robson, 91, High-st., Bridlington.

PEN exhibition Leghorns, one cock, three hens, exchange good young Canarics.—Masson, Anquharney, Hatton, Aberdeenshire.

SALE or exchange, grand old English sheep dog, £1, or exchange pair Norwich or Yorkshire Canaries.—Butler, King-st., Dawley, Salop.

PARROT cage, new, value 15/-, sell or exchange chickens, anything.—J. Allen, Holly Cottage, Ring Fenec, Shepshed, Leicestershire.

SINGLE barrel breech loading shot gun, central fire, .410 bore, cost £2, sell 20/-, or exchange pair new cycle covers, 28 by 1½, to suit Dunlop-Welch rims.—R. Saltmer, 40, Hoxton-rd., Searborough.

GRAND young Airedale bitch for sale, grand colour and size, well punished head, nice style, good body.—Apply, Richardson, Castle Bank, Tow Law, Durham.

LIVER coloured Spaniel dog, well bred, ten months old, 15/-, will exchange Canaries or anything useful.—Mrs. Handbury, Cromford-rd., Ripley, Derbyshire.

PEDIGREE Fox Terrier, nicely marked, ten months, pedigree on application, exchange Canaries, or sell £1 or nearest offer.—W. Thompson, 65, Balmoral-ter., Heaton, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

GENT'S waterproof, 39 in. chest, latest style, cost £1 15/-, perfect condition, £1, exchange Canaries.—Abbott, 122, Campbell-st., Riccarton, Ayrshire.

MODEL steam engine, tubular boiler, driven with coal or gas, all brass, powerful, exchange Foreign birds.—Gee, 33, St. Steven's-rd., Selly Park, Birmingham.

EXCHANGE six-keyed piccolo, tutor, and No. 1 Brownie camera, cost 14/- recently, for a pair of Canaries; mutual approval.—Alexander Duff, 76, Richmond-pl., Edinburgh.

EXCHANGE six splendid staghorn-bandled knives and six forks to match, also handsome pair silver mounted meat carvers and good bread knife; approval, for two cock or six hen Canaries.—Donohoe, 207, Arundel-st., Sheffield.

SCOTCH Terrier bitch, 30/-; Yorkshire dog, silver, 30/-; three light Brahma hens, 12/-; cock Linnet, Twite, hen Chaffinch, very tame, two silver Magpie hens, 20 L.F.S. Tumblers, 35/- lot; exchange anything.—Peck, 13, McNeil-rd., Camberwell, S.E.

NOTICE.—Splendid pair of prize black rose-comb Bantams, five of their chickens, one month old, 15/-, or exchange two Brown Linnet Mules, must have Linnet song, cocks, 1906 birds.—Thos. Rimmer, Baker's-lane., Marshside, Southport.

EXCHANGE six ivorine handled knives and six nickel silver forks to match, also pair silver mounted carvers and six nickel silver teaspoons, approval, for two cocks or six hen Canaries.—Proprietress, Yeomanry Arms Hotel, Arundel-st., Sheffield.

"CAGE BIRDS" GREAT CANARY BREEDING COMPETITION.

A BOON TO THE FANCY.

£28 CASH IN PRIZES.

Two Sections: (1) NOVICES, (2) OLD HANDS.

1. Only Novice Breeders are eligible for the Novice Competition, a "Novice" to mean anyone who has never bred Canaries before.
2. The Prizes will be: **A**, Cup, value £5 (or Cash), First Prize; **B**, Cash, £3, Second Prize; **C**, Cash, £2, Third Prize; and **D**, Five £1 Cash Prizes for the next best in succession.
3. Prizes to go to the "most successful" breeders, meaning those of the competitors who are most successful in satisfactorily rearing the best average of healthy young birds during 1907 Canary breeding season now in progress.
4. The young Canarics must be bred by the competitors on or before July 15th, 1907, next. None bred after that date will be eligible. (Note definition of "successfully reared" given on Declaration Form.)
5. All stock birds used must be the *bonâ fide* property of the Competitor.
6. Competitors must have the results of their breeding operations attested to by two responsible officials of any recognised Cage Bird Society; or may swear a declaration attested to by two responsible witnesses. Declaration Forms (see extracts printed below) are now ready, and will be sent any competitor post free on application; a postcard will do.
7. From now till the date of the **COMPETITION CLOSING, AUG. 17th,** each issue of CAGE BIRDS will contain a Coupon, and when sending in the declaration competitors must enclose the whole series of coupons to show that they have been during the period regular readers of CAGE BIRDS.
8. The Editor's decision shall be final.

FIVE POUNDS Cash, or Cup to full value, at winner's option, is offered for the most successful Canary breeder of any experience. All breeders of one season's experience and upwards eligible. Same conditions as for Novices. The Editor's decision to be final.

NOTE.—All entries must be sent in by August 17th.

EXTRACTS FROM DECLARATION FORMS.

For Competitors.

I, the undersigned, having entered for "CAGE BIRDS" 1907 BREEDING COMPETITION, hereby make declaration, according to the terms of the said Competition: (1) That this is the first season I have tried to breed Canaries; (2) That I have used this season .....*(state number)*..... Cocks and .....*(state number)*..... Hens, which were and are now *bonâ fide* my own property; (3) That I successfully reared* by August 13th, 1907, ...*(state number)*..... young Canaries entirely from the aforementioned .....*(state number)*..... stock birds, the said young Canaries being in good health on the said August 13th.

* By "successfully reared" is meant that the young birds are feeding themselves—that is, are requiring no assistance from their parents.

For Witnesses.

We, the undersigned, having read the Declaration of .....*(state name)*..... ..... of .....*(give full address)*..... hereby declare that, to the best of our knowledge and belief, the said Declaration is true in substance and in fact, we having seen the above birds and checked the stated particulars concerning them.

DECLARATION FORMS NOW READY.

PLEASE APPLY,

F. CARL, 154, FLEET STREET, LONDON, E.C.

Canary Breeding Competition.

JUNE 15th, 1907. Coupon No. 10.

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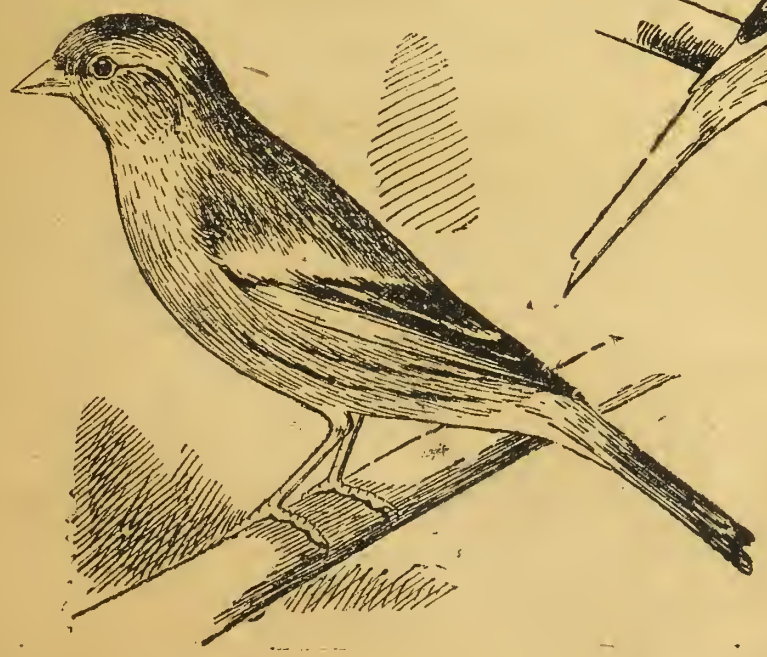

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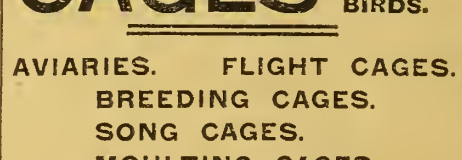

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CLUB REPORTS.

LEYTON & DIS. C.B.A.

Meeting held June 3rd. An interesting lecture was given by Mr. Morris on colour feeding. Many questions were put and answered by him to the satisfaction of all present. A hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Morris brought a pleasant evening to a close. B. F. FORSE, Hon. Sec.

READING AND DIS. C.A.S.

Meeting June 5th. Very good attendance to hear a very excellent paper on "Hybrids" by our esteemed ex-Chairman, Mr. J. North. We were favoured with an intellectual treat. Evidences of appreciation were abundant, and Mr. North was accorded a hearty vote of thanks. The question of summer outing was discussed, and it was decided to visit Aldermaston on July 6th. Final arrangements will be made at July meeting.

G. A. CHARLES, Sec.

[Kindly send club reports and club notices on different sheets of paper.—ED.]

CINNAMON CANARY CLUB.

Election of officers for 1907:—President, Mr. W. A. Bladon, 24 votes; Vice-President, Mr. E. Naylor, 15 votes; Committee, Mr. E. Godley (22), Mr. W. Dormer (19), Mr. C. L. Quinton (17), Mr. J. Wones (14), Mr. H. Tams (13), Mr. A. Bentley (11), Mr. G. Crabb (10), Mr. F. W. Baker (10); Auditors, Mr. J. Dobson (20 votes), Mr. T. Heath (19 votes); Judges, Mr. T. Heath (25), Mr. J. H. Roe (23), Mr. J. Robson (20), Mr. J. H. Payne (18), Mr. E. Godley (14), Mr. H. W. Battye (13); Hon. Secretary, Mr. R. J. Pretty, 25 votes.—Signed, Thos. Heath, J. Dobson, scrutineers. Forty-three voting papers were sent out and 28 returned. The result of the voting of the members of the Cinnamon Canary Club on rule 17 has resulted in 20 votes being recorded in favour of the rule standing, and one against. For novice definition No. 4 nine votes, and No. 3 five votes. R. J. PRETTY, Hon. Sec.

GLASGOW SOUTHERN C.A.

Meeting held June 3rd, Mr. John Renwick in chair. Mr. A. Marr, 55, William Street, was admitted a member. It was agreed to grant the loan of our frame to the National Derby for their show in September. Mr. R. M'Quillan gave a paper on the development of the Scotch Fancy Canary during the last 40 years, and showed models of the different styles of bird during that period. He considered we had got as near perfection as possible now, but within the last two or three years certain traits had been introduced in the endeavour to produce top-end at the cost of other valuable points in the construction of the Scotch Fancy Canary. Mr. M'Quillan strongly advocated the formation of a National Association, to be represented by all legitimate clubs and societies, for the purpose of adopting a model and framing rules for all exhibitions. A discussion followed, Messrs. Stewart, Gillies, and Jolliffe taking part in it. Mr. M'Quillan was awarded a hearty vote of thanks for his paper. JAS. FLEMING, Sec.

CLAPHAM AND DIS. OPEN C.B.A.

Meeting held 3rd inst., at the Alexandra Hotel, Clapham Common. The following officers were elected:—Patron, A. C. Morton, Esq., M.P., and I. W. Domoney, Esq., L.C.C.; President, Percy M. Thornton, Esq., M.P.; Vice-Presidents, Messrs. John Frostick, W. A. Lott, C. T. Maxwell, S. A. Sandy, Allen Silver, T. R. Trower, and W. H. Vale; Chairman, Mr. W. H. Vale; Vice-Chairman, Mr. E. Hathaway; Treasurer, Mr. C. T. Maxwell; Auditors, Messrs. A. Willis Browne and F. B. Bosworth. A representative committee was formed for each section of the Fancy—viz., eight for Canaries, five for British, one for Foreign, and one for Hybrids. The rules, it was generally agreed, were as fine a set as could be got together. As this is a new Society, it may not be out of place to mention that its membership is open to anyone in the British Isles; entrance fee is 1s., with an annual subscription of 4s. Meetings, first Monday in each month, at the above-mentioned hotel. First Feather Show at Headquarters on July 17th. The following were nominated for membership:—Messrs. I. Brighty, A. C. Lucas, T. G. Morris, A. J. Payne, T. J. Smith, and H. Yeoman. A vote of thanks to the Chairman brought a busy evening to a close.

S. H. W. BAKER, Hon. Sec.

KENT COUNTY C.B.A.

Meeting held at Dover June 5th, Mr. Campanay in chair, the Chairman and Vice-chairman being absent owing to illness in their respective families. The voting papers re Annual Show were then opened in an adjoining room by the scrutineers, Messrs. Reeve and Raynor, who reported that 24 were in favour of and 9 against. Several county members suggested that the show should be held in another town, which view was strongly coincided with by the Dover members of the committee, the Secretary having previously written several of the county towns on the subject, who all declined. Therefore, the show will again be held in Dover this year, at an early date in October, if possible, if that can be done without clashing with neighbouring societies' shows. The Secretary reported that upwards of £4 had been either collected or promised towards the Cup Fund. All those members who have not already done so, and intend doing, will greatly assist the committee in their endeavours to obtain cups for competition in each section, by sending along their subscriptions as early as convenient. Several specials were also promised towards the show. Others willing to give please communicate with the Secretary early, in order that they may appear in the schedule.

GEO. SANDERSON, Hon. Sec.

DARLINGTON C. & B.B F.A.

Meeting held June 5th, Mr. W. A. Simpson in chair. The chief business was classification for show on November 2nd. Twenty-five classes were arranged. Entries for our Members' First Feather Show to be left at the Club House, June 28th, the day previous to the show. Birds to be staged by 2 p.m. on Saturday. Entry fee, 6d. per bird.

R. S. BLACK, Sec.

SOUTHERN NORWICH PLAIN-HEAD CLUB.

Our members have voted 2 to 1 for Rule 17 standing. The voting for judges to select their ideal from drawings accepted by the S.N.P. Club was as follows:—J. H. Payne, 25; J. Robson, 25; T. Heath, 24; G. Gardner, 20; C. A. House, 19; C. E. Silk (Emsworth), 8. There were 15 judges' names voted upon. F. S. MATTHES, Hon. Sec.

GLASGOW & WEST OF SCOTLAND N.M.B. & F.B.A.

Classes and judges for above Association's Show, to be held in Glasgow on 15th and 16th November, have now been fixed as under:—Norwich Plainheads (17 classes), Mr. A. G. Camcron, Kelso. Crests (5 classes), Mr. C. Campbell, Stirling. Borders (12 classes), Mr. J. Smillie, Kilmarnock. Yorkshires (7 classes), Cinnamons (2 classes), A.O.V. (2 classes), Mr. Bailey, of Bailey and Swanger, Bradford. Mules, British and Foreign (25 classes), Messrs. Parker Robinson, Barrow-in-Furness, and J. F. Dewar, Edinburgh. J. BROWN, Sec.

LANCASTER AND DIS. C.B.S.

Meeting held June 1st, Mr. S. Mullincr in the chair. Rule 17 and the definition of a novice and amateur was the chief business of the evening. After a brief discussion on rule 17, it was put to the vote, which it was carried by a good majority in favour of rule 17 standing as it was. Definition No. 3 was adopted for what should constitute a novice. Owing to the bad breeding season, it was decided to cancel former date chosen for Nest Feather Show, and July 20th was decided upon. Members are doing very little better the second round, the chief complaint unfertilised eggs; only about one member that can boast of a dozen birds on the sticks at present. Next meeting July 3rd, 7.30 p.m. H. J. BROWN, Hon. Sec.

WEST BROMWICH AND DIS. C.B.S.

Meeting held June 5th for the purpose of electing officials and passing rules. There was a very satisfactory attendance, and six members were enrolled. The following officers were elected:—Chairman, Mr. G. Key; vice-chairman, Mr. E. Bayliss; treas., Mr. T. Green; sec., Mr. T. Duffield; asst. sec., Mr. J. H. Jennings; auditor, Mr. E. Carter; committee, Messrs. Beck, Hall, Smith, Fellows, Viles, Sturgess, Morton, and Lea. Each of 16 rules was read and passed. With the exception of about four of them they were passed as read, one was omitted, and the other three were altered to the benefit of the society generally, and praiseworthy comment was made about them.

J. H. JENNINGS, Asst. Sec.

YORKSHIRE CANARY CLUB.

The following is the result of the scrutiny re voting in connection with the above:—President, Alderman Jas. Freeman; chairman, Mr. D. Sunderland; vice-chairman, Mr. J. E. Brotherton; sec. and treas., Mr. J. Greaves; asst. sec., Mr. S. Dean; auditors, Messrs. R. Alderson and T. Clegg; committee, inside Yorkshire, H. W. Battye, W. H. Shackleton, R. Sutcliffe, W. A. Cowgill, R. Garnett, F. Hammond, W. Crabtree, J. Bailey, E. B. Denton, A. Ambler; outside Yorkshire, G. W. Cuthbertson, A. Hirst, J. Dexson, J. F. Gibbons, A. E. Patrick. It being the feeling of all members present that the services of the late secretaries should not be lost to the committee, Messrs. Mundell and Broadley, along with Mr. R. Halliday were co-opted to that body.

JOHN GREAVES, Sec.

SOUTHERN YORKSHIRE C.C.

Annual General Meeting.

There was a gratifying attendance of members at the annual general meeting of the S.Y.C.C., held on June 7th at the "Napier," High Holborn, W.C. The scrutineer's report, as follows, was read:—Voting for officers: President, R. L. Crisp, 51 votes; vice-presidents, F. Easterling, 44; J. Robson, 41; H. Knight, 36; J. Tyson, 35 votes. London Committee: J. Rennie, 32; L. Daintry, 30; H. Peverall, 26; W. Gladwin, 26; J. W. Ramsden, 24; G. H. Couzens, 24 votes. Provincial Committee: Captain Fellows, 31; W. G. Elsmore, 31; A. E. Patrick, 30; E. A. Lovell, 27; C. J. Howlett, 26; W. J Coffin, 26 votes. Secretary (7 nominations): R. P. Broome, 46 votes. Treasurer (8 nominations): R. L. Crisp, 41 votes. Auditors (24 nominations): G. F. Males, 35; J. Rennie, 16 votes. If Mr. Rennie is unable to take dual office, Miss A. B. Craddock, 15 votes, is runner-up. Voting on agenda:—Motion 1, for 24, against 0; 2, for 7, against 0; 3, for 14, against 30; 4, for 27, against 7; 5a, for 30, against 3; 5b, for 24, against 6; 6, for 28, against 4; 7, for 13, against 16; 8, for 26, against 8; 9, for 27, against 8; 10, for 19, against 13. Sixty-one voting papers were received by me; of these 17 recorded no vote on any motion upon the agenda; with many the agenda portion was not returned at all. No voting paper had to be disqualified. One member put a note of interrogation (?) after motion 10. I was puzzled how to count this, so left it out. On Motion 3: Shall the Club become affiliated to the C.B.U.? one member voted in favour with this reservation: "In favour of joining if officials and members think it will advance the interests of the Society." Six voted against, with the following reservations: "I think a specialist club well able to manage its own affairs." 2. "No; If it be found possible to support sufficient clubs not affiliated to the C.B.U." 3. "No useful purpose would be served, so I vote against." 4. "Not as Rule 17 stands." 5. "Being a specialist club, holding no shows; it is not necessary." 6. "A useless expense; most members will have already paid the affiliation fee through their local club."—G. E. WESTON (scrutineer).

A tea service was kindly offered by Mr. Ramsden to the members gaining most points whose birds were looked after by his wife or daughters. A teapot, value 30/-, and medal were also offered by Mr. Ramsden to the member gaining most points on his "Pure Pepper." Mr. Ramsden was heartily thanked by the members present for his generosity. Mr. Easterling kindly offered a silver cup, value £2 2/-, to the member gaining most points on "Ramsden's Pure Pepper," purchased from him.—R. P. BROOME, Hon. Sec.

It was decided by 12 votes to 6 that the S.Y.C.C. shall not affiliate to the C.B.U.; that the Novice classification shall read the same as for the champion section; that "no judge shall officiate at more than two of the Club's competitions (the Novice and the Champion)", be sent as a recommendation to the committee; that in future all voting papers shall bear a number, and be initialled by the secretary; that breeders' cards, etc., be accepted for insertion in the rule books.

DULWICH AND PECKHAM C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held June 6th. Mr. J. W. Cranfield read a paper on the Norwich P.H. Mr. G. F. Woolhouse, in the chair, said there was no need for him to introduce Mr. Cranfield, as he was a fellow member and well known to all. Mr. Cranfield dealt with his subject in a very able and interesting manner, which was much appreciated by those present, and upon Mr. Cranfield resuming his seat, a lengthy and interesting discussion took place, in which the question of type and colour seemed to arouse most interest. Hopes were expressed that the efforts now being made by the S.N.P.H. to get a universal type fixed for the Norwich would be successful. Mr. Hodson proposed, and Mr. Legg seconded that a hearty vote of thanks be accorded Mr. Cranfield for his paper, which was carried unanimously. The Chairman made a few remarks as to the preparation being made for the Young Bird and Great Annual Open Show, and brought the meeting to a close at a late hour.

W. HODSON, Hon. Sec.

SHOW DATES FIXED.

To secure insertion in this column a guarantee that the show will be advertised in "C.B." to the extent of at east 25/- must be sent to our manager.

* Under the Rules of the C.B. Union.

*Oct. 4 and 5.—**Burnley** (J.H.R.)
*Oct. 10.—**Peterborough C.B.A.**
*Oct. 11 and 12.—**Great Harwood** (J.P.H., D.B.)
Oct 12.—**Broughty Ferry C.B.S.** (J.K., W.W., C.C., P.P.)
Oct 12.—**The Original Crook C.B.S.** (H.W.B.)
*Oct. 16.—**Exeter & Devon P.P. & C.B.S.** (J.H.P.)
Oct. 16—**Leek C.B.S.**
*Oct. 16 and 17.—**Grimsby & Dis. C.B.S.** (J.C.B.)
*Oct. 16 and 17.—**Hayle & District F.A.** (J.H.R)
*Oct. 17 and 18.—**Dulwich and Peckham** (J.R., G.E.W., W.V.)
*Oct. 18 and 19.—**Rochdale O.C.** (C.A.H. & W.M.)
*Oct. 18 & 19.—**Newcastle** (T.H., J.C.B., C.H., J.P.)
Oct. 18 and 19.—**Accrington & Dis.** (J.R., J.W.)
Oct. 18 and 19.—**City of Glasgow C.S.**
*Oct. 22 and 23.—**Plymouth** (C.A.H., J.R., G.E.W.)
*Oct. 23 & 24.—**Potteries and Dis. C.B.A.** (W.V.)
Oct. 25 & 26.—**Chesterfield & Dis. F.A.** (J.C.B)
*Oct. 25 and 26.—**Manchester and N.C. O.S.**
*Oct. 25 and 26.—**S. Shields C.B.S.** (H.W.B., F.M.)
*Oct. 29.—**Middlesborough Tee-side C.B.S.**
*Oct. 28.—**Coventry O.S.** (J.H.R.)
Oct. 26.—**Dysart** (J.H., J.F., J.G.)
*Oct. 26 & 28.—**Cheltenham C.B.S.** (J.H.P., J.R.)
*Oct. 30.—**Morecambe F.A.**
Oct. 30.—**Torbay O.S., Paignton** (J.H.P.)
*Oct. 30 and 31.—**Gloucester C.B.S.**
*Oct. 30 & 31.—**Welsh Nation's** (G.E.W., J.N., J.B.B.
*Oct. 30 and 31.—**Wellingborough** (W.V., J.G.)
*Oct. 30 and 31.—**Wolverhampton C.B.S.** (J.R.)
Oct. 31.—**Oswestry F. & F.A.** (C.H.)
*Nov 1 and 2.—**Mansfield** (J.C.B., J.R.)
*Nov. 1 & 2.—**Blackburn C.B.S.** (J.H.R., J.W.)
*Nov. 1 and 2.—**Clayton C.B.S.** (J.R., J.T.)
*Nov. 2.—**Rochdale Good Intent** (H.W.B., R.B.)
Nov. 2.—**Darlington C. & B.B.F.A.** (W.M.)
*Nov. 2.—**Bramley O.S. (Leeds)** (J.C.B., J.B.)
*Nov. 2.—**Chester Moor F.S.** (C.H. & A.H.)
*Nov. 2 and 4.—**Leicester Hand in Hand C.B.S.**
*Nov. 2 and 4.—**Keswick Alliance** (W.E.G., J.R., W.W.F., A.W.)
*Nov. 5 and 6.—**York C.B.S.** (J.H.R., H.W.B.)
Nov. 6 and 7.—**Portsmouth.** [A.H.)
*Nov. 6 & 7.—**Swansea** (T.H.M., J.P., D.H.T., J.H.J.,
*Nov. 7 and 8.—**Greenwich** (J.R., J.D.)
*Nov. 8 and 9.—**Preston O.S.** (J.C.B., P.R.)
*Nov. 8 and 9.—**Hinckley** (J.R.)
*Nov. 8 and 9.—**Sheffield Dis. C.B.S.** (A.A., W.V.)
*Nov. 8 and 9.—**Walsend** (W.P.B., W.M., J.W.B.)
*Nov. 8 and 9.—**Warrington C.B.S.** (C.H., A.H.)
Nov. 9.—**Kirkcaldy C.B.S.**
*Nov. 9.—**Bo'ness.**
*Nov. 9.—**Stockton-on-Tees** (J.B., J.S., J.M.)
*Nov. 12.—**Cambridge C.B.S.** (J.R., J.F.H.)
*Nov. 12 & 13.—**City of Wakefield O.S.** (J.C.B.)
*Nov. 13.—**Luton** (J.R., J.F.)
*Nov. 14.—**Merthyr Tydfil** (J.H.P.)
*Nov. 15 and 16.—**Blackpool** (J.H.R.)
*Nov. 15 and 16.—**Leeds** (J.R., H.W.B., A.R., J.N.)
Nov. 15 and 16.—**Whitehaven** (S.H., C.H., J.H.)
Nov. 15 and 16.—**Glasgow & West of Scotland**
Nov. 16.—**Consett.**
Nov. 16.—**Galashiels** (J.D., G.F., W.H., J.W.B.)
*Nov. 16.—**Morpeth** (W.V., J.P.)
*Nov. 18 & 18.—**Nottingham** (J.H.P., W.E.G., C.H.)
Nov. 19 & 20.—**Hastings United C.B.S.** (J.H.P.)
Nov. 19 and 20.—**Southend-on-Sea.**
Nov. 20.—**Inverness C.A.**
Nov. 20 and 21.—**Margate** (J.R.)
*Nov. 20 & 21—**Northampton Good Intent O.S**
*Nov. 20 and 21.—**Bristol C.B.S.** (C.A.H., H.N.)
*Nov. 21.—**Morriston & District C.B.S.**
*Nov. 22 and 23.—**Bolton O. & R.C.S.** (J.T.)
*Nov. 22 and 23.—**Hull** (J.C.B., C.H.)
*Nov. 22 and 23.—**Sunderland.** [J.S.)
Nov. 23.—**Perth** (J.S., M.McL., G.F.A., D.C., J.P.,
*Nov. 26 and 27.—**Bournemouth C.B.S.** (T.H.)
*Nov. 26 and 27.—**Derby** (J.B. J.R., J.H.R., J.H.S.)
*Nov. 27 and 28.—**Cardiff** (J.H.P. & J.R.)
Nov. 28 and 29.—**Woolwich F.S.** (G.G.)
Nov. 28 and 29.—**Y.C.C. of Ireland** (H.W.B.)
Nov. 29 & 30.—**Jarrow & Dis. C.B.F.S.** (J.H.P.)
Nov. 30.—**City of Dundee** (A.C., J.A., J.C., A.C.)
Nov. 30.—**Darlington C.B.S.**
Nov. 30.—**Eccles & District C.B.S.**
Dec. 3.—**Diss C.B.S.** (J.R.)
*Dec. 4 and 5.—**Bristol F.A.** (J.H.P., T.H.)
Dec. 4 and 5.—**Weybridge & Dis. F.S.** (J.R.)
Dec. 5—**Haverfordwest.**
Dec. 6 and 7.—**Hartlepools C.B.S.** (H.W.B., J.M.)
Dec. 6 and 7.—**Rotherham C.B.S.**
Dec. 6 and 7.—**L.C.B.A. (Westminster).**
Dec. 6 and 7.—**Ulster O.S.**
Dec. 6 and 7.—**Wigan C.B.S.** (J.T.)
Dec. 7.—**Cupar** (E.G.W., J. McL., H.B., P. McQ.)
Dec. 7.—**Kilmarnock C.B.F.S.**
*Dec. 7 and 9—**Ilkeston O.S.** (C.H., R.R., J.H.R.)
Dec. 11—**Reading C.B.S.** (J.R.)
Dec. 12.—**Perth C.B.F.S.** (J.H.P., J.B.E.)
Dec. 13 and 14.—**Edinburgh O.O.S.**
*Dec. 13 and 14.—**Gateshead** (W.V., G.G., J.R., J.S.W., G.E.W.)
*Dec. 13 and 14.—**Pendleton** (H.W.B., W.B.)
Dec. 14.—**Harrogate C.B.S.** (H.W.B.)
Dec. 14.—**Whitburn & Dis. C.B.S.** (J.F.D., J.K.)
Dec. 14.—**Hamilton Cadzow Oaks O.S.**
*Dec. 21.—**Seabam Harbour C.B.A.** (H.W.B.)
Jan. 1 and 2, 1908.—**Scottish National C.B.S.**
Jan. 1 and 2.—**Dunfermline & West Fife O.S.**
Jan, 8 and 9.—**Wimbledon C.B.S.**
*Jan. 31.—
Feb. 1, 3 & 4. } **Great National (Crystal Palace) Show**

(Secretaries desiring the initials of their Judges inserted, should forward same on at once.)

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. It kills all insects, harmless to everything else.

THE FIRST FEATHERS OF 1907.

HYSON GREEN & DIS.

A very successful First Feather Show was held on June 8th. Forty-nine entries were received, and a very fine sample of young birds they were. The interest in the Society seems to be increasing, and there were many visitors to its first show. Mr. R. Rhodes judged, and gave every satisfaction. YELL. NOR. (5): 1, Deverill; 2, Sharp; 3, Birch. BUFF (4): 1, Sharp; 2, Hill; 3, Bramley. TICKED YELL. (9): 1, Bramley; 2, Sharp; 3, Hill. TICKED BUFF (12): 1, Andrews; 2, Hill; 3, Barnes. HEAVY-MKD. OR GREEN: 1, 2, Hills; 3, Willis. CREST, BUFF (4): 1, Bertie; 2, Wolfe; 3, Brown. A.O.V. (1): 1, Hill. C.B., BUFF (3): 1, Birch; 2, Rolling; 3, Wolfe. A.O.V. (1): 1, Bertie. BRIT. HARDBILLS (2): 1, Andrews; 2, Garton.

GLOUCESTER F.S.

This Society held their first Nest Feather Show on June 4th, at the Ram Hotel. Two classes were given for Norwich Plainheads, and two or three very smart youngsters were staged. Mr. J. H. Payne made the awards. CLEAR NOR.: 1, c, Stephenson, grand colour, nice shape, lovely back, well up in quality, good wings and tail, nice exhibit, buff; 2, vhc, Wasley, good shape, nice feather, neat head, beaten in colour; 3, hc, Houghton good shape and colour, not so neat in wings. MARKED: 1, spl, Houghton, fine shape, lovely colour, neat tail, wings well braced, grand quality, a gem; 2, 3, Stephenson, good shaped body, not so high in colour and quality; third four-pointed buff hen, nice shape, good quality, clean cut; vhc, Wasley.

EXETER.

The inaugural exhibition of the newly-formed Exeter and District Cage Bird Society on June 4th was a great success. The quality of some of the exhibits was above the average, and before another month comes round the youngsters will have improved, which will make the competition somewhat keener. The arrangements were satisfactorily carried out, but another month the Society will have to look out for a larger room. The results should lend additional interest to the forthcoming First Feather Show. The judge (Mr. J. Rushmer) gave entire satisfaction in placing the awards, and the officials are to be heartily congratulated on their first venture.

YELL., NOR.: 1, Parker, neat head, cobby body, nicely carried wing and tail; 2, Pomroy, heavy variegated. BUFF: 1, Parker, similar type to former winner; 2, Denham, ticked on head, nice beak and head, good wing carriage; 3, Moles, variegated, should make a good stock bird; 3, 4, Miller. CRESTS: 1, Moist, wing and tail marked, nice round crest, neat centre, and small beak, good full body; 2, Evins Bros., clear body, grey, beautiful fitting crest, good radiation, nice wide feather, centre a trifle too far back, a very taking exhibit, quite a baby; 3, Williams, broken green, heavy crest; 4, H. Denham, wing and saddle marked, close up, but shows more beak; vhc, Evins Bros. (3), H. Denham, Miss Pickard; hc, Denham, Stiling. CRESTBRED: 1, 2, Evins Bros., winner wing and eye marked, nice entrance, excels in frontal feather, second heavy variegated, longer in beak, and does not measure so well in frontal; 3, Williams, fairly good feather, but failed to measure with winner. The same applies to 4, vhc, Denham; vhc, Pickhard; vhc, hc, c, Miss Finch; vhc, Evins Bros.; hc, Stone. YORKS. YELL.: 1, Churchward. BUFF: 1, Williams, nice wing and tail, well filled in back and neck; 2, vhc, Stilling, fair back and wing, not the best of tail; 3, Williams, nice beak and head, thin in neck, had the best packed tail in class; 4, Churchward, fair youngster; hc, Miller; c, Stone. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Stone, Scotch Fancies, former saddle marked, latter clear. Where are the Scotch Fancies of former days? 3, Denham, broken capped silver Lizards. MULES: 1, Stone, Goldfinch-Canary; disqualified, Elston, old bird. GOLDFINCH: 1, Cummings, true Britisher, nice blaze, good wings and moonings, in tip-top condition, very steady; on the small side; 2, Sercombe, failed to winner in steadiness and condition, bit larger; 3, vhc, Elston, rougher in feather, fair blaze and wings; 4, H. Denham.

GLOUCESTER C.B.A.

First Nest Feather Show June 6th, at the Ram Hotel, when a nice little collection of exhibits faced the judge, Mr. F. Mansfield. We expected to have seen a larger entry, but we heard several of the members had met with ill luck in their breeding operations, and were unable to put down any exhibits. We trust they may be able to do so at the next show, which we understand will be held one Saturday next month. The birds put down on this occasion were a nice level lot, good in shape, and well up in colour, feather, and quality. The Hon. Secretary, Mr. J. Houghton, captured the special for best bird with a very smart and typical marked buff, which, with a good moult, should be well up in the prize lists at the winter shows. YELL. NOR. (6): 1, Wasley, nice shape and feather, neat head, good back, short flights, crosses wings a trifle at tips; 2, Hadley, younger, wonderful colour, nice quality of feather, bit wide in tail; 3, Gwilliam, pale colour, nice shaped body, good back, trifle long in tail; vbc, Herbert, good colour, neat head, quite a baby; hc, Gwilliam; c, Barnes. BUFF (9): 1, vhc, Stephenson, not full enough in neck, good stout body, flights well packed, vbc magnificent colour, good shape and full of quality, nice back and flights, and tail well packed, we liked much; 2, Hyam, nice shape and quality, bit slack in thighs; 3, Houghton, nice back, bit slack on chest; 4, Wasley, good shaped body, nice full neck, good quality, beaten in colour; vhc, Hadley, grand shape, flights well carried and nicely packed, good feather, younger; hc, c, Davies. MK. YELL. (5): 1, Barnes, mk. head, wings, and back, lovely colour, close feather of good quality, nice shape, good wings and tail, full neck, nice exhibit; 2, Houghton, mk. cap and wings, good shape, full neck, not so bigh in quality; 3, vhc, Gwilliam, mk. eyes, breast and wings, wonderful size for a yellow, good shape, nice colour, we are afraid it will come out too coarse in the moult, but should make a slashing stock bird. BUFF (9): 1, spl, Houghton, neck and wing marked, beautiful shape, close feather of good quality, splendid colour, good head, wings, and tail, a good one, held same position at the Gloucester Fanciers' Show; 2, vhc, Barnes, grand shaped body, good quality, gets well over perch, bit slack right wing, eye and wing marked, vhc nice shape, splendid feather, a few feathers out of tail handicapped it no doubt; 3, spl c, best novice, Herbert, eye, neck, and wing marked, lovely feather, nice shaped, good head and neck, short and well packed flights and tail, a hen, therefore lost in colour, very nice youngster; 4, Hyam, mk. eyes, back, and right wing, nice colour and shape, bit long in tail; vbc, Wasley, four-pointed, nice shape and feather, and well balanced markings; hc, Hadley. CREST OR CRESTBRED: Only one entry; 1, Roylance, a well-feathered and good-skulled C.B.

BRIGHTON F. & F. A.

Show held at the Unicorn Hotel, North Street. Two cage bird classes fetched four entries. The special for best bird in show was won by Mr. Gibb with a very nice Linnet. CANARY, A.V.: 1, 2, Gibb. BRITISH BIRD: 1, spl, Gibb; 2, Miss Holmes.

W. GREGORY, Hon. Asst. Sec.

BEDFORD.

Show was held on June 6th. The birds staged were in advance of last year, especially in head and type. The winning birds were of excellent quality throughout, especially the three winning buffs, which caused the judge, Mr. H. Gentle, some difficulty in separating them. YELL. NOR.: 1, Gould; 2, 3, Millard; vhc, Osborne; hc, Mortimer; c, Wiggins. BUFF: 1, Gould; 2, 3, Millard; vhc, Wiggins; hc, Corrie; c, Osborne. MKD. NOR.: 1, vhc, Osborne; 2, Millard; 3, Corrie; hc, c, Mrs. Gray. CRESTED, ETC.: 1, 2, Smith, with a couple of excellent young Crests.

HUCKNALL TORKARD C.B.S.

First Feather Show (Open) held on June 8th, at the Seven Stars Inn, when some very nice youngsters were on view. Mr. W. Vardy judged, and his awards gave satisfaction. CL. YELL. NORWICH: 1, Pepper, grand type, quality, and colour, but rather small; 2, Brown. BUFF: 1, Twine, grand type, colour, and quality, rather young; 2, Pepper, good type, nice quality and colour. YELL. MKD.: 1, Winterbottom, nice vgtd., grand type, quality, colour, shade small; 2, Twine, nice type and colour, on the young side; 3, Marshall, a nice bird. BUFF: 1, spl, Butler, wing mark, grand type, full of quality, nice colour and size, a good bird; 2, spl for second best, Twine, good vgtd., has size, colour, and quality, well worth his place; 3, Hallam, another nice vgtd., looks like a hen; vhc, Pepper; hc, Brown; c, Twine. BUFF, DK. CREST: 1, spl, Riley, wing mkd. dark, good veiny crest, nice size; 2, Twine, wing mkd. dark, nice bird. LIGHT CREST: 1, Twine, very fair exhibit. YELL. CRESTBRED: 1, Twine, rather small, but full of quality. BUFF: 1, 2, Riley, two excellent birds, first has most substance; 3, vhc, Twine, two good youngsters; hc, c, Haywood. Mr. G. Pepper won the special for most points in Norwich, and Mr. C. H. Twine in Crest and Crestbred.

GREAT HORTON.

The best show held in Great Horton for years was the verdict passed on that of the Great Horton O.S., which was held in the Congregational Schools, on June 8th. The entries totalled 190, and the quality generally was splendid. The winners of specials for most points in the show were Messrs. Brayshaw and Jowett, Mr. J. W. Reed coming second, and Mr. W. Blakey third. The latter gentleman also secured the special for most points gained by a novice in cinnamon marks, and that for the best vho in same section, Mr. F. Hammond securing that for the best fourth. The British Bird class was a great success, and very encouraging to the members of the newly-formed club. Mr. Dean and his committee are to be congratulated, not only upon the excellence of their arrangements, but also upon the success which attended the same. Mr. T. Bennett judged with his usual care, and his awards were well received.

YORKS. YELL. (30): 1, spl, Reid, splendid type and carriage, full of quality, and a grand colour; 2, Whittaker, rare shape and style, beautiful colour and quality, hardly so neat in wing carriage; 3, Edmondson, grand shape, colour, and quality, on the small side, should moult out well; 4, hc, Cruise, very smart Yorkie, good all through, and had it been higher no one could have grumbled; vhc, Mail; c, Fortnam. BUFF (25): 1, spl, Cruise, grand shape and carriage, splendid quality, a real gem, won well; 2, Edmondson, very similar bird, rare shape and style, a real topper, and must have pressed very hard indeed; 3, Wilson, not quite at its best, but in a few weeks time should show up well, grand shape, quality, and colour; 4, Burden, capital quality and style, nice colour, just a shade strong; vhc, Reed; hc, Holmes; c, Chittenden. TKD. YELL. (23): 1, Midgley, ticked on head, full of colour, very shapely and stylish, a really nice bird; 2, Ludbrook, long, well drawn bird, rare shape, grand wings and tail, beautiful style and quality; 3, Saggett, beautiful colour, stands well, not quite so well drawn behind; 4, Hunter, grand lengthy bird, good style and feather, not quite so neat in head; vhc, Hudson; hc, Wilson; c, Reed. BUFF (24): 1, spl, Young, extra grand shape and position, beautiful feather, and nice colour, a topper; 2, Brayshaw and Jowett, splendid shape, size, and colour, nice wings and tail, but not quite so smooth underneath; 3, Wilson, extra fine in quality of feather, grand colour and shape, but trifle short behind; 4, Ludbrook, splendid shape and style, nice feather, not quite so fine in head; vhc, Whittaker; hc, Smith; c, Fowle. UNEVEN MKD. YELL. (11): 1, spl, vhc, Brayshaw and Jowett, nice, slim, well-positioned bird, capital quality and colour, nice wings and tail; 2, Reid, very rich colour, splendid shape and style, nice feather, rather on the large side; 3, Gibson, splendid quality and shape, stands well, a very nice exhibit; 4, c, Wharton, splendid colour, shape, and position, not quite so tight in feather; hc, Naylor. BUFF (8): 1, Smith, grand long bird, beautiful soft silky feather, splendid shape and position; 2, Clark, marked head, eyes, and wings, extra good quality and shape, stands up well; 3, Ross, eye and wing marked, nice size, capital shape, carriage, and quality; 4, Holmes, grand colour and quality, nice shape, but just a trifle wild; vhc, Gudgeon; hc, Murgatroyd and Son; c, Wilkinson. CINN. MKD. YELL. (14): 1, spl, Simonett, eye, wing, and head marked, beautiful slim shapely bird, stands like a soldier, rare quality, nice colour; 2, Blakey, another gem for colour, quality, and shape, stands well, but does not brace wings quite so neatly; 3, Chittenden, grand colour and position, a big, bouncing bird; 4, spl, Hammond, capital shape, very long and slim, full of quality and style; vhc, Murgatroyd and Son; hc, Allen and Swaine; c, Brayshaw and Jowett. BUFF (12): 1, Hartley, marked on wings only, but the best of shape and position, extra grand quality and nice colour; 2, spl, vhc, Blakey, marked eyes, wings, and head, full of quality and style, grand shape, nice colour; 3, Western, rather heavily marked, nice size, capital shape and position; 4, Oldfield, very nice quality and colour, good body, shape, and stand, but not so bandy with wings; hc, Bentley; c, Burden. BRIT. (17): 1, vhc, Mason, very handsome Wheatear and a Nightingale, two nice, steady birds, in splendid plumage and colour; 2, c, Milne, most charming Meadow Pipit, of grand colour and feather, stands well, and a very pretty Wood Warbler; 3, 4, hc, Inman, third Hawfinch, splendid feather and colour, nicely marked, somewhat on small side, fourth Greenfinch, a real gem, wonderful colour, extraordinary quality of feather, and very steady. SELL., 15/- (13): 1, spl, Bolton; 2, Casey; 3, Smith; 4, Miss Wilkinson; vhc, Normington; hc, Young; c, Hudson. SELL., 12/6 (13): 1, spl, Brayshaw and Jowett; 2, Clark; 3, Pullan; 4, Chubb; vhc, hc, Bolton; c, Kitchen.

CARDIFF.

The First Nest Feather Show was held at Naish's Royal Stores, on June 5th. The awards were made by Mr. R. Waters Norwich, Mr. T. H. Melhuish Yorkshires, and Mr. F. Jones the remainder. YELL. NOR.: 1, G. Slocombe; 2, Thomas. BUFF: 1, F. Slocombe; 2, 4, G. Slocombe; 3, Thomas. TKD. YELL.: 1, 4, F. Slocombe; 2, 3, G. Slocombe. BUFF: 1, 2, spl best Nor., G. Slocombe; 3, Hobbs; 4, Thomas. NOVICE: 1, 2, 3, Murray. YELL. YORK: 1, Fryer; 2, Banks; 3, Smith; 4, Jones. BUFF: 1, Smith; 2, 4, Fryer; 3, Banks. TICKED YELL.: 1, 2, 4, spl best York., spl best Canary, Banks; 3, Smith. BUFF: 1, spl, A. Fryer; 2, 3, Owen; 4, Banks. NOVICE: 1, 2, spl, Phillips. In the British section the bonours were distributed between Messrs. Smith, Pearce, and Ford.

OUTINGS.

A Day with the Glasgow and Western Counties Fanciers.

About ten days ago, writes "Invited Guest," I chanced to meet the genial President (Mr. Peter Pettigrew), of the above Society, who extended to me a cordial invitation to their club ramble to Blair Castle, Dalry, Ayrshire. Needless to say, I accepted. On Saturday last, as I made my way to St. Enoch's Station, I met the following fanciers, Messrs. Pettigrew, McFarlane, Malcolmson, Marlin, H. Henderson, Innes, Young, Adam, Connelly, Edwards, Sinclair, Montgomery, Rodie, and many others, of whose names I was not cognisant. We had a splendid run to Dalry, the scenery in transit being magnificent. On arrival we were met by a number of Ayrshire and Renfrewshire members, amongst whom I noticed Mr. Murray, of Glengarnock. Mr. Martin, who acted as guide, directed us to the North Lodge, where we met the factor, Mr. Comrie, who showed us through the estate. The first item to attract our attention was a flock of young wild ducks; the mother was busy incubating another brood. We also saw young Pheasants, which had been successfully reared by a common or garden fowl. While proceeding through the vast estate, Mr. Comrie pointed out to us the various trees, the foliage of which lent a charm to the surroundings. Mr. Comrie also showed us the nests of the Song Thrush, Blackbird (which he considers the most destructive bird about an estate), Robin, Chaffinch, and Greenfinch, while the nests of the tiny Wrens were innumerable. Geordie Marlin (who, by the way, is a native of Dalry) got lost, but turned up smiling with a Bullfinch's nest with four eggs, which he intends hatching out at home. Our eyes next lit on a flock of Peafowl, the male birds being in charming feather. I understand they are hard to rear, but a few are got at Blair Castle every season. Our guide then took us round by The Castle, built in the year 1203 A.D. It is rather a quaint edifice, and is the oldest but one inhabited castle in Scotland, Glamis holding that unique position. Thence we proceeded to the Glen, where various nests were seen, including Yellowhammers, Blackheaded Buntings, Chaffinches, Greenfinches, and Redpolls. We also saw a pair of Tawny Owls busily hatching. Crossing the small brook, which runs through, we saw some grand Grey, Pied, and Yellow Wagtails. After getting over a large bit of country we arrived at the Cave. The greater majority of the party went through it, and were sorry for it (ask Secretary Adam). The wanderers were beginning to get a bit peckish, when Mr. Comrie assured us we were only a few minutes' walk from one of the farms. Arriving there, we found that "P.P." had been at one of his old tricks, having cakes, scones, cheese, and milk ready for us, to which ample justice was done. It is rumoured that a "Milk and Scone Handicap" will be held soon. It will be a close affair between "Sandy," "Mac," and Geordie. Thereafter we turned our faces towards "the Scottish Stockport," where further refreshments (of a different nature) were partaken of. A social talk on birdy matters, with a few stories and songs thrown in, finished up a very enjoyable day's outing, the party reaching Glasgow at 10.40 p.m. I take this opportunity of thanking the respected President for his invitation.

Blackburn C.B.S.

Over 20 members and friends participated in the annual ramble arranged by the Blackburn C.B.S. on June 9th. We were fortunate in our choice of date, also in having for our leaders two such noted ornithologists as Messrs. Altham and D. Bentley. They showed us some rare birds and nests, the following being amongst them:—Dipper's nest, Wood Wren and young, Greater Whitethroat and young, Garden Warbler and young, Sandpiper and young, Jenny Wren with eggs, Spotted Flycatcher with eggs, Willow Warbler with eggs. The route taken was practically the same as last year, on both banks of the River Hodder.

H. FAIRCLOUGH, Assist. Sec.

Manchester and N.C.O.S.

The country ramble of the above society took place on June 8th, and was a most enjoyable and successful day. The destination was Castle Mills, and the well-treed and shady Bollen Valley provided a delightful time to those who put in an appearance. The day proved most fortunate with regard to weather, there being no cause for complaints on this score. A round dozen turned up at the Central Station, in time for the 2.40 to Hale, consisting of Messrs. Ashmell, Creasey, Downing, Stringer, Clarke, Bleasdale, Pollitt, Lythgoe, Jones, and three friends, who were joined at Hale Station by Messrs. Raynes and Aspinall and eleven members of the Altrincham Society, making a total of 25 enthusiastic birdy men. The fields were taken to, and we were soon in the Bollen Valley. The thick hedges and close cover formed an ideal country for birds, and we soon had the opportunity of a close inspection of some beautiful nests. Amongst the nests found were those of the Linnet, Greenfinch, Chaffinch, Tit Lark, Whitethroat, Hedge Accentor, Robin, and many Thrushes and Blackbirds. After a long walk we made our way to Bollen House Farm, where a first-class tea met an early fate; Messrs. Stringer and Clarke taking firsts and specials for their capacity for egg food. In the evening a ramble round the farm and fields was much enjoyed, and here Mr. Lythgoe took a couple of photographs of the group, after which the party made its way via the fields to Mobberly Station, and took train for Manchester, the Altrincham party bidding us adieu at Hale, after arranging a ramble for July.

E. JONES, Assist. Sec.

York C.B.S.

The York Cage Bird Society had a country ramble on May 26th. The party, numbering 20, left York by the 9.55 express, and on arriving at Strensall were met at the station by Mr. W. Hatfield, who acted as guide. He took us by way of Skeriff Hutton. On our left stood out the beautiful old castle, on the right were miles of splendid country, full of bird life. At one o'clock a halt was made for refreshments, and photos were taken by Mr. H. Watson on the grand old bridge crossing an ideal beck, where we found everything looking beautiful. After lunch we doubled back by our right, crossing about five miles of beautiful country. Here we found birds of every description, including Whinchats, Meadow Pippits, Great Whitethroats, Blackbirds, Thrushes, Yellowhammers, Wagtails, Skylarks, etc. On arriving at Haxby over the moors the party partook of the good things provided by Mr. H. Dudding, Tiger Hotel. After a stay of about 30 minutes, we resumed our journey to York by way of Earswick, passing through Rowntree's model village, reaching York about six o'clock, having spent a most enjoyable day, and everybody hoped it would not be long before we had another ramble. The Society provided five prizes for the first five members who found a nest containing either eggs or young birds. Mr. Cardwell acted as umpire. 1st, H. Shorny, nest of Grey Linnets; 2nd, A. Campling, nest of five Linnets' eggs; 3rd, H. Dale, nest of Winchats; 4th, H. Chittenden, sen.; 5th, H. Chittenden, jun. Consolation prize went to Messrs. D. Hunter and T. Wright, for a nest of five Blackbirds.

T. BOYLE, Hon. Sec.

Wibsey and Dis. C.B.S.

This society held a very successful ramble on May 26th. Sixteen of the members took tram to Greengates, then walked through Apperly Bridge, Esholt Springs, to Baildon, coming back to the "New Inn" at Charlestown to tea, to which full justice was done. There were one or two British bird fanciers in the party, and a great deal of interesting knowledge was gained coming along by peeps in holes in walls, and hedges for nests, etc. As the party drew near Esholt Station one of the lightweights was helped over the hedge to settle an argument with regard to the contents of a Throstle nest, which on inspection contained a young dead bird, and was evidently deserted by the old birds. The nest was in the fork of a thorn tree, and it was only after a lot of scratches and cuts that our friend was enabled to get at it. A large amount of bird life was seen along the route, the majority being Blackbirds, Thrushes, Starlings and Swallows. After tea the ramblers had intended going through Saltaire to Shipley Glen, across to Eldwick, and down into Bingley; but owing to a heavy downpour of rain, it was decided to go through Windhill and Shipley on the homeward journey, and a call was made at the headquarters of the Windhill Society. During the halt there a challenge was thrown out for a cricket match between the Windhill Society and ours, which was accepted, and before the close of the summer this match will be played. After leaving Windhill the tram was taken at Shipley to Town Hall Square, where a very pleasant and enjoyable afternon's outing was brought to an end.

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THE CAGE BIRD UNION.

The Question of the Hour.

THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL FOR 1907-8.

The result of the voting for the election of the Executive Council for years 1907-8 is as follows:—No. 1 District, Rev. Wm. Rickaby; No. 2, Mr. Parker Robinson; No. 3, Mr. J. Naden; No. 4, Mr. J. Garner; No. 5, Mr. S. Hadwin; No. 6, Mr. J. Wilson; No. 7, Mr. R. Rhodes; No. 8, Mr. W. Freestone; No. 9, Mr. T. Pope; No. 10, Mr. W. H. Love; No. 11, Mr. R. J. Pretty; No. 12, Mr. G. Crabb. The only alterations from the last Executive are in the London districts, where Mr. Pretty replaces Mr. Ramsden, and Mr. Crabb is elected in place of Mr. Hodson. Eighty-four voting papers were returned.

GEO. W. F. LYTHGOE, Sec.

A MAJORITY DECLARES FOR RULE 17.

The result of the voting on the question of Rule 17 of the C.B.U. Rules is as follows:—

92 papers returned out of 123 sent out.

72 are in favour of the whole of the Rule being retained.

20 are in favour of the deletion of the prohibition clause.

Five of the latter, however, vote against the Rule as not going far enough, suggesting a new Rule being adopted, that entries for open shows should not be accepted from exhibitors not members of affiliated Societies, or Associate Members of the Union. With this addition they are favourable to the Rule. The five societies are the Northern Crest Club, Hazel Grove, Hanley, Dulwich and Peckham, and Wimbledon. Several others (amongst them being Leeds, Chester, Bolton, and Blackburn) also advocate this addition.

Very few societies give figures of the voting for or against, but of those given the aggregate majority is in favour of the Rule standing; while a great number state that the vote in favour was unanimous.

NOVICE DEFINITION No. 3 CHOSEN.

The voting on the definition of an Amateur or Novice is as follows:—

Definition 1	8
Definition 2	7
Definition 3	37
Definition 4	25
Definition 5	6
Did not vote	9
	92

Definition 3 is:—"A Novice is one who has never won a first prize in open competition, or three first prizes in open novice classes." Definition 4 is similar, but limits the three first prizes in novice classes to be won at three separate shows.

Since sending you the result of the voting for the election of the Executive Council, five more papers have been received, but they do not affect or alter the election.

GEO. W. F. LYTHGOE, Sec. C.B.U.

SOUTHERN NORWICH P.C.

The voting by the members of the Southern Norwich Plainhead Club shows a majority of two to one in favour of Rule 17 standing.—F. S. MATTHES, Hon. Sec.

NORTH LONDON C.B.A.

SIR,—At a special meeting held May 29th, to discuss C.B.U. business, a vigorous discussion took place over Rule 17, and on putting it to the vote 23 voted that the latter portion be deleted, and five that it remain unaltered. Novice definition No. 4 was favoured by our members.—R. P. HARPER, Hon. Sec.

A "GRATE FITE" AT NEWCASTLE.

SIR,—The usual monthly meeting of the Newcastle Good Intent C.B.S. was held on June 6th. About 40 members were present, Mr. J. Shepherd and Mr. Currah occupying the chair. A better display of eloquent oratory never was heard at a birdy meeting, especially on C.B.U. Rule 17 coming up. The ball was set rolling in an earnest, eloquent, and lengthy speech by Mr. MacPartling, who moved that the rule stand as originally drafted and printed. He was just splendid, and hard hitting. In a more subdued oration Mr. Macdonald (Wallsend) seconded, with strong arguments in favour of the rule remaining. Then for the proposed deletion of the latter part, Mr. Currah came along with a strong speculative appeal for manhood and independence for the individual fancier, asserting that this rule robbed the man of that free spirit beloved of all Britishers, and every vestige of that honour which ought to be imbued in every human breast. Mr. Mackenzie (Gateshead) seconded. Then the Trojans sprang to arms, and, sir, had you been present with your stylograph, what a "feast for the gods" you could have given us. Mr. T. Robson and Mr. Crawhall, quiet, suave, and gentle, but always right and just, and speaking for the good of all, told heavily for the motion. Round after round of sound speeches rolled forth in fine frenzy, and resulted in a final triumph for Rule 17. The two Mac's fairly stormed the heights for Unionism. A great victory ended up with a most hearty handshaking all round. Outside in the Newcastle streets new meetings were at once formed at several corners, the many animated white faces under the electric lamps being the last thing I saw from the top of a departing car. What the "midnight watch" would think had taken place I cannot imagine—whether the Jarrow election, or the Usbourn dead lock, or some other national catastrophe, I know not. But certainly no meeting was ever so enjoyable to your humble servant as this.

RULE SEVENTEEN.

THE CITY AND SUBURBAN A.C.B.

At a meeting of the City and Suburban Association of Canary Breeders, held last Monday evening, Mr. A. W. Curtis very strongly protested against Mr. Pretty's action in making the statement to the members of the Cinnamon Canary Club that he (Mr. Curtis) was against the Union in any shape or form. The following letter from Mr. Pooley to the Secretary of the C. and S.A. of C.B. was read:—

June 9th, 1907.

Dear Mr. Wynn,—I have seen a statement in CAGE BIRDS that the City and Sub. delegate (Mr. A. Curtis) is against the Cage Bird Union in any shape or form. As I may be late to attend the meeting, if there is a vote taken as to whether the City and S. should continue their membership, can my vote be taken as I am in favour of continuing in the Union? Therefore, I do not think a delegate should be elected who is against the Union. I shall have much pleasure to propose Mr. Burn as delegate for the present year.—J. POOLEY.

Mr. Curtis declared that his opposition to the C.B.U. was centred against one clause, viz., Rule 17. He thought the Cage Bird Union a necessity, and had always held so. He agreed with the idea of having a Union, and he only wanted the C.B.U. to be managed on more diplomatic and firmer lines. Whether he remained their delegate or not mattered little to him. If he were elected by their favour he should continue to express his honest opinions as freely as he had done in the past. He was not in favour of too much work and responsibility being fathered on to the shoulders of the delegates. If delegates were allowed to have their own way there would arise a tendency to cliquism, and that, he held, was the very thing to be guarded against.—Mr. Burn made a warm speech, eulogising Mr. Curtis's work as delegate for the Association, and commending his public attitude on the matter, and proposed a hearty vote of confidence in him, and this was carried with applause. In the course of some remarks, Mr. Burn said he agreed with Rule 17 as far as it went, but he thought it didn't go far enough. The voting on the subject of Rule 17 was dealt with, 23 members voting for its deletion, and 12 voting in favour, out of a total membership of over 140.

The following recommendations were laid before the members, and approved of:—

RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE C.B.U.

1. That the Annual Meeting of the C.B.U. shall be strictly representative of affiliated Societies, and all subscriptions paid.
2. The first business at the Annual Meeting shall be the election of two delegates, who shall examine all credentials, forms, and report on the same.
3. The Secretary shall send credential forms to all affiliated Societies, and they shall be signed by the chairman and Secretary of the respective Societies.
4. That all proposed alteration of rules shall be sent to the Secretary of the C.B.U. at least two months prior to the Annual Meeting, and they also shall be sent to all affiliated Societies six weeks before the Annual Meeting, together with all other notices, so that instructions can be given to their delegates attending the Annual Meeting.
5. Rules can only be amended or added to at the Annual Meeting.
6. In the interests of the Union, we consider it undesirable that advertisements should appear upon the rules of the C.B.U., or upon the balance sheet, or any other printed matter related thereto.
7. That on all future balance sheets issued, the expenses incurred by the Executive Council and delegates should be shown separately.
8. That no delegate be allowed to speak more than once upon any subject, unless to correct a misstatement, or by the consent of the chairman.

Some objection was raised by Mr. Burton to Mr. Crisp's suggestion that no delegate be allowed to speak more than once on one subject, and his objections were supported with some degree of earnestness by Mr. F. J. Martin. Mr. Crisp said his intention was to defeat the aims of the garrulous member who loved to hear the sound of his voice monopolise the meeting. Mr. Martin thought that such a restriction was "Absurd and ridiculous"; the Chairman should have full power over the meeting, and the discretion of control should be vested solely in him. It was quite true that Mr. Bladon, the Chairman at the last annual meeting, in his anxiety to give everybody a hearing, had allowed too much rein, and was not sufficiently firm, but there was no reason to anticipate a renewal of such an experience. Mr. Burton thought the delegates and the Chairman ought to be the best judges of how to conduct their own meeting. Mr. Curtis said that at the annual meeting one member whose name he wouldn't mention arose from his chair so frequently to address the meeting that it seemed to him as if the meeting almost consisted solely of that one man. The question whether this suggestion should remain was then put to the meeting, and the resolution carried by 20 to 3.

A REMINISCENCE AND A MORAL.

SIR,—Mr. Tyson refers me to his letter on Rule 17. I agree there is nothing worthy an answer in his communication upon the Crested Canary Club. His remarks anent the Executive Council of the C.B.U. and its decisions, and on he himself never trying to influence the voting of C.C.C. members, are dealt with sufficiently, I think, in my reply to Mr. Greeves this week. Mr. Tyson has a bad case, and his remarks are dictated in a spirit of deliberate hostility to the C.B.U., the plain fact being that he does not want to see any good in the Union, and, morever, does not intend to. What is the worth of letters written in such a spirit? Are they worth a moment's consideration by any fair-minded man?

I have taken the trouble, since last writing, to look up the record of the ill-fated Cage Bird Club, an organisation, mark you, with objects similar to those of the present Cage Bird Union. With that club, the L.C.B.A., Mr. Tyson, Mr. J. S. Clarke, and other prominent officials of that Association, were connected as promoters, Mr. Clarke acting as secretary. The power of the C.B.C. was centred in its founders; and so it failed. In CAGE BIRDS of February 22nd, 1902, Mr. J. S. Clarke published a letter, from which the following observations are culled:—

A CAGE BIRD UNION.

It makes me laugh, and also feel sad, when I hear people discussing the ills that the Cage Bird Fancy is afflicted with, and suggesting this or that as a panacea. One says this ought to be stopped; another says that ought to be remedied; and it never occurs to the good people who say it that a little help is worth a deal of pity, and if they had supported the Cage Bird Club as they should have done, there would have been an organised force to-day capable of dealing with any malpractices that might occur. Societies, with comparatively few exceptions, are quite as much to blame as individual fanciers. The Cage Bird Club, at the zenith of its power, controlled some dozen shows, and during its regime brought one or two of the ultra clever brigade sharply to book. Then what happened? The convicted sharpers transferred their doubtful patronage to the shows (and there were plenty of them) outside the jurisdiction of the C.B.C., and doubtless continued their nefarious methods to the disadvantage of some honest exhibitor or exhibitors.

Your readers will doubtless agree with me that, had the Club been supported as it deserved, you would have had to find other matter to occupy the front page in your issue of the 15th inst. [Note.—This refers to an editorial suggesting the formation of a Union among cage bird societies.—"Country Member."] LACK OF UNITY (write it large, if you please, Mr. Editor) amongst societies and fanciers, the undoubted hostility of a small section, and, alas, the indifference of the *largest* portion of the Cage Bird Fancy, the honest exhibitors in whose interests the club was formed.

"Your rules are too complicated," was one cry (pity the feeble intellects); "Your rules deal too much with the question of fraud," said others (was ever honest man afraid of a policeman?) "They are too cumbersome," "They are unsatisfactory in many ways." Did these prophets of evil come forward with suggestions of amendment or a scheme for reconstruction? No! no! no! and no again! J. S. CLARKE.

Ex-Hon Sec. of the Cage Bird Club.

It is really a pity to say another word after such a letter as that. It speaks for itself. Could anything expose more completely the sham and humbug of the opposition to the present Cage Bird Union of Mr. Clarke, Mr. Tyson, and other officials of the L.C.B.A.?

They now have the Union they once thought so badly needed; it is established on a far, far broader basis than was their own; it has been, and is now, acknowledged and supported by an overwhelming majority of cage bird societies in England; but they themselves are not personally "bossing" it, so it becomes in their sight a thing only fit to have holes picked in it. "A little help is worth a deal of pity." "Did these prophets of evil come forward with suggestions of amendment or a schemo for reconstruction? No! No! No! And No again." But enough. Let fanciers pause, and consider well these curious things.

Coming down to the much-abused (and much misunderstood, in my opinion) Rule 17. I think the Fancy will be exceedingly ill-advised to tamper with it in any way. The parrot cry of those antagonistic to the Union has been, "It is grossly unfair, for it permits non-affiliated fanciers to exhibit and win prizes at shows affiliated fanciers cannot exhibit at, and then to come into Union shows and win prizes there." It seems incredible to me it does not occur to these people that the remedy for this state of things lies in sticking to Rule 17 and strictly enforcing it. How many shows could then possibly be held without the support of the Union? Why, none, for they could not hope to fill the classes. Therefore, there would be no shows except Union shows for anyone to send birds to. A non-affiliated fancier could not then enjoy any of the benefits of belonging to a cage bird society, nor any accruing from the Union. If he joined a society he would, of course, at once become affiliated to the C.B.U. through that society. Let us stick to Rule 17 by all means. It is absolutely necessary to the proper carrying on of the Union. As I have written in another letter this week:—Don't let yourselves be blinded by the arguments (?) of others—no matter how highly placed in the Fancy and fluent with tongue and pen—against so useful and necessary a body as the C.B.U. The latter may not be perfect yet; but the Fancy generally can make it so in time. Weigh up well the great good a C.B.U. can do to your hobby. The talk about "coercion" is so much nonsense. If we are satisfied such a body is conducive to the good of the Fancy, then it ought to be our first desire to compel all fanciers and societies to join and support it. If we stick to Rule 17, we can achieve this desirable end.

A COUNTRY MEMBER.

P.S.—It does not seem to occur to anyone that Rule 17 could be modified in one or two ways and still remain effective. For instance, it is admittedly the Foreign bird section at our shows which would suffer most if non-affiliated fanciers were barred altogether at Union shows. Well, Foreign bird keepers could be left out, and Canary and British bird keepers alone barred. Or the British bird keepers could be left out, too. Anyway, it is the Foreign bird keepers who are less "fanciers," in the strict sense of the term, than the others, and so not likely to join any cage bird society. Or all non-affiliated fanciers could still be allowed to exhibit at Union shows, but only providing they did not exhibit at non-affiliated shows, i.e., anybody who sent his birds to a non-affiliated or non-licensed show (after, say, once being warned) would be suspended (for a longer or shorter period) from exhibiting at any Union show. That, I feel sure, would work and answer well. It would bring all shows into the Union (or they could not succeed), and we should all stand on an equal footing. It is a small matter for any show to take out a licence, seeing it affords the support of all Union members in return.

MR. JOHN TYSON REPLIES.

SIR,—In reply to Mr. R. J. Pretty's vehement effusion, I am sorry if I have misquoted him (for that is absolutely unnecessary), but I am still under the impression that what I have previously written is correct, with the exception of it being West Herts instead of Watford Show. But that of itself does not alter the undoubted fact that Mr. Pretty or other affiliated member of the C.B.U. could have shown at an unaffiliated and non-licensed show in classes provided for open competition—as Mr. Pretty said could be done, distinctly and absolutely, by the authority of the Secretary of the C.B.U. Mr. Pretty is good enough to quote Mr. Lythgoe's letter, which, however, does not say that Mr. Pretty, or anyone else, is entitled to exhibit in classes provided for OPEN competition. Certainly the word "open" is not mentioned in Mr. Lythgoe's letter, clearly proving that Mr. Pretty is prepared to misrepresent opponent or friend at the shortest notice should the occasion, according to his somewhat warped and narrow judgment, demand it. And this gentleman, with his rudeness and reckless assertion, has been elected to serve on the Executive Council of the C.B.U.! I do not admit having at any time animosity against the C.B.U., but admitting, for the purpose of argument, I had such a feeling, Mr. Pretty's advent amidst the Executive would be sufficient to change such feeling for one of the deepest sympathy. Surely the C.B.U. has now reached the beginning of the end. Mr. Pretty and I have not exchanged words for some time, owing to one of his infamous statements that I had acted against the interests of the City and Suburban Society (of which he was Secretary at that time), by requesting one of their members not to exhibit at one of their young bird shows. This gentleman wrote a strong denial, and eventually an honourable member of that Society called and apologised for the wrong I had suffered, since which time I have deemed it prudent to avoid conversation with him. If, as Mr. Pretty says, I had a preponderance of members in this district (assuming that Mr. Pretty's version is correct), I venture to submit that there cannot be two opinions existent amongst intelligent and unbiassed minds that I was animated by one fixed idea, and that was to secure a straight issue on the question put before the delegates. From Mr. Pretty's circular to the Cinnamon

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Club there is no need for "Tammany" or "Gang," but evidently a "Boss" is needed, and I mistake the calibre of that body if they sit still and accept the dictation of any official in such a biassed and dogmatic fashion (see page 507 of last issue). He commences by asking members to vote on the deletion of Rule 17. This in itself is absolutely wrong; the whole of Rule 17 has never been questioned; it is an amendment to delete a portion of the rule only. Another falsehood which I must "nail to the counter" is his statement that the late C.B.C. gave medals to be won by the L.C.B.A. members. The C.B.C. awarded the medals for competition amongst the whole of the affiliated members and not to the L.C.B.A. alone. Mr. Pretty further writes that Messrs. Curtis, Dewhurst, and myself are opposed to the Union in any shape or form. This is a malicious untruth, and I maintain that any person guilty of such is not likely either by example or precept to strengthen the Council by his presence. Judging by his circular to the Cinnamon Club, whose servant he is supposed to be, we may readily conclude that not only shall we receive biassed and unnecessary instructions from the Executive Council in future, but abuse if we dare to raise a question. If Messrs. Curtis, Dewhurst, and myself were opposed to the Union, surely we would not trouble about it at all, and certainly not stand as delegates. Mr. Pretty further writes:—"Now I want your instructions as to whom I shall elect upon the Executive Council." (Mr. Stephenson, kindly note.) I ask, Did he receive instructions to elect himself? I feel sure Mr. Stephenson will forgive my little slip in the face of one of so much larger dimensions. I much regret that in the vain hope that when he arrives at my mature age that he will not have lost the instincts of a gentleman. As food for reflection on his part, one can never lose what one never possessed. And what do you think of my wit, humour, or sarcasm, or whatever you like to call it, this time, eh, my friends? I repeat a question that has been often asked Mr. Stephenson: What has the Cage Bird Union achieved to justify the expenditure of £50 incurred by its birth and upbringing to date? And once more: Which of you would invest your capital in a concern which had not done something to obtain your confidence?

JOHN TYSON.

A NORTH-COUNTRY OPINION.

SIR,—The only reasonable excuse for the opposition to the Union and Rule 17 as drafted is the fancied restriction of the individual's freedom. To progress without law is an absolute impossibility. Is there room for improvement in the cage bird Fancy, and is it possible to make any change for the better? Yes, a thousand times, yes! Let us see what one of the bitterest opponents to the Union has to say.

"Had cage bird societies in the days of the Cage Bird Club been fully awake to its advantages, it would have been in existence in a flourishing condition to-day. The subject the Manchester and N.C.O. have been recently discussing was discussed at a meeting convened by the L.C.B.A. as far back as September 26th, 1898. The minutes of that meeting read as follows:—Meeting convened September 26th, 1898, by the London Cage Bird Association, to consider the question of forming a club to take the place among the cage bird Fancy that the Poultry and Pigeon Clubs occupied in their respective Fancies. There was a large and representative muster of fanciers at the meeting, and it was unanimously decided that a society should be formed and called the "Cage Bird Club," and that the societies throughout the United Kingdom should be invited to elect delegates to assist in its formation. A Committee was subsequently elected to draw up rules, etc. And at the Crystal Palace, on Saturday, February 11th, 1899, in the presence of a large and representative gathering of fanciers, the Cage Bird Club was started. Many good fanciers, among them the late Geo. J. Barnesby and the late George Steeden, subscribed freely, and the rules of the club were circulated broadcast, but the support was meagre; only eight societies were in those days sufficiently abreast of the times to support the scheme. They were:—The Cardiff and District C.B.S., the Derby O.S., the East Suburban C.B.S., the Leicester C.B.S., the L.C.B.A., Pendleton and Salford O.S., the South-West London C.B.S., the West London Fanciers' Association. From the day of the club's decease, at frequent intervals letters have appeared in the Fancy press, asking for redress and remedy for many of the ills that afflict the cage bird Fancy, and I have read them with interest. Now that the Manchester men have decided to make a move, I will not criticise, or ask why they and other societies that should have taken a leading part did not co-operate seven years ago. Suffice it to say that those societies and individual members who supported the club tried in every way to make it thoroughly representative. Each society affiliating was entitled to elect a representative to serve on the Central Committee, and a method of decentralisation could have been arrived at if the club had received the support it merited. Rule II. The objects of this club are:—The promotion of the breeding and exhibition of cage birds; the suppression of fraud, cruelty, and dishonourable practice in relation to cage birds; the advancement and protection of the interests of cage bird breeders and exhibitors generally. In the year of grace, 1906, there is a deal of good work that could be accomplished by a 'national union of cage bird societies,' railway rates, clashing of show dates, etc."

Here we have sufficient evidence to encourage us to go on—evidence of a grand attempt to form a democratic Union that should silence all the thunderings about the unrepresentative form of the present one. There must be a great deal to do yet, and the only way to do it is by making rules that will bring all the fanciers together, and making up our minds that these things are not to be obtained free of cost. What appears to be the great obstacle is the fear of some societies not joining the Union. Had the fanciers who have so bitterly opposed the Union, who say a Union is needed, and who are now in favour of a Federation of societies, been sincere and honestly desirous of advancing the interests of fanciers, they would have given all the help in their power to get it well established, and from the inside worked assiduously to make it perfect. The societies "outside" the first year would have been "in" the second, and the freedom to show from Land's End to John o' Groats would have been as unrestricted as it was previous to the formation of the Union, with the added satisfaction of knowing that a chain of brotherhood had been welded that would make a brother's trouble general, and his joys a universal pleasure. But no, cage bird fanciers have not attained to that elevated standard yet. All the voices seem to be striving against its consummation. Envy, malice, hatred, and greed are at work to keep us apart. How long shall it be permitted by you men who desire to live nobly and act honourably? What is a hard hat or a silk muffler with ten shillings compared to a clear conscience that can only be retained by cage bird fanciers generally by such a rule as 17 without deletion? It is the Union the blow is aimed at, and Rule 17 is the convenient part that wily men know will appeal most strongly to men's cupidity, and by a show, as false as it is great, of being liberators from a yoke, they make you destroy the institution that for years has been seeking to rise and flourish in useful work on your behalf. Your freedom is not in danger, but is being sought by men who think and work to free you from the dishonesty you all know to exist. It is an injury to the public, as well as to the fanciers who honestly try to do what is right both in dealing and exhibiting. They are the best citizens who, by their conduct, seek to advance and elevate the whole by clearing the moral atmosphere, so that the rising generation may have a better opportunity to enter the hobby of a cage bird fancier, and leave it with a clear conscience of never having taken a base advantage of a brother fancier to win honour and renown. That such fanciers exist and flourish amongst us at the present time who think it clever and just to take by unlawful means, is borne in on us each succeeding show season—"clever and just," because they say everyone has the same opportunity. They are incapable of crediting anyone with a nobler mind that won't permit a dishonourable action being performed with the birds to win either firsts or specials. If ye be men who have a mind above the sordidness of the hour, you will vote for Rule 17 undeleted, and hasten the time when "man to man the world o'er" shall brother fanciers be—honest and sincere.

G. W. MACPARTLING.

P.S.—The foregoing was delivered before the members of the Newcastle Good Intent C.B.A., on June 6th, on the motion that Rule 17 stand as at present. The letter that I have quoted was published in CAGE BIRDS, February 3rd, 1906, from the pen of J. S. Clarke.

BREEDING RESULTS.

The Accrington fanciers are having a bad breeding season so far. The weather is shocking; we have had no summer yet.—A. HIRST.

I might say I am having a grand season, having over 50 young, the greater number of which are on the sticks, and I have several hens on eggs.—G. H. NEAL, Highgate, N.

Some Nottingham Rooms.

On Sunday, June 9th, I decided to have a spin on my cycle to some of the Nottingham fanciers. I first visited Mr. J. Goode. He has eight pairs up for Crest breeding and three pairs Norwich, and has bred 19 youngsters. Amongst them I noticed two very nice birds, one Crest, and one Cresthred. After glancing at his British birds, I proceeded to Mr. J. Bowers, and found him attending to the wants of his birds. He has 12 pairs for Crest breeding, and the produce up to the present are four Crests and four Crestbreds on sticks, also 12 in the nests, second round. I very much liked a grizzle Crest which he has bred. Calling upon Mr. J. Wood next, I found he has ten pairs of Crests. On going into his room, I was sorry to find he had only five young birds, this being his second round. Yet if cleanliness is anything towards success, he certainly deserves it, for his room was scrupulously clean. I visited Mr. J. Birch, who is a Norwich breeder. He has 14 pairs of Norwich up, and two pairs of Crests. From them he has bred 19 young birds, and has a number of fertile eggs in the second round. I gleaned from his conversation that his friend, Mr. G. Hill, is having a good season; he has 15 pairs of Norwich and one pair for Crest breeding, has got 29 youngsters on sticks first round, and 12 young in the nest second round, all doing well. Mr. Bexon has eight pairs of Crests, but has only three young birds up to present. My next interview was with Mr. H. Mais; he has 12 pairs for Crest breeding, and has hatched 40 youngsters, but unfortunately has lost 21 through the past bad weather. I then journeyed on to Mr. F. Cooke. That gentleman, having only three pairs of Crests, has not bred a single one up to present. In conversation he informed me that Mr. J. Onion has 11 pairs of Crests, and has only been blessed with two young birds up to now. During the morning I met Mr. A. Onion. He has 15 pairs of Crest, and has bred 40 youngsters. His son has four pairs of Crests, and produced 16 young. This past week he has removed his birds a distance of two miles into a strange room. Although he had a number of hens sitting he was fortunate enough not to lose any young birds or eggs. This, I consider, is a most remarkable occurrence. Mr. J. Cowpertwaite has 12 pairs of Crests, and has only bred three youngsters up to the present. Mr. W. Harris has nine pairs up for Crest-breeding, and has ten youngsters. The past severe weather has undoubtedly affected the backbone of the breeding season with the fanciers in this district.

WM. HEALEY, Sec. Admiral Duncan O.S.

Hard Luck for the Scotch Fancies.

Hard luck has been the store of Scotch Fancy breeders north this season, the extreme cold weather of April and May having had a bad effect on breeding pairs—non-laying hens, unfertile eggs, forsaking the young by the hens, have been the ill-fortune of not a few breeders. June has not, so far, improved matters much, although a shade milder. Some nice warm weather now may yet reward not a few who have eight to ten pairs, and in some instances have been rewarded by having one nestling as the fruits of their labours. True, some have been more fortunate, and can count their youngsters from one to twelve, amongst them some very promising birds, which are sure to give a good account of themselves. When the show season comes round the Southern Ornithological Association will have one or two surprises in store, for not a few of its members, by one of themselves, who has been very fortunate in breeding some very promising birds—some "champions," as the writer heard this particular member say in answer to a query from a chumate. We wish him all success. The National Derby Association has been adding greatly to its members, some well-known breeders having joined their ranks recently, I hear.

ROVER (Glasgow).

Good News from Swansea.

I was surprised to read in CAGE BIRDS that fanciers around Swansea, including myself, were doing very badly. I don't know where this fancier got his information from, as he is in no way in touch with the majority of breeders here. It has been a very fair season as far as I know; there are a few which have experienced very hard lines indeed. It has been my record season—71 youngsters up to time of writing, 59 are doing for themselves, and nine more hens to hatch, which will complete my season's toil. Mr. R. H. Jones is also doing very well. He has got 48, and the majority of them are doing for themselves. Mr. E. M. Evans is also doing very well; he has 35, of which 18 are doing for themselves. Mr. W. H. Love has 32, including Mules. There are four Siskin Mules, and five Goldfinch Mules. This fancier had very hard lines at the commencement of the season, but seems to be doing all right now. Mr. T. Kirby, St. Thomas, had very hard lines at the commencement of the season, but I am pleased to see that he is doing very well now; he has 28 youngsters, all Norwich. Mr. A. Taylor, Port Tenant, is also doing very well, according to the pairs put together; he has 17 young Yorkshires. Mr. S. J. Nicholas was doing very well when I last saw him; he had 25. Mr. D. A. S. Longden is doing well; the number is not high, but what he has got he is quite satisfied with. Hoping to give you another account in a few weeks.

D. JENKINS.

Loanhead and District.

SIR,—I promised to send you the breeding results, and I herewith enclose them in order, as I called on them on Sunday. James Noble, Bonnyrigg, 4 Scotch Fancy and 7 Borders; A. and J. Thomson, Newton Grange, 50 Borders; John Noble, Easthouses, Dalkeith, 2 Scotch Fancy, 3 Norwich, and 27 Borders; James Carson, of the same place, 9 Scotch Fancy and 25 Borders; James Hamilton, Westfield, Dalkeith, 29 Borders; John Ewing, 19 Borders; Mr. Muir, 20 Borders; Alfred Rowe, 9 Scotch Fancy and 20 Borders; Thomas Briggs, 4 Scotch Fancy and 7 Borders, all of Westfield; Wm. McAdam, Broomieknowe, Lasswade, 2 Scotch Fancy, 17 Norwich Fancy, and 24 Borders; Wm. Nelson, Loanhead, 26 Borders; John Yule, Loanhead, 1 Scotch Fancy and 9 Borders; and my own is 6 Norwich and 40 Borders. Wishing our paper every success.

WALTER B. SMART (Loanhead).

REVIEWS OF SCHEDULES.

Wigan First Feather.—June 29th.—Judge, Mr. J. Trengove.—17 classes—Norwich, Yorks., Brit., Members, 3 each, Crests 2, Novice, Selling, and Gift, 1 each. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 3s. Entry fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close June 25th to Mr. W. Ridge, 55, Poolstock, Wigan.

L.P.O.S. First Feather.—June 20th.—Judge, Mr. T. Heath. 15 classes—Champion section, Norwich, 2, Yorks., 2, Crests, Cins., Mules, A.O.V., 1 each. Novice section, Nor., 2, Yorks., 2, Crests, Mules, A.O.V., 1 each. 3s. added to prize money, which is on the sliding scale, if more than 6 entries in a class. Entries close June 17th to Mr. H. Lambert Brown, 64, Manor Park, Lee, S.E.

Barnsley First Feather.—July 13th.—Judge, Mr. J. C. Barnes.—10 classes—Nor., 3, Yorks., 3, Mules, 1, Brit., 3. Entry fee 6d. Prizes on sliding scale. Secretary, Mr. T. Coward, 22, Blenheim Road, Barnsley.

Bradford (West) First Feather.—June 22nd.—Judge, Mr. H. W. Battyc.—16 classes—Yorks., 10, including two novice, Nor., 2, Mules, 1, Brit., 1, Sell., 2. Prizes, 8s., 4s., 2s., 1s. Entry fee 1s. Entries close June 19th to Mr. T. Clegg, 65, Lupton Street, Bradford.

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Newmilns Show will be held on September 21st.

"Bird World" to hand. I am very pleased indeed with it in its new form.—H. ALLSOP, Abersychan.

The Ashington and Hirst Society have decided to hold their show on November 30th instead of December 28th.

Mr. W. G. Poole has been engaged to judge the cage birds at Evesham (Nov. 13th) and Brackley (Dec. 3rd.).

Kindly thank all who replied to my advertisement; too numerous to reply to all.—H. JAMES, Kirton Lindsey.

The judges at Kirkealdy, on November 9th, will be Messrs. D. Low (Scots), J. Patterson (Norwich and Borders), A. Cochrane (British and Foreign).

I shall not require further insertion of my advertisement. Results most satisfactory. I have returned ten cheques and postal orders.—W. M. MARSDEN, Hazel Grove.

Please thank all those who replied to my advertisement in CAGE BIRDS. I had over 20 replies, and find it impossible to answer all.—G. GONNARD, High Street, Stroud.

We are asked to state that the entry fee for the open classes at the forthcoming Battersea Young Bird Show, viz., 1s. 6d., was accidentally omitted from the schedule.

The judges for the City of Dundee Show are—Crests and Crestbred, Mr. A. Chalmers; Plainheads, Mr. J. Adams; Borders, Mr. J. Craig; Mules, British and Foreign, Mr. A. Cochrane.

Mr. Riley, the hon. sec. of the Southport C.B.S., informs us that the society's First Feather Show will be held on July 6th, and that the meeting called for June 20th is to discuss business in connection therewith.

Please accept my hearty congratulations on the "Bird World." It simply teems with splendid reading, and has indeed filled a long-felt want, and I wish it every possible success in future.—JOHN S. CRAWFORD, Glasgow.

Will you thank the 74 applicants for the grandfather clock I advertised. All sending a stamp I replied to myself. I have had letters and postcards from all parts of the country, showing over what a large area CAGE BIRDS is read.—JAMES MANN, 11, Commercial Road, Willington.

Mr. G. B. Reynolds, of 14, Johnson Street, Broomhall Road, Bank Lane, Pendlebury, writes that he is engaged in the formation of a Cage Bird Society. He already has the names of ten gentlemen who are willing to assist him, and will be pleased to hear from any others in the neighbourhood who would like to join such a society.

I shall be glad if the secretaries of any society who I have not written to respecting the meeting on the novice question, held at the "Napier," Holborn, on May 24th, and reported in last week's issue of this paper, will send their definitions of a novice and amateur to me.—J. W. RENNIE, the Royal Hotel, Mile End Road, E.

Every bird-keeper, who has not yet done so, should send a sixpenny postal order to this office at once. It will bring by return of post a copy of CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL. No one can possibly afford to be without it during either the breeding, moulting, or show seasons. Address, Manager, "C.B. Annual," 154, Fleet Street, London.

In our advertisement columns this week appears an announcement regarding the disposal of an established bird and live stock business. This business is situated in a most prosperous and flourishing neighbourhood, and is being relinquished owing to the unsatisfactory health of the senior partner. We shall be pleased to forward any letters from prospective buyers.

On June 8th the Rochdale O.S. club room was set apart for a gathering held under the auspices of the Lancashire C.A. and the Oldham and Rochdale Societies, to listen to a paper by Mr. Barrass, the present-day "father" of the Lancashire Fancy. The announcement brought forth the leading fanciers of the Lancashire variety, and we noticed amongst those present: Messrs. Nadin, Hardy, Steeple, Howarth, Myers, Adams, Heap, Ashworth, Eckersley, Whitworth, Lord, Law, Mills, Grindrod, J. Butterworth (secretary), and several others. The President of the club, Mr. Levi Butterworth, presided, and after a few well-chosen remarks anent the ability and qualification of Mr. Barrass to deal with the subject, called on Mr. Law (hon. sec. L.C.A.) to read the paper on behalf of Mr. Barrass.

Mr. W. James has removed to 150, Milton Court Road, New Cross.

Brackley Show will be held December 3rd.—W. G. POLLARN, Hon. Sec.

Mr. H. Norman has removed to The Eyrie, Salisbury Road, Carshalton.

Your paper is most interesting and enlightening.—P. RUSSELL, Southampton.

The judges for Whitehaven Show on November 15th and 16th are Messrs. Hadwin, Houlton, and Hopper.

Mr. A. Hirst is engaged to judge at Warrington on November 8th, and at Lurgan on December 13th and 14th.

Mr. J. Ferguson will judge at Dysart in place of Mr. McLay, who inadvertently had booked Falkirk and Dysart.

Mr. R. Rhodes will judge the First Feather Show of that old-established society, the Admiral Duncan, on July 6th.

Mr. W. Richinson, Secretary of the Atteriffe and District C.B.S., has removed to No. 1, Second Court, Brackley Street, Pitsmoor.

The breeding record I think will be most useful, and should have a good sale. Mr. J. Beswick, of Stockport, has been elected as an extra judge for our Open Show.—JAS. METCALFE, Hon. Sec. Bromley O.S.

That gifted writer and lover of all living things, the late Charles Kingsley, could, it is said, tell from the song of a Lark whether the bird had a nest, and whether the hen was sitting or had already hatched her eggs.

The following have been selected to judge the next Norwich Show:—Messrs. J. Robson, W. E. Greeves, W. W. Freestone, and A. Woollard. The show will be held under C.B.U. rules, and will take place on November 2nd and 4th.—R. ROLL, Sec.

At the last meeting of the Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S., when a paper was read by Mr. Cranfield on the Norwich Plainhead, hopes were expressed by the breeders present that the efforts being made by the N.P.C. and S.N.P.C. to get one universal type fixed would be successful.

Will members of the Spen Valley C.B.S. kindly note, writes Mr. Arthur Whitehead, the hon. sec., that my absence from the last meeting was due to a severe cold, which made it impossible for me to be there? I hope there will be as good an attendance on the next meeting night.

Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S. have fixed their Young Bird Show for July 4th, Judge, Mr. J. Robson, writes Mr. W. Hodson, the hon. sec. Mr. W. Gladwin is offering a silver teapot as special prize for best bird in the show, and Mr. J. B. Waterman a silver cruet for best bird bred and exhibited by a novice. We have also numerous other specials.

The accuracy (?) of the information given by some lay journals when touching on birds is well illustrated by the following extract:—One of the most easily tamed of British wild birds is the Bunting, or Reed Warbler (!) . . . A peculiarity about this bird is that, after six years of cage life, it is almost invariably attacked by the same disease—viz., atrophy, which proves fatal.

Re your letter notifying that my advertisement had expired. I am glad to tell you I am more than pleased with the results. I received a great number of letters, principally orders; but what impressed me most was the diverse classes of readers CAGE BIRDS must have. I must add though that I find your readers, on the whole, very good-class hobbyists, with whom it is a pleasure to correspond.—O. MILLSUM (Swindon).

The City of Hull C.B.S. have secured the Corn Exchange instead of the Oddfellows' Hall, for their annual show. The Corn Exchange is one of the finest halls for a cage bird show in the North of England, being exceptionally well lighted, and fitted with electric light and hot water heating apparatus. It is within five minutes' walk from the stations, being situated in the centre of the Market Place, so will be a lot handier for exhibitors visiting the show.—F. F. POTTER, Hon. Sec. City of Hull C.B.S.

"Better than ever." "Excels any I have seen." So write delighted purchasers of Ramsden's pure peppers. Amongst some hundreds the following well-known exhibitors have been supplied during the past few days:—Messrs. Bailey, 50 lbs.; Colton, 150; Crisp, 15; Dewar, 150; Dibb, 200; Dutton, 200; Eckersley, 25; Gilbert, 150; Helliwell, 90; Easterling, 80; Mundell, 100; Mallinson, 44; Robson, 56; Shackleton, 75; Trengove, 50; Taylor, 100; Norwich Clubs, 350 lbs., etc. Original orders can be seen. There is no room for doubt about Ramsden's Peppers. They are sold and guaranteed under the Merchandise Act, also the Food and Drug Adulteration Act. No other vendor of colour foods advertises such a guarantee as this. Pure, absolutely pure, and the best the world produces. When buying pepper, don't be persuaded that any other pepper (probably giving much more profit to the dealer offering it) is just as good as Ramsden's; it isn't.—ADVT.

Your "Breeding Room Register" is the best book I have ever seen for a fancier who wishes to know the result of his hobby.—J. GILBERT, Coventry.

Mr. J. F. Dewar (Edinburgh) will judge Scotch and Border Fancies, and Mr. Thos. Knight Norwich and British, at the Annual Show of the Leith O.S. on October 26th next, writes Mr. George Brown, the Secretary.

Owing to the extended radius and increased membership of the Crewe and District Ornithological Society, Mr. J. C. Heaton, of 27, Minshull New Road, Crewe, has, we hear, been elected to assist Mr. A. Wilkinson as joint hon. sec.

At our last meeting Mr. Trower gave a very interesting lecture on seeds, and showed by various samples the difference between good and bad seeds. The lecture was very instructive, and was much appreciated by the members.—J. DEWHURST, Sec. West London F.A.

I am very much indebted to you and your artist for the lifelike portrait of my yellow Green cock on the front page of your valuable paper last week. He was exhibited three times during the season:—third at Maesteg, first Llanelly, and second Crystal Palace. I must also thank you for the lovely portrait of my buff hen in CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL. She was first Dulwich, first Swansea, second Morecambe, and first Crystal Palace. She is one of ten youngsters, from two sister hens and my buff cock, winner 13 firsts, two seconds, and third, and one vhc. I may say that nine out of the ten won in good company.—D. JENKINS (Swansea).

OBITUARY.

Mrs. SIMMS (Sutton-in-Ashfield).

It is with profound regret that I announce the death of Mrs. Simms, the beloved wife of Mr. W. Simms, who has been failing in health for some time. She returned from Skegness, where she had been for the benefit of her health, a few days before her death, which came quite unexpectedly on May 31st, and her remains now lie in the quiet cemetery at Sutton-in-Ashfield. She was a keen fancier, and took great pride in her husband's birds. She leaves a husband and five children to mourn her loss. Mr. Simms has had some ill luck of late. He was stricken with an illness himself some weeks ago, and since he recovered one of his daughters has had to undergo an operation, from which, I am pleased to say, she is going on well; and now comes the death of his wife. I am sure that all fanciers who know Mr. Simms will sympathise with him.—JOSEPH SMITH, Sec., Sutton-in-Ashfield and District O.S.

Professor ALFRED NEWTON.

It is with deep regret we have to record the passing of that distinguished ornithologist and man of science, Professor Alfred Newton, who died on June 7th last, at the ripe age of 78 years. At Cambridge University he had held, since its foundation, in 1866, the chair of zoology and comparative anatomy. He was also President of the Cambridge Philosophical Society and as Travelling Fellow of Magdalen College he made several tours, which included Lapland, Iceland, the West Indies, and North America, and added much new knowledge to the science to which he was devoted. All his life Professor Newton was especially interested in legislation connected with the protection of birds. He brought the subject before the British Association in 1868, and for several years was Chairman of the Close Time Association, during which period were passed the first three Acts of Parliament for the protection of birds. His colossal "Dictionary of Birds" will stand for all time as a monument of industry, knowledge, and love bestowed upon the feathered creation.

National B.B. and M.C.

Will secretaries, when making application for our support, kindly give number of classes, date, and names of judges? By doing so they will save much time and needless correspondence.—PLUMBRIDGE and CARR, Hon. Secs.

A Novel Special.

Much pleasure and some smiles were evoked by a special prize Mr. J. W. Ramsden offered to present to the Southern Yorkshire C.C., at the recent annual general meeting. It took the form of a valuable tea service to be given to the lady who looked after the birds of the member scoring most points at S.Y.C.C. competitions. The donor said he knew that in many cases it was the gentler sex that did what he might be pardoned for terming the "donkey work" in connection with a fancier's bird room, and he thought the efforts of the ladies deserved recognition in some way. The offer was accepted with acclamation.

Leigh and Dis. C.B.S.

Mr. A. Parks, 19, Cambridge Street, Atherton, Hon. Sec. Leigh and District C.B.S., writes:—I appeal through your valuable paper to our members to take more interest in the society's doings. Meeting after meeting only a few members are present. Some meeting nights we have to return home again through members not turning up; thus we have to postpone business for another meeting night. Now, I cannot see why this state of things should exist. Most of our members reside near the club quarters, the club-room being one of the most decent and comfortable of hotels in the town. It is too late to grumble about things a few days from show time. I hope this appeal will reach all members concerned. And I also hope they will in future rally round at each meeting night and make our meetings worthy of the Fancy. Men that love feathers ought to flock together. Our society from the begining has been, and is now, in a very prosperous way financially.

STRAY NOTES ABOUT BIRDS.

By Claude St. John.

SHOULD PARROTS HAVE WATER?

It is strange how this old perennial still lives, or how it ever managed to get so widely and firmly believed that these birds never drank water. Many of the commoner varieties, especially during the cold weather, drink very little, and it is quite easy to understand how Parrots fed according to the old notion on sops and moist food could eke out an existence for years without any other form of water. But we want all our birds to live and be happy, not merely exist, and a properly fed Parrot can be neither if it is kept without water. Not infrequently it will acquire the disgusting habit of sucking up the moisture from its own droppings, and may learn sometime or other that it can get moisture by sucking the quills of its growing feathers. By all means let every Parrot have water to drink, but if it has been kept without it a long time give it cautiously at first; offer it a drink morning and evening, but if it is found that the bird does not slop it about the cage or soak its food in it leave it on the cage regularly.

HAND-REARING YOUNG BIRDS.

A little skill in rearing the young of birds by hand is often of great value to the bird breeder. Well bred youngsters are not infrequently lost from starvation that might have been saved and grown up into valuable specimens if their owners had only possessed some skill in artificially feeding them for a time. Apart altogether from our yellow-coated friends, with such tantalising examples as non-feeding hens and the lack of available feeders, think of the fabulous gems of Hybrids which one might hope to save from an early passage into eternal obscurity. Every bird breeder, and Hybrid breeder in particular, should lose no opportunity to practice hand-feeding until they are expert in the art. For there is some art in hand-feeding, as it requires quite a combination of good qualities to satisfy the cravings of a hungry and active brood when a few days old, with their tiny beaks gaping wide open and their heads bobbing about in such an exasperating manner that it requires a deft hand, a sharp eye, and quick judgment to satisfy them all without a slip, or dropping the food about their little bodies. If the birds are very young, making the food into quite a moist paste and giving it by means of a small glass syringe is a great improvement on the old wooden spatula style. Also when the chicks are so young it is not a good plan to give the food cold—it should be at least lukewarm—and the syringe method enables one to accomplish this end by holding the end of the tube in warm water for a minute or two before feeding. The great point to bear in mind is that by this method there is more danger of the food becoming sour. This must be strictly guarded against by making only enough food for two or three hourly meals and keeping the syringe scrupulously clean. Feed at least every hour from early morn till dusk after the young are a week old; if under that age it is better to give a smaller quantity, proportionately, every half-hour.

USEFUL HEN MULES.

Unless they are of some rare variety, or of superlative quality, hen mules are usually of very trifling value. But writing of the absence of feeders, when their services would be most valuable, reminds one that many hen Mules, even those of most insignificant value, may often be turned to good account by being employed as feeders. In this capacity they are often very useful, and, unlike pure bred birds, it is not always essential for them to be nesting on their own account. Indeed, in many cases the mere sight of a nest of young in the cage is sufficient to incite a hen Mule to endeavour to feed them, and if the young respond to her desire she will often make a model foster parent. It is, therefore, always worth the trouble of trying the experiment when one has a hen Mule and a brood of deserted young, with no proper feeders to take charge of them.

MULES NESTING.

Readers of the above note about the non-necessity of hen Mules being nesting on their own account must not take the remark as evidence in favour of the old notion that Mules will breed. Such an idea is altogether repudiated. Yet it is surprising how much vitality the error still possesses, in spite of persistent efforts to kill it outright; hence the disclaimer to prevent a possible revival of an erroneous idea. So far as our cage birds are concerned, it may be generally accepted as a fact that Mules will not breed. There is no tittle of proof to the contrary. A fine field of new ground for experimentation undoubtedly exists in this branch of aviculture to one who tackles it systematically.

DON'T.

This sage advice has become almost proverbial in many phases of life. One of the most important don'ts for the young bird breeder at this season is: Don't be in too great a hurry to remove the young entirely away from their parents. Young birds which appear to be feeding themselves very freely are often still dependent to a certain extent upon their parents, and when taken quite away from them are apt to lose ground, or even prove quite incapable of doing for themselves entirely. In such cases it may become necessary to return the young to their parents' society for a time, and if the latter have in the interval become estranged from the young there is a certain amount of risk of the young being maltreated. So long as the parents treat the young kindly one need be in no great hurry to remove them. It is far better to keep them together a few days too long than run the risk of removing them before they can quite look after themselves, and thus probably cause a temporary check in the growth. A little careful observation after the young are removed will soon show whether things are going on with them as they should. They should retain their spirits and a smooth, neat plumage. If they soon begin to look thick and puffed out it is generally significant of trouble to come in the immediate future.

A PEDESTRIAN PARROT.

By F. Finn, B.A., F.Z.S.

There has recently reached England a specimen of one of the rarest and most remarkable of the Parrots, the Kakapo, or Night Parrot, of New Zealand (*Stringops habroptilus*). It is a bird about equalling the Sulphur-crested Cockatoo in size, but with short wings and comparatively long legs. Its plumage is very remarkable. Imagine that of a hen Pheasant dyed a bright green, but retaining its mottled character, and you will have a good idea of it; and it may be added that in texture the plumage appears more like that of a Game-bird than a Parrot. The sexes are alike in general colour, but the male is brighter and yellower, and is also a larger and heavier bird, and has a great tendency to get fat.

A DWELLER IN CAVES.

The Owl-Parrot, as this bird is sometimes called, from the bristly feathering of the face, which much resembles what is seen in an Owl, lives in the mountains of New Zealand, and only comes out at night, spending the day under vegetation, or in mossy holes and dens at the roots of trees. Although a ground-living bird, it retains the perching habit, and sits on a root or any similar perch. It walks and runs well for a Parrot, but is quite unable to fly; and when it climbs into a bush or tree, which it often does to procure food, it only drops or flutters out if compelled to leave it suddenly. The said food consists not only of berries, but of grass and other herbage and furze; in fact, the bird lives much the same sort of life as a rabbit.

NESTING-HABITS.

Kakapos appear to breed only once in two years; they do not usually associate even with their mates, being, unlike most Parrots, very solitary birds. The male has a loud, booming call, audible for a very great distance; the hen's note is described as a cough, and she, no doubt, is attracted to her admirer by his resonant voice. He apparently leaves her to look after the eggs, which are laid in the den by herself, and she also brings up the two or three young, which are clothed at first in white down. The rearing must be a hard task for one bird, and this a walker, not a flyer, and it is not surprising to hear that the mother becomes very thin; this may account for the long non-breeding period. Young birds appear to be considerably persecuted by their elders.

Fairly Tall!

At the Chapel of St. Peter, in Florence, according to a certain weekly paper, there is a choir of birds, the only one of its kind in existence. The birds—300 in number—are all in separate cages, which are arranged in rows on both sides of the altar. The leader is a girl, who has had the birds under her own personal training for over two years. The whole of the musical part of the service is most exquisitely rendered by them. The leader starts each hymn by whistling the first few notes, and then the birds take it up, in obedience to the movement of their instructor's hand.

A Desire for Culture.

A couple of House Martins have almost completed building their nest on a gas pipe of the Hailsham Council Girls' School (Sussex). The pipe runs along the middle of the roof, and from the centre hangs a gas pendant. It is this point that has been chosen as the side for their nest. The birds find their way in by means of a window high up on the north wall, and in spite of the room being full of scholars, the couple proceed undeterred to furnish their home. During the progress of the singing lessons they will perch on the window frame and join in the choruses, and continue to chirrup for some time after the conclusion of the lesson.

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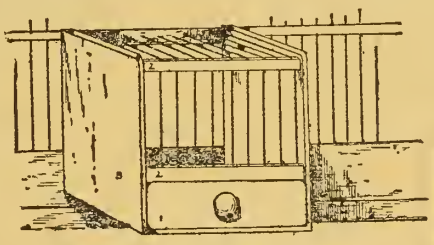
No. 109.

AN OUTSIDE EGG FEEDER.

Sent by E. Johnson, 10, Pemberton Street, Hendon, Sunderland.

Enclosed is a sketch of an egg-drawer holder, made to hook on the cage door with two pieces of cage wire, bent to the required shape. It does away with cutting a



1. Earthenware Egg Drawer.
2. Wired Cross-bars.
3. Solid Wood End.

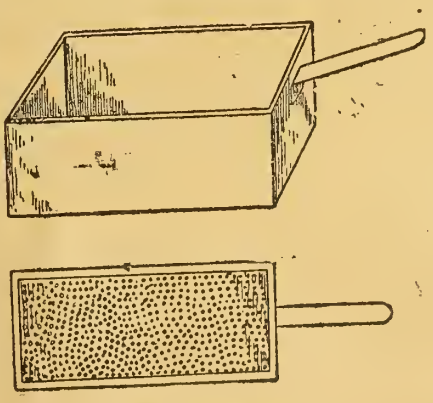
hole in the rail of the cage front, and obviates the spoiling of the look of the cage when the egg-drawer is not needed and not in use. It likewise prevents the birds from fouling the food, as the latter is outside the cage. From the drawing readers will readily see what is needed to make this egg-drawer holder.—E. Johnson.

No. 110.

A SIMPLE SIEVE.

Sent by H. Potts, 3, Alexandria Street, Aberavon, Port Talbot.

Enclosed is a sketch of a simple sieve which I find very useful for either straining off the water when soaking seeds for young birds or for use when crushing oyster shell. I



A Simple Sieve.

first crush the shell and then shake it in the sieve in the usual way. It is easily made by taking two pieces of wood, 6 in. by 2 in., and two pieces 3 in. by 2 in. They are nailed together, and a piece of gauze is tacked on the bottom. The handle is then fixed, when the sieve is ready for use.—H. Potts.

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Barnsley and Dis. C.B.S.—June 15th, at Maltsters' Rest, 8. Show business.—T. Coward, sec.

Bath and Dis. F.A.—June 20th, at the Foresters' Hall, 8. Committee at 7.—H. Tartle, hon. sec.

Birkenhead C.F.A.—June 18th, at Temperance Hall, 8 p.m. Discussion on "Yorkshire" and syllabus for 1907 and 1908.—J. T. Harding, sec.

Cardiff C.B.S.—June 20th, at Maskell's. Second Nest Feather Show arrangements, etc.—W. Sampson, sec.

Coventry O.S.—June 19th, at Sydenham Palace, 8.30. Arrangements for Nest Feather Show.—G. Turrell, sec.

Crewe and Dis. O.S.—June 18th, at Nag's Head, 7.30. Table Show of Goldfinches, Linnets, Redpolls, Siskins, and Twites.—J. C. Heaton, joint hon. sec.

Crook and Dis. C.B.S.—June 15th, at Love's Hotel, 7.30.—Wm. Rutherford, sec.

Dysart C.B.S.—June 24th, at 23, High Street. Show classification, etc.—J. Logan, Hon. Sec.

Farnworth and Dis. C.B.S.—June 16th, at Old Post Office Inn, 7.30. Important business.—W. Dawson, sec.

Federation of Cage Birds (Ashton-under-Lyne Centre).—June 22nd, at Hazel Grove, 6.30 p.m. Show.—A. Ackroyd, sec.

Garston B.B.A.—June 19th, at Wellington Hotel, 7.30. Arrangements for Nest Feather Show.—A. Wilkinson, sec.

Gloucester and Dis. C.B.S.—June 20th, at Ram Hotel, 8. To arrange schedule and judges for Open Show.—J. Houghton, sec.

Gt. Harwood and Dis. C.B.S.—June 17th, at Headquarters, 7.30. The second ramble will take place on Sunday next, June 16th; members and friends please meet at Headquarters at 8 a.m.—F. Sharples, sec.

Hyde and Dis. C.B.S.—June 17th, at St. George's School, 8. Arrangements for Table Shows, etc.—T. Allsop, sec.

Jarrow Dis. C.B.F.S.—June 19th, at Lockhart's Cafe, 7.30. Drawing up schedule, also cards.—J. T. Carrick, sec.

L. and P.O.S.—June 20th, at The Raglan, Aldersgate Street, 8 o'clock. First Feather Show; all fanciers welcome.—H. Lambert Brown, sec.

Leeds C.B.S.—Trip to Monk Fryston Aviaries, June 15th. Train leaves N.E.R. Station for South Milford at 3 minutes past 2. Tickets, including good plain tea, 2s. 2d. Any fancier who would like to join the party and has not booked his ticket can obtain it from the secretaries at the station.—C. R. Stephenson and W. Hornby, hon. secs.

Leicester C.B.S.—June 19th, at Headquarters, 8 p.m. Entries for Nest Feather Show. Annual ramble to Pailton, June 16th, leaving Great Central 10.5 a.m.—J. Heighton, sec.

Pendleton and Salford O.S.—June 26th, at Derby Arms, 8. Entries for First Feather Show, etc.—W. Jackson, sec.

Porth C.B.F.S.—June 22nd.—J. Challenger, hon. sec.

Preston O.S.—Annual ramble postponed from June 2nd on account of unfavourable weather; will take place on June 16th, weather permitting; if unfavourable, June 23rd; 9.30 train Longridge (Deepdale Station).—J. W. Cleminson, hon. sec.

Reading C.B.S.—July 3rd. Mr. Maisey will open discussion on "Feeding."—G. A. Charles, sec.

Rochdale Good Intent.—June 19th, at Temperance Club, 8. Receiving entries for First Feather Show.—Sam. M. Clayton, sec.

St Helens O.S.—June 17th, at George Inn, 8 p.m. Election of judges for Open Show.—T. Vose, sec.

Skelmanthorpe C.B.A.—June 18th, at Headquarters, 7.30. First Feather Show.—H. W. Gill, sec.

Spen Valley C.B.S.—June 17th, at Northgate Hotel, 8 o'clock.—A. Whitehead, sec.

Witney and Dis. C.B.S.—June 15th. Show; birds to be staged at 3; judge, Mr. C. Stebbings.—E. W. Johnson, sec.

The Zoological Gardens.

The latest guide to the Zoological Gardens, Regent's Park, London, N.W., reaches us from the Secretary, and is a very admirably produced hand-book, lavishly illustrated with excellent photographs of many of the inmates, and full of useful, if necessarily brief, information concerning them. The various birds housed in the Gardens occupy a considerable portion of the space, and readers of "C. B." who would like to know the latest arrangements, etc., made at the Zoo on their behalf will, no doubt, be able to get a copy through the post by forwarding 7d., price and postage, that is. A series of 12 very effective coloured post-cards have also been issued by the Zoo authorities.

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CANARIES.

NORWICH PLAINHEADS.

Answered by J. H. PAYNE.

Lumpy and Wheezy.

T. W. Burton.—I fancy your birds have some broncbial trouble. Give them, in tbeir drinking water, ten drops of glycerine, ten drops of ipecacuanha wine, and six drops of paregoric. Let them have this fresh daily for a fortnight, and, if they are not better by then, write again, and I will advise you further if you think their livers are affected.

Young Dying.

Grocer.—I am of opinion that the cause of the two nests of young dying at the age of two and three days was due to the fact that the hen did not feed them. I should recommend you to let the cock stop with her next time. Your feeding seems all right. No, I do not think the fact of the cock being run with three hens would lessen the stamina of the young to any appreciable extent, but a lot would depend upon the vigour of tbe bird.

YORKSHIRES.

Answered by H. W. BATTYE.

Trouble with Young.

Determined.—Your hen appears to be one of those that some call scamp hens, one of those that will do no way right. Have you noticed what condition her claws are in, as you say you found one of her young ones dead in her claws the second morning after she hatched? Examine her claws, and if long and bent, cut them shorter with a sharp pair of scissors, holding them up before a strong light so that you will be able to see the thin red line that runs down the claws; don't cut too closely to this or you will make it bleed. Perhaps tbe accident of one young one getting fast in her claws may have upset the hen and caused her to become too anxious about the others until she neglected to feed them properly.

Like a Ball.

Manxman.—Perhaps your Yorkshire hen is placed in a draught, and tbis may be one reason why it perches like a ball. Or it may be only its habitual way of roosting at night; most birds perch like a ball at night, and we used to say years ago if they were perched on one leg only they were all right. You do not give any particulars as to whether it is healthy or ill in appearance during the daytime. Have you now, or have you had the hen paired up? If you will write and give particulars, I will try and advise you. The seed you mention is a capital mixture, but I should advise plain white canary seed in the hoppers as a staple diet, and a teaspoonful of the mixture three times a week, given separately. Clean water daily, into which mix four drops of Parrish's Chemical Food twice a week, and give a supply of sharp gritty sand once a week.

Lack of Condition.

Upton Park.—I am afraid your birds have never been in proper breeding condition, and if they have, they seem to have gone off. An ordinary living room is a very unsuitable place to keep birds for breeding purposes; as a rule the temperature varies too much, and to get and keep birds in condition for breeding they require a more generous diet than canary seed. If you could place them in a room without a fire, and give them a little egg food and maw seed daily, they might get round in time to have one nest, but they would probably be rather late. I should not recommend you to buy hens for the other cocks that you say seem lively enough but do not sing, as when a cock bird is not in song at this time of the year it is very seldom any use trying to breed with him, and you would probably get no fertile eggs from him.

Lung Trouble.

W. F. Arch.—You might ask some good chemist to mix you a small quantity of the following:—equal parts syrup of squills, ipecacuanha wine, and glycerine, and give 12 drops daily in its drinking water; try this for a fortnight, when I think you will find an improvement. And, as you say though he wheezes it does not affect his singing, you might try him to breed, and very probably he will fertilise his eggs all right. At the same time, I don't approve of breeding with birds that are affected with lung trouble.

Wrong in its Legs.

A Reader of Cage Birds.—You have two young birds six weeks old, one as lively as can he, the other one sits on the bottom of the cage all day, seems well enough, but cannot stand on its legs, Have you examined its feet and legs? Perhaps it is deformed in some way, or perhaps it is weakness, which it may get over when a little older. Young birds should have egg food oftener than twice a week up to six weeks old. Try giving this bird a little egg food every day, say a teaspoonful, and well mix with it six drops of Parrish's Chemical Food, and just a sprinkling of maw seed over it. This will very likely put it right in about two weeks—that is, supposing it to be all right in its legs and feet.

Lump under Eye.

A. Brown.—You say the young one with the lump under its eye is only two weeks old, and that you have tried tincture of iodine, but it does not touch it. This I can well believe, because it has not had sufficient time up to now— that is, in case it would cure it, as it will take a considerable time to reduce it. Try it for a few weeks, and if it has not done any good by then, I should be inclined to destroy it, as to cut it away would very likely kill it, and I don't know of anything better than painting it daily with the tincture—but it's a slow process.

BORDERS.

Answered by J. PATTERSON.

Young Humpy.

T. W. Burton.—I scarcely think there is anything seriously wrong with your young birds. It is quite a regular thing for young birds at this age (six weeks old) to have a feed and then go to sleep resting their bodies on the perch, and unless you see other symptoms such as derangement of the bowels or listlessness, just let them alone, and they will move about freer when once they are older. Should their bowels be relaxed or their abdomen be red and swollen, let them have as much Tibb's Quinella as will lie on a three-penny piece dissolved in boiling water; let stand until cool, and give instead of water until they are looking better. Dust as much powdered chalk over their egg food, every night, as you would of pepper on your own food. You need not be surprised that they do not eat any seed at this age. Follow instructions to "Sammy" in this issue. (2) You must study for yourself whether your hen that wheezes is really colded, or if she does not do so from pure nervousness. If the latter, don't disturb her any more than you can help, and add three drops of chemical food to her egg food every night. But if colded, take 1 oz. each of whisky, glycerine, and syrup of squills; put all together in a bottle, shake well, and give ten drops in drinking water every other day. (3) See also reply to "Sammy"; but should young birds be out of sorts, no green food until they are through the moult. Let them have half a teaspoonful of scalded rape (German) instead, twice weekly. Your other treatment might be improved with a third of German summer rape seed every other day. See that your egg food and hemp seed are given fresh, and no old rancid food thrown out left for your young birds to pick at; they are like children, they will try anything.

Cock Bird Bald.

G. G. Hay.—I am pleased to see that your bird is now in perfect health, and that you have followed my instructions so closely. I doubt if there is any chance of feathers growing on his head now. In about six weeks time he should be going into moult, and the feathers will grow all right then. However, if he is not paired up to a hen you might try anointing his bare place with the following:—1 oz. lard; put a small cork into the fire, let burn a minute, take out the ashes on shovel, until it is all burnt to powder; mix this with the lard, and use every morning. This is very disfiguring, and you must take care not to let it touch any of the feathers, but I have found it very beneficial.

Treatment Various.

Sammy.—Feed your old birds while feeding young on egg food—one boiled egg to three Osborne biscuits—let them have this freshly made thrice a day, to the last feed at night add half a teaspoonful to each pair. Give twice a week one teaspoonful scalded rape seed in the morning. Undoubtedly lettuce is now the best green food, give a little twice a day. You may vary it now and again with a few dandelion heads; pull them when they are closed up after the bloom has gone from them, just before they open up again, and when their white heads are ready to blow. (2) Let the young remain with their parents till they are 30 days old. They should then be able to do for themselves. You can now mix a little crushed hemp seed in the egg. Gradually withdraw the egg food from them when they are between six and seven weeks old, till at eight weeks they should only get half a teaspoonful daily. Crush a little canary seed for them, till you can see them crack the whole seed. (3) Don't give much green food after they leave their parents; a little thrice a week is sufficient. You should carefully look over your stock and select your hest; either run them into single cages or moult them out in threes in an ordinary breeder.

MISCELLANEOUS CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by "OLD JUDGE."

Turned Claw.

Canary three weeks old, seems weak on legs, has a back toe turned under front ones. Shall I use a little rubber tubing? Please say how to hold bird; I am afraid of breaking the toe. How old must they be before I may give them a bath, as it tries to go in same time as its mother? Is it too soon to put young one behind the wire division and put male bird back to hen?—A WOMAN.

A Woman.—You need not worry because a bird three weeks old does not stand up well on its legs. They are not strong enough yet to support the body properly, and hence the reason why the bird, when tired, rests on its stomach. Yes, you should slip a piece of rubber tubing over the claw and bring it back to the leg. As it seems stiff, soak it for a few minutes in warm water, not hot, about blood heat is the correct temperature. After the soaking move the claw to and fro gently for a little while, and then I think you will be able to get the tubing over it all right. Hold the bird firmly in left hand with the neck resting between the thumb and forefinger. Work the joints of the affected foot with the right hand. You can let your young birds bathe as soon as they wish to; they will not bathe unless they feel an inclination. It is not too soon to put the young ones behind the wire division, but there is no need to do so unless either of the old birds molest them. If, when returning the cock bird, you hang up a fresh nest bag for the hen to draw material from with which to line her nest she is not likely to interfere with the young, but should she do so, then I should advise you to separate them at once.

Sweating Hens.

A.J.—You should remove the cock bird. This throws on the hen the whole responsibility of feeding the young, and keeps her off the nest in some measure. Add daily a pinch of sea salt to the bathing water. Feed as frequently as possible, giving choice tit-bits of green food, and thus inducing the hen to leave the nest. You might also put a thin piece of wood across the nest from side to side, just over the heads of the young, so as to prevent the hen settling down too close on them.

Soft Moult.

J. Furber.—If your bird is commencing to moult now, I should not consider it a false or soft moult. It is full early, but it is not unusual for birds to commence dropping their feathers towards the end of June. Keep your bird free from all draught, feed generously, using egg food and a varied seed diet. Keep the hopper full of the best Spanish canary seed, and every day give half a teaspoonful of German summer rape, twice a week give a pinch or two of maw seed. Let it have green food daily, and hang a piece of cuttlefish bone in its cage for it to peck at. Your Foreign bird query will be sent on to Mr. Page, who will doubtless attend to it. Queries on different subjects should not be written on the same sheet of paper.

Returning Cock Bird.

J. H. Pestridge.—Your letter, unfortunately, was mislaid, which I much regret. The cock bird may be returned to the hen when the young are a few days old, and most certainly whilst they are in the nest. It is not at all unusual for a very heavily marked, or even a green bird to come in a nest of clear or lightly ticked birds. By now you will have discovered that what looked like a black Canary in the nest is really a green. I regret I cannot tell you where the Birmingham Show is to be held, but if you write to the Secretary of the Birmingham C.B.S., Mr. H. C. Wilkins, 7, St. Martin's-lane, Birmingham, he will, no doubt, gladly tell you.

Poor Layers.

Winstone.—It is really almost impossible to say why your birds have only laid one egg a nest, but the probable cause is that the hens are not strong in their generative organs, and are in a state approaching barrenness. As you know, in all classes of animal life some females are more less non-productive, so it is in Canaries. It is quite possible your hens are either too old, or else, if young ones, they were not sufficiently matured when you commenced breeding with them, and this has upset them for the whole season. It is too late now to remedy things for this season, and the best thing you can do is to let the hens have plenty of exercise from now to next spring, and wish for better luck next year. Your feeding and treatment are quite correct; you cannot do more.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

Management of Linnets and Goldfinches.

Please let me know through your valuable paper the diet for Linnets and Goldfinches, caged for singing purposes; also diet when moulting; also most suitable cages for both kinds. I now keep them in back cages.—A.B.

A.B.—A good stock mixture for Linnets now would be: Canary and teazle one pint each, summer rape and charlock half-pint each, linseed a quarter-pint. For Goldfinches: Teazle and hemp one pint each, canary half-a-pint, linseed a quarter-pint. Linnets should have a feed of maw seed frequently, hemp seed once or twice a week, and often they like one or two cracked sunflower seeds occasionally. Goldfinches should have a feed of maw and niger seeds frequently, and often they also are very fond of sunflower. Linnets like seeding shepherd's purse and chickweed passionately, and need them liberally when moulting, with ripe plantain in addition. Goldfinches like groundsel tops and dandelion heads and young leaves passionately, also thistle heads, hard-heads, teazle heads, etc., while moulting. They should then have linseed freely, while Linnets should then have a half-part each of linseed and hemp in their stock mixture. The best cages for general use are the box-pattern ones known as Finch stock-cages (any of the large cage makers advertising in our columns will supply them). They are about 16 by 10 by 8 inches, wired in front only, doors at front and side, seed box inside, running from front to back, two perches about on a level with top of seed trough, water vessel outside. In CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL for 1906 this style of cage is depicted and described. Back cages are only useful for occasional use and for special purposes.

Breeding Goldfinches in Cages.

Have Goldfinches been known to breed in a breeding cage? I have two paired. The hen made a nest and laid five eggs. I know they are properly paired. When the hen laid her fourth egg she sat day and night, but after she laid her fifth egg she would only set at day time. I gave a Canary the Goldfinch's eggs, and the Goldfinch the Canary eggs But the Canary eggs are five days older; would the Canary set five days longer?—M. C. DELANGE.

M. C. Delange.—Goldfinches have certainly been known to breed when confined in a cage; the circumstance is uncommon, however, under the usual conditions. It sounds nice and very desirable, let us say, to attempt to establish a cage-bred strain of Goldfinches. No doubt it could be done with the exercise of judgment and great perseverance; the difficulties are sure to be great, though. Your own hen Goldfinch, for instance, behaved exactly as only too many other hen British birds behave when breeding in captivity. Some lay but will not build; others build and lay, but will not sit; others sit for a time, then seem to get tired of that pastime; others hatch out the young, then seem to think they ought to thrive without being fed. What is the reason of all this thusness, so to speak, it would puzzle the proverbial Philadelphian lawyer to explain. You did quite right in transferring the Goldie's eggs to the hen Canary, though it is a pity the latter will have to sit five days over her time to hatch them. Of course, if unfertile, there will be no object in letting her do this, so you should test the eggs after she has sat on them seven days. Whether she will "stick it" for this extended period only time can prove; there is certainly a chance. I remember a fancier friend telling me he got so annoyed with a hen of his for persistently squatting on her young, that he gave her some unfertile eggs to have her "sitting bit" out on. But he was tired first. She seemed to have made up her mind to incubate them till the following season came round.

To Breed Mealworms.

Can you tell me a good method how to breed mealworms?—T.M.S.

T.M.S.—I have often explained how to breed mealworms. Briefly, the process is as follows:—A large tin (a long one is better than a deep one) is filled three-parts full with alternate layers of coarse sacking (cut in pieces to fit—once folded is best) and bran. Holes are bored with a brad-awl (for ventilation) at the top, right round the tin—two rows, if possible. A pint, or quart, of mealworms should be turned into it, regulating the quantity by the depth of your own pocket. If you can get a supply of beetles with the worms, it facilitates the proper stocking of the tin. The receptacle must be kept in a warm spot (especially during cold weather), this being one of the secrets of success. Some people put bones, dead birds, meat, etc. in their mealworm boxes. I never do so myself, as the boxes become somewhat offensive then, and the worms grow very large and coarse—repulsive to any bird smaller than a Thrush or a Jay. A handful of very finely crushed dog biscuit can now and again be placed under the top layer of sacking (always manage to have a piece at top of the tin). The supply of bran should also be renewed from time to time. Disturb the mealworms as little as possible, however, for from nine to twelve months. It is a slow process, starting a mealworm box.

"Casting the Shin-Bone."

G.H.B.—"Casting of the shin-bone" reads like being an uncommonly interesting performance for any bird to indulge in, but, unfortunately, I am afraid it is all nonsense. The supposed "shin-bone" is merely the old thickened "scale" on the surface of the lower part of the leg, which needs removing (or is, at least, best removed) when it gets unduly pronounced, or causes a bird palpable inconvenience. Many birds become quite a painful sight owing to their badly scaled legs. The scale is not usually difficult to get off, especially to anyone used to handling birds. Most fanciers soak the part for a time in nicely warm water, then remove it with the sharp point of a pen-knife blade. Personally, I prefer to use warmed oil in place of water. Place some salad (or olive) oil in a tea-cup, or egg-cup, according to size of bird, and stand it in another vessel containing boiling water until heated to the right degree. Soak the bird's legs in this. After this operation is over, anoint the parts gently with Zam-Buk ointment, or a little Friar's Balsam.

Concerning Young Birds.

Blackcap.—(1) Young birds taken from the nest at nine days old do not sing the song of their parents to anything like the same perfection as specimens of the species caught adult. They will pick up notes and phrases from the songs of almost any birds they hear singing, which they render, of course, in their own particular style, giving a kind of musical medley. (2) The moult begins any time after the end of June, though from the middle to the end of July is the more usual period, very many birds, however, not commencing until August has well turned. There is neither fixed rule nor date in the matter. Early hatched young birds invariably drop into moult before late hatched ones. (3) The sexes of young Nightingales cannot be distinguished with certainty; you can only go for the boldest looking youngster, with the longest, flattest bead when viewed in profile. Young Blackcaps are extremely difficult to sex, too. You can only go for the densest coloured youngster possessing the other characteristics just mentioned. If you extract a feather or two from the crown of the head, they will, in the cock bird, grow again black, whereas in the hen they will come brown again. It is useless asking how to sex the young of almost all species, for sexual distinctions in the plumage (where such exist) only became marked after the moult; in their nest feathers cocks and hens are alike.

Pairing a Bullfinch Hen.

Cracko.—I am afraid you will have to solve the puzzle yourself as to which cock bird you pair the hen Bullie up with. It would be very nice to breed some fine young Bullies from her and the Siberian cock Bullfinch she is now mated to. But I must tell you that it is doubtful whether you will succeed in getting fertile eggs, especially so seeing they are in a cage—records of Bullfinches successfully breeding in a cage are few and far between. You could let them try for one nest. If the hen Bullie shows no desire to incubate the eggs, you would have to transfer them to a hen Canary. The young Bullies would have no particular monetary value, assuming you succeeded in getting them. If you paired her with the Norwich cock Canary, bowever, and they produced Hybrids, you would then have something of considerable monetary value, providing they were nice specimens of their kind. If the hen Bullie sat out her time (many of them will often do so), the cock Canary would doubtless help you over the feeding difficulty. The hen Bullie, however, may not appreciate the change of mate, but may "go for" the cock Canary when you introduce him to her. I advise you to take the cock Bullfinch right out of the room away from her, and to hang the Canary on the front of her cage for a few days before turning them together. Hen Bullies can be difficult creatures when they like, and not a little vicious. Give them a liberal supply of seeding shepherd's purse and chickweed (especially should there be young), also any dandelion heads and young leaves you can get. Continue the egg food, of course. You should give soaked rape seed (just sprouting), also lightly cracked hemp and sunflower seeds, and maw seed liberally. Sprays of foliage off fruit trees and bushes or rose bushes, which are covered with green-fly (*aphides*) will also prove very helpful when young are being reared. No doubt the hen will also eat a few small mealworms; while a few best quality ants' eggs can be stirred in amongst the egg food.

A Nest and Eggs.

Amateur.—Very many British birds love to nest "in the very centre of a holly or thorn bush" (these are not the same, by-the-bye). I could not pretend to say to what species the nest belongs with only the meagre particulars you set out to guide me. A Greenfinch's eggs might be described as "whitish colour and reddish markings," and possibly it is the home of this bird. You want to tell me the size of the nest, what it is built of, and particularly the size of the eggs. Then, no

doubt, I could help you. But why not watch and see the bird that visits it? That would settle the matter beyond all question. Goldfinches are fond of nesting in orchards—among pear, plum, and apple trees—but they also build in beech, oak, and other coniferous trees, and occasionally in thorn bushes and evergreen shrubs. The nest is cup-shaped, and a masterpiece of deft workmanship. Moss and lichens, etc., are used externally, and hair and downy feathers, etc., internally. The eggs are usually four or five in number, pale bluish-white in ground colour, spotted, and often streaked, with greyish-red and reddish-brown. The amount of marking varies. The eggs cannot be distinguished from those of the Siskin; and from those of the Greenfinch and Linnet practically only by their smaller size. The nest and its situation, of course, affords a guide to identification. The call-notes and song of the parent birds, too, cannot well be mistaken for those of any other species.

Hand-rearing Finches.

E.M.—Yes; you should follow the directions I gave in No. 279. No one can expect to be successful with every bird he tries to hand-rear, but a large proportion should certainly survive. Finches should have a little soaked (just sprouting) summer rape seed mixed among their soft food from the day they are taken (nine or ten days old). This can be increased from day to day until a good proportion is present. Of course, being more or less moist, the more soaked rape one uses the less the food wants moistening with milk (or water). As the birds get older it should not be given so "sloppy" as at first. Don't forget to mix in every two days or so a small quantity (say a tiny saltspoonful) of crushed cuttlefish, or very small particles of grit. I always think the young birds seem to feel the cold, during inclement weather, when they commence to roost outside the nest, and at this period they should be kept very cosy (especially at night), their cage covered with a warm cloth, and stood in a warmed room when possible. It is the large birds which seem most susceptible to attacks of cramp. It is a very good plan, however, to lightly colour the drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food—I generally use Fellow's Syrup of Hypophosphates myself, but this is an expensive preparation, and not to be bought in small quantities. It is certainly, however, a fine tonic and strengthening medicine for birds. When they commence to pick about for themselves offer (in addition to soft food and soaked rape) maw seed, lightly cracked canary and hemp seeds, groats, or coarse oatmeal, shelled and broken up sunflower seed; also seeding heads of chickweed, shepherd's purse, and groundsel, and thistles in season. Don't, at the same time, forget grit and cuttlefish, likewise old, crushed mortar.

Advice in Brief.

Identity of Bird (J.J.B.).—I cannot call to mind any British bird which answers your description: "Buff breast, striped light and dark back and red crest." Is it one you saw out in the fields? Several Britishers carry red on the head; but there is never a one that carries a red "crest." Couldn't you give fuller details, and say about what size the bird was, also the locality in which it was seen?

Linnet Off Colour (W.W.F.).—It is difficult to say, from particulars given, exactly what ails your Linnet. Apparently, it is nothing very serious, and I think a dose or two of dandelion juice (taraxacum) would brighten him up, and put him on song again. Get threepennyworth from a chemist, and put half a teaspoonful in two tablespoonfuls of drinking water for two days; then give three or four more doses on alternate days, that is, plain water one day, taraxacum the next. I don't quite think his silence is due to the other Linnet "singing him down." You could keep them apart, however, and see. Thanks for your nice wishes. Redbreasted Linnets (i.e., spring-caught ones) are not good for Mule breeding.

Aviary Breeding (H. Williams).—Sorry to hear you have had nothing but clear eggs up to the present in your outdoor aviary. It is always somewhat risky to rely entirely on fresh-caught Goldfinches and Linnets. You should have introduced a moulted bird or two amongst them. Still, the weather has been really very bad, and several friends of mine have done poorly up to the present in their outdoor aviaries with birds which had bred before therein. Probably you will have better luck next round. You cannot do any more in the matter of feeding.

Linnet Not in Song (Car).—It is no use pairing up a Linnet which is not in song—clear eggs are a certainty, as you have found out. Make a mixture of hemp, niger, and maw seeds in equal parts, and give your bird a small teaspoonful daily (separate from other seeds). Let it also have seeding shepherd's purse and chickweed, likewise seeding dandelion heads and young leaves, if you can get them. I don't quite grasp what you mean by "just caught this season." If only recently taken it may be too nervous yet to sing.

An Unsteady Linnet (Manxman).—It is not much use pairing up in a cage a Linnet which is wild and unsteady; you would, in all probability, only get clear eggs. If you decide to try, bang their cage in a very quiet place, and only go to it for feeding, etc., purposes; even then as little as possible. Probably it is a very late caught bird (it is a mistake to buy such), and will not steady down until after the moult. The best house-cage is the box-pattern Finch stock-cage (see another reply this week). The diet of the hen Canary would suit the Linnet, giving them a teaspoonful of mixed hemp, maw, and niger daily (equal parts). Also give dandelion, chickweed, and shepherd's purse. The stock cage should be hung breast high in a room wherein people are constantly moving about.

Effect on the Song (W. Cook).—The notes of the two young Blackbirds will not affect the melody of your Skylark which is on full song. On the contrary, the young Blackbirds themselves are certain to pick up phrases of the Skylark's song, unless you school them under a good singing adult Blackie. I think Mr. Allaway made it quite clear in his article last week that it was the young (i.e., hand-reared) Skylarks which were certain to pick up strange notes if they chanced to hear other birds singing. All hand-reared birds which are gifted with powers of song are more or less imitative, though some birds' notes are picked up more quickly than others (as witness the Canary's notes with the Skylark).

Feeding a Yellowhammer (Head-marks).—The Yellowhammer only shows any particular liking for canary seed when in captivity; consequently that must form the staple diet of the bird you have. Try him also with small wheat and oats (crushed if you like), groats, coarse oatmeal, cracked hemp, shelled and crushed sunflower seed, maw seed, wild seed mixture, etc.; he may be tempted to take a little of one or the other, and the change will do him good. Rape and sunflower seeds, soaked in cold water until just bursting, likewise tempt many birds. Your bird should also have a little good insectivorous food every other day or so, and a mealworm or two daily, with other insect food (flies, etc.) in season. Live ants' eggs are a great treat. If only caught a month or two, you cannot expect to have him steady. Give him time; he may not really settle down until the moult comes round.

A Matter of Deportment; and a Nest (A Novice).—Several birds build in hawthorn bushes, and lay whitish eggs spotted with brown. You will have to describe the lining of the nest (and materials generally, if you can), and state the size of the eggs, before anyone can venture to say to what bird they belong. As regards whether Blackbirds and Starlings walk or run along the ground, I should have thought you would have found it more interesting to watch the birds and decide for yourself rather than appeal to me. I suppose you mean hop or run, do you not? Well, the Starling hops but rarely, but mostly walks and runs, like the Crow family generally. The Blackbird runs and walks on occasion, but mostly hops. I think that is an accurate summing up of the situation.

Feeding Red-backed Shrikes.

Can you tell me the best food for the common Red-backed Shrike? I have lost four already this season, although I have fed them on prepared insectivorous food and mealworms. Do they require sand at bottom of cage or not? Are waggon cages, about 2 ft. long, suitable for them, or are box cages better?—R.T.G.

R.T.G.—A waggon-shaped cage is by no means to be recommended for a Shrike; let it have a very large box-pattern cage. See the perches are of suitable size, and a nail should project through one, at back of cage, on which it will impale its food and tear it to pieces. Sand, containing plenty of coarse grit should certainly be supplied; though this is better given in a large tin placed inside the cage, as I certainly think peat-moss litter (teased out a bit, if necessary) is the most suitable covering for the floor of its house-cage. I think your trouble as regards keeping this species alive arises from the fact that you do not supply sufficient live food, and animal food generally. For food they require a good insectivorous mixture of biscuit meal, ants' eggs, dried flies, and meat meal—game meal (without grit) or "Melox" would answer admirably as the basis—moistened with grated raw carrot, finely minced green food, etc. The proportions would be game meal, four parts; meat meal and dried flies, two parts each and as good a sprinkling of ants' eggs as you can afford to put in. The latter, of course, are a more or less expensive item. One part of ground silkworm cocoons would also make an admirable addition. Finely scraped, or minced, raw lean beef or mutton must be regularly given, especially during the moult, also hard-boiled egg. Live ants' eggs are relished, likewise cockroaches ("black beetles"), mealworms, and most other insects (including bees), mice, and tiny birds. One of the best and safest animal foods you can give (especially when hand-rearing young birds) is rabbits' flesh, either cooked or raw.

A Young Bird and its Feeding.

(1) I have a nestling just able to fly. Can you tell me what sort and sex it is, and how to feed it? Head, back, and tail smoky brown colour, throat is dirty white, and the breast has a mottled appearance; legs are brown black; beak is dark, tinged with yellow. It is about the size of a Blackbird.—NOVICE.

Novice.—Your nestling, I should say, is a Blackbird. I don't see what else it can possibly be. Young Blackbirds of both sexes resemble the adult hen in plumage, and your description fits the latter exactly. When in nestling plumage the sex is very difficult for the uninitiated to decide. The cocks are a little darker looking on the wing flights. In a short time it will be moulting, and then the sex problem will be solved for you. If the bird is feeding itself, treat it on the lines so often recommended in my columns. Here you are again:—Go to a good bird-food vendor, and get mixed, by measure, game (or pheasant) meal, 6 parts; ants' eggs, dried flies and meat meal, 2 parts each. One or two parts of ground silkworm cocoons would add greatly to its efficacy. Get the game or pheasant meal which does not contain grit. If you experience any difficulty in doing so, crushed puppy biscuits answer equally well. Damp the quantity required for use with grated raw carrot, or finely-chopped, tender dandelion, chickweed, lettuce, watercress, etc., according to season, or cold boiled potato, varying it as much as possible. Give a few mealworms daily, and any live food you can get in season—for instance, smooth caterpillars, flies, spiders, waspgrubs, gentles, earwigs, beetles, cockroaches, and the like. A little ripe fruit and various berries, sweet apple, pear, split grapes, orange, red and white currants, banana, etc., straw, rasp, black, privet, elder, haw, etc., berries are also relished. You need never want for variety. Into the above stock food a proportion of preserved yolk of egg (flake) should be well mixed now and again, or a hard-boiled egg; or a little finely-scraped raw lean meat makes a nice change at times, but should not be overdone. A few snails, boiled and chopped up, are also greatly relished, and are fine things to induce birds to sing. Immerse them in boiling hot water for a time. Blackbirds are great fruit eaters, remember.

Menu for Nestling Jackdaws.

How often should nestling Jackdaws be fed? Had one given me about fourteen days old, died same day; found it had diarrhœa badly. Tried it with bread soaked in milk, hard-boiled egg, small pieces of raw meat, worms, barley meal, and hemp mixed with ants' eggs. Any useful hint on the above matter will be welcomed.—W.R.A.

W.R.A.—You should have no trouble in hand-rearing Jackdaws. Only the other day I heard a friend of mine say that, although he could never hand-rear small birds, Jays, Jackdaws, and the like he found as easy to bring up as young elephants. If you mix finely-minced bard-boiled egg with an equal quantity of very stale bread crumb, and moisten it with new milk when feeding, you should get along all right. If you get several young Jackdaws, however, you will find it cheaper to use scalded and mashed up puppy biscuits (of best quality), with which you can mix the egg in the proportion of three to one. You can give the youngsters mealworms, by all means, and smallish garden worms, cut into suitable pieces, should also certainly be supplied. Occasionally you can scrape a small piece of lean mutton or beef (or mince it up very finely) and give amongst the food; or a little tender cooked meat can be given. Personally, however, I fight shy of meat as much as possible, for I am certain it upsets the stomach of most birds (sets up diarrhœa), especially when much used raw. Mix a good big pinch of fine grit amongst the food now and again, or about half a teaspoonful of powdered cuttlefish bone. You can give the birds a drink of plain water after each meal, if you like, and you can please yourself about adding ants' eggs to the stock food. If any nestling should get a touch of diarrhœa (which is unlikely if you give the cuttlefish or grit), well mix a saltspoonful of prepared chalk powder (from any good chemist) amongst a portion of the food fed to it. Repeat after an interval, if it seems necessary. You seem to have managed to get plenty of variety of food down your bird, seeing you say you only had it one day. A feed every two hours is quite sufficient; though, if one can manage it, a little given oftener is no doubt best.

Treatment of Merlins.

Could you kindly let me know how to hand-rear young Merlins from the nest, and what to feed them on when able to feed themselves? Also give a short account of habits and nesting sites when wild.—A.W.

A.W.—Upon my word, I get asked some knotty questions. No wonder my curly locks are becoming beautifully less and less! The Merlin is the smallest Hawk we have in this country, and he is one of the most beautiful of his kind, as well as amazingly courageous and daring. The female is a sober-coloured bird in comparison (being brownish above and yellowish white below, as against greyish-blue above and reddish-yellow below), but equally fearless. Unfortunately they are far from common. The scanty nest is built on the ground, in May and June, on moors and in mountainous districts (often among the heather) in the northern parts of England, in Scotland, and in Ireland. Four eggs are laid, rounded in form, and pale chocolate in ground colour, mottled with dull red. In the winter the Merlin is more generally dispersed over the country. It feeds mostly on small Passerine birds (such as the Larks, Thrushes, and Finches), but on occasion will attack almost anything wearing feathers, and is bitterly detested by the gamekeepers, who, of course, put a charge of shot into it on sight. In captivity it must have small dead birds to feed on (catch and give Sparrows, for instance). It is not very keen on raw meat, or even mice and rats, though, of course, it will eat such, and earthworms, too, when hungry. Rabbit flesh is very good for them (if you can get it by some cheap method). The young must be fed on chopped up flesh of sorts when being hand-reared. Where are you going to get the nestling Merlins from, by-the-way? Give them a drop or two of water after each meal. Sometimes Hawks get very fastidious in the matter of food, and will not take birds in the slightest tainted—they must be freshly killed.

Hand-reared Song Thrushes.

A. W. White.—I should certainly think the Song Thrush you hand-reared last year, and which has as yet given no sign of singing, is a hen. There is no method by which the sex of Song Thrushes can accurately be told, other than by hearing them sing. The hens are often (one might say usually) bigger and stouter in build than the cocks—as, also, are hen Blackbirds—and that they are as good in colour and markings is evidenced by the fact that some of the finest Song Thrushes ever exhibited on the show bench have been hens. The cocks are generally longer and flatter-looking on head when viewed sideways, and perhaps a shade deeper in brown on the back, while I have heard some fanciers advance the opinion that they generally have a small light patch directly below the under mandible, free from all marking (or pencilling). The one sure test, however, is the song. In taking a youngster out of a nest, I should go for the most forward, best-developed one—such a youngster is usually to be found. Young cocks commence to "record" (or try over their song) almost as soon as they commence to perch—you can see their little throats working like the bellows of a concertina as they warble away. The hens will also "record," but not with the gusto of a real cock, nor with the same pulsation of the throat. Hand-reared birds should always have the opportunity of "learning" from the song of a good adult performer. If this is not afforded them, they never become really finished vocalists, but sing a medley composed more or less largely of the notes of any birds they happen to hear.

Blackbird's Damaged Wing.

Reader of "C.B."—If your young Blackbird broke its wing, and the latter has been allowed to set in the drooping position, I am afraid it is permanently disfigured. When the injury was fresh, you ought to have bound up the wing in position with, say, a suitable piece of tape, stitching it just sufficiently tightly round the body to accomplish that end. I have used such a bandage effectively myself. Generally it will be found to "bind" better if one or two flight feathers are left outside the bandage—that is to say, the bandage should pass between the third and fourth flight feathers of the injured, or both, wings. Another, but somewhat more crude method, is to hold the wings in position, and then tie them together near the tips with thick silk thread, which, of course, keeps them up on the back of the bird. But whatever method you adopt after this lapse of time, it is hardly likely to be of any avail. Should, however, the wing be carried in drooping manner owing to being badly bruised, this will be altered when the effects of such injury have passed off.

Goldfinch's Funny Behaviour.

A. Phillips.—Your Goldfinch suffers from fits. If he has been eating egg food in addition to a lot of stimulating seeds, then it is quite likely over-feeding is the cause. Give a dose of sulphate of soda for one day, dissolving as much as just covers a shilling in two tablespoonfuls of drinking water. Give plain water the next day, but the three following days put half a teaspoonful of taraxacum (dandelion juice) in the above quantity of drinking water. Stop all egg food, though if he will eat a little milk sop well sprinkled with maw seed, that will not hurt. Give only a little hemp daily (separate from other seeds), and let the stock mixture consist of teazle, canary, and maw seeds, with just a sprinkle of linseed. Continue giving a little dandelion—young leaves and seeding heads, as you can discover them. At the sign of a fit, dip the bird's head for a moment in cold water. If a course of treatment on above lines fails to end the trouble, write me again, and I will advise you further.

Blackbird with Growth.

Urgent.—It is regrettable that although the treatment I advised had quite cured the cold and inflammation of the eyes, the bird should now have commenced to develop a hard growth at the base of the beak. Your feeding and general management are all one could desire, and I can suggest nothing you are leaving undone that would be likely to cause mischief of the above nature. I should, personally, feel very much inclined to give the bird its liberty, and have done with it, especially so seeing it seldom sings. If you feel inclined to try the effect of treatment, get a little tincture of iodine from a chemist, and just touch the growth with it once daily. Use a tiny camel-hair pencil brush for the purpose, and be careful the tincture does not get on the surrounding parts. Mix a small saltspoonful of flowers of sulphur amongst its daily food supply for a time.

A Queer Lark.

T.P.—Parrish's Chemical Food is sold by every chemist—at least, I should think so. Give your Skylark one dose of sulphate of soda, dissolving as much as will lie on a shilling in two tablespoonfuls of drinking water. This may be repeated three or four days afterwards, if it seems necessary. You are not feeding the bird generously enough. You should use the stock food I recommend in these columns; or, at least, mix your food in the way I advise. Also read and digest Mr. Allaway's article in last week's issue. You will doubtless accomplish much good by getting a bottle of cod-liver oil and hypophosphates from a chemist, and mixing a small teaspoonful with the bird's daily food supply. Commence with but a small quantity only, and gradually work up to the strength advised. Give the bird some live food—four or five mealworms per day, at least, also a spider or two.

Two Dead Greenfinches.

A. B. B. Warrington.—Your bird died of inflammation of the stomach, though what set up that condition I could not possibly say, not knowing details of management. I certainly do not think, however, a seed mixture comprising two pints canary, and one pint each hemp and linseed, the best you could give to a Greenfinch. Besides, these birds want a liberal allowance of sunflower seed every day, no matter what others they get. Give your next Greenfinches plenty of this seed, and try the following stock mixture: Canary and teazel, one pint of each, hemp, linseed, summer rape and charlock a quarter pint of each. A little maw-seed will also be relished occasionally; likewise any good wild seed mixture. Greenfinches are fond of seeding chickweed and shepherd's purse, and both are very safe green foods; a little dandelion, of course, can also be offered. Finches do not want egg food. You can try them with a little insectivorous mixture now and again, either moistened with milk (see it does not go sour) or finely-minced green-food. Greenics are most easily kept in captivity as a general rule. If you want a definite opinion as to cause of death at any time, send a body to our Mr. North (vide post mortem rules). The loss of flesh would be incidental to the inflammation—or, rather, the illness—for an ailing bird usually becomes thin.

Not as He ought to be.

C.C.—You should not let your Linnet eat a lot of egg food. If he likes a feed of soft food, offer a little of a good insectivorous mixture moistened with a spot or two of milk (mind it does not go sour), or sweet biscuit treated the same way and liberally sprinkled with maw seed would answer well. You should not, either, overdo the hemp, niger, or linseed during the summer. They are quite all right to get a bird into breeding condition, but when that has been attained, they should be more sparely offered. To keep a bird strung up into very high (rank) condition, often means that he goes wrong. Treat your bird with sulphate of soda and dandelion juice (taraxacum) exactly as advised "A. Phillips" in this week's issue. Maw seed will not hurt it; quite the contrary, in fact. Chickweed and shepherd's purse are very good; but when kept in pots in water, the latter wants changing every day, and the green food itself should be often changed. I fancy the "forcing" food to which you have treated the Linnet has upset it. Write to any of our large seed advertisers for a sample of gold of pleasure seed.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S.

What Parrot?

(1) Principally green, top of head light blue, tail blue, under lower mandible a patch of black like a bib, and under this a strip of red, also like a bib; legs grey. What kind is it? (2) What is its value? (3) What is its food and treatment? (4) Is it a cock or hen? (5) Will it talk?—REGULAR READER.

Regular Reader.—(1) It is evidently an immature bird, and, I am inclined to think, a Blossom-headed Parrakeet, possibly the Burmese form. You give me no clue as to size; repeat this part of your query next week, giving me its comparative size, and state whether its tail is long or short. (2) If a Blossom-head or some variety of Ring-neck, its value 5/- to 10/-. Of course, an acclimatised and talking bird would be worth much more. Ring-necks make fair talkers, the Blossom-heads do not. (3) The diet or Ring-necks and Blossom-heads is a mixture of canary, Indian corn, hemp, millet, oats, wheat, and dari, in equal parts. Supply as extras ripe fruit, nuts, plain biscuits, green food, and a little boiled potato (dry), and raw carrot. Regular supplies of grit and cuttlefish must be given, also water to satisfy its thirst three times daily. Do not give slop or table scraps of any kind. (4) Cannot tell sex from data supplied; this is always difficult with immature birds, which up to a certain age mostly resemble the adult females. (4) Answered under query 2.—If you repeat query, and supply details asked for, I will try and give you a more definite reply.

Name of Parrot.

The dealer says it came from Jamaica. It is a darkish green bird, with every feather tipped with brown, giving it quite a scaled appearance; beak, white; forehead, whitish; lower part of face, streaked with red. What kind is it, and what is its probable value?—G.W.L.

G.W.L.—I am of the opinion you have the Jamaica or White-fronted Amazon (*Chrysotis collaria*). The Cuban form (*C. leucocephala*) is also called the Cuban or Red-throated White-headed Amazon, has the white extending well onto the crown and round the eye; the cheeks and throat are rose-red. If I am correct in my supposition that it is *C. collaria* its value is about 30/- more when acclimatised and mature.

Budgerigars not Breeding.

I purchased two pairs of birds in January last; they make a deal of noise, but have as yet made no attempt to breed. Is my diet correct? When ought they to breed?—ANXIOUS.

Anxious.—If you have true pairs, and they are in breeding condition, the cores of the male will be bright blue, and those of the female ruddy brown. Probably they were immature when you purchased them. Your diet is ample, but when they are feeding young supply a few white oats daily. These birds chatter a great deal, in fact, are on the go most of the day, and chattering noisily the whole time. If they were young birds and not fully matured when you procured them, they will not breed till quite late in the year. If on examining the cores over the nostril you find they are in breeding condition, you may expect eggs at no very distant date, while as a rule these birds breed under almost any conditions. Some individuals take quite a little time to settle down in new quarters before doing so.

Will They Breed?

I bought Hamlyn's Nos. 1 and selection as advertised in current "C.B." Will any of them breed? If so, which?—NEMO.

Nemo.—The Cutthroats, Javas, and Spicebirds are the more probable breeders. Waxbills are shy breeders in captivity, and Weavers even more so; even eggs are but seldom produced by the latter, which are mostly kept for their gorgeous summer

dress. The Mannikins are also shy breeders, but even with these and also the Waxbills while breeding results are improbable they are not hopeless. If you have them in an aviary, supply them with long grass, hay, etc., and fix up a number of nest boxes and leave them to themselves. If you are keeping them in cages, only one pair must be kept in a cage for breeding purposes, and the only ones really likely to breed are the Cutthroats and Javas.

Breeding Long-tailed Greenfinches.

(1) Will Long-tailed Greenfinches breed in a garden cage, 6 by 4 by 3 ft.? (2) What nesting accommodation is required? (3) What food do they require when feeding young? (4) Will they winter in the open.—AVIS.

Avis.—(1) So far these birds have not proved free breeders, though several aviculturists have successfully reared the young. There is no reason why you should not meet with success; at least, if the birds have any inclination to nest, you should meet with success, providing the birds have the cage to themselves. (2) Put up a branch of twigs at either end of cage, and hang a Hartz travelling cage at back of same; you will have to take out the fittings and remove a couple of the bars, so that the birds may have ingress and egress. Supply long grass, hay, and a little moss as building material. (3) Canary, white, small brown, and spray millet, liberal supplies of green food, and a saucer of soft food mixture, ants' eggs, dried flies, and crushed Osborne biscuit, in equal parts; make crumbly moist for use. (4) Your aviary is rather small for the purpose, but they should take no harm, if you can cover in the end of the cage so as to make a snug retiring place for night shelter. In this shelter put up twigs in the corners, and fasten bay to these, so that the birds will be able to shelter behind same. Hope you will have luck with them. In a large garden aviary I have found these birds absolutely hardy.

Macaw Plucking its Feathers.

My Macaw has recently taken to pulling out its feathers; it is fed on boiled rice, hemp seed, banana, and Parrot food. Is there a remedy for this habit?—GLOUCESTRIAN.

Gloucestrian.—The staple diet for these birds should be oats, maize, canary, dari, hemp, and sunflower seeds in about equal parts; also plain biscuits (dry), nuts, raw carrot, green food, and ripe fruit. Water should be offered them three times a day, permitting them to satisfy their thirst on each occasion. I should cease giving the boiled rice, and confine it to the dietary given above. I take it that the bird is in otherwise good health. For one day only soak a biscuit in Dinneford's Magnesia, and see that the bird eats it; if it will not, give one teaspoonful direct to the mouth, if it will permit you to handle it. If the soft food is necessary till it is eating sufficient of the dry mixture, give boiled maize in lieu of the rice; you can put the Dinneford's Magnesia on this. This annoying habit is very difficult to eradicate, and treatment is a trial of patience. Soak the portions the bird is in the habit of plucking with quassia solution; keep it occupied as much as possible, and give it wood, cuttlefish, etc., to exercise its beak upon. You might also try a light metal collar round the bird's neck, from which a piece of steel chain hangs over the bird's breast, but once this habit is definitely taken up, in most cases, the bird is never entirely broken of it. Hope you will succeed.

Cutthroats not Hatching Out.

My pair of birds procured a month ago, and there were eggs in the nest on Wednesday last; on the following day I saw the hen trying to keep the cock out of the nest. She was bleeding at the throat, he forced his way in, and there was a fight inside; he pulled the hen out, and seizing her by the neck, shook her well. I took the male away, but she forsook the eggs. They are building again. How can I prevent a like occurrence?—J.J.

T.J.—Such cases as yours are not by any means isolated, nor yet confined to this one species. There is plenty of time for nesting yet with these birds, which usually breed quite late in the season in this country. I am of the opinion that they have not settled down in new quarters yet, but if the male still persists in molesting the hen, the only way is to get rid of him, and supply her with another mate. You cannot treat these birds as you can Canaries, and take the male away according to convenience. My experience has been that if the male disappears (i.e., dies) before hatching, the hen forsakes the eggs; but after hatching, if the male should die, the hen will rear the young. This has occurred on more than one occasion in my aviary.

What Bird?

I have a Finch about the size of a Siskin; beak, legs, and feet, bluish; head and neck, dove colour; body and back, liver colour; belly and vent, blackish. What species is it, and what are the sexual distinctions? What is their treatment?—H.G.

H.G.—They are White-headed Mannikins. The female is much more smoky or greyer in the hues of her plumage, and her head is much darker in colour than that of the male. They make a pretty variation in a mixed series, and in a large aviary are fairly active, but in a cage they are somewhat dull and uninteresting. Song, as the term is generally used, they have none. Nevertheless, I have not found them lacking in interest in the aviary, and usually keep several species of Mannikins in my mixed series.

Amazon Out of Condition.

My Amazon is mopy, breathes rather heavily, and its nostrils appear partly blocked. Its bowels appear about right. Can you assist me? Grey I have had four months, and has not yet spoken. It is active, and, apart from a sort of trembling, appears healthy; its bowels are rather loose, and it plucks out the fluffy feathers from its breast, etc. What do you advise?—NEW READER (Surrey).

New Reader (Surrey).—The diet you are giving the Amazon is ample for nourishment, and I am of the opinion that its present condition is due to its previous unwholesome dietary. I should give it an aperient once or twice a week, but its bowels must not be allowed to become watery loose. For the next week or ten days give the following to drink: Ipecacuanha wine, oxymel of squills and glycerine, in equal parts, take one teaspoonful of the mixture and two ounces of water and offer same to bird several times during the day; while giving this it should have no other means of satisfying its thirst. Continue to spray the nostrils with diluted glyco-thymoline. When taking up the Chemical Food again, do not offer it merely at night, but let it have only this to drink the whole of the day, only supplying clear water once a week. If you keep it where it will hear plenty of conversation, as well as keeping up the constant repetition, it should soon say a few words. As regards the Grey, if it is healthy, and it appears fairly so, it would be best, I should say, to keep it. As to talking, treat it the same as reply re Amazon, and also the same as to Chemical Food. I should persevere in the effort to get it to take fruit; keep it warm and free from draught, and in lieu of the Chemical Food make its drinking water just saline with Epsom salts. Hope both birds will do well; always glad to help our readers.

What Parrot?

Beak, black; head, orange; eye cere, white; under eye, back, and breast, scarlet; wings, green. What kind is it?—E. POWLEY.

E. Powley.—It is the Jendaya Parrakeet or Conure (*Conurus jendaya*). This handsome bird should have in its staple food the following mixture: Canary seed, one quart, sunflower, hemp, oats, wheat, dari, half-pint each; well mix, and always keep a supply in its cage. Supply in addition ripe fruit, green food, nuts, plain biscuits, grit, cuttlefish, and water ad lib. It is a very showy species when fully mature.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. J. North, 435, Oxford Road, Reading, will examine cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for a rep'y direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post-mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to J. North, with fee. Any sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

Avadavat (G.W.).—Congestion of liver and inadequate assimilation of food caused death of this bird.

Canary Hen (F. Thomas).—This bird had chronic liver disease, with recent inflammation and pneumonia. It was probably inherited and incurable.

Young Canary (Mrs. Shaw).—Inflammation of the liver and spleen, with rupture of blood vessel in first-mentioned organ. These are the infantile symptoms of "Bird Fever."

Juvenile Yorkshire (M. McV.).—This bird died of infantile inflammation of bowels and liver, then extending to the lungs. It is the result of cold weather, and nothing can prevent it.

GENERAL.

Answered by the EDITOR.

Clippings (Scottie).—Very many thanks for the items sent; they are, indeed, most interesting.

Cutting (H. Allsop).—Many thanks for cutting. It is most interesting, and you will see that we have used it. Glad you like the "Bird World" in its new form.

A Query (W.R.A.).—It is not always possible to answer a query in the issue of the week in which it is received, though we always do our best to try to ensure this being done.

SINGING CONTESTS.

The promoters of any bird singing club desirous of offering a "Cage Birds'" special prize for competition amongst their members should communicate with the Editor "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, giving full name and address of club and number of members.

BRISTOL.

Linnet contest held at the New Inn on June 8th. A large number of visitors came to hear the singing, and were well satisfied. The result was:—Moxham, 90; Higgins, 77; Haskins, 70; 16 entries; Messrs. Taylor and Bruton judges; Mr. Griffiths timekeeper.—W. SHEPPARD, Sec.

LEEDS.

The usual contest took place at the Skinner's Arms, Buslingthorpe. Fourteen birds competed for three prizes; 1st and 2nd was divided by E. Ridgwell and F. Galley, Galley also taking 3rd; judges, F. Raper and T. Crane.—F. RAPER, Sec.

At King's Head, on June 8th, before a crowded house, for three prizes, given by Mr. J. Booth. Twenty of the best birds in Leeds sang. Some very good singing was heard. Galley and Hardcastle shared first and second, Whitaker third. On June 9th 19 birds sang. 1, Hodgson; 2, Hardcastle; 3, Naylor.—T. SUMMERS, Hon. Sec.

The Prince Albert Linnet Association met June 9th, to compete for three prizes, given by Mr. J. R. Saynor. There was a good attendance to hear the birds sing. Nineteen previous winning birds competed. Judges, B. Jackson and C. Whittaker. Result: 1st, Clarke; 2nd, Whitfield; 3rd, Binner.—E. WOOD, Hon. Sec.

SHEFFIELD.

At the Old Britannia, Attercliffe, June 9th, 18 birds sang for three prizes. There was a numerous company present, and some fair singing was heard. Watson, 60; Soldier Jack, 56; Robinson, 51; judges, Messrs. Bollington and Gregory.

SIR,—Re your question about secretaries and club houses, I am sorry to say that Linnet singers in Sheffield are a very disorganised lot. I don't think there is a single house in Sheffield to-day that has a club worked on a sound bottom. I have been working hard ever since the New Year came in to try and better things, but those who ought to have been the main helpers have not only failed to respond, but have also played myself and others some very funny tricks. Sheffield Linnet singers know what I mean. I am sorry to say our season is drawing to a close here, but I will let you know the results up to the finish. Hoping that next season things will be on a better footing, and that one man will not rob another, but try and work in unity and fairness together.

FREDK. WATSON.

A Mother's Devotion.

The devotion of a Stork to its young was exemplified at Basle yesterday, says the "Standard." The nest was set on fire by a spark from a chimney, but the mother bird refused to leave the fledglings, and all were burned to death.

A Tame Robin.

For some months the Robin has been a constant visitor at the house of Mr. J. Hillier, Holly Bush Cottage, Abersychan. The bird is so tame that it goes into the house, eats out of a child's hand, and hops on the table to pick up crumbs after each meal. In fact, the Robin has so settled down in its new home that it has now reared three young ones there, and the youngsters are as tame as the mother-bird herself. When Mrs. Hillier goes into the garden and calls "Robin," the bird soon perches on her shoulder. The bird has even made friends with the cat.

OUR CANARY BREEDING COMPETITION.

See Back Page this Week for Full Particulars.

SIR,—Your competition has done our Society a power of good in the bringing in of no less than thirteen new members in one night. I am exceedingly proud of its effects. Your cards are bound to do any society good if distributed. —J. T. CARRICK, Hon. Sec. Jarrow C.B.S.

SIR,—Please forward me a form for the Canary Breeding Competition (Novices). I have up to date eight young birds and 10 eggs under two birds, and one other laying, which completes my stock. My success I owe mainly to information gained from CAGE BIRDS.—A. E. BATE, Newcastle, Staffs.

SIR,—Please forward a form for your novice competition. This is my first season with Canaries, and I am having such very good luck that I hope to win your first prize. From two pairs I have had 16 eggs, and have got 15 youngsters, 12 on the wing, five nearly ready. One hen laid again.—E. BARBER (Woolsthorpe).

SIR,—Kindly let me know who to apply to as a member of the local cage bird society, who will come and examine my birds at the proper time. I have only one pair of birds; am I eligible? Can you send me the back numbers or coupons? This is my first year of Canary breeding.—H. T. HOWELL (103, Linacre Lane, Bootle).

You are certainly eligible. You can get the back numbers through any newsagent, or direct from us, by remitting price and postage. No doubt the Secretary, or some other official, of the Bootle C.B.S. will communicate with you.—EDITOR.

SIR,—Please send me a declaration form for the Novice Canary Breeding Competition. This is my first year of breeding, and friends tell me I am very successful so far. CAGE BIRDS is the only paper I read, and I have profited by its advice.—S. BROOKES (Frimley).

SIR,—I write for a declaration form. I have been a regular reader of CAGE BIRDS since purchasing my one pair in January last. I have also CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL, which I have found very useful. I have been pretty fortunate so far. Three out of four eggs, first nest, young doing well; second nest, six eggs, all hatched. Have never bred birds of any description before. —(Mrs.) S. CARDEN (Plumstead).

SIR,—I have never kept a Canary until this spring, when I bought a pair of Yorkshires. Can I enter your Novice Competition with one pair? If so, please send me form. I have had some wonderful luck so far—two reared out of four eggs, six out of seven eggs, and now she is sitting on eight. I have taken no advice but CAGE BIRDS.—F. GOSLING (Gravelly Hill).

Form duly sent. You are quite eligible.—EDITOR.

SIR,—I am entering for your Canary breeding competition (novices), and thought perhaps you might be interested to hear how I am getting on. I have nine cocks and eight hens, all Norwich. I have already 22 youngsters on the perches, 10 just beginning to get feathers, and 12 without any feathers at all. Two of the eldest have been rather badly plucked, but are getting over it nicely. I think I have had very good luck, but I have spent a lot of time with my birds, and have read CAGE BIRDS regularly, and got no end of valuable hints. I have not had to write asking questions, because I always find everything I want to know in one or another of the numbers. I should like to know what results some of the other novices have got. One of my pairs have reared me five beauties out of one nest, and they have now got five more that look like living.—L. PEEL, Alfreton.

SIR,—I should like very much to enter your Canary Breeding Competition, but only started reading CAGE BIRDS last week. Should I have to get the back numbers, in order to secure the coupons, or could I be exempted from doing so if I took the paper in regularly from now? I am not a member of any cage bird society. Should I have to join one in order to enter for the competition? Would two friends be regarded as "responsible persons" for attesting to the bona-fide operations of the breeder? I have bred Canaries for some years now, and have not found any great difficulty with them. I have four young birds so far this season, and the hen is sitting on three more eggs. I only have one pair of birds, as I find them quite enough to manage. I breed my birds in a large aviary.—A. A. LLEWELLYN (Clapham Park).

The coupons must be sent, as per rules. It is not absolutely necessary to join a society for the purposes of the competition, and no doubt the two friends would answer as "responsible persons," but it would be well to get an independent fancier to attest the results if possible. There are several societies near you.—EDITOR.

SIR,—Am I eligible for your Canary Breeding Competition? I consider I am a novice, having never in my life had any dealings whatever with Canary breeding till 1906. I never had a Canary in my life till my son brought me a pair from Las Palmas, and what I know I have learnt entirely from your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS. I did not do much last year, as I was taken ill directly the breeding season commenced, and only my little girl, nine years old, to attend to the birds. But this year I have done exceedingly good—or people say I have. I have two cocks and four hens. The reason I had four hens was because the cocks were so vigorous, and would not let the hens rest on the nest, spoiling two out of the four eggs laid by throwing them out of nest, turning nest upside down. I have up to now 19 young birds on seed, all healthy and strong. One cock and two hens had nine chicks; the others had eight. Should I be allowed to sell any of the young before August 13th?—M. B. REED (Bristol).

According to our definition you do not come under the description, "Novice" (see Rule 1), and, consequently should enter in the "Old Hands" section of the competition. We certainly should not advise you to sell any of the young before the date of the competition closing. You will do well (and other competitors, too) to get your results checked from time to time as the season progresses. The more completely this is done, the better it is for the competitor, naturally.—EDITOR.

SIR,—I have been a reader of CAGE BIRDS since last December. I had a present made of three Canaries last Christmas—two hens, one cock. I got so interested in them that I bought three more, and they are doing very nicely.—T. B. TOMLINSON.

I should very much like to join your Breeding Competition. I have just completed my first round, and I have thirty young from seven hens and three cocks. I shall be very pleased if you will send me entry form and full instructions. —C. FREEMAN, Grimsby.

SIR,—As I bought a cock Canary from a friend last year, I made up my mind to take up the hobby of breeding this year, and was recommended to take CAGE BIRDS, which I did. I have found it very useful, for I did not know how to deal with the breeding of birds till I had your paper, which was about the middle of February, but I have learnt how to treat them since that time. I have been congratulated on my good results by several friends who have seen my birds. I have only two hens and one cock, and have got 22 young out of 28 eggs, so I have made up my mind to join the competition. I have recommended CAGE BIRDS to two more of my friends.—W. CHAPMAN, 42, Warwick Street, Walsall.

Prices in the Export Trade.

The following extract from the letter of a New Zealand correspondent will not be without interest for readers of CAGE BIRDS interested in the export trade of Canaries. For obvious reasons we have suppressed the identities of the English sellers, but we may say they are all men of light and leading in the English Fancy:—

From a private letter written from Melbourne to a friend of mine in Auckland, I learn that Messrs. Trotter and Sulk, of Sydney, got four Plainhead Norwich from ——; they cost them £26. J. White, two C.B. hens and the Crested cock for £62, also from ——, and were very disappointed with them, considering the price far too high. Mr. Hogg got a Coppy cock, but it was dead when it arrived. £98 10s. for eight birds! Another breeder got two each of Crests and C.B., one being dead, from ——, for £60; another man got a pair C.B. and C. from —— for £30. I hear they are pleased with ——'s birds, but are about disgusted with importing birds, as they are charged fabulous prices for ordinary stock. Another fancier is getting some from home, but a man has gone to England, and is going to pick them up for him, so he is hopeful of getting something good. The Plainhead breeders have had very bad luck, I hear, in Melbourne and Sydney, but the Crests have done better, some very good birds having been reared. I sent to Mr. —— for a pair of Norwich Plainheads (£5 pair) for a friend, and he was very well pleased indeed at the birds he sent. Mr. —— proved himself a true fancier. I couldn't raise the price of anything like that, not being supplied with this world's goods. I hope these men get on well with their imported stock, and wish your paper every success."

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PROPOSED NORWICH PLAINHEAD CLUB FOR WALES.

SIR,—Seeing a letter from Mr. Dummett, I think the idea an excellent one. We have so many fanciers of this variety in Wales, and no specialist club to encourage them. I am prepared to do all in my power to support Mr. Dummett's suggestion, and trust that in the near future we shall have a successful Norwich Plainhead Club for Wales. W. H. LOVE.

NEST OF WHITE STARLINGS.

SIR,—An unusually rare nest of Starlings was found last week at Maids Moreton, near Buckingham. As the children came out of school they noticed an old Starling feeding her young in a hole on the roof, and as they stood watching her they noticed a white head pop out. A friend of mine called me to come and see it, and on the following morning he got up to the nest, and instead of finding one white Starling, he found three white ones and two ordinary ones. He put them in a cage for the old ones to feed, but unfortunately two of them got away, but the other one is going on nicely. We have also in the same village a white Sparrow, which has been here for several years. The Starlings have yellow beaks and legs. H. EALES.

THE TYPE OF THE NORWICH PLAINHEAD CANARY.

SIR,—I am very glad to see the N.P.C. have altered their standard. I am sure it will be beneficial to the club. Mr. Raynes says the breeders know a good Norwich, but are upset by the judges. Yes, sir, you are right in every word you say. We have had colour winning quite long enough. Another point I hope judges will keep their eye on this next season is good wing carriage and sound feet. I have seen both bad wing carriage and slippy-footed birds winning last season; both faults should put them out of the money. It is the members to say what type they want; then the judges to judge to that type. We want Norwich breeders to judge Norwich. Men that we know have bred good birds, not the buying exhibitor. The breeder is the man that knows a good bird. I am sure there are plenty of good men who won't be led by colour alone. I have not belonged to the N.P.C. for years. But now the standard is altered I will join again, and I am sure more will join. I will do my best to get some old members back. Wishing the N.P.C. every success.

ONCE A MEMBER.

THE CINNAMON C.C. CIRCULAR.

SIR,—Referring to the circular sent to members of the Cinnamon Canary Club, a copy of which appeared in your last issue, I would be glad if you can allow me space to contradict a malicious falsehood contained therein. I refer to the paragraph which reads:—Of the delegates named the following are against the Union in any shape or form—Messrs. Tyson, Dewhurst, Curtis. Can anyone imagine a more ungentlemanly action than to concoct such a lie, and to allow it to reach your office for publication? Simply because I am opposed to one clause in the Union rules, Mr. R J. Pretty thinks he has a right to inform whom he likes that I am against the Union in any shape or form. As a matter of fact, I supported the proposition that the City and Suburban should become affiliated to the Union, and if it were true that I am against the Union I would not allow myself to be elected a delegate by the members of the Association I now represent. After condemning the retiring Council, Mr. Pretty goes on to say:—Let us have men who can be courageous enough to say whether a judge is right or wrong. Is a delegate to be denied the privilege of having courage enough to say what, in his opinion, is right or wrong? Or is it one of the unwritten laws of the Union to crucify a delegate not in sympathy with every clause set forth in the rules? My contention is that the latter portion of Rule 17 will be the cause of a great number of members dropping out of affiliated societies, in order to have a free hand to exhibit where they like. Nor are we likely to increase the membership of our Associations when there are more privileges for a fancier not affiliated to a society. In trying to decipher Mr. Pretty's object for sending out such a misleading statement, I can arrive at no other conclusion than he was afraid that one of those three he refers to would get elected on the Council, and himself left out in the cold. Now that R.J.P. has reached the House of Lords of the Cage Bird Union, we may look forward to big things being done. And after his kindly references to members of the Council, I anticipate for him a warm reception when he goes Manchester way. A. W. CURTIS.

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NORWICH PLAINHEAD CLUB FOR NEWCASTLE.

SIR,—It is very difficult to tell whether the above heading is correct for this correspondence or not. From the tone of Mr. Stone's last letter, it is a question if the suggested club (if formed) will be for Newcastle or not. It is just possible, if members wish, for it to be the second B.C.N.P.C. Be that as it may, I fail to see the answer of Mr. Stone's, if there is an answer at all. Why does he not become an active member of the B.C.N. and C.C., and work with untiring energy on its behalf? If unity will not succeed, surely sectionalism won't? To Mr. Stone let me say:—I regret circumstances prevent my assisting him in his object. One thing I can do, if he joins the B.C.N. and C.C., and my members are wishful, I will another year hand over to him the secretaryship, etc., of club, and that will be something to start with. Anyone contemplating joining this suggested club would do well to ascertain the membership of any specialist club, and compare it with the B.C.N. and C.C., and see which club is going to cator best for its members this coming show season.

ANTHONY HAY, Sec., B.C.N. and C.C.

BURTON-ON-TRENT C.B.S.

SIR,—As a result of the letters which recently appeared in CAGE BIRDS, a meeting was held at the New Inn, Station Street, on June 4th, which was attended by a large number of local fanciers. After some discussion it was decided to form a society devoted solely to the interests of cage birds, and to be called the Burton-on-Trent Cage Bird Society. It is open to anyone regularly employed in the town, and to those residing within a radius of six miles from the Market Place. Business proceeded apace, and the election of officers was accomplished without the slightest difficulty, the following being elected:—Committee, Dr. Docherty (Chairman), Mr. Kirkland (Vice-Chairman), Messrs. Emery, Parker, Secret, Watson, Elliott, Lea, Cameron, Bellamy, Hathaway, Coltman, Hakes, and Halliday, whilst Mr. Dicken was, in spite of his protest, elected Treasurer, an office for which he is well suited. Mr. W. A. Cooke, of Bretby, Burton-on-Trent, was unanimously elected Secretary; and Mr. C. P. Smith, 126, Blackpool Street, Burton-on-Trent, Assistant Secretary, either of whom will be very pleased to hear of any fanciers desirous of joining the society. It augurs very well for the future of this new society to be able to state that 30 fanciers have already promised to become members. After careful consideration, the subscription was decided by vote to be fixed at 3s. per annum, without any entrance fee, the society to admit lads under the age of 18 at a nominal fee of 1s. It was decided to hold a Nest Feather Show on Saturday, July 13th, to be open to members of the club. The next meeting will be held at the New Inn, Station Street, on Tuesday, June 18th, at eight o'clock, for the purpose of confirming the rules, and for other important business, including the fixing of the date for the annual open show, when it is hoped to see a large number of new faces. W. A. COOKE, Hon. Sec.

THE SCOTCH FANCY MODEL.

SIR,—Yes, "Piebald," you and your friends may look to the inner circle for information, but I am much afraid you will be disappointed. I would ask "Piebald" to turn up the report of Sub-Committee meeting reported in CAGE BIRDS last year, and compare with my last letter. Fancy a model being selected by consent, and a few weeks later additions made to this selected photo. By whose consent? Who passed it? And what official retains the original? Seeing this photo was distributed in Scotch Fancy circles previous to any meeting, was any mark put on it? To make matters more clear as to the inner circle (it's a small one), I was told by one of the Committee that Mr. T. Smith had received a letter objecting to this photo, to be submitted by Mr. Wright. I asked for this letter, also for any information on this letter, but up to now I am still unanswered. As a member of that committee, I contend I had a right to be answered. The standard of points for merit, shape, and position for judging was never discussed at any meeting, and I contend a greater farce was never acted in the whole cage bird Fancy. I am pleased to see "Piebald" strike the right note—Dutch Belgians, and their frills. We can see some striking resemblances of this bird on looking through the classes. Are the birds handsome? No! What do they lead to? The art of faking. Here is my point. While travelling to a New Year Show, one fancier said to another, "You are not fit to unlace my shoes at the job. I'll play second to only one living man." This conversation was on dressing or faking these Dutch-Belgian cross-breds, which have done so much winning on account of size and feather. They are stiff jointed, and rarely last more than the first year's showing on account of the stiffness. They also lack that grace, beauty, and nerve which has so great a charm in a real good Scotch Fancy. Such beauty, found in the right birds, if properly cultivated, should keep the Scotch Fancy in the right place—the head of the cage bird Fancy. J. HARRISON.

A FEW QUESTIONS AND IDEAS FROM AN AMATEUR.

SIR,—There are many vexing questions and problems, in the course of twelve months, to be read by any keen peruser of the bird papers. Such questions and problems upset an amateur's calculations. For my own part, I may say that I have kept birds for two seasons, and have found that there has arisen many very serious problems during that time; I think that the greatest and perhaps the most serious of which is probably the mating of birds to produce show specimens, although another which runs it very close in importance is the feeding or non-feeding of hens; but of the latter I don't think there is anyone who can, or even hopes, to be able to give a satisfactory solution. But to return to the mating question. How many times do we read that this method is right, or that method is right, most of these happy solutions contradicting the preceding solutions more or less? Now, what I want to ask is, Why cannot there be a census of results, taken throughout the Fancy, or even throughout the C.B.U. members? First, as to whether offspring do mostly resemble in their general character the mother or the father? Surely there is a marked resemblance one way or the other? Some say we get size and colour from the cock, and type and quality from the hen. Again, we read that men have got good results from a small cock and a large hen; further we read that it does not matter either way, if you know what the parents are bred off. So that anyone who, like myself, has had but very slight experience, is somewhat in a fix to decide either one way or the other. Now, in the breeding of other things, in which I have some experience, I found that there was, to a very great extent, a certainty of results, from given methods; that is to say, I could depend on the male offspring bearing the characteristics of the mother, and the female offspring the characteristics of the father, almost every time. This, I may say, was in the breeding of Old English Game and O.E.G. Bantams, and I am rather inclined to believe that the same results obtain in the case of Canaries, but would like to have the opinions of the general Fancy as to what their experience has taught them. Another very complexing question at the present time is the much-abused Rule 17 of the C.B.U. We read that it is coercive, and it is this and that. How do the rules of the C.B.U. compare with the rules of, say, the Kennel Club, the Jockey Club, or some of the grand organisations of labour unionism? Unless the rules of the C.B.U. are binding, or, shall we say, even coercive, of what use are they to stamp out and eradicate once and for ever some of the pernicious practices in the Fancy at the present?

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I have no doubt that some will say:—What does this man know? He's only an amateur. But then an amateur can read his paper, and cannot fail to see the petty bickerings therein. Let the Executive Council at once decide, and until all societies come into line adhere rigidly to the rules, and, what is more, don't make fish of one and flesh of another, whether the society be a large one or a small one. Again, regarding Rule 17 and its consequences, is not the C.B.U. strong enough to be able to say that unless societies or individual exhibitors join the C.B.U. that they must not exhibit at affiliated shows? This is coercion, but is, in my humble opinion, the only course open. Witness the strength and power of such societies as the Amalgamated Society of Joiners, etc. I believe that the members are not allowed to work with a non-Union man, under any circumstances. If the C.B.U. would adopt stringent measures, and appeal to its members to help affiliated shows in non-Union districts, there would soon, I think, be a better understanding brought about. Another idea (perhaps an equally insane one) is: Cannot the C.B.U. organize a method of registration of stocks, so that we might know what we are buying when we want a change of blood in our breeding rooms? One similar in principle to the registration of dogs by the Kennel Club. Would not this, if feasible, have a beneficial effect in the Fancy. If this idea is thought worth while, I have a method of working it that I would be pleased to suggest. These vapourings are the result of my reading letters from Mr. R. J. Pretty and others, who, I believe, are conscientious workers for the C.B.U. and its interests. In conclusion, I may say that I hope these ideas may be, in some way, of interest to those who, like myself, are seekers after knowledge, and who would like to see the C.B.U. prosper.

S. WITHINGTON.

WATFORD C.B.S. AND RULE 17.

SIR,—I had no intention of entering into any controversy on the above subject, but on looking through CAGE BIRDS I find the Committee of the Watford Cage Bird Society have voted that Rule 17 of the C.B.U. remains as at present. There also appears a paragraph in which it is said one newly-elected member at the adjourned general meeting last week sent in his resignation to this Committee, because the whole of the members at the said general meeting spoke in favour of the rule standing. Now, whoever wrote that paragraph has made a very misleading statement. At this aforementioned meeting, at which about 18 members out of 70 were present, the question as to whether we should vote for Rule 17 to stand or not was brought forward by Mr. R. J. Pretty, the Chairman, for discussion. I spoke strongly against the latter portion of this rule, in which it states:—"And registered members of the Union shall be liable to suspension if found exhibiting at a non-affiliated or non-licensed club show, other than first feather shows and shows confined to members." Mr. R. J. Pretty, who was sitting near me, at this point interrupted with the remark that such was not the case, as Mr. Lythgoe had given him and several other members permission to exhibit at the West Herts Fanciers' Society Open Show. (I see in Mr. P.'s reply to Mr. Tyson he denies that Mr. Lythgoe gave him permission to exhibit at Watford.) I then asked what was the good of having Rule 17 when certain exhibitors were allowed to break it and not the slightest notice was taken. I am in the position to state that the West Herts Fanciers' Society did not apply to the C.B.U. for a licence for their show, and neither did they have one, yet in spite of this, Rule 17 and everything else, certain members of the Watford Cage Bird Society, but non-members of the West Herts Fanciers' Society, were allowed to and did exhibit at the latter's Open Show in December last, and I can quote their names if necessary. This is at least one clear proof that although the C.B.U. may make a rule, they evidently lack the power and strength to enforce and see that it is adhered to. Then how on earth can they be competent to govern the whole Fancy? The idea is simply absurd. Now we will return to the adjourned general meeting at Watford. Several members left this meeting just as the question on Rule 17 was brought forward, and of the remainder, about six took any interest or part in the discussion. As the time at our disposal did not allow us to arrive at any definite decision, this matter re Rule 17 was not put to the vote, and the meeting was adjourned in the midst of the discussion, and it is entirely wrong and misleading for any person to state that the whole of the members spoke in favour of this Rule 17 standing as at present. But now, to crown all, instead of calling another general meeting to decide this important matter and conclude the business left at the adjourned one, Mr. Pretty and his Committee arranged a nice little meeting all to themselves, rushed Rule 17 through (or, rather, agreed it should remain as at present) without even consulting the members. Is it any wonder the latter resign and do not pay their subscriptions? And until the Committee act in a more unselfish and more businesslike manner, acting in co-operation and unity with its members, especially upon important subjects, such as Rule 17 of the C.B.U., it will never forge ahead. At least, such is the opinion of one who bears them no ill feeling, and who for the present signs himself as he is now best known. THE MEMBER WHO RESIGNED.

(For further matter on Rule 17 see page 526.)

BEGINNERS: You MUST read the ANNUAL.

SHEPHERDS PURSE.

SIR,—The nearest cultivated plant I can compare it to is London Pride. It grows on country roadsides and banks, mostly in patches, bears a white flower, and with us (the Midlands) it is now half flower and half seed pods. As the flowers set on the stems and laterals it forms small heart-shaped pods, purses, or pouches. For curiosity I have often asked people in the country if they knew it, and although growing at their feet they have answered in the negative. When pointed out to them, of course, they have known it all their lives, but not by name. THOS. SOAR.

THE EARLY MOULTING OF BRITISH BIRDS.

SIR,—I could answer "G. Jacobs'" query how to force moult British song birds. Before the County Councils made laws for the protection of birds I yearly practised it, but as it is considered a cruel practice, I will only give a few remarks. A Goldfinch-Canary Mule, taught the song of the Goldfinch and Linnet, is the easiest and quickest bird to force into moult. A Goldfinch or Linnet must be over a year old and cage-moulted. It takes from eight to ten weeks to fully moult them, and they must be in full song at the commencement of the moulting process. There is a risk of losing the best birds, as they often die from catching cold shortly after the moult is finished.

J. H. VERRALL.

BRITISH BIRDS IN BRADFORD.

SIR,—I refute Mr. King's statement that the meeting was not published in the Fancy press, as I myself saw the invitation, and over the name of Mr. H. J. Chittenden. The meeting was duly held, and surpassed in enthusiasm the most sanguine expectations of its convener. It may be, as Mr. King suggests, that we have not many fanciers of British birds in Bradford. One of the speakers, advocating the scheme, admitted we were lacking in enthusiasm, and said if a club was formed it would most certainly foster the keeping of British birds for exhibition. With regard to the question of the 21 initial members, being a young fancier, I do not know all who attended personally, but can vouch for the accuracy of the following, that one of the Vice-Presidents has at least two nests of Mules, and a few pairs up for hybridising (one Chaffinch-Bramblefinch), and all the members of the Committee were elected (subject, of course, to their names going forward at next meeting), because they at least were each in possession of a few British birds, and last Saturday, at Great Horton Show, two of them shared the spoils in the British class. I have about 20 British birds up for Hybrid breeding, and not one Canary that I bred this year, as I only keep them as an adjunct to British. As to the club being under the wing of the Yorkshire Union, it is a specialist club, its sole object being to foster a liking for British birds and Hybrids, and is affiliated to no society. It will be for the members to say if it shall become a branch of the National British Bird and Mule Club. It is the intention of the club to extend its patronage to all parts of the county of Yorkshire. All residents in Yorkshire are eligible. I may say that since the notice appeared in the Fancy press, I have received letters of encouragement, and signifying a desire for membership, from Castleford, Sheffield, Otley, Halifax, etc. The membership is already nearing the half hundred, and we extend a hearty welcome to Mr. King or any other fancier to attend our next meeting at Bradford West First Feather and British Bird Show, held in Whetley Lane Schools, Bradford; meeting starts at seven o'clock, when business will be to ratify the election of officers, making rules to govern the club, etc. I trust this gives Mr. King all the information he requires, and that he will see his way to swell our membership.

W. R. MYERS, Sec. pro tem.
Bradford and County B.B. and M.C.

THE CRESTED CANARY CLUB AND THE C.B.U.

"The Remedy is Rule 17."

SIR,—Belated though it be, I am pleased to see Mr. Greeves make some attempt to answer my letter of April 27th last. I don't mind Mr. Greeves, or any other official of the C.C.C., drawing the attention of his fellow-members "to the importance of well considering such a matter (i.e., affiliation to the C.B.U.) before voting." No one could object to that. But, mark you, Mr. Greeves goes out of his way to influence his fellow members with all the strength of words at his command to vote against its affiliating to the C.B.U. He alleged, amongst other terrible things, it would involve the total wrecking of the C.C.C. If such language does not deserve to have the term "hysterical" applied to it, then I am quite willing to withdraw that epithet. Of course, that affiliation might injure the C.C.C. if a number of its members carried out their threat to resign should it come about, I cannot deny. But can Mr. Greeves, or any other fair-minded man, uphold such a selfish, one-sided policy? It says, in effect, "If you don't do as we want you to, we shall decline to play with you any longer." If that is not coercion, then I should like to know what is. It would seem that there are those who gird at the C.B.U. because it has a coercive rule (and a needed rule, too), yet who indulge in a far worse form of coercion themselves. They would, if necessary, deny a *majority* of fanciers the right to do as they think best, by wrecking the club they have all a common interest in. What humbug! Then, again, certain high officials of the C.C.C. have been making capital out of the fact that the C.B.U. Council told its members that Rule 17 ought to be kept in operation, as they believed it essential to the well-being of the Union. The aforesaid officials turn up the whites of their eyes in indignation, and hold it up as a dastardly attempt to bias the result of the voting. Ought not the letters of Mr. Greeves and the actions of certain other officials to be held up to the same censure? Certainly they ought, for they constituted a deliberate attempt to influence the voting of the C.C.C. members. That suited the "powers that be," however, so, of course, it was quite all right! The plain truth is: The C.B.U. could not possibly do anything right from their point of view; they don't, in short, want it to do. Is the power for good which lies in such a body as a Union governing the cage bird Fancy to go to the wall to suit the petty whims and jealousies of a few, however high-placed they may be? I don't think so. The issue lies in the hands of the cage bird fanciers of the kingdom. If they were dissatisfied with the officials of their local society, they would elect others; they wouldn't close the society down. If the present officials of the C.B.U. are not the right men for their posts, then let us also elect others. Why should we close down a body for which the Fancy has waited for years, and which has been proved in the past to be badly needed? Rome was not built in a day, and neither can any Cage Bird Union be perfected in a few brief months.

Mr. Greeves's three arguments do not impress me. (1) Because "lawyers disagree," he would apparently leave us to infer we should draw up no rules at all! If we do the best we can, we clearly cannot do more.

(2) He appears to read into the words, "governing body to the whole Fancy," the meaning that the C.B.U. would govern every society (including the C.C.C.) in the sense that it would tell them what they should do, how they should go to work, and goodness only knows what else. This is a fair sample of the "arguments" brought up against the C.B.U.! As I have said before, and as every man who makes himself acquainted with the objects of the C.B.U. cannot fail to see, that body never set out to interfere with the inner workings of any society, and it has never done so up to the present. All it asks, and sets out to ensure, is that certain broad principles contained in its rules shall be universally observed—and those broad prineiples are merely things which, only a short time ago, the whole Fancy (including high officials of the C.C.C.) was crying out ought to be observed. How, I ask you, Mr. Greeves, will the C.B.U. interfere with, much more "totally wreck," the C.C.C.?

(3) Mr. Greeves points out that the C.C.C. allows the under feathers of the erest overhanging the bird's eyes to be cut, and asks, who is to decide in case of disqualification, the C.C.C. or the C.B.U.? If the exhibitor is reported to the C.B.U. (as he must be if the show is an affiliated one), then, of course, the C.B.U. will decide. But does Mr. Greeves seriously wish us to believe that the C.B.U. would overlook whatever the officials of the C.C.C. had to say on the matter? I can hardly think it. If a judge thinks any exhibitor has overdone the under-feather clipping, he certainly ought to disqualify that exhibitor. The case would be exactly on all fours with the case of the disqualified Green Canaries at the last Crystal Palace Show. In the latter instance the C.B.U. gave every weight to the evidence brought forward by the specialist Green Canary Club, and there can be no doubt that but for the testimony of that body of fanciers the exhibitors concerned would have been punished. Yet this evidence of the desire of the Council of the C.B.U. to consider and give due weight to the wishes of specialist clubs is actually being scoffed at, and held up to their own condemnation by certain officials of the Crested Canary Club—officials who in the same breath tell their own members the C.B.U. is sure to ignore and override their own wishes! Truly, some things pass one's understanding. Surely this is "ridiculously absurd" enough for you, Mr. Greeves? One last point: I think in saying "one would imagine the C.C.C. was a London club," you have unconsciously hit the nail right on the head.

To my fellow members of the C.C.C. I am only left this to say: Don't let yourselves be blinded by the arguments (?) of others—no matter how highly placed and fluent with tongue and pen—against so useful and necessary a body as the C.B.U. The latter may not be perfect yet; but we, and the Fancy generally, can make it so in time. Weigh up well the great good a C.B.U. can be to your hobby. The talk about "coercion" is so much nonsense. If we are satisfied such a body is conducive to the good of the Fancy, then it ought to be our first desire to compel all fanciers and societies to join and support it. If we stick to Rule 17, we can achieve this desirable end. How many shows worth being patronised can then hold a fixture without the C.B.U. support? None; they could not pay their way. So there need be no question of non-affiliated fanciers being able to show where affiliated fanciers cannot. The remedy is Rule 17.

A COUNTRY MEMBER.

I have seen it stated, writes "J.H.V.," that our late lamented friend, Dr. W. T. Greene, did not favour mule breeding, and a doubt seemed to exist whether he ever tried mule breeding himself. I have a distinct recollection of reading in one of his many works an account of his experiments in breeding Greenfinch and Canary mules in an outdoor aviary, which, if my memory serves me correctly, he kept for a time to try to ascertain whether these mules would be fertile; but they were not.

A LONDON SECRETARY HONOURED.

Presentation to Mr. Victor Wynn, the Hon. Sec. of the City and Suburban A.C.B.

It was once said by some unimportant scribbler that the ideal club secretary was one who gave his members every opportunity for grumbling and no cause. This super-cynical view of a secretary's duties would not find favour with the members of the City and Suburban Association of Canary Breeders. Mr. Wynn, the urbane and affable secretary of that body, gives his members neither opportunity nor cause for grumbling, and a more popular official it has never been our lot to encounter. At their last meeting an item "not upon the agenda" was brought forward by Mr. Burn, the Chairman, who, after a mysterious and lengthy preamble, disclosed the fact that Mr. Wynn was to be specially honoured by the Society and presented with a very slight token of their deep personal regard and appreciation for services rendered. A large gathering of members had assembled for the occasion. Those present included the following: Mrs. Maher, Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Lewer, Miss Sheppard, Messrs. Burn, W. A. Shepherd, Curtis, Martin, Bryant, Lazarus, Crisp, Hart, Knight, Goddard, Turner, Large, Cox, Dewhurst, Wheller, Thorns, Wyse, Curry, Burton, Vickery, Daintry, Offord, Sanders, Pullinger, G. Shepherd, Roake, Kelly, Morrison, Elgar, G. R. and W. W. E. Morris, R. J. Cooper, B. J. Cooper, J. Robson, J. Pooley, John Tyson, G. E. Weston, Laccohee, T. R. Trower, W. S. D. Reynolds.

Mr. V. WYNN,
The recipient of a very handsome testimonial, comprising an illuminated address and gold sleeve-links, from the Members of the City and Suburban A.C.B., of which he is the Secretary.

The Society's gift to Mr. Wynn consisted of an illuminated address, handsomely framed and richly prepared, together with a set of gold links elaborately engraved. Mr. Burn, in making the presentation, first of all tendered a cordial welcome to the representatives present from other societies. The members of that society desired to put into tangible form their gratitude to Mr. Wynn for the services he had rendered them. No man in their society or in London had done so much to elevate the Society in the eyes of the Fancy as Mr. Wynn had. He worked carefully yet zealously. He thought out all the details. They had their little controversies in that Society from time to time, and the smooth and pleasant sailing of their affairs was due in no small measure to Mr. Wynn's tact, and conciliatory methods. Mr. Wynn had realised the high standard that it was necessary for their club to run on. The gift they were making to him that night did not adequately convey their sense of his value to them. It was simply a token of their desire to place on record their sense of gratitude for splendid services rendered them.

Mr. Curtis endorsed Mr. Burn's observations. Special mention was made of the assistance given by Messrs. Shepherd and Burn in the preparation for that evening.

Mr. Crisp said that Mr. Wynn seemed imbued by nature with a special disposition for the office of a secretary. He was always courteous, kind, conciliatory, and ready to help. Men of Mr. Wynn's placid temperament generally lacked force, but in his case that was not so. Mr. Wynn had linked himself to them by a chain of affection (a humorous allusion to the gift of links). Messrs. Weston and Robson both voiced in high terms their opinion of Mr. Wynn's capabilities. Mr. Tyson, speaking as the representative of the L.C.B.A., said that it afforded him the greatest possible pleasure to testify to Mr. Wynn's high qualities. He was a perfect gentleman. Mr. F. J. Martin endorsed the encomiums of the previous speakers to the full.

Mr. Wynn, upon being called on to reply, was deeply affected. He professed himself bewildered by the unexpected and sudden character of the honour they had sprung on him. He could not help feeling that honour was undeserved. (Loud cries of "No, No!") He had only been their Secretary for 18 months, and what he had done would be done, he was certain, by any other member placed in the same position. (Voice: "Query.") A fortnight ago he had placed his resignation in the Chairman's hands. He had done so because he felt he was not able to cope with the modern school of thought. (Laughter.) If he had only half as much brains as he had energy he would be better pleased with himself. The heartiness of their tribute that night overwhelmed him. The good feeling they showed did not surprise him, but it deprived him of the power of appropriately expressing his sentiments. The memory of that evening would remain with him long after the links had worn out and ceased to be of service. It had always been, and always would be, a pleasure and not a labour to work for such a society and such large-hearted men as they included amongst them. He thanked all present most heartily.

Mr. Burn then caused laughter by declaring Mr. Wynn's resignation withdrawn, and informing him that it was no use tendering a fresh one as it wouldn't be acknowledged.

The illuminated address was worded as follows:—

"To Mr. Victor Wynn. The members of the City and Suburban Association of Canary Breeders and British and Foreign Bird Fanciers ask your acceptance of this address and gold links as an expression of our appreciation of the efficient and courteous manner in which you have always performed your duties as Honorary Treasurer and Secretary. We gratefully recognise that we owe a large measure of the success of our Association to your devoted labours. We also offer you our hearty good wishes for your future happiness and prosperity, and that for many years to come you may be enabled to continue your faithful labours to further promote the interests and welfare of our Association and the Fancy generally."

BRADFORD (EAST) O.S. RAMBLE.

The members had a splendid ramble to Harden and Bingley on Whit Tuesday. The afternoon was rather wet at first, but opened out gloriously fine, and those who faced the gloomy outlook had the satisfaction of having an afternoon's enjoyment that will rank in the minds of each one present for a long time to come. The company numbered 46, including a fair sprinkling of ladies, who added charm to the proceedings as only ladies can. We also had the company of Mr. Chittenden, who joined the party at Bradford, and I might as well say at the outset that he proved a host in himself to many of the members, for the experience that he has had in wild bird life found expression in this beautiful country, that abounds with all that Nature holds dear. He proved an adept at locating the different species of birds and their nests. We were not long before we had located about a dozen different birds, amongst them being the Redstart (sitting on a clutch of eggs), Chaffinch, Throstle and Blackbird. When we arrived at Harden a cricket match was indulged in, between two elevens picked by Messrs. Hill and Laycock, and excitement ran very high as first one side and then the other got the advantage. Mr. Hill's team batted first, and reached the small total of 29. The match was considered a gift for the other side when the score stood at 23 for four wickets, but a change in the bowling brought the desired effect, and the next six wickets fell without any addition to the score. We next adjourned to the Malt Shovel Inn, where Host Hustwick provided a substantial tea, to which everyone did full justice, the fresh air having given us an appetite that took a lot to satisfy. We then wended our way through that stretch of woodland scenery that earned Bingley its name as "The Throstle Nest of Old England"; nor does it belie its name, for Nature in all its beauty holds sway. It provides naturalists with a feasting ground that can even surpass their hearts' desire. What can be grander than the view from the lodge gates at St. Ives, or what stretch of imagination can paint a picture half as fair as that little winding lane down to the old rustic bridge at Beckfoot? From Beckfoot Bridge we went on the riverside, then crossed Cottingley Bridge. Whilst having a chat with an angler about Kingfishers, he said that he knew of a nest on the riverside. This reminded me that I knew of a sportsman who last year followed a pair at this particular place for a month before he succeeded in shooting the male bird, simply to adorn his bird-case, which already contained five specimens that had been shot on the river round the Bingley district. I thought that it would have profited him better if he had found some more dignified work to do than this wholesale destruction of rare birds. At this point we noticed three pairs of Wild Ducks flying very low down, also some Sand Martins nesting on the riverside. We then went forward through Nab Wood and made for Saltaire, getting a special car to convey us back home, each and all satisfied that we had spent a profitable afternoon, and one that had taught us many lessons in Nature.—H. HILL, Secretary.

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On June 8th, when I was taking a walk in the fields, writes "C.B." (New Houghton), I came across a Blackbird's nest containing four eggs. I accidentally broke one, and, to my surprise, it contained two yolks. For curiosity's sake I then broke the remaining three, and found three double yolks out of four eggs, altogether seven yolks in four eggs.

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Moulting and Colour Feeding.

By A. BROWN (Gateshead).

A Lecture delivered before the Darlington Cage Bird Society on May 29th, 1907.

Mr. Brown expressed the pleasure it gave him in responding to the Society's kind invitation to come amongst them and give his experience in moulting and feeding. Colour feeding was a most interesting process, and was very popular, as one could see by the number of fed birds benched every season, and a fed bird always seemed to catch the eye in preference to the natural coloured bird. Some fancier might say, "Look at the extra cost." Well, colour feeding did cost a bit more certainly, but it was not expensive. Put up three or four birds to colour feed, and three or four non-fed, and see which birds would produce the best prices if you wished to sell them, and which would be the quickest to be bought. With careful feding, the birds only cost about 6d. each to feed well.

COLOUR FEEDING NOT INJURIOUS.

Colour feeding is not injurious to the health of the birds; in fact, you will always find a fed bird in a more vigorous state of health during the moult than a non-colour fed. The anti-colour feeder says that it is a system of faking. Well, all he could say was that it was not faking any more than was carried on in other branches of the Fancy. The poultry fancier cannot win without some preparation of his stock. The dog fancier must groom and get his stock into condition if he wants to win, and the same applies to the exhibitors of horses; even the horticulturist must prepare beforehand. Colour feeding was not faking, and if feeding was done away with faking and staining would increase. Colour feeding is simply an agent to bring out the colour possessed by the birds, and if your stock did not possess the foundation of colour you could not make them good by simply colour feeding. The birds that carry a good natural colour are those who make the best birds for colour feeding. The pepper used in colour feeding is a vegetable, and I had hoped to have had some specimens with me, but these had not arrived when I left home. Always use the cold pepper, with about ¼ lb. of hot to each 1 lb. of cold. To each egg use its own weight in either bread crumbs or biscuits. If you use up the crusts of bread from the table put them in the oven and dry well, then put through the egg mill. Food made this way keeps sweet longer than by simply cutting from a loaf of bread; it also mixes better with the egg and colour food. To each egg I add two teaspoonfuls of soft sugar. Do not give the birds too much of the colour at start, but gradually increase the strength as the birds break into moult.

A USEFUL HINT.

Do not put maw seed amongst your food, as the birds pick about for it, and throw a great quantity of the food upon the floor of the cages and waste it. Put the seed into a separate vessel, and remember that a little food and often brings birds out better than a pot full only once a day. One teaspoonful for three birds is the quantity I generally use, and I fill up the earthenware egg drawers every night, and again at breakfast time. For young birds commence feeding about ten weeks old for the earlier rounds, and seven to eight weeks for those hatched later. A very good guide for adult birds breaking into moult is for fanciers to mark the date of the time birds were hatched if their own breeding, and, if purchased, to enquire of the breeder the date hatched, as I generally find they begin to moult their adult plumage very nearly to the date on which they were hatched. This knowledge prevents the breeder being let down by the birds breaking into moult before they were expected, and being patchy in colour. Always try and get your birds a good colour down the sides and thighs, as this often catches the judges eye quicker than one that is very hot in front and top, but fails on sides.

TESTING COLOUR FEED.

I cannot recommend any particular maker's feed; you must just test for yourselves, and the one giving you the best results is the feed to stick to. Choose a rich red pepper in preference to the dark, as I generally find the dark brings out a bricky colour. To test your pepper place a pinch between two sheets of blotting paper and put into a press or between two books, and select the one producing the richest colouring on the papers. Don't give your birds too much pepper, as you will not get any better results, even if it was half pepper and half egg and biscuits. Try to find the medium mixture. Should your birds be slow in breaking into moult, get threepennyworth of saffron at the chemists, put it into a wine glass, fill up with hot water, let it stand all night, then strain off, put into a bottle, and add ½ oz. of spirits of wine; this acts as a preservative. Cork up, and use with the drinking water, using sufficient to turn the water slightly amber coloured. For a colour fixer do not use sulphate of iron, as is so often recommended, as this is not fit for cage birds, being too harsh. I always use citrate of iron instead. Put a few drops into the water. Use it only towards the close of the moult, and about three times a week, and not every day.

SEED DURING MOULT.

Do not keep the seed away. I use a lot of dandelion seed, and give plenty of shepherd's purse, which, I find, is beneficial. When sheeting down, don't smother up your birds with brown paper, with only sufficient light for them to see the seed and water pots. This method may be all right for the catchers to get their call birds through quickly, but light and fresh air are essential for Canaries. If you shade your windows, that is all that is required. I generally moult my young birds in the flights, and use rough pine sawdust on the bottom of the cage. I let them have plenty of baths. If you use sand on your flights, your birds get their feet clogged up and tail and flights dirty, and then they require washing before sending off to the show. When the birds are getting well away with the moult, cage off what you think are the most promising into two or three in a cage, and these you can then give more attention to. Don't be in a hurry to rush out your birds to the early shows; let them get well finished, and fined off. You can never get the polish into them if you have to hand wash before they have properly finished moulting. Keep your show birds on colour feed up to the end of the show season, as occasionally they come back home with a few feathers knocked out, and then, if not on feed, they show patches just at a time when most wanted for the bench.

"STUCK IN THE MOULT."

If you should have birds that seem to stick in the moult, procure some cochineal and put into a cup, pour some boiling water over, stand all night, strain off, and give the liquid to drink. This will cause them to drop their feathers very quickly.

I do not favour the colour feeding of British birds. I am more in favour of plenty of Nature's products for them, such as the seeds of shepherd's purse, plantain, dock, dandelion, etc., and the bath. These will get your British birds into a good bloom and colour, and beat colour feeding for them. Now, Gentlemen, this about brings me to a close, and if there are any points I have not made clear, I shall be glad to reply to any questions you may put, and I thank you all for the very close attention you have given me.

Mr. Allan: Do you recommend using egg cake?

Mr. Brown: No; I prefer fresh eggs and the biscuit. Egg cake, flake yolk, and other preparations are handy if the breeder is pinched for time to make fresh food; but I find the best results from fresh eggs.

Mr. Brunskill stated that he used to mix the egg and biscuit and colour food, and put into lever-top pickle bottles, and this kept sweet and fresh for several days, as the colour food acted as a preservative.

A few other questions were put, but Mr. Brown had gone so thoroughly into the subject that there was very little left unsaid.

At the close, Mr. Brunskill proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Brown for giving the members such an excellent and instructive discourse on feeding and moulting. It was one of the most interesting papers the members had had the pleasure of listening to, and there was much for both the novice and the more expert members to profit by, and in asking Mr. Brown to accept the thanks of the Society he expressed the hope that they would again have the pleasure of Mr. Brown's company, and could assure him of a hearty welcome.—Mr. R. Todd seconded.—Mr. Brown thanked the members for their kind remarks and attention, and hoped all present would have a successful season, and he would have great pleasure in giving a silver medal for the best colour-fed bird shown by a member at the Open Show.

Powers of Flight.

Hovering appears to be the simplest form of flight, and the easiest. The Sparrow Hawks, Kestrels, Larks, Terns, etc., are able to execute this feat in almost any weather. Hawks prefer a fairly strong wind; the Lark and some of the small birds hover best when the air is still. When hovering, the edge of the wing cuts the air like a knife, for birds always face the wind when performing this act. A Kestrel will come down wind, and turn sharply, return part of the way, and will stop poised in the air, his quick eye having detected some small rodent as he passed by. When a bird flies against the wind the action of the air on the outstretched wing always appears to me similar to the effect upon a kite—the wind strikes the under part at the top edge, glides down the exposed surface, and forces the object upwards. In this manner some large birds will soar to a great height; this they do in a spiral manner, and with hardly a perceptible quiver of the outstretched wing. It is generally done in a moderate breeze, and cannot be performed during a calm. Sometimes we are astonished to see a Hawk or Gull soaring in what to us appears a dead calm; the explanation is that an upward current of air will often be felt upon the windward side of a hill or cliff. Although flight appears natural to birds, young ones are some time before they are able to fly any distance; their first efforts are no more graceful than the initial toddling of an infant.

THE BORDER FANCY CANARY.

By JAMES MACKIE.

Paper read before the Edinburgh Western Ornithological Society, February 7th, 1907.

(*Continued from page* 233.)

I will quote from an article on this particular point, written by one who should know —CAGE BIRDS' Border expert—who gives a full and clear statement, and if you follow the reading closely you will see from what source the colour of your class comes from. He writes:—

"Most shows provide a class for them, but I am sorry to say they are in most instances very poorly filled, and unless breeders pay more attention to them we may see these beautiful birds thrown out of the schedules at the smaller shows. No bird to my mind has such a striking appearance as

A GOOD GRASS GREEN BORDER,

provided it be level in colour, distinct in pencilling, and not showing any bronze on wings. The latter point is one where many good birds fail, many show a tendency to run light in throat and down towards the vent. All these blemishes have to be avoided in breeding Greens, and birds with such must have strict attention paid to their mating. No two birds showing the bronze tint should be put together; if you have a bird showing any tendency to the above fault and which to your mind is equal in type and quality to your ideal, it is a pity to discard such altogether from your Green strain. I have found that such a bird is very useful when paired to a heavily variegated bird with a dash of Cinnamon blood established in it. You may not get all Greens the first cross, but by pairing the progeny back again to a good Green you will find you will have got rid of the greater portion of variegated, and also get more quality of feather, and greater depth of colour. You will find, too, that the bronze tint in most of the young has entirely disappeared. Select the most typical and best coloured, and the one showing the pencilling most prominent down the breast, as by crossing in the variegated has a tendency to go light in the throat and breast. Pair back again to a bird bred from double Greens, and you may now hope to have a fair amount of the Grass Greens. Some breeders also believe in double buffing one pair for a season also, to tone down the bronze. Although sometimes successful I do not care for this method, as you always lose a great amount of colour with double buffing Greens. Speaking about the Buff Greens opens a vexed question with reference to breeding and exhibiting them. We see very few Buff Greens shown, and where they are on view it is seldom they get in the tickets.

Most of the judges go for Yellows. This, I think, is a great mistake, for, although they have not so much colour, nor are they so pleasing to the eye, they are in many instances more typical, tighter in feather, and not so leggy as many Yellows which win. I always hold out that where a class is simply Green, not stating for Yellow Greens only, that the Buffs should have as much consideration shown to them as in other varieties.

Green breeders at present, it must be confessed, are few. There is not the slightest doubt that the Greens take up a great amount of time, and require careful attention; one has nearly to give up the other varieties—that is to say

THE AVERAGE FANCIER,

who has only his spare time in which to attend to his stock, will require to do so if he wishes to be successful with them, as they are very little use for introducing into marks or clears. A breeder must have at least four pairs to keep him in stock, so as not to run them too sib, and even with these he has great difficulty in keeping from inbreeding, and must be buying every year to avoid it. Introducing fresh blood into your stock so often (unless you have any particular friend of whose stock you know the full pedigree) is frequently disappointing, as the blood does not blend, and leaves you many times at your wits' end how to get rid of it again.

The same applies to the Cinnamon, another variety very much neglected, but which, I believe, has now taken the fancy of a fair number of breeders; we may at some future date see them with a class allotted to themselves. They are at present always shown among the Greens, which is fair to neither one nor the other. I find them most useful for toning the feather where there is a tendency to a little coarseness either in clears or marks; indeed, there is hardly a bird in my room which has not a large infusion of Cinnamon blood well established, and I have never found any bad effect from its use, so can confidently recommend it. I find it produces the nice, close, silky feather so much sought after, and which we all admire.

These two varieties of the Border are really the most suited to the Town breeder, and are at present somewhat neglected; consequently from a beginner's point of view they afford brighter hopes by success than with the other varieties.

"COLOURING AGENTS."

A lecture was given by Mr. F. W. Harris on the above subject to the members of the Coventry O.S. on May 29th. Mr. G. Peters presided.

The lecturer's main efforts were directed to showing the relative strength of various colouring agents, by dissolving tests, etc., and he had quite an array of bottles and samples. He opened by saying that madder, although one of the weakest vegetable colouring agents, owing to the difficulty of the birds taking a sufficient quantity, yet was much stronger in colouring matter than marigolds, which he considered very poor in colouring properties. Anatto was a stronger agent than madder, but the same difficulty of concentration and absorption by the birds presented itself, and it was in a general way only used for colouring cheese, butter, and fried fish. Saffron was a better colouring agent, but much too expensive, and was used more medicinally than for colouring, it being both a cordial and exhilarant. Cochineal, the properties were colouring only, but was so far the best, its great cost being the only bar to its use.

"K.N." hot he considered had less colouring properties than cold pepper, and apart from the injurious effect "K.N." had on birds, recommended the use of cold pepper, as being more efficient for colouring, and remarked that cold capsicum pods are a food, and are called "bird pods" in a botanical work, published as early as 1857, fourteen years before the advent of "K.N."-fed Canaries. How "K.N." came to be used in sufficient quantities to colour Canaries may never be known, but it is not beyond the bounds of probability that its use was suggested by such a name and work.

After various remarks and experiences had been given by Messrs. T. Gilbert, G. Lawrence, Waring, and G. Turrell, an evening well spent was brought to a close by a hearty vote of thanks being accorded to Mr. Harris for the trouble he had taken in presenting the subject to the Society.

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A Chat about Birds.

Some Simple Facts for Students.

A Lecture by the Rev. K. A. Deakin at the Redditch Institute on February 11th, 1907.

(Continued from page 397.*)*

Larks, and some of the Pipits, were noticeable for the extreme length of the claw on the hind toe. The Swift had a peculiar foot, all the toes being directed forward. Its legs were so short that when on the ground it is almost helpless. Woodpeckers and the Wryneck had two toes pointing forwards, and two backwards, to enable them to climb the trunks of trees. The Goatsucker had the middle toe prolonged, and the claw toothed like a comb. This bird fed on moths, beetles, etc., and it had stiff bristles on each side of the bill. In these, no doubt, the wings of the moths got entangled, and the "comb" was, in all probability, used for clearing them.

The legs of Waders were, as one would naturally expect, very long for the size of the bird. The feet of nearly all birds that swim were webbed, and when bringing the foot forward they closed the toes, so that the least possible resistance was offered to the water, while when used for propelling they were expanded to their full extent. He mentioned before that the Moorhen, whose feet were entirely without web, was an expert swimmer, while the Coot—an equally good swimmer—had its toes very curiously lobed. Grebes, too, had an extension of the membrane of the toe, making each toe very much resemble the blade of an oar.

The points of difference that he had been noticing were all external, but now he wanted to say a few words about one that was internal, but which was none the less very characteristic. He meant the steruum, or breast-bone, and the furcula, or—to use its more familiar name—the "merry-thought." A collection of these bones was very interesting and very instructive. He supposed that they had all noticed the great difference between the breast-bone of a chicken and that of a duck, when they had seen them on the dinner-table, and also between the "merry-thoughts" of the same birds. Well, of course, these differences—like all differences in nature—were not for nothing. If they were to look at the breast-bone of an Eagle they would see that it had a deep keel, and that the sides were wide. The breast-bone was very intimately connected with the power of flight in birds. The conditions necessary to produce this power in its fullest extent were large and strong pectoral muscles, great extent of surface, as well as peculiarity of form in the wing, and feathers of firm texture, strong in the shaft, with the filaments of the plume arranged and constructed to resist pressure from below. A certain degree of weight was necessary to flight, and this was imparted by large pectoral muscles, and the power of these muscles might be estimated by the depth of the keel, and the breadth of the sides of the sternum, as affording extent of surface for the attachment of those large muscles by the action of which the wings were moved. The furcula, which answered to the clavicle, or collar-bone, in mammals afforded a support to the shoulders. Hence it was that these bones were such as he had described in the Eagle whose great power and swiftness of flight were proverbial.

As they came down to the smaller birds of prey, the characters necessary to produce rapid flight declined gradually till they came to the Owls, in which the keel of the sternum was but of little depth, the sides were narrow, while the furcula was especially slender and weak. The buoyant, easy flight of an Owl was as great a contrast to the swift, powerful flight of an Eagle, as the sternum of the one was to that of the other. The feathers, too, were differently formed, which produces the peculiarly silent flight so characteristic of an Owl, and so essential for its noiseless stealing upon its prey. And so with regard to all other birds, they found modifications of the sternum according to their power of flight, till they came to the swimming birds, with their sternums with shallow keels, but broad sides, almost like the bottom of a punt, enabling them to float on the surface of the water.

THE BEAUTIES OF NIDIFICATION.

A chat about birds would be scarcely complete without some reference to their nests, and these were, said the lecturer, almost as various as the birds themselves. Some birds —the Goatsucker, for instance—made no nest at all, but contented itself with simply scratching a slight hollow on the bare ground. Many of the Gulls and Waders laid their eggs on the bare shingle, while the Guillemot laid its single egg on the ledge of a rock. The Plover slightly improved on this by lining the depression in which it made its nest with a few bents, and, on leaving the nest, covers its eggs with water-weeds. The Tawny Owl contented itself with a hole in some hollow tree, without troubling to make any nest in it, while the Starling—which was also very fond of a hole in a tree—made a nest of a little hay and straw, with the addition of a few feathers. The Woodpecker made no nest at all, and, after having laboriously hollowed out a hole in which to lay its eggs, a Starling would often carry in a few straws, when the Woodpecker left at once. Many other birds—the Redstart, the Tits, the Nuthatch, and several others—made use of holes in trees, in which they constructed warm and cosy nests, well lined with hair and feathers. The Wood Pigeon and Turtle Dove made platforms of dead twigs so loosely put together that it was often possible to see the eggs from below; while the Grebe made a heap of water-weeds in shallow water, and laid its eggs on the top, scarcely above the level of the water.

In striking contrast to these were the wonderfully beautiful nests of some of the smaller birds, which, if not so curious as some of the hanging nests from South Africa and other countries, were yet things to fill them with wonder and admiration. He had only to mention such nests as those of the Chaffinch, the Goldcrest, and—above all—of the Long-tailed Tit, as instances of beauty, while the domed nest of the Magpie, and the mud-built home of the House Martin, were equally wonderful.

The Nuthatch (which he mentioned as building in a hole in a tree) filled up the opening with stiff clay, leaving only an aperture sufficiently large for its passage in and out. There was a specimen of the nest of this bird in the British Museum which was made in the side of a hayrick, and is practically a lump of hollow clay, and weighs no less than eleven pounds! When they thought that this was the work of a little creature weighing not more than an ounce or two, it seemed to him that it must read them a lesson of perseverance which they would all do well to imitate. The Sand Martin, with its weak bill, managed to dig out a deep hole in the sides of a sand pit, or cutting, often quite inaccessible even to the school-boy; and the Kingfisher, too, made its nest of ejected fish bones in a similar hole, often, however, taking possession of a burrow of a water rat.

A LOVE FOR THE EXTRAORDINARY.

Some birds seem to lay themselves out to choose extraordinary and out-of-the-way places for their nests. The common Wild Duck has been known to make its nest, and hatch out its young, in a tree at least thirty feet from the ground. The Spotted Flycatcher has a great liking for the hinge of a door; while inverted flower pots, letter boxes, pumps, and even empty pickle bottles seemed to have a great charm for the Great and Blue Tits. Perhaps the most curious site for a nest which had come under his own knowledge was that of a Redstart, which actually selected the pocket of a scarecrow as a convenient place in which to rear its young.

These they might call artificial sites; but there were birds which they found invariably nesting in places in which they would scarcely expect to find them. The long-legged Heron seemed rather out of place rearing its young among the tree-tops, as they might see them in the heronry at Ragley Park. Another of the waders—the Green Sandpiper—unlike all its relatives, took to the trees for breeding purposes, and its eggs were often laid on the old nests of other birds. It did not, however, breed regularly in this country, though it was said (but this seemed to require some corroboration) to have done so in Yorkshire. The Sheld-duck and Puffin nested in holes in the ground, not infrequently turning out the original owner, the rabbit: and the Golden-Eyed Duck (which, however, did not breed in this country) had a stranger habit still of nesting in a hole in a tree, a fact of which the dwellers in Lapland did not fail to take advantage, for they placed boxes, with a hole in the side, in the trees, and in these boxes the birds freely laid their eggs.

NEST DESTRUCTION.

Take whatever nest they might (of course he was not speaking then of those he mentioned as being only a hollow scratched in the ground), it was impossible not to be struck with the wonderful cleverness with which the little architect had been endowed, and it was, indeed, a pitiful sight to see, as one so often did, the result of so much care and labour lying torn and useless by the roadside. Though an egg collector himself, he hoped he might be allowed to say that it was impossible to reprehend too strongly such wanton destruction, and, though perhaps to some of them it might sound somewhat paradoxical, he believed that the real egg-collector—he need not say, he supopsed, that he did not now refer to those who took eggs wholesale for the sake of profit—was almost invariably one of the best bird preservers. *(To be continued.)*

Wars and Rumours of Wars.

By A. C. SELF.

Never were such times since Nelson died! Whatever has come over this erstwhile quiet and not-easily-moved district? I am speaking of Ilford, Seven Kings, Goodmayes, and that vast area of the "just beyond," which has been roused from its ultra-snobocracy and turned into a seething cauldron of fierce debate and controversy. Wherever one turns one hears of nothing but bird breeding and questions as to what is an "amateur" or "novice." In the clubs, in the bars, in the street, outside churches and chapels, meeting halls, doctors' shops, and undertakers, there is a continual, and in many cases belated, hum of conversation on the now universal topic of Canary breeding. Of course, I very soon caught the infection—in fact, I walked open-armed into it.

Right outside my abode there was gathered a round dozen of my neighbours evidently just finding their way home from the aforesaid "excuses for being detained in the City on business." The subject under discussion had evidently become so hot that it had deprived them for the time being of the means of locomotion. Had they proceeded a few paces further it is just possible I should still be ignorant of the cause of this unwonted excitement. But, as I have already stated, they came to a standstill immediately outside my house. Now, as a rule I retire at a respectable hour (unless in my turn I am "detained in the City on business"), and at this very time I was wooing sweet Morpheus—perhaps a trifle unsuccessfully, which accounted for my churlishness. Therefore, in words perhaps more forcible than polite, I asked them what the, etc., was the disturbance, and why they could not, etc., engage a hall for their discussions instead of annoying respectable people at an hour when none but Owls and Bats hold their meetings. And then, reader, came my enlightenment. Then the mystic veil was lifted. With one accord they almost flew at me. "Ah! you can settle this question for us, can't you?" Of course, I said that I would try if they would tell me what it was. And if you will believe me I would have told them anything just at that moment, if it was only to get rid of them.

If appears one or two of the company had made up their minds to go in for CAGE BIRDS breeding competition, and had been canvassing their friends to give their testimony of the genuineness of their statements that they were really novices. In their haste to get these signatures they had held forth in such glowing terms of their chances of winning a prize that they had enthused their friends, who also came to the decision that they also would start the hobby—especially when it was made so easy for them, for all they had to do was to buy CAGE BIRDS, study it carefully, buy a pair of birds, and win a big prize. What could be easier? But the point which was troubling them was whether they could sign for each other. I told them I thought they could, thinking to thus get rid of them and once more retire to rest and oblivion. But no, I had reckoned without my host. Several of my interlocutors knew Canary breeding was a hobby which I had embraced with a certain amount of success, and they plied me with question after question until they had perforce to cease for very want of breath. When I could get a word in edgeways I told them that to answer all their questions would take me until Christmas, and as I had a few pairs of birds to feed between now and then I could only refer them to the aforesaid CAGE BIRDS and CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL, where they could get all the information they wanted and more besides; that they could also "take it lying down," as I wanted to do at the time. This seemed to satisfy them, for they separated, each with a determination of outdoing the other in their new-found hobby. To say that I wished them luck would be a mild expression of my wishes—I wished them to—never mind, it is all over now, and it is quite hot enough here just at present. However, since that night I have met several of my friends and have made amends for my churlishness, for, after all, if one has a hobby he loves to commune with kindred souls.

Talking about hobbies, is it not strange that this desire to take up a hobby should attack one, as it were, in the springtime? Some take up one thing, some another—gardening, photography, fowls, etc., etc., but can any hobby compare with that of Canary breeding? The gardener gets all his enjoyment in the summer time; so does the photographer; so does most of the other votaries of the god "Hobby," but the Canary breeder gets his enjoyment all the year round. In the dismal days of winter he has the song of his pets to make him almost ignore or forget the biting cold, the dreary days and long, cheerless nights. Their music is like bottled sunshine, their company breathes of cloudless skies, mossy banks, and makes one feel at peace with all the world. And in encouraging this best of all hobbies and making it more popular with the community at large CAGE BIRDS has rendered a great service. That this service is being appreciated can readily be seen by the increasing number of people one meets in train and 'bus eagerly conning the pages of this most popular orgau of the bird fancy every Friday morning. I hold no brief for CAGE BIRDS, but feel it my duty to do my share to repay, perhaps in a poor way, the thousand and one helpful hints this paper has given me. And now, Mr. Novice, it is trying to help you—£28 is offered in prizes, see particulars on another page. Go in and win; or, if you do not win, try, and next year you will be as enthusiastic in the pursuit of your hobby as the writer of this short article.

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* * The Proud Goldfinch.

I think this bird is the proudest and the most beautiful I have ever seen. The way he flies from perch to perch in the aviary, in the most graceful fashion, displaying to perfection the yellow bars on his wings, is very interesting, and truly, as Mr. Rudd says, he is "An aristocratic little gentleman." We have one flying in our aviary in the garden, with a dozen hen Canaries. It is my work to clean out the aviary, and the birds do not seem alarmed at my presence. When I put a little hemp and teazle seed down, he sings and shakes himself with pride, and if any other bird goes near his beloved seed he proudly drives it away. —ANNIE PICKERING (aged 13 years), 178, Victoria Street, Chadderton, Oldham.

* Albino Blackbird.

'A gentleman caught a splendid Albino Blackbird on December 23rd. He exhibited it at Chirnside on January 1st, where it won first. It is a cock bird, with rare amber-coloured bill and bright eye ceres. His head and neck are whiter than the rest of his body. The inner flight of wings are also white. My father bought him for us, but he lost half of his tail in coming. We have turned him into our Pigeon loft, and feed him on Hyde's Lark Food, a few currants, and a few earthworms, and he appreciates all of them. We have also a pair of yellow Budgerigars, which are sitting on eggs, also a Siberian Goldfinch, which have all won on the show bench, and if the Blackbird lives he will be another of the team of Patterson Brothers.—GEO. PATTERSON (age 13), Chirnside.

* The Jackdaw.

We have had our Jackdaw for about eighteen months, and I am sure we would be sorry to part with him now. It is most amusing to watch his quaint ways. At first we were afraid of him leaving us, but now he flies about the neighbourhood, and we have no fear of his going away. Our Jackdaw is very sly in his ways. He hops about slowly and quietly, and then suddenly he will make a spring at something, especially if it he anything bright, and off with it, just as though we were after it. With training he talks a little; he can say "Jackey" quite plain.—J. G. Thompson (age 10), 21, Challoner Street, Cockermouth.

A Canary.

One day my father went up to feed his birds, and when he came to the cage of a yellow hen Canary he found the bird in the bottom of the cage. He brought it down into the warm house, and found out that its leg was broken in two places. He then said to me that he was going to destroy it, because it would never get better. I persuaded him not to, and we put it in a cage with its food in a glass, and hung it up in the house. In a fortnight it was up on the perch again, and in the best of health, and able to go amongst the other birds.—CHARLES EDWARD HALL (age 13), 21, Brownhill Avenue, Leeds.

Cruelty and Kindness.

The other day my sister saw some cruel boys throwing a poor little Sparrow up in the air. She went out and took it away from them. It was not dead, but stunned. As we keep birds, and have a Linnet, we put it in with the Linnet. Then we gave the Sparrow something to eat and drink, but in the evening we found it dead.—H. R. MARTIN (age 14), Pleasant View, Dunton Green, Kent.

The Weaver Birds.

The Common Weaver is found in India in well-wooded places, where it feeds on grain and the seeds of grasses. It receives its name on account of its strongly-made nest, of interwoven blades of grass, hanging from the boughs of trees, most beautiful in form, being long and well-shaped. The Sociable Weaver is found in Africa. The nest of this bird often contains several hundreds of cells, surrounding a whole tree, and requires a cart and several men to remove it.—M. PALFREYMAN (age 11), Crook's Cross, South Molton.

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A Note on the Cuckoo.

We are now in the leafy month of June, and we may still hear the note of the Cuckoo mingling with the songs of the Finches and Warblers. To-day he was calling vigorously, the sound coming with the wind from the woods as clear as it does in the early spring days. Although it was so strong and clear, yet occasionally he would repeat "cuck" "cuck" twice before finishing his full note, and in one case he sounded it four times. The cry sounded very strange, and could hardly be recognised as part of the bird's song. We shall probably hear him for another week or so before he departs across the seas, leaving the young ones to follow in the autumn. There is, apparently, no reason why the old Cuckoos should not stay with us as long as the young ones do, for if these can stand our changeable climate until the month of September, as many of them do, the old birds could surely do the same; but they evidently just wander over here, deposit their eggs in the nests of smaller birds, making use of them to rear their greedy offspring, and then depart, apparently quite careless as to the welfare of the youngsters.

The Red-backed Shrike.

Bird lovers cannot but notice that many birds frequent particular districts, and are not to be found in others which, in our opinion, are quite as well suited to their pursuits and requirements. In the Red-backed Shrike we have a striking example of this habit, for these birds are singularly local. I know spots in different parts of the country where this bird is to be found nesting year after year with certainty, and, if unmolested, the same bush will be chosen for the site of the somewhat bulky home. This Shrike is a bird that shuns the moors and uplands, for he loves the rich-cultivated valleys—the open country more than the wood. He delights in the tall, straggling hedgerows dividing the stretches of meadow or cultivated land. In some places an old disused chalk-pit, overgrown with brambles, wild woodbine and a few strong-growing thorn bushes, is his chosen haunt. Such places are warm and dry, wild flowers grow in abundance, and big bees drone lazily by. These form a considerable portion of his daily food. The habit of the Butcher Bird partakes largely of that of the Flycatcher, and, like that bird, he no sooner arrives among us than he is at once detected, for he is seen perched on the topmost branch of the hedgerow, the stump of an old tree, or the gate post leading to the meadows, and from one of these commanding positions he is able to see all that is going on, and to flutter into the air after some passing beetle or bee. Occasionally a small bird ventures too near, and the larger Hawk-like creature pounces down upon the unfortunate one and beats the poor little fellow to death with his powerful hooked beak. Sometimes we may see him flutter down to the ground and search among the rank grass for the larger insects, or possibly some small field mouse. During his stay with us this bold bird can have no difficulty in procuring food. Half-fledged birds are

The Red-backed Shrike.

plentiful, and he can easily find nests full of callow young ones. His short wings do not fit him for the chase; he is unable to fly down and capture his victims in the manner of the Hawk; but he is, if anything, more dangerous than the larger bird. Many small birds wander unconsciously close to him, or allow him to mix freely with them. He comes upon them unawares, capturing the wounded or weakly.

The most interesting habit of the Shrike is that of impaling his victims upon the thorns of some handy bush. This is no doubt done for the purpose of tearing it to pieces, for the legs and feet of this bird are not sufficiently powerful to hold its prey. Although the Shrike generally has some particular spot which one might designate its larder, the observer may often meet with evidence of his doings along the hedgerow, and, if followed up, will generally lead to the finding of the nest.

Notes and Queries.

A Fondness for Letter-boxes.

A Blue Tit has built her nest in a letter-box belonging to Mr. J. Scarle, in Wood Lane, Long Sutton, Yorks, for the fifth year in succession. The bird has thirteen eggs this season, and up to the present has already successfully reared in the nest in this letter-box no fewer than 43 birds.

The Lapwing's Weird Ways.

The wild, weird ways of the Lapwing have somewhat abated. He has courted and nested, and his mate is now busily tending the downy chicks in the fast growing corn. Approach the haunts of the hird, and he quickly takes wing, rushing upwards with swift wing beats, turning sideways with one wing pointing to the sky, exposing the whole of the back and outstretched wings; the next instant he has turned; now the opposite wing is uppermost, showing the underpart of the body; a quick transition from black to white; and so he continues rushing round the field at a great rate, meanwhile calling repeatedly, but a different note to that of the early spring. He is anxious for the young ones, hut he knows they are safer than the eggs were in the nest.

Bird Song in June.

In the month of June we get the sweetest notes from wild birds still in song. The passion of the spring is past, the birds sing now for very joy and gladness. There is no rivalry, no mad rush through the strain, breaking off halfway and finishing with a wild scream, as many of them do. The song as rendered now is slower and more tuneful, each note is full and round, and sung with deliberation and method. Get under a tall hedge and listen to the song of the Linnet, such round, full notes can hardly he recognised, so much do they differ from the hurried jerky music of the spring. The song talk of the Greenbird is a study in melody. Who says the Greenie has no song? Listen to him now in the month of June. His is a contented, pleasant trill, without much variation, 'tis true, hut delightful to listen to along the breezy hedgerows.

The Nightingale in Scotland.

"The Scotsman" prints an interesting letter, dated 1889, from a Lady Margaret Cameron, wherein she says, "A Nightingale was heard for three weeks, and also seen, during the month of June, 1889. Thermometer 90 in the shade in May. Very hot all May, June, and July, but cold and wet in the south and east of England." This is particularly interesting, as the bird of melody is supposed never to reach beyond York, but one is inclined to think there is just as much possibility of the Nightingale straying out of his course, as some of the rare birds which from time to time reach these shores as stragglers. The note as to the weather conditions would help one to think it might be a genuine case. Douhtless the lady was well acquainted with the song of the 'Gale.

Bird Sanctuaries.

By the efforts of protective societies and private persous, several real bird sanctuaries exist in the country, and in size they extend from half an acre of wood to miles of moorland aud seashore. Although our commoner birds are well able to hold their own, and need no protection beyond that of the law, yet many species of rare birds require the most careful watching, and as much seclusion as it is possible to give them. When a stretch of woodland is given up to wild hird life, it has been found that the larger birds are equally quick to take advantage of the facilities for nesting in security. Consequently, Hawks, Owls, Jays, and Crows increase rapidly, and these prey upon the smaller and equally interesting birds, so that unlimited protection comes as a mixed blessing. In the case of the Hawks and Owls they can be left to themselves, as they roam far and near, and are always running into danger, but with the Crow family it is another story. They increase rapidly, and pilfer the nests of eggs and young hirds in the immediate vicinity, so that hardly a warbler can be found in a small wood where a family of Jays or Carrion Crows frequent.

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WANTED—continued.

WANTED, Canaries, any number, weekly, for cash; write, stating full particulars and price, to J. Thorn, 37, Plumstead-rd., Woolwich. Telephone, 365 Woolwich.

WANTED, chicks or Canaries, or Goldfinches; cock Greenfinch Mule, big bird, 5/-; pair of riding trousers and leggings, 10/-; harmonium, 10/-, maker, Hiller, cost £9 9/-.—Long, 18, Prout-rd., Clapton.

SALE OR EXCHANGE.

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To be Sold or Exchanged

SELL or exchange pair 1906 hand-reared Hawks; what offers?—Green, Stanley-st., Bourne, Lincs.

FOR sale or exchange, four good cock Linnets, for good pair of Norwich Canaries.—H. Hamans, 29, Willis-st., Poplar.

COCK Blackbird, 2/6; four hand-reared cock Chaffinches, 10/6; two-year-old Linnet Mule, 8/6; full song.—Smith, Jeweller, Kirton Lindsey.

COCK hand-reared Linnet, mule, 7/6; exchange hen Canaries or anything useful.—Winstone, 1, Victoria-ter., Dukes-rd., Southampton.

SELL or exchange anything useful; splendid dark cock Goldfinch Mules; good English history wanted.—Bennett, Southfield, Radstock.

LARGE cock Goldfinch and hen Bullfinch, mated, for good Yorkshire or Norwich cock, singing.—Patrick, 38, Doris-st., Ringsend, Dublin.

WILL exchange cock and hen Bullfinch for young Canary cock.—Whittaker, Old Vine Bridge-st., Newcastle, Staffs.

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RICH coloured dark jonque Goldfinch Mule, full finch song, 7/6; will exchange him and give cash for Goldfinch or Linnet Mule, on pure Linnet song; approval; deposit.—Shepherd, 24, Penzance-st., Moorrow, Cumberland.

TWICE cage moulted Goldfinch, feeding a yellow Yorkshire Sib hen, 12/6; large wire aviary, 7/-; sell, or exchange winning Goldfinch or Mule; offers; approval.—Particulars, 54A, Bygrove-rd., Merton, Surrey.

Mainly Canaries
To be Sold or Exchanged

THREE untried hens, 7/-, exchange anything.—Lewis, 18, Oak-rd., West Bromwich.

EXCHANGE large green Norwich hen for Flemish rabbits.—Smith, 90, Fouthill-rd., Aberdeen.

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TWO pairs of Canaries, nesting 12/-; approval, deposit.—Sansom, Leasebourne, Campden, Glos.

EXCHANGE pair good Canaries, Crested cock, for a pair of adult Budgerigars.—Gray, Cedars-rd., Hampton Wick, Middlesex.

TRIO winning Partridge Wyandottes, cost £6; exchange for Norwich, Yorkshires, Budgerigars; stamp reply.—Barrow, 95, Green-st., Eastbourne.

BUFF hen Canary, 3/-; partly clear hen Goldfinch Mule, 2/-; cock Bully, good, 3/-; black-marked hen Bully, 1/6; cage moulted.—8, Spring-rd., Abingdon.

BARGAIN.—Two good pairs Norwich, with eight young, five left nest, two good breeding cages, lot 35/-, worth 45/-.—W. Winsor, Coles-yard, Fairhazelgdns., Hampstead, London.

CHAMPION Yorkshires, cocks, full song, 7/6 each; variegated Goldfinch Mule, full song, 7/6; ten days' approval; six breeding cages, 2/- each, 10/- six, carriage paid.—Powick, Eastfield House, Dewsbury.

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GRAND pair of Rollers and three young ones, 15/-; exhibition Goldfinch and hen Canary, bred Mules, house moulted, 10/6, fit to show; on approval; deposit; exchange good bed clothes or a good lever watch or fowl.—Noah Bennett, New Johnst., Blackheath, Staffs.

Mainly Foreign
To be Sold or Exchanged

COCK Goldfinch, cock Saffron Finch, and Black-headed Mannikin, sell 10/6; or exchange.—Howard, Burnham Market Station, Norfolk.

CUTTHROAT, 2/6; Siskin, 3/6; greyish-white Java, 3/-; all full song; two light Goldfinch Mules, hens, 1/9; exchange.—"Broadway," Westby-rd., Boscombe.

TWO fine Blue-fronted Amazon talking Parrots, with cages, and warranted acclimatised, will exchange for gold curb albert or diamond ring, on approval, sell 50/- each cash, or exchange, 60/-.—Taylor, Seed Merchant, Preston-st., Manchester.

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Miscellaneous
Sale or Exchange

BANTAMS, Homers, Rabbits, clap nets, exchange for Canaries.—Muir, Guilford-rd., Southend-on-Sea.

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EXCHANGE pair hollow ground razors, in silk lined case, for one cock or three hen Canaries.—Joseph Royles, 260, Beet-st., Sheffield.

EXCHANGE six ivorine handled knives or pair carvers for one cock or three hen Canaries.—Herbert Marsden, 175, St. Phillip's-rd., Sheffield.

THREE Bull Terriers, puppies, for sale, 7/6 each; or exchange birds.—Merrington, 13, Dennett's-gr., New Cross, London.

WHAT offers for four double breeding cages and four hen Canaries? Or sell £1.—Wollerton, 9, Gladstone-yd., Sleaford.

FOR Sale or exchange, costume cloth, 15 Fancy Pigeons, some Tipplers and cross-breds.—Harry Leach, Mapplewell, Barnsley.

GOOD ¼-plate camera, scales, measure, dishes; sale, or exchange pair good Yorkshires.—Sturge, Middle-ter., Castle Green, Bristol.

FOUR 1907 birds, pair old ones, three double breeding cages; exchange cycle, Zonophone Disc.—Pearson, Commercial-st., Todmorden.

DOUBLE breeder, 32 by 16 by 8, wood and wire partitions, loose fronts, sand drawers, 5/-.—Broome, Windsor-rd., Oldham.

THREE Airedale pups, five weeks old, 5/- each; also good house moulted cock Goldfinch and Sib bred hen, 8/-.—Bradford, 1, Swan-st., Coventry.

FIRST-CLASS pair Red-crested Cardinals, 15/-; Goldfinch-Canary Mule, with cage, 10/-.—Robson, 91, High-st., Bridlington.

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SALE or exchange, grand old English sheep dog, £1, or exchange pair Norwich or Yorkshire Canaries.—Butler, King-st., Dawley, Salop.

PARROT cage, new, value 15/-, sell or exchange chickens, anything.—J. Allen, Holly Cottage, Ring Fence, Shepshed, Leicestershire.

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GENT'S waterproof, 39 in. chest, latest style, cost £1 15/-, perfect condition, £1, exchange Canaries.—Abbott, 122, Campbell-st., Kilcarton, Ayrshire.

MODEL steam engine, tubular boiler, driven with coal or gas, all brass, powerful, exchange Foreign birds.—Gee, 33, St. Steven's-rd., Selly Park, Birmingham.

EXCHANGE six-keyed piccolo, tutor, and No. 1 Brownie camera, cost 14/- recently, for a pair of Canaries; mutual approval.—Alexander Duff, 76, Richmond-pl., Edinburgh.

"CAGE BIRDS" GREAT

CANARY BREEDING COMPETITION.

A BOON TO THE FANCY.

£28 CASH IN PRIZES.

Two Sections: (1) NOVICES, (2) OLD HANDS.

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4. The young Canaries must be bred by the competitors on or before July 15th, 1907, next. None bred after that date will be eligible. (Note definition of "successfully reared" given on Declaration Form.)
5. All stock birds used must be the *bonâ fide* property of the Competitor.
6. Competitors must have the results of their breeding operations attested to by two responsible officials of any recognised Cage Bird Society; or may swear a declaration attested to by two responsible witnesses. Declaration Forms (see extracts printed below) are now ready, and will be sent any competitor post free on application; a postcard will do.
7. From now till the date of the **COMPETITION CLOSING, AUG. 17th,** each issue of CAGE BIRDS will contain a Coupon, and when sending in the declaration competitors must enclose the whole series of coupons to show that they have been during the period regular readers of CAGE BIRDS.
8. The Editor's decision shall be final.

FIVE POUNDS Cash, or Cup to full value, at winner's option, is offered for the most successful Canary breeder of any experience. All breeders of one season's experience and upwards eligible. Same conditions as for Novices. The Editor's decision to be final.

NOTE.—All entries must be sent in by August 17th.

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For Competitors.

I, the undersigned, having entered for "CAGE BIRDS" 1907 BREEDING COMPETITION, hereby make declaration, according to the terms of the said Competition: (1) That this is the first season I have tried to breed Canaries; (2) That I have used this season .....*(state number)*..... Cocks and .....*(state number)*..... Hens, which were and are now *bonâ fide* my own property; (3) That I successfully reared* by August 13th, 1907, ...*(state number)*..... young Canaries entirely from the aforementioned .....*(state number)*..... stock birds, the said young Canaries being in good health on the said August 13th.

* By "successfully reared" is meant that the young birds are feeding themselves—that is, are requiring no assistance from their parents.

For Witnesses.

We, the undersigned, having read the Declaration of .....*(state name)*..... ..... of .....*(give full address)*..... hereby declare that, to the best of our knowledge and belief, the said Declaration is true in substance and in fact, we having seen the above birds and checked the stated particulars concerning them.

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EXCHANGE four compartment breeder for two Norwich hens, or sell; offers, no rubbish.—Beadle, 10, Woodhouses, Crook, Durham.

EXCHANGE ¼ plate magazine camera, in really good condition, taking 12 plates, recently cost £1 1/-, guaranteed perfect, for 1906 yellow Plain-head Lancashire cock, or Siberian Goldfinch, mutual approval, sell 16/-.—T. Whitehouse, Stourton House, Coedpenmaen, Pontypridd.

SELL or exchange 12 good joiner-made breeding cages, 18 by 13, one wire flight, 30 by 14, nine cages, various sizes, including two hanging cages, feeders, fountains, etc.—W. Booth, Commons, Sandbach.

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EXCHANGE six splendid staghorn-handled knives and six forks to match, also handsome pair silver mounted meat carvers and good bread knife; approval, for two cock or six hen Canaries.—Donohoe, 207, Arundel-st., Sheffield.

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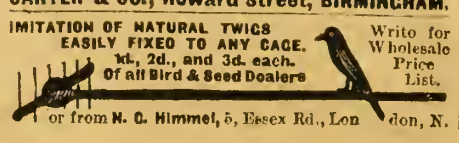

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CLUB REPORTS.

BURY AND DIS. C.B.S.
Meeting held on June 11th. Mr. J. R. Greenwood presided. It was decided, owing to scarcity of birds, the arrangements for the First Feather Show be modified. Mr. Fallowes, of Bury, was appointed judge of Rollers. It was decided that last year's annual show arrangements, which were so successful, should be repeated in their entirety. These include a prize draw and a boys' drawing competition. The scheme drawn up for the latter is similar to that of last year, but there will be two additional classes for girls.
T. E. HOLDEN, Asst. Sec.

NORTHERN YORKSHIRE C.C.
Meeting held to make arrangements for the First Feather Show. It was decided to alter the date to August 3rd, this being the Saturday previous to Bank Holiday it was considered a more suitable day. The judge will be Mr. F. Armstrong, Halifax (late Sec. Yorkshire Union). It was decided to have five classes. The show will be held in the small hall in the Co-operative Buildings, Newgate-street. One of our vice-presidents, Dr. C. Duncan O'Neal, who was present, kindly promised us a valuable special for the best bird in the show. Other good specials are promised, so we seem as though we should have a good show.
T. C. CRAWHALL, Hon. Sec.

METROPOLITAN ASSOCIATION OF C.M. AND H.B.
Fortnightly meeting held June 13th at the Crown Hotel, Lavender Hill, S.W., when Messrs. J. Humphrey, E. Box and T. Beard were duly nominated for membership. Owing to the absence of Mr. W. H. Vale, who was to have given a lecture on Mules and Hybrids, Mr. T. Beard kindly offered to answer any questions on Mule breeding, which the members were not slow to take advantage of, and a long discussion ensued, in which Messrs. Lessels, F. J. Martin, A. J. Head, J. Humphrey, E. Box, etc., took part. Later in the evening we were honoured by the presence of our President, Mr. J. Tindall, when another discussion took place about the merits of some Goldfinches. Mr. Tindall kindly bringing two birds up for inspection. Will members return unsold admission tickets at our next meeting, June 27th?
A. J. HEAD, Hon. Sec.

LONG EATON AND DIS. C.B.S.
Meeting held June 15th. About thirty fanciers turned up. The passing of rules and other business was carried out without the slightest difficulty. It was then decided to call another meeting on June 29th, to commence at 6.30, for the purpose of fixing entrance fee and subscription, etc.
W. HALLAM, Sec.

WOLVERHAMPTON & DIS. C.B.S.
Meeting June 11th. The chairman, Mr. F. J. Weaver, opened the discussion on bird room management with a few well-chosen remarks on the position, cages, and utensils of the bird room. The discussion was then taken up by Messrs. Thomson, Willoughby, Mex-Jacquemin, Jones, Howes, and Hughes. Several very interesting points were raised which would no doubt prove beneficial to all present. One new member was enrolled.
F. HOWES, Hon. Sec.

SEAHAM HARBOUR C.B.B.A.
Meeting June 15th. The chief business was to draw up schedule for First Feather Show, to be held at Station Hotel, on July 13th. Mr. E. Tankard in the chair. Two new members were admitted, and a few minor items settled. Then the following schedule was drawn together:—Norwich 2, Yorks. 2, Border 2, Crest 1, Crestbred 1, Brown Linnet 1, A.O.V. Brit. Seedeater 1, Brit. Softbill 4, Hybrid 1. All present seemed well pleased with it. The meeting then adjourned until June 29th. All entries for show to be in on that night, when we shall finish all business for show.
J. M. NICHOLSON, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE C.A.
A good number of the members of this Association assembled at Oldham on June 15th, when Mr. F. Steeple presided. A good deal of correspondence relating to applications for the L.C.A. support at the back-end shows was finally left over until some future meeting, in the meantime the secretary to procure from several applicants fuller particulars with regard to the number of classes, judges, prize money, etc. The next item on the agenda was the ringing of young Lancashire Canaries. This subject caused a good deal of controversy, and in the end it was unanimously decided that the L.C.A. do not entertain the idea of ringing young birds. Notice of motion was then given concerning a standard Lancashire show cage, and young bird classes at back-end shows. These last two suggestions will be discussed at the next meeting, which will be held at Middleton Show Room, Old Boar's Head Hotel, Middleton, on July 13th, at 7 p.m.
J. LONG, Hon. Sec.

WEST OF SCOTLAND NORWICH, &c., BIRD CLUB.
Meeting held June 6th, Mr. J. Young in the chair. The Annual Show will be held on December 7th, and judges will be nominated at next meeting. New members accepted:—Messrs. Jas. Anderson, M. Melville, A. Cant, and A. Duncan. The First Feather Show will be held on July 6th at four o'clock. The Association will give a medal for most points. Special by Mr. Young for second most points, special by Mr. A. Muir for third most points, and special by Mr. C. Campbell for fourth most points. Mr. Hunter will also give a special for most entries. There will be no entry fee, and members can show as many birds as they please, but the two highest in prize tickets will only be allowed to count for points. All new or intending members will be eligible to compete for these specials by paying half of their membership fee before judging starts. Copies of the new rule cards can be had on application. Mr. Campbell then proceeded with his lecture on the Norwich Plainhead, and it was highly appreciated by all present. Some fanciers travelled from Stirling, Hamilton, etc., to hear him.
GEO. SMART, Sec.

CRESTED CANARY CLUB.
A Circular to Members.
SIR,—At the Annual General Meeting, held at the Crystal Palace, February 9th, 1907, it was carried by ten to eight that the C.C.C. do become affiliated to the C.B.U. Owing to many members feeling that eighteen votes did not represent the club, over forty members requisitioned an extraordinary general meeting, which was subsequently held at the Napier, High Holborn, when it was decided unanimously that the aforementioned resolution be rescinded, and that every member be allowed an opportunity of voting on such an important question.

1. You are now requested to record your vote on the paper sent herewith according to the dictates of your own opinion, and I desire you to forward the same in enclosed envelope to Messrs. Heath and Clarke, 40, South Eaton-place, London, S.W. (the Club's scrutineers) not later than Saturday, June 29th, 1907. Any arriving after that date will not be counted. I most earnestly hope, whether you desire to join the Union or not, that you will not display the indifference of many clubs, as well as the majority of you at the Annual Meeting, but that every one of you will exercise your vote.

2. Another question upon which your opinion is requested is whether or not you desire that a closed ring be adopted by the club for the better identification of young birds competing for the Club's trophies.

3. Also whether or not you are prepared to adopt a plan for the registration of all birds bred by the members.

4. And are you agreeable that exhibitors, members of the club, be compelled to add the name of the breeder for insertion in catalogues to ensure breeders receiving the credit due for its production, and in a measure thwarting the practice of purchasing winners which are the means of selling the exhibitor's stock at more than a market value in consequence.
JOHN TYSON.

SCOTCH FANCY NATIONAL DERBY O.A.
Half-yearly meeting held June 10th, Mr. Wright in chair, and was supported by Councillor Hogg, the vice-president. The attendance was large, representative, and enthusiastic. A communication from Mr. Wright, of Edinburgh, was read, expressing his views on Mr. McKissock's application, and suggesting that the future meetings of the Society should be on a Saturday; not a single member supported the suggestion.—Mr. McKissock's letter was read, and the members appreciated the fine tone of it. They unanimously granted the application, on the understanding that Mr. McKissock's young Scotch Fancy Canaries continued his absolute property until after the Derby Show. Messrs. David Black and George Fulton were appointed a supervisory committee in connection therewith on behalf of the Association. The members are sorry to lose Mr. McKissock's fellowship; they reciprocate his kindly feeling, and wish him and his household happiness and prosperity in his new home. A report was submitted on the membership and cup fund, and Messrs. Wright, Hart, Porteous, and Smith were deputed to purchase the cup. The fund will remain open for a few months, so that any who have not contributed and may wish to share in it may yet have an opportunity of assisting, the desire being to have a cup worthy of the National Derby. The members were most careful in the selecting of the judges, and on accepting their names will be announced. Between twenty and thirty fanciers have given up the Scotch Fancy Canary, but the position has been conserved by a large accession of new members. It is expected the show on September 21st will be the best ever held. A hearty vote of thanks to the chairman and Councillor Hogg closed a most profitable gathering. The latter, in acknowledging the compliment, in his native humour told very telling incidents, which were much appreciated.
THOS. SMITH, Sec.

THE FIRST FEATHERS OF 1907.

BINGLEY.
Held June 15th. Mr. R. Garrett, Windhill, judged forty-eight birds in four classes. YORKS. YELL. (12): 1, Denby; 2, Dean; 3, Oddy; 4, Townley; vhc, c, Webb; hc, Wilkinson. BUFF (15): 1, 4, Wilkinson; 2, Barker; 3, Webb; vhc, Townley; hc, Holmes; c, Livesey. TKD. OR U.M. YELL. (9): 1, 3, Denby; 2, Livesey; 4, Barker; vhc, Smith and Son; hc, c, Barker. TKD. OR U.M. BUFF (12): 1, 2, Smith and Son; 3, Livesey; 4, Denby; vhc, hc, Walton; c, Dean.

HEBDEN BRIDGE.
Held at Lello's Dining Rooms on June 15th. Mr. R. Sutcliffe made the following awards:—YORKS. YELL.: 1, Astin Bros.; 2, King; 3, Greenwood. BUFF: 1, King; 2, Simpson and Son; 3, King. TKD. YELL.: 1, 2, 3, Greenwood. BUFF: 1, spl for best bird, King; 2, Spencer; 3, Harrison. CINN. MKD.: 1, 3, King; 2, Greenwood. NOR. BUFF: 1, 2, Pickles. CINN. BUFF: 1, Pickles. A.O.V.: 1, Harrison; 2, Spencer. SELL.: 1, King; 2, Greenwood; 3, Pickles. BRIT.: 1, Harrison; 2, Simpson and Son.

CUMBERLAND YORKSHIRE C.C.
The members of the above club held the first of a series of Table Shows for 1907-8 in the Foresters' Hall, Whitehaven, on June 5th. Entries fell short of expectations, owing to the cold weather experienced in the district. The first round amongst the members has almost without exception been a failure, but there is a decided improvement in the second. The birds staged were on the whole good, many of them could have done with a week or so longer to tighten up. Mr. Jas. Stewart's awards gave every satisfaction. CL. YELL.: 1, Joyce; 2, Irwin. BUFF: 1, Irwin; 2, 3, Myers. TKD. YELL.: 1, 2, Irwin; 3, Joyce; vhc, bc, Douglas. BUFF: 1, 2, Douglas; 3, Joyce.

KEIGHLEY AND DIS. C.B.S.
Held at the King's Head Hotel on June 15th. Mr. J. Bailey judged, and his awards gave entire satisfaction. The result for points was as follows:—T. Slater, 17 points; Morris and Shackleton, 16 points; Middleton Bros., 16 points; C. Spencer, 15 points; total entries, 89. YORKS. YELL. (9): 1, Smith and Sharp; 2, Middleton Bros.; 3, Ainsworth. BUFF (13): 1, Smith and Sharp; 2, Slater; 3, Ainsworth. TKD. YELL. (7): 1, Slater; 2, Morris and Shackleton; 3, Middleton Bros. BUFF (11): 1, Middleton Bros.; 2, Morris and Shackleton; 3, Slater. U.M. YELL.: (3): 1, Slater; 2, Smith and Sharp; 3, Morris and Shackleton. BUFF (6): 1, Slater; 2, Middleton Bros.; 3, Morris and Shackleton. FOUL MKD. (5): 1, Wright; 2, Middleton Bros.; 3, Berry. A.O.V. (3): 1, Slater; 2, Wright; 3, Groves and Shutt. SELL., 12/6 (8): 1, Morris and Shackleton; 2, Ferguson; 3, Clarkson. BRIT. BIRD (4): 1, Bancroft and Dean; 2, 3, Parkin. NOVICE, YELL. (4): 1, 2, Pickles; 3, Crowther. BUFF (7): 1, 2, 3, Spencer.

NORTHAMPTON.
Particularly successful this year was the Northampton Hand-in-Hand Cage Bird Society's Show of Canaries and Mules bred in 1907 and of British birds (any age). It was held June 15th at the Foresters' Arms, Wellingborough-road. The number of exhibits was in advance of last year. Mr. J. Robson judged. The Norwich section was the strongest in the show. It was the largest section, and the quality throughout was very good, and the shape excellent. Competition in each class was very keen. The Crest and Crestbred class was not large, but the winners of the first and second prizes (both Crestbred) were two very promising birds, with splendid head properties. Cinnamons were few in numbers, but of excellent colour. The British classes were both remarkably good. Many of these birds might figure creditably in any large exhibition. YELL. NOR. (6): 1, Nason; 2, Jeffs. BUFF (16): 1, Irons; 2, Jeffs; 3, vhc, Irons; hc, Swingler and Blackwell, Isom. TKD. YELL. (14): 1, Dickens; 2, Stockwin; 3, Jeffs; vhc, Kennes; hc, c, Hill. BUFF (22): 1, Swingler and Blackwell; 2, Jeffs; 3, vhc, Irons; hc, French, Hobbs. CREST OR C.B. (6): 1, 2, Mills; 3, vhc, Forman. CINN. JONQUE (1): 1, Nason. BUFF: 1, 2, Nason. A.O.V. (10): 1, Barwell; 2, Hill; 3, Nason; vhc, Hobbs; hc, Munday. SELL. PAIRS, 12/6 (5): 1, Dickens; 2, Brown; 3, Lane; vhc, Hobbs; hc, Moreton. SELL., 7/6 (7): 1, Dickins; 2, 3, Martin; vhc, Lane. BRIT. FINCH (21): 1, Barwell; 2, Stockwin; 3, Munday; vhc, Jeyes; hc, Barwell; c, Jeyes. A.O.V., SMALL (9): 1, Swingler and Blackwell; 2, Cooper; 3, Munday.

GRIMSBY.
A most successful First Feather Show was held by the above Society on June 12th in Slatter's Rooms. Considering the usual remarks on ill-luck, etc., we had a most satisfactory entry. The birds staged included some very bonny birds, some of which will no doubt be heard of again, especially Mr. Moore's yellow, which took the medal for best bird on the tables. Mr. D. Hope, of Hull, judged with his usual care, and his awards were considered most satisfactory. The special was presented by Mr. W. Johnson, through Mr. Robinson. This only goes to prove the good feeling existing between the rabbit and cage bird Fancy. And why should it not be so? NOR. YELL.: 1, spl, Moore, sen., splendid proportions, the right carriage, with very good colour, and although a shade small, will be heard of again; 2, Moore, sen.; 3, Townsend NOR. BUFF: 1, Moore, sen., good shape and quality; 2, Townsend; 3, Stubbs; vhc, Stubbs; hc, Townsend; c, Moore, sen. NOR. YELL., AMATEUR: 1, Medcalf, a topper, with plenty of size, which ran Mr. Moore's bird very close for the special; 2, Moore, jun.; 3, Robinson; vhc, Moore, jun. BUFF, AMATEUR: Mr. Crowston took all awards in this class with some bonny birds. NOR. YELL., NOVICE: 1, Johnson, a very nice bird, having just a shade too much the wrong side of the perch; 2, Emerson, a very decent bird, gone too far into moult; 3, vhc, Cotterhill. NOR. BUFF, NOVICE: 1, 2, Johnson; 3, Pett; vhc, hc, c, Cartwright. BRIT.: 1, Stubbs, nice Bramble; 2, Harmer, Thrush; 3, Moore, jun., Siskin. At the conclusion of the show a hearty vote of thanks was given to Mr. Hope for his services, and we were all pleased to see Mr. Calam there, who kindly acted as steward. A second Table Show is arranged for July 10th, when the same gentleman has kindly consented to judge. We are pleased to add that we enrolled four new members.

QUEENSBURY.
Held June 16th at the Granby Hotel, when some fairly good youngsters were staged. Mr. J. Dawson, Great Horton, gave the following awards:—YORKS., CL. OR TKD. YELL.: 1, Fowle; 2, Waterhouse; 3, Stocks; 4, Bramfit. CL. OR TKD. BUFF: 1, Swaine and Allen; 2, Smith; 3, Craven; 4, Tomsett. UNEVEN OR FOUL MKD. YELL.: 1, 2, Swaine and Allen; 3, Fowle; 4, Nickol. UNEVEN OR FOUL MKD. BUFF: 1, Fowles; 2, 4, Jagger; 3, Bramfit. A.O.V.: 1, 3, Swaine and Allen; 2, A. Mitchell.

WIBSEY AND DIS. C.B.S.
A very successful First Feather Show was held on June 15th at the Horse and Groom Inn, Wibsey. Mr. G. Stebbings judged, and gave every satisfaction. The quality of birds was excellent. CL. YELL. YORKS. (8): 1, Taylor Bros.; 2, 3, Chapman and Bateman; 4, D. Thornton; vhc, E. W. Johnson; hc, W. W. Ellerton and C. G. Ackroyd. CL. BUFF (11): 1, c, Taylor Bros.; 2, C. Bastow; 3, W. W. Ellerton; 4, S. Shaw; vhc, D. Thornton; hc, J. Hinchliffe. TKD., ETC., YELL (11): 1, c, S. Shaw; 2, G. H. Woodrow; 3, Chapman and Bateman; 4, hc, C. Bastow; vhc, E. W. Johnson. BUFF (9): 1, C. Bastow; 2, W. Ellerton; 3, F. Pickles; 4, c, Chapman and Bateman; vhc, G. H. Woodrow; hc, J. Hinchliffe. CINN. MKD.: Cancelled. SELL.: 1, C. Bastow; 2, W. Ellerton; 3, hc, S. Wilkinson; 4, Taylor Bros.; vhc, Chapman and Bateman; c, D. Thornton. Classes 2 and 4 were specially good for quality of birds.

SOUTH LONDON C. & F.A.
The above association held their Young Bird Show on June 12th, and it was well attended by members and friends. Mr. J. Robson judged, and his awards were well received. Mr. G. Munday won special for best in show and best Norwich with a clear. Mr. F. Johnson that for best Crest or Crestbred with a Crestbred. Mr. J. Fishwick won that for Yorkshire, and Mr. F. Bigley that for best British or Foreign bird with a well marked Linnet. CL. NOR. (10): 1, 2, spl, 3, Munday; 2, Johnson; vhc, Biss; hc, Males. MKD. NOR. (8) 1, 2, Munday; 3, Wilmot; vhc, c, Harriss. CRESTS OR CRESTBREDS (4): 1, spl, Johnson; 2, 3, vhc, Bigley. YORKS. (7): 1, spl, 2, 3, vhc, Fishwick; hc, Johnson; c, Males. A.O.V.: 1, Johnson, Lizard. BRIT. OR FOR. (4): 1, Bigley; 2, White; 3, Harriss; vhc, Males. Points gained for Points Cup, 1907: Munday, 25; Johnson, 23; Bigley, 22; Fishwick, 22; Harriss, 11; Wilmot, 8; White, 6; Biss, 4.

NORTH MANCHESTER C.B.S.
Held June 15th at Christ Church Schools, Harperhey. Judge, Mr. F. W. Nelson. AMATEURS, YORKS. YELL.: 1, 3, Norris; 2, Bardsley; 4, Fenton. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, 4, Norris; vhc, Aspinall; hc, Bardsley; c, Bichenhall. NOR. YELL.: 1, Fenton. BUFF: 1, 2, Fenton. BRIT. HARDBILL: 1, 2, Balshaw. COTTAGE: 1, spl, Lowe; 2, spl, L. Whitfield; 3, 4, Sheldon; vhc, hc, Gilbert. MULES: 1, spl, Balshaw. NOVICE, YORKS. YELL.: 1, 2, Dalzell; 3, Clarke; 4, Collinson; vhc, c, Odell; hc, Jones. BUFF: 1, Clarke; 2, Dalzell; 3, Collinson; 4, bc, Thomason; vhc, c, Odell. TKD. YELL.: 1, Jones; 2, bc, Odell; 3, Dalzell; 4, Clarke; vhc, Hulbert; c, Jones. BUFF: 1, hc, Dalzell; 2, Thomason; 3, Hulbert; 4, Jones; vhc, Clarke; c, Odell. NOR. YELL.: 1, Deakin. BUFF: 1, 2, Deakin. TKD. YELL.: 1, Deakin. BUFF: 1, Deakin. BRIT. HARDBILL: 1, 2, Odell. SELL., £1: 1, Norris.

RUTHERGLEN AND DIS. C.B.S.
The First Feather Show took place on June 15th. Considering the backward season, there was a very good turn-out, the Border class being particularly strong. Not only was there a large entry, but the quality of the exhibits were such as to reflect great credit on the members. Mr. Andrew Miller (Anniesland) acted as judge. BORDERS, CL. BUFF: 1, 2, Manson; 3, Joel; 4, Brownlie. YELL.: 1, Manson; 2, Boyd. BUFF VGTD.: 1, 2, Manson; 3, 4, Brownlie. YELL. VGTD.: 1, Manson; 2, Brownlie; 3, 4, Walker. GREENS OR CINN.: 1, Lappin; 2, 3, Manson; 4, Brownlie. NOR. CL. YELL.: 1, Bowman; 2, 3, McAulay. BUFF VGTD.: 1, 2, McAulay. YELL. VGTD.: 1, Bowman. CRESTS: 1, Joel. CRESTBREDS: 1, 2, Joel; 3, 4, McAulay. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Lappin. As it was so early in the season only one Mule was shown, a Siskin-Canary, the property of Mr. T. Lindsay. At the close, Mr. Miller congratulated the society on the appearance of their First Feather Show, and expressed the hope that, seeing such a good start had been made, an even higher standard of excellence would be achieved when the Winter Show came round. The Secretary replied for the society, thanking Mr. Miller for his kindness in judging, and for his encouraging words to the members.

OLDHAM.
The 57th annual show of young stock in connection with the Oldham and District C.B.A. took place in the Textile Dining Rooms, Oldham. The exhibition was considered to be the worst one the society had held for the last ten years, breeders complaining very hard against the militating effects of the weather. An entry of 53 was discouraging. As most of the members had lost nearly all their birds in the first round by being dead in shell, etc., this slack entry is nothing to be wondered at. Mr. Lowe has been very successful with his breeding, and with four nominated birds gained the full points (28) for the cup; this being his third achievement, the trophy becomes his own property. "Teddy," as he is familiarly called, also gained the special for best bird in show with a broken-capped Silver Lizard. For a youngster the bird stood out well, and should he moult out all right he will no doubt be heard of again, as he has plenty of size and work on him. Messrs. Winn and Martin also exhibited a couple of fine Lizards. The Lancashires were only a moderate lot, whilst Mr. Fitton staged a very promising Crest. In the Norwich classes Messrs. Sharples and Steeple put down some very typical youngsters. The competition in Yorkshires was somewhat keen. Mr. Hordern's birds were about to break in the moult, whilst Mr. Wagstaffe's were not quite fit. The judging was in the hands of Mr. Hardy, the treasurer of the society, who gave all-round satisfaction.
LIZ., GOLD (3) 1, spl, Winn; 2, Lowe; 3, Hampshire. SILVER (4): 1, spl, Martin; 2, Lowe; 3, Hampshire; 4, Ackroyd. BROKEN CAP, GOLD (2): 1, spl, Lowe; 2, Hampshire. DO., SILVER (5): 1, spl, Lowe; 2, Winn; 3, Martin; 4, Hampshire; vhc, Ackroyd. LANCS. COPPY, BUFF (2): 1, spl, Lowe 2, Winn. PLAINHEAD, YELL. (1): 1, spl, Fitton. DO., BUFF (3): 1, spl, Lowe; 2, Winn; 3, Ogden. CREST (1): 1, spl, Fitton. C.B. (3): 1, spl, Lowe; 2, Winn; 3, Ogden. NOR., BUFF (3): 1, spl, 2, Sharples; 3, absent. TKD. YELL. (3): 1, spl, Sharples; 2, Steeple; 3, absent. TKD. YELL. (4): 1, spl, Steeple; 2, Sharples; 3, Fitton; 4, absent. YORKS., YELL. (4): 1, spl, 2, Hordern; 3, Wagstaffe; 4, Dyson. BUFF (3): 1, spl, Wagstaffe; 2, Dyson; 3, Mirfield. TKD. YELL. (2): 1, spl, Martin; 2, Mirfield. TKD. BUFF (5): 1, spl, Hordern; 2, Fitton; 3, Wagstaffe; 4, Mirfield; vhc, Dyson. A.O.V. (3): 1, spl, Lowe; 2, Wagstaffe; 3, Dyson. £1 SELL. (1): 1, spl, Hampshire.

THE CAGE BIRD UNION.

The Question of the Hour.

THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF THE SOCIETIES WHICH VOTED ON RULE 17.

For: Consett, Derwent Valley, Hartlepools, Morpeth, Newcastle, Shields, Stockton, Wallsend, Ashington, Barrow, Cockermouth, Millom, Lancaster, Blackburn, Blackpool, Great Harwood, Burnley, Preston, Rochdale, Rochdale Good Intent, Todmorden, Bury, Bolton, Middleton, Manchester, North Manchester, Pendleton, Eccles, Altrincham, Chester, Crewe, Wigan, Warrington, Bramley, Hull, Leeds, Parkgate, York, Birmingham, Coventry, Hinckley, Leicester, Mansfield, Nottingham, Potteries, Wellingboro', Oxford, Grimsby, Langwith, Wolverhampton, Norwich Record, Diss, Bournemouth, Bristol C.B., Bristol Fanciers, Western Counties, Cardiff, Swansea, Cheltenham, Gloucester, Merthyr, Dowlais, Welsh National, London Provincial, London Counties, British Roller, Watford, Greenwich, Southern Norwich, Woolwich, Battersea, Metropolitan Association, Hastings United.

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G. W. F. LYTHGOE, Hon. Sec.

SIR,—In my last letter I ommitted to comment on Mr. R. J. Pretty's reference to "undesirables." Considering his vast experience, and for the benefit of the Fancy, I would suggest that he enumerates all these coming within that category, and thus assist others in avoiding them. JOHN TYSON.

A "Grate Fite" at Newcastle.

SIR,—We have heen treated to some very instructive and amusing letters in connection with the C.B.U., but I think the cake should be awarded to the letter in your issue of June 15th, signed "Rule Seventeen." In his report of the Neweastle meeting he says Mr. Shepherd and Mr. Currah occupied the chair; surely they must have a very unruly lot of members if it requires the services of two Chairmen to keep them in order. Then he goes on to say that there never was a better display of oratory at a hirdy meeting. It would be interesting to hear how many hirdy meetings he has attended other than his own Neweastle meeting. His nasty slap at Mr. Currah is beneath further notice. Then comes the most important news of all, not only important to the Newcastle members but to fanciers in general, viz., that they have two members who are always right and just! Now how can there he any need for a C.B.U. to deal with dishonest fanciers when it is proclaimed to the world that the Neweastle Society has a total of two honest men, and only a small membership of a little more than a hundred. The rolling forth of speeches in fine frenzy is really superb. Mr. Editor, might I suggest that you sneak this phrase and add it to your list of fanciers' terms in the next issue of CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL? "Rule Seventee" and his friends must have been in a terrible state of frenzy to stand in the street till midnight (as he says they did), the meeting having ended at about 10.15. S. MACTAVISH.

Mr. R. L. Crisp Takes a Turn.

SIR,—Many, I feel sure, will he pleased to see your disclaimer of partiality in connection with the C.B.U. which appeared in your issue of the 7th inst. You will, I think, agree that when correspondents deal largely in personalities and shelter themselves under nom-de-plumes, they to a certain extent, obtain an unfair advantage over their opponents. May I, therefore, venture to suggest that you still further show your impartiality by using your influence in the cause of fairness to induce "Observer" and "Country Reader" to disclose their identities. It has been suggested to me that they are one and the same person, or a case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde, and as far as "Country Member" is concerned a veritable "Mrs. Harris" in relation to the C.C.C., and even if this construction is wrong may be he is playing jackal to someone's lion. I am sorry to see Messrs. Tyson and Greeves being drawn by him, and should be glad to see them decline to discuss anything further until he has established his right to interfere with C.C.C. matters (if he has a right). Why he has not the courage to put his name to his correspondence is beyond my comprehension. I am well aware "there are more things in heaven and earth than are dreamt of in my philosophy," but perhaps he will at least enlighten me on this point. I hope Mr. "Observer" will also favour the Fancy with his real name. It does seem such a pity to hide his luminous light under a bushel. I wonder if he would consider it fair criticism to compare him to "Fagan," "Bill Sykes" or the "Artful Dodger," or the opprobrious Jones Chuzzlewit? I may mention that I have no feeling in asking the question other than that of keeping the discussion within equitable bounds, for were it not for you, Mr. Editor, it is reasonable to suppose that it would be conducted in a very unbridled way, and soon degenerate into that of the gutter type, judging by some which has already appeared. It is as well to remember that we all have a perfect right to our views, and, provided they are not offensively expressed, should be treated with reasonable respect. It is to be hoped that the Fancy will not gauge the standard of veracity and intelligence of the so-called Upper House of Convocation of the Fancy, by the contemptable ebullition of rabid spitefulness, displayed recently hy one of its members. It is deplorable enough to contemplate such a one sitting in judgment on others. In conclusion, let me say that all the advocates arguments in favour of the C.B.U. savour very much of "Alice in Wonderland," except, of course, they cannot even say "We had jam yesterday." The best they can offer is jam to-morrow; hut to-day is out of the question. In other words, not what we have done, not what we are doing, but what we are going to do. R. L. CRISP.

Mr. R. J. Pretty Replies.

SIR,—Mr. Tyson, as usual when cornered, wanders off on another tack—he says he is still under the impression that his version is correct. Why is he under the impression when he knows it is an undoubted fact? I repeat my statement that it is a deliherate falsification of my remarks to make it appear that Mr. Lythgoe had been granting myself and others special privileges, whereas he only pointed out what I was entitled to do. Now to bring Mr. Tyson back to the facts, I refer him to your report, headed "An Important Point," and Mr. C. H. Cooper's enquiry which Mr. Crisp replied to in the negative. In order to remove that misapprehension I pointed out he could show at his show, quoting Mr. Lythgoe's authority, and instancing the West Herts Show as a case in point. To further disprove Mr. Tyson's malicious allegation I append a copy of my letter to Mr. Lythgoe:—

6, Old Burlington-street,
London, W.,
November 27th, 1906.

Dear Mr. Lythgoe,—I received yesterday morning a schedule from the West Herts Fanciers' Association, Watford. On looking through it I could not find that it was licensed by the C.B.U. On going to Watford last evening, to the Watford Cage Bird Society's Show, I met the Secretary, Mr. Edwards, and I asked him the question and he told me it was not. I told him that I was unable to exhihit there, although a member, and I also told him that a member of his Committee was in the same boat; and, further, that none of the members of the Watford and District C.B.S. could show. He thereon consulted this committeeman and they told me that they were under the impression that it did not matter this year, as there were some other shows doing the same. This said committeeman, who is also a member of the L.C.B.A., said he should show. I said I dare not even if I wanted to, as others had already been warned about it, and I advised him to look up last week's papers and see for himself. After discussing the matter at some length Mr. Edwards asked me if I would write you and see if the license could be given now. I expressed my doubts, as the schedule had been issued, and it did not cross my mind that the license had to be applied for 28 days beforehand. I don't know if anything can be done specially in this ease, as it is not a wilful case of not applying, but simply a misunderstanding. But if you can grant a license in this instanee I would take the responsibility as to the fee, etc. He could see the state of affairs after I had talked to him and explained matters. I should he glad if you could do anything in the matter to ohlige. You will understand that this is a mixed society.—Yours sincerely,

R. J. PRETTY.

On receipt of Mr. Lythgoe's reply (which I quoted last week) I immediately sent a copy to the West Herts Secretary, and told him to apply for the license at once, in order to benefit the section. I made my entries under the impression that the license had been applied for, not, as Mr. Tyson implies or insinuates, that we had special permission. The case is clear enough (except, perhaps, to Mr. T. and his friends) that fanciers who are members of an affiliated Society can show at another show, open or otherwise, providing THEY ARE MEMBERS OF THAT SOCIETY holding the show (whether affiliated, licensed or not). I have already proved Mr. Tyson's reckless assertion that I am prepared to misrepresent opponent or friend is false; hut I can and am prepared to show up a humhug, and what is more, say what I mean and speak my mind irrespective of friend or foe. He is also good enough to inform us that we have not exchanged words for some time. One dreads to contemplate the result of a verbal exchange with a "gentleman of mature years" who commences a letter with such terms as "vehement effusion." I say it is since he wrote me a letter on January 14th, 1903, when he demanded that I should pay the losses incurred by the Scotch Fancy classes at the L.C.B.A. show the previous year, insinuating that I said or promised to guarantee such classes (another untruth). The Club gave extra prize money, found specials and paid the judge extra for judging, and then he had the cheek to say I also guaranteed. I suppose he thought he had got a juggins. I have been very, very earcful with him ever since, and one has need to be with such. So more or less I have treated him with contempt ever since. Now he brings up another malicious statement in respect to a City and Suburban Show. Yes, I made the statement, but Mr. Tyson omits to state that "the honourable member" was my informer, on whose authority I made the statement, and neither Mr. Tyson or myself would for one minute doubt the veracity of the "honourable member." Now we reach the "Grand Dramatic Denunciation"—"I must nail to the counter," etc. What a nail! and even the counter, like his arguments, are rotten. "The late C.B.C. never gave medals to the L.C.B.A. members." I have the schedule of the L.C.B.A. twelfth annual exhihition held at the Royal Aquarium ou November 20th, 21st and 22nd, 1900, Hon. Show Secretaries Messrs. Attridge and J. Tyson. Now let Mr. Tyson turn to Page 24, and see that Special 53 reads thus: Handsome Gold Medal presented by the Cage Bird Club for most points gained by a member of the C.B.C. or L.C.B.A.; again, Special No. 54, Handsome Silver Medal, worded exactly the same; and, further, it appears in the catalogue the same. Now, John Tyson, who is telling the falsehood? What could be plainer? Where is the counter and the nail?

Now for the next untruth, "That Mr. Tyson is opposed to the Union." Will he kindly explain what he means when replying to "A Country Member" in the issue of your paper of May 19th, page 459. He says: "'A Country Member' asks that the C.B.U. be given a chance to settle down. By all means, let some fancier compose a sleeping draught aud another its epitaph." What construction can be put upon such a statement than that he is opposed to the Union. Everyone is asking why does he remain a delegate? As to his other two friends, Messrs. Curtis and Dewhurst, they say they are not. Well, then, in future, we must not take any notice of their speeches, as evidently they do not know what they are talking about; neither must we take them seriously, as they do not mean all they say, but are carried away hy the "exuberance of their own verbosity," and lose themselves. As Mr. Curtis is such a "connoisseur" of circulars (as the members of the Cinnamon C.C. know), I refer him to page 501 in vol. 9 of this journal.

I thank those delegates who have elected—no, no! I mean voted for—me on the Executive (which to me is an agreeable surprise), and which I appreciate as a great honour, still more so as it has changed Mr. Tyson's feeling to that of one of the greatest sympathy for the Union. They can also rest assured that I shall not dictate or dogmatise, as has been suggested, but with the benefit of some 14 to 15 year's experience I hope we shall make the Cage Bird Union a blessing to the Faney. In conclusion, I hope that if ever I arrive at Mr. Tyson's mature years (as he puts it) I shall not have lost the horror of making (or presenting) a spectacle such as the painful example he has gratuitously presented to us in your valued columns.

R. J. PRETTY.

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A DISCUSSION ON SEEDS.

Some Information About German Rape.

At a recent meeting of the City and Suburban Association of Canary Breeders, a very interesting discussion took place, arising out of a lecture delivered by Mr. T. R. Trower, on "Bird Seeds." Many pertinent questions were asked, and Mr. R. L. Crisp conducted almost a cross-examination of the lecturer in his eagerness to obtain information for himself and those present. Mr. Trower took up the position, however, that he was simply an expert on seeds, that he did not set up to he a chemist or a bird doctor, and while he might have his own personal opinions upon matters which came within the province of the bird fancier, he preferred not to express them.

Mr. F. J. Martin asked the lecturer whether German summer rape ought not to have a dark blue tint. Mr. Trower replied that rape was sold in all sorts of tints. He recollected a certain seed sold by a small vendor which was a beautiful blue colour, but which, when placed in a wet handkerchief instantly transferred that colour to the handkerchief. It was simply old cabhage seed dyed, and the dealer who sold it was liable to a £100 penalty. Good German rape should be perfectly sweet and fresh to the taste, free from acidity, rawness, hotness, or any rancid flavour. In testing any kind of seed, you could have no better judges than your own mouth and eyes. A seed that looked good and tasted good was hound to he good for birds. Mr. Crisp inquired whether it was wise to keep rape seed for any length of time. Mr. Trower said that after a year or two rape seed undoubtedly deteriorated. It hred a large quantity of small mites, and a bag of rape tied up for two years and then opened, would be found to be a mass of little living creatures. The canary seed, on the contrary, seemed to improve by keeping a year or two. He had known canary seed three years old quite as good as it was at one year, and he had seen canary seed 10 years old in fairly good condition.

Mr. Trower refused to be drawn on the point as to whether rape seed ought to be kept for 12 months, or ought not to be kept longer than 12 months. Some fanciers believed in the one and some in the other. The late Mr. Zache, a well-known expert, of Gt. Portland Street, always liked rape to be not less than 12 months old. He would say, however, that rapo lost, after 12 months, a certain amount of oil, and it became drier; but he did not regard that fact as any detriment to the hirds. Commercially, rape kept longer than 12 months was of the same value as rape that had not been kept so long.

He knew no way of telling the age of seed, but mentioned that seed merchants were in the hahit of putting seed which they desired to test into a little pot, to see how many of the grains would grow, in order to find out which was good and which was bad, for very old stuff would not sprout at all, consequently was useless. In the same way, old German rape seed would take longer to germinate than new on being soaked in water.

At the close of the discussion a very large collection of seeds Mr. Trower had on view was examined by three members present, and the samples seemed to meet with considerable approbation and favourable comment.

In Australia.

At the Newington Asylum, Parramatta, there is situated in the grounds a small cottage, which is used daily by inmates of the establishment. On one of the walls is a small switch used for an electric light. This has been disused for some time, and has been selected by a pair of Starlings as the foundation of their nest. At present there are two eggs in it, and the birds fly in and out of the room quite disregarding the doings of the inmates.

THE SHOWS.

SHIPLEY.

The Shipley Young Bird Show was held at the Victoria Hotel, Saltaire Road, on June 15th. The total number of entries was 70, this being a record for a first feather show in the district. The special for best bird in the show was won by Mr. Long's clear Buff, a bird with plenty of length, grand position, and well on leg. The best 3rd Yellow was won by Mr. H. Dobson; the best 3rd Buff by Mr. Grauge. Mr. W. A. Cowgill judged. Mr. Dobson, the Secretary, had the birds well staged by 2 o'clock, and all the tickets were on and the public admitted by 3.30. Many of the birds were much admired.

CL. YELL. YORKS (14): 1, c, Towers, well on leg, good wings and tail, full of quality, neat head, will make a good one; 2, hc, Hudson, well on leg, shade flat on head, fine flights and tail, grand carriage; 3, Dobson, good head, slim, well on leg; vhc, Marsden, long flight and tail, good stand. BUFF (9): 1, Long, well on leg, good wings and tail, full of quality, a beauty, winner of special for best in show; 2, Marsden, well on leg, long flights and tail, bit strong, yet full of quality; 3, Bradshaw, grand legs, also a shade strong, long flights, steady; vhc, Crosland; hc, Whitaker; c, Hudson; No. 7, Long, No. 9, Lowden, wrong class. TKD. BUFF (8): 1, Crosland, good wing, marked well on leg, long flight and neat tail; 3, Bradshaw, cheek ticked, well on leg, long flights and tail, full of quality; 3, Battye, ticked head and eye, stands well, fine flights and tail, very steady; vhc, Hudson; hc, Clegg. YELLOW (4): 1, Long, ticked on cheek, very steady, full of quality, neat wings, grand piped tail, even ticked; 2, Marsden, capped on head (a mark we do not like to see on a bird), stands well on leg, long flights and neat tail; 3, Bradshaw, thigh ticked, bit snaky, well on leg, very wild, should improve; vhc, Battye. UNEVEN MKD. YELL (6): 1, Towers, heavily marked, well on leg, long flights and tail, full of quality; 2, 3, Dobson, varieg., neat head, good wing carriage, nice tail, third unevenly marked, full of quality, well on leg, very wild; vhc, Grange. BUFF (1): 1, Stubbs, varieg., fairly smart one. CINN. MKD. YELL. (4): 1, 2, Dobson, eye and wing, type and quality, well on leg, good wings and tail, second eye, wings and head, well on leg, slim, full of quality; 3, Armstead, small, typical, very neat; vhc, Snowden. BUFF (8): 1, Fieldhouse, grizzled head, long, slim, full of quality, well on leg; 2, Grange, capped on head, cheek and wing, bit on the stout side; 3, Grange, eye and wings, ticked on head, good wings and tail, we liked; vhc, Stubbs; four birds in this class were "wrong classed." BRITISH (4): 1, Bradshaw, nice Greenfinch; 2, Dobson, Goldie; 3, Hudson, Linnet; vhc, Towers, Chaffinch.

LISKEARD.

The Royal Cornwall Fanciers' Association held its Annual Show at Addington, Liskeard, on June 12th and 13th, in very wet weather, which told considerably on the good collection of exhibits, which faced the judge, Mr. R. B. Tope (Plymouth), whose awards gave entire satisfaction. Some of the classes were very small, on account of the breeding season being in full swing; but the Finch, Mule and British classes were well represented, and competition was very keen. The quality of some of the exhibits was above the average, and well up in colour and feather. The winning Crest was a gem, being quite a baby, with a lovely crest and body, and no doubt will be heard of again. The special for best bird in show was captured by Mr. F. Collins with a smart, young, lightly-variegated Linnet Mule, a credit to its owner. In Messrs. May and Peter the society have a pair of most hard-working Secretaries, and they were assisted by a capable lot of stewards, who did their best to look after the welfare of the exhibits.

YORKS (4): 1, res., Pincombe, four-point Cinnamon Yell., good colour, neat head, tail and wings, res. nice length and style, not so good in wing carriage; 2, Lobb, tkd. head Yell., good length, nice position, spoilt a little in the wash; 3, Thomas, Buff, grand shape and style, only fault little too stout. NOR. YELL. (1): Veale, beautiful quality, good shape, well packed flights and tail, nice carriage, rich level colour. NOR. BUFF (1): Trevena, splendid colour, good-shaped body, good neck and back well mealed. NOR. TKD. (2): 1, spl., Trevena, Yell., neck marked, good colour and quality, neat tail and flights; 2, White, Yell., marked neck and wings, nice shaped body, good quality, nice head, flights and tail. C.B. (2): 1, 2, Symons, marked neck and wings, good skull, in grand feather, second good body and skull, bad condition. CREST (2): 1, spl., 2, Symons, even marked, dark crest and wings, nice frontal, good length and droop, a gem for a young bird, second variegated Green, good body, but not the crest of winner. A.O.V. (2): 1, 2, Biddick, two good Scotch, Yell. and Buff, not looking their best, being wet and cold under the canvas. GROUP (4): 1, spl., Gaved, Mules, three Buffs, one yellow, good group and well shown; 2, Symons, Crestbreds, will make good birds, very young as yet; 3, Pincombe, Yorkshires, fair birds; vhc, Thomas. GOLDFINCH MULE, LIGHT (13): 1, res., Collins, six-pointed Buff, grand eye and wing markings, splendid blaze and in good condition, res. four-pointed Buff, shade smaller, but good markings, well shown; 2, Gaved, another six-point Buff, smaller; 3, vhc, Browning, four-point Buff, good eye markings, nice size, colour and shape, in good condition; hc, Crowell; c, Watson; a grand class, best seen in the district for a long time. A.O.V. MULE OR HYBRID (6): 1, two spl., 3, res., Collins, young, lightly-variegated Linnet Mule, good size and colour, put up in rare fettle, sweet exhibit, third Goldie-Greenie, good size and colour, splendid wing bars, res. Goldie-Bullie, wants a moult, will make a good one; 2, Browning, splendid Linnet-Bullie, grand colour on breast, extending well over thighs; hc, Hove. GOLDFINCH, CAGE-MOULTED (11): 1, Thomson, good blaze, bars and buttons, very steady and well shown, well tanned chest; 2, White, nice bright blaze, very expansive and rich tanning, good buttons and bars, equal to first; 3, Brewer, good face, buttons and bars, nice body colour; res., Vincent, nice wings and buttons, good size, well placed; vhc, Browning; hc, Gaved, c, Adams. PAIR (2): 1, Symons, Crest and Crestbred, good even-marked crest and variegated Crestbred, rare skull and lashing; 2, Biddick, Scotch, grand shoulders, carries tail well under perch, looking very cold. BRIT., LARGE (4): 1, spl., 2, res., Thomson, Cornish Chough, in new hands, grand beak and leg colour, lovely sheen, late Tickell and Son, second Waxwing, splendid colour, beautiful feather, clean cut bib, well shown, res., Redwing, very wild; 3, Whitford, Thrush, chest well spotted, very steady. SMALL (9): 1, 3, Thomson, Nightingale, good colour and condition, well staged, third Treecreeper, grand markings, in good condition, fell dead after judging; 2, Collins, Snow Bunting, large, good colour, very steady, well placed; res., Hicks, black-legged Goldie, grand blaze, good buttons and bars, nice body colour; vhc, Arthur; hc, c, Rowe and Hancock. FOREIGN (4): 1, Tarratt, Indian Shama, good colour, nice tail, in good condition; 2, Davies, King Parrakeet, good colour and feather, wins well; 3, Feltham, Grass Finches, very taking little birds, show them in a better cage, Mr. F.; res., Lee, Cockatoo, good colour, nice head, good condition.

CAPE TOWN.

The first Members' Show organised by the Cape Town Canary and Cage Bird Society was held on May 24th and 25th in the Oddfellows' Hall. The society has only been in existence about seven months, and has on its roll 28 members. The first effort was, on the whole, of a creditable kind. Some score members sent over 200 birds for competition in 104 classes, covering practically all kinds of cage birds. The best represented classes were the Yorkshires and Norwich, though even in these sections a few classes had to be cancelled for want of entries. In the young Colonial bird section strong competition was witnessed among the Yorkshires and Norwich. In addition to the ordinary prizes, two silver cups, twelve medals, two Canaries and a quantity of seed were offered as special prizes. Mr. Lawrence's cup for the best young Crested Norwich was awarded to Mr. J. Templer, who also had the distinction of carrying off Messrs. Stranach and Son's cup for the best pair of Canaries matched for breeding. The prize list is subjoined:—

DUTCH FRILLS: 1, Templer; 2, Lawrence. HEN: 1, Templer; 2, 3, Lawrence. YORKS., CL.: 1, 3, du Toit; 2, Walker. HEN: 1, Templer; 2, Carrick. TKD., ETC.: 1, Mrs. Bartlett; 2, Templer; 3, Carrick. GREEN HEN: 1, du Toit. LANCASHIRE COPPY: 1, Templer. HEN: 1, Templer. LANCASHIRE, PLAINHEAD: 1, Templer. HEN: 1, Templer. NOR., YELL.: 1, Lawrence; 2, Stevens; 3, Lawrence. HEN: 1, 3, Lawrence; 2, Templer. BUFF: 1, Templer. HEN: 1, Templer; 2, du Toit; 3, Mrs. Bartlett. TKD., ETC.: 1, Templer; 2, du Toit; 3, Lawrence. HEN: 1, 2, 3, Lawrence. GREEN: 1, Lawrence, 2, du Toit. HEN: 1, 2, 3, Lawrence. DARK CREST: 1, Templer; 2, Lawrenee. HEN: 1, Templer; 2, du Toit; 3, Carrick. LIGHT CREST: 1, Templer; 2, Lawrence. HEN: 1, Mrs. Bartlett; 2, Carrick. CL. CRESTBRED: 1, 2, du Toit; 3, Templer. HEN: 1, Templer; 2, du Toit. A.O.C. COCK: 1, Templer; 2, Carrick; 3, Lawrence. HEN: 1, Templer; 2, Carrick. CINN.: 1, Templer. HEN: 1, Templer. COMMON: 1, 2, Mrs. Bartlett. HEN: 1, Thelwall. SELLING, 40s.: 1, 3, du Toit; 2, Lawrence. BULLFINCH: 1, White; 2, 3, Lawrence. GOLDFINCH: 1, White; 2, Templer; 3, Mrs. Clarke. GREENFINCH: 1, White; 2, McIntyre. HEN: 1, McIntyre. LINNET: 1, McIntyre. HEN: 1, 2, McIntyre. A.OV. SMALL BRIT. SEED-EATING: 1, Markham, junr.; 2, 3, McIntyre. BLACKBIRD OR THRUSH: 1, 2, 3, Stevens. LIGHT: 1, 2, 3, Templer. DARK: 1, 2, 3, Templer. CAPE CANARY, BERG CANARY, OR PEITZE CANARY, OR SAYSER AND CANARY MULE: 1, 3, Templer; 2, du Toit. CARDINALS: 1, 2, Markham, junr. PAIRS, DUTCH FRILLS: 1, Templer; 2, 3, Lawrence. LIZARDS: 1, 2, Templer; 3, Mrs. Clarke. CINNAMONS: 1, 2, Templer. LANCS.: 1, Templer. YORKS.: 1, Templer. NOR.: 1, du Toit; 2, Carrick; 3, Walters. CREST BREEDING: 1, cup, Templer; 2, du Toit. SELLING, 80s.: 1, du Toit. COLLECTION OF SMALL FOREIGN BIRDS (not less than eight birds, four varieties): 1, de Villiers. COLLECTION OF S.A. SEED-EATING BIRDS (not less than eight birds, four varieties): 1, McIntyre; 2, Markham, junr.; 3, de Villiers. YOUNG BIRDS, COLONIAL BRED (Season 1906-7). YORKS.: 1, Templer; 2, Walker, 3, Carrick. A.O.C.: 1, 2, 3, Walker. NOR., CL.: 1, Templer; 2, 3, du Toit. A.O.C.: 1, 3, du Toit; 2, Lawrence. CL. BODY, DARK CREST: 1, du Toit. LIGHT CREST: 1, Templer; 2, Carrick. A.O.C.: 1, cup, Templer; 2, 3, du Toit. CRESTBRED: 1, Templer. A.O.C. CRESTBRED: 1, Templer; 2, Stevens; 3, du Toit. LANCS. COPPY: 1, Templer. PLAINHEAD: 1, Templer.

SINGING CONTESTS.

ACCRINGTON.

A Lark singing took place at the Welcome Inn on Saturday, June 15th. There were eleven entries to compete for the four prizes, which were given for best singing, ten minutes hanging. The following were the winners:—Jackson, 6.41; Sanderson, 5.28; Hargreaves, 4.47; Greenwood, 4.47. The singing did not come up to expectation, on account of the weather being so very dull and wet.—A. KNOWLES, Sec.

[Please write on one side of the paper only.—ED.]

LEEDS.

Contest held at Skinner's Arms, Buslingthorpe, June 15th. Sixteen birds competed for three prizes. There was a good number present, and the birds sang well, everyone being satisfied with the result. Mr. J. Clark's bird ran like a German Canary, and it would have taken a fair good Linnet to beat it. 1st, Clark; 2nd, Galley; 3rd, Neat.—F. RAPER, Sec.

Grand Linnet contest, June 15th, at King's Head. Seventeen birds sang for three prizes, given by Mr. J. Booth, before a crowded company. 1st, Hardcastle; 2nd and 3rd, shared by F. Galley and D. Clegg. June 16th, twenty-four birds sang in heats. 1st, Hardcastle; 2nd, Crowther; 3rd, Mawson; 4th, Fisher. Judges, C. Cooper and J. Melia.—T. SUMMERS, Hon. Sec.

The Prince Albert L.A. met June 15th to compete for three prizes, given by Mr. J. R. Saynor. There was a good attendance of visitors to hear the birds sing, quality singing only. Mr. Allen judged the birds to the satisfaction of all present. Fifteen previous winning birds competed. 1st, 2nd, Whitfield; 3rd, divided between Dean and Binner.—E. WOOD, Hon Sec.

CROOK AND DIS. C.B.S.

Linnet Singing Contest at Love's Hotel on June 15th. Fourteen birds entered for the four prizes. 1st, 2nd, 3rd, Cuthbertson; 4th, Wilson. A most pleasant afternoon was spent. Judge, Mr. Geo. Reed. Timekeeper, Mr. J. J. Bright. Book-keeper, Mr. W. Fairless.—WM. RUTHERFORD, Sec.

SHEFFIELD.

There was a Linnet singing contest at the Don Inn, Carbrook, on June 16th. Twenty-three birds competed for three prizes. There was a large company present, and some good singing was heard. 1st, Vyner; 2nd, Robinson; 3rd, Wilson. Judges, Messrs. Blackadder and Gregory.

At the New Inn, Duke-street, Park, on June 16th, ten birds sang for three prizes. There was a fair attendance, and the judges were Messrs. H. Spottiswoode and J. Wragg. The points scored were:—Fowlstone, 97; Darkey, 60; Fowlstone, 56.

At the Old Britannia, Attercliffe, on June 16th, ten birds sang for three prizes. There was a good company present, and the singing was much enjoyed. The winners were:—Robinson, 73; Biggin, 60; Biggin, 57. Judges, Messrs. Bollington and Watson.

BLACKBURN.

Blackburn Linnet S.A. held their consolation contest June 15th, at the Old Red Lion. Seventeen birds competed for eleven prizes, given by Messrs. R. Topping, W. H. Topping, J. Dobson, G. Rostron, R. Leeming, C. McGreevey, H. Christopherson, J. Walsh, and three given by the society. The winners were:—1st, Marsden; 2nd, Place; 3rd, Harrison; 4th, Blackshaw; 5th, Leeming; 6th, Hayhurst; 7th, Fender; 8th, Blackshaw; 9th, Halliday; 10th, Sargent; 11th, Gray. There were six other prizes, given by Mr. D. Bentley, of Great Harwood, for the birds which sung but did not secure a prize.—R. HAYHURST, Sec.

Next All England singing contest for quality will take place next Saturday, June 22nd, at the Vauxhall Inn, Witton, Blackburn, singing to commence at two o'clock. Entrance, 1/- per bird; 1st prize value 15/-, and a number of other prizes.—FRED HOWSON, Proprietor; RD. HAYHURST, Sec.—Advt.

REVIEWS OF SCHEDULES.

Wimbledon First Feather Show.—July 1st. Judge, Mr. J. Robson; 16 classes:—Norwich and Yorks, two each for champions, amateurs and novices, and four members. Prizes on sliding scale. Entries close June 26th, to Mr. W. H. Colman, 40, The Broadway, Wimbledon.

Queen's Park First Feather Show.—June 27th; judge, Mr. J. Robson; 31 classes:—Crests, Yorks., two each for novices, amateurs and champions; Cinns., Lizards, one each, same sections; Mules and Brit., six; selling, one. Entry fee, 1s. Prizes on sliding scale. Entries close June 22nd, to Mr. J. C. Birch, 68, Ashburnham Road, Willesden, N.W.

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June 22.—L.C.B.A.
June 22.—Bradford (West) C.B.A.
June 25.—City of Wakefield O.S.
June 26.—Metropolitan A.C.M.H.B.
June 26.—Loughboro' C.B.A.
June 29.—Darlington C. and B.B.F.A.
June 29.—Littleborough C.B.S.
June 29.—North London C.B.A.
June 29.—Pendleton and Salford C.B.S.
June 29.—Potteries C.B.A. and Crewe O.S.
June 29.—Sheffield C.B.S.
June 29.—Rotherham C.B.S.
June 29.—City of Dundee.
June 29.—Wigan C.B.S.
June 29.—Cheltenham C.B.S.
June 29.—Accrington C.B.S.
June 29.—Crook (Original) C.B.S.
June 29.—Bolton and Dis. P.C.B.S.
July 1.—Wimbledon C.B.S.
July 3.—Bristol C.B.S.
July 3.—Chester.
July 3.—Battersea and Dis. C.B.S.
July 4.—Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.
July 4.—Stockton.
July 6.—Admiral Duncan (Notts) O.S.
July 6.—Hanley C.B.S.
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July 6.—Tamworth C.B.S.
July 6.—Garston B.B.A.
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July 6.—Wellingboro' C.B.S.
July 6.—Rochdale O.C.
July 6.—Attercliffe.
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July 10.—Luton C.B.S.
July 10.—S. and N. Shields C.B.S.
July 10.—Southend-on-Sea.
July 10.—Bournemouth C.B.A.
July 11.—Greenwich and Deptford C.B.S.
July 12.—Cumberland Yorkshire C.C.
July 13.—Hull C.B.S.
July 13.—Walthamstow F.A.
July 13.—Middlesbro' C.B.S.
July 13.—West London F.A.
July 13.—Leek C.B.S.
July 13.—Bolton O. and R.C.S.
July 13.—Hartlepools C.B.S.
July 13.—L.C.A.C.B.
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July 13.—Macclesfield C.B.S.
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July 13.—Suffolk C.B.S.
July 13.—Wolverhampton C.B.S.
July 13.—Barrow C.B.A.

LEEDS FANCIERS AT MONK FRYSTON.

Saturday, June 15th, was a wet day, naturally, for were we not due at the aviaries at Monk Fryston? But, having received the kind permission of the owner, the Rev. Mr. Hemsworth, we turned up at the station 20 strong, and set out with light hearts, notwithstanding the wet. Arriving at South Milford we trudged the two miles, through rain and mud, only once stopping, some of the party having got interested in a Black Bull. When we reached Monk-Fryston Hall, where the aviaries are situated, we found Mr. Levitt, who has charge of the birds, etc., waiting for us. The aviaries consist of 67 outdoor pens, containing about 200 birds and animals. There is also an indoor aviary containing about 50 birds. The best thanks of the party are due to Mr. Levitt for the manner in which he explained everything. It was an eye-opener to us to see the Foreign birds out in the rain. Mr. Levitt told us some of them, although wooden hut arrangements for shelter were provided in each pen, had not been under shelter for five or six years. They never used the hut. Pen No. 6 contained a fine white-tailed Sea Eagle, who treated us with contempt, and did not deign to look at us. Pen 19, among other birds, some Bleeding Heart Pigeons, looking for all the world as if they had been shot in the breast. Pens 20 and 21 full of monkeys, where our party grouped for some time. We must have been as interesting to the monkeys as they were to us. Pen 22 black and white Ruffled Lemurs. They are rightly named. They got very ruffled, and screamed something awful. Pen 23, Demoiselle Crane, standing well on legs, showing plenty of thigh, will stand high in any company. Pen 26, white Jackdaw, did not care much for the rain. Pen 44, Rock Peplers, bred in the aviary, and I suppose the first bred in England. Pen 56, a fine specimen Salmon-crested Cockatoo. They must have been singing "Little wooden hut" to him. He certainly had not left it for anybody. He had pulled it all to bits. To describe the whole place would fill this week's issue. Among the birds were Red and Gold, Blue and Yellow and Military Macaws, Port Lincoln Parrakeets, Laughing Jackals, Paradise Whydahs, Saffron, Zebra and other Finches, Orange Bishops, Mocking Birds, etc., all in outdoor aviaries. It is a splendid place, and well worth a visit. Permission is granted by the Rev. Hemsworth to parties, and tea can be had in the concert room in the park. We sat down to tea about 5.30, and soon there was a pile of empty plates. All the colour-food eaten up splendidly. There will be a fine blaze of colour when they have finished moulting, if Saturday's tea was a sample of what Leeds fanciers can do in the eating line. Home again at 7.22. Wait! I hear the singers of the party got lost, and did not arrive till eleven. All the party enjoyed themselves, and cried encore. I think we shall repeat the performance in August.

C. R. STEPHENSON.

JUDGES OF CAGE BIRDS.

The attention of Show Secretaries is directed to the following list of gentlemen willing to act as Judges. Terms for insertion on application.

H. W. AXE, 55, Market Place, Doncaster. Judge of Canaries and other Cage Birds. Practical experience (Norwich and British speciality).
W. O BARLOW, The Aviaries, Malpas, Cheshire. Judge of Canaries, British Birds and Mules. Terms moderate.
J. C. BARNES, 149, Duncombe Street, Walkley, Sheffield. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Long practical experience. Terms moderate.
W. P. BARNES, Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Life practical experience. Breeder and exhibitor. Reporter for Fancy Press. Commercial Road, Grantham.
GEO. BENNETT, 46, Wenlock Street, Luton, Beds. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Thirty years' experience. Terms moderate.
J. BERTIE, 7, Mitchell-st., Nottingham, Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds; all classes; 30 years' practical experience.
W. A. COWGILL, 115, Washington Street, Girlington, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Over 25 years' practical experience. Terms moderate.
A. G. DAVIS, Judge of all Classes of Cage Birds. Long practical experience. Terms moderate. 110, Tib Street, Manchester.
J. DOBSON, 14, East Road, London, N. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds.
J. W. DRIVER, (Admitt & Driver), Gladstone Street, South Normanton, Alfreton. Judge of Cage Birds.
GEO. GARDNER, 11, Haverstock Road, London, N W. Judge of all kinds of Cage Birds.
C. A. HOUSE, 82, Upper Walthamstow Road, Walthamstow. Judge of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds.
E. A. LOVELL, 19, Islington Road, Southville, Bristol. Judge of Cage Birds (all varieties). Life experience.
F. MARWOOD, 1, Barnard Street, Thornaby-on-Tees, Mules, British and Foreign, a Speciality. 17 years exhibitor. Terms moderate.
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BATTERSEA and Dis. C.B.A. 2nd Annual Open and Members' Young Bird Show, **Wed., July 3rd.** (Entries close June 24th). "Duchess of Devonshire," Lavender Road, Clapham Junction. J. ROBSON, Judge. Schedules and any information, F. Easterling, 5, St. Mark's Road, Fulham Road, S.W.

WIGAN and District Cage Bird Society. The Tenth Annual Show of **Canaries and Mules** (in their nest feathers) **and British Birds,** will be held at THE ADELPHI INN, Harrogate St., WIGAN, **On Saturday, June 29th, 1907.** Prizes 10/-, 5/-, and 3/-. **SCHEDULES NOW READY.** W. RIDGE, 55, Poolstock, Wigan, Hon. Secretary.

QUEEN'S PARK and District C.B.A. Members' First Feather Show at the WINDSOR CASTLE HOTEL, Harrow Road, W., **Thursday, June 27th,** 2 to 10 p.m. Judge:—J. Robson, Esq.

South-West London C.B.S. Young Bird Show, **Saturday, June 22nd, 1907, at Plough Hotel,** near Clapham Junction. Exhibits to be in Show by 3 o'clock.—W. LILLEY, Hon. Sec.

Two Pounds Reward.

On Sunday last (the 16th inst.), writes Miss L. M. Medland (Luxborough House, Northumberland Street, London, W.), I had the misfortune to lose my Greater Spotted Woodpecker, which had been in my possession about a year. Knowing that CAGE BIRDS has such a wide circulation, I am advertising a reward of £2 for its return, hoping it will meet the eye of someone who may be fortunate enough to get the bird; but I doubt very much if he will ever be seen again. He may be easily recognised by one broken toe.

The Leigh and Dis. C.B.S. intend to hold an open £5 Limit Show, date not yet definitely chosen; and also to join the Cage Bird Union on an early date.—A. PARKS, Sec.

I am pleased to inform you that at the meeting of the Downend and Dis. F.S., held last Thursday, it was decided to join the Cage Bird Union for the coming show to be held on August 6th.—F. NORRIS, Sec. Cage Bird section.

Have had such numerous applications re my Tanagers. Thanking you, and complimenting you yet again on such an admirable Fancy paper as CAGE BIRDS—"the hobbyists' ideal,"—O. MILLSUM, Swindon.

The two judges appointed at Earlston, N.B., Show on November 30th, 1907, are Mr. W. C. Duncan, Coldstream (Borders), and Mr. Goodfellow, Edinburgh (British), writes Mr. John Brockie (Sec.).

Hitherto, writes Mr. Gartbwaite, of Grimsby, I have had to decline wholesale orders for "Lifebelt" food. I have now increased my facilities for rapid production, and am prepared to execute wholesale orders. It is selling famously.

The quarterly balance-sheet of the Queen's Park C.B.A. shows the cash in hand to be £3 8s. 6½d., thus things are still going along merrily in the right direction. The Secretary is Mr. J. C. Birch, 68, Ashburnham Road, Willesden.

At the Middlesborough and Teeside C.B.S. Annual Show, on October 26th next, Mr. W. Mundell will judge Canaries, and Mr. F. Marwood British birds, writes Mr. A. Wake, the Sec. The Young Bird Show is fixed for July 13th.

At a meeting held at Mutton's Hotel, High Street, Redhill, on the 10th inst., writes Mr. A. W. Bacon, the Hon. Sec., it was decided to hold the Reigate F.A. Young Bird Show on July 8th at this hotel; judge, Mr. J. Robson. Entries close June 29th; birds to be at show by 6 p.m. Show will open 7 to 10 p.m. Members are strongly urged to help us.

Fanciers and others in need of new cages should send a postcard to Mr. J. A. Reece, Jockey Wire Works, Colston Street Yard, Bristol, who has just issued a new list of cages suitable for Canaries, British and Foreign cage birds. The cages are fully and clearly described, the list is splendidly illustrated, and the prices quoted are most reasonable.

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"Bird Notes" for June is to hand, and a very interesting number it is. The frontispiece is a plate of four Finches, illustrating an article by Mr. Wesley T. Page on "The Genus Spermophila." Mr. Hopkinson writes entertainingly on "The Amethyst Starling," whilst Dr. Snell's contribution, "Some Birdy Rambles in Europe," reveals the contributor as one who possesses a keen eye for the beauties of Nature, and is gifted with a facile pen. Not the least interesting of good things is Mr. Goodchild's article on the Zoo's recent receipt of a consignment of Humming Birds, whilst Mr. D. Dewar writes learnedly on "Aviculture and Zoological Theory."

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More News.

Last week we spoke of the accuracy (?) of the information on birds given readers by certain of the lay press. Here is a further sample from one of the papers of the "Chat" description:—The best time for mating is when the head of the Goldfinch loses every trace of black and takes on a beautiful transparent pink and white colour.

The Rare Merlin.

Breconshire, it is said, possesses two records of a Merlin's nest—one taken on the Grouse Hill at Wauntika in June, 1838. On May 22nd, 1903, Mr. Bond, an ornithologist of great repute, visited the locality and succeeded in finding a nest containing three eggs. The discovery was all the more interesting as the Merlins had taken possession of a Crow's deserted home, which is a thing of extremely rare occurrence, as this pretty Falcon usually lays her eggs in a scratching in tall heather.

Mr. J. S. Clarke will judge the Young Bird Show of the Civil Service F.A. on July 16th.

Barrow C.B.S. Show will be held December 13th and 14th. Mr. A. Wellings will judge.

Newark Show will be held on Thursday, November 21st.—S. C. WILKINS, Sec.

Mr. J. Simon has been appointed Secretary of the Llanelly and District C.B.S., and all communications respecting the same should be addressed to him at 12, Tyrfran, Llanelly.

The consignment of birds which I sent to Scranton, U.S.A., in January, arrived safely, are all doing well, and breeding prolifically. They have given such satisfaction that I have a repeat order from the same gentleman, to be despatched by the end of this month.—W. ORIEL, Blaina, Mon.

Very practical and workable are the rules of the West of Scotland Norwich, Border Fancy, etc., Association. From the card which has been sent to us we note that there are no less than six silver cups in competition for the members. The Secretary is Mr. George Smart, Carmye, Glasgow, who will be pleased to give information to intending members.

The First Feather and British Bird Show of the Walthamstow F.A. is fixed for July 13th. It was decided at our annual meeting to have a separate secretary for the cage bird section. Being assistant sec. and a cage bird man, I have been appointed to that office. Our chairman, Mr. J. S. Clarke, is, as you know, also a cage bird man, and we have a very capable and energetic cage bird committee. Cage bird fanciers may, therefore, rely on getting every attention from the W.F.A.—ALBERT B. FORSE, Hon. Cage Bird Sec.

In the Air.

If all the rumours at present floating about have even a tittle of truth behind them, there would seem to be highly interesting developments ahead with regard to the case of the disqualified Green Canaries at the last great National Crystal Palace Show. There is promise of work for the legal fraternity.

Hoopoe seen near London.

A Hoopoe, that rare visitor to the British Isles, was (according to the "Standard") observed in the Alexandra Recreation Ground, Penge, on Sunday last, June 16th. This bird has only occasionally been known to breed in England, having the misfortune to belong to the "shot on sight" brigade.

A Change at Cockermouth.

Owing to pressure of private business, writes Mr. Oglethorpe, Mr. R. Litt, the Secretary of the Cockermouth and Dis. F.C., has been compelled to resign the office of Secretary. Some difficulty was experienced in securing a successor, but eventually the Chairman, Mr. Geo. Oglethorpe (Lorton, Cockermouth) offered his services as correspondent until the time of the show, when other arrangements will necessarily be made, as Mr. Oglethorpe resides some considerable distance from town. Mr. Tiffin kindly undertook the duties of Minute Secretary. Cockermouth Show will again be held in the Old Tweed Mill, one of the finest rooms in the North, on December 6th and 7th.

The Yorkshire Union.

A meeting of the Council was held at Bradford, June 15th, Mr. Battye in the chair. Mr. Greaves, Vice-President, was also present. Twenty-two societies were represented. The tender from Mr. Geo. Hargreaves, Eccleshill, for the supply of the uniform perches for show cages, at one penny per set of three, was accepted, and all orders may be sent to him. It has proved beneficial in the past for secretaries of societies to order a quantity for distribution amongst their members, thus saving considerable correspondence and expense. The teapot (value 30s.) and two medals, offered by Mr. J. W. Ramsden, for competition amongst the members of the Union, were accepted with thanks. Eighteen societies have expressed their intention of holding open winter shows, and the dates and judges were drawn by ballot. These will be sent on for publication as soon as replies have been received from the judges, probably for next issue. The tender from the office of "Fur and Feather," for the printing of 1,200 Union handbooks, was accepted. It was agreed to issue the folding cage label to societies in the Union, for use at members' shows, charge of 6d. per 100. In accordance with rule, a sub-committee of seven was appointed to transact any urgent business not of such importance as to demand the calling together of the whole Council. Messrs. R. Sutcliffe, T. Ogden, J. Townend, J. E. Clark, E. Padgett, H. Simonett and T. Clegg form this sub-committee. The thanks of the Council were heartily tendered to Mr. W. H. Shackleton for his generous gift of a 50-guinea challenge trophy, as reported in your issue of May 11th. As a tribute of their high esteem and deep respect for the donor, the members of the Council decided that this trophy, formerly called "The Yorkshire Amalgamation Challenge Trophy," should in future be known as "The W. H. Shackleton Challenge Trophy."—FRED HAMMOND, Hon. Sec.

SHOW DATES FIXED.

To secure insertion in this column a guarantee that the show will be advertised in "C.B." to the extent of at least 25/- must be sent to our manager.

* Under the Rules of the C.B. Union.

*Oct. 4 and 5.—**Burnley** (J.H.R.)
*Oct. 10.—**Peterborough C.B.A.**
*Oct. 11 and 12.—**Great Harwood** (J.P.H., D.B.)
Oct 12.—**Broughty Ferry C.B.S.** (J.K., W.W., C.C., P.P.)
Oct 12.—**The Original Crook C.B.S.** (H.W.B.)
*Oct. 16.—**Exeter & Devon P.P. & C.B.S.** (J.H.P.)
Oct. 16—**Leek C.B.S.**
*Oct. 16 and 17.—**Grimsby & Dis. C.B.S.** (J.C.B.)
*Oct. 16 and 17.—**Hayle & District F.A.** (J.H.R.)
*Oct. 17 and 18.—**Dulwich and Peckham** (J.R., G.E.W., W.V.)
*Oct. 18 and 19.—**Rochdale O.C.** (C.A.H. & W.M.)
*Oct. 18 & 19.—**Newcastle** (T.H., J.C.B., C.H., J.P.)
Oct. 18 and 19.—**Accrington & Dis.** (J.R., J.W.)
Oct. 18 and 19.—**City of Glasgow O.S.**
*Oct. 22 and 23.—**Plymouth** (C.A.H., J.R., G.E.W.)
*Oct. 23 & 24.—**Potteries and Dis. C.B.A.** (W.V.)
Oct. 25 & 26.—**Chesterfield & Dis. F.A.** (J.C.B)
*Oct. 25 and 26.—**Manchester and N.C. O.S.**
*Oct. 25 and 26.—**S. Shields C.B.S.** (H.W.B., F.M.)
*Oct. 26.—**Middlesborough C.B.S.** (W.M , F.M.)
*Oct. 26.—**Coventry O.S.** (J.H.R.)
Oct. 26.—**Dysart.** (J.H., J.F., J.G.)
*Oct. 26 & 28.—**Cheltenham C.B.S.** (J.H.P., J.R.)
*Oct. 30.—**Morecambe F.A.**
Oct. 30.—**Torbay O.S., Paignton** (J.H.P.)
*Oct. 30 and 31—**Gloucester C.B.S.**
*Oct. 30 & 31.—**Welsh Nation'l** (G.E.W., J.N., J.B.E.
*Oct. 30 and 31.—**Wellingborough** (W.V., J.G.)
*Oct 30 and 31.—**Wolverhampton C.B.S.** (J.R.)
Oct. 31.—**Oswestry F. & F.A.** (C.H.)
*Nov 1 and 2.—**Mansfield** (J.C.B., J.R.)
*Nov. 1 & 2.—**Blackburn C.B.S.** (J.H.R., J.W.)
*Nov. 1 and 2.—**Blaydon C.B.S.** (J.R., J.T.)
*Nov. 2.—**Rochdale Good Intent** (H.W.B., R.B.)
Nov. 2.—**Darlington C. & B.B.F.A.** (W.M.)
*Nov. 2.—**Bramley O.S. (Leeds)** (J.C.B., J.B.)
*Nov. 2.—**Cleator Moor F.S.** (C.H. & A.H.)
*Nov. 2 and 3.—**Leicester Hand in Hand C.B.S.**
*Nov. 2 and 4.—**Norwich Alliance** (W.E.G., J.R., W.W.F., A.W.)
*Nov. 5 and 6.—**York C.B.S.** (J.H.R., H.W.B.)
Nov. 6 and 7.—**Portsmouth.** (A.H.)
*Nov. 6 & 7.—**Swansea** (T.H.M., J.P., D.H.T., J.H.J.,
*Nov. 7 and 8.—**Greenwich** (J.R., J.D.)
*Nov. 8 and 9.—**Preston O.S.** (J.C.B., P.R.)
*Nov. 8 and 9.—**Hinckley** (J.R.)
*Nov. 8 and 9.—**Sheffield Dis. C.B.S.** (A.A., W.V.)
*Nov. 8 and 9.—**Wallsend** (W.P.B., W.M., J.W.B.)
*Nov. 8 and 9.—**Warrington C.B.S.** (C.H., A.H.)
Nov. 9.—**Kirkcaldy C.B.S.**
*Nov. 9.—**Bo'ness.**
*Nov. 9.—**Stockton-on-Tees** (J.B., J.S., J.M.)
*Nov. 12.—**Cambridge C.B.S.** (J.R., J.F.H.)
*Nov. 12 & 13.—**City of Wakefield O.S.** (J.C.B.)
*Nov. 13.—**Luton** (J.R., J.F.)
*Nov. 14.—**Merthyr Tydfil** (J.H.P.)
*Nov. 15 and 16.—**Blackpool** (J.H.R.)
*Nov. 15 and 16.—**Leeds** (J.R., H.W.B., A.R., J.N.)
Nov. 15 and 16.—**Whitehaven** (S.H., C.H., J.H.)
Nov. 15 and 16.—**Glasgow & West of Scotland**
Nov. 16.—**Consett.**
Nov. 16.—**Galashiels** (J.D., G.F., W.H., J.W.B
*Nov. 16.—**Morpeth** (W.V., J.P.)
*Nov. 16 & 18.—**Nottingham** (J.H.P., W.E.G., C.H.)
Nov. 19 & 20.—**Hastings United C.B.S.** (J.H.P.)
Nov. 19 and 20.—**Southend-on-Sea.**
Nov. 20.—**Inverness O.A.**
Nov. 20and 21.—**Margate** (J.R.)
*Nov. 20 & 21—**Northampton Good Intent C.S**
*Nov. 20 and 21.—**Bristol C.B.S.** (C.A.H., H.N.)
*Nov. 21.—**Morriston & District C.B.S.**
*Nov. 22 and 23.—**Bolton O. & R.C.S.** (J.T.)
*Nov. 22 and 23.—**Hull** (J.C.B., C.H.)
*Nov. 22 and 23.—**Sunderland.** (J.S.)
Nov. 23—**Perth** (J.S., M.McL., G.F.A., D.C., J.P.,
*Nov. 26 and 27.—**Bournemouth C.B.S.** (T.H.)
*Nov. 26 and 27.—**Derby** (J.B. J.R., J.H.R., J.H.S.)
*Nov. 27 and 28.—**Cardiff** (J.H.P. & J.R.)
Nov. 28 and 29.—**Woolwich F.S.** (G.G.)
Nov. 28 and 29.—**Y.C.C. of Ireland** (H.W.B.)
Nov. 29 & 30.—**Jarrow & Dis. C.B.F.S.** (J.H.P.)
Nov. 30.—**City of Dundee** (A.C., J.A., J.C., A.C.)
Nov. 30.—**Darlington C.B.S.**
Nov. 30—**Eccles & District C.B.S.**
Dec. 3.—**Diss C.B.S.** (J.R.)
*Dec. 4 and 5.—**Bristol F.A.** (J.H.P., T.H.)
Dec. 4 and 5.—**Weybridge & Dis. F.S.** (J.R.)
Dec. 5—**Haverfordwest.**
*Dec. 6 and 7.—**Cockermouth F.C.**
Dec. 6 and 7.—**Hartlepools C.B.S.** (H.W.B., J.M.)
Dec. 6 and 7.—**Rotherham C.B.S.**
Dec. 6 and 7.—**L.C.B.A. (Westminster).**
Dec. 6 and 7.—**Ulster O.S.**
Dec. 6 and 7.—**Wigan C.B.S.** (J.T.)
Dec. 7.—**Cupar** (E.G.W., J. McL., H.B., P. McQ.)
Dec. 7.—**Kilmarnock C.B.F.S.**
*Dec. 7 and 9—**Ilkeston O.S.** (C.H., R.R., J.H.R.)
Dec. 11—**Reading C.B.S.** (J.R.)
Dec. 12.—**Porth C.B.F.S.** (J.H.P., J.B.E.)
Dec. 13 and 14.—**Barrow C.B.S.** (A.W.)
Dec. 13 and 14.—**Edinburgh O.O.S.**
*Dec. 13 and 14.—**Gateshead** (W.V., G.G., J.R., J.S.W., G.E.W.)
*Dec. 13 and 14.—**Pendleton** (H.W.B., W.B.)
Dec. 14.—**Harrogate C.B.S.** (H.W.B.)
Dec. 14.—**Whitburn & Dis. C.B.S.** (J.F.D., J.K.)
Dec. 14.—**Hamilton Cadzow Oaks O.S.**
*Dec. 21.—**Seaham Harbour C.B.A.** (H.W.B.)
Jan. 1 and 2, 1908.—**Scottish National C.B.S.**
Jan. 1 and 2.—**Dunfermline & West Fife O.S.**
Jan, 8 and 9.—**Wimbledon C.B.S.**
Jan. 14—**Llanelly C.B.S.**
*Jan. 31.— Feb. 1, 3 & 4.—**Great National (Crystal Palace) Show**

(Secretaries desiring the initials of their Judges inserted, should forward same on at once.)

An Honour.

The subjects engraved on the four new cups of the Sheffield Cage Bird Society—a Yorkshire, Norwich, Crest and Linnet—have been taken from plates issued by CAGE BIRDS. The cups are to be on view at the Nest Feather Show, Montgomery Hall, on June 29th.—T. BISHOP, Sec.

Southern Yorkshire C.C.

At a committee meeting of the S.Y.C.C., held June 17th, we are informed by Mr. R. L. Crisp, the President, that the resignation of the Hon. Secretary, Mr. R. P. Broome, was considered and accepted with great regret. The second in the voting at the recent general election, Mr. J. W. Rennie, will take up the vacant office. Mr. Rennie's positions as auditor and London committeeman will be filled up respectively by Miss A. B. Craddock and Mr. W. Maybank, who came next in the voting for these offices. Mr. Gladwin presented the club with a handsome silver cup for competition amongst the members.

SCOTTISH NOTES.

By St. Bride.

Ups and Downs of the Breeding Season.

The breeding season up to 15th June has been the most memorable on record for non-success in breeding Canaries, only three fanciers in my wide circle having reason to be pleased with the return for their labours. One of them is so situated that he can look in upon his stock at any moment of the day, his business being close at hand, which gives him a great advantage. He has a very valuable stock, and he has already got as many young birds as would satisfy the average breeder for a whole year's breeding. Another whose heart has been made glad has been very fortunate. He has an excellent strain, and they are well up in size. The third, though he has not done quite so well, has every reason to be proud of his progress and stock, and the outlook is bright. I wish these gentlemen and any others unknown to me who are doing well every success. They are all required. Indeed there is every prospect of Scotch Fancy Canaries being at a premium in price.

On the other hand disappointments are manifold. A, who has been a successful breeder for over a quarter of a century, has four young birds; his common lot at the corresponding date used to be 30 or 40; B has ten, which is not so bad, but he figured in years gone by very well; C has eight, and they are made up of odd birds here and there. In such a case the same results can never be attained as when full nests are reared. However, in these days fanciers have to be thankful for small mercies. D has had lots of young birds, but has not been able to rear many. Up to 13 and back to three and four has been his experience, and the latest report is four. E has had ups and downs and rests with four. F had the Derby bird long ago, but it has passed away, and he is waiting the hatching of another. Hard lines! But he is never dis-spirited. He likes to hear of the good fortune of others. G has not succeeded as he deserves. He has worked hard for the Fancy. He has not quite six, but there is a good one among them. It is the right stamp, and if spared it should give a grand account of itself. H has figured as a medal and cup winner, and I have just heard that he has close on twenty. He was in the company of fanciers last week, but gave no indication of his good luck. He is strong in type and plenty of shoulder. I, formerly 20 to 30, 1907 only three, one of them hand fed. J, with a first class stock, has a couple of young birds. The old birds are in excellent condition. K had the misfortune to lose several at the very start, which reduced his breeding stock to a minimum. He has four young, one of which is a very promising Green hen, and he has a full round of eggs set after the hens taking a rest in laying. L has only four, though he has worked hard, tending to them and gathering green food. M possesses a good stock and has had a lot hatched, but the measure of his success is what seems to be standard, namely four. N commenced with high hopes, having a grand stock, but he has not a single young bird. O had to remove, and that spoiled the breeding. He has one young bird, but now that he has got settled he expects to get a few. P has had a run of ill luck. He has no young, but he is still hoping to rear a few. Q, well-known has a successful breeder, but has only three. R, owner of an extra good lot. He has two Fancy, and a large selection of Common young. S, a fancier who has persevered against adverse breeding for years without rearing a young bird, has four doing for themselves. The season has favoured him. I have not given names because objections have been raised against the publication of same. Certainly there are strong objections to a particular breeder's stock being praised up before they are tested. Generally speaking, trumpeting does not help either the trumpeter nor the trumpeted.

Attention has been invited to office being held by non-fanciers. All things equal it is certainly preferable that gentlemen holding office should be actively engaged in the Fancy, and be breeders and possessors of stock. The best results are to be derived from practical, interested office bearers.

Judging from the attendance at the City of Glasgow Ornithological Association on Saturday evening the Scotch fanciers are lacking in the interest of former days. The practice is to neglect the meetings, and when the show comes round there is no end of grumbling. It would be business-like to attend the meetings and voice the needs of the hour. The proceedings were somewhat heated, but it is satisfactory that the result of the vote determined that the MacLean Cup should remain for competition in the City of Glasgow Association. It was retained by a majority of one I understand.

The Southern Albert Club retains its vitality. It continues to grow, and beyond all doubt is one of the best clubs in Glasgow. By way of helping beginners papers are being given, and the one read by Mr. McQuillan was practical and useful. It is surprising what can be done when an effort is made.

The Norwich, etc., section Fancies have been admitted into the Govanhill and District Club, which has helped to swell the membership, and by another year it is expected the membership will be considerably augmented. Rome was not built in a day, neither can the Govanhill and District Club be built in a day. But its erection will come.

The Scotch Fancy Canary National Derby Ornithological has just closed its membership, and it is stated that last year's record is all but maintained. The Secretary mentioned that between 20 and 30 of last year's members have from various reasons given up the breeding of the Scotch Fancy Canary—a serious depletion. A valuable member of the Maryhill Club, the Glasgow (confined) Derby, the National Derby and other Associations, Mr. McKissock, is being lost. That gentleman sails on 29th June with his entire family for Canada. For the present he will leave his Scotch Fancy Canaries in this country, but should he see his way when he gets settled in the land of his adoption to keep them he will send for them, and do what he can to establish the Scotch Fancy Canary in Canada, to where large flocks of our countrymen have gone. Mr. McKissock had but to be known to be appreciated. He is a general favourite, and his colleagues wish him and his house every prosperity.

The weather has a lot to do with the failure in Canary breeding. Pairs which would rear anything in 1906 allow the young to die. Persons who condemned hand rearing have been obliged to resort to it this season, and, strange to say, the system has been wonderfully successful, and the young have thriven. Put to it, and what seemed impossible can be done. "Never venture, never win."

In rambling it is astounding the pairs that are mated, consisting of British Birds for Hybrids. They are late this year, and while they have been amusing themselves building nests, and tearing down the nests, but few eggs are reported. But they will come. The chief difficulty in most aviaries will be to have the eggs tested, and where fertile to get the young reared, so many of the foster parents being exhausted with the very bad weather. No doubt the cold weather and lack of sunshine has a great deal to do with the experiences of 1907. It is possible the second part of the season may be better adapted for breeding, and that it will yet make up for the past bad behaviour. In a future article I hope to be in a position to give a more encouraging account of progress.

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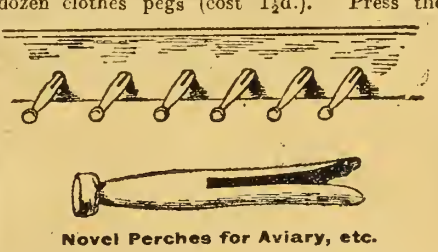
No. 111.

NOVEL PERCHES FOR FLIGHTS AND AVIARIES.

Sent by W. Askew, 18, Strattondale Street, Cubitt Town, Poplar.

I enclose a method of fixing up perches for an aviary. Nail a piece of 1in. batten (or board) to the side or the back of aviary, or in any desired position, and drill ½-in. holes through it. Then buy from any oil-shop two dozen clothes pegs (cost 1½d.). Press the



Novel Perches for Aviary, etc.

prong end of the pegs together, and push them into the holes, when the prongs will expand and hold fast. The pegs look very well and neat in an aviary, and if you get an extra number you can draw those in use out at any time and fix in a set of clean ones. —W. Askew.

No. 112.

A NON-VIBRATING NEST HANGER.

Sent by J. V. Sullivan. 132, Carrington Road, Stockport.

I enclose a sketch of a handy nest holder that will not shake about when the birds perch on the edge. After cutting hole for head of screw or hook (to hang it up by) in

A Non-vibrating Nest-holder.

back piece, screw this on to the crosspiece holding the nest-pan. Then screw the nest-pan down, with a piece of leather between the head of the screw and the inside of the nest pan, to prevent the latter chipping. It can be hung on to a hook fixed in the back or side of the cage. I have used this contrivance for two seasons, and find it answers much better than the wire hangers, as there is no possibility of vibration. —J. V. Sullivan.

You MUST Read the Back Page This Week.

CLUB NOTICES.

No charge is made for notices of forthcoming meetings, but they can only be inserted once. Should secretaries desire to secure immediate insertion of their announcements **exactly as written** they can do so by prepayment at the rate of three words a penny.

Bolton and Dis. P.C.B.S.—June 25th, at Olinda Cafe, 8. Re-allotment of specials, receive entries for Nest Feather Show.—J. W. Bancroft, Sec.

Bradford and County B. B. and M.C.—June 25th, at Whetley-lane Schools, 7. Bradford (West) First Feather Show. Ratification of election of officers, rules, etc. All fanciers interested invited.—W. R. Myers, Sec. pro. tem.

City of Bradford O.S.—June 22nd, at Traveller's Rest, 8. Members' Show, and to arrange cricket match, v. Manningham C.B.S.—P. Stansfield, Sec.

City of Wakefield O.S.—June 25th, at Victoria Cafe, 8. First Feather Show.—Netherwood and Keeley, Secs.

Cumberland Yorks. C.C.—July 3. Table Show, Mr. J. Ferguson judge.—J. Ferguson, Hon. Sec.

Darlington C.B.S.—June 26th, at Half Moon, 8. Table Show, Yorks., Yell., Buffs, Norwich Yell., Buffs, and A.O.V. Canary.—E. Brunskill, Sec.

Derby C.B.C.—June 29th, at Victoria-street Schoolroom, 7. Business important.—W. H. Bamsey, Hon. Sec.

Ealing and Dis. F.S.—June 27th, Mission Hall, Hanwell, 8. Table Show; Mr. Bert Kirkman will judge, and give an address on "Breeding for Colour."—W. Bird, Hon. Sec.

East Bowling and Dis. B.F.A.—June 22nd, at Barley Mow. First Feather Show June 22nd, for the running competition.—J. E. Hudson, Sec.

Glasgow and Western Counties Norwich, Etc.—June 29th, 122, Ingram-street, 6. Classification for Show, December 7th. Election of judges. Monthly Show of large British birds, Mules or Hybrids, Dark Mules, Foreign birds, A.V.—J. H. Adam, Sec.

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CANARIES.

NORWICH PLAINHEADS.

Answered by J. H. PAYNE.

Loss of Young.

G.B.—I think if you had let your young birds have had a little egg food, instead of feeding them on milk sop, you would not have lost them. Let the next lot you have have a little egg food until they are right through the moult, but put in more biscuit or bread (whichever you use) than when the old birds are feeding them. Put twice the weight to one egg. If your birds had, as you thought, a little inflammation, then your treatment was right, if taken in time.

Implicating the Male.

E. Young.—The fact that you have had three successive nests of young die from three different hens, at the same age (about a fortnight), and all by the same cock, and some with food in their crops, leads one to the natural inference that the cock comes from diseased stock, more especially as you say one of the hens has reared up five this year, but by another cock. I at first thought that the hens were again eager to nest and, not having the cock with them, had deserted the young. But the fact of the latter dying with food in their crops negatives that supposition. Should you rear any young by this cock, I should advise you not to keep them for stock purposes, as they will only breed you a lot of trouble.

Treatment of Young.

F.H.—I think your using the food you did, instead of the egg food (that is, hard boiled egg mixed with crushed biscuit or bread crumbs), was the cause of your hen not feeding properly. Judging from your letter, everything points to this. Next nest let her have egg food, and I think she will feed them. Do not interfere with her young. If she will not feed, you can do no good by taking them away and attempting to hand-feed them at a few days old. Give plenty of green food, ripe chickweed, if you can procure it, and supply crushed hemp seed ad lib. You may let the hen have a bath at any time on a warm sunny day. The young may have a bath given them as soon as they are able to fly. Half fill a 2 in. deep vessel.

Always Moulting.

Notts.—As you do not say under what conditions you keep your bird, I am somewhat handicapped in giving you a satisfactory reply. If you are keeping it in a window, or in a warm place immediately above the gas, then remove it at once to a corner quite free from any draught, and at night time cover over the cage with a warm cloth. Give in the drinking water, fresh daily, ten drops of tincture of quinine, and three times a week give a small teaspoonful of egg food, to which add six drops of Parrish's Chemical Food. You may continue this for a month. Give, two or three times a week, a spray or watercress and a leaf or two of dandelion. You may also give occasionally a small piece of sponge cake, over which drop a little best sherry.

Showing Young Birds.

Novice.—I am afraid your young birds (which you say are now seven weeks old) will be too old to show at a First Feather Show on July 13th. If they have not commenced to moult they will—unless you live in the country or in a town where there are no factories—have lost the bloom of youth. They will, however, no doubt be in moult, and it would be useless showing them then. No, it is not necessary to colour feed them from the nest to be able to show them at a First Feather Show. The colour food you name is not of sufficient strength to bring birds out high enough in colour for the show bench. You want red feed. Use the best tasteless pepper you can procure, to which add to each pound 2 oz. of the finest Natal.

Mating and Buying.

W.M.C.—It would not be too late to have a nest from your bird if you could procure a mate at once. You will want to be careful in procuring a hen; see that you do not get one that has been tried and found wanting in some essential point. Untried hens will be hard to find just at this time of the year; but perhaps you may happen to know where to get one. If so, get her at once, and as you say your male bird is in such high condition, you may be successful in getting a good nest. The young birds you see advertised at 4/- and 5/- each would, of course, do for breeding with next season if you only wish to breed ordinary birds; but if you wish to breed something out of the common and fit to put on the show bench, then they would not suit you. I should recommend you to wait until about next November, and procure a pair, or pairs, from a good reliable breeder at a fair price. It will, I feel sure, pay you much better in the end, and will give you much more satisfaction in every way.

BORDERS.

Answered by J. PATTERSON.

Treatment of Young.

J. Donald.—Please look over my answer to "Sammy" in last issue, and treat your young birds in the same way. You could not have done better than to run them into a nursery cage, where their parents will feed them through the wires. It is seldom one finds that they continue to pluck them after adopting those measures to prevent them. You might try some coarse grass thrown in the cage bottom; also hang up a nest bag for her to line her nest with, which may help her; but I am afraid she pulls the feathers out more for to suck the blood from the quills. If so, you must let her have a piece of mutton suet, placed between the wires, thrice weekly until she has laid, and occasionally as long as she is sitting, as this habit shows she is seeking something in the way of animal food. (2) If your young birds tails are already pulled out, as I take you to say, you will have no occasion to again pull them, as this is simply done more to increase the length of such, so as to make them more proportionate, as their young tails are never so long as their second growth. The best time to do this is just when they break away in the moult. Take the two outside ones, first pull them inwards, but see you have the thumb and fingers of your other hand held firmly on the base of rump; then take all the rest together in a straight direction, or you may find their tails twisted when they grow again. (3) For moulting let their staple food be the best Spanish canary seed. Every other day a half teaspoonful egg food per bird; on the alternate day let them have the same quantity of the following seeds, well mixed:—Maw, hemp, linseed, gold of pleasure, inga one part each, and two parts German summer rape. You may vary the rape occasionally by giving it scalded. They are kept in show condition by proper treatment and perfect cleanliness. Unless a bird be of good quality they are not easily kept up to the perfection seen in a first-class specimen, so you must first of all breed for it; after that there is not so much difficulty in keeping it.

Hen Gone Wrong.

Todd.—I am afraid, from particulars you give, that your hen has gone into a false moult, the result of being egg-bound with her first nest. Such cases have been frequent this cold spring, and many hens have succumbed. You ought to feel thankful you have her alive instead of being disheartened; no doubt it is a disappointment not to get any young after having paid a large price for her, but as long as she is alive you must hope for better luck next season. I doubt if you will be able to build her up this year. (2) Feed her on good Spanish seed, with a third of German summer rape added every other day; on the other days half a teaspoonful of egg food, with six drops chemical food added; let her have a pinch of the mixed seeds as advised to J. Donald, and five drops each of tincture of quinine and steel, every other day for a fortnight, in her drinking water. Keep her out of all draughts, and be sure to air your room every morning, and if you should not get her into breeding condition she should be in fine trim for the early shows.

LANCASHIRES.

Answered by S. R. COMPSTON.

How Many Kinds?

A Beginner.—There are only two kinds of Lancashires—Coppies and Plainheads. A bird may be double Coppy bred, which means that the parents were both Coppies. Double Coppying is done with a view to improve the Coppy, and, in theory, the result should be a good young Coppy; in practice the result is a rough-headed youngster, with the appearance of having too much feather in the coppy, and stubby looking. Sometimes a good Coppy is bred from two Coppies, but, as a rule, they come as above described. Pairing a double Coppy-bred bird to a Plainhead is all right, and a very likely way of breeding good-headed youngsters. A double Coppy-bred bird makes a good stock bird.

LIZARDS.

Answered by BARKER CLEGG.

Light Coloured Legs.

Nero.—You need not trouble yourself about your young birds having light coloured legs. It is quite an ordinary feature in many strains. They gradually assume a darker shading whilst going through the moult. Certainly, there are other strains of birds that claim dark legs as a speciality. Anyhow, you need not apply an artificial treatment. It is quite unnecessary. The qualification of black legs, etc., may be a deciding property when two birds appear otherwise of equal merit; still, the margin of points allowed by the standard is only five, so you can rest yourself content for the present and wait developments. You tell me the youngster appears fairly good in cap and colour, so I must say if the colour of the legs is the only fault you find with them you should be very well satisfied.

ROLLERS.

Answered by "SCHOOLMASTER."

Improving the Song.

Beginner.—Where you are simply breeding singing Canaries, there are several ways in which their song may be improved. It is not necessary to cage off the young cocks singly; they will do altogether if thrown into a big flight or flight cage. But they must not be overcrowded, and any very quarrelsome or feather plucking youngsters must have cages to themselves. If any of the old cocks you are using for breeding have a faulty song, "chopping" a lot, or singing harsh, or too shrill and high tours, the young birds ought not to hear them. The ideal would be to have a room for the young cocks in which one or two old cocks with good song were kept as tutors. Of course, this can't always be managed, but faulty tours and notes will be picked up by the young if they hear them. You can get variety into their song by training them under one or two good British birds, the best of all being the Blackcap Warbler, which has a very round, mellow, flowing song. Then comes the Woodlark, the Blackbird, the Linnet, and the Skylark, while a good Goldfinch can be useful. The Skylarks (you can have two or three of them) should be hung outside the bird room, somewhere near the window; the Blackbird will do in the same position. The others would be kept in the bird room, but you want to pick the right sort of Linnet, as some sing a very wooden song, others being much more mellow. Young singing Canaries pick up some nice notes from the above birds. Don't have any Sparrows about the room outside; if they build nests in the spouts, etc., pull them out and drive the birds away. Their chirps and calls spoil any Canary's song. Of course, Rollers for contest singing can only be trained in the usual way, under a first-class schoolmaster, and by a bird-organ.

Separating the Young Cocks.

J. Rees.—In Roller Canaries, as they are not bred for colour, it is not so easy to pick out the cocks from the hens, and it is very difficult in the young birds. But there is one easy method, and that is by watching the young birds and noting those that are trying over their song. It is a great help to have a peep-hole in one's bird room door, through which the birds can be watched without them seeing you. Or there should be some place in the room where one can hide, or something one can get behind. When the young cocks are in the flight cage, or flight, they soon begin to warble a few notes of their song, and the young cocks can be seen sitting about with their heads up and throats working away as the notes come out. These should be noted and run into a flight, etc., kept for young cocks alone. You won't make many mistakes in the sex if you follow out this plan. It is best, though, not to part until after the moult with those put aside as hens, for it is quite likely one or other may turn out the other way about.

Going Wild.

Boltonite.—I don't find myself that putting the young Rollers into flight cages makes them "go wild." I think it depends far more on the way the owner handles his birds. Some move about in the bird room and do the work in such a rough fashion as makes any birds nervous. All feeding and cleaning operations should be performed as quietly and unobtrusively as possible, while the owner must never rush round the room or throw his arms about, as I have seen some bird keepers doing. If you leave a nursery cage, or a Yorkshire show cage, hanging on the doorway of the flight cage, the young will go in and out of it (especially if you occasionally put a little maw seed, or piece of ripe apple, therein) and will then be less nervous when you eventually cage them off in their small singing cages. Give a whistle of a few low notes whenever you enter the room, and talk to the birds in a low voice when attending to them, and they'll soon begin to know you, and whistle back to you.

Pairing Questions.

Nil Desperandum.—(1) Glad to know my advice has proved so beneficial. Five strong young birds from five eggs is excellent, and I trust you will continue to do well. Roller breeders never think about the colour of the birds; it is all the song. If your birds are not for contest purposes, you could improve their colour very much by introducing a small splashed, or rich clear yellow Yorkshire cock into your strain, pairing up with your Rollers the season after the best coloured young bred from this mating. (2) You could not a yellow Border Fancy cock. (2) You could not expect to breed clears from a foul marked green cock. If you paired a clear cock to a clear hen, then you would be practically certain to get some clear youngsters—a good many if their parents were themselves bred from un-marked birds. It would be difficult to breed clear yellow Rollers of good strain. It is only amongst the commoner qualities (not contest strains) that yellows are found plentifully. A certain way to breed yellows is to pair a yellow cock to a buff ben bred from two yellow parents. (3) If the wing-ticked hen is bred from clears, you are certain to breed some clears from her when mated to an unmarked buff cock—in any case, no matter how they were bred, they are sure to throw lightly-marked young, with, probably, some quite unmarked. You want to know something about the pedigree of birds to decide these things. I certainly advise you (and all other readers) to get CAGE BIRDS "Stock Book," which makes it easy and simple to pair up any birds, because in its pages you can always trace how they were bred.

Rape Seed Samples.

West London.—In my own opinion all three samples are good ones of summer rape seed. None is harsh to the taste, and all look well matured. Of the trio I should myself prefer No. 3, the darker sample, which is more the character of seed chosen by German breeders. It looks in very good condition. No. 1 seems a nice sweet seed, but the sample I have contains many broken, bruised, and otherwise damaged grains, and if a fair criterion of the bulk, I should pass it over on this account. No. 2 is remarkable for the uniform size of the grains. I doubt if you could go very far wrong with any of the samples.

MISCELLANEOUS CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by "OLD JUDGE."

Canary Off Song.

I have a Canary which has lately been off song. He is paired. I have tried the usual remedies for loss of voice. He is not moulting, and there are no red mite.—C. MELHUISH.

C. Melhuish.—It is not at all unusual for birds to go off song during the breeding season. I am afraid you are worrying yourself about nothing. The bird is otherwise in a normal condition. You ask what you are to do. Simply follow the ordinary treatment. When the breeding season is over your bird will doubtless moult, and then sing away as lustily as ever. If you want to enjoy his song now you must take him away from the hen.

Norwich Hen Lumpy.

Hen paired up, but last week seems to have gone all wrong; sits in a lump, and is constipated.—BEN JONES.

Ben Jones.—You fail to say how you are feeding the hen, or where you are keeping her. Has she caught cold owing to being in a draught, or owing to being subjected to extremes of heat and cold. In the absence of details of management it is somewhat difficult to advise. You should try giving her a small quantity of freshly-made milk sop morning and night, and cover it with half a dozen drops of syrup of buckthorn. Instead of her ordinary seed give German summer rape each day, and every other day a little inga seed, also two or three fresh dandelion leaves twice a day.

Old Birds Breathing Heavily.

I have a pair of Canaries. Can you tell me what is wrong with them? Before pairing I saw the cock was troubled with heavy breathing. The hen was all right with the first nest, but she also breathes heavy now. Will the young be affected?—R.L.

R.L.—It is not easy to say if the young will be affected or not. But they are most certainly likely to be weak in their lungs, and thus predisposed towards the same complaint, which I should say is asthma. You can do nothing to alleviate the trouble whilst the old birds are feeding young ones, but immediately the next nest of young are away from the hen I should advise you to give them, that is, the old birds, 10 drops each of paregoric and syrup of squills in their drinking water daily; also let them have a piece of beef suet to peck at continually. To build up the strength in the constitutions of the young birds, and thus render them immune to the effects of the disease, you should immediately commence giving them a little Parrish's Chemical Food in their drinking water daily, just enough to make it a nice rosy pink.

Not Feeding Young.

H.T.—I am very sorry to hear that you lost the young. You might try the old birds again. It is possible they may feed all right the second time. Most certainly you may try the cock you mention with two hens if you think they will do better. Myself, I prefer the birds in pairs. Still, many make a practice of running two hens with each cock.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

A Cold; and an Aviary.

Beginner.—Goldfinch, Bullfinch, Siskin, Linnet, Twite, and Redpoll would no doubt agree quite well with your Canaries and Mannikins in the outdoor aviary. You must not overcrowd it, however; pity you did not state its size. Your question: What will happen if they eat each other's food? made me smile. I reckon about the worst that will happen is that the food will disappear. Canaries need a change from plain canary seed now and again, such as some summer rape seed every other day, and a feed of mixed seed (some maker's packet seed if you like) once a week. An occasional feed of maw seed is also excellent. Chickweed, groundsel, and watercress are all right as green food—the former preferred, especially that which is full of seed, and it is plentiful now. You certainly must not soak it in tonic, or cough stuff, or whatever the medicine is—I never heard of such an idea before. If you don't know what is in the medicine, and especially if it has done no good up to the time of reading this reply, I should certainly drop it, and try a simpler, known remedy instead. Mix glycerine and honey, equal parts, well together; then stir a small teaspoonful into two tablespoonfuls of drinking water every day. Keep the bird out of draughts, in a box cage hung in a cosy corner. A little egg food, or milk sop, every day would no doubt be beneficial.

A Pairing Matter.

Silver Fir.—I should not care to let my own Linnet and Canary go to nest in a cage which contains a cock Goldfinch. There cannot help but be an element of risk about such a proceeding. Still, you must please yourself; if you choose to risk it, all well and good. It is pure sentiment on your part, however, which leads you to conclude that the Goldfinch will "pine and die" if you take him away from the other couple. I'll wager he wouldn't care the proverbial brass farthing. Evidently he is not smitten with the hen, or he would contest the Linnet's right of possession; and that he has any undying (or ought I to say dying?) regard for the cock Linnet is difficult to believe. Cock Goldics are pretty selfish, as a rule. If you take the Goldfinch right away and let the other couple have the run of the whole breeding cage, you will stand much more chance of success. It is not at all necessary to disinfect a cage with boracic acid and hot water before commencing breeding operations. The cage is clean, I presume, and that is all that is required. If you give your Linnet canary, rape, and teazle seeds (all he requires), you will not upset your Canary hen. The two can have a little maw, hemp, linseed, and niger now and again. Hen Canarics need a more nourishing and stimulating diet when proceeding with domestic duties, and such will not upset them at that period. The safest remedy to give for a slight "upset" which you suspect is due to gorging on over-rich food (don't give the latter in sufficient quantity) is dandelion juice (taraxacum), which can be bought very cheaply at any chemist's shop. Stir half a teaspoonful into two tablespoonfuls of drinking water for a couple of days—fresh daily.

A Workshop Aviary.

No Name.—You could keep a nice assortment of British birds in the aviary you have erected in your workshop, 5 ft. by 5 ft. by 2 ft. wide. Its lack of width, however, makes its holding capacity rather small, for it is floor space, and not height, one wants more particularly in places of this kind. Twelve to fifteen small birds will be ample; stick to the lower number. I don't think I should put any hens in, if I were you. Try the following:—Goldfinch, Bullfinch, Linnet, Twite, Lesser Redpoll, Mealy Redpoll, Siskin, Reed, Cirl and Snow Buntings. Other possible inmates are the Chaffinch, Yellowhammer, and Greenfinch; but in the summer either of this trio is quite likely to commence knocking its neighbours about. Any bird, in fact, which is so unmannerly as to indulge in persistent "scrapping" will have to be removed. Individuals vary exceedingly in the peaceableness and otherwise of their disposition. Don't include above one member of the three last-mentioned birds; of some of the others you could keep two or three cocks. I don't see any reason why they should not keep healthy providing the place is damp and draught proof—joinery work done during your spare, or any other time, won't hurt them.

An Outside Aviary.

Ortsac.—Your aviary is not of sufficient depth from front to back to be an ideal place for outdoors. It should have a width of at least 4 ft.—5 ft. would be vastly better. In any case, it is not sufficiently large to turn varied couples in with hope of them breeding. To stand any real chance of the latter coming off, a place four or five times the length of your own is needed. Your aviary wants to stand much higher from (away from) the ground than is shown in your sketch, and also to be boarded up for another foot, or foot

and a half, of the front, at the bottom. The top eaves (front and sides) should overhang considerably. All these precautious are necessary to prevent the place getting swamped during very wet weather. The floor, on the same account, should slope somewhat from back to front, and a small outlet or two should be provided for any water which might, notwithstanding all safeguards, find its way within. As it stands at present, 4 ft. long, 3 ft. wide, and 4 ft. high at front by 5 ft. 6 in. at back, the aviary will hold twelve small birds comfortably; two or three more at a pinch. They would winter in it (hardy kinds) safely, if well protected through any great stress of weather. Its south aspect is all in its favour; more especially so if you can shade it from the rays of the midsummer sun, which make places like yours very trying if allowed to beat down upon them unhindered. If you hanker after breeding something, turn in five or six hen Canaries and three or four cock Finches; or try two pairs of Linnets, and one each of Redpolls and Siskins. You could try one pair of Linnets and one of Goldfinches, if you choose. I never recommend "mixtures" of seeds for aviaries; such are most wasteful, and consequently most expensive. Give the chief seeds (canary, hemp, rape, teazle, and sunflower, for instance) in separate dishes. The other seeds vary from time to time, in another dish or dishes.

Four Mixed Ones.

(1) Is it true that birds sing best in separate little cages? (2) Will the sight of a hen with her mate in another cage interfere with the song or health of the birds in my aviary cage? (3) In a large aviary cage, with a little Nutmeg Finch, I have put a Goldfinch, a Linnet, and two Canaries, all cocks. They agree very well. Can I expect them to do well as songsters? (4) What British cock birds will agree in an aviary with a Chaffinch cock? —W.H.P.

W.H.P.—(1) It would not be altogether true to say that birds sing best in separate "little" cages; if you had said in "separate cages," then I should have replied that, on the whole, such a statement was correct. Most species undoubtedly sing more freely when caged alone in a suitable stock cage. I do not know that this means all birds are more happy in a cage by themselves—though most certainly this can be truly said of many species—but they have less to distract their attention, and no one to quarrel with or to quarrel with them, which is of weighty importance sometimes. (2) It certainly happens that the sight of a "married couple" occasionally upsets neighbouring birds condemned to single blessedness. To give an instance: Many a fancier has lost a Mule or a Hybrid through keeping it in a room amongst breeding birds. As I have heard it put: "They sing themselves mad." In short, they get into so rank a condition through seeing others tasting of, to them, forbidden fruit, that they collapse, and leave the fancier perplexed as to the cause of their sudden demise—unless a show of blood is there to explain the riddle. (3) I have no doubt your birds will sing quite well in the aviary. But in the breeding season, when one cock sings, he is apt to get worked up into a frenzy, and so "go for" all the other males within reach. You'll find this out when you've been in the Fancy a short time—especially if you keep hens anywhere in the same room. In the winter all would no doubt run smoothly. (4) It is the Chaffinch which interferes with the other birds—not the other birds which interfere with Master Chaffie. It is in the spring and summer when they are most aggressive.

A Judging Puzzle, etc.

(1) What time ought you to pair up Bullfinches? (2) If, in a mixed Hybrid class, a Bullfinch-Canary and a Goldfinch-Canary were exactly equal in points, would the judge put the Bullie 1st because it is a rarer bird?—COMPANY.

Company.—(1) I don't quite grasp the purport of this question. The Bullie's breeding season in a state of nature commences somewhere about the end of April or beginning of May—he is very late compared with some species. In a cage he can be kept with a hen all the year round if one chooses; on the other hand, two Bullies can be paired at any time during the course of the months covering the proper season for breeding. As a matter of fact, I believe the Bullie mates for life when in its natural state. If this reply does not convey the information you seek, write again, and put your query as explicitly as you can. (2) This is a teaser, and to properly thresh out the case in all its bearings would find the printer sufficient "copy" to fill a page—and if I did that, of course, I should have the Editor using his heaviest ruler on my tender body. To put it briefly, however, if a judge had a Canary-Bullfiuch and a Goldfinch-Canary under him which were exactly equal in exhibition merit, be would put the former first on account of its comparative rarity. But it is very difficult to imagine such a case arising in actual practice. Then, again, one could get a certain sub-variety of Goldfinch-Canary quite as rare as the other Hybrid (rarer, if the latter go on being bred at the same rate as at present). I refer to a clear yellow Goldie-Canary. Suppose the poor judge ran up against an extremely fine specimen of this sub-variety—very large and shapely, and teeming with colour—and it had opposed to it one of the finest Canary-Bullfinches ever seen, which do you think he would put first? Mind you, I offer no prize for the correct solution. I can't afford it with the summer holidays looming ahead.

Rather Unorthodox Methods.

I have put a Thrush's egg, which seems fresh, under two Doves. If it hatches, what must I do? I have a friend who had two Thrushes squashed by a pair of Doves. Is it safe to put any more under? Would Thrushes or Blackbirds do best with the Doves in an aviary 4 ft. by 7 ft. and 5 ft. high, sloping down to 2 ft., or in a fair-sized cage? When hand-rearing, is much heat wanted? Is an old nest, or basket with flannel, best to keep the nestlings in?—J.L.

J.L.—I tried desperately hard to keep from laughing when I read your letter—it is such a serious matter for the poor little Thrushes. But I had either to explode or burst (not quite the same thing in this case). I certainly never heard of Doves being asked to rear the young of Thrushes, etc., before. Do you not know that the parent Doves feed their young in an entirely opposite manner, so to speak, to the parent Thrushes, and on entirely different food? The latter, broadly speaking, are purely insect feeding, while the Doves feed purely on grain. Further (and again broadly speaking), young Doves put their beaks into the mouths of their parents and take the food thereout; young Thrushes etc., have their rations deposited right into their mouths by papa and mamma. Possibly the old Doves you mention squashed the two young Thrushes as ingrates for declining their well meant attentions; or possibly the two young Thrushes squashed themselves in an endeavour to get through the bottom of the nest to avoid the seemingly diabolical attempts of the Doves to swallow them whole. Whichever way it may have been, I certainly should not try the experiment again. I should think Thrushes would do better than Blackbirds in your Dove aviary; still, the latter might turn out equally well therein. Thrushes are less inclined to be aggressive, as a rule. A large cage is, of course, excellent for them. (2) I like to keep nestlings in the original nest, if at all possible. A basket well protected with flannel is an excellent thing to place it in. It certainly need not be kept very warm, but reasonably so. They seem susceptible to cold if forced out of the nest too early; keep them cosy at the period they hop out of it.

Half Wings, Half Tail.

I have a hand-reared cock Thrush, and since his last moult the feathers in his wings and tail have only just shown through, and do not grow any more, although his body is well feathered and he is singing well. Kindly tell me if there is any remedy.—PIN FEATHERS.

Pin Feathers.—It is very difficult to say what is the cause of stunted feather growth of this description. The most obvious explanation one can offer is that there was an insufficiency of feather forming elements in the blood during the period the bird last moulted. But I have known Crest breeders troubled with this complaint when, to all appearances, that state of things could not possibly obtain with their birds. Another explanation might be weakness in the bird—which he has since recovered from. Bad feeding—diet not sufficiently generous—might be the predisposing cause of any or all of the conditions likely to result in arrested feather production. You do not say how you were, or are now, feeding this bird. In our last issue (reply to "Novice") I outlined the correct way, however, so you need not go wrong on this point. To get back to the feather trouble, you cannot, I fancy, do anything to remedy it now. At the next moult, though, the feathers should certainly be properly reproduced, providing the bird keeps well and you feed it aright. While it is casting its coat, mix a little Parrish's Chemical Food (or syrup of hypophosphites) amongst its food every day. Commence with two or three drops only, and gradually increase the quantity to a small half-teaspoonful. This medicine is rich in those elements which go to make feathers, etc., and is an undoubted help to such birds as require it. Further, I have never yet experienced difficulty in getting a bird to take it; most seem to positively relish it. By all means let your bird have an opportunity to bathe when moulting, choosing a right day for the purpose, of course—not a cold, rainy one.

Take Punch's Advice: "Don't."

I have a nest of Spotted Flycatchers in the garden. If I cage them can I bring them up? What food would they require?—SAMBO.

Sambo.—I feel sure you will pardon me being blunt, but your question leads me to believe you are not experienced with birds (otherwise you would know the kind of food Spotted Flycatchers require), and consequently I can only strongly counsel you not to attempt to rear these young birds. It is only likely to spell their doom if you do, and Flycatchers are much too useful and inoffensive to be lightly sacrificed. Only a fancier of great experience, and with every facility at hand in the shape of foods, etc., can keep adult Flycatchers alive for any lengthy period—they are both delicate and difficult to cater for—so naturally I could not recommend a novice to try. That the young can be successfully hand-reared is quite correct. If you mix best quality ants' eggs (freed from all rubbish) with equal parts of crushed maizena wafers and hard-boiled yolk of egg (beaten up fine), you have a food which will accomplish this. At the time of feeding chop up some mealworms and add to the portion required, afterwards moistening it to a sloppy consistency (like cream) with new milk. The food must be always quite sweet and fresh, and now and again a pinch of powdered cuttlefish bone should be stirred amongst it. All the small flies and grubs you can capture, with smooth caterpillars, should also be given. Keep the youngsters snug and cosy. For general directions consult other recent replies.

Hand-rearing Bullfinches.

What food should I give to a nest of young Bullies? I am going to try to rear them by hand, and hope to be successful.—E. J. CHOLDERTON.

E. J. Cholderton.—I have answered this question many times this season, and it is a pity readers do not look up back issues, for it would save both themselves and myself time—to say nothing of space in this column. Here is an answer in brief. In our last two or three issues very many hints on hand-feeding will be found. Neither Goldfinches nor Bullfinches are difficult to bring up by hand, providing the two principal rules connected with hand-rearing are duly observed, viz., to feed a little at a time only from dawn to dark, and to keep the nestlings scrupulously clean. I don't believe in taking them from their parents at too early an age; let them show their feathers nicely before you remove them. The food to be used is the usual kind—that is, egg and biscuit. Crush two Osborne biscuits, and well mix with them the yolk and half the white of a hard-boiled egg, using a fork to do this with, one with thin prongs. When feeding take the required quantity of this mixture, and make it the consistency of thin paste (or of cream) with new milk. See that it is always sweet and free from the slightest taint of sourness. It must be made fresh at least once daily. A few small cut-up pieces of mealworm may be dipped in milk and popped into the nestlings' mouths pretty frequently; likewise any house flies you can capture should also be fed to them. As the youngsters grow, add a little soaked summer rape to the stock food, gradually increasing the quantity. Steep the rape seed in cold water, which thoroughly change every day. It will soon begin to germinate (burst), and is then ready for use, dabbing it as dry as possible in a towel before mixing it with the soft food. When they begin to pick up for themselves, wean them on to soaked rape, maw, lightly cracked canary and hemp seeds, hulled and broken up sunflower seed kernels, seeding chickweed, shepherd's purse, and groundsel tops. I have had them pick up ants' eggs with relish; in fact, I often mix some amongst the food I hand-feed with.

Hand-rearing Thrushes and Blackbirds.

I should like to have a good Blackbird, and have the chance to get a nest. Will you tell me next week the best food for me to feed them on?—E. MOSS.

E. Moss.—This is another query I find very difficult to "see the back of" at this time of the year. Believe me, I have answered it innumerable times. Here you are again, though. Look through recent issues, where you will find much appertaining to the practice of hand-feeding. Blackbirds and Thrushes are very easy to rear from the nest, and many people do so on nothing but bread and milk. Equal parts of stale bread and best ants' eggs (freed from rubbish), made very moist with new milk, would be a very fair food. To rear strong, lusty youngsters, however, the method I prefer is as follows:—Boil a fresh egg ten or twelve minutes, and, when cold, well mix with a fork the yolk and half the white into two crushed Osborne biscuits; add to this a tablespoonful of best ants' eggs (removing bits of stick and rubbish, if present), stirring all well together. Just before you feed, take the necessary portion of food and make it into a sloppy consistency with new milk. In hot weather (and at all times) be careful the food is always fresh and sweet. Feed a little at a time only, but very often, from dawn to dusk; and a feed after dark is not at all a bad thing. Cut a few mealworms into pieces, also, dip them into milk, and drop them into the nestlings' mouths. A great many fanciers add now and then a pinch of small, but sharp and gritty sand to the food; I often do so myself. It seems to act as a preventative of looseness of the bowels (or diarrhœa). Give also at all times flies and like small insects; and live ants' eggs if you can get them. Young birds want feeding once an hour (do not "stuff" them at any time) at first; every two hours or so at later stages. Cease hand-feeding when they cease to "cry" to be fed, and are picking up food for themselves. Keep them warm, cosy, and scrupulously clean. No special appliance is necessary for the feeding. I have used a large, blunted (with a pen-knife) match stick with every success; likewise a quill toothpick with all sharp corners removed. Put the food well down at the back of the tongue, and always be careful not to bruise or lacerate the tender mouths of the nestlings. Many birds are shy at "gaping" because the feeder unwittingly hurts their mouths.

Concerning Throstles.

H. Dryland.—I advise you to well mix with a fork half a hard-boiled egg (or, better still, the yolk only) into your Song Thrush's food one day, and on the next day to put in a good teaspoonful of finely scraped raw lean mutton or beef. Give these alternately for a fortnight or so, and you'll find him change for the better. Give six to nine mealworms, at least, every day. I think you are right in taking the young Thrush you have to be a Missel Thrush. The latter are considerably larger than Song Thrushes, and greyer in colour, especially on the back and head. In other respects they are, superficially, very like the Song Thrush; but the Missel is always more ash-coloured on the upper surface, and, further, has whitish spots at the end of the tail feathers. By-the-way, don't forget that the Song Thrush is very fond of ripe, fleshy fruit, so see that your bird has a supply as often as you can manage it.

Feeding Wrens and Flycatchers.

Please give me instructions as to the food, etc., for hand-rearing young Wrens and Flycatchers; also what to feed them on when they begin to look after themselves.—FLYCATCHER.

Flycatcher.—In another reply this week I have given a food which is suitable for rearing nestling Wrens and Flycatchers, and most of the small, delicate, insectivorous species. I have also therein said certain other things on the point which you would do well to take to heart if you have had no previous experience of hand-rearing birds. I will further say that such species as Wrens and Flycatchers are the very last a beginner at keeping Softbills should commence with; one needs to have considerable practical experience in this field ere he can consider himself competent to undertake their management. Their keeping and hand-rearing are most delicate tasks. The best food for Wrens during the summer is live ants' eggs (when one can get them). They need not be soaked (as I have heard said). In addition, all the flies, small grubs, and beetles, smooth caterpillars, and other small creeping things off plants and trees that one can get must be given them; most Wrens will freely eat tiny mealworms, too. Such a diet, of course, would suit the Spotted Flycatcher to a nicety. It is not everyone, however, who can get live ants' eggs in sufficiency, and the staple food has to be a first-class insectivorous mixture, composed largely of dried ants' eggs. Several of these, by-the-bye, are advertised in our columns. You can make your own, as follows: To three parts (by measure) of finely crushed maizena wafers, add the same quantity of the finest quality ants' eggs, and one part each of dried flies and ground silkworm cocoons. Store this in tins in a cool place. For use take the quantity required and make it crumbly moist by the addition of a little grated raw carrot or cold boiled potato, or you can use plain cold water or a little new milk. It is surprising how many birds relish ants' eggs, for instance, which have been soaked in milk; and I find all insectivorous birds like food moistened with it. The trouble, of course, is to ensure it always being fresh and sweet. Before giving the food to the birds you can add a liberal dash of flaked yolk of egg to it, varying this with the minced-up yolk of a hard-boiled fresh egg. If you are a "no-egger," add a small half-teaspoonful of Plasmon powder to the stock food before moistening it. In fact, this powder should be used independent of egg, for I find it most valuable with delicate birds. A little finely chopped fresh cream cheese is also relished now and again. But I am afraid I am running beyond "space limit."

Goldfinch Mule; bare Chaffinch.

W.J.S.—I should give the Mule a course of dandelion juice (taraxacum), which you can get cheaply from any chemist. Put half a teaspoonful in two tablespoonfuls of drinking water, fresh daily. Give this for two days in succession; then give four or five more doses, but on alternate days only. Let the bird have a good fly round the room every day. Feed him as plainly as possible—canary, teazle, and summer rape only in stock mixture, with a small teaspoonful of mixed hemp and maw seeds (equal parts of each) every day. A little milk sop would do him good, I should think; or a little of any good canary-cake, or bread. Or you could give a small teaspoonful of crumbled, very stale sponge cake, on which you let fall 5 or 6 drops of best sherry wine. On the whole, I recommend the latter. Only continued treatment will put him right. As regards the bare cock Chaffinch, my first thought was that the hen Bramblefinch had been mal-treating him—they will often attack and more or less strip others of plumage. Are you sure this has not happened? Your feeding, however, reads as though it would be very heating—hemp, maw, linseed, and egg food ad libitum every day, in addition to other seeds. It is not impossible, I fancy, that this diet should have something to do with the loss of feather.

Bullfinches Bred in a Cage.

I have a Bullfinch cock and a Bullfinch hen together in the house. They have some young ones, which were hatched on June 4th. I don't know how many, because I dare not disturb them. All bird keepers round about me say they have never known it before. I should like your advice. Both cock and hen are feeding well up to now.—J. TAYLOR.

J. Taylor.—I am pleased to hear of your success. It is a rare occurrence for Bullfinches to breed in a cage, but it is not by any means unknown, for a number of bird keepers have had a certain measure of success in this direction in the past. I agree with you in your decision not to disturb the young; you will see how many they total all in good time. I trust the parents will go on feeding, and rear them successfully. By the time you see this reply the youngsters will be (if still living) 17 or 18 days old, and thinking of hopping out into the wide world. Therefore, there can be no object in me telling you anything on feeding the old birds, for it would not be wise to alter or change the food you have used all along. I will say this, however, that you should gather and give them a liberal daily supply of seeding chickweed and shepherd's purse—it is to be obtained in fine condition now. The young birds will appreciate this, too, when commencing to feed themselves. Lightly cracked canary and hemp seeds, with maw seed and shelled and broken-up sunflower kernels, should also be supplied—all must be cracked fresh daily. A dish of soaked ants' eggs would also be appreciated—no doubt, too, by the old birds while feeding. A simple method of preparing them is to turn some ants' eggs into a saucer containing a little water, and press them gently down therein with the tips of your fingers. When soaked through, drain off the water, and turn the ants' eggs on to a sheet of clean blotting paper, to take off as much of the moisture as possible. They are then ready for the birds. If you are in a hurry, the last part of the operation can be dispensed with. If you can prepare them at least twice a day, the ants' eggs are much better soaked in new milk than water. Wash the dish after each supply.

An Interesting Batch.

(1) Is the ordinary red sand used by builders as good for birds as sea sand, and would this sand mixed with the coarse grit builders use be all right to put at the bottom of an aviary for large birds? (2) How long will an incubated egg keep? Say I found the eggs of Bullfinches, and took them home (which would mean perhaps two or three hours), and put them under a Canary, would the young bird in the egg be killed? (3) Will a hen Canary hatch eggs and rear young by herself?—THANKFUL.

Thankful.—(1) The ordinary red sand used by builders is certainly not so good for birds as sea sand of the right gritty description. Some sea sand, of course, is not gritty enough—like the builder's red sand—and this kind clogs and cakes about the birds' feet, etc., and about one's cages. It is really not "sand" at all that one requires, but small gritty particles, free from "dust" likely to turn to mud when coming in contact with excreta, or water. That which builders term "sharp sand" is most excellent for aviary floors, especially when some coarser grit is mixed with it. (2) If the Bullfinch eggs had not been sat on, you can safely keep them six or seven days without affecting them, by laying them on bran (or cotton-wool) in a cool place, and giving them a half-turn round every day. A fancier told me last week he hatched out a Chaffinch egg he kept fourteen days before putting under a hen Canary, and without turning it during that period; the youngster only lived a few hours. A partly incubated egg is a different thing. An interval of two or three hours would not hurt one, providing it were kept just warm and not subjected to undue shaking about. The longer an egg has been sat on, the longer (up to a certain limit, of course) it can safely remain uncovered by a hen. The germ in an egg which has been incubated only a day or so, soon perishes if the hen remains long off the nest. All hens sit tighter during the first few days of incubation than at any other period. (3) A hen Canary will certainly hatch and rear a brood by herself. Some, in fact, will not do so when a cock bird is left with them; this is uncommon, however. A good feeding cock bird is a great help, undoubtedly.

Advice in Brief.

Suitable Grit (F. B. Tonkin).—I have never, to my knowledge, seen the grit you mention, but I should think it would be all right when sieved. I think I would rather pin my faith to an accepted cage bird grit, however. It is against our rules to recommend any advertiser in particular, but if you study our advertisement columns you will have no difficulty in getting a good article. There are many good grits on the market.

A Bald Neck (J. N.).—This state of affairs seems fashionable with birds as well as with the gentler sex. I presume you are certain red mites do not trouble the Linnet? If you are not, then you should read the remarks under "Parasites" in CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL, and follow the treatment therein advised (or write me again on the point). If no red mites are present, then I do not advise you to take any steps in the matter, for the moult is now near at hand, and the feathers will then doubtless be reproduced on the at present bald place. You should not give Linnets niger and hemp seeds as a regular thing; they are too oily and heating.

Wild Seeds (G. Little).—The sample you send seems to be one of ordinary threshing machine screenings, or farmers' screenings, as some call it. I could not pretend to tell you of what weed seeds it is composed. I only recognise one or two. I am no botanist, and I don't suppose any botanist would undertake to name them all unless accompanied by specimens of the plants that bore them. I see no reason why this seed should not be given to a collection of British birds.

Concerning Blackbirds and Thrushes (Albert Baker).—You might have saved yourself a stamp, Albert, had you looked at my replies last week, for there at length is set out the feeding methods for adult Blackbirds and Thrushes; see reply to "Novice." Further, within the last two months I have told how to hand-rear these birds so often that I am positively sick of the question. However, I repeat the information briefly this week (see another reply). Be a smart boy in the future, Master Baker—look up your back numbers and save yourself money. Most young birds being hand-reared indulge in a "nap" during the day; it is not by any means a sign of ill-health.

Hand-rearing a Cuckoo (Baby Cuckoo).—The food you are at present treating the bird to—viz., hard-boiled egg and crushed Osborne biscuits, moistened with milk—will rear it quite successfully. Cuckoos are easy subjects. Cut a few mealworms in two, and give a fair supply daily. When it grows up, feed it on the stock food recommended "Novice" last week—or any good insectivorous mixture advertised in our columns—and prepared as therein advised. Cuckoos are practically purely insect-eating birds, remember, and any grubs, flies, caterpillars, etc., you can capture will always find a welcome. I don't think much of them, personally, as pets. They are gluttonous and uninteresting, and very apt to break their plumage, to say nothing of requiring constant supervision to keep clean.

Loss of Feather, Etc. (A. P. Abbeywood).—These cases of partial loss of feather are of frequent occurrence, and it is very difficult to assign any reason for them. Loss of plumage round neck and head is often attributable to red mite; but I presume this would not apply in your case. Anyway, I should not attempt any treatment (unless, of course, for red mite), for the feathers will be practically certain to come again at the moult, now probably close at hand. Note reply to "Pen Feathers" this week. Your other question will be found answered in the reply to "Flycatcher." Long-tailed Tits are difficult to keep in health for any lengthy period; far, far more fail than succeed in the keeping of them.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S.

Sexing Grey Parrots.

What are the outward sexual distinctions in Grey Parrots?—J. FURBER.

J. Furber.—In adult birds the hen is usually darker in her plumage than the male, and the naked patch round the eye is of a round form in the female and somewhat pear-shaped in the male. When you have the opportunity of comparing an undoubted pair you will find the male is the more alert and active bird of the two, and that bis mate is altogether more effeminate in appearance. If a pair (male and female) could be seen together (that is, adult birds), even a tyro would have no difficulty in picking them out. The head of the male is much flatter and not so arched as that of the female, whose crown is very much more arched and rounded than that of the male. Another fairly reliable means of identifying the sexes is that most hen Parrots favour gentlemen and the males ladies; this preference is fairly constant and common with many species. You are the fortunate possessor of two healthy Greys.

What Bird?

(1) Can you name my pair of Finches from description herewith? (2) What is their value? (3) Will they breed and what is their treatment?—F.F.

F.F.—(1) The Bronze-wing Mannikin (*Spermestes cucullata*), a native of Western and Equatorial Africa. (2) It is a freely imported species, and its average value is 3/6 to 4/6 a pair. (3) They have bred with several aviarists, and are as ready as any of the Mannikins to breed, but they are not by any means free breeders, not even in large garden aviaries; very possibly this arises from their cheapness and frequency on the market, so that suitable quarters are not given them and they are "lost in a crowd." In a large cage, or better, a not overcrowded garden aviary, suitably furnished with nest boxes and twig branches, there should be a reasonable prospect of their breeding. They will thrive and continue in health on canary, white and spray millet, with grit, green food, cuttlefish, and water for drinking and bathing; but they will be the better for a little soft food consisting of ants' eggs, dried flies, and crushed Osborne biscuits in equal parts and made crumbly moist for use; also some kind of small insects, beetles, flies, smooth caterpillars, green fly, and other plant bugs from non-poisonous plants, those taken from rose and fruit trees and vegetable growths are quite safe to use. Thus treated their plumage will assume a richness and sleekness unknown to birds confined to a seed diet. The above diet and treatment would suffice for the breeding season.

Grey Parrot Mopy.

My bird, which is fed on "Parrot Mixture," tea sop, bread and butter, potato, and ripe fruit, has lately developed the habit of cackling, bringing up its food, ruffing up its feathers, gapes, and is mopy. What is the remedy?—R. BANKS.

R. Banks.—I do not think there is much the matter with your bird at present, but there soon will be unless you change the diet. I will repeat once more for your benefit—Do not give Parrot foods, tea, coffee, or milk slops, fats, or any kind of animal food whatever. Diet: Seed mixture—two parts each canary and oats, and one part each hemp, wheat, dari, small maize, and sunflower seeds, well mix and always keep a supply in the cage; also keeping up regular supplies of grit, cuttlefish and water. Supply as extras boiled potato, plain biscuit, crust household bread (all dry), raw carrot, ripe fruit, nuts, and green food. Get a bottle of Dinneford's Magnesia, and twice a week put one teaspoonful in its drinking water, and continue this till the sickness yields, but you must not permit its bowels to become watery loose. Colouring the drinking water on the days that come between with Parrish's Chemical Food would be a good tonic for the bird.

Parrot with Overgrown Beak.

Thanks for information received. The beak does not interfere with its taking its food, but the seed is broken with the side of the beak. It is strong, healthy, and a good talker. Would it be advisable to trim its beak?—MUDDLE.

Muddle.—Other than having the beak trimmed by a vet, or some experienced fancier in your locality, but the vet. would be the better man and no mishap likely to occur. If you prefer to let it go on a little as it is, then give it plenty of wood, cotton reels, etc., to chew up; also a lump of old mortar rubbish and cuttlefish for the same purpose, and possibly it will gradually wear off. It would be a pity to have any mishap with it through unskilled attention, as it appears to be acclimatised and in a healthy condition, also in a fair way to make a talented talker.

Cockateels as Cage Pets.

I bought one a few weeks ago; will it learn to talk? What is its food and treatment? At present it is shy and timid.—H.C.

H.C.—If you train a male Cockatecl from a young one, it will certainly make a confiding and engaging pet. As regards talking, this depends on the patience you expend upon it; the majority of these birds only scream and warble, the bulk of them do not even attempt to mimic other sounds. However, a male which has been in my garden aviary for nine years does at times make a sort of harsh imitation of the Blackbird's song, of which a number frequent the garden. I have seen one bird which could clearly speak a few words, such as "Yes," "No," "Joey," etc., and also heard of others, but they all had been trained from the nest. The only requisite is unlimited patience. They are rather shy and timid birds till they become accustomed to their owner. The male, when adult, has bright primrose-yellow cheeks and bright brick-red ear coverts. The cheeks of the female are grey suffused with yellow, and the ear coverts much duller in tone. Diet: Canary, millet, oats, green food, grit, cuttlefish, and water ad lib., both for drinking and bathing. A stale crust of household bread (dry) is appreciated by some individuals.

Barbary Doves.

I have a young one which can now feed itself. It does not coo yet; how can I tell its sex?—J.L.

J.L.—The outward differences in the sexes of Barbary Doves are infinitesimal, and even when adult I should not care to sex an odd bird. Where there are several kept together, the coo and also the display of the male should single these birds out. It takes a little practice, but in the old days when I kept these birds, I could always pick out the sexes by their effeminate or otherwise appearance. But where they have space, the males when adult will soon single themselves out by their display. An immature bird's sex can only be guessed at. I did not by any means find the shape of the head either a reliable or constant characteristic of either sex, and the sexing of most Doves which have the plumage alike is a most difficult task, as keepers of Foreign Doves know to their cost.

Red-faced Lovebird with Fits.

My bird, which I have had about a year, during which time it has been in good health; the other morning she fell off the perch in a fit, but after being splashed with cold water came round again. Please advise me what to do?—M. GUCEVEN.

M. Guceven.—Make the bird's drinking water quite saline with Epsom Salts for one day, and repeat same after an interval of two days. Supply green food, such as grass in flower, fresh tender lettuce, etc., also ripe fruit, such kinds as it will best happen to be in season. These birds, somewhat listless under almost all conditions in captivity, do not get enough exercise, and consequently get overfat, and a little excitement causes a fit. Your treatment is quite correct, but I should give an aperient as necessary to keep its bowels moving freely, but not watery loose. Keep a piece of cuttlefish in its cage, and induce it to take all the exercise you can. I had a similar occurence with Varied Lorrikeets, three fits in a fortnight. The birds are now in excellent condition again as the result of increased exercise.

Hand-rearing Budgerigars.

How often must I feed, and at what age must I begin to hand-rear Budgerigars? What food must I feed them with? How long must I continue to hand-feed?—FOREIGNER.

Foreigner.—I never but once attempted to hand-feed these birds, and I shall never repeat the attempt, as I don't consider the game worth the bother. From early morning till dusk (daylight till dusk would more fit the case) they must be fed at least every hour, and I should not commence with them till they were a fortnight old, and you must continue to feed them till they can break seed for themselves. The one brood I reared I fed on soaked seed (canary and millet), Quaker Oats (soaked), and stale household bread; the bread was soaked, squeezed dry, and left to stand till all superfluous moisture had evaporated. All seeds after soaking were dried in a towel before being given to the youngsters. The seeds were also cracked with a smoothing iron and the husks blown away before being soaked. It was many years ago since I indulged myself thus, and though the youngsters were very tame and became fully adult, I shall never undertake the bother again. I certainly hope "Foreigner" will succeed, but I fear he or she will tire of the task before it is over. These birds rear their young without fuss and bother, and if you play with and handle (gently) the young a little as soon as they leave the nest, you will find them become very tame, and, if they are in an aviary, fly all over you when you enter.

Wintering Avadavats, etc., out of Doors.

Can I safely winter out of doors Cordon Bleus, Avadavats, Waxbills, Lavender and Fire Finches? The aviary is S.W., and sheltered from winds.—NEMO.

Nemo.—If the birds you name have been out all the summer, and there is a sound well-lighted shelter shed attached to your aviary into which they could be shut during very extreme weather, they would undoubtedly safely go through the winter out of doors. I am speaking of the Lavender and Fire Finches and Cordon Bleus; of the others there is no doubt. In an exposed garden aviary I have had Zebra, Orange-cheek, and Grey Waxbills, Avadavats, etc., live from four to eight years out of doors all the year round. Note: My birds had ample room for flight and exercise. If you send me size of your aviary and its arrangements, I could give you a more definite reply.

Black-headed Mannikin.

Will the Black-headed Mannikin agree with Java Sparrows, etc., in small indoor aviary? Can I breed any Foreign Hybrids? Do any of them sing? When I keep them altogether, will they take harm from one another's food?—BEGINNER.

Beginner.—Yes, the Black-headed Mannikin will agree with the birds you name, and possibly some would pair up and produce Hybrids, but not in a cage full of mixed birds, or even an indoor aviary if it is at all crowded. It must be fitted up with nest boxes and husks, which should be screened with twiggy branches. None of the birds you name count for much as songsters, the major portion of them have practically no song, though, of course, they are not dumb. The Alario, Grey and Green Singing Finches, also Yellow-rumped and Grey-necked Serins are all good songsters. The birds named will take no harm from eating one another's food. You would find a leaf of tender lettuce picked over by many Foreigners that will take no other kind of green food. Give a few ants' eggs and a little sponge cake as well as the seed diet. A few green or black fly (blight) from rose or fruit trees is greedily eaten by most Finches and Waxbills, and is very wholesome for them. The same as to a little ripe fruit, apple, pear, banana, etc. However, to be able to give a fully satisfactory reply, you must send size of aviary, etc.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. J. North, 435, Oxford Road, Reading, will examine cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for a reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post-mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to J. North, with fee. Any sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

Waxbill (B.G.W.).—Awaiting fee.

Grey Parrot (H.B.).—Inflammation of liver, with rupture of large blood vessel of that organ.

Canary Chick (B.G.W.).—This youngster died from inattention; not an atom of food contained in its crop or stomach.

Nestling Canary (F.H.).—Death caused by neglect of parents, who are possibly under influence of "nesting fever." As you had assisted with the feeding, it is quite likely you might have reared this nest of birds had you taken entire charge of them and covered them with flannel.

GENERAL.

Answered by the EDITOR.

Show Reports (C. Nash).—The numbers containing the show reports you require are in print. We will send you same on receipt of four penny stamps.

A Prosecution (E.W.B.).—We could not give the verdict, for, as a matter of fact, that has yet to be pronounced. The case was sent to the Assizes, which have not yet been held. We hope to report the matter in due course.

"Grate Fite" at Newcastle (S. McTavish).—We have had to delete one sentence from your letter. If you will give full particulars, with date, concerning the accusation therein, we will certainly publish same, but we cannot do it unless fully substantiated.

THE YOUNG NATURALIST.

Prizes of 1s. and two of 6d. each will be given for respectively the best and two second best cuttings or original bits about birds. Competitors must be children under sixteen years of age. All efforts must be briefly and clearly written, and ON ONE SIDE OF THE PAPER ONLY.

Two stars indicate the Winning Contribution; one Star the runners up.

This week Uncle Peter's nephews and nieces will read a story of a clever Blackbird, which tale Uncle Peter thinks is very unlikely to be true. However, it is possible, and the children can all look out for anything similar being done by any of the wild birds that frequent their gardens. The story is so old that it was told by Æsop about a crow, so, after all, it may have some foundation in fact.

Other children have sent descriptions of birds, which are unfortunately inaccurate and misleading, and therefore, although they are beautifully written out, Uncle Peter thinks it wiser not to print them; but he hopes these young friends will try again for a prize. F. E. Higgins writes about the Hedge Sparrow, and though much that he says is true, he has not grasped the fact that the Hedge Sparrow is a soft-billed, insect-eating bird, and is no relation to the House Sparrow and Tree Sparrow, except in so far as all three are birds of the Passerine order. It is quite untrue to say that these birds will not bear captivity; they all do very well indeed when caged if only they are properly catered for. But few people think them worth the trouble of keeping.

Thomas Kemp, who is only eleven years old, sends an excellent sketch of a Canary. If he goes on drawing equally well, Mr. Norman will have to look to his laurels before many years are past.

George Hodge sends an account of the death of his Skylark. It is rather too sad to print, and would not help anyone, as the cause of death was not discovered. But George's handwriting is so clear and beautiful that Uncle Peter thinks he deserves a prize for that alone.

W. Whittaker sends a poem about his pet Dove. It is very good for so young an author, but the rhymes are primitive, and the piece is too long for the corner. Uncle Peter is very sorry to hear that the writer is blind.

* My Christmas Present.

Last Christmas I had a Norwich Canary given me. It is not quite a year old yet, and all through the cold weather it has been singing. My uncle, who gave it to me, has a crested one, which a short time ago broke its leg, and he read in CAGE BIRDS how to set it, and it is now quite well and singing again; he has three more Canaries besides this one.—HENRY W. FRANKS (age 11), 318, Harrow Road, Paddington, W.

* The Greenfinch.

The adult male Greenfinch is rather a handsome bird. His name denotes his colour. He has a strong beak, more pointed than that of the Bullfinch, but about as thick; and the side of his wing is decorated with a patch of bright yellow. The female is much greyer, has less yellow on the wing, and is a shade smaller than her mate. The young have speckled breasts, and are often mistaken for Mules; but in a few weeks they moult, when their parentage is unmistakable.—A. COTTON (age 14), 16, Thackeray Road, Portswood, Southampton.

* Winter Hospitality.

My father takes in CAGE BIRDS, and I always read the letters from boys and girls, so thought you would like to know what I did last winter when the snow came. Every morning I swept a place to feed the birds. Father gave me seed for the seed-eaters, and for the soft-bills I soaked bread, mixed with scraps from the table. Every morning there were waiting Thrushes, Starlings, Chaffinches, Robins, Rooks, Larks, and a lot of Sparrows.—SYDNEY WILLIAMSON (age 13), 71, Royle Street, Northwich.

The Thoughtful Blackbird.

At a farm not many miles from here there lived a farmer and his wife. Outside the house there was an old pot full of rainwater, which was frequently used by an old and thoughtful Blackbird as a drinking-fountain. At this particular time there had been no rain for a few weeks, and the water in the pot was exceedingly low. By the side of the pot was a heap of pebbles. At the usual time the Blackbird came and was greatly disappointed to find the water out of his reach, it being so low. But he at once set to work and dropped the pebbles in the pot one by one, until the water had risen high enough for him to quench his thirst.—Sent by WILFRED SHEPPARD (aged 13), "Sunny Side," Shepwell Green, Willenhall, Staffs.

Stroking the Mother.

During a walk through the country last summer I came across a Blackbird's nest, and desired to see its contents. The sitting bird allowed me to stroke it several times, but would not be induced from the nest. I was told that the nest contained three youngsters and an egg.—W. J. CLARK (age 13), 7, Shaftesbury Terrace, St. George, Bristol.

A Blackbird has built its nest in one of the chandeliers in the North Berwick Parish Church Hall, and flies in and out by a window. It is evidently the bird that built its nest in the same spot last season, and sat undisturbed while the Sunday School children were in the hall.

IN THE COURTS.

READING BIRD CATCHER FINED.

Police Complained of.

John Iles, of Amity Road, Reading, at the Wokingham Petty Sessions, on June 11th, was summoned at the instance of the R.S.P.C.A. for using bird lime to take wild birds—viz., Chaffinches—at Earley on May 17th.—Mr. W. J. Brain was for the prosecution, and the defendant, who denied the offence, was represented by Mr. L. S. Green, barrister (instructed by Mr. C. G. Shaw). Mr. H. U. H. Thorne (County Solicitor) beld a watching brief on behalf of the Berks County Police. Mr. Brain applied for permission to amend the summons by adding the fact that he was convicted and fined at Wokingham under the same statute—the Wild Birds' Protection Act—on December 15th, 1903.

Henry Hayward, of Earley, spoke to seeing the defendant at 11.30 a.m. near Wilderness Road, Earley, with another man. They were standing alongside the ditch in the road. They had a bird cage in which was a decoy Chaffinch, and also a bird twig with bird lime on, and a dummy Chaffinch. Witness saw several Chaffinches go on to the twig, and Iles ran to them, took them off, and put them in another cage. Witness watched the defendant for about an hour.—William Warner, a telegraph boy, corroborated.

P.C. Fisher spoke to seeing the prisoner with the cages. Witness told him he suspected him of being in possession of wild birds recently caught, and he said, "I haven't got any; you can search me if you like." The defendant opened a basket which he had with him, and in it witness saw a small cage in which was a Chaffinch. Witness searched him, but found nothing.—Cross-examined: He admitted that he said to the defendant: "Well, Iles, it's one to you this morning."—P.C. Wells bore out P.C. Fisher's evidence.

P.C. Hopkins spoke to seeing the defendant walking in the direction of Twyford about 3 p.m. on the same day with two cages. In a basket he was carrying witness found 18 Chaffinches. The defendant told him he had brought them from an aviary at home, and that they had been in his possession three months. The birds were very wild, and had bird lime all over them. Witness took possession of the birds, which the defendant carried to Twyford, and witness handed them to P.S. East. On the way the defendant said he wanted to go into the "Bull" Inn, at Twyford, but witness said he could not go and take the birds with him.—Cross-examined: He denied saying to Iles, "You will have to come along with me." He also denied taking hold of the defendant's collar and pulling him back when he was about to enter the "Bull" Inn, nor did he say to him, "You are in my charge."—Mr. Green: Did you know a complaint was made against you by Mr. Shaw?—No.

P.S. East proved receiving the birds from Hopkins. They were covered with fresh bird lime, and two of the birds were bleeding, their tails having been pulled off, evidently by their sticking to the bird lime. He was certain they had not been kept in captivity for even one night.

Addressing the Bench for the defendant, Mr. Green suggested that there was no love lost between the police and the defendant in consequence of what had already occurred, and that, therefore, it was only human that the police should have their knife into him.

The defendant, on oath, stated that he left home at 11.15 a.m. on the day in question. He took out the Chaffinch to improve its song. He took no decoy bird, dummy bird, stick or bird lime with him. He did not, either alone or in company with anyone else, attempt to catch any birds, and he told the constable this. Witness went home to dinner, and afterwards took 18 Chaffinches to Twyford for sale. P.C. Hopkins met him, and told him he would have to go with him. He accompanied the officer to Twyford, and on arrival there Hopkins prevented him from going into the "Bull" Inn, on the ground that he was in custody. His birds were taken from him. The birds were not wild, as he had had them in captivity for some months. The marks of bird lime on the birds had been on since he caught them about February.

Albert Harding, of Twyford, deposed to making an appointment with the defendant, in consequence of which the latter brought a number of birds to him on May 17th.—Elizabeth Iles, mother of the defendant, bore out her son's statement as to his movements.—Albert Camblett, hawker, of Reading, said he was not in company with Iles on May 17th, as had been alleged.

The Bench imposed a fine of £2 and £1 1s. 6d. costs, and granted an order for the forfeiture of the birds and cages. The previous conviction was formally proved.

AT KINGSTON-ON-THAMES.

Fourteen Chaffinches, found in the possession of two Bethnal Green birdcatchers, by an alert constable, were liberated, and the two men were summoned at Kingston-on-Thames for having committed an offence under the Wild Birds' Protection Act. The decoy birds used by them were produced in court. The defendants were fined 8s. 6d. each, and their apparatus and decoy birds confiscated. The poor decoys immediately commenced singing, as though in thanksgiving, and at the close of the proceedings they were liberated by the police.—"Evening News."

BREEDERS SHOULD USE "THE STOCK BOOK."

COAL TAR FOR ASTHMA.

SIR,—Would any of your readers inform me through your columns where to get coal tar for cage birds or Canaries? I wish every success to your valuable paper CAGE BIRDS.

D. AIRLIE.

[Where the original recommender of coal tar as a remedy for wheezing obtained his supply we cannot say, but Miss Bushnell, who wrote on the subject a fortnight ago, stated she obtained it at a chemist's shop, which, we should think, would be the place to apply.—EDITOR.]

COCKATOOS LOSING THEIR FEATHERS.

SIR,—I often see readers worried by their Cockatoos and Parrots losing their feathers, and wondered whether these two letters, which appeared in a morning paper, might interest them. A Mrs. Mason (of Grays) wrote:—"Would you be kind enough to insert an inquiry as to why a young Cockatoo's new feathers should fall off and leave him in a most distressed condition?" This was replied to by a Mr. Lockhart (Stoke Newington), who said:—"There does not appear to be any known reason why the new feathers of the young Cockatoo should fall off. Having kept some of the birds in question, I had the same experience with two of them, and we prevented a third bird from a similar complaint by adopting this simple remedy: Put pure sweet olive oil in his water, which he will refrain from drinking for a day or two, but ultimately will relish the oil, making the cure complete." S. WELLS.

DEFORMED FRONT TOES IN YOUNG BIRDS.

SIR,—Now that young broods should be on the perches in good numbers fanciers should keep a sharp look-out for cases of slipped claws, in order to treat them early. It often happens that a bird hurts a claw soon after leaving the nest, and before it has gained strength and confidence enough to travel about the perches with much freedom, and unless such injuries are attended to early, they soon become extremely obstinate and difficult to remedy. It should also be remembered that badly shaped perches or loose, wobbly perches, are frequently the cause of these accidents happening to young birds—even more so than to old ones. The usual rubber band remedy is well-known when it is a hind toe that is affected, but if it is one of the fore toes, the best treatment is to tie it carefully and securely near the claw to the strongest of its fellow toes—that is, supposing it to be a middle toe that is affected; if it is either of the side toes it must, of course, be bound to the middle one. Use very fine wool, that which is about as thick as common thread, and do not tie too tightly. I have tried this tip with much success, and I venture to send it hoping it will be helpful to others.

W. STEVENS.

PARASITES ON CANARIES, &c.

SIR,—I was very much interested in the methods of dealing with parasites brought forward by Mr. R. Allen in CAGE BIRDS a few issues ago. I have been wondering whether he got any birds to try his methods on, and what was the result. I am sure more readers than myself would be glad to know. In the meantime, I may say I saw an interesting cutting in a local paper on this subject, which I enclose:—Although improper feeding and bad management generally have much to do with the development among cage birds of the feather-plucking habit, the presence of red mite is the most fruitful source of all. These minute creatures too often simply swarm in the bird cages, lying hidden in nicks and crannies during the day-time, from whence they march out at night to "devour" the unfortunate bird. So great is this evil, and, alas, so common, that much has been written on the subject, while many interesting experiments have been made with these pests in order to ascertain how best they may be combated. Now, without going further into that branch of the subject, and indeed having merely mentioned it to show that those who understand birds are not likely to under-estimate the gravity of this evil, we will try to deal with it from the amateur's point of view. A bird is showing signs of being in trouble, and it is thought that vermin may be the cause. Examination of the bird itself would probably prove this, while an easier way is to wrap a white handkerchief round the cage at night, and then examine it the following morning, for if red mite are present some will be found sticking to the handkerchief. Now, the first thing to be done is to move the bird into a separate cage, as it is almost more important to get the cage clean than the bird. If the latter is good at taking baths, then the work is more simple, as a good teaspoonful of a solution of quassia chips may be added to his bath for a few mornings. Failing this, the bird may be sprayed, or if there is any reason for not using moisture, then insect powder may be blown amongst the feathers; but, of course, the work must be done very thoroughly, and repeated more than twice, as it is impossible to rid a bird of such minute pests at the first or even second attempt. While this treatment is going on, thoroughly clean the cage.

A. HADDOW.

DANDELION SEED.

How to Gather.

SIR,—Having seen an enquiry in CAGE BIRDS, asking how to get the seed from dandelion heads, I am venturing to send my method of getting same. When I collect the heads I only get those which are ready to blow or open. These I cut with a pair of scissors just above the seed, and then spread them out to dry when they will open and the seed can be taken from them and stored for future use. This method does away with the clocks or down blowing about the room when you are giving the birds a treat. TARAXACUM.

NORWICH PLAINHEAD CLUB FOR WALES.

SIR,—Allow me to thank those who have written offering their support to above club. I shall be glad to hear what our friends in North Wales have to say on the matter as early as possible, and I shall be pleased if those that would join if the above club is formed will send me a postcard, so that, if possible, I may be able to call a meeting for this purpose on July 24th, this being the date for our next First Feather Show. They would be able to visit the show and have the meeting after. Now, Norwich fanciers, let me hear from you by return of post. J. W. DUMMETT.

17, Penarth Road, Cardiff.

THE SCOTCH FANCY MODEL.

SIR,—Mr. Harrison is mightily anxious to have Mr. Wright's model removed, and "Piebald" inclines that way; but Scotchmen know when they have a suitable model, and mean to stick to it. Mr. Wright's is the best that has been before fanciers; however, arrangements might be made to have them reproduced, and thereafter take a vote of all fanciers who care to express their opinion. I say we should go for the smooth-feathered Scotch Fancy, and that is a strong point with the favourite model. The judges should be bound over to go by a fixed standard, and we would have better results from the judges; competition would become satisfactory. The committee worked hard for the model, and in the end got nothing but abuse. Mr. Harrison and "Piebald" might take the matter up and seize the present opportunity to immortalise their illustrious names. In remitting the question to them, it should be on the understanding that they are both interested in the Scotch Fancy, owners of at least 20 Scotch Fancy Canaries, and that they personally reside in Scotland. We want solid Scotch fanciers to take the business up and carry it through to a successful termination. I would suggest that two tellers should be appointed, to whom the votes should be sent. Can any of your readers say where Mr. Harrison is now located? I have not seen him for months. ANVOCATE FOR MODEL.

SIR,—In reply to Mr. Harrison on the above subject, he does not give those interested in the subject much hope of any explanation from the members of committee, who are responsible on this model question "muddle." I for one—and I am not the only one—still look to that committee to explain. Why not? They are gentlemen of tried experience of the subject, were entrusted by those who elected them as worthy of their confidence, and why should they not come forward and give their reasons, one way or the other, on the present condition of this all-important question? You say, Mr. Harrison, that you have asked and are practically still waiting an answer to a question relative to a letter that was sent objecting to Mr. Wright's model. Your letter was directed for Secretary Smith's attention. Surely that gentleman would give it the attention wanted and acknowledgment that such a letter demanded. If not—and you are still waiting—all I can say on that point is, I am surprised. You ask me to turn up the report of committee meeting on the model question in CAGE BIRDS of last year. Well, I have done so; but shall reserve my remarks on that meeting for further consideration. In conclusion, I trust those who elected this committee will see it a duty to take the earliest opportunity afforded them of getting a full report of the meetings held on the model question, and in each case what was the nature of the decisions come to at such meetings. How many models were submitted, and the names of the gentlemen who submitted same, also the names of clubs or associations to whom models were submitted for their members' expression of opinion and vote upon? There should be no difficulty in getting this information. It is a reasonable request, as matters stand. With the Editor's indulgence, I hope Mr. Harrison, to have more to say on the subject; but I trust some member of committee will yet come forward and give us their views on the subject, and clear the air a bit, and show they were each and all worthy of the trust imposed on them, by their own consent, in the selection of a "standard model" of the Scotch Fancy Canary. PIEBALD.

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'WARE HORSE HAIR.

SIR,—Having rather a peculiar occurrence in my bird room one morning this week, I thought perhaps it would prove interesting, and a warning to fanciers as regards nesting material. When going into my room as usual in the morning, early, I heard such a noise in one of my breeding cages, with three young ones in, and on looking was surprised to see one hung up by the beak to the nest. I tried to pull it down, but could not; so had to take nest box out and cut him down. The article it was hung with was a horse hair, which had got mixed in the nesting material in some way. This was entangled round the back of its tongue, and the tongue, by the weight and fluttering of the bird—which had only left the nest that morning—was pulled out its full length and was very swollen and red. It was without food in its crop, and if it had not been found would have soon died; but now, I am pleased to say, is quite well again and on perch. I should also just like to note the hair took me ten minutes to undo and cut away from the tongue with sharp scissors, being so entangled and bird so exhausted.

J. J. BRAIN.

BIRD LIFE IN THE WILD WEST.

SIR,—I am just taking the liberty of sending you a few of my observations re wild bird life out here in the far west Nanaimo, Vancouver Island, Canada. I arrived here on the 2nd of November last year, and I can assure you I have been very much interested in the wild birds around here. In the first place, I may say there are a few British Sparrows in this city, so in the course of a few years there will be plenty of them; but what surprised me was that a good few Sparrows were found dead after the snow cleared away. It has been an exceptionally hard winter here—the hardest for a great number of years. There is also a large quantity of crows, but they look a lot less than the Old Country crows; and as for Sea Gulls, Wild Ducks and Geese, this place literally abounds with them. They follow the large shoals of herrings that come in the Bay from October until March, then they leave for their breeding grounds. In the spring there are thousands upon thousands of Gulls, and it is a lovely sight to watch them feeding. There are three different kinds of them—the Herring Gull, the Grey Gull, and a smaller kind I am not acquainted with. There are also a few different kinds of Diver birds, of various sizes. I have also seen just one Heron since I came here. This bird, which was caught while asleep by a boy, was on exhibition at the late Nanaimo Poultry, Pigeon and Pet Stock Show, and was a great attraction to many of the visitors. The following birds attracted my attention on my arrival:—The Blue Jay; this bird is identical with the British Jay in every respect except colour. There is also another bird; they call it the Robin here, but it is of the Thrush family, and is about same size, and mostly resembles the Redwing in markings and colour, only its colours are much brighter, and displays red in all its colours throughout. Another beautiful bird they call the Cat Bird; this bird is about the size of a Siberian Bullfinch. It has a black head, blue back and wings, tail black mixed with white, and has a deep chestnut breast; it is of the Bunting family. There is also another bird of the Bunting tribe, about the size of a Yellowhammer. Its colours are grey with a rich yellow stripe, which runs over its head. Another which appears to be very common here is a grey coloured bird, a little larger than an Hedge Sparrow, which it greatly resembles in all its habits. A bird very common here is about the size of the Titlark; it has a black head and throat, body colour all brown, grey wings and tail, mixed with white. There are also some beautiful little birds of the Tit family; they are a little smaller than the British Tits, but their colours and habits are identical. There is also a beautiful Woodpecker; it is about the size of a British Missel Thrush. This bird is also quite common; it has rich brown, or nearly red, body colour; its quills of both wings and tail feathers are blood red; it also has a large patch of red on each side of throat and back side of head, and is spotted all over with round black spots, same as a Thrush on breast. Very nice is the Kingfisher, which is about the same size as the above bird; its colours are blue, chocolate and white. Like all the Kingfisher tribe, it has a very large bill, and is an adept at catching small fish. I have watched them feeding many times; it is very seldom it misses its prey when once it makes a dive. There are also a few different kinds of Hawks and Eagles. One resembles the British Kestrel in all its habits. Another about the size and colour of the British Sparrow Hawk, but has a shorter tail; this bird seems to live entirely on other birds. A large black-coloured Eagle, which is very wild and flies high, I cannot give much description of, as it keeps well to the thick bush. Another large Eagle is always seen near the Bay, where the Gulls abound, and as it has disappeared since the Gulls left for their breeding quarters, I am inclined to think it must be a Sea Eagle. All the above are what I would call resident birds, as they were here all through the winter. I almost forgot to mention a bird which is about the size of a British Starling; its colours are grey wings and tail, mixed with white, black throat and head; it is called the Meadow Lark, but its habits are more like those of the Starling. This bird makes an attempt to sing, but it has only two notes, which it repeats over and over again. There is also a Siskin; they call it the Pine Siskin. This bird is very numerous; it is a little grey-coloured bird, somewhat smaller than the British Siskin. It breeds freely with Canaries, and the Mules make free songsters. My friend Mr. J. Harris, of this city, bred some last year, and they are grand songsters. With respect to the summer migrants, I may say I have been out in the bush this last three Sunday mornings at 5 a.m., as there is nothing like being early if you want to study and observe bird life in its natural state. I saw the first two Swallows on March 31st. There are quite a number of them here, and I see they have started to breed. There is only one kind here; they are intermediate in size, between the House Martin and the Sand Martins. Another beautiful bird is identical with the British Blackbird in every respect except colour. It has a yellow bill, black head and throat, blue back, black wings and tail, and red breast. This bird tries to sing, but only makes a feeble attempt. There is also a very little green bird, smaller than the British Willow Wren; also several different kinds of grey-coloured birds of the Nightingale tribe, but I haven't heard any of them try to sing. I also saw a pair of Mosquito Hawks. They are smaller than the male Sparrow Hawk, and by what I saw of them they had red tails and backs, and light grey breasts. Their habits are similar to the Kestrel. They dally in the air over their prey, but I think will live entirely on insect life. Another pretty little bird that has just arrived here is the Humming Bird. It is a lovely sight to see them feeding on the gooseberry blossom, displaying all their gorgeous colours as they change their position in flitting from flower to flower, in bee-like fashion. Birds of the Finch family that I have seen are few. The Pine Siskin I mentioned before. Another beautiful Siskin they call the Californian or North American Black-headed Siskin. This bird has black head, wings and tail, with yellow legs and beak; all body feathers are a rich yellow, just like a colour-fed Norwich. This bird breeds freely with the Canary. My friend Mr. Harris has one breeding with Canary hen now; they breed nice Males, and they are very free songsters. The Canadian Hawfinch is also a noble bird, larger than his British brother and more beautiful in colours. He has a very large thick beak, black head, with a rich yellow forehead from beak to behind the eyes, black throat, all body feathers a dark bronze green, long flight feathers black, inner wing feathers white, which gives it the appearance of having a white back, and black tail. On April 24th, when going to work, Mr. Harris and myself heard the familiar call of the Goldfinch in some fruit trees. We were both surprised, but we looked and saw a pair of Goldfinches, and we got quite close enough to them to satisfy ourselves they were Goldies; but as we have not seen them since we are thinking they must have left.

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SIR,—Allow me to congratulate Mr. Paddock on his excellent model you published last week in CAGE BIRDS, and which he has submitted to the Norwich Plainhead Club. It is, to my mind, the best Norwich I ever saw published, and sets breeders a very high ideal for which to breed to. Don't you think, Mr. P., the legs would be better did they show a little more substance? Were this done, then we would have a perfect model.

WILLIAM AITCHISON.

WATFORD C.B.S. AND RULE 17.

SIR,—In reply to "The Member who Resigned," the paragraph he refers to is correct, he being the ouly dissenter on the question of Rule 17 at the meeting. He took the views expressed by the members very badly (from what he said to me after the meeting), but I had no idea that he would take such a narrow-minded course as resigning. Why he should do so I know not, as he says the meeting never came to a decision; therefore he confirms the paragraph he refers to. I must also contradict him when he says that Mr. Lythgoe gave me permission to show, and if he had read my letter last week (which he evidently did) he would have seen for himself that it was not the case. The other members he refers to were not allowed to show; they made their entries under the same impression as I did, that the license had been applied for. If (as he says) he is in a position to state that the West Herts F.A. did not apply for the license, perhaps he is also in a position to say why it did not? He will see for himself that I endeavoured to get it righted for them. Why was not the opportunity taken? Now I must correct him again: I did not, nor do I ever, arrange the committee meetings. As a matter of fact, I knew nothing of such until I received a postcard on the morning of the same, which bears the Watford postmark, June 2nd, and timed 2 a.m. (evidently posted some time Sunday). There was no intimation as to what the business consisted of, but it simply said that a special committee meeting would be held on Monday at 8 p.m. I just managed to catch the 7.40 out of Euston by the skin of my teeth, arriving at Bushey at 8.25, where I got out and walked up the town to save time. The meeting was in full swing when I arrived, and his resignation was under discussion, with the result already stated. It was purely a financial meeting, and at the finish the proposed deletion in Rule 17 was brought up, and it was asked if the committee was in order in dealing with it. According to the rules they were, as it reads: "But the committee shall be empowered to deal with all emergency business, subject to the approval of the next meeting." This, I contended, was emergency business, as the voting closed on the following Saturday; and, as the general meeting was so favourably inclined to accept the rule as it stands, the committee were quite within their rights in dealing with it. But it is still open for any member to object to their decision at the next meeting. Not for one minute do I suppose anyone will be so narrow-minded as to resign because no one backs up his objection, however.

R. J. PRETTY.

THE CRESTED CANARY CLUB AND THE C.B.U.

SIR,—It is a prevarication of the truth on the part of "A Country Member" when he says that I have gone out of the way to influence my fellow-members with all the strength of words at my command to vote against affiliating to the C.B.U. This, to say the least about it, is a typical hysterical statement (a word so fondly used by "A Country Member"). Had it been my desire to influence my fellow-members, I should have used much stronger language than I have done in my letters on the subject, and should have gone to work in quite a different manner than writing through the Press. As it is, I have had no conversation with anyone beyond what took place at the Palace meeting and on my way home in the train with a Liverpool member. Thirteen letters I wrote to members of the C.C.C., those known to me, asking if they agreed with me on calling a meeting to rescind the resolution passed at the Palace to write to Mr. Tyson to that effect. Two letters I wrote to Mr. Tyson, one stating what I had done, the other that I would attend the meeting; never a word with him (beyond what was said at the Palace in the company of several others) on the C.B.U., or the affiliation of the C.C.C. with that body. Am I to understand that, if I venture an opinion, that "A Country Member" calls it influence? If I refuse to support that in which I have no confidence, he calls it coercion. Fie on "A Country Member" for such narrow-minded ideas! He says Rule 17 is the remedy. No coercion about that, on "A Country Member's" part, eh? I have given my opinion, based on a fair knowledge of the cage bird Fancy during the past 30 years, and from practical experience connected with it. What will be the result if the C.C.C. becomes affiliated with the C.B.U. forthwith? I contend that I have a right to give expression to my opinion if I feel so disposed. "A Country Member" has an equal right to give expression to contrary opinons. Why not call this influence towards affiliation? There is this much to be said, that "A Country Member," in his views, and with his arguments, protects himself under a nom-de-plume. In the event of affiliation taking place, and afterwards a collapse of the C.B.U., the members of the C.C.C. (or what is left of them) will have to beat the air and ask, probably in vain, who is "A Country Member," and who led us astray? However, I do sincerely hope my views may be wrong; but it's best to be on the safe side. What I should have considered the best and most business-like manner would have been for the C.C.C. to have waited until the C.B.U. was more firmly established and gained the entire confidence of the Fancy. If it could only have dealt with railway rates, protection and careful handling of birds during transit, it would justify its existence. But all one hears is fraud, fraud, fraud; one would think the cage bird Fancy was a cesspool of iniquity, to hear the constant clamouring after dishonest persons. That it and they do exist no one will deny. That every available means should be taken to prevent it, no honest person would scruple to employ; but it is my firm belief that there is less fraud in the cage bird Fancy at the present time—taking into consideration the multiplicity of shows, the increase in the number of exhibitors and breeders in the country—than existed when there were fewer of each. This, in my opinion, is due to the publicity of all matters given by the Press. A dishonest man fears the Press more than he does a fine or probably the prison. Throughout I have surmised that there was an ulterior motive in advocating this radical alteration. I did not unconsciously hit the nail on the head when I said: "One would imagine the C.C.C. was a London club." I made use of the expression for a purpose. I have heard repeatedly, in different parts of the country, that nothing is right outside London (at any rate in the opinion of those residing inside the Metropolis). This, coupled with the statement made by "A Country Member," that I hit the nail straight on the head, strengthens my views that jealousy is rampant, and is the crux of the whole matter—and, further, is the rock ahead that I fear for the C.B.U. For the last time, I wish to repeat all that I have written is without prejudice; that I have no hostile feeling towards the C.B.U. whatever; that I am not connected with, or had any communication with, anyone who have so expressed themselves; that I have never yet expressed an opinion on Rule 17, for the simple reason that I am not concerned about it. All I have taken an interest in is the C.C.C., and I am still of the opinion that I have expressed, notwithstanding the veneering "A Country Member" has used in his arguments. No member of the C.C.C. need be influenced by my opinion; let him form his own, and act accordingly. Let us all enjoy freedom of action. Such is the desire of

W. E. GREEVES.

SIR,—"A Country Member's" laborious efforts are so far futile in convincing me of the advantages of the C.C.C. joining the C.B.U. as at present constituted. But I am quite open to conviction and would invite him to a meeting at any suitable place he cares to name in London within a mile of Trafalgar Square, so that the matter might be discussed and his endeavours given a better opportunity of bearing good fruit. I would gladly invite all C.C.C. members residing within the London police area, so that he might secure a good haul of converts.

JOHN TYSON.

ARE MULES UNFERTILE?

SIR,—Your interesting correspondent, Claude St. John, in his stray notes about birds, says in last week's CAGE BIRDS, in reference to the fertility of Mules: "So far as our cage birds are concerned, it may be generally accepted as a fact that Mules will not breed. There is no tittle of proof to the contrary." I feel, sir, that I should be doing your correspondent as well as myself an injustice if I allowed such a statement to pass unchallenged. There are many things which birdie men acknowledge today as facts which our forefathers pooh-poohed as impossibilities, and, as your correspondent very wisely says in the same article from which I have taken an extract, "A fine field of new ground for experimentation undoubtedly exists in this branch of aviculture to one who tackles it systematically." Quite so—there is no doubt about the truth of that statement. Here, then, is a fact which came under my own observation, and one which greatly interested me. A lady friend of mine had an aviary of British birds, and flying with them was a hen Mule of the Goldfinch-Canary cross. Noticing that a cock Linnet in the aviary was making a great fuss with the Mule hen, she removed them both into a breeding cage, gave them a nest box and material for nesting. The hen Mule commenced to build at once, and laid four eggs, one of which was fertile and hatched. I frequently saw these birds, and, as a matter of course, I did not expect anything to come of it, as I had become accustomed to reading so often that "all Mules were unfertile." However, this completely knocked all my scepticism on the question to the winds, and I was bound to accept things as I saw them. When the bird was two days old I offered my friend half-a-crown for it, I taking the chance whether it lived or not. This offer was not accepted, but the bird lived three weeks and then died. The strange thing about it is that this is the only bird my friend ever bred. Query: Was the bringing in of the third cross anything to do with the result—viz., the Linnet being crossed with the Goldfinch-Canary? I am quite satisfied there is yet very much to learn in connection with this most interesting question. Unless I am mistaken, I remember reading an account in CAGE BIRDS some time ago of someone else who had obtained fertile eggs from a Mule. Other readers' experiences upon this question will, I presume, be acceptable. At least, they will be to

J. C. WILMOT.

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BRAMBLEFINCH-CHAFFINCH HYBRIDS.

SIR,—Being a reader of CAGE BIRDS, and also "Bird World" since its first issue, and having gained much benefit from the same, I wish to state that I have been successful in breeding Hybrids, Bramblefinch-Chaffinch. Have you or any of your readers known this to be done before?

SAMUEL FADDES.

THE LARDER OF INSECTIVOROUS BIRDS.

SIR,—It is true that the bird-keeper of to-day is catered for extremely well in comparison with days gone by, and he can now offer his Soft-billed birds a fair variety of foods. But still there must be ample scope for further improvements, if it appeared to be worth the attention of some energetic and business-like importer. There is the migratory locust, which seems to offer exceptional opportunities for easy collection in large quantities, and which is greedily devoured not only by birds, but also by insect-eating animals, and even the human race. This should form an excellent adjunct to the bird-keeper's larder. The "locust-meal" which is sometimes obtainable we have been told is something entirely different, and does not consist of locusts at all. Then there is the honey-ant of Mexico, which is said to be eaten by the natives, so that it must be obtainable in large quantities, and it is of a large size. This should make another capital addition. Most species of grasshopper would also form very excellent food for birds, and the fact that some of the lower races of mankind are said to utilise them for food in time of scarcity seems to indicate that they also may be collected in good quantities. To the Antipodes is doubtless too far a cry, though the aborigines of Australia are said to feed upon a large butterfly, whilst the negroes in the West Indies are believed to eat freely of a large grub, or caterpillar, found in the palm trees. All this seems to show how large a region is still left to be exploited by the purveyor of insectivorous birds' food. If someone could only get and give us more information on points such as these, how deep a debt of gratitude we might come to owe him!

AVIC.

BIRD LIFE ON THE BORDERS.

SIR,—Owing to the wretched weather we have been experiencing in the north, in the form of rain and cold nights, the life of our summer visitors has been anything but pleasant; still the number of birds at present here is up to the standard, being well represented in variety. On May 27th, while crossing the old fateful Twizel Bridge, I observed that gem of our north country visitors, the Redstart, in full go, flitting along the walls and tapping the trees in front of me, but could not see his mate, although I watched him for 15 minutes, and had to leave him in his glory for want of time. Further on the way, after the sun really shone out, I espied the Spotted Flycatcher in pursuit of his morning feed, going through his usual acrobatic feats on the wing and returning to his usual resting or starting point. There are plenty of these birds here, although I have never seen the Pied specimen. I also came across a few Treecreepers, busy running here and there. The Corncrake is also now to be heard everywhere at night. Whitethroats, small and great, are well represented, their cheery song always being welcome. Bullfinches are very plentiful this season. I never remember having seen so many during the breeding season, and have come across quite a number of nests already. On June 1st, while having a stroll through the squire's plantation, an ideal spot for bird life, I came across a nest of Long-tailed Tits, full to brim, as the saying is, with youngsters. The puzzle is, How does the little bird manage to rear such a number in one brood? What a pleasure it would be to Canary breeders this season if it could be done! As these youngsters were almost fully fledged, I did not handle them to see how many were there, but there were at least, I should say, eight. About a yard from this nest I started a Blackcap, and had a hunt for his abode, and at last discovered it very low in a small tree, containing five young, about four days or so old. This bird is also fairly common with us. On June 6th I observed a Corn Bunting flitting on a hedge, but failed to find his nest. Thrushes, Blackbirds, etc., are all now busy, many having finished their first brood, as a large number of youngsters are on the wing. Wagtails are also fairly numerous, a few nests having been found. Sandpipers are also to be heard. The nest of the Kingfisher has been discovered twice this season. Last year they were very plentiful; I had no less than nine brought to me one morning, all fully fledged, but let them all away. Swallows are plentiful, being mostly all employed nesting, but have not heard of any rarities being found yet. In this week's "Berwick Advertiser" I saw something that is of great importance to bird lovers in Scotland. A correspondent from Duns has observed a pair of Wrynecks feeding, and asks if it has ever been known of their visiting so far north? Probably some readers will let us know if they have ever seen them.

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CANARY NOTES IN BRIEF.

By Claude St. John.

INFANTILE TROUBLES.

That such things as infantile troubles, to make use of a well understood phrase, occur among the rank and file of Canarydom is only too well known to every breeder. A frequent source of worry to the owner is to see the young stock lately so bright and promising becoming dull and mopy and sitting all in a heap by the hour. Such a state of things is all too often the prelude to a departure for an unknown bourne. It is far easier to prevent this trouble than it is to cure it. A healthy young bird should not be kept on soft moist food too long. Of course, no one would dream of taking them off egg food altogether for some little time after they are quite well able to look after themselves. The change should be brought about gradually, but in about a fortnight after the birds are able to crack seeds with no apparent effort the weaning process may well be complete, and the young thenceforth kept on a diet of good, sound canary seed as a staple. Egg for the time being may well be cut out of the dietary, and its place taken by a little bread scalded in milk and pressed nearly dry, and this only as a change once or twice a week. A little hemp and rape may be given occasionally—more in the way of titbits than as general articles of diet. A piece of cuttlefish is always useful for growing birds to peek at.

THE QUESTION OF GREEN FOOD.

Whether or not green food should be given to young birds is a disputed point. Green food has more than once been accused of causing the loss of young from the trouble referred to, but the fact remains that there are just as successful breeders who give green food regularly to the young stock without ill results, as there are amongst the ranks of those who decry it. To my mind, when trouble arises from the use of green food it is not so much the green stuff that is at fault as the judgment of the giver. It is just as easy to upset old birds by the injudicious use of green food as it is to cause trouble among the young ones. Given clean, healthy foliage, not saturated with moisture, and grown in healthful surroundings, little fear need be entertained in supplying limited quantities of such things as chickweed, green plaintain stalks, green seed spikes of shepherd's purse, or occasional leaves of dandelion.

WHAT TO AVOID.

The things one has to bear in mind in this question of using green food are first and foremost to avoid collecting it from any locality which is palpably noisome and unhealthy. The finest looking and healthiest vegetable growth may very possibly be found growing upon or near to a noisome dunghill, but it does not follow that it is the fittest for birds or anything else to consume. Personally, I should always rejeet it, even if I had no second choiee. Then one should avoid gathering anything that is likely to have been soiled by other animals, or that is dank and wet from falling rain or dews. The neglect of such precautions as these is doubtless responsible for much of the trouble laid to the charge of green food.

A GENERAL SUBSTITUTE.

Fortunately for those whose doubts are not easily allayed and who prefer to give green food a wide berth, we have a really good substitute in rape seed. Either boiled for a minute or two and allowed to cool, or soaked a couple of days or so in cold water, changing the water at least once a day, it forms an excellent and safe substitute for green food, and is at the same time a very wholesome and nourishing food. Provided care is taken to prevent it becoming sour, the method of soaking the seed in cold water is, I think, preferable. In warm weather the seed quickly becomes sour and offensive if allowed to stand in the same water from day to day. But if the water is drained off and fresh added once or twice a day, say, morning and night, the seed will keep perfectly sweet, and will be starting to sprout in from two to three days. When in this condition the birds are extremely fond of it, and it is very nutritious.

APPROACHING MOULT.

Already there are signs of the moult approaching, and a few birds, principally cocks kept singly for singing purposes, are dropping into moult. Whether this is indicative of an early moulting season generally remains to be seen. It will, however, be as well to keep an eye on the earlier hatched birds, and all the birds, in fact, which are to be colour fed. Indeed, it will be wisest to begin giving a little colour food occasionally at once. Do not wait until the birds begin to cast feathers before beginning to give colour food, unless you wish to see the birds finish off uneven in colour.

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COLOUR FEEDING CONDEMNED.

A lecture given by Mr. Stringer, of Salford, before the Bury C.B.S. on June 11th.

In his opening remarks Mr. Stringer said this question was at the present time exercising the mind of nearly every bird fancier. Though the season was remarkable for the scarcity of young birds, the question was equally applicable to old birds. The subject was interesting, and worthy of special thought. He was an out-and-out opponent of colour feeding, because of the unnecessary trouble, expense and loss of birds due to this method of obtaining colour. The loss of birds was attributed to the injudicious feeding and cramming, which was, to say the least, absurd. Was colour feeding faking? His answer was Yes. He maintained that legally there was no difference, except in the application, between faking from inside and applying colour from outside; both were "fakes," and ought to be treated as such. It was no use accusing each other of colour feeding; every fancier did it, and must do, if he desires to become a prize winner. Colour feeding was carried on to such a pitch that with some judges a good colour was sufficient to secure a prize. Type should receive first consideration and colour last. As regarded the "green blood" theory, he was very doubtful of its genuineness and was of opinion that Cinnamon blood was better. By improving the feather in softness and silkiness a much better colour was obtained, just as was obtained by dyeing silk, which fabric absorbed the dye much better than did cotton. Colour feeding was, in other words, simply dyeing. Another way of obtaining colour was by double-yellowing, which was said to have the same effect. Though he had had no experience of this method, he said he intended to experiment with it this year. Of the

THREE COLOURING METHODS

he said he had the greatest faith in the Cinnamon blood theory, which produced good colour if the feather was soft and silky. He did not believe in giving his birds hot pepper, as this was, in his opinion, too severe on the birds. As a proof that not much colour food was required to get a good colour, he pointed out that if old colour food was thrown into a flight containing several birds, some of them became nicely coloured. From experiments he found that it was not necessary to colour-feed the birds every day. He strongly advised his hearers not to cram. They should get the birds going on colour food, and gradually diminish the supply on the principle that "less coal is required to keep a fire going than to start it." Colour-feeding, besides being a colour producer, was a purgative, and must therefore be weakening, etc. When a bird was low down in health it perched in the corner, and fanciers said "they are always like that when moulting." Moulting, he explained, was not a disease, but a process of nature; just as a tree cast its leaves, so must a bird have new feathers. The blood would only hold a certain amount of colour food, and an endeavour should be made to find its capacity. The corpuscles in the blood really build up the body, the blood being really the means of conveying the corpuscles to various parts of the body. It was by getting the colour food into the blood and distributed by these corpuscles that the change in colour was effected. Birds should be as lively and gay when in the moult as at any other time, and one way of ensuring a successful moult was to give them less colour food. The essential foundation, however, was good health, for without this they could not get a good colour. For this reason he thought it advisable to prepare a bird for moulting as was done for breeding. The food must be of the best, and supplied fresh, if possible. Great care should be taken to ensure a clean supply of utensils. A change of food, together with fresh pots, would have a beneficial effect. It was necessary to have everything about colour-food clean, otherwise the birds would be unhealthy, which meant bad colour. If the food was made palatable, less complaints would be made about birds refusing to eat. At this stage Mr. Stringer gave a practical illustration, which suggested that fanciers should apply humane principles to their birds. Seed, he said, was the birds' natural food, consequently it was preferable to the colour-food, hence they should have a plentiful supply of the best seed. The fallacy of getting a good colour at any price was proved by a remark that "a live bird with a bad colour is more valuable than a good coloured dead one." Another

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was the exclusion of light from the birdroom. He strongly recommended them not to cover their cages. If they desired to exclude the light, they should do so by covering the window with a blind, preferably a yellow one. By allowing the birds to have plenty of light he did not mean they should be placed directly in the sun's rays. Covered cages prevented proper ventilation, and was detrimental to the health of the bird. If the bird was in good health, and the feather was soft and silky, a good colour might be obtained, regardless of the exclusion of sunlight. The use of oil in colour-food was useless in his opinion, there being enough in the mixture without it. He used only cold pepper. Many people advised inexperienced fanciers to give their birds a plentiful supply of colour-food, but he generally found that these people were often those who had plenty to sell. He estimated his season's supply of colour-food at 1lb. to every seven birds, and considered this an excellent sufficiency. He had departed from the colour-food generally used, viz., egg and bread, etc., and substituted Spratts' Egg Food. For half a season he did not use a single egg, and the results were as usual. This he considered most satisfactory, because it was very handy and simple. Besides being cheaper and equally as effective as egg and bread, it was so easily prepared that in a minute or two it was ready for supplying to the birds. He found it had a strengthening effect on the birds, and since using this he had noticed an increase in the egg production. Though he had no proof as to the cause, he was inclined to believe that "Spratts" had somewhat assisted in this respect. At any rate, he thought it worth a trial, and the results had certainly proved most successful. He remarked upon the Bury Society having such a complete series of lectures for the year, and said Bury was one of the few places in England which could make such a statement.

The lecture was followed by discussion, in which several of the members took part. A vote of thanks, moved by Mr. Fallowes, seconded by Mr. Gorton, was accorded Mr. Stringer.

THE LANCASHIRE CANARY.

Discussion on Mr. Barrass's Paper, read at the headquarters of the Rochdale O.C. on June 8.

The Chairman: Well, gentlemen, you have heard the admirable paper just read, and I should now be pleased to hear a friendly discussion, so, therefore, I leave the matter in your hands, and no doubt Mr. Barrass will do his best to answer the questions.

Mr. Steeple: Do you advocate introducing Crest blood?—Mr. Barrass I couldn't say. I should certainly not advocate it if you had good Lancashires.

Mr. Law: Would you breed from brother and sister?—Mr. Barrass: I do not advise pairing brother to sister. I like to breed from winners.

Mr. Steeple: What would you define as a proper type for the Lancashire?—Mr. Barrass: There is a plate hung on the wall which I consider the best specimen we have had published. (The illustration was the Coppy hen published in Blakston's works.) An old Coppy always has a flat head, perfectly flat, without any "droop." The "droop" comes from double coppying. The best yellow Plainhead exhibited at our Town Hall show was double coppied.

Mr. Butterworth: Flat headed birds should not have the mushroom crest. Coppies should have flat skulls.—Mr. Barrass: I like a bird to have plenty of feather. The more you have on a Plainhead the rounder you get it.

Mr. Steeple: Do you think it would be any advantage to train the bird for position in the same way as they do the Yorkshires?—Mr. Barrass: If they did the birds would not gain much by it. The Lancashire had one great fault, viz., that of slipping the perch. This should not be taken as a big fault. If the bird had ninety-nine other good points the one fault of "slipping" would not be missed. Another querist wished to know whether a bird in a dirty condition should take a prize, and Mr. Barrass answered that that depended on the judge. It would certainly count against it.

Mr. Butterworth: I like to see a bird with an easy, upright stand.—Mr. Grindrod: The Lancashire should stand bold and upright.—Mr. Barrass: You never get a heavy bird to stand the same as a light one.

Mr. Mills: How was it that a Lancashire slipped the perch more than any other bird?—Mr. Barrass: Crests and Crestbreds slipped their perches also.—Mr. Eckersley: I think it is through in-breeding.—Mr. Grindrod: It is the same with human beings; a light man could keep his feet better than a heavily-built man. (Laughter.)—Mr. Mills: There is a great percentage slip the perch.—Mr. Steeple: Do you think in-breding has anything to do with this?—Mr. Barrass: I do not think it has, unless they were badly bred.

Mr. Law: Is it a fact that there are not as many yellow birds now as there used to be; is it through not using the ticked bird?—Mr. Barrass: I should venture to say that there are quite as many yellows as formerly.

Mr. Mills: Is it advisable to double yellow?—Mr. Barrass: I have done it and bred good birds, but they come very narrow in feather. Mr. Whitworth: If there is any ticked blood in when double yellowing it will make its appearance.—Mr. Grindrod: I think the best plan is to breed yellow to buff.—Mr. Barrass: Not always. I have seen better results from double buffing.

Another querist: Can you build up a certain without in-breeding?—Mr. Barrass: Oh, yes.—Mr. Howarth: In-breeding is freely done in dogs and horses.—Mr. J. Butterworth: There is a certain amount of deterioration through in-breeding.—Mr. Law: If you wished to in-breed how near should they be related?—Mr. Barrass: No nearer than cousins.

Mr. Heap: What would you do with birds that slipped their perches?—Mr. Barrass: Take the top perches out to prevent them jumping backwards and forwards. That is the cause.

Mr. Steeple: What would be the result from pairing ticked birds together? Should we eventually get Greens?—Mr. Barrass: I cannot say. We should get heavily-marked birds.—Mr. Law: Could we get a Green strain?—Mr. Barrass: I do not know.—Mr. Whitworth: I have put two ticked birds together and bred Greens, with the exception of the tail.—Mr. Barrass: Were they off Lancashires?—Mr. Whitworth: Yes.

A remark was made that a fancier had bred Cinnamons (Lancashires). The lecturer said he had never seen or heard of any.

Mr. Steeple: There was a rumour that Crest blood had been introduced in the Lancashires.—Mr. Barrass: I never tried it.—Messrs. Whitworth and Butterworth: That is so; we could tell by the birds.—Mr. Eckersley: Has it done any good?—Mr. Law: Is there any advantage?—Mr. Barrass: I have not tried it, so do not know. I have beaten birds that have been bred that way. So that is sufficient. I would not introduce it knowingly. We need no Crest blood when we have a good strain. I see no advantage.

Mr. Heap: Is the Lancashire as good to-day as it was ten years ago?—Mr. Barrass: In some varieties, but not the clear yellow Coppy. The others are about the same.

Mr. Barrass thanked Mr. Law for kindly reading the paper, and Mr. Heap seconded.

Mr. Law moved a vote of thanks to Mr. Barrass for allowing his paper to be read, and also for his replies. In doing so he said it was one of the most instructive papers he had ever read. He thought they should all try and beat Mr. Barrass. (Laughter.)—Mr. Steeple seconded.

Mr. Barrass, in reply, said he hoped some fanciers would try to beat him. Such a thing would give him the greatest pleasure.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman was passed, on the proposition of Mr. Grindrod and seconded by Mr. Nadin, and in reply he said it always gave him great pleasure to be amongst his Oldham friends.

COLOUR FEEDING.

By J. Sandiford.

A Paper read before the Greenwich and Deptford C.B.S. on June 13th.

Gentlemen,—Here I will give you our methods of how we get our birds the winning colour. I know there will be plenty amongst you who no doubt will know quite as much as myself—perhaps more—but this paper is for the benefit of novices more than anyone. Many of them think there is great art in getting the winning colour, whereas it is one of the most simple things in the world, providing you have a fair-coloured strain of birds. I think if anyone has fed any hot ones, we have. Firstly, you must see you get the best colour feed on the market, which has been bad to get hold of this year, through such a poor crop of the pimento pod in Spain, but with paying a big price for same we have been able to get almost our usual quantity.

Now we will start with the colour feeding of the youngsters. When your young birds get about seven or eight weeks old start to give them from one to two teaspoonsful of colour feed in every half-pint of your usual egg food, and increase daily to five or six teaspoonsful, and keep on with this mixture till they are about twelve weeks old. At this age we pick out all our best birds, those likely for making fair specimens, caging them all in separate cages, also doing the same with all our old birds—in cages about 14 in. long, 8 in. broad, 12 in. high. This size being as near show cage size as possible, when you do put them in show cages they are almost ready trained to the perches, and steady. We put all our old birds in these cages second week in July, so as to be sure we catch them before they start to moult. After we have got them in ship-shape order—all the third raters being in flights—we commence with a regular mixture daily, consisting of 1 oz. of royal red feed, 3 teaspoonsful of castor sugar well rubbed in a hard boiled egg, and 3 oz. of stale bread, more or less according to the number of birds you have. If sweet bread or crumbs are used no sugar is required. Then we go round and give each bird, in a small-sized egg drawer, one teaspoonful of above mixture, giving the third rate birds a large-sized egg-drawer full. After this we go round and lift every seed box off for about six or seven hours. This is to make sure that every bird gets its daily food.

Make sure their cages are well cleaned out twice a week. With these methods we get a good, even colour all round, and making sure that if there are any winners amongst the young birds they will be a good colour. Plenty of people will say this is rough on the birds, but not so. What harm can any birds take on good eggs, bread, and a pure vegetable? We have kept birds on this mixture for six months without any seeds in full rolling song—just for experience. We continue this feeding till we find any bird moulting their heads, then we leave the seed-box on and give them as much seed as they can eat, viz., best Spanish Canary seed. This is so that they will get fat for the show season.

You must continue giving colour feed when you think they have finished, or you will find they will be patchy round their beaks, causing them to look bad. We give each bird twice a week sulphate of iron about the size of half a split pea.

I forgot to mention that you must only give each bird a No. 1 size thimbleful of best Spanish canary seed during the time they are moulting, also keeping your room well shaded and free from draughts. I think I cannot give you any more details, only what you know, so I will conclude, hoping the young fanciers will have benefited with a little of our knowledge.

After the reading of the paper there was a very animated discussion, and the meeting concluded with a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Sandiford.

Notes on the Breeding of Green Border Fancy Canaries.

By T. ARNOT.

It is with great pleasure I have read the articles lately appearing in your up-to-date issues, especially those on the breeding of Green Canaries, and I thought probably a few lines on my experience would not be out of place. I may say my experience is confined to that midget of the Canary tribe—and which, I am pleased to say, is advancing by leaps and bounds—the Border Fancy. Some are under the impression that the Green and Cinnamon classes are behind in type and quality, and they seldom appear in any show in such great numbers as their lighter-coated brothers, the clears, fouls and uneven marks. My small experience has been that they have to come under the same class as their brothers, the even marks. These and Greens I have found to be the most difficult to breed to perfection, as, before you get a real high-class specimen, you breed many that are only stock or singing birds, also after the breeding season is finished you find you have on hand thirty or forty of what we call "Sparrows"—very heavily variegated birds—which you can scarcely dispose of even to a dealer; whereas the breeder of clears can always find a ready market for his surplus stock. I merely mention this in case any young fancier may find the same out to his loss. At the same time, I don't say clears or fouls are any easier bred, and, as anyone can understand, when you get an easy-bred variety, you always get keener competition. This is where the novice and the expert, or I should say old breeder, when breeding Greens or Even-marks, comes to an equality, especially in the Green variety. After a breeder has obtained the desired champion, all he needs to do is to keep him in good condition, and not to over-show him. After every show run him into the bathing cage for a plunge, and he is as fit as a fiddle for the next show; simply by giving him a spray or another bath probably on the Thursday before a Saturday show. This variety need little or very often no acquaintance with hand-washing. Now the exhibitor of clears, fouls, uneven marks, and even marks has only to turn his bird out about once or twice at the outside, and it will stand very little chance in the keen competition that is now seen in the Border classes. His bird has to be hand-washed every time to be at the top of the tree, and he must either do this himself or get an older fancier to do it for him, or he will find, on the bird's return from the show, instead of a 1st and special, as was its usual form, it has dropped to vhc, and at the same time the owner's temper and opinion has become slightly ruffled. However, on reading his copy of CAGE BIRDS (and he is generally off for it soon enough the next week), he find the report reads: "1st so and so, in grand condition"; "vhc (his own exhibit), a beauty for type and markings, but completely beaten in feather to-day; wants a wash."

MY START.

I want to see the Green variety in the hands of more breeders, so that we may have better competition and bring the bird to the highest point of excellence. Below I give some of the results of my years of experience, which I hope will be of benefit to some fancier and reader of CAGE BIRDS.

I started to breed Greens in 1887. First pair, buff-green cock and yellow hen. I knew nothing of the breeders nor of the pedigree of the birds, but the hen was very dark, and both were much above the standard size; the cock, however, was very good in ground colour, but very lightly pencilled on flanks and very large in cheek. From this pair I got several yellow-green cocks, very poor in colour.

In 1888 I had—No. 1, pair as above; and No. 2 pair, yellow-green cock; the best coloured bird bred from the above, with a yellow-green hen, extra low set on leg, with good quality of feather and very nice wing carriage. The result from No. 1 pair was much the same as in 1887. No. 2 pair threw birds much too high on leg, but of grand deep colour.

In 1889 my first pair were both yellow-greens of 1888 breeding. No. 2 pair, the old yellow-green hen of 1887, paired to a buff cock from No. 2 pair 1888, the grandson of the hen paired with the buff cock. No. 3 pair, buff-green cock, brother of No. 2 pair (both these cocks, please note, from double yellows). I chose the lowest set birds I could get. The hen was a yellow-cinnamon, very pale in colour, but of grand feather and nice finish, with close-fitting wings. The results were—No. 1 pair, nothing special in type or quality, but sound in colour and high on leg; No. 2 pair, a very fine lot of buff birds, some of them very useful; No. 3 pair, some grand yellow grass-green cocks, also some nice hens, among them being a yellow cock, which secured my first 1st prize for me.

THE FOURTH YEAR A GOOD ONE.

In 1890 my No. 1 pair were No. 3 pair of 1889; No. 2 pair, buff-green cock of No. 2 pair, and yellow-green hen of No. 3 pair, 1889. I chose both of these low set, in case they might throw back to the leg of the double yellow cross. No. 3 pair was the yellow cock, 1st prize winner, mated to a buff hen off No. 2, 1889 pair. From No. 1 pair I had several useful birds, but nothing special; and there was little improvement on what I started with. From No. 2 pair I bred what many well-known fanciers considered to be the best-coloured yellow-green that had been seen for years, and it won a lot of prizes; also a few Cinnamon-greens, which I put away as singers. No. 3 pair did very little. I only reared one young bird from them, and the only point about it was that it was grandly pencilled.

INBRED THE FIFTH YEAR.

You will see my stock was now a good deal in-bred, so I had to purchase; and, after consideration, I decided to secure a buff-green hen, because my cocks were more typical than the hens; they were also better in colour. The hen I got was from a Langholm strain, and Green bred, as I knew the fancier who had bred them for years. My 1891 No. 1 pair were the yellow-green cock of No. 2 pair, 1889, and the buff hen I purchased. No. 2 pair were No. 1 pair, 1890, or buff-green cock and cinamon hen. No. 3 pair same as 1890. This proved a most disastrous breeding season. I only bred seven young Greens, and lost No. 3 pair. There was nothing special amongst the progeny. My attention was now turned on the bib or cheek, which I thought could be improved, also the pencilling down the flanks; because I noticed my birds had a light appearance, and that the deep green colour did not run down under the thighs as I liked. So, to improve in this direction, I bought a Yellow-cinnamon, a good one, and one that won a lot of prizes.

For 1902 my No. 1 and No. 2 pairs were same as 1891; No. 3 pair was made up of a buff-green cock, with as much pencilling down the flanks as I could find, and very little cheek; and a yellow-cinnamon hen. From No. 1 pair the results were poor. I got very few young—nothing special among them; and I also lost the cock. From No. 2 pair there came a few useful birds, among them one yellow-green cock which took several 1st prizes. Amongst the progeny of No. 3 pair were a few nice ones. The best bird was a yellow-cinnamon hen, which did a large amount of winning; the others were nearly all Buffs, but showed great improvement in pencilling and colour.

NOW WELL ESTABLISHED.

I now started and chose nearly all yellow-green hens, with as much pencilling as I could find; and from them I bred a good many useful birds, the best among them being a yellow-green cock, uncle to a bird which proved a two years in succession at the National Show. Another was a yellow-green which stood 2nd two years in succession at the National Shows. I have very seldom seen light legs or beaks, and far less square-end feathers. When I see the true green colour leaving, I go in for a double yellow cross, and then introduce the cinnamon hen. I have never, to my knowledge, used any light or clear blood, and although I have bred them all these years, I have always a few young with the bronze showing on the shoulder or wing corners the first year, and it mostly moults out all right the second moult. Light legs and beaks, my experience tells me, are caused more by age than any other cause.

To Attract the Birds.

Up to the present time our summer has been anything but summer like; but we may possibly get a spell of very hot dry weather. Should this come, bird lovers should not forget to place pans of water in the garden for the feathered life frequenting it. Where one can spare the room, a small artificial pond is a source of great amusement, as the birds soon find it out, and frequently resort to it to drink and bathe. Occasionally we may catch sight of some rare visitor attracted by the water, for this birds must have, and are just as much enticed by it as they are by food; in fact, more so during the summer, for then wild bird food is plentiful everywhere.

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THE FEEDING AND MANAGEMENT OF MY BRITISH BIRDS.

By JAMES CLARKE (Rothesay).

The keeping of British Birds is a very interesting hobby. Some, I know, object to caging wild birds, but if properly cared for they prefer cage life to their liberty. To prove that the caging of wild birds is not cruelty, I have time and again given birds their liberty, only to find them back again in a short time. I had a Chaffinch which I let out five times. I put a piece of wool on its leg to be certain it was the same bird, I opened the cage door and let him fly out, but he would have none of it. No sooner was the door opened than he would be back to his cage again. Greenfinches and others I have also liberated, but the majority were sure to come back to their old quarters. Of course, there are some birds which will never tame, and these should be set at liberty, as they will never be any use to their owner.

LARGE CAGES DESIRABLE.

In the caging of British Birds always have a suitable cage for them. Err on having the cages on the large side. Keep the cage perfectly clean with a layer of sea sand on bottom. Also use the bath freely, give plenty of fresh air, and proper food and your birds will be a credit to you. Unless you are prepared to give British Birds every attention it is certainly a sin to cage them.

I will now give a few hints on birds I have kept in confinement. The Goldfinch is, I think, one of our prettiest Finches. To keep this bird any length of time one must give hemp seed pretty freely. Feed on teasel, canary, small sunflower and a teaspoonful of hemp daily; also a pinch of maw and inga once a week. In spring give each day a dozen heads of dandelion. These are a grand pick-me-up after the long winter months. During the moult give a good supply of hardheads and thistles; also a pinch of inga daily, as I am convinced this seed greatly improves the blaze.

THE HEATHER LINTIES.

Twites, or Heather Linties as they are called here, are merry little chaps and easily catered for. Give canary, rape, teasel, linseed and get from your nearest farmer the screenings from the threshing mill. Mix a quantity of this with the above, and you have a grand mixture. Give a supply of hardheads all through the moult, but no green food, as they are better without it. The Linnet is a beautiful songster. To moult him a rich, nutty brown colour for exhibition, feed same as for Twite, but on no account give hemp during the moult, or you will bring him out too dark. Do not omit to give plenty of hardheads, as in nearly every one you will find a small maggot which is a grand pick-me-up for them in the moult. The Redpoll is a lively little fellow. His song is not much account, but as most of our larger shows now provide a class for Redpolls they are worth looking after. Feed same as Linnet and Twite. Siskins are pretty little songsters, but are great gluttons, therefore much care should be taken in the feeding of them. Feed on canary, rape, teasel, small sunflower and a pinch of hemp and maw seed once a week. In the moult give plenty of hardheads; also a teaspoonful of colour food every morning. See that he finishes this before putting in seed.

Greenfinches make nice pets, and are also very pretty birds. Feed on canary, rape, teasel, small sunflower and a pinch of hemp, but not too much of the latter, or you will darken the plumage. When moulting, give a teaspoonful of colour food every morning before seed. Bullfinches are beautiful birds, and easily tamed. Feed on small sunflower, rape, canary, teasel, and, for a treat, a little hemp, but don't overdo this seed, or you will darken the plumage. In the moult give privet, elderberries and brambles. If you have any difficulty in getting the berries, get a pound or two of home-made bramble jelly. Put a small teaspoonful every day in the drinking water. This will greatly improve the breast colour. A few years ago I had a Black Bullie with white wings. I moulted it on the above feeding, and was surprised to see it come out its natural colour.

A TIP ON TAILS.

Hawfinches are large, handsome birds, and make grand pets. Feed on sunflower, canary, and a little hemp. They are not very fond of green food, but try them with green peas. They are also very fond of red shank, a weed very often found among turnips. When moulting give plenty of haws, pips, mulberries, and beech mast. The two latter they are very fond of; also give a little colour food. When I first kept Hawfinches I could never manage to get their tails right, but I have no trouble now. Instead of having the perches level with each other, lower one of them four inches. Try this tip, and you won't be disappointed.

Snow Buntings are very pretty birds, but should be kept outside if possible. When moulting this bird I always hang the cage outside night and day, and they come out in grand form. Canary is the only seed I can get them to take. They should also have a few mealworms daily.

HAND REARING REDSTARTS.

Last summer I was successful in hand rearing a nest of four Redstarts. I took them from the nest when they were eight days old, and fed them for the first three weeks every hour on Trower's Cecto, greenfly and a few mealworms cut in small pieces. They moulted out all right, and turned out to be two hens and two cocks. Yellow Wagtails make great pets, and can be kept in grand health and condition with Trower's Cecto, and four or five mealworms daily. It is a treat to see them running along the cage to get the mealworms.

I have omitted the green foods generally recommended. I used to gather all the green food I could lay hands on, and give to the birds, but with the exception of the dandelion heads in the spring and the hardheads and thistle in the moult I am now convinced that unless you can give British Birds green food in a dry state they are better without it.

A PEDESTRIAN PARROT.

By F. FINN, B.A., F.Z.S.

(*Continued from page* 531.)

NEW ENEMIES.

Nowadays, however, the poor Kakapo has to face a very great outside danger. The Maoris used to esteem it as food, and the English colonists, with the idea of keeping down the undue exuberance of the introduced rabbits, brought in some years ago quantities of stoats, weasels, and ferrets, which have naturally not confined their depredations to "fur," and find in a flightless bird an easy prey. Dogs which have run wild have also caused much havoc. The New Zealand Government have, however, very wisely set apart certain islands off their coasts as sanctuaries for these and other birds, so that

Kakapo, or Owl Parrot.

there is some hope of maintaining the species even if it perishes on the mainland. Mr. Richard Henry, the caretaker of one of these stations, has published a small book giving some very interesting information about several species, to which I have been indebted for much of the facts given in this article.

THE EVOLUTION OF THE KAKAPO.

It may be asked how a member of a family of tree birds like the Parrots came to lose its wing power, and take to a ground life in this way, for it is obvious that the Kakapo is a degenerate bird. The answer would seem to be that the bird was originally a flyer—and probably a good deal smaller—but had acquired ground-feeding habits, and found, when there were no beasts of prey in New Zealand but a fair allowance of Hawks, that it paid better to live on the ground altogether, so that its wings first became useless and then degenerated in size. In this connection it is interesting to know that there are two ground Parrakeets in Australia—the Swamp Parrakeet (*Pezoporus formosus*) and the Night Parrakeet (*Geopsittacus occidentalis*). Both have plumage very similar to the Kakapo's, but while the former is a slim, elegant bird, and a day feeder, the latter is nocturnal, and very like a miniature Kakapo except for having long wings.

KAKAPOS IN CAPTIVITY.

All these ground Parrots are very rare in aviculture, but all have been on view at the Zoo, where the subject of our article now is. It is fed on raw green food, turnips, parsnips, apples, cabbage, etc., and has been brought over on such diet; ordinary Parrot food is quite unsuited for it. It came and is kept in a large box provided with one perch, and fronted with ordinary wire-netting, so that it is evidently not much of a biter, in spite of its size. Most of its time by day is spent under a heap of straw, but at night it comes out, sits on its perch, and proceeds later to eat a huge supper. It is said to have shown great tameness and gentleness, and the like has been recorded of other specimens of this curious bird in captivity.

How I Manage my Breeding Stock.

By F. VINCENT.

Being the Essay to which Third Prize was awarded in the recent City and Suburban A.C.B. Competition.

To commence a successful breeding season it is most important to have good, roomy and serviceable cages, such as the following sizes:—Doublo breeders, 38 in. by 16 in. by 10 in., suitable for muling as well; single breeders, 19 in. by 16 in. by 10 in.; this size is also useful where eggs of muling pairs may be transferred to be hatched and brought up by foster-parents. Box cages, suitable for moulting your show and other odd birds, size 15 in. by 13 in. by 7 in.; flight cages, for use after breeding season, size 36 in. by 18 in. by 11 in., of box-cage pattern. All cages should be painted inside and out with sanitary paint, or, better still, enamelled light blue, outside to be varnished black, fitted with moveable fronts and zinc sand trays, good square perches—made of pine wood is the best—either ½ in. or ¾ in.

The next, and by far the most important, is to have suitable, healthy stock, that will breed winners. First of all it is necessary to have a good idea of what an ideal bird is, either by breeding to various club standards, or by visiting shows and carefully noting the winners and studying their points—type, quality and colour of feather and carriage.

WHAT TO SELECT IN NORWICH.

In breeding Norwich it is necessary to use a few variegated birds to get colour into your stock. The usual routine is to pair Buff to Yellow and vice-versa, but you will find colour is not what it should be in your young birds; therefore, to be a successful colour-feeder, you must also be a successful colour-breeder. In selecting your Norwich stock birds, avoid those with flat and snaky heads, coarse, open feather, long flights and tails. The cock bird should be of good size and colour, have good head, thick neck and deep chest, and be as short and chubby as possible. If such a bird does carry long feather, do not discard it if you know it comes from a winning strain. I like the hens to be of fairly good size. As a rule they are usually the feeders and breeders, etc., and must be of good type and quality, as tight as wax in feather. Some breeders use extra big cocks and large hens for producing stock birds, and big cocks and medium-sized hens for show birds, which I think is the best method.

THE CORRECT THING IN YORKSHIRES.

In Yorkshires you must have position and length in stock birds, always discarding birds with thin necks, frilled chests, hollow backs, fluffy thighs and fish-shaped tails.

A Yorkshire Canary should be slim, of good length, well up in position, and feathered like wax; and do not forget that the best show birds are very often bred from the best stock birds, which possess type and length, and which sometimes show a little breed and shadow of the Belgian.

CONCERNING CRESTS.

In Crest breeding, to be successful it is necessary you should buy from the strains you know have bred winners, so as to improve your stock. Should you, therefore, be successful in breeding a good bird, and should you wish to sell it, you can easily get a high price for it, as good Crests and Crestbreds are valuable. In pairing marked Crests to clear Buff Crestbreds, you are sure to get good birds providing your stock birds are from a reliable strain. The Crestbreds should possess abundance of feather of good quality, and must also have good broad skulls. The head feather of a really good Crestbred will cover the beak when turned over. The Crestbreds should possess density of feather, droop, shape, quality, etc. Before pairing Crests trim off all lashing round eye, and the long feathers at the vent should be cut short.

ON THE MARK.

Your cages ready, your cocks in full song, and your hens flapping their wings, you may place your selected pairs in double breeding cages. See you have a piece of cuttlefish fixed between wires, also a supply of sand and pieces of old mortar, if possible. The hens should be placed in one side of the breeding cages and cocks in the other, and should remain there two or three days. As soon as you see the cock birds feeding the hens through wires, withdraw the slides. After a day or two you may fix the nest pans, not in some out-of-the-way corner, but on a level with perches, where air and light may get access. For nesting material use either medicated cow hair or moss and charpie. For Crests I advise the use of cotton waste. This should first be boiled and allowed to dry. With this material hens are not so liable to sweat. Hens should be lightly sprayed during the nesting season.

GENEROSITY IN DIET.

Diet should now be liberal; good seed and fresh egg-food should be given. Fresh eggs should be used. The proper way is to place the egg in cold water and gradually bring it to a boil; allow three minutes for it to harden. Both white and yolk may then be given. Some people first boil the water, then plunge the egg in; as soon as this comes in contact with warm water the white becomes tough, and by the time the yolk is boiled hard the white is very tough, and is most indigestible to man, let alone birds. The white and yolk should be mixed with Osborne biscuits or stale bread. Soak the bread in water, then squeeze out all moisture and mix with an equal quantity of egg. Soaked rape seed and tender leaves of lettuce may also be given.

LAYING AND INCUBATING.

As soon as the first egg is laid, remove it and substitute with a dummy. The egg should be placed in a box on a layer of bran. On the evening of the day on which the hen lays the third egg replace the clutch, and gradually cease giving egg food until the evening before the eggs are due to hatch. A stud register should be kept; the parents number of cage, number of eggs laid, and date due to hatch should be kept therein. If the cock bird seems happy, and hen comes off to feed and drink, do not separate them; but if the cock bird worries the hen, remove him. As a rule the best results are obtained by leaving them alone. After 14 days' incubation the eggs are due to hatch. Egg food should now be given twice daily. Milk sop, sprinkled with maw seed, may also be given after the third day, also a little rape, first soaked in boiling water, and hemp seed crushed.

WEANING AND MOULTING THE YOUNG.

After a month separate the young birds from their parents and wean them on crushed canary and other seeds, gradually decreasing the egg food; but do not cease giving it till after the moult. The parents may be given a few days' rest, and another nest or more may be obtained. Breeding should cease in July. Birds you intend exhibiting should be caged separately in box cages and got on to colour food. Those you intend keeping for stock should be placed in flight cages. In cases of picking in the nest, add one teaspoonful of pepper to five teaspoonfuls of egg food, mix thoroughly together, and give it to the old birds as well. Others should be fed as follows:—Commence by giving one teaspoonful of pepper and one of cane sugar to four teaspoonfuls egg food, mix thoroughly, and give one teaspoonful fresh daily to each bird, gradually increasing the amount of pepper to two teaspoonfuls, so as to get the colouring food well into the system; also give linseed. Give a bath or spray every two or three days. A piece of sulphate of iron, about the size of a hemp seed, should be added to the bird's drinking water once a week. This will act as a tonic, and is recommended for fixing the colour. Birds should be kept from rays of sun and free from draughts. It is advisable to run them into a show cage occasionally, as it breaks them of their nervousness by being handled. We often see a good bird put back a peg on account of its restlessness and timidity. This might be avoided by previously handling the bird in a show cage.

MULING.

The selected pairs, before being run together, should have been previously kept in double breeding cages face to face, separated only by the wire slide. Give as much natural seed as possible, also egg food. As soon as you see your Goldie whisk his tail from side to side, calling and singing incessantly, and his beak is clear (although on that point many a Goldie with other than flesh-coloured beak has fertilised eggs), you may be pretty sure your prospects of breeding Mules will be successful. If you want to breed good Mules, you must use large yellow hens, of Norwich type or Norwich-Lancashire cross. The slide should be drawn, and Goldfinch allowed to run over night with hen. If he is too interfering, he must be removed, and the hen allowed to hatch and rear the Mules alone. Some Goldies are exceptionally good. I had one who remained with a hen Canary the whole of the season, and successfully reared three nests of 11 Mules. He was very attentive, and would even cover the eggs when the hen was off to feed. It was after they left the nest and began to feed his jealousy was aroused and he would sometimes peck them, but with no ill results.

BREEDING HYBRIDS.

For Hybrid breeding, pair the following if you would like to produce some winners or valuable Hybrids. The cock bird to be the first variety named—Goldfinch-Bullfinch, Goldfinch-Greenfinch, Linnet-Bullfinch, Greenfinch-Bullfinch, Siskin-Greenfinch, Siskin-Goldfinch, Redpoll-Goldfinch, etc. These birds should have been procured in autumn, so as to be used to cage life, etc. They should be paired in double breeders, and the slide removed after a week. Do not worry the birds. Some breeders cover the bottom with fine grass, etc., up two inches or more. The perches should be placed three or four inches from the grass. Some hens will lay on the bottom, others will build a nest. Anyhow, you must keep a sharp look out for eggs, in case they get broken. It is really the best plan to separate the cock bird before the egg is laid—that is, if you can tell when the hen is about to lay.

FOSTER PARENTS NEEDFUL.

The eggs secured should be placed under reliable hen Canaries in single breeding cages, letting the Hybrid pairs sit on a few dummies. After a week take the dummies away, and let them have another try. Give plenty of wild seeds, live insects from fruit trees and egg food. Of course, you may have many disappointments; but should the first clutch of eggs be unfertile, try again. "If others can be so successful, why not I?" should be your motto. Should you be successful, the young should be fed and got on to colour food as advised for Norwich, etc. As a final word, give good seed, fresh water, and study each individual bird. These little things are most essential to their welfare and your success.

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Young Bird Life.

During the month of June there are many objects of interest and beauty constantly courting attention. Perhaps of all the attractions of country life there is no prettier sight than the devotion of the parent bird to its young. Human beings are sometimes inclined to be discontented with their lot in life: they even express envy of the birds and beasts of the fields, because they ignorantly imagine their existence is one of pure pleasure and delight—that work does not enter into the everyday routine of the animal world. To dispel such erroneous ideas, they have only to carefully study the habits of a pair of our common birds during the rearing of their family of hungry youngsters.

Take, for instance, the daily life of a pair of Starlings, with a healthy brood of some four or five chicks. They must be about at the very first peep of daylight, for their young ones have been without attention for possibly seven or eight hours, so they need to be fed to repletion before the workers can possibly partake of their own breakfast. The feeding ground may be some distance away—possibly some freshly-mown lawn, exposing the grubs and caterpillars, collected in fancied safety among the cool roots of the grass; these have to be hunted out, secured, and conveyed to the nest. The old birds will continue to find and take to the young ones insects of various kinds during the whole of the day, the only relaxation from their duties being during the afternoon, when wild birds generally seek the cover of the hedgerows and trees. But as the sun gets nearer the west the work must be carried on with renewed vigour, for the youngsters need "packing" for the coming night. And so, after a hard day's toil the workers retire to roost, but only to re-commence their task at the first sign of returning day.

When the brood leaves the nest the lusty family must require constant attention. They are now big and always hungry, and for a few days before they are able to fend for themselves must be a constant source of trouble and anxiety. They are young and inexperienced, and enemies are numerous. When one considers the brood after brood of young birds hatched and brought to youth, the waste in wild bird life must be enormous, or we should be overrun with them—the air would be full of winged creatures, and our seed crops and fruit would be eaten before we could commence to gather them in. It is just previous to, and after the young ones, leave the home, that the mortality generally commences. The weak ones sicken and die, and the "survival of the fittest" is constantly taking place, although, as if to condradict this rule, we are frequently finding examples to demonstrate the opposite. In a brood of young Larks there are sure to be a bird or two stronger than the others. These will leave the nest before the latter, wandering some distance away. If the sun is hot and the air is warm, they will take no barm; but should clouds cover the sky the birds get cold and chilled, and consequently meet an early end. The parent birds find them and feed them all the while they are able to take nourishment, but transfer their attentions to the weaker birds as soon as the others refuse; and this the old ones do without any apparent regret at their untimely end. Such examples are frequently met with.

Young Linnet.

The same thing exists among the perchers. A family of young Linnets is disturbed. Two of the five are strong and healthy, and are consequently top birds; they scramble out and get down into the rough underwood, when possibly a cold night is more than they can stand. Examine them carefully; the feathers are soft and downy, but very scanty, so much so that in places the bare skin is visible. The wing feathers are only partly developed, some of the shafts or pipes being visible, two-thirds the length of the feathers, consequently these undeveloped wings do not cover the body, as a protection against wind and wet. Among some of the smaller birds the habit of returning to the nest to roost is so prevalent that one can at any time after sundown catch the whole family by simply placing the hand over the nest opening. But it is very doubtful if the common birds of the hedgerow return to the uppermost branches, where the nest is situated, to roost, for in the majority of cases they would be unable to reach it.

Notes and Queries.

Blue Tits at War.

An interesting incident in which Blue Tits were concerned was witnessed by a gentleman on a June morning near Penshurst, Kent. His attention was attracted by a small cloud of dust in the road, and, walking up, he saw two of the little birds fighting furiously, each grasping a leg in its beak. So intent were they on fighting that he was, it is said, enabled to pick them up.

Rough on the Sparrows.

A large stone ventilator was placed in a villa near Edinburgh, writes "Fairplay." In it the Sparrows built every spring. When the Starlings came, a neighbour used to watch them drop the young Sparrows out before taking possession. This took place for some years, when we unscrewed the zinc covering in the room, and a large bucket of straw, etc., was removed from the hole, which was 2 ft. broad by 1 ft. square. We barricaded it to prevent future misdeeds.

The Nest of the Sparrow Hawk.

In the centre of the wood, high up in a fir tree, is the nest of the bold Sparrow Hawk. A wary bird is this at the time of nesting. You may possibly catch sight of him a dozen times during a day of watching anywhere but in the vicinity of the eyrie. He seldom soars or hovers above it as other Hawks do; it is only in the very early morning and late evening that he indulges in this exercise, and then only for a very short period. The hen bird is a close sitter, and will frequently remain upon the nest after the tree trunk has been shaken or struck sharply with a stick. Upon one occasion I remember a climber getting within ten or twelve feet of the nest before she slid off, and gliding through the trees she remained in the vicinity, uttering from time to time a tremulous scream.

In the Cherry Orchards.

The Blackbirds and Song Thrushes are having a sorry time of it now in the cherry orchards in Kent. They cannot for the life of them resist the tempting fruit daily getting more toothsome, and they have been so used to human beings that they see no danger in the man calmly sauntering under the trees with a long stick in his hand. As many as 50 to 100 birds have been shot in a day, so that the slaughter during the ripening of the fruit must be enormous. The grower has a perfect right to protect his property, but one wishes some other method could be employed.

Watching the Wild Duck.

Rarely does one have the opportunity of seeing a brood of Wild Ducklings when they imagine themselves unobserved, and the suspicious mother is unaware of any intruder. Like miniature boats convoyed by a man-of-war, they dart hither and thither at an amazing speed; first to the right, then to the left, they paddle out of the direct course, after a gnat or fly invisible to the observer. Calmly the mother bird sails on with an occasional quack, her quick eye watching for any suspicious movement threatening danger to her brood. A young one gets behind, and with energetic paddling he hurries to catch his companions. Although the parent may guard her family against ordinary danger incidental to bird life, she is powerless against the attacks of ravenous pike, so plentiful upon some waters; the healthy youngster is pulled under and devoured before he is aware that danger is near.

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SCRAGGY CREST: When the feathers forming the crest are short, narrow and deficient in substance. The proper shape and droop of the crest suffers as a natural consequence. See also *Mop* and *Hairy* crests.

SELFS: A term applied to Cinnamons and Greens whose plumage is unbroken by any other colour. It does not, however, imply the absence of the dark pencilling, which is a characteristic of these varieties.

SHEEN: See *Burnished* and *Bloom*. Is also, but inaptly, sometimes used to denote the mealy colour of buff birds.

SHIELD CREST: Indicates that the crest, when viewed from above, is shaped somewhat like a shield, being round in front, widening a little backwards, and terminating in a straight line across the back of the skull. The shield-shaped crest always loses points in competition with a circular-shaped crest of equal quality.

SIB-BRED: Birds bred in-and-in (*i.e.*, paired to near relations, brother to sister, mother to son, etc.) for many generations. Such birds are much sought after for mule breeding. If overdone, sib-breeding results in degeneration.

SIDE: Is a term usually applied to the Scotch Fancy, in which the proper formation of the sides of the body is of some moment. The wings should be folded closely and firmly to the body, and the sides of the body appear flat. See also *Long-sided*.

SIX-MARKED: An even-marked bird with six points, viz., marks on each eye, both wings, and each side of tail.

SIX-POINTED: Synonymous with *Six-marked*, which see.

SLACK: A looseness of plumage, generally seen at the thighs. The term is applied to Yorkshires and Norwich and all varieties in which tightness of feather is essential, and where slackness of feather is objectionable as showing a tendency to untidiness.

SLIPPED TOE: Is a crippled condition of a toe, usually the hind toe, more often seen in young birds soon after leaving the nest. The toe curls under the foot, and is directed forward. The method of cure is to take a quarter-inch of india-rubber tubing, such as is used on a baby's feeding bottle, pass it over the front toes, and, keeping the hind toe in the ring, push it up the shank of the leg. The rubber ring may be removed in about a fortnight, but should be replaced at once if the toe again comes forward.

SMOKY: This is a term generally applied to Greens and Lizards. In the former it denotes a want of distinction between the pencilling and ground colour and a smudgy ground colour. The same remark will apply to the Lizard, except that the spangling loses its distinctness, and has a tendency to merge gradually into the ground colour. See also *Muddy colour*.

SNAKY: A term applied to the long, thin neck, and narrow, drawn-out, finely-cut head and beak of the Scotch Fancy.

SNAKY-HEAD: Is sometimes applied to the rather slenderly-formed head and beak of Greens, but is more generally applicable to the finely-chiselled head and beak of the Scotch Fancy and Belgian; also the lengthy beak and head of the Goldfinch.

SNIPY-HEAD: Synonymous with *Pinched Skull*. Is a thin and narrow skull, giving the head a drawn-out appearance. Is very objectionable in most birds.

SOFT CONDITION: A loss of energy and vitality. May be due to fatigue from over-showing. Birds want a complete rest and a tonic. See *Over-shown*.

SOFT MOULT: See *French Moult*.

SOUR HEAD: A term usually applied to Yorkshires with slightly over hanging eyebrows. It is a bad point. See *Beetle-browed*.

SPANGLED: See *Spangling*.

SPANGLING: The series of small black spots adorning the plumage of the Lizard, and one of its most essential characteristics. The spots should be profuse, bold and distinct, and as black as possible, and be sharply separated from the ground colour. Applied also to the markings of the Starling, Wryneck, etc., and to the markings on the back of the Bramblefinch. See also *Rowing*.

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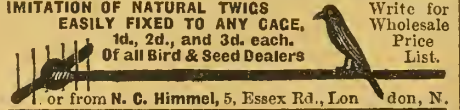
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What Parrot?

Head, brown; back, wings and tail, green; breast, green in centre, sides orange yellow; short tail. About the size of a small pigeon. Is it a talking Parrot, and what is it worth?—K.D.F.

K.D.F.—It is a Senegal Parrot (*Pœocephalus senegalus*). It does not bear much of a reputation as a talker, and is rather difficult to tame. Its value is about 20s.; of course, more when acclimatised. However, it must have its due, and I have heard of several individuals that spoke a few words very distinctly, and I have handled very tame specimens that would let almost anyone (even strangers) handle them as they pleased. Such birds, of course, were valuable, had been carefully trained, and given a good bit of liberty, and generally been fussed about with a lot before such a happy state of affairs came about. Diet: Canary, oats, and wheat; two parts of canary and one part each of the two latter; ripe fruit, cuttlefish, grit, greenfood, plain biscuit, nuts, and water for drinking and bathing.

Breeding Blue-wing Lovebirds.

I have put a pair of these birds with my Budgerigars; will they breed? They have finished moulting, and are now in splendid condition. Please advise me how to treat?—C. JONES.

C. Jones.—Blue-wing Lovebirds, or more correctly, Passerine Parrakeets, are not by any means free breeders in captivity, and but few instances are on record of their having done so; however, one of these records is that they bred in quite a small cage, so there is at least a probability that you may succeed. Re your Budgerigars, I am assuming you have only one pair; if this is the case, possibly this is the reason, as it frequently happens that a single pair will take some period to settle down to breed, while where there are a number together they frequently do so at once, one pair apparently stimulating the other. However, it is only the case of exercising a little patience, and now they are in condition will undoubtedly soon settle down to reproduce their kind. Keep them well supplied with grass in flower. Your diet is satisfactory.

Pintail Nonpariels.

I have a pair in a box cage, but intend putting them in my Crystal Palace aviary. Is my diet correct? Please give full treatment, where they come from, etc.—J.C.

J.C.—These exquisite birds are natives of S. Tenasserin, Sumatra, Java, the Malayan Peninsula, and Borneo. They are very delicate when first imported, and the majority have but a very short life in captivity. In addition to the diet you are giving them, I should give spray millet, a little grass seed, grass in the ear, white oats, and a small saucer of crushed Osborne biscuits, crumbled sponge cake, dried flies, and best ants' cocoons in equal parts; make crumbly moist for use. A small turf would also be very helpful for them to pick over, so also would such green fly (that is, sprays of foliage—non-poisonous—infested with same), small spiders, living ants' cocoons, and any small insects and flies you could procure. I should certainly advise their being kept in the box cage, which is more suitable for birds than an all-wire C.P. aviary, which is really (though very eyeable) one of the most unsuitable of cages, as unless very carefully placed, its inmates are subjected to draught, which the hardiest of birds cannot stand.

Parrot Finches.

Are Parrot Finches difficult to keep in condition? Are they suitable for show? What is their food, treatment, and value?—L.C.

L.C.—This is one of the most handsome of Foreign Finches, being very brilliantly clad, having the head, throat, rump and tail bright scarlet, and the remainder of the body bright grass green. They are not difficult to keep in condition once they have got over the hardships of the voyage to this country. They are among the most suitable of Finches for the show bench, and a pair in fine and sleek condition would be almost sure to catch the judge's eye. Diet; Canary, white and spray millet, oats, grass in flower, and other green food, cuttlefish, rock salt, grit, and a regular supply of water for drinking and bathing. A roomy box cage is the best type to keep them in. They are uncommon on the market, and owing to their rarity command a high figure; they are being advertised at the present time at 70/- a pair. An acclimatised pair would fetch half as much again.

Parrot Out of Condition.

The bird is getting quite bald, is very mopy, and looks a miserable object. Is my diet correct? Shall be most thankful if you will tell me how I can get it into condition.—CRACK.

Crack.—Diet your bird as follows: Canary and oats, two parts each, and one part each of hemp, wheat, dari, and sunflower seeds; well mix, and always keep a supply in the cage. Give in addition ripe fruit, plain biscuit, nuts, green food, and a stale crust of household bread. Offer water to quench its thirst three times daily. Instead of offering the boiled maize separately, give it on the top of its seed mixture, and thus you will induce it to take the same. Mix a teaspoonful of flour or flowers of sulphur among the boiled maize for a short period, also give direct to the mouth (most Parrots will readily suck it from a quill) 8 drops of pure salad oil. Well colour its drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food, and if it will not drink I should make the practice, for a time at least, of giving it a teaspoonful direct to the mouth three times a day. The bird will either begin to improve or it will not live much longer; it has got into a very bad condition, but as it is still eating freely there is certainly hope that it will improve, but it will

certainly be some time before it is in condition again as to plumage. If the skin is dry or scaly, rub in a little clean vaseline. You had better report progress a little later.

What Parrot?

I have a small Parrot, mostly green, white beak; its head is plum-plush, shaded blue; it is about the size of a Thrush. Is it worth keeping, and will it talk? Is it a young or old one?—T.G.

T.G.—It is a young Blossom-headed, sometimes called Plum-headed Parrakeet (*Palæornis cyanocephala*). It is a freely imported bird, and at times is to be purchased at a very cheap rate. At the same time, it is a handsome and engaging little bird, and not unduly noisy for a Parrakeet. It cannot by any means be classed as a talker, but if the necessary patience be expended upon them, there are very few species of Parrakeets that will not learn to say a word or two, and I have heard of individuals of this species doing so. I have always kept them in the outdoor aviary, so my specimens never received any tuition. They are worth keeping for their beauty alone, and properly tamed should make an engaging little pet; but if you want a fairly fluent talking bird, I am afraid you will come to a different conclusion. If you elect to keep it, stand its cage where it will hear plenty of conversation, and talk to it freely, and it will probably soon pick up a word or two, as well as many droll tricks and antics.

Budgerigars Killing Young.

I have three pairs of Budgerigars; one bird hatched out four, reared them up to three weeks old, when they were thrown out of the nest. They were strong at this age, but not able to feed themselves. (2) Another sat on six eggs, about the usual period, then they were thrown out. (3) Now, another bird has laid two eggs. I looked each day to see if there were any additions, and now these are also thrown out. What can I do? —AIGBURTH.

Aigburth.—(1, 2, 3) In all these cases it appears to me you have been too curious, and though Budgerigars will stand a good bit of interference with their nesting arrangements, very few birds (not all Canaries even) will stand their nests being unhung and examined daily. There are other things, too, which leave me in much doubt—have you space for three pairs? Do mice interfere with the birds by entering their husks? In one or two instances I have had similar things happen, but only with birds which were very young or not in condition. If you can supply me with a little more data, size of cage, etc., and say if troubled with mice to any extent, I may be able to reach a definite conclusion. As it is, all I can say is, try again, and don't pry into the husks this time. And if you are not overcrowded, and the same thing occurs again, well, the only thing I can advise is to clear the whole lot out and get in a fresh lot, from an entirely different source to which these came from. However, if you will minutely describe your arrangements, I can possibly suggest a remedy. Note replies to other querists. Occasionally bad feeders and unnatural parents turn up, but this is very unusual with Budgerigars.

Green Parrakeet Dying.

I have just lost a Parrakeet. Its breath became very bad, and its appetite gradually got smaller. It was fed on Parrot mixture, ripe fruit, and bread soaked in water. I have a Grey Parrot very loose in the howels; what is the remedy?—GREEN PARROQUET.

Green Parroquet.—I am of the opinion your Green Parrakeet succumbed to a bad attack of pneumonia, brought on by a severe chill. You do not say how you are feeding the Grey, but the correct diet is given in reply to another querist in this issue, to which I must refer you. For the looseness, give 5 drops of pure salad oil direct to the mouth. Take away the drinking water, and when you think the bird has become thirsty, take two tablespoonfuls of water, 2 drops of laudanum, and a pinch of prepared chalk, stir well up together, and give the bird to drink; any that the bird leaves may be offered again in, say, two hours' time, but it must be freshly stirred up just before offering to the bird. Follow this by a course of Parrish's Chemical Food, well colouring the drinking water with same.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. J. North, 435, Oxford Road, Reading, will examine cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for a reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post-mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to J. North, with fee. Any sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

Canary (L.B.A.H.).—Bird fever. There is no cure for any fever. Isolation and disinfection are the means of stamping it out.

Parrot (W. Beaver).—Chronic liver disease with recent pneumonia. Receipt of unstamped letter cost 2d.

Linnet (A. Hallus).—Chronic enlargement of liver, feverishness, and inflammation of lungs. Larger cages and fresh seeding plants, such as shepherd's purse and charlock, are suggested.

Goldfinch (A. S. Robinson).—Septic inflammation of liver, lungs, and bowels, ending with apoplexy. I consider this bird must have lived in an infected place, either in your cage or (if you have not had it a month) with its previous owner. You must disinfect the cage it lived in before trying another bird.

Canary (J. H. Cawood).—Inflammation and ulceration of lungs probably of an infectious nature. There is no cure. Isolation of any healthy birds might save them, and all their surroundings should be disinfected with burning sulphur. All cages and appliances should be washed with boric acid solution of the strength of one teaspoonful to a pint.

Waxbill and Bengalese (B.G.W.).—Former died of "general chill" and feverishness, with probable loss of appetite. Latter of enlargement of the liver, feverishness, and pneumonia. The entanglement on legs and feet of nesting material and excreta should have been removed. Canary chick quite as likely starved through "taking a chill" as through neglect of parents.

GENERAL.

Answered by the EDITOR.

"Bird World" (E.M.F.).—We can supply you with the numbers you require for 1s. 4d., post free.

Cape Town Show (A.R.).—Many thanks for your kindly thought on our behalf, but the matter had already been dealt with. Nevertheless, your kindness is most heartily appreciated.

Pigeon Found (A. E. Howland).—If you write to the editor of "The Racing Pigeon," 19, Doughty-st., Loudon, W.C., he will insert the announcement for you. We do not deal with such matters.

Java Sparrows (H. Thomas).—Java Sparrows may be bought at a low figure—somewhere about 3s. or 4s. per pair. Consult our advertisement columns, under Foreign Birds.

SINGING CONTESTS.

The promoters of any bird singing club desirous of offering a "Cage Birds'" special prize for competition amongst their members should communicate with the Editor "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, giving full name and address of club and number of members.

LEEDS.

The usual week-end contest at the Skinners' Arms, Buslingthorpe. Eleven birds competed. Some good singing was heard, and everyone was satisfied. 1, Clark; 2, Galley; 3, Rced.—F. RAPER, Sec.

BLACKBURN.

Lark Singing Contest held at the Crown Hotel, June 22nd. There were 14 entries; 10 minutes banging:—Hunt, 9 min. 48 sec.; R. Sheffield, 9 min. 44 sec.; J. Sheffield, 8 min. 59 sec.; Knowles, 8 min. 45 sec.; Airey, 8 min. 44 sec. Next contest Good Samaritan Inn, Grimshaw Park (members only), June 29th. The first bird to be bung at 2 o'clock.—J. SHEFFIELD.

The Blackburn L.S.A. held an All England Contest for quality on June 22nd, at the Vauxhall inn, Witton, Blackburn. Thirty-five birds competed for six valuable prizes given by Mr. Fred Howson. The singing was of the highest quality. 1, Bentley; 2, 4, Mills; 3, Gopping; 5, Leeming; 6, Barnes. The judges were J. Dobson, J. Jones, W. H. Topping; timekeeper, J. Fender.—R. HAYHURST, Sec.

SHEFFIELD.

A Linnet contest took place at the Don Inn, Carbrook, on June 23rd. Fifteen birds were hung, and some good singing was heard. 1, 3, Brown; 2, Wilson. Judges, J. and W. Blackadder.

On June 23rd, at the Bird-in-Hand, Broughton Lane, Attercliffe, 30 birds sung before a crowded house, for five prizes. Owing to the large entry the birds were restricted to 2 minutes hanging. Biggin, 55; Watson, 45; Fowlstone, 44; Soldier Jack, 37; Robinson, 34. Judges, Messrs. Bollington and Headford. After the contest the landlord was approached with the idea of forming a Linnet Club, and the result was a meeting at night, at which 13 members were enrolled.—FREDK. WATSON.

Sir,—In reply to the letter signed Fredk. Watson, I should like it known that this report is false. Fred. Watson and his friends, including prizewinners and judge at the Old Britannia Contest, reported in same paper, made no complaint when they were taking the prizes between them, but as soon as others have their birds in good condition they blame the organisers of the club. I take this as a personal affair, knowing what they have done, but hope the club they are about to form will be carried on in a better spirit than they seem to possess. —J. J. BLACKANDER.

CARLISLE.

There was a large company present to witness a Linnet Singing Coutcst on June 15th, at the Wool Pack Inn, Carlisle. There was a record entry of 53 birds, and some good singing. 1, Thomlinson; 2, Shearman; Thomlinson and Jackson tied for third. Mr. Hill was judge and Mr. Thorburn timekeeper.

ACCRINGTON.

A Lark Singing Contest took place at the Hargreaves Arms Hotel, on June 22nd. Sixteen birds competed for six prizes. 1, Hargreaves, 8 min. 39 sec.; 2, Sanderson, 7 min. 59 sec.; 3, Jackson, 7 min. 37 sec.; 4, Berry, 6 min. 47 sec.; 5, Greenwood, 6 min. 30 sec; 6, Berry, 6 min. 30 sec. Timers, Henry Greenhalgh and James Sborrocks.—ALF. KNOWLES, Sec.

DURHAM.

A Linnet contest took place at the Black Horse Inn on June 22nd. There were thirty-one entries, and the singing was splendid, giving the judge a lot to do to decide which was best. 1st, 2nd, Cole, who sold one of his birds to the judge for 15s.; 3rd, Million. Mr. Sharpe acted as judge, and Mr. McLinden was timekeeper, and they gave general satisfaction.

THE SHOWS.

WESTERN COUNTIES O.S.

Second Nest Feather Show, held June 19th, at the Oddfellows' Hall, Union-street, Plymouth. An entry of 150 was received, which far surpasses any other show of the same kind previously held by the society. The quality of the birds exhibited, especially in the Crest and Norwich classes, gives strong evidence that the W.C.O.S. will not be behind in keen competition this coming show season. Mr. R. B. Tope judged Norwich, Crest, Mules, and Cinnamons, and Mr. A. E. Cheney the remainder, the awards being generally received with satisfaction. YORKS. YELL. (7): 1, 2, Dyer, the former heavily varieg., the latter a cl.; 3, Perrin, tkd.; 4, vhc, Bassett, cl. BUFF (13): 1, 4, Dyer, heavily varieg. and cl.; 2, Large, cl.; 3, Perrin, cap mkd.; vhc, Bassett; hc, c, Hamilton. NOR. YELL. (12): 1, Spillman, cap mkd. yell., exceptional size, one of the best; 2, 4, Blatchford, wing mkd. and cl.; 3, Baker, cl.; vhc, hc, Garland; c, Small. BUFF (16): 1, 2, c, Spillman, former a clear, grand colour, but many thought should have given place to second, a cap mark only losing to winner in colour; 3, Baker, very nice clear; 4, Blatchford; vhc, Dodd; hc, Deeble. CREST (10): 1, Hobbs, varieg., shapely Crest; 2, hc, French, heavily varieg.; 3, c, Ryder, cl., body dk; 4, vhc, Northcott, lightly mkd. CRESTBRED (12): 1, hc, Haskell, green, exceptional size; 2, 4, Ryder, heavily varieg. and green; 3, vhc, Hobbs, clear buff; c, French. CINN. (2): 1, 2, Pope. MULE, DARK (7): 1, 3, Rapson, two Gold.-Canaries; 2, 4, Browning, two Greenfinch-Linnets. BRIT. GOLD OR BULLFINCH (13): 1, hc, Snell, cage moulted Bullfinch; 2, Browning, real good Goldfinch; 3, Rapson, Goldfinch; 4, Blatchford, Goldfinch; vhc, Camp; c, Small. LINNET, ETC. (11): 1, Pridbam, Linnet, a good win; 2, Browning, Linnet; 3, 4, hc, Camp, Linnets; vhc, Wills; c, Snell. A.O.V. (12): 1, 2, 3, Snell, two former Chaffinches, third Yellow Bunting, a good team, in pink of condition; 4, Camp, Cirl Bunting; vhc, Pope; hc, Browning; c, Elson. INSECTIV. (1): 1, Tremlett, Thrush. FOR. (LARGE) (2): 1, Jarratt, Indian Rock (green); 2, Tremlett, King Parrot, looking somewhat dull, or would have won. SMALL (4): 1, Jarratt, Shama, well-known winner; 2, Browning, Goldfinch; 3, 4, Snell; vhc, hc, Tremlett. SELL., 15s. (1): 1, Harvey. A.V. CAN. (NON-MEMBERS) (6): 1, 2, 3, 4, Woodley, nice team of Crestbreds; vhc, hc, Marten. MULE (4): 1, 3, Watson, light Gold.-Canary; 2, E. Pope, dark Linnet; 4, Hayne. BRIT. (12): 1, Cooper, Blackbird; 2, 3, White, Robin and Goldfinch; 4, Snell, Bullfinch; vhc, Teake; hc, Allen; c, Jenkins. FOR. (2): 1, Rickard, Grey Parrot; 2, Cooper, Cardinal.

S.W. LONDON.

The South West London C.B.S. Young Bird Show was held on June 22nd, and was the best that this society has ever held, both in number and quality of exhibits. A large number of visitors put in an appearance. Considering that this has been a most unfortunate breeding season for most of the members, it was the more gratifying to be able to get so fine a collection of young birds together so early in the season. The Norwich and Yorkshire men in each section may congratulate themselves on being able to produce such good specimens, many being of great merit, and if well moulted will be able to give a good account of themselves in the autumn. Mr. J. Robson judged. CHAMPION, BUFF NOR.: 1, 3, Wheeler; 2, Harris. YELL. NOR.: 1, 2, 3, Wheeler. MKD.: 1, 2, Berkshire; 3, Harris. YORKS. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Wheeler. YELL.: 1, 2, Wheeler; 3, Best. MKD.: 1, 2, Wheeler; 3, Best. CREST: 1, 2, 3, Lilley. CRESTBRED: 1, 2, Lilley. A.V. CANARY: 1, 2, 3, Barley. AMATEUR OR NOVICE, strong class, NOR. BUFF: 1, 3, Thomas; 2, Graham. YELL.: 1, 3, Thomas; 2, Burgess. YORKS. BUFF (9): Strong class; 1, Graham; 2, Wall; 3, Slade. YELL (10): 1, McLaughlin; 2, Wall; 3, Slade. CRESTS: 1, 2, Slade. CRESTBRED: 1, 2, 3, Slade. GOLD. OR BULLFINCH: 1, Slade, Goldfinch; 2, McLaughlin; 3, Burgess. LINNET: 1, Harris; 2, Palmer; 3, Lilley. A.O.V.: 1, 2, McLaughlin, Bramblefinch and Yellowhammer.

ROCHDALE G.I.C.B.S.

This show was held on June 22nd. There were 110 entries, and some splendid birds were staged. Mr. Lees put down a fine team, winning cup, gold medal, and special for best bird in the show. The show was well patronised by visitors, and was a great success. Mr. R. Barrass judged. LANCS. COPPY, YELL. (3): 1, Lord; 2, Horsman. BUFF (6): 1, Radcliffe; 2, Holden; 3, hc, West; 4, vhc, Horsman. PLHD., YELL. (3): 1, Lord; 2, Rhodes; 3, Horsman. BUFF (5): 1, 3, Hartley; 2, Collinge; 4, vhc, Horsman. LIZARD GOLD. (3): 1, Sidaway; 2, 3, Holt. SILVER (2): 1, 2, Holt. BROKEN GOLD. (2): 1, 2, Lord. SILVER (3): 1, Lord; 2, Sidaway; 3, Holt. CREST (1): 1, Collinge. CRESTBRED (5): 1, 3, Collinge; 2, Carr. YORKS., YELL. (8): 1, Lees; 2, Howarth; 3, Bescoby; 4, Lord; vhc, Clayton; hc, c, Gaskill. BUFF (12): 1, Howarth; 2, 4, Lees; 3, Bescoby; vhc, c, Lord; hc, Clayton. TKD. YELL. (5): 1, Howarth; 2, Lees; 3, vhc, Lord; 4, Clayton. BUFF (4): 1, Bescoby; 2, 4, Lees; 3, Clayton. NOR., YELL. (4): 1, Gaskill; 2, 3, Brown, W. C. Royds. BUFF (10): 1, 2, 3, spl best bird in show, Lees; 4, hc, Sidaway; vhc, c, Gaskill. TKD. YELL. (7): 1, 3, Lees; 2, 4, vhc, Gaskill; hc, Howarth; c, Brown. BUFF (5): 1, 3, 4, Lees; 2, vhc, Gaskill. A.O.V. (2): 1, Gaskill; 2, Collinge. AMATEUR, A.V. (11): 1, vhc, Holden; 2, 4, hc, c, Pullan; 3, Leach. BRIT. HARDBILL (6): 1, 2, 3, Law; 4, vhc, hc, Gaskill. SOFTBILL (2): 1, 2, Law.

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LONDON CAGE BIRD ASSOC.

The Annual Young Bird Show was held on Saturday last, June 22nd, at the "Napier," High Holborn, W.C. An excellent all round lot of birds put in an appearance, and the venture must be voted a success in every sense of the term. The room is a very comfortable and convenient one for a small show of this kind, and it was well-filled with Metropolitan fanciers during the afternoon and evening, several friends from the country also putting in an appearance. The Open Yorkshire classes were very strong, and if the quality therein affords any criterion to the merit of the lengthy ones bred in the south this season, then we should see some keen struggles when the shows come round. Mr. Crisp won in the clear or ticked class with a grand youngster, caught in the pink of condition. Next best we liked the buff staged by Mr. Knight, which only managed to get vhc, but which several connoisseurs present thought could have won outright. It should make up a clinker. In the markeds, Mr. Daintry stood 1st and 2nd with two very smart birds. Mr. Rennie held a very strong hand in the Norwich, securing the premier award with a beauty, which, however, was pressed closely by the second, a most promising bird staged by Messrs. Cooper Bros. Mr. V. Wynn had out one or two nice Lizards, while Mr. Tyson "cut his teeth" as an exhibitor of Border Fancies. In the amateur section the principal winners were Messrs. A. W. Hart (Norwich), A. Lazarus (Crests), and C. W. Baker and J. Carson (Yorks.) There were one or two real good specimens among the leaders. In the novice section Mrs. Litchfield scored with Norwich, Mr. G. H. Neal coming a good second. Mrs. E. Litchfield and Messrs. R. Blackburn, J. Franz and Mugford were the chief winners with Crests and Crestbreds. The Yorks. section was remarkable for the double victory of Mr. G. B. Lewis, who took the firsts in both classes, being followed by Messrs. F. Smith and H. Trussler. The competition was very keen indeed amongst the novices, and in this section we saw a bird we liked as well as anything in the show. This was the young heavily variegated Crestbred cock, some five weeks old, which won for Mr. Franz. For substance and feather this "baby" would want a deal of beating, while its width of skull and pronounced lashing delighted us all. There should be a future before this youngster, given good luck. A few Hybrids and British lent agreeable variety to the show, Messrs. Franz, C. H. Cooper, and Wynn being the principal winners therein, the last-named gentleman being fortunate enough to win with a Cirl Bunting a first prize in a Softbill class. Mr. J. Tyson had charge of the arrangements, in the regrettable absence of the popular hon. sec., Mr. T. A. Wade, who is unfortunately down with illness, and he carried everything through in his usual able fashion. In Messrs. Daintry, Franz, Crisp, and others he found willing helpers. Mr. J. Robson made the awards.

CHAMPION NORWICH (19): 1, vhc, hc, Rennie; 2, 3, c, Cooper Bros. YORKS. (21): 1, 3, hc, Crisp; 2, Broome; vhc, Knight; c, Daintry. MARKED (7): 1, 2, Daintry; 3, Bennett; vhc, Winn. The entries of Mr. Easterling were all absent. A.O.V. (5): 1, 2, Wynn; 3, vhc, hc, Tyson. AMATEUR, NOR. (7): 1, 3, c, Hart; 2, vhc, hc, Baker. CREST (1): 1, Lazarus. C.B. (2): 1, 2, Lazarus. YORKS. CL. (5): 1, 2, 3, Baker; vhc, Carson. VGTD. (3): 1, Carson; abs., Best. NOVICE, NOR. (5): 1, Mrs. Litchfield; 2, 3, vhc, hc, Neal. CREST (8): 1, hc, Blackburn; 2, Mrs. Litchfield; 3, Franz; vhc, c, Offord. C.B. (6): 1, Franz; 2, hc, Mugford; 3, Mrs. Litchfield; vhc, c, Offord. YORKS. CL. (16): 1, Lewis; 2, c, Smith; 3, Pullinger; vhc, Lucas; hc, Trussler. MARK (9): 1, Lewis; 2, Trussler; 3, hc, c, Smith; vhc, Warley. HYB. (1): 1, Franz. BRIT. HARD (8): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Cooper; hc, Warley. SOFT (1): 1, Wynn. Mr. Dewhurst's birds were all absent.

LONDON AND PROVINCIAL O.S.

The L. and P.O.S. held an interesting Nest Feather Show on Thursday evening, June 20th. Considering it was a night show only, the number of young birds present, viz., 48, must be accounted fairly satisfactory, though there was a decrease from last year's total, for which many thought the bad breeding season responsible. Taken on the whole the quality was excellent, some birds well worth looking at being found in both champion and novice sections. The room was well-filled with visitors, amongst those whom we noticed present being Messrs. Crabb, Crisp, Ramsden, Dobson, Tyson, Graves, Hodder, Easterling, Cooper Bros., Tringham, Mortlock, Day, Dring, Welch, Lathleiff, Lazarus, Morton, Greenway, Picard, Rudman, Mather, J. and H. Findlay, Norris, Munday, Johnson, Moore, Hazell, Martin, Woolhouse, Hodson, Pretty, Connorton, Key, Herbert, etc. The silver medal for best bird in champion section went to Messrs. Cooper Bros., their yellow Norwich, a very fine youngster, doing the trick. The medal for second best fell to Mr. H. K. Picard's Yorks. The medal for best in the novice section went to Mr. H. Welch's buff Norwich, a shapely bird of nice quality; that for second best was secured by Mr. J. A. Simpson. Mr. T. Heath officiated as judge with his usual ability.

Coming to the birds themselves, which were well staged in the room at headquarters (the "Raglan," Aldersgate Street, E.C.), we have already commented on Messrs. Cooper Bros. winning exhibit, and Mr. Dring's second is also a promising baby, a little less chubby than the leader, but likely to make up well. Mr. Hodder's two winning Buffs are typical, well cut up youngsters, just beaten by condition for the special. Mr. Picard staged a trio of excellent yellow Yorks., which ran away with the leading awards. Mr. Tringham was equally successful in buffs (besides staging a nice green), and these two exhibitors' teams will have to be reckoned with later on. In the Novice section, Mr. Welch again put down a few typical Norwich, winning first and second in both yellows and buffs. This fancier seems to have acquired the knack of turning out good youngsters. Mr. Simpson's three winners in the yellow and buff Yorks were a nice trio, good in length and shape, while Mr. Richardson's second prize buff was likewise a very creditable specimen. Mr. Lazarus won with a promising Crest and Crestbred, and Mr. Rudman got a second with a Cinnamon, a variety not often staged at metropolitan young bird shows. Mr. Lambert Brown made light of the managerial duties, and with Messrs. Day, Tringham, and others lending a hand, the venture went through without a hitch.

CHAMPION NORWICH YELL. (4): 1, Cooper Bros.; 2, G. H. Dring; vhc, J. Hodder. BUFF (4): 1, 2, Hodder. YORKS. YELL. (8): 1, 2, 3, H. K. Picard. BUFF (6): 1, 2, vhc, H. E. Tringham. A.O.V.: 1, Tringham (Green). NOVICE, NOR. YELL. (6): 1, 2, H. Welch; vhc, L. J. Richardson. BUFF (6): 1, 2, Welch; vhc, Richardson; hc, G. Munday. YORKS. YELL. (4): 1, 2, vhc, J. A. Simpson. BUFF (5): 1, hc, Simpson; 2, Richardson. CRESTS: 1, A. Lazarus. A.O.V. (3): 1, vhc, Lazarus (Green C.B.); 2, P. Rudman (Cinnamon).

BEGINNERS: READ THE ANNUAL.

STOCKPORT.

This show was held at the Boar's Head Hotel, on June 11th and 12th. Entries were not as numerous as on previous occasions, but the quality was grand throughout the show. Mr. Battye, of Huddersfield, judged in his usual painstaking manner. The room is an ideal one for such a purpose, being absolutely the best in the town. The championship cup has been withheld for a short time, owing to a difference of opinion. Championship cup, Massey; Amateur cup, Hill; Novice cup, Booth; British, Hill; specials for best birds were won by Messrs. Slater, Shore, Hill, Higham, Boswell, Baker, Booth, Dickenson, and Hall; points specials, Messrs. Garner, Massey, Slater, Shore, Stafford, Gaskill, Higham, Hill, Oldham, Baker, Booth, Boswell, Nelson. CHAMPION COPPY (2): 1, 2, Garner. PLHD. BUFF (2): 1, 2, Garner. LIZARD GOLD (5): 1, Garner; 2, vhc, Massey; 3, 4, Harrison. SILVER (2) 1, 2, Massey. YORKS., YELL. (7): 1, 4, hc, Slater; 2, 3, Potts; vhc, Gaskill. BUFF (8): 1, 2, vhc, hc, c, Slater; 3, 4, Potts. MKD. YELL. (5): 1, 3, 4, Slater and Potts. NOR., YELL. (8): 1, hc, Shore; 2, Dickenson; 3, Gaskill; 4, Potts; hc, c, Garner. BUFF (7): 1, 2, Shore; 3, 4, Stafford; vhc, Dickenson; hc, Gaskill. MKD. YELL. (9): 1, Harrison; 2, 3, Shore; 4, Dickenson; vhc, Gaskill. BUFF (9): 1, 4, Shore; 2, vhc, Massey; 3, Gaskill; hc, Dickenson; c, Stafford. CREST (7): 1, 4, vhc, Stafford; 2, 3, hc, c, Garner. CINN. (2): 1, 2, Massey. MULE (1): 1, Massey. BRIT. HARDBILL (5): 1, 3, 4, Dickenson; 2, vhc, Gaskill. LINNET, ETC. (5): 1, vhc, Massey; 2, 3, Gaskill; 4, Dickenson. AMATEUR, LIZARD GOLD. (4): 1, 2, Beswick; 3, 4, Higham. SILVER (4): 1, 4, Higham; 2, 3, Beswick. YORKS., BUFF (2): 1, 2, Higham. MKD. YELL. (4): 1, Higham; 2, Hill. NOR., BUFF (6): 1, 3, 4, Hill; 2, Dean; vhc, Higham. MKD, YELL. (5): 1, Hill; 2, Dean; 3, Oldham. MKD. BUFF (5): 1, Hill; 2, Oldham; 3, Dean. CREST (4): 1, 2, 3, 4, Oldham. HARDBILL, BRIT. (7): 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, Hill. LINNET, ETC. (5): 1, 2, vhc, Hill; 3, 4, Dean. SOFTBILL (4): 1, 2, Hill. NOVICE, LIZARD GOLD. (1): 1, Baker. YORKS., YELL. (6): 1, 2, Booth; 3, 4, Albiston. BUFF (2): 1, 2, Booth. NOR., YELL. (5): 1, 4, Boswell; 2, 3, Forrester; vhc, Baker. BUFF (6): 1, 2, Boswell; 3, vhc, Forrester; 4, hc, Baker. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (3): 1, 2, Baker; 3, Booth. FOR. (1): 1, Nelson.

EAST BOWLING.

The East Bowling and District B.F.A. held their show for Canaries in their first feather at the Barley Mow, East Bowling, on June 22nd. The entry was a very good one, and some very promising young birds were staged. Mr. C. Stebbings officiated as judge, and gave every satisfaction. The points count for gold medals and other prizes that are put up for competition at their shows this year, and the awards to-day are as follows:—YELL. YORKS. (8): 1, Varley; 2, Bottomley; 3, Crowther; 4, Cowell; vhc, Varley; hc, Clark; c, Bywater. BUFF (11): 1, Blezard; 2, Casey; 3, Hudson; 4, Clark; vhc, Lambert; hc, Firth; c, Cowell. TKD., ETC., YELL. (6): 1, Hudson; 2, Warburton; 3, Varley; 4, Lambert; vhc, Bottomley; hc, Firth. BUFF (8): 1, Blezard; 2, 4, Bottomley; 3, vhc, Varley; hc, Firth; c, Casey. CINN. BUFF: 1, Bywater. FOUL MKD.: 1, Lambert. SELL. (9): 1, Sowden; 2, Cowell; 3, Hudson; 4, Thompson; vhc, Crowther; hc, Firth; c, Blezard. NOVICE YELL. (4): 1, Sowden; 2, 3, Palframan; 4, Gledhill. BUFF: 1, Sowden; 2, Gledhill.

WELSH NATIONAL C.B.S.

Meeting held June 18th. It was decided that at show on October 30th and 31st we give 70 classes with prize money, 35s. per class; entry fee, 2s. The following gentlemen have kindly consented to become Hon. President, F. Rocke, Esq., J.P.; Vice-Presideuts, Dysou B. Williams, Esq., Frank E. Tunbridge, Esq., Geo. Mayon, Esq., W. T. Farr, Esq.; G. H. Bevan, Esq. S. J. NICHOLAS, Hon. Sec.

BRADFORD AND COUNTY B.B. AND M.C.

Meeting June 22nd, which was well attended. Mr. W. A. Cowgill (president) occupied the chair. Mr. Cowgill said that it had been expressed by several gentlemen that exhibiting members should contribute something extra above those, who, to help forward the society, were willingly putting down their shillings but who took no active part in showing, and, therefore, could receive no benefits from membership. But no resolution was put to the meeting. Mr. Chitteuden said he would like to see representatives elected from outside the Bradford district. Eventually it was decided that the governing body should consist of president, secretary, four vice-presidents, and eightcen committee, two vice-presidents to be elected from Bradford district, and two outside and six committee men from Bradford district, and twelve outside. The definition of Bradford District to be six miles radius from Bradford Town Hall. It was thought this would give outside fanciers encouragement to join us, as we do not intend to confine our attention solely to this neighbourhood, but to extend our influence throughout the broad-acred shire, and as all the offices allotted to members outside the district are to be filled up at our next monthly meeting fanciers sending in their names for membership before July 20th will be eligible for election. It is our desire to get working for the winter shows, therefore we hope every fancier will join us, as the subscription is only nominal, namely, 1s. per year. A letter was read from the secretaries of the National British Bird and Mule Club, stating that they could not let us have a copy of rules until our request was laid before their committee. Therefore we could not go into the question of rules until we have the sanction of the parent body to frame our rules upon theirs. The next meeting was fixed for Saturday, July 20th, at the Market Tavern, Bradford. All fanciers interested are cordially invited. W. R. MYERS, Hon. Sec.
23, Ingleby-place, Bradford.

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MOULTING AND FEEDING BRITISH BIRDS.

By H. SHORNEY.

A Paper read before the York Cage Bird Society on May 13th.

At the usual monthly meeting at All Saints' Church Rooms, North-street, there was a good company of members and friends. Mr. A. Richardson was in the chair, and he asked Mr. Shorney to give his promised paper on the above subject. On rising, Mr. Shorney said:—

If anyone asked me which I thought was the best way to moult British birds I should say without a doubt moult them in a small aviary if possible. But from an exhibitor's point of view this way is not always advisable, as it has its drawbacks; for instance, they get wilder than if they are moulted in a cage, and are more apt to break their tails and flights when caged off again, but if they are old birds that have been caged for a few years they will not be so bad.

We will now take a few of the Finches that are most commonly kept, and leave the Softbills to someone that has had more experience, as I have never stuck to them long enough to gain a lot of knowledge about them. First comes the Hawfinch. The best way to moult the Hawfinch, in my opinion, is to keep it in a moderately large cage and shaded from the sun (I will say nothing about colour food, as there is a great difference of opinion about it, and leave it to you to talk over at the end of this paper, but there is no doubt that it improves some of our British birds). The best seed to give the Hawfinch during the moult is sunflower, canary, rape, hemp, linseed, you can also buy hard peas after the green peas are done and soak them till they sprout, hawberries can be got through the winter, as they hang till the spring of the year; yewberries he is very fond of, also the pips of apples and the kernels of plum stones and cherry stones; a few mealworms are also relished.

The Bullfinch can be got as good a colour as in a wild state if anyone takes the trouble to cater well for him. He is best moulted in an aviary. Perhaps the legs will not be as white as if moulted indoors, but that can be looked over, so long as the body colour is well up. There are plenty of wild seeds which the Bullfinch is fond of, but to mention all the seeds would make this paper too long, so I will just deal with the berries. Blackberries are the chief food during the moult and can be got well on into winter. Anyone than can get into the country once a week can get a supply to last a week; if cut with plenty of stalk, carefully put in a basket, and then stuck in wet sand, they will keep a long time. Then follows the privet berries, which can be kept the same way, and can be got all the winter. I have seen them hang on the trees, never get touched by Bullfinches in their wild state, but they can be got to eat them in a cage, and they will undoubtedly improve the colour after the bird has moulted. Ling berries are also useful. Mountain ash berries, which come first, must be gathered as soon as they are ripe, as the other birds, such as Thrushes and Blackbirds, will soon clear the trees; they can be hung in the sun on a line and dried.

The Goldfinch, in my opinion, if moulted indoors comes out more clear in markings. I have always moulted mine outside, and might say that two which I moulted outside last year had white legs. The best food for the Goldfinch is the thistle, of which there is several varieties; the first one is ready very early, but is difficult to gather, as the seed falls out before the red flower is dead, but the later ones are well known, and can be gathered when they are just opening, then you are sure of getting good, ripe, sweet seed; they can be rubbed out or kept as they are if put in a narrow bag and well dried. The down need not be wasted, for anyone with a few Canaries will find that it makes very good nesting material. The swine thistle contains a lot of seed, which both Gold, Bull, and nearly all Finches will eat. They are often covered all up the stalk at the top with a kind of insect, that the Goldfinch is very fond of, and which improves the colour of the blaze. There are also hardheads, and some Goldfinches will eat the blackberry and privet, which they should be got to do if possible.

The Linnet is best moulted indoors, as if they are moulted in an aviary they will be found to be blurred on the breast, and not show the markings distinct. They are very fond of the hardhead, which is not at all easy to gather, as the seed falls out soon after it is ripe. If you gather them by chance you will find the biggest half dry up to nothing. It is infested by a beetle and grub, which seem to clear the seed all out. The Linnet will sometimes eat the privet berry and most of the other wild seed.

Thanking you all for your kind attention, I hope I have said sufficent to start off some of our younger members in the British bird hobby.

STRAY NOTES ABOUT BIRDS.

By CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

ACTIONS WHICH INDICATE (?) SEX.

The interpolated interrogatory in the title of this stray note is meant to form an integral part of the whole. For however certain one may be that a cock bird rests on his right leg and a hen on her left leg, one thing is infinitely more certain—viz., that birds in general will have to become exceedingly more consistent in these habits before the practical fancier is convinced of the fact. It is purely the tyro in bird fancying who is in that unenviable stage when sexual distinctions are so utterly bewildering and flabbergasting who is apt to be duped by these fantasies of a too vivid imagination. Thus the novice, when he meets a voluble vendor, ready with this valuable wrinkle, as it may be termed, would be well advised to smile a grateful appreciation and—pass by on the other side. Similarly, when he finds the fable trotted out that a cock Thrush sleeps with his head under his right wing and a hen Thrush with her head under her left wing, wait until the hours of slumber are past and hear the hoped-for cock sing. 'Twill be a more reliable test. Male Parrots, we are told, hold food in the right foot, whilst hens use the left foot for like purposes. The theory is doubtless as flimsy as the others, but in the cases where one is reduced to such crude speculation the knowledge of the sexual differences of Parrots may be said to be still in its tender infancy.

A DEDUCTIVE THEORY.

From Parrots to Canaries is a rather far cry. Yet both these classes of birds show a certain similar trait under given circumstances, that it may be just warrantable to deduce a theory respecting the former from premises obtained from the latter. Everybody who has had much experience of tame pet birds—Canaries in particular, and to a less extent nearly every British Finch—knows well the habit some birds have, especially during the spring and summer, of regurgitating half-digested food when being noticed or petted and offering it, as it were, as a bonne bouche to its admirers. These birds are, in my experience, invariably males. The bird simply follows its natural instinct to give titbits of food to those to whom he is attached, just as by nature he feeds his mate from his crop at these seasons. Many Parrots, when they become tame and sociable, act in a similar way, and bring up beakfuls of half-digested food with, apparently, precisely similar motives, to the disgust of their owners, who misinterpret these kindly attentions and imagine the birds are vomiting. Now, the question which naturally arises is—are these birds males? It might prove interesting to study these habits in a large number of individuals, and especially such species in which there are well-marked sexual distinctions, in order to ascertain whether the result gave colour to the theory.

SOME OTHER FALLACIES.

Writing just now of a bird sleeping with its head "under its wing" reminds one how difficult it is to avoid altogether the appearance of subscribing to erroneous fallacies. Of course, a bird never does sleep in such a ridiculous posture. It simply turns its beak a little backward and buries it snugly amongst the plumage where the feathers of its back and shoulders (to use utterly unscientific and popular language) meet together, and its head is really over, not under, the wing. To describe the position as sleeping with its head on its arm would be nearer the truth scientifically and popularly.

THE FLOATING YOLK.

Then there is the error about the position of the yolk of an egg, which to this day I have never seen any attempt to correct. On the other hand, many scientific works fall into and perpetuate the error. No matter whether it be an egg of a bird or fowl, we are told the object of turning it, either before or during incubation, is to prevent the yolk sinking to the bottom and clinging to the side. This, at least, is the substance of the explanation. As a matter of fact, the yolk is really the lightest part of the egg, and swims or floats, instead of sinking in the "white" portion. To prove the fact it is only necessary to break an egg into a cup, and see how quickly the yolk rises to the top and floats there. Or take a bird's egg with a thin white shell, through which the yolk is easily seen when held up to the light, and hold it up to a good light between the thumb and forefinger and see how readily the yolk floats up a little above the centre of the egg and retains its high position, no matter how the egg may be turned round and round. Turn it slowly, the yolk almost or quite retains its position; turn it a half-turn suddenly, and the yolk is turned to bottom, and is seen to slowly rise up to the top in a few seconds. Considering the number of eggs broken in culinary operations, it is not a little remarkable that this egg fallacy should ever have existed.

LEEDS.

The members and friends of the Prince Albert L.A. met as usual to compete for three prizes, given by Mr. J. R. Saynor, there being a good muster of friends and members to hear the birds sing. Eleven previous winning birds competed. Judges, H. Allen and S. Green; timekeeper, B. Jackson; 1st, 3rd, Chippendale; 2nd, Smith.—E. WOOD, Hon. Sec.

WILLINGTON QUAY & DIS. F.S.

Meeting to appoint officers and other business was gone through. Fanciers are coming forward for enrolment as members, and we kindly invite all fanciers to our meetings at 5, Palmer's-terrace, Willington Quay, at 7 o'clock, July 4th.
W. T. WINTER, Hon. Sec.

FIRST FEATHER SHOWS.

Dates inserted free of charge.

June 29.—Darlington C. and B.B.F.A.
June 29.—Littleborough C.B.S.
June 29.—North London C.B.A.
June 29.—Pendleton and Salford C.B.S.
June 29.—Potteries C.B.A. and Crewe O.S.
June 29.—Sheffield C.B.S.
June 29.—Rotherham C.B.S.
June 29.—City of Dundee.
June 29.—Wigan C.B.S.
June 29.—Cheltenham C.B.S.
June 29.—Accrington C.B.S.
June 29.—Crook (Original) C.B.S.
June 29.—Bolton and Dis. P.C.B.S.
July 1.—Wimbledon C.B.S.
July 3.—Bristol C.B.S.
July 3.—Chester.
July 3.—Hastings U.C.B.S.
July 3.—Battersea and Dis. C.B.S.
July 4.—Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.
July 4.—Stockton.
July 6.—Admiral Duncan (Notts) O.S.
July 6.—Creswell C.B.F.S.
July 6.—Hanley C.B.S.
July 6.—Glasgow and Western Counties.
July 6.—Eccles C.B.S.
July 6.—West of Scotland.
July 6.—City and Suburban A.C.B.
July 6.—Blackburn C.B.S.
July 6.—Bradford West C.B.A.
July 6.—Wallasey.
July 6.—Coventry O.S.
July 6.—Sutton-in-Ashfield O.S.
July 6.—Sunderland C.B.A.
July 6.—Manchester and N.C.O.S.
July 6.—Tamworth C.B.S.
July 6.—Garston B.B.A.
July 6.—Southport C.B.S.
July 6.—Wellingboro' C.B.S.
July 6.—Rochdale O.C.
July 6.—Attercliffe.
July 8.—Reigate F.A.
July 10.—Luton C.B.S.
July 10.—Southend-on-Sea.
July 10.—Bournemouth C.B.A.
July 11.—Welsh National C.B.S.
July 11.—Greenwich and Deptford C.B.S.
July 12.—Cumberland Yorkshire C.C.
July 13.—Hull C.B.S.
July 13.—Walthamstow F.A.
July 13.—Middlesbro' C.B.S.
July 13.—West London F.A.
July 13.—Leek C.B.S.
July 13.—Bolton O. and R.C.S.
July 13.—Hartlepools C.B.S.
July 13.—L.C.A.C.B.
July 13.—Middleton O.S.
July 13.—Macclesfield C.B.S.
July 13.—Ormskirk and Dis. C.B.S.
July 13.—Halifax O.S.
July 13.—Suffolk C.B.S.
July 13.—Wolverhampton C.B.S.
July 13.—Barrow C.B.A.
July 13.—Seaham Harbour C.B.S.
July 13.—Burton-on-Trent.
July 17.—Clapham and Dis. C.B.A.
July 17.—Birmingham C.B.S.
July 17.—S. and N. Shields C.B.S.
July 17.—Torbay O.S. (Paignton).
July 18.—Swansea C.B.S.
July 20.—Cockermouth.
July 20.—Goldthorpe, Thurnscoe and Dis. C.B.S.
July 20.—Sale O.S.
July 20.—Wallsend and Mid-Tyne C.B.S.
July 20.—Shipley O.S.
July 20.—Wibsey C.B.S.
July 20.—Birkenhead.
July 20.—Falkirk C.B.S.
July 20.—Preston O.S.
July 23.—Stoke Newington F.S.
July 25.—Wallsend C.B.A.
July 27.—Green C.A.
August 3.—Northern Yorkshire C.C.

SANDIFORD'S COLOUR FOODS.

Amongst the vendors of colour foods the name of Sandiford has long held a high position, and, judging by the samples of this season's foods which have reached us from Preston, Mr. Sandiford intends keeping up the high reputation which he has attained as a purveyor of colour foods of the highest class. This season's samples of both tasteless and hot peppers, which Mr. Sandiford is sending out, are very rich, bright and deep in toue, and full of natural colouring matter. Although the season is yet very young, the Preston firm have already disposed of nearly five tons, the bulk of which has gone to some of our largest breeders and exhibitors. In past seasons hundreds of winners have been fed on the Royal colour feeds, and the fact that repeat orders have been received this season from such a number of breeders who have used Sandiford Royal Colour Feeds in the seasons which are gone, proves that the users of such have been well satisfied with the results attained. At the last Crystal Palace, Scottish National and Norwich Shows the successes achieved by the birds fed on Sandiford's Royal Feeds were as striking as they were numerous, and most glowing testimonials were received by Mr. Sandiford from the successful owners. Although the quantity of the best quality pimento pods on the market this year is not great, Mr. Sandiford states that he has secured sufficient to serve all his last season's customers and have some left for those who are wishful to secure a supply of the Royal Colour Feeds for the first time. Mr. Sandiford's advertisement in our last issue gives the names of many of our leading exhibitors to whom Mr. Sandiford has already despatched large quantities of this season's Royal Colour Feeds, and a glance through the names of such should convince our readers far better than anything we may write as to the colour-feeding value of the feeds sent out by the Preston house.

LEEDS.

A grand Linnet contest held at King's Head, Shannon-street, on June 22nd, when fourteen previous winners sung for three prizes, quality singing. Some very good singing was heard, to the satisfaction of all present. 1st, Hardcastle; 2nd, Clegg; 3rd, Summers. Also on the 23rd, when twenty-three of the best birds in Leeds competed for four prizes. 1st, Hardcastle; 2nd, Crowther; 3rd, Nicholls; 4th, Summers. Judges, J. Melia, G. Towers, and C. Cooper.—T. SUMMERS, Hon. Sec.

JUDGES OF CAGE BIRDS.

The attention of Show Secretaries is directed to the following list of gentlemen willing to act as Judges. Terms for insertion on application.

H. W. AXE, 55, Market Place, Doncaster. Judge of Canaries and other Cage Birds. Practical experience (Norwich and British speciality).

W. O BARLOW, The Aviaries, Malpas, Cheshire. Judge of Canaries, British Birds and Mules. Terms moderate.

J. C. BARNES, 149, Duncombe Street, Walkley, Sheffield. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Long practical experience. Terms moderate.

W. P. BARNES, Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Life practical experience. Breeder and exhibitor. Reporter for Fancy Press. Commercial Road, Grantham.

GEO. BENNETT, 46, Wenlock Street, Luton, Beds. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Thirty years' experience. Terms moderate.

J. BERTIE, 7, Mitchell-st., Nottingham, Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds; all classes; 30 years' practical experience.

W. A. COWGILL, 135, Washington Street, Girlington, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Over 25 years' practical experience. Terms moderate.

A. G. DAVIS, Judge of all Classes of Cage Birds. Long practical experience. Terms moderate. 110, Tib Street, Manchester.

J. DOBSON, 14, East Road, London, N. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds.

J. W. DRIVER, (Adult & Driver), Gladstone Street, South Normanton, Alfreton. Judge of Cage Birds.

GEO. GARDNER, 11, Haverstock Road, London, N W. Judge of all kinds of Cage Birds.

C. A. HOUSE, 82, Upper Walthamstow Road, Walthamstow. Judge of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds.

E. A. LOVELL, 19, Islington Road, Southville, Bristol. Judge of Cage Birds (all varieties). Life experience.

F. MARWOOD, 1, Barnard Street, Thornaby-on-Tees, Mules, British and Foreign, a Speciality. 17 years exhibitor. Terms moderate.

W. R. MILES, The Aviaries, Chichester, Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Life experience.

W. MUNDELL, 6, Carlisle Place, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds.

J. NORTH, 435, Oxford Road, Reading. Canaries, British and Foreign Birds. Author of "The Common Sense of Canary Rearing."

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GRIMSBY CHARITY GALA SHOW. Poultry, Pigeons, Cage Birds (C.B.U. Rules), Rabbits, etc. **Thursday, July 18th.** Entries close July 9th. C.B. Judge: G. Gardner, Esq. Saml. Lee, Hon. Sec., 335, Hainton Avenue, Grimsby.

WEST STANLEY (DURHAM) OPEN SHOW — Poultry, — Pigeons, Rabbits, and Cage Birds. **November 30th, 1907.**

BEGINNERS: You MUST read the **ANNUAL**

OBITUARY.

Mrs. GILBERT GRAY.

Mr. Thomas Smith writes:—"It is with profound regret I have to announce that the highly-esteemed President of the Southern Albert Ornithological Association, Glasgow, has sustained a very severe loss in the decease of his beloved wife, on the 21st inst. She will be sorely missed by Mr. Gray and his son, and your readers will, I am sure, join with me in conveying to them heart-felt sympathy in their severe bereavement. May the consolations of our Heavenly Father abound to them in all fullness."

The Cambridge Monster Show will be held, as usual, on August Bank Holiday. Mr. Jacob Mackley will judge.

Stockton C.B.S. First Feather Show will be held July 4th. Mr. Hill, of Thornaby, will judge.—J. W. LOWES.

The Welsh National C.B.S. First Feather Show will be held at Mansel's Arms Hotel, Swansea, on July 11th.

The South and North Shields First Feather Show will be held on July 17th. and not the 10th, as announced in our list of fixtures last week.

Owing to the large number of letters received, in answer to my advertisement re Goldfinch and Canary exchange, I find it impossible to answer all.—W. WHITE, Cowes.

The Cheltenham C.B.S. First Feather Show will be held to-day (Saturday) at the Sydney Arms Hotel. Fanciers will be heartily welcomed by Mr. Treasure and his committee.

Kindly send me a copy of CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL and post cards, as advertised in your valuable paper, as I am taking up the hobby through your paper being so interesting.—JAS. HULTON (Middleton).

We are pleased to hear from Mr. Pressley (Hon. Sec. of the Creswell C.B.F.S.) that things are improving in connection with the society, and that they intend holding a First Feather Show on July 6th.

It may be interesting to your readers to know that I have succeeded in rearing a young Hybrid from cock Bullfinch and hen Greenfinch. The young bird is a month old.—T. JOHNSON (Southport).

The postponed ramble to Addingham of the Bradford West C.B.A. will take place on June 29th. Meet at the Midland Station at 1.50 p.m.; all fanciers who wish to go will be heartily welcome.—T. CLEGG, Hon. Sec.

At a meeting of the Dalkeith and Dis. C.C., held on June 1st, the following gentlemen were nominated as judges, and have accepted:—Messrs. H. Bennet, Borders; David Brown, Scotch Fancies; and J. Mason, Norwich, British and Mules.—THOMAS BRIGGS, Sec.

Mr. Clements, of Birmingham, is having a good season with his birds, having only lost two out of 26 hatched from six pairs—thus writes Mrs. Clements. What a happy man Mr. Clements should be to have a wife deeply interested in his hobby!

At the Innerleithen Show, to be held December 7th, Mr. J. Alexander, Lilliesleaf, has been engaged to judge the Bonder Fancy section, and Mr. A. Hay, Berwick-on-Tweed, the remainder. This year the radius is extended to the districts of Biggar and Upper Ward of Lanarkshire.

Mr. J. P. Cushion, of Reedham, in ordering a copy of CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL, says:—It will be so much better to turn to the "Annual" than to have to look up back numbers, which I often do for instruction. I have been following Mr. Bancroft's advice, and am glad to say I am having good luck with Canaries, and am now trying for Goldfinch Mules.

Very few fanciers are having much luck with young birds this season. Those who are fortunate enough to rear a few until pecking alone should put Tussiline in their drinking water. It will save them from inflammation, which carries off so many. Tussiline is specially prepared for Canaries by Mr. Palmer, chemist, Gamlingay, and is the best-known preventive of inflammation. Sold in bottles, 7d., 1s., 2s., post free.—ADVT.

Southern Yorkshire Canary Club

Will the show committees soliciting the above club's patronage and support make application for such to me by June 30th? The committee are meeting shortly after to allot the patronage. In the novice section a teapot, value £1 1s., is presented at each show for the member making most points, providing there are four competitors of the club, and no member to win more than one. I shall be pleased to hear from anyone wishing to join, or to furnish any information respecting the club.—J. W. RENNIE (the Royal Hotel, Mile End Road, London), Hon. Sec.

The L.C.B.A. Show.

At the close of the show, writes Mr. J. Tyson, the President presented the prizes to the successful exhibitors in his usual affable manner, and alluded in feeling terms to Mr. T. Wade's serious illness. A telegram from Mr. Burn (Chairman of the City and Suburban), announcing the serious illness of his wife, was also suitably alluded to, and the speedy and complete recovery of both invalids desired. The entries totalled 132, or six in excess of last year's numbers; and altogether this must be classed as one of our most successful exhibitions. At least four nominations for membership were received. Messrs. Cooper Bros. honourably returned their prize-money to the funds of the Association, owing to their inadvertently placing the gummed cage labels on the right side of drinker, instead of the left, as was requested. The show was exceedingly well attended by a large number of fanciers and friends.

Eccles First Feather Show will be held on July 6th. Mr. W. A. Bladon will judge.

In the report about Rule 17 of the C.B.U. it says Southport and Dis. C.B.S. voted against the rule. This is a mistake. We voted for it, so writes E. Riley.

Exhibitors who desire to get that extra gloss or sheen on their birds must colour-feed on Ramsden's pure peppers. It is being used this season by hundreds of noted exhibitors, willing to pay a fair price for what they know to be a good article. Ramsden's peppers are the best obtainable, and their absolute purity is guaranteed by a warranty always worth twenty shillings in the pound.—ADVT.

Most varied in its arrangement of meetings of an interesting and instructive character is the syllabus of the Hastings United C.B.S. for 1907-8. The officers are a strong and representative body, and the Hon. Secs. are those enthusiastic lovers of the Yorkshire, Messrs. A. E. and J. H. Godden, of Ceylon House, Earl Street, Hastings, who will be pleased to give information concerning the society to anyone requiring the same.

A lecture or show every month is the programme decided upon by the Leyton and Dis. C.B.S., and if it is faithfully carried out, the latest of our East suburban societies should become a power in Metropolitan cage bird circles. Most attractive indeed is the syllabus drawn up for the first twelve months; the committee evidently intend to give the young members a chance of learning something about cage birds. Mr. A. B. Forse, 31, Thornhill Road, Leyton, is the Hon. Sec., and will be pleased to give information to intending members.

The members beg to thank all who have kindly given to our Cup and Special Prize Fund for Annual Show, a great number of valuable prizes being offered for local exhibitors. We are pleased to say the strength of the society keeps increasing, four new members joining at our last meeting, bringing the membership to 87. We find a good number of these joining are new to this interesting hobby, having taken it up since the formation of our society, with its interesting lectures, etc., which is very encouraging to the promoters. I shall be pleased to give information re membership to any desiring it.—J. MUNRO, Hon. Sec. Bristol C.B.S., Pretoria Villa, St. John's Lane, Bedminster.

Who says they won't Feed?

I had a nest of young Chaffinches reared by a pair of Scotch Faney Canaries, writes Mr. C. Farrow (Merthyr), and all are now well on the perches.

The Crested Canary Club.

There will be a meeting of members of this club at the Napier, 25, High Holborn, on Tuesday next, July 2nd, at 8 p.m., to receive the result of the voting from the scrutineers on the several items submitted to the whole membership.—JOHN TYSON, Hon. Sec.

Is it a Record?

I should like to know if any readers of your valuable paper ever had a hen Canary lay 10 eggs? One of mine laid three, missed one day, and then laid seven more. I have bred German Canaries eight years, but never had more than seven eggs at once. I should like to know if this is a record.—S. BULLINGHAM.

Curious Site for Thrush's Nest.

Five young Thrushes have recently been reared in a nest built in a flower pot containing geranium cuttings standing on a shelf in a greenhouse which Mr. J. E. Bourne, florist, of Longton, Staffs., has in the cemetery gardens. The youngsters have taken to the wing during the last few days, and the empty nest is now an object of much interest at Mr. Bourne's nursery on Trentham Road.

The Yorkshire Union.

The Open Winter Shows for 1907-8 are as follows:—Oct. 4th and 5th, HALIFAX; judge, Mr. A. Hirst. Oct. 11th and 12th, WINDHILL; judge, Mr. W. Mundell. Oct. 19th, SKELMANTHORPE; judge, Mr. J. Robson. Oct. 26th, GT. HORTON GOOD INTENT; judge, Mr. R. Halliday. Nov. 2nd, SANDY LANE; judge, Mr. R. Sutcliffe. Nov. 9th, QUEENSBURY; judge, Mr. A. Ambler. Nov. 16th, DENHOLME and THORNTON; judge, Mr. J. N. Harrison. Nov. 23rd, CITY OF BRADFORD; judge, Mr. John Greaves. Nov. 30th, SHIPLEY; judge, Mr. J. H. Payne. Dec. 7th, DEWSBURY; judge, Mr. J. C. Barnes. Dec. 14th, LAISTERDYKE; judge, Mr. W. H. Shackleton. Dec. 21st, BRADFORD (WEST); judge, Mr. M. Broadley. Dec. 27th and 28th, HUDDERSFIELD; judge, Mr. John Dawson. 1908—Jan. 4th, MANNINGHAM; judge, Mr. C. A. House. Jan. 10th and 11th, ECCLESHILL; judge, Mr. R. Carr. Jan. 17th and 18th, BRIGHOUSE; judge, Mr. W. A. Cowgill. Jan. 24th and 25th, GT. HORTON; judge, Mr. John Broadley. Feb. 3rd, KEIGHLEY; judge, Mr. J. Wilcock. Windhill, Eccleshill and Gt. Horton Societies have not yet decided whether a one-day or a two-day show will be held. Mr. H. W. Battye and Mr. J. Wilman were drawn to judge the Denholme and Thornton and Huddersfield Shows respectively, but were unable to officiate.—FRED HAMMOND, Hon. Sec.

SHOW DATES FIXED.

To secure insertion in this column a guarantee that the show will be advertised in "C.B." to the extent of at east 25/- must be sent to our manager.

* Under the Rules of the C.B. Union.

*Oct. 4 and 5.—**Burnley** (J.H.R.)
*Oct. 10.—**Peterborough C.B.A.**
*Oct. 11 and 12.—**Great Harwood** (J.P.H., D.B.)
Oct 12.—**Broughty Ferry C.B.S.** (J.K., W.W., C.C., P.P.)
Oct 12.—**The Original Crook C.B.S.** (H.W.B.)
*Oct. 16.—**Exeter & Devon P.P. & C.B.S.** (J.H.P.)
Oct. 16—**Leek C.B.S.**
*Oct. 16 and 17.—**Grimsby & Dis. C.B.S.** (J.C.B.)
*Oct. 16 and 17.—**Hayle & District F.A.** (J.H.R.)
*Oct. 17 and 18.—**Dulwich and Peckham** (J.R., G.E.W., W.V.)
*Oct. 18 and 19.—**Rochdale O.C.** (C.A.H. & W.M.)
*Oct. 18 & 19.—**Newcastle** (T.H., J.C.B., C.H., J.P.)
Oct. 18 and 19.—**Accrington & Dis.** (J.R., J.W.)
Oct. 18 and 19.—**City of Glasgow O.S.**
*Oct. 22 and 23.—**Plymouth** (C.A.H., J.R., G.E.W.)
*Oct. 23 & 24.—**Potteries and Dis. C.B.A.** (W.V.)
Oct. 25 & 26.—**Chesterfield & Dis. F.A.** (J.C.B)
*Oct. 25 and 26.—**Manchester and N.C. O.S.**
*Oct. 25 and 26.—**S. Shields C.B.S.** (H.W.B., F.M.)
*Oct. 26.—**Middlesborough C.B.S.** (W.M., F.M.)
*Oct. 26.—**Coventry O.S.** (J.H.R.)
Oct. 26.—**Dysart.** (J.H., J.F., J.G.)
*Oct. 26 & 28.—**Cheltenham C.B.S.** (J.H.P., J.R.)
*Oct. 30.—**Morecambe F.A.**
Oct. 30.—**Torbay O.S., Paignton** (J.H.P.)
*Oct. 30 and 31—**Gloucester C.B.S.**
*Oct. 30 & 31.—**Welsh Nation'l** (G.E.W., J.N., J.B.E.)
*Oct. 30 and 31.—**Wellingborough** (W.V., J.G.)
*Oct 30 and 31.—**Wolverhampton C.B.S.** (J.R.)
Oct. 31.—**Oswestry F. & F.A.** (C.H.)
*Nov 1 and 2.—**Mansfield** (J.C.B., J.R.)
*Nov. 1 & 2.—**Blackburn C.B.S.** (J.H.R., J.W.)
*Nov. 1 and 2.—**Blaydon C.B.S.** (J.R., J.T.)
*Nov. 2.—**Rochdale Good Intent** (H.W.B., R.B.)
Nov. 2.—**Darlington C. & B.B.F.A.** (W.M.)
*Nov. 2.—**Bramley O.S. (Leeds)** (J.C.B., J.B.)
*Nov. 2.—**Cleator Moor F.S.** (C.H. & A.H.)
*Nov. 2 and 4.—**Leicester Hand in Hand C.B.S.**
*Nov. 2 and 4.—**Norwich Alliance** (W.E.G., J.R., W.W.F., A.W.)
*Nov. 5 and 6.—**York C.B.S.** (J.H.R., H.W.B.)
Nov. 6 and 7.—**Portsmouth.** [A.H.)
*Nov. 6 & 7.—**Swansea** (T.H.M., J.P., D.H.T., J.H.J.
*Nov. 7 and 8.—**Greenwich** (J.R., J.D.)
*Nov. 8 and 9.—**Preston O.S.** (J.C.B., P.R.)
*Nov. 8 and 9.—**Hinckley** (J.R.)
*Nov. 8 and 9.—**Sheffield Dis. C.B.S.** (A.A., W.V.)
*Nov. 8 and 9.—**Wallsend** (W.P.B., W.M., J.W.B.)
*Nov. 8 and 9.—**Warrington C.B.S.** (C.H., A.H.)
Nov. 9.—**Kirkcaldy C.B.S.**
*Nov. 9.—**Bo'ness.**
*Nov. 9.—**Stockton-on-Tees** (J.B., J.S., J.M.)
*Nov. 12.—**Cambridge C.B.S.** (J.R., J.F.H.)
*Nov. 12 & 13.—**City of Wakefield O.S.** (J.C.B.)
*Nov. 13.—**Luton** (J.R., J.F.)
*Nov. 14.—**Merthyr Tydfil** (J.H.P.)
*Nov. 15 and 16.—**Blackpool** (J.H.R.)
*Nov. 15 and 16.—**Leeds** (J.R., H.W.B., A.R., J.N.)
Nov. 15 and 16.—**Whitehaven** (S.H., C.H., J.H.)
Nov. 15 and 16.—**Glasgow & West of Scotland**
Nov. 16.—**Consett.**
Nov. 16.—**Galashiels** (J.D., G.F., W.H., J.W.B
*Nov. 16.—**Morpeth** (W.V., J.P.)
*Nov. 16 & 18.—**Nottingham** (J.H.P., W.E.G., C.H.
Nov. 19 & 20.—**Hastings United C.B.S.** (J.H.P.
Nov. 19 and 20.—**Southend-on-Sea.**
Nov. 20.—**Inverness O.A.**
Nov. 20and 21.—**Margate** (J.R.)
*Nov. 20 & 21—**Northampton Good Intent O.S**
*Nov. 20 and 21.—**Bristol C.B.S.** (C.A.H., H.N.)
*Nov. 21.—**Morriston & District C.B.S.**
*Nov. 22 and 23.—**Bolton O. & R.C.S.** (J.T.)
*Nov. 22 and 23.—**Hull** (J.C.B., C.H.)
*Nov. 22 and 23.—**Sundcrland.** [J.S.)
Nov. 23.—**Perth** (J.S., M.McL., G.F.A., D.C., J.P.,
*Nov. 26 and 27.—**Bournemouth C.B.S.** (T.H.)
*Nov. 26 and 27.—**Derby** (J.B. J.R., J.H.R., J.H.S.)
*Nov. 27 and 28.—**Cardiff** (J.H.P. & J.R.)
Nov. 28 and 29.—**Woolwich F.S.** (G.G.)
Nov. 28 and 29.—**Y.C.C. of Ireland** (H.W.B.)
Nov. 29 & 30.—**Jarrow & Dis. C.B.F.S.** (J.H.P.)
Nov. 30.—**City of Dundee** (A.C., J.A., J.C., A.C.)
Nov. 30.—**Darlington C.B.S.**
Nov. 30.—**Eccles & District C.B.S.**
Dec. 3.—**Diss C.B.S.** (J.R.)
*Dec. 4 and 5.—**Bristol F.A.** (J.H.P., T.H.)
Dec. 4 and 5.—**Weybridge & Dis. F.S.** (J.R.)
Dec. 5—**Haverfordwest.**
*Dec. 6 and 7.—**Cockermouth F.C.**
*Dec. 6 and 7.—**Hartlepools C.B.S.** (H.W.B., J.M.)
Dec. 6 and 7.—**Rotherham C.B.S.**
Dec. 6 and 7.—**L.C.B.A. (Westminster).**
Dec. 6 and 7.—**Ulster O.S.**
Dec. 6 and 7.—**Wigan C.B.S.** (J.T.)
Dec. 7.—**Cupar** (E.G.W., J. McL., H.B., P. McQ.)
Dec. 7.—**Kilmarnock C.B.F.S.**
*Dec. 7 and 9—**Ilkeston O.S.** (C.H., R.R., J.H.R.)
Dec. 11—**Reading C.B.S.** (J.R.)
Dec. 12.—**Porth C.B.F.S.** (J.H.P., J.B.E.)
Dec. 13 and 14.—**Barrow C.B.S.** (A.W.)
Dec. 13 and 14.—**Edinburgh O.O.S.**
*Dec. 13 and 14.—**Gatcshead** (W.V., G.G., J.R., J.S.W., G.E.W.)
*Dec. 13 and 14.—**Pendleton** (H.W.B., W.B.)
Dec. 14.—**Harrogate C.B.S.** (H.W.B.)
Dec. 14.—**Whitburn & Dis. C.B.S.** (J.F.D., J.K.)
Dec. 14.—**Hamilton Cadzow Oaks O.S.**
*Dec. 21.—**Seaham Harbour C.B.A.** (H.W.B.)
Jan. 1 and 2, 1908.—**Scottish National C.B.S.**
Jan. 1 and 2.—**Dunfermline & West Fife O.S.**
Jan. 8 and 9.—**Wimbledon C.B.S.**
Jan. 10 and 11.—**St. Helens O.S.**
Jan. 14—**Llanelly C.B.S.**
*Jan. 31.— } **Great National (Crystal**
Feb. 1, 3 & 4. } **Palace) Show**

(Secretaries desiring the initials of their Judges inserted, should forward same on at once.)

Dulwich and Peckham.—July 4th (7.30 p.m.), at the Herne Tavern, Peckham Rye, S.E. Judge, J. Robson. Champions, eight; Novice, seven; Selling, one. Hon. Sec., W. Hodson, 209, Crystal Palace Road, East Dulwich, S.E.

City and Suburban.—July 6th, at the Church Institute, Paddington Street, W. Judges, C. Prior and J. Robson. Canaries, 24; Hybrids, British and Foreign, 14. Entries close (members only) July 1st, to V. Wynn, Hon. Sec., 22, Park Lane, W.

Hastings First Feather Show will be held July 3rd. Mr. J. Stevens will judge.

Writing from Perry Hill, Catford, on June 25th, Mr. A. Blanchflower says:—I enclose P.O. for advt., and thank you for inserting my advt., although 6d. short. I had over 60 answers to that advt., and sold £7 10s. worth, which at this season of the year is, I think, a marvel.

ILLUSTRATED IDEAS

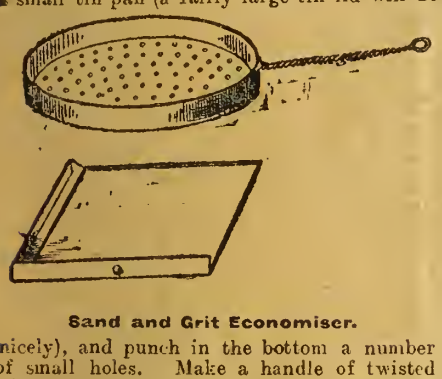
Under this heading we shall illustrate weekly some idea useful to the bird-keeper. Readers are invited to send us particulars of any novel and practical appliance of use in our hobby, either in cage, bird-room or aviary, with a rough sketch of same where possible. Every "Illustrated Idea" used in this column will entitle the sender thereof to a postal order for two shillings and sixpence.

No. 113.

A SAND AND GRIT ECONOMISER.

Sent by L. P. Luke, 9, Piggott Street, Halifax Road, Brighouse.

I enclose a sketch of my sand and grit economiser. It can be easily made. Procure a small tin pan (a fairly large tin lid will do



Sand and Grit Economiser.

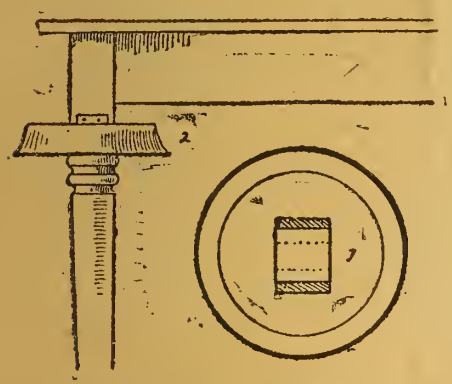
nicely), and punch in the bottom a number of small holes. Make a handle of twisted wire, solder it to the tin, and the implement is ready. It will be found that this will not only sprinkle the sand evenly and finely, but will reserve the grit, which may then be placed in a portion partitioned off for it on the bottom of the cage or in a grit tin. You can prevent much of it having to be thrown away and wasted.—L. P. LUKE.

No. 114.

TO KEEP MICE OUT OF INDOOR AVIARY.

Sent by W. E. Sweetman, The Lawn, Vicarage Road, Battersea, S.W.

I enclose plan that I have adopted to prevent mice from getting into an indoor aviary which stands upon a table. I bought four cake tins (one for each leg of the table) at a penny bazaar, and cut a hole in each to fit the square part of the table leg (as shown in sketch). The way to cut the holes is—



TO DEFEAT THE MICE.
1: Tin, showing flange left when cutting.
2: Tin fixed in position on table leg.

firstly, to mark off the squares on the tins (as shown), leaving a lug each side for tacking to the table leg; then borrow the housekeeper's flat iron (I had to try a little flattery before I could get it), then, with a hammer and chisel, cut out where marked (don't forget to leave lugs). The tin being very thin, the job will soon be done. Fix the cut-out tins on legs as shown in sketch. If the legs are round all the way up, then cut round holes instead of square. I need hardly say that it is impossible for the mice to get over the tins. If you watch at night you will see that when they (the mice) get as far as the tin they will fall down with a bang that will make you say: "Serves you right."—W. E. SWEETMAN.

REVIEWS OF SCHEDULES.

Luton First Feather Show.—July 10th. Judge, Mr. J. Robson; 13 classes:—Nor., Yorks, Crests, Brit. and Novice, two each; A.O.V., Mules, Foreign, one each. Entry fee, 9d.; prizes on sliding scale. Entries close July 6th, to Mr. E. Cherry, 4, Peel Street, Luton.

Grimsby.—July 18th. Judge, Mr. G. Gardner; eight classes:—Nor., two; Selling, one; Singing, one; Brit., two; Foreign, two. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d.; entry fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close July 9th, to Mr. S. Lee, 335, Hainton Avenue, Grimsby.

Treherbert Show.—July 18th. Judge, Mr. E. Gibbs; nine classes:—Nor., Yorks, A.O.V., Mule, Foreign, Local, one each; Brit., three. Prizes, 10s., 6s., 3s., and a card; entrance fee, 2s. Entries close July 11th, to Mr. W. James, 38, Herbert Street, Treorchy.

THE YOUNG NATURALIST.

Prizes of 1s. and two of 6d. each will be given for respectively the best and two second best cuttings or original bits about birds. Competitors must be children under sixteen years of age. All efforts must be briefly and clearly written, and ON ONE SIDE OF THE PAPER ONLY.

Two stars indicate the Winning Contribution; one star the runners up.

Uncle Peter is always sorry when he cannot print all the nice pieces about birds sent to him by his little nephews and nieces, and the hardest part of his work is making up his mind that some really must be left out, as there is not room for all.

P. Thurston sends a very well written piece about a "Red-headed Woodpecker"—an American bird apparently, as he is said to do damage to maize crops growing in the States. Also he is fond of fruit, and "seizes an apple by striking his open bill deep into it, and bears it off to the woods." This method of carrying an apple seems hardly likely. We must consult President Rooscvelt about it.

H. J. Kinvig sends a very full and careful account of the Budgerigar. But it is not original, and is much too long for the corner.

Sammy Ferguson tells about a 1st prize yellow Yorkshire hen, who began laying very early this year, and

Alice Cox tells a funny story of a friend of hers who put a pair of Canaries into a newly-painted cage, and the poor cock bird got stuck to the perch. It was not done on purpose, but Uncle Peter is sorry for the poor bird all the same.

* The Sparrow.

This courageous, impudent and quarrelsome bird is very familiar in Great Britain, and especially in the southern counties of England. There are few who have not seen this little bird, when pressed with cold in the winter, come to our windows for his donation of crumbs; it is also very fond of grain of various kinds. This impertinent bird has no scruple in perching on the pig's trough and partaking of his dinner, or in mixing with any other creature when it feels inclined to. The Sparrow also delights to peck at a newly-thatched house to find insects and seed, and such like. The nest of the Sparrow is generally built in holes and spouts of houses, and differs in its construction. The eggs are of a white colour, speckled with black in many places. The eggs generally number from four to five.—Sent by G. R. HOUGHTON (aged 14), 22, Byron Road, New Road East, Copnor, Portsmouth.

* The Chaffinch.

The cock Chaffinch is a very attractive looking bird, and his song is very cheery and sweet. The hen is not such a pretty bird as the cock, being of a duller colour. Their nest is the prettiest possible, being built in a tree-fork or bush or hedge, always securely built, and fashioned with wonderful neatness and beauty. It is made of moss and lichens on the surface, and lined with wool, hair and feathers, the last two being the finishing substances. Four or five eggs are laid, of a winey-reddish, spotted and streaked, mostly near the large end, with a rich, dark sienna brown. I think the hen is the principal, if not the sole, architect and builder. Early in the autumn the birds separate, the males flocking together, and the females and young birds assembling in other flocks.—Sent in by WILLIAM CORNES (age 15), 130, Fernbrook Road, Lewisham, S.E.

* The Robin Redbreast.

Our old familiar friend Cock Robin continues to be as great a favourite as ever with the average Englishman, although we know more of "his funny little ways" than we used to do; but no matter. We do not see much of him during the summer—he is then otherwise engaged; but he always remembers us and the hospitality we have offered him, from time immemorial, as soon as the short cold days of winter render it more difficult for the birds to provide for their daily wants; then he comes round our homesteads and sings his pretty, cheerful song on the window-sill, where on more than one occasion I have known him rear a brood of little Robins when the revolving year had brought bright summer round again.—THOMAS POTTS (age 14), 82, Clayton Street, Jarrow-on-Tyne.

A Peculiar Goldfinch.

We have a Goldfinch which has a very peculiar habit of throwing its head backwards over its back. He does it because he is very nervous, and seems to do it more frequently when anyone is watching him, and will actually over-balance himself and fall off the perch. He happens to be a Muler, and his offspring are affected the same. Although he is affected in this way, he is in very good health and a good singer.—Sent by HAROLD SULLY (age 13), 44, Wellington Road, Bridgwater, Somerset.

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Altrincham C.B.S.—July 2nd, at Central Cafe, 8. Lecture, "Colour Breeding and Colour Feeding," by Tom Harrison. Nest Feather Show, July 13th, judge, Mr. A. Wellings.—T. Harrison, Sec.

Ashton-under-Lyne and Dis. O.S.—June 29th, at 16, Old-road, 7.30. Table Show of Yorkshires, judge, Mr. J. R. Schofield, Mossley.—H. Foden, Sec.

Bermondsey and Dis. F.S.—July 2nd, at Samson's Castle, 8.30. Young Stock Show.—A. Lupton, Sec.

Blaydon-on-Tyne and Dis. C.B.S.—July 6th, at Co-op. Hall, 7.30.—D. A. Ogilvie, Sec.

Bolton and Dis. O.R.C.S.—July 1st, at headquarters, 8.—J. Stringer, Sec.

Bradford (East) O.S.—July 2nd, at Park Chapel Schools, 8. Arrangements for ramble July 6th, also for First Feather Show on July 27th.—H. Hill, Sec.

Bramley and Dis. O.S.—June 29th, at Carnival Committee Rooms, 7.30. Lecture, "Colour Feeding," by Mr. T. Bennett, Bradford. All fanciers invited J. Metcalfe, Sec.

Bristol C.B.S.—July 3rd, at Crown Hotel. First Feather Show; judges, Mr. Telling and Mr. H. Manley. All exhibits must be staged 6.45 p.m. Members' judging competition to commence at 7 p.m. sharp and finish at 7.45 p.m.; entries close July 1st. All cards in connection with Cup Fund to be returned to Hon. Sec. at next meeting.—J. Munro, Sec.

Broughty Ferry.—July 3rd, at Baker's Hall, 8.—C. Muir, Sec.

Chester and Dis. C.B.S.—July 1st, at Nag's Head Cocoa House, 8. Arrange Nest Feather Show.—A. J. Red, Sec.

City of Bradford O.S.—June 29th, at Traveller's Rest. Members' First Feather Show, birds staged 2.15, classification both sections; judge, Mr. W. Mann. Cl. or Tkd. Yell. Yorks., Green or Cinn., Buff, ditto, Un. or Foul Yell, Buff ditto. Meeting, July 6th, 8.—P. Stansfield, Sec.

City of Dundee and Dis. N.M. & B.B.A.—July 3rd, at Doig's Rooms, 8.—Alex. Miller, Sec.

City of Hull C.B.S.—July 1st, at Oddfellows' Hall, 8. Classification for Show, etc.—F. F. Potter, Sec.

Clapham and Dis. Open C.B.A.—July 1st, at Alexandra Hotel, 8. Final arrangements for First Feather Show. Several new members to propose, making over 50.—S. H. W. Baker, Hon. Sec.

Coventry O.S.—July 3rd, at Sydenham Palace, 8.30. Entries for Nest Feather Show.—G. Turrell, Sec.

Darlington C. & B.B.F.A.—July 3rd, at George Hotel, 8. Discussion.—R. S. Black, Sec.

Denholm and Thornton C.B.S.—July 2nd, at Bull's Head, Thornton, 8. Members' Show, July 6th.—J. Jarratt, Sec.

Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.—July 4th, at the Herne Tavern, 8. Young Bird Show; fanciers will receive a hearty welcome.—W. Hodgson, Hon. Sec.

East Bowling and Dis. B.F.A.—July 13th, at Barley Mow, 8. To arrange on or off the trip mentioned.—J. E. Hudson, Sec.

Eccles and Dis. C.B.S.—July 3rd, at Grapes Hotel, 8. Arrangements for First Feather Show, etc.—A. Wheatley, Sec.

Edinburgh Norwich and M.B.S.—July 4th, at 142, High-street, 8. Lecture by Mr. E. G. Wright, "Breeding and General Management of Cage Birds." All fanciers invited.—W. Dunlop, Sec.

Exeter and Dis. C.B.S.—July 2nd, at Oddfellows' Hall, 8. Second Feather Show.—R. H. Folley, Sec.

Gloucester and Dis. C.B.S.—July 4th, at Ram Hotel, 8. Confirming of schedule and appointing judge for Open Show.—J. Houghton, Sec.

Goldthorpe, Thurnscoe and Dis. C.B.S.—June 30th, at Horse and Groom, 7. Arrangements for First Feather Show. Members note Rule 4 in card.—W. Jackson, Sec.

Hartlepools C.B.S.—July 2nd, at Y.M.C.A. Rooms, 8. Entries, etc., for Nest Feather Show on July 13th.—E. Woodhead, Sec.

Jarrow and Dis. C.B.F.S.—July 3rd, at Lockhart's Cafe, 7.30.—J. T. Carrick, Sec.

Laisterdyke B.F.A.—July 2nd, at Royal Oak, 8. Business important.—J. Pownall, Sec.

Larkhall C.B.C.—July 6th, at Miner's Hall, 7.—G. Kirk, Sec.

Leeds Roller C.C.—July 6th.at Lockhart's, 7.30. Roller fanciers are heartily invited to attend.—C. Towes, Hon. Sec.

Leicester Hand-in-Hand.—July 2nd, at White Swan Hotel, 8. Lecture, "Colour Feeding." Entries for Nest Feather Show.—C. Draper, Sec.

Leigh and Dis. C.B.S.—July 2nd, at Railway Hotel, 7.30. Prize money, Nest Feather Show.—A. Parks, Sec.

M. & N.C.O.S.—July 1st, at Deansgate Hotel, 7.45. Entries for First Feather Show.—E. Jones, Asst. Sec.

Maesteg and Dis. C.B.S.—July 1st, at Oddfellows' Hotel, 7.30.—W. Jenkins, Sec.

Morriston and Dis. C.B.S.—July 6th, at Woodfield-street Coffee Tavern, 7.30.—D. Jeremy, Sec.

Newcastle and Dis. C.B.S.—July 4th, at Lockhart's, 7.30. Paper on "Border Fancy," by Mr. J. Patterson (Chirnside). Fanciers invited.—Curry and Hutchinson, Secs.

Nottingham and Notts O.S.—July 3rd, at Cobden Hall, 8.—G. E. Wilkinson, Sec.

Oldham and Dis. C.B.S.—July 9th, at Textile Dining Rooms, 8. Selection of judge, classification for November Show.—A. Ackroyd, Sec.

Ormskirk and Dis. C.B.S.—July 1st, at headquarters, 8. Final arrangements for Young Bird Show.—T. H. Tiffen, Sec.

Pendleton and Salford O.S.—June 29th, at Congregational Hall, Chapel-street. First Feather Show, birds to be tabled by 2 p.m.—W. Jackson, Hon. Sec.

Preston O.S.—July 3rd, at Empress Cafe, 8. Arrangements for First Feather Show, etc.—J. W. Cleminson, Hon. Sec.

Reading and Dis. C.B.S.—July 3rd, at Palmer Hall, 8. Mr. Vasey, of Aldermaston, will introduce the subject of "Feeding."—G. A. Charles, Sec.

Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.—July 3rd, at Temperance Club, 8. Election of four committee, and report of First Feather Show.—S. M. Clayton, Sec.

St. Helens and Dis. O.S.—July 1st, at George Inn, 8.—T. Vose, Sec.

Seaham Harbour and Dis. C.B.B.A.—June 29th, at Station Hotel, 7. First Feather Show business.—J. M. Nicholson, Sec.

Sheffield and Dis. C.B.S.—July 4th, at Wentworth Cafe, 8. Lecture, "Moulting and Colour Feeding," by Mr. R. Barker. Members requested to return unsold show tickets.—Bishop and Pilley, Secs.

Shipley O.S.—July 2nd, at Victoria Hotel, 8. Balance sheet, yearly outing, etc.—H. Dobson, Sec.

South London Col. & F.A.—July 10th, at the Royal George, 7.30. Discussion re outing to Tunbridge Wells Show.—G. A. Jefferys, Sec.

Spen Valley C.B.S.—June 30th. First ramble, leaving Cleckheaton Station at 1.3. Members and friends cordially invited.—A. Whitehead, Hon. Sec.

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Stockport B.F.A.—July 2nd, at Boar's Head Hotel, 8. General business.—W. Stafford, Sec.

Wakefield Roller C.C.—July 1st, at Elephant and Castle, 8. Fixing date of Show, judges, classes, etc.—J. Netherwood, Sec.

Wallasey and Dis. C.B.S.—July 4th, at St. Mary's Schools, Liscard, 8. Final arrangements for Young Show.—Wm. Mallinson, Sec.

Walsend and Mid-Tyne C.B.S.—July 2nd, at Station Hotel, 7.30. Nest Feather Show. Subscriptions now due.—J. R. Evans, Sec.

Warrington and Dis.—July 4th, at Blue Bell, 7.45. Prize money for Young Show.—Jas. Emmet, Sec.

Welsh National C.B.S.—July 1st, at Mansel's Arms Hotel, 8. Complete schedule, Annual Show.—S. J. Nichols, Sec.

West Bromwich and Dis. C.B.S.—July 3rd, at Mr. Green's, Bull-street, 8. Discussion for a new meeting room.—T. Duffield, Sec.

West of Scotland Norwich, &c.—July 6th, at Nelson's Temperance Hotel, 4. Nomination of judges for Annual Show, and First Feather Show of all varieties of Canaries.—Geo. Smart, Sec.

Wibsey and Dis. C.B.S.—July 6th, at Wibsey. Cricket match, Windhill v. Wibsey C.B.S., wickets pitched 2.30. Dinner will be provided at Horse and Groom Inn at 1s. 3d. per head. All friends wishing to join us please send a post card by Wednesday, July 3rd, to 53, Smiddles-lane, Bankfoot, Bradford.—E. W. Johnson, Sec.

Widnes and Dis. O.S.—July 4th, at Grosvenor Hotel, 7.30. Last meeting previous to Show.—S. Andrews, Sec.

Windhill, Shipley and Dis. O.S.—June 29th, at Blue Bell Hotel, 8. Cricket match at Wibsey, July 6th, etc.—E. Broadley, Sec.

York C.B.S.—July 8th, in All Saints' Church Rooms, 6.45. First Feather Show, seven classes; judges, Messrs. A. Richardson, A. White, and G. B. Chittenden. Country Ramble, July 14th, meet at station 2.45 a.m. Destination, Castle Howard. Return, 7.47 p.m.—T. Boyle, Hon. Sec.

Yorkshire C.C.—July 13th, at headquarters, 5. Committee meeting to arrange patronage; all societies wishing to obtain same to apply before that date.—Samuel Dean, Asst. Sec., 24, Crossley-st., Great Horton, Bradford.

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CANARIES.

NORWICH PLAINHEADS.

Answered by J. H. PAYNE.

Losing His Coat.

C.S.M.—Keep your bird in a bright, warm place, away from draughts, and cover over at night with a warm cloth. Give in the drinking water fresh daily ten drops of Tincture of Quinine, and three times a week give a small teaspoonful of egg food, to which add six drops of Parrish's Chemical Food. You do not tell me under what conditions you have been keeping him, or your mode of feeding. If you do not see an improvement in him in three weeks' time, write again, giving me full particulars.

A Swollen Eye.

A Novice.—Bathe the swelling underneath your bird's eye twice a day for three days with a little warm water, applied gently with a piece of soft sponge. Then prick with a clean needle, and lightly press, when you will probably squeeze out some matter. Should no matter come away, then lightly paint, with a small camel hair pencil brush, with a little colourless Tincture Iodine for a few days—but be careful that you do not get any in the eye. For the coughing, let it have fresh daily in the drinking water ten drops of glycerine and ten of paregoric. You may continue this for a fortnight. Put a piece of mutton suet between the bars of the cage for it to peck at.

Fertile or Otherwise?

Onward.—As you say the cock has not been with the hen since she laid her first clutch of eggs, then you may be sure those she has laid since will be unfertile. Had you have run the cock with her as soon as you had parted the youngster from her, you might have had one or two fertile.

The English Climate.

W.H.P.—Your hen left her eggs through being taken ill, but what the nature of the illness was I am unable to tell for certain. I am inclined to think she caught a chill, the result of the very unseasonable weather we have been experiencing. You have treated her quite correctly, and probably by now she is well again. If you value her, and wish to use her another year, I should advise you not to let her have another nest this year. (2) Yes; your feeding is quite correct, and the fact of your hens not coming into breeding condition can only be accounted for by the wretched weather we have been experiencing. I have heard of a great many cases such as yours this season—it may be some consolation to you to know that you are not the only one who has been so unfortunate.

Ill for Two Years.

Beer.—Put your bird in a bright and warm corner, out of the way of any draughts, and if you keep it in a wire cage, cover it over (except the front) with a warm cloth during the day, and wholly cover it at night. Give in the drinking water, fresh daily, ten drops each of the following:—Ipecacuanha wine, glycerine, and oxymel of squills. As your bird has been ill so long, I think you will have to continue the treatment for some little time. Should it get all right, it will no doubt sing again—but two years is a long time to be ill. You may give it occasionally a little milk sop, over which sprinkle a little maw seed.

YORKSHIRES.

Answered by H. W. BATTYE.

At Fault.

J. E. Owens.—From your description of your birds and their having had two nests of unfertile eggs, there is evidently something wrong with either the cock or the hen. Birds for breeding purposes should be bought before April, as when bought so late there is always the chance of them having been tried and found wanting, and the purchaser has to take that risk. You say the cock is singing, so that if it is his fault it may be through him being over keen and "proud"; or it may be the hen that is at fault (probably it is). I would advise (if you can do so) trying them both with fresh partners at once. You will just have time for them to lay, hatch and rear one nest each.

A Variety of Matters.

Manxman.—Your pair of Yorkshire Greens, with the five young ones, should be fed as follows:—Seed hopper kept well filled with good white canary seed; egg food supplied fresh at least twice a day (oftener if you can manage it). Use both the yolk and white of the eggs. The white of a hard-boiled new-laid egg will not harm birds if eaten twenty-four hours after being mixed, if kept in a cool, dry place. Give as much hemp as the birds will eat. I generally crush my own. But do not give any linseed when the birds are feeding young. Give green food as often as you can. The birds like everything fresh; little and often should be your rule to work to during breeding time. (2) Give the other Green hen that pants at night 15 drops of the following, well mixed together:—Glycerine two parts, whisky three parts, and vinegar one part. Keep free from draught. Stop the linseed altogether. The temperature of a room in which birds are kept should be from 55 to 65 degrees. A room that keeps fairly even, and does not vary suddenly is best, even if a little colder than the one that is not regular; this variation is one of the worst faults of the out-door wood erections for bird-keeping.

Stomach and Legs.

Yorkshire.—Your young bird that died was very probably suffering from inflammation of the bowels, and if you had examined it you would have found its stomach and belly swollen and red. In a similar case do this, and if found as mentioned above, pull out a feather from the tail and dip it in turpentine, and gently paint the bird's belly. If caught in time, this is a quick and fairly certain cure. (2) I don't know that you need trouble about your birds' legs being pale if the birds are sound and healthy—and you don't say anything about them being ill. Perhaps their legs will come a better colour as they grow older.

More Particulars Needful.

Griffiths John.—The hen that you say seems sleepy cannot be, as you say, looking in the pink of condition. I am inclined to think she is a used-up old hen. But you do not say whether you have tried to breed with her, or you intend to try, or what, and without a clearer and fuller statement of particulars, I should not like to advise you. If you care to rewrite your query, and give full particulars, will do my best to advise you.

Weak Back Claws.

J.C.—Many breeders have the same trouble as yourself—viz., young birds developing straight back claws. You say you have bathed the bird's feet in warm water and worked the joints of claws, but they still remain straight; also you have given it an extra wide perch, and it appears more comfortable. The former treatment will do no harm, but the latter is just opposite to what I should have done under the circumstances. I should not be exactly seeking the bird's comfort, but its cure. I always keep on hand a set of perches about the thickness of an ordinary lead pencil, cut three-cornered (a triangle shape). These I use in place of the ordinary perches when I happen to have a young bird that shows a tendency to weakness in its hind claws. It does not always cure, but in the majority of instances it is of benefit, as perches this shape have a tendency to force the bird to double in its back claws and grasp them. An over broad perch tends to induce the bird to stand with the claws straight out. Try similar perches to those I have described in place of the broad ones for a fortnight when I think you will find an improvement. A little weakness may have had something to do with it, and no harm would be done by giving a few drops of chemical food in its drinking water for a week or so. I have known birds begin to slip the back claw through being suddenly startled.

Nervousness Brings Trouble.

Toby.—Yes, by all means take the cock bird away when you set the hen, and the probabilities are the hen will do better by herself. The weight of the cock when sitting on top of the hen would not be the cause of the young ones being all dead; but the hen would most likely be jealous of the cock's attentions to the young, and would stick fast to her young ones instead of coming off and giving them some food—though you do not say whether they had their crops full of food or not. When a hen is of a very nervous disposition, and she gets a fright, she will do this sometimes. A thunderstorm will cause it; in fact, I had a case of this kind owing to last Saturday's thunder-storm.

A Case of Clear Eggs.

M.G.T.—To get birds into breeding condition you will meet with nothing to beat the old-fashioned egg food, made from hard-boiled new-laid eggs and good, wholesome home-made bread, or good biscuits. A really satisfactory substitute would save bird breeders a good deal of trouble, but so far as my experience goes that substitute has not yet been found. Give the yellow cock a few drops of whiskey and glycerine (equal parts) in his drinking water, fresh every morning, and give him a little egg food, in which mix six drops of Parrish's Chemical Food, and sprinkle a pinch of maw seed over the lot. You say the other cock, the Border Fancy, was singing briskly when paired up, but seemed a bit afraid of the hen. If so, the four eggs will most likely be fertile, unless the hen is a barren one; and if the eggs are clear from this cock as well as the other, I should come to the conclusion that it was the hen's fault.

Gone Out of Condition.

H.E.J.—Your feeding has been, on the whole, fairly correct, but I would advise for a general feeding stopping both hemp and inga seeds, giving instead a little maw seed two or three times a week. On the days you do not give the maw seed, give half a teaspoonful of summer rape. Very little hemp should be given to birds except when the hens are feeding young ones, when you may give as much as you like. Your hen has evidently got seriously out of condition, and may be of no further use for breeding purposes this season. Separate her from the cock at once and give her a little egg food fresh daily, and mix with it six drops of syrup of buckthorn, and sprinkle a pinch of maw seed over the lot. Let this, along with white canary seed, be its food for one week, and then for a week or ten days mix with the egg food six drops of Parrish's Chemical food, instead of the syrup of buckthorn; and mix with its drinking water ten drops of good whiskey fresh daily for a fortnight, when you will, I think, see a great improvement. If at that time your hen seems all right you can again mate her to the cock, though it will be somewhat late for breeding. The hen should have had a week by herself after you took away her second batch of eggs.

CRESTS AND CRESTBREDS.

Answered by W. E. GREEVES.

Age for Breeding.

W. Blake.—Both the Crest and Crestbred are at their best when three years old; they improve each year until they attain that age. There is a great difference in the constitutions of birds. Many are worn out at three years, while others will go on for six years, especially the cocks, but these are generally birds from a strain with robust constitutions. Speaking generally, you may consider you have had the best out of your birds after the third season. The better plan is to mate a young cock to a one, two, or three year old hen, or a young hen to an older cock. Avoid, if possible, mating two young birds together. Two-year-old birds may be mated together with the best results. But the great secret to obtain stamina is to breed from strong healthy parents; when this is the case you may break a rule as to age.

CINNAMONS.

Answered by J. NORTH.

Gone Bare on Poll.

G. Easton.—Many birds of this variety are subject to this loss of head and neck feather. In many cases I think it attributable to the crossing with Crestbreds, but it may arise from other causes, such as malnutrition through liver trouble, or from visible insect mischief, such as that of red-mite or grey-lice; but these you seem to have settled by dusting with insect powder and washing with quassia water. Another cause of this baldness is the work of an invisible parasite under the skin. This can be remedied with precipitated sulphur gently rubbed in with the finger, or made into a lotion with milk, slightly moistening the bare places with it three or four times a week. Give plenty of salad and frequent baths.

LIZARDS.

Answered by BARKER CLEGG.

Natural Colour Lizards.

C. Heap.—Classes for N.C. Lizards are few, if any, at the present time. I am pleased to hear that you have a number of nice youngsters. If you aspire to compete under the popular classification, you must, certainly, if you want to be in the prize list, colour feed them. If, as you say, you object to hot pepper, you may use the cold colour food. I cannot recommend any special food in these columns, so refer you to advertisements in "C.B.," where you can easily select a good colour food that will answer the purpose. Yes, I have known a N.C. Lizard to win against fed ones in good company, but not of late years.

ROLLERS.

Answered by "SCHOOLMASTER."

Dropping Large Feathers.

Canary.—Your bird will not sing as long as he is dropping feathers. I should think his losing a few large feathers (I suppose you mean wing or tail) shows he is commencing to moult. If you attend to him properly, he will soon go through, and commence to sing again as soon as he recovers from it. Don't feed him on packet seed. Give the following: Canary one pint, summer rape a half pint, linseed a quarter pint, well mixed together. Get the best quality. On every other day give a teaspoonful of egg bread, or patent canary cake (see advertisement columns) with which you have well mixed 5 or 6 (not more) drops of Parrish's Chemical Food, obtainable from any chemist. Also mix a half pint each of maw and hemp seeds, and give a teaspoonful on the days you are not giving the egg food. One feed of packet mixture a week will not hurt. Let him have a bath on nice warm days—when they come. This treatment should bring him through his trouble quickly and well. Don't hang him in a draughty window, nor high up in the fumes of gas, etc. Give him a sprig of green food, or a little ripe, sweet apple, every day.

Bare About the Head.

G.M.—Cock Rollers often go bare about the head and neck during spring and summer. I think it is because their owners do not give them green food sufficient. A little young lettuce leaf, or watercress, should be given every day, or else rape seed soaked in cold water (change this frequently) until it begins to sprout, dabbing it dry in a cloth before putting it in to the birds. I also give my own birds seeding chickweed, shepherd's purse, and groundsel tops during the summer, and find they do them much good. Ripe, sweet apple is valuable, too. I don't know that it will be wise to interfere with the bird now, seeing his moult cannot be far off, when his feathers should come again. The best thing you can do at any time is to take a spot of paraffin oil on a finger tip and gently rub it into the bare place. This should be done every day for a week or so, but stopped at once should quills he felt coming through.

Breeding Bird "Gone Off."

Semper Fidelis.—It is hard lines to have a cock bird "go off" which has bred you twelve young this season. From his symptoms—sitting puffed out on the perch—I should say he has upset himself by living on too rich food. Stop the egg food, and give instead, every day, about a teaspoonful of very stale, good sponge cake, made crumbly moist with new milk; let this be fresh made twice a day. Feed on best canary seed only, with half a teaspoonful of maw seed daily. He can have a little green food daily, but I should let it be seeding green food, such as chickweed, or shepherd's purse, or ripe groundsel tops—not too many leaves. Don't give a bath until he recovers, but you could take the chill off some water and blow a little over him with your mouth—just enough to set him preening himself, but not to make him wet. Ripe apple will not hurt. For medicine give dandelion juice, got from a chemist, in the proportion of half a teaspoonful to two tablespoonfuls of water. If you can't get seeding green food, let him have sprouting summer rape, that is, what has been soaked in cold water.

A Breeding Problem.

No Name.—I should think the Border hen you have paired to your Roller cock is either too old to lay eggs, or else she is a barren hen; probably the latter. Barren hens will build a nest and set in it for weeks, yet, of course, never lay an egg. I shouldn't waste any more time with her myself, but try another hen—especially if she is still "sitting on nothing" when you read this reply. I suppose you are sure no eggs have been laid and smashed, or eaten? I don't think your cock Roller has caught a cold, as you say he keeps so lively, for many give over singing when put in the breeding cage, or just afterwards. The same thing happens among all varieties of Canaries. If you put him outside the breeding cage, I daresay he will soon commence to sing at the hen.

MISCELLANEOUS CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by "OLD JUDGE."

Colour Feeding.

Novice.—You cannot do better than follow the instructions sent out with the colour feed you mention. The vendor should know better than anyone else how his own speciality should be used. In each of our two last issues there have been articles on colour feeding, and I should advise you to study them carefully. They contain far more information than I have space to give you in this column. As to your question about seed, I am quite unable to advise you, because you say nothing at all as to how you are now feeding your birds. Speaking generally, maw seed will effect what you require.

Treatment of Young Birds.

Crongie.—I cannot quite understand what you mean. Why put the birds into cages at all? They will do far better flying about the room. They will have more chance to grow, and will also learn to sing from hearing the old birds perform.

First Feather Show.

W. Page.—A young bird is usually at its best about six or seven weeks of age. They are not fully feathered before that age, and after they begin to lose their bloom. Many are exhibited at five, six, seven, and eight weeks. You might try the birds you mention, but I doubt if they will be old enough to score highly.

Young Birds Dying.

D.S.—Your luck has indeed been very bad, and I sympathise with you. Your feeding seems all right, except that, perhaps, you have given too much green food. Don't give quite so much in future. Instead of the mixed seed give the best Spanish canary as the staple food, and a small quantity of the mixed seed each day in a separate tin. You might also try stopping the hemp. It would not be wise to advise you about the lump you mention without seeing the bird. I am inclined to think it is a case of rupture. Cannot you find some local breeder to advise you?

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

Gathering and Preparing Ants' Eggs.

In what manner are ants' eggs taken from the hills, and how are they treated for winter use for feeding insectivorous birds?—ANTHILL.

Anthill.—When I resided in the country and kept a Softbill aviary my ants' nests were dug up for me (eggs, ants, and mould), and dropped in a smallish tin box (sort of hat box) with a very tight-fitting lid. This I opened in the aviary, when the birds picked up what ants they liked as they ran about, and sorted out the eggs. The usual plan is to stretch a sheet of newspaper on the ground by the ant hill, weighting down the ends, if necessary, with stones, etc. Then drive a spade into the hill, turning the nest completely over, exposing the eggs, etc. Retire very quickly, and go to another nest (if desired) and repeat the operation. On going back to the first nest, after a fair period of time has elapsed, it will be found that the ants have carried their eggs under the paper for shelter—quite clean and free from earth, etc. Scoop them up with something suitable into stout linen bags (or tins; the former are more easily carried) tying them up tightly, for some ants are bound to go in with them. When a nest is disturbed, the commotion amongst the inmates is something wonderful, and not a little awe-inspiring. Armies of ants rush out and about to do battle with their disturber. Care must be taken to keep them from running up one's arms and understandings, or trouble may ensue. Pull your socks outside your trousers, and put on stout old boots which can be well greased round the uppers. I remember I once used a mixture of soft soap and garden insecticide, having nothing else handy. It was very effectual. Cleaning is unnecessary if gathered as above, though bits of stick, etc., should be picked out after drying is over. To dry mine, I put tin and contents into a just moderately hot oven for some fifteen to twenty minutes, sufficient to destroy all life. The eggs do not want to be browned or shrivelled up. But the heat is easily tested by the hand, and the oven door should not be closed quite to. When suitably dried just store away the eggs in tins in a cool place for future use. Everything depends on how the eggs are gathered—if clean and free (practically) from ants, they could simply be turned out on to an oven shelf covered with grease-proof paper or hot sand; or he dried on hot sand in a frying-pan.

Young Redpoll-Bullfinch Hybrid.

Accompanying this letter you will find a little Redpoll-Bullfinch Hybrid, hatched this morning, and killed outright by its mother, the Bully hen.—J. DAVIES.

J. Davies.—It is, of course, not possible for me, from so young a nestling, to verify the statement that the body was that of a Redpoll-Bullfinch Hybrid. It had only been hatched an hour or so. This was evident from the fact that the yolk of the egg was still to be seen in the stomach of the nestling, seemingly hardly digested to any appreciable extent. Viewed under a strong glass, however, it certainly appeared to have the swollen, rounded bill, broad at the base, so characteristic of the Bullie. It is very hard luck for you to lose the youngster. Apparently the hen had pecked her baby on top of the head, where an effusion of blood was distinctly discernible. I trust you will have a better result next time. Hen Britishers, I always find very uncertain quantities in the matter of rearing young in captivity; I would sooner depend on vigorous German hen Canaries, which make capital "wet nurses."

Young Skylark Going Wrong in the Legs.

When about three weeks old and doing nicely for themselves, my young Skylarks' legs have gone wrong. They seem to lose the use of them. I have kept them in a box with grit in the bottom. Do you think the wood will have affected their legs? Is there any remedy?—H.C.R.S.

H.C.R.S.—It is certainly curious that the greatest trouble anyone who tries to hand-rear Skylarks should be faced with is this loss of use in the legs of the youngsters. I don't think either the wood or the grit in your box would be responsible for the trouble, except so far as they were part of a wrong system—for your system of housing them was certainly wrong. An experienced "old hand" with Larks will tell you at once that the youngsters are seized with "cramp" because they cannot run about on the grass when ready to leave the nest, as they always do when reared under natural conditions out in the fields. I believe there is a lot of truth in this, and should never attempt to hand-rear Larks

without making provision for a grass run. This can easily be accomplished, in a variety of ways, providing one can lay hands on the requisite clover turfs, or suitable grass turfs. If you get two of the cages known as "Lark runners" (the longest size made) and place them together, door to door (both the latter open, of course) you have at once an excellent "pen." Put the nest of Larks in one corner, and place the clover turfs all over the cage floors. The best plan, however, is to get a very long cage (it need only be a rough one, and can have a calico top) made, with doors at each end, and a drawer bottom made of thin sheet zinc. Fill the latter with wet sand, and lay the turfs on this—they will then keep fresh much longer, especially if sprinkled with a little water on top now and again. No doubt you can work the idea out to suit yourself. It is a very pretty sight indeed to see the youngsters come running up to be fed. Of course, you must feed on the right food, and mix some finely-minced greenstuff amongst it; also a little sprouting rape seed. Don't on any account omit mealworms cut in two and dipped in milk. And last of all, make the water you give them to drink the colour of light port wine with Parrish's Chemical Food. You won't be troubled by cramp then.

A Young Raven.

Egbert.—You can't keep young Ravens without you give them raw meat of sorts. At least, I shouldn't like to try. In a state of nature they are great meat-eaters and scavengers generally—the "bigher" the carrion they light upon the more tender their regard for it! You, of course, need not give your bird putrid flesh—though, doubtless, you will go up in his opinion if you do. Ravens eat flesh of all kinds (animals, birds, rats, mice, frogs, etc.), fish, beetles, worms, etc., and sometimes grain. No doubt your own youngster will manage to largely subsist on table scraps if you can find him ma sufficiency—a sort of culinary "olla podrida" comprising meat, gravy, fish, fowl, potatoes, greens, bones, bread, etc. As a basis for the table scraps you cannot heat a good brand of dog-biscuit, containing meat. Break them up, soak them in hot water, squeeze as dry as possible when cool, and mix in with the rest. Get him a feed of Sparrows, mice, etc., as often as you can. If you are cleaning out a fowl, rabbit, etc., preparatory to cooking it, remember that its internal economy will be devoured with keen appreciation by your Raven—or Magpie, Jay, or Jackdaw, if you possess such. I should think your Raven will make a grand pet, providing his proper feeding makes no tax upon you. You ought, really, to let him run about the place (cut off four or five primaries in each wing, about two-thirds up) for they are quite unsuited to a cage, however large. Provide facilities for a bath at all times.

Linnets not Doing Well.

Change of Seasons.—I think the seasons have already changed, don't you? I never remember recommending only one part canary seed in a Linnet mixture. It must have been a printer's error which escaped my notice—unless, that is, it was recommended for some particular purpose, or the proportions of the other seeds were correspondingly reduced. I really cannot offer any opinion as to the cause of your Linnets' deaths; there is nothing in your letter to help me to do so. Your seed mixture (German rape three parts, English rape two parts, and linseed and canary seed one part each) is not one that I should myself use. Still, it is not at all likely to kill birds. Probably you will have better luck next time. Linnets are not difficult birds to keep, as a rule. I do not believe in keeping them always in "back cages." The latter are right enough to run them into occasionally for steadying purposes, but they need spells in a larger cage, say the Finch stock cage I so often recommend. I feel sure, too, the alternate use of small and large cages steadies birds more quickly than keeping to one size and pattern. If you notice another bird turning dull and queer, try treating it immediately with dandelion juice (taraxacum). It is an excellent bird medicine for internal "upsets." Put half a teaspoonful in every two tablespoonfuls of drinking water, fresh daily. Give a dose for two days in succession; then another dose or two on alternate days. Let the bird have plenty of maw seed to eat. Try your luck on the following stock mixture: Canary two pints, teazle, summer rape, and charlock, one pint each, linseed half a pint. Give a feed of maw and hemp occasionally. Don't omit chickweed and shepherd's purse as green food.

Thrush Food and Young Thrushes.

F.B.—The recipe you send (six parts melox, two parts each dried flies, ants' eggs, and meat meal) makes an excellent stock food for Thrushes, Blackbirds, and similar large insectivorous species. The sample in the tin I think very good. I could only suggest one improvement—that you leave out one part of meat meal and substitute one part of ground silkworm cocoons. The latter has just been put on the market, and ought to have been long ago, for it makes a very good item of bird food. You will, of course, make the food crumbly moist in the usual way, with cold boiled potato, etc., etc., as recommended by me. Pleased to know you successfully reared the young Thrushes. The habit of one youngster feeding another has been frequently noticed (also recorded in our columns). It seems particularly prevalent amongst Thrushes. I agree with you that it is funny to see birds only just out of the nest popping mealworms into one another's mouths. I should take no notice of their habit of picking amongst the excreta; it will do them no harm, and they will grow out of it. Supply them with a tin of coarse grit, by all means. Give them some fruit, also never omit vegetable ingredients from their stock food.

Colour-Feeding a Hybrid.

I have bred a nice light Goldfinch Mule, thanks to following advice you gave, marked on shoulders, one wing, and tail, not heavy. It looks a nice colour near beak and on butts. Do you think it a cock, and worth showing. Must I colour feed it, and if so, how?—J. MACKIE.

J. Mackie.—Am pleased, naturally, to hear of your success. I should imagine the bird is a cock, seeing he shows colour in the places you mention—especially so if bred from a buff hen, which you do not state. He certainly will make a good show bird, and I strongly advise you to colour-feed him, or he will be heavily handicapped. The method of doing so is almost identical with that adopted for colour-feeding exhibition Canaries, and with regard to the many points of detail I must refer you to the articles, etc., on the subject published in our pages; see also "Canary Breeding for Beginners." The difficulty with old Mules is to get them to eat soft food freely. As yours is a young bird, do not entirely take this away, but give him a little every other day or so, so that he keeps "the taste" for it. Personally, I should at all times occasionally give exhibition Mules a taste of egg-bread or cake, so that they may always be ready and eager to eat it. When the moulting season approaches (towards the beginning or the middle of July; earlier if necessary) add a faint trace of colour food to this, gradually increasing the quantity until, when the feathers begin to fall, he is on full strength. As the moult draws to an end, gradually reduce the strength of the colour food, but give him a little (weak) twice or thrice a week right through the show season. Do not reduce the strength too soon, however. Canary fanciers do this so that the plumage near the head shall not come out hotter than other parts, and so give an appearance of patchiness of colour; but, of course, a good, hot blaze (no pun intended), or face, is a desirable thing in an exhibition Mule. Personally, I like a little hot pepper in my colour-feed for use with Mules and Hybrids. I add a teaspoonful of rich cayenne to about every two tablespoonfuls of tasteless pepper. You will notice that I mention "soft food" and "egg-cake"; this is because I am quite sure it is unnecessary for any fancier to go to the trouble of making, and incur the risk of using hard-boiled egg and bread, or biscuit. Bake a cake to last a week. When dry crumble it, mix in the pepper, and store it in tins; you are saved six days trouble and get the best results. It should be damped very slightly; never be "doughy," but only just crumbly moist. And I always, when possible, give a fresh supply two or three times a day; it induces the bird to feed. A good teaspoonful a day is the quantity each bird should consume. Full strength should not exceed one teaspoonful of colour food to four or five teaspoonfuls of the soft food. Twice a week dissolve as much citrate of iron as will lie on a threepennypiece in the bird's drinking water (two tablespoonfuls), which will act as a tonic and "colour-fixer."

An Outside Aviary.

Ortsac.—You need not be in any way discouraged or disappointed. In the back yard you describe you can put up an excellent place in which to keep a small collection of birds. Your sketch in its amended form would answer admirably—4 ft. long, 4 ft. wide, and 5 ft. 6 in. high to ridge, and 4 ft. to eaves. Still, you could not hope to breed successfully in it except by including two or three pairs only, or by using only Canary hens, as suggested in my previous reply. You could easily have two removable boards made to fit the front at top and bottom (as a kind of shutter), and put them up during inclement weather. Arrange to have one lath at the bottom (front) to work on hinges, so that a rake fixed to a long broom-handle may be inserted and the floor cleaned out. A door cut in the side will serve to admit food and water. The best means of offering the latter items, however, is to build out a long box from the side (something like the outside boxes provided for fowls to lay eggs in), partitioned, and with doors opening outwardly. Excreta, etc., cannot then well foul either food or water.

A Mysterious Bird.

A. L. Marchant.—You ask me what the breed of the following bird is:—About the size of a Bullfinch, green back, wings, and head, the latter being speckled on the top, and with two stripes of yellow, one each side over the eyes, bill rather stout, underneath colour yellow, legs black, body chubby. The bird, you say, "is a splendid songster, and a mimic of other birds, and I was lucky enough to catch it, some little time ago, after it had been flying about our neighbourhood for some three weeks. It got into a cage that I had hung out, with some seed in it, on the off chance of catching it, and it began to sing the second day I had it, so that I think it must have been brought up in a cage. It has moulted, and is now singing all day again. For food it likes mixed seed, and plenty of green stuff." At first sight your question looks a rare sort of puzzle. As it is, I can only think of one solution, which, however, I fancy is the right one. I believe you have caught an escaped Greenfinch-Canary Hybrid. If it be not so, then I am howled out. I believe there are a few fanciers down your way: why not get one of them to call and identify the welcome stranger? I have known of several Mules escaping from captivity and being some considerable time afterwards captured.

Rearing a Green Woodpecker.

Can I rear a young Green Woodpecker? I know of a nest, and if I can I will take one, but do not want to do so if it be impossible to feed them.—A. RUTTER.

A. Rutter.—Green Woodpeckers can certainly be hand-reared. They are not good birds to commence on however; some experience with other species is desirable before tackling them. Use the mixture of egg, biscuit, and ants' eggs, moistened with milk, recommended "D.D.C." this week; while for general instructions concerning hand-feeding, peruse the many answers I have given on the subject in the last few issues. In addition to the above stock food, the bird will require plenty of mealworms, cut in two and dipped in milk before being offered; also give any flies, grubs, smooth caterpillars, small beetles, and the like that you can lay hands on. A little finely-scraped raw lean meat should be mixed amongst the food now and again, while it is advisable to give some finely-minced green food (say lettuce), too. The latter should also be given amongst its stock food when feeding itself, the said food comprising a first-class insectivorous mixture of the usual type—see reply to "Flycatcher" last week, or purchase it through one of the advertisers using our columns. A few sunflower seeds and cracked nuts will also be eaten with relish, when adult.

Management of Young Mules.

I expect some Linnet-Canaries to hatch out in a few days. Please tell me the proper food to give the young birds. Shall I leave the Linnet with the hen after the young are hatched?—CUISINE.

Cuisine.—Whether you have the Linnet with them must depend on his behaviour. Some make very excellent parents, tending the young quite as well as their mother. If your bird proves interfering, however, you must remove him. Give the hen, to feed with, canary and summer rape seeds, and lightly cracked hemp seed, with a little shelled sunflower and maw seeds. Offer seeding green foods, such as chickweed and shepherd's purse, freely—but strip off all coarse leaves. If you cannot get this, give young lettuce and watercress leaves—but not freely until the youngsters are three or four days old. She may also relish a little soaked rape. Don't give these things all at the same time, but offer them at various periods through the day—nothing like variety to induce hens to "rack" their babies. Egg-bread, made by well mixing two crushed Osborne biscuits (or equal quantity of stale bread crumbs) with the yolk of a hard-boiled (ten minutes) egg, must, of course, also be freely offered; mix in half the white, too, when the young are four or five days old. When the Mules commence to feed themselves it is a very mistaken policy to leave off soft food as "soon as possible." The egg should be gradually left out of their diet when they are three weeks old or so, but certainly not the soft food. Give bread and milk sop (or biscuit and milk), well sprinkled with maw seed, freely each day. In addition offer canary and maw seeds, soaked summer rape, and lightly cracked hemp. A few crushed sunflower seeds should also be thrown in daily, increasing the quantity as the birds get older, and gradually dropping the hemp; at this stage also gradually discontinue the milk sop and soaked seed, giving occasional feeds only. If colour-feeding, give the sweet pepper in egg cake, letting this take the place, of course, of the milk sop. A few groats occasionally are relished; but the above "menu" is full enough for all practical purposes. Some fanciers, I know, will not give young birds green stuff after they have taken them away from their parents. But this I consider a huge mistake. I don't believe, mind you, in stuffing them with lettuce, watercress, and the like. What they want, and what is extremely beneficial to them, and conducive to their successful rearing, is a free supply of the "seeding green foods," if I may use the term, meaning the seeding heads of chickweed, shepherd's purse, grass, groundsel, plantain, and the like, especially the two first-named. I have tested the matter many a time, and know that seeding sprays of shepherd's purse and chickweed cannot be beaten for young birds. Don't gather it off dusty roadsides; and strip off all large, coarse leaves.

A Bit of a Teaser.

Could you advise as to treatment of cock Linnet, whose legs seem to be no use whatever; the bird itself lies panting with its legs stretched out behind? It is being paired to a hen Canary.—A.F.H.

A.F.H.—Your query knocks me clean out at the first blow. It is seemingly so contradictory. How could you be pairing a Linnet to a Canary when it has no use in its legs? I presume it must be lying on the cage floor, for it could hardly remain on a perch with "its legs stretched out behind"—unless it be a sort of feathered Blondin. Severe inflammation of the bowels will cause a bird to lie panting about the cage; but if your bird were so ill as this would go to show, then you could hardly, I take it, be pairing him to a hen Canary. Has he injured the legs (or a leg) accidentally catching them in the wires, etc.? Pending further explanation, I can only advise you to steep the legs for a few minutes in an egg-cupful of hot, strong whisky and water, afterwards gently massaging them with some stimulating liniment, say Zam-buk. But you want to locate the nature of the trouble a little more accurately. If inflammation of the stomach, dip a piece of lint, or cotton wool, in the hot whisky and water, blow aside the feathers in the region of the abdomen, and lay it thereon, repeating the operation a time or two. Don't make the bird an unsightly and uncomfortable object, however, by unnecessarily wetting it.

A Mule-breeding Success.

I have succeeded in breeding some Goldfinch Mules, thanks to your advice. One is a light one, and very similar to the four-pointed Buff illustrated in CAGE BIRDS, June 15th. (1) Is the diet for young Mules the same as that for young Canaries? (2) Is the mother of the Mules (a large yellow Norwich) of any value for establishing a light muling strain? If so, what mate should I procure for her? (3) Is my light Mule of any value for show purposes? (4) What is the best green food for Goldie now dandelion heads are scarce?—SADDLER.

Saddler.—Delighted to hear of your success, my friend. (1) The diet for young Mules is something like that for young Canaries. But I am afraid I am a little broader-minded than the average Canary breeder in matters of diet, and use and advocate items which be himself would look on with suspicion—unjustifiably, in many instances, I feel sure. Note reply to "Cuisine" this week, and follow advice therein. (2) I should consider this a most valuable hen, personally, and I should mate her to a clear yellow Lancashire Plainhead next season for a nest or two. Get a bird from a good strain; pay a fair price for it. If you can't manage it, then get a big (not necessarily typical) clear, pink-eyed, yellow Yorkshire cock, bred from a clear strain; buy from a breeder on whose word you can rely. (3) If your young Mule is even-marked, it is certainly valuable, providing it turns out a male. It ought to be a beauty for colour, coming from a yellow hen—hen Mules coming from such a mother, by-the-bye, are often good in colour, and, consequently, very fair show birds. If your youngster is not even-marked, but more or less variegated, its value will depend largely on its size, shape, and colour, and, of course, the extent of the variegation. Colour-feed it, by all means (see reply to J. Mackie this week). (4) Now dandelion heads are going (or gone) the best thing for Master Goldie is ripe, seeding groundsel. You will be able to get hard-heads in plenty very shortly—likewise various thistles.

About a Nest and the Young.

Please give name of nest I found, and say if possible to rear young under Canaries. It is built on the flat ground, among long grass, away from any bushes, and is made entirely of dried grass. Six eggs in all, a little smaller than a Canary's. Colour dark fawn, mottled with still darker fawn, and varying to lighter fawn at the narrow end.—TOLLCROSS.

Tollcross.—Your nest is not likely to be that of the Skylark, for the clutch of this species rarely exceeds five eggs. I have never found more than five eggs in a Skylark's nest, and have never met anyone who has; but isolated instances of six have, I believe I am correct in saying, been discovered and put on record. I should say the nest you have hit on is that of the Meadow Pipit. There is one discrepancy, however; a Pipit's nest is usually lined with hair; a Skylark's rarely so. The eggs of the former are slightly smaller; the size and colouring you describe answers to them, but all Lark and Pipit eggs vary to an almost inconceivable extent in the latter respect. You will not succeed in rearing young Meadow Pipits (insectivorous birds) under Canaries, I am afraid. They are not difficult to hand-rear, fed as advised "D.D.C." this week.

All About Jays.

(1) Have reared a nest of Jays. They can fly. What food would you advise for them? (2) Three out of four have developed cramp in the feet and the knee joint. What treatment will effect a permanent cure? (3) What is the cause of the cramp? They have a fair-sized cage, and have had sawdust on the bottom. Would sawdust be too heating for the feet? (4) Is it necessary to cut their tongues before they will talk?—A.D.C.

A.D.C.—(1) It is not a difficult matter to keep a Jay in health, providing he is kept very clean, housed in a very big cage, and well fed. See the perches are of suitable thickness (about like a broom handle), varying them a little in size, and give the bird a long jump from top to bottom of cage. When quite tame, let him out for brief excursions in the house (not necessarily in the drawing room). The best and cheapest way to feed is to utilise table scraps largely. As a stock food, you could use broken-up dog biscuits or puppy cakes or "Melox" (or game meal), with coarse crissel—say two parts of either of the former to one part of the latter (by measure). Moisten with hot water, giving it crumbly moist, and mixing with it table scraps, cooked meat, and potatoes, greens, gravy, etc. Give a few trapped mice, young Sparrows and the like (even young frogs, if you can capture them), but not over much raw meat. You will find them very accommodating in the matter of food. Eggs (raw and cooked), acorns, beechmast, nuts (cracked) of various kinds, peas, berries, fruit, worms, beetles, grubs, and butter are other things they will eat. See one or two other replies this week on Ravens, Magpies, etc. (2) Steep the feet and legs for a short time in fairly hot, strong whisky and water. Afterwards massage them gently with some stimulating liniment—such as Elliman's, or Zam-buk. Put some Parrish's Chemical Food in their drinking water for a week or so, in the ratio of one teaspoonful of the former to every two tablespoonfuls of the latter. (3) Unsuitable feeding, absence of opportunity for exercise, unsuitable perches, and several other things may contribute to produce cramp. You might note reply to an enquirer on Skylarks this week. I don't suppose sawdust would affect the feet one way or another. Peat moss litter, however, is the best and most economical covering for the cages of large birds such as Jays. (4) To cut the tongues of birds of any kind is a barbarous and unnecessary act, and anyone perpetrating such cruelty ought to get a month to think it over, without the option of a fine. Cutting the tongue does not assist any bird to talk, for birds do not talk with their tongues. I thought everyone knew that by now.

Treatment of Young Magpie.

Please inform me how to feed a young Magpie about three weeks old, also how to feed later on to keep it in good condition, and what kind of cage to use for it. Would a tin bottom be too cold for it? Will it disturb breeding Canaries? What use is a Magpie, as I presume they do not sing? Do they talk, and how do you teach them.—T. A. BURGESS.

T. A. Burgess.—I gave full instructions for feeding the young of such large birds as Jackdaws, Magpies, etc., only the other week (June 15th, reply to "W.R.A.") and must ask you to please refer back thereto. It is quite impossible to keep repeating the same answer week after week. Briefly, scald and mash some puppy biscuits, and mix with same finely-chopped hard-boiled egg—one part of the latter to three of the former. Give him also mealworms, and smallish garden worms cut into suitable pieces; occasionally also give some raw lean beef or mutton, or rabbit flesh, or cooked tripe, etc., cut into tiny pieces. Feed when adult on the lines recommended "A.D.C." this week. A Magpie is hardly suitable for a cage, unless it be an exceedingly big one; he looks and does better in a small aviary. A pianoforte packing case I have seen transformed into an excellent place for a Magpie, Jay, etc. Very thick perches are needed (broom handles, for instance). A tin bottom would not be too cold if kept thickly covered with peat moss litter. I certainly should not myself dream of keeping a Magpie among breeding Canaries—if he got at them at any time he'd probably try to make a meal of them. I don't know what you mean by "what use"—what use are most other birds except as pets? And a Magpie, properly treated, makes a grand pet. Of course they don't sing; but they talk and mimic very amusingly. Repeat short, catchy sentences to the bird, until he picks them up.

Wanted—The Owner's Name.

One evening I came across a nest, and would like you to tell me what kind it is. The bird is the size of a Sparrow, very stout, broad tail, same on the back as a Linnet, same on the breast as a Thrush (meaning colour and marking). Its nest is in a grass banking, and has four pink eggs. I should like to take the young. Would this food rear them:—Grated carrot, rice biscuit, put through sieve, yolk of hard-boiled egg, and one or two boiled white snails chopped up and mixed. Is it a valuable bird?—D.D.C.

D.D.C.—From your excellent attempt at describing the owner of the nest, I have little hesitation in saying it belongs to a Tree Pipit. True, your description would answer equally well for the Meadow Pipit, but the pink tint of the eggs is a peculiarity of those of the other Pipit; the latter's nest, too, is built nearer cover, the Meadow liking a more open spot, as a rule. The Corn Bunting may also be said to answer to your description, but the eggs in this case would be very heavily marked with thick zig-zag lines of purplish-brown (almost black); the unmistakable hall-mark of the Bunting tribe. Tree Pipits have no great value, but make very nice, gentle, affectionate pets, and the males have an agreeable song. The food you mention would no doubt rear the young all right, though I should substitute maizena wafers, say, for the rice biscuits. Have had no experience of the latter. You would need to chop the snails up quite small. As the birds grow, mix a little finely-minced green food (such as young, tender lettuce leaves) amongst the stock food. I should certainly give a few cut-up mealworms as well; also all the flies, etc., you can get. For the rest, follow the general directions set out at length in two or three answers last week (to say nothing of other recent issues)—"E. Moss," "Sambo," "Flycatcher," for instance. The mixture mentioned therein would, too, be probably the best for the hand-feeding.

Tabloid Advice.

Delay (Anthill).—I regret the delay in answering your query, which I unfortunately mislaid amongst a hundle of my papers.

Shepherd's Purse (Boh).—The sample you send is shepherd's purse. It is a very good sample, too. But you want to gather it in a more ripened condition, if you can find such—viz., with both seed-pods and seeds of a rich golden brown, or reddish brown colour. Still, it is good to give at any stage of growth.

Gold of Pleasure (E.E.).—The sample you send is not gold of pleasure. The latter resembles shepherd's purse in the manner of carrying its seed-pods, which, however, are round instead of heart-shaped; its tiny flowers are also carried at the top, but are yellow. The leaves are shaped like an arrow-head, and grow abruptly from the stem.

Dead Chaffinch (G. Little).—It does not come within my province to tell the cause of death of birds. Read the rules for post mortem examinations, and send all corpses direct to Mr. J. North. I can only say that the bird received seemed very emaciated, and was in a poor condition of plumage. Possibly your diet is not sufficiently varied, or generous enough in the matter of insectile food.

Ivy in an Aviary (C. Harrison).—I never found ivy injurious to any bird; neither do I think you yourself will do so. I certainly should not pull down that covering the walls you purpose enclosing. It will make invaluable cover for your birds; while in addition to utility it has the recommendation of adding considerably to the beauty of an aviary. Put up a sufficiency of perches, of course.

Shepherd's Purse (R.C.).—You have hit on the right weed; the sample sent is shepherd's purse. Thanks for your good offices on behalf of CAGE BIRDS.

Goldfinch's Peculiar Behaviour (Constant Reader).—The case of your Goldfinch, as described by you, is quite outside my own experience, and I am quite unable to advise a system of treatment with any confidence. Evidently the bird must suffer considerably, and I should feel strongly tempted to

put it out of its misery. If, as you say, pining away, it cannot last much longer. You might try 2 or 3 drops (not more) of a ten per cent. solution of potassium bromide, given direct into the beak twice daily, for a time, for the fits. But this can hardly help him, if very thin and weak.

Shepherd's Purse (A.C.W., S.T., J.H.H.).—Sample of shepherd's purse has been duly sent to you.

Sexing Young Chaffinches (C. Farrow).—All young Chaffinches resemble the female Chaffie until the moult, when the males assume their distinctive adult garb. It is difficult for one unused to the species to sex the youngsters, but a keen, practised eye can generally spot them, for they usually look denser and richer in colour on breast and flanks (tinged with red, as it were). Some say they also carry more white in the wings; this is correct in the sense that the white thereabouts looks purer in the male than the female.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S.

Quails and Parrakeets.

Would a pair of Common Quails agree with Rosellas and Budgerigars and breed? What is their food and treatment?—H.P.

H.P.—Yes, they would agree with the Parrakeets, and breed if they had tall grass to run into, or a pile of brushwood in one corner under which they would find the necessary retirement for their nest. Supply almost any kind of small corn, wild seeds, canary, rape, and millet, a little game meal, ants' eggs, lawn clippings, and garden weeds as green food, and any live bait the garden will supply. If you pile the brushwood up in one corner, and one or two peasticks are pushed right through the mass in two or three places, this will keep it intact for a whole season. For sanitary reasons it should be replaced annually.

What Parrot?

Can you tell me name of my bird from description herewith? I have had it three days, and am feeding on Parrot mixture; must I give anything else? What is its value?—THIRTY.

Thirty.—It is the Rose-breasted Cockatoo (*Cacatua roseicapilla*). Diet: Canary, oats, wheat, dari, hemp, Indian corn, and sunflower seed in equal parts; ripe fruit, plain biscuit, green food, nuts, crust of household bread, with regular supplies of grit, cuttlefish, and water for drinking and bathing. This is a freely imported species, and frequently offered for 7/6 or even lower, but an acclimatised and talking bird would be worth much more. It is a hardy species, and once over the hardships of importation, it is enduring and long-lived, if not subjected to draught and suitably fed. Do not give tea, coffee, or milk slops, or table scraps of any kind.

Small Parrot or Parrakeet.

I want a small Parrot or Parrakeet that would learn to speak a few words, easily tamed, bright coloured, and one that would interest a young girl. What kind do you recommend?—J.Z.G.

J.Z.G.—I am rather at a loss what to recommend for your purpose, individuals of the same species vary to such an extent that it would really be much the safer plan to pay a visit to some dealer advertising finger tame pets for sale, and choose one that could speak a few words, and that would come not merely on the dealer's finger but on yours as well. The Tovi Parrakeet makes a nice pet, but it is not a talking species. However, I have heard of at least one that spoke a few words; it is small, grass green in colour, with an orange spot on the chin, and a stripe of yellow on the wing. A friend had a pair of this species which followed him about, and would settle on his head and shoulders; there is no doubt about it being a confiding pet once it has become accustomed to its owner. However, the same may be said as to the smaller Ring-necked Parrakeets, which make good talkers, but unless they have been properly tamed they are good biters too. Most of the fluent talkers are rather large birds. The Senegal is a handsome Parrot, but you must for such a purpose purchase a tame one. They are very variable in this respect. The Plum or Blossom-headed is another brilliant bird, but they do not all make talkers, as also is the Rose-ringed Parrakeet (*Palæornis docilis*), but neither of these are very small. The Lovebirds are smaller, but they don't talk. I should recommend the Tovi, or, if talking is not imperative, I may be able to suggest another.

Grey Parrot with Fits.

My bird is a splendid talker, but troubled with fits. What is the remedy?—GOODMAN.

Goodman.—You give no details as to how you are dieting the bird, but if you look up last week's "C.B." you will find the correct diet given; bring your birds' diet into line. Dissolve 5 grains of bromide of potassium in a little syrup, and give this direct to the mouth; give this once a day for two or three days, and afterwards, if the bird's bowels are at all stiff, put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in its drinking water for one day only. If you notice at any future time any signs of a recurrence of the fits, promptly give a dose of the bromide of potassium, which will probably avert it. The bird should be kept quiet for a time, and neither excited or alarmed, its cage kept very clean, and a continuous supply of water in the cage. It should be kept in a well-ventilated position, but at the same time quite free from draught. Do not give tea, coffee, or milk slops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food whatever. Repeat query in a fortnight's time, giving full details.

Green Parrot Retching.

(1) I am told it is a Red-fronted Amazon. (2) What sort of talkers do they make? (3) I have given Dinneford's Magnesia. Can you give me a remedy?—AMATURE.

Amature.—(1) Cannot you give me a fuller description of the plumage of your bird? I cannot definitely name it for you from the meagre details given. (2) Most of the Amazons make fair talkers and mimics, but they take more teaching, and their articulation is not quite so clear as a rule. (3) Are you sure this is an actual sickness, as many species of Parrots disgorge the partially digested food from the crop and re-eat same; this often takes place when they are being fondled, and is accompanied by a jerking and shaking, more particularly of the neck; this at times is done so energetically as to bring the food up altogether. Remove the bird's water overnight, and the next morning dissolve five grains of sulphate of soda in two tablespoonfuls of water, and let it have nothing else to drink till it has taken the whole. Give this for a few days, and note the result. Add to your seed mixture one part each dari, oats, hemp, and Indian corn; also give ripe fruit daily and a little green food, such as lettuce, green peas, etc., as in season. Monkey nuts will do no harm, but bazel or walnuts are better. Keep a piece of cuttlefish in the cage. If there is no improvement, repeat query a fortnight hence.

Parrot Eating its Excreta.

The bird has a good appetite; its food embraces almost everything except animal food.—DICKEY SAM.

Dickey Sam.—The bird has presumably picked up this objectionable habit during importation, owing to the unclean conditions in which they are kept. Almost the only thing to do is to wire over the grating with small netting, so that the bird cannot get at its excreta, and at the same time promptly clean away anything that adheres to the grating, etc. It is bad practice to have a diet which embraces almost everything, even though it does not contain animal food (?). Look through our recent issues, and bring your diet into line with that recommended in this column. Do not give tea, coffee, or milk slops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food whatever. Keep up a good supply of such ripe fruit as it will eat, according to the season. I should advise you to keep the netting over the grating (keep it very clean, too) for some considerable period, as this habit, once formed, is somewhat difficult to eradicate.

Breeding Zebra Finches.

Will these birds breed in captivity? What is their treatment?—R.R.C.A.

R.R.C.A.—Yes, these interesting and confiding little birds breed freely in captivity, either in cage or aviary. Their treatment is very simple—a roomy cage, or outdoor aviary, strict attention to cleanliness, and sweet and wholesome food. Diet: Canary, white and spray millet, green food, such as grass in flower, lettuce, and any non-poisonous garden weeds; grit, cuttlefish, and a regular supply of water for drinking and bathing. When they have young to feed a little of some good soft food mixture must be supplied. As regards nesting accommodation, hang a husk at one end of the cage and a Hartz travelling cage at the other; you must take out the fittings from the latter, and also one or two of the bars must be cut away that the birds may have ingress and egress. Hay and long grass will be all they will require for nesting material. First bake and then crush the egg shells left from your table, and mingle same with their sand.

Budgerigars not Rearing Young.

My birds have reared two broods, but with the third left off feeding when they were three weeks old. Can you suggest a reason and give remedy? —J. SMITH.

J. Smith.—I am rather at a loss to account for the mishap that has overtaken your young birds. I can only assume that the hen has gone amiss; but under the hygienic conditions of your aviary she should soon recover condition again, when I shall be much surprised if you are troubled with any recurrence of the disaster. I should supply as much grass in flower as the birds will eat, as well as the other green food. The green food you name would not give rise to the catastrophe. If the old birds do not clean out the husks, it would be as well to have a spare one or two, when you could do this yourself and leave the cleaned husks exposed to sun and atmosphere for a few days. Have mice found access to the husks? This would very probably cause the hen to desert the young. However, if there is any repetition of it, I should get rid of the hen, as with every species bad feeders and unnatural parents turn up occasionally.

Ring-neck Pulling its Feathers.

My bird has pulled all the feathers off its body, and its skin has a scurvy appearance. What is the remedy?—NO NAME.

No Name.—You say nothing as to how you are keeping and feeding the bird. In very many cases of feather-pulling an unwholesome diet is the cause, and I incline to the opinion that this is the case with your bird. If you will repeat query, and state how you are feeding, I shall be in a better position to help you. In the meantime, for one day, give your bird in its drinking water, one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia; follow this by well colouring the drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food; also soak a stale crust of household bread in clean water, squeeze it all but dry, and then well dust with flour or flowers of sulphur. Into the dry parts of skin rub in a little clean vaseline, but not sufficient to make it really greasy, merely sufficient to soften the skin a little.

Grey Parrot Dying.

Bird died last week from inflammation of the liver. I fed it according to directions on boiled maize, bread damped in tea, Parrot mixture, rice pudding, and currants, and occasionally the top of a boiled egg. (1) Did I give her suitable food? (2) Are enclosed quills healthy? (3) Have I now any claim on the dealer?—NOVICE.

Novice.—(1) No, a worse diet could not have been given, and I'm not at all surprised at the result, neither at the fact of its suffering from chronic inflammation of the liver, if it had been fed in the same way before it came into your possession. Almost weekly I state in this column, re Grey Parrots: Do not give tea, coffee, or milk slops, table scraps or any kind of animal food whatever. If you peruse this column for last two issues, you will see that the diet you have given is just the opposite of what I advise. (2) The enclosed quills are not fully developed, otherwise they are about normal. (3) As to this, it is really outside my province. It all depends on the wording of the guarantee. I should advise you to get a legal opinion on the matter.

Birds for Cages.

(1) How many of the smaller birds could I keep in a cage 3 by 1 by 2½ ft. high? (2) The same for a cage 3 by 1 by 1½ ft. high? (3) What kind, what price, and what sex? Could I breed more than one pair of Zebra Finches in a cage 3 by 1 by 1½ ft. high? (5) My pair of Budgerigars are not breeding, the cock is rather puffed out. What can I do for them?—M.J.

M.J.—(1, 2) Six in either cage. (3) Confine one cage to Waxbills, and here you could have eight birds, and with these it would be best to have them in pairs, say one pair each Zebra or Golden-breasted and Orange-cheeked Waxbills and Common and Green Avadavats, 3/6 to 4/6 a pair. In the other put males only, say Green Singing Finch, Alario Finch, Gouldian Finch, Silverbill, Long-tailed Grass-finch, and a Rufous-tailed Finch; cost, 5/6, 7/6, 10/6, 2/-, 6/-, and 6/6 respectively. (4) No, it is not safe to attempt breeding in cages with more than one pair of any species. (5) The cock is evidently out of condition. Make their drinking water saline with Epsom Salts for one day, and then put them on a course of Parrish's Chemical Food for a fortnight or longer. Give them as much grass in flower as they will eat, also cuttlefish. A single pair of these birds takes longer usually to settle down to breeding than when two or three pairs are kept together (see other replies on Budgerigars). When your birds are in condition again they will ultimately settle down to breeding. You cannot hasten matters.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

SWEATING HENS.

The Cause, and a Cure.

SIR,—As sweating hens have been my bane, I set myself to work this season to try and find out the cause. The two previous seasons I had lost a great many youngsters through this sweating, and last year especially I lost a great many. The first round last season I was practically clear of it, and reared over 20 youngsters; but after that I only reared one nest of five. Every other nest was lost through the hens sweating and, as a consequence, being unable to feed their young, for I found that two or three days after the first sign of moisture showed on the hen's breast she gave up feeding entirely. I was considerably disheartened with this, as I had bought some good stock and was anxious to breed some good birds from them. I sought out all the older fanciers I then knew, asked their advice, but still to no purpose. One advised withholding all green food, another to give more green food; others suggested that perhaps the food was stale, but this could not be, as I was most particular that the soft food was never put into the same vessel until it had been thoroughly washed. The food itself I made three times a day. I also regulated the seed diet according to each new idea. When this failed I sought expert advice, taking advantage of your query columns; but as the season was then far advanced, I could not fairly put the advice then obtained to the test. But the few hens I had to finish off with all went the same way. From this I considered either that the hens were constitutionally weak or that there must have been an error in my diet. As the hens were bought from different sources, they could not all be weak, and my diet had been varied according as each fancier had suggested. This year my first hen commenced to sweat when the young were about five days old, so I thought here is my old luck back again—no young this year! Well, it will have to be my last try. But I had standing in my bird room a bottle of Epsom salts in solution, so I thought I would try its effect. I did so, and, it being Saturday, I went to the bird market, knowing well I should see some birdy friends there. The first I met were Mr. Duke (Sec. Shields C.B.S.) and Mr. J. Thompson. I told my tale of woe to them, and asked them if they knew a cure for sweating hens, and together they answered, "Epsom salts." This was the first time it had been advised, and I have used it continuously this season; and, thanks to it and egg food, in the proportion of two parts egg to one biscuit, I have now a hundred healthy youngsters doing well. I consider the reason of hens sweating is that during the period of incubation the body temperature is higher than at other times; then, when the hen commences to feed her young, she is given rich egg food, which, being of a highly nitrogenous nature, tends to raise the temperature. Then, as the hen swallows much more than is needed for her young, it goes to produce a still higher temperature, and at the same time clogs up the liver, making the hen dull and sleepy. The effect which salts has on such a hen is to increase the action of the bowels, stimulate the liver and cool the system; thus, within two days, all trace of moisture is removed from the breast feathers, and the hen becomes an ideal mother once again. The method I have in which to give the salts is this: One ounce of salts is dissolved in an eight-ounce medicine bottle; of this solution give about quarter to half (according to the severity of the case) in the drinking vessel, filling up the glass with plain water. Those hens which have commenced to sweat have always yielded to this treatment. T. C. CRAWHALL.

THE YORKSHIRE CANARY CLUB.

SIR,—We desire to call the attention of members and Yorkshire Canary fanciers generally to the change of officers and committee for the year 1907-8, as published in your issue of June 14th, and to ask for the support of all interested in the Yorkshire Canary to make the above club a greater success in the future, by an increased membership from inside Yorkshire. The Y.C.C. has now many worthy rivals (whom we heartily welcome and wish every success), and from this fact we anticipate a slightly lessened membership outside our county; but with greater interest among Yorkshire fanciers this can be easily overcome. The subscription is exceedingly low—2s. 6d. per annum—and, considering the value and number of trophies and money specials put up for competition, it behoves all interested in the Yorkshire bird to become members of the Y.C.C. The new year commences on July 1st. We appeal to such subscribers who have, through oversight, neglected to send in their subscriptions for 1906-7 to forward same at once, along with a renewal for the forthcoming season, to the Secretary, as below. We regret to have lost the services of Mr. W. Mundell as Secretary; but we still retain his personal influence. Our committee are desirous of alloting the club's patronage as early as possible, and ask any society desiring it to make application at once. Will all club secretaries and fanciers please note the name and address of the new Secretary, to whom all correspondence must be sent. On behalf of Y.C.C. D. SUNDERLAND, Chairman.
JOHN GREAVES, Secretary.
279, Hollings Road, Bradford, Yorks.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. It kills all insects, harmless to everything else.

CUPS FOR THE WELSH C.B.C.

SIR,—I am delighted to inform members that we have three cups and a teapot given for competition amongst the members of the above club. Mr. J. Sandiford offers a £2 2s. challenge cup for the most points gained by birds fed upon his Royal Red Feed (Canary section of the club); Messrs. R. Hyde and Co. also offer a teapot, value 25s., for the most points gained by birds fed upon their foods; it is confined to those who have not won more than two of their specials prior to the commencement of the coming show season. Then we have the two Leech cups, one given for the Canary section, and the other for the remaining part of the Fancy. These are all given independently of the club medals. If any fancier or firm feel that they would like to help the club in any way, we shall be glad of their support, financially or otherwise. I should be glad to hear from any person who is willing to join the club; the subscription is only 2s. 6d. per year, payable in advance. The club is better able to give inducements, as is shown above, than it has ever before, so come along and help us to do far more than we are now doing. Unity is strength. We want every fancier in Wales to join the only Welsh club, and make it a power in the Principality. Will show societies that require our patronage this coming season drop me a line at once?

D. H. TEDSTONE.

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WATFORD C.B.S. AND RULE 17.

SIR,—In replying to Mr. R. J. Pretty, I would say that with this letter, as far as I am concerned, this correspondence closes, as it is evident that Mr. Pretty's favourite way is to make certain statements in one place and contradict them in another, and such cannot either interest or benefit your readers. Mr. P. now denies that Mr. Lythgoe gave him and others permission to exhibit at the West Herts Fanciers' Association Open Show in December last. Whether Mr. Lythgoe did so or not, I can't say; but Mr. P. certainly said he did at the general meeting here. Mr. Pretty next says that the other members I referred to were not allowed to exhibit, and made their entries under the impression that a licence had been applied for. "What blissful ignorance!" We will turn to page 548, last week's CAGE BIRDS, and just glance through Mr. Pretty's letter to Mr. Lythgoe, dated November 27th, 1906, in which Mr. P. says:—"On going to Watford I met Mr. Edwards (Secretary of West Herts Fanciers' Association), and asked him if a licence had been applied for, as, if not, I could not exhibit, and a member of his committee was in the same boat. This committeeman hereupon said he should show. I (Mr. Pretty) said I dare not, even if I wanted to, as others had been warned about it, and advised him to look up last week's papers and see for himself." Now, Pretty, this really is too fuuny. You advise a man he must not show unless his society applies to the C.B.U. for a licence. This man turns round and says, "I shall show"; and you now plead it was done in ignorance, under the impression that this show, the W.H.F.A. had applied to the C.B.U. for a licence. "What a farce!"—a committeeman not knowing if his society had applied for this licence or not, more especially as it directly concerned him. True, indeed, is the saying "that where ignorance is bliss it's folly to be wise." Mr. Pretty was, I believe, the chief instigator in trying to persuade the W.H.F.A. to apply to the C.B.U. for a licence, and himself offered to take the responsibility as to the fee, etc., and yet he now pleads that he and others were not aware up to the last minute that this licence had not been applied for. Would not one have thought that, after going so far as to be responsible for the fee, etc., for this licence, he would naturally have seen or written Mr. Edwards as to whether this licence had been applied for or not before making his entries? His apathy at the final stage must have indeed been great. Truly there are some things which passeth all understanding. Now, Mr. Pretty next says that the members I mention were not allowed to exhibit. Well, Mr. P., they did exhibit, and you were well aware of the fact. Nevertheless, you, who occupy a seat in the great tribunal of the C.B.U., shut your eyes to the fact and allowed it to pass unnoticed; therefore I maintain I am quite correct in saying they were allowed to show. Next, with reference to the committee of the Watford Cage Bird Society voting in favour of Rule 17 remaining as at present, this matter was left over at the adjourned general meeting, and it was right and proper that another general meeting be called, so that every member so disposed might vote on this important question. Mr. P. makes the excuse that there was not time, as voting on Rule 17 closed on the following Saturday. Why should not a general meeting have been called on the same night as the committee meeting, instead of the latter, to settle this question? Was it feared that the members might turn up in force, instead of only about 18, as on the last general meeting? Lastly, it's an untruth for Mr. Pretty to say I resigned because nobody backed up my objection. I resigned because I chose to remain unfettered and free, and not to be dictated to by anybody as to where I may or may not exhibit (see latter portion Rule 17). As to being narrow-minded, I cannot help thinking this term applies more to Mr. Pretty, as no broad-minded person would ever criticise anyone for resigning from that of which they did not approve. This matter, as far as I am concerned, is now ended, and any reply which Mr. Pretty may make I leave the readers of CAGE BIRDS to form their own opinion of.

THE MEMBER WHO RESIGNED.

NESTING DIARRHŒA.

A Remedy Required.

SIR,—Could any fancier give me a remedy to stop my hens getting nesting diarrhœa? They feed young for a few days, then give over. I give green food from three days, and eggs and biscuit. I leave cocks with hens. I shall be greatly obliged for any information.

ANXIOUS.

GULLS NESTING IN LONDON.

SIR,—I don't know if the following is stale news to your readers, but it seemed rather interesting to me. For some time I have been watching a pair of Gulls in St. James's Park, where the hen has been sitting on a rock in a quiet part of the lake; and last Wednesday (19th inst.), after lunch, I took a walk down to the park to see how she was getting on, and was delighted to find that she had two youngsters. I have been down since, and could only see one. Whether the other was lying close to the rock, or had perished, I do not know, but hope they will do well. Is it not rather uncommon for Gulls to nest in captivity, as they are both pinioned birds?

F. J. DAY.

NORWICH PLAINHEAD CLUB FOR TYNESIDE.

Yet Another Specialist Club!

SIR,—A well-attended meeting was held at Lockhart's Cafe, Grainger Street, Newcastle-on-Tyne, on Wednesday, June 19th, in connection with the proposed N.P.C. for Newcastle. Mr. Crawhall was elected Chairman, pro tem. At the commencement I was asked to give my views on the subject, which I did as best I could; but, not being an eloquent speaker, of course what I had to say ended with a few remarks concerning the Norwich Plainhead. Mr. Curry proposed, and Mr. Storey seconded, that we form a Norwich Plainhead club, and the proposition was carried unanimously. Next came the name the club should be known by. This point started a very interesting discussion, as there were no less than six different names put forward. Eventually it was carried unanimously that this club be known by the name stated above. The annual subscription was settled at 2s. 6d. I will notify all members, through your valuable paper, when and where our next meeting will be held. A hearty vote of thanks to our worthy chairman and your humble servant ended a most enjoyable evening.

L. STONE, Sec. pro tem.

PARASITES ON CANARIES, etc.

SIR,—Part of my letter in answer to Mr. Allen was omitted. It referred to insect powder, and read as follows:—"Insect powder will kill all the grey lice that are moving on a bird while Mr. A. is getting his washing tackle ready," and so it will. I notice Mr. A. has made another wonderful discovery—the grey Canary louse on Larks! What next? Most birds have their own parasites.

FRED PROCTOR.

Mr. Allen's Method.

SIR,—In answer to Mr. Haddow, I have not had any birds to wash for local fanciers, neither have same been offered by them. But I have obtained one this last week that has a few grey lice on it. This bird I shall wash on Sunday afternoon, June 30th, about 2 o'clock. Anyone interested in the matter may come and see the result for themselves. I shall invite one or two local fanciers, so perhaps you may get someone else's opinion on this method besides my own. I have every confidence in the way I advise, and I think if it was properly known most fanciers would say good-bye to quassia and powder. I will tell you how the last five are that I washed about eight weeks ago, which will show whether it clears them, or not, at once. These birds have not a single parasite on them, and are all breeding and perfectly healthy, and neither of them has been sprayed or had a bath since. How's that for quickly clearing them? Not half-a-dozen applications. And where are those eggs that someone said would hatch afterwards? I think their time is long since up. More clears, eh? About Mr. H.'s cutting—it is the same method that has been recommended as long as I can remember; the same old style—too much trouble, and not very effective, either, when you have done it all. And it is not practicable for use in a room in which a large stock of birds is kept—where the parasites are well established, it would not clear a room in a year. Allow me, Mr. Editor, to give my method again. Wash the bird by hand, and in the last water put two teaspoonfuls of Jeyes' Fluid to a quart of water. Rinse the bird in this, and dry as usual. It may be used same strength for spraying the birds, or a drop or two be put in the bath; it will be found very effective this way. I prefer to hand-wash them, as I think it quicker and more certain. To clear cages of red mite, they should be sprayed weekly for a time, inside and outside, with the Fluid, a little stronger than what is required for washing or spraying. The birds need not be removed from the cages at all. This will conclude this correspondence, as far as I am concerned. Someone who has tried it may shortly give his opinion on my method. I know it has interested many, as I have answered 34 letters by post asking for further information. The Jeyes' Fluid can be obtained at any chemist's shop. If he does not stock Jeyes', ask him for a similar liquid disinfectant. Tell him what it is for, and he will give you some other brand that is not a poison, and will do its work as well. I may, after moulting time is over, give your readers some more results from further experiments I am making, and shall then perhaps be able to tell them something new on another branch of the Fancy.

R. ALLEN.

146, Blackburn Road, Bolton.

ALBINO STARLINGS AT RADFORD.

SIR,—On June 5th I saw three young white Starlings, with pink eyes, yellow beaks, and white legs, caught at Radford Woodhouse. I also saw a Starling with a white tail, which I believe to be one of the parents. I have a Blackbird with white cheeks and ring round neck, which made him look headless when flying.

F. LENTANCE.

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

A Defence of the Nom-de-plume.

SIR,—May I ask Mr. Crisp, Mr. Greeves and others how the disclosure or otherwise of the identity of "A Country Member" affects the soundness of his arguments, and why it should be considered so necessary for a correspondent to sign his name? Surely an argument is not less sound, or an opinion (if couched in fair terms) less entitled to respect, when appearing over a nom-de-plume, than if written above the full name of the contributor—whether that contributor be either a town or a country member? Is the desire to become acquainted with the identity of the writer simply and solely to ascertain his bona fides? Mr. Crisp, in his letter, says:—

> "It is well to remember that we all have a perfect right to our views, and, provided they are not offensively expressed, should be treated with reasonable respect"—

a statement with which any fair-minded fancier will heartily agree. But mark your own utterance well, Mr. Crisp! Read your own communication carefully through again, and consider whether the scarcely complimentary innuendo contained in it with regard to "A Country Member" squares with the precept you have so aptly expressed. Moreover, Mr. Crisp says he is "sorry to see Messrs. Tyson and Greeves being drawn by him" ("A Country Member"), and yet "A Country Member" has apparently succeeded in drawing Mr. Crisp also; so that we have the amusing spectacle of Mr. Crisp bewailing in others that which he is himself also guilty of! But perhaps—

> "That in the Captain's but a choleric word
> Which in the soldier is flat blasphemy"?

The thin veneer of opposition to Rule 17 does not blind the fancier of average intelligence to the actual attitude of many in the district of London and its immediate suburbs towards the C.B.U.; and in spite of their "high falutin'" talk of freedom, and "the perfect right to our views," etc., that right is apparently not to be extended to the unfortunate Executive, who, judging from the tenor of much that has been written and said, are not to be entitled to express any view at all! I have been sufficiently long in the Fancy to know that there is an urgent need for the Cage Bird Union, and a wide sphere of usefulness open to it; also that it is only necessary for one section of the Fancy to propound a scheme—no matter how good it may be—to ensure its immediate opposition by the leaders of the other section. "The greatest good of the greatest number" appears to be out of the question with them, and, to me, it is one of the least attractive aspects of the Fancy. We are bound, and rightly bound, by rules and laws on every side—by rules of the road, by laws relating to public health, by liabilities to those in service under us, and by laws relating to the person and to property. Turn where we will, we are confronted by laws and regulations (even our wild birds are protected by them). Yet the law is of terror to the evil doer only. Surely in the cage bird Fancy it is not too much to ask that there shall be a controlling body who shall be able to say to the fancier: "You shall show fairly and honestly, and, to ensure that you do so, you shall exhibit only at shows amenable to us and to our rules, for the good of the Fancy generally"?

W. N. MIDGLEY.

P.S.—To prevent any possible misconception, it is perhaps advisable for me to say that, so far as I am aware, I have no acquaintance with "A Country Member" (or "Observer") and am in no way responsible for the communications so signed.

A Green Crest-bred Canary.

THE CAGE BIRD UNION RULES.

SIR—Rule 17 having been fully discussed and dealt with, I think exhibitors and affiliated societies would do well to turn their attention to Rule 19 of the Cage Bird Union rules, which reads as follows:—

19.—The Executive Council of the Union shall be the final court of appeal or umpire in all questions or disputes of any nature whatsoever arising in connection with cage birds, and concerning the interpretation of these rules, and any matters arising thereunder; and all societies affiliated and every registered member thereof shall, by reason of membership of the Union, be deemed to agree to refer any dispute which may arise to such Executive Council, and such reference shall in all cases be deemed to be a reference under the provisions of the Arbitration Act, 1889, or any subsisting statutory modification thereof.

Coupled with this most stringent rule is Rule 19 of the Union's Show Rules, which reads:—

19.—These rules shall be published in the Show Schedule, and on every entry form shall be printed an agreement as follows, which shall be signed by the exhibitor:—"I hereby certify that the birds exhibited by me as above are bona fide my property, and I enter them at my own risk, subject to the Rules of the Cage Bird Union, which I have read, and agree to abide by the same; but the mere exhibiting shall involve such agreement, and denote my willingness to submit to the ruling of the Show Committee, District Committee, or Executive Council on all questions arising upon these rules, such ruling, subject to the right of appeal, to be absolutely final.

It will be seen that under Rule 19 of the Show Rules every exhibitor signs a declaration depriving himself of the right to independent action in the law courts, and undertaking to refer every dispute to the Cage Bird Union. Rule 19 of the Union Rules distinctly states that each and every appeal shall be deemed to be a reference under the provisions of the Arbitration Act, 1889. Now, Sir, how many exhibitors, registered members or affiliated societies are there who fully realise what this means, or who understand anything about the Arbitration Act? Very few, I am afraid. Do the members of the Executive Council know this Act, or understand the duties they have been called upon to perform under this Act? If they know the Act, why was the meeting held in Manchester recently not conducted in conformity with the requirements of the Act?

For the guidance of exhibitors and affiliated members I have obtained copies of the Arbitration Act (I enclose one for your perusal, and court your remarks on same), and will briefly refer to the section related to references by consent out of Court:—

1.—Submission (and signing the declaration on entry forms is a submission) is irrevocable.

4.—If any party to a submission commences any legal proceedings against any other party to the submission. . . . such party may apply to the court to stay proceedings.

5.—The courts have power in certain cases to appoint two arbitrators and an umpire.

7.—A most important clause—the arbitrators (the Executive Council of the C.B.U.) have power (a) to administer oaths, or to take the affirmations of the parties, and witnesses appearing.

8.—This section states that witnesses may be summoned to appear before the arbitrators by subpœna and to produce documents.

11.—This clause provides for the parties concerned to appeal to the courts where an arbitration or award has been improperly procured, and the court may set the award aside.

12.—An award on a submission may, by leave of the court or a judge, be enforced in the same manner as a judgement or order to the same effect.

20.—Any order made under this Act may be made on such terms as to costs or otherwise as the authority making the order thinks fit.

22.—Any person who wilfully and corruptly gives false evidence before any referee, arbitrator, or umpire shall be guilty of perjury, as if the evidence had been given in open court, and may be dealt with, prosecuted, and punished accordingly.

Your space, Sir, I know is both limited and valuable, but as this matter is of vital importance to every fancier in the country, I beg of you to publish the schedule to the Arbitration Act in full:—

THE FIRST SCHEDULE.

Provisions to be implied in Submissions.

a. If no other mode of reference is provided, the reference shall be to a single arbitrator.

b. If the reference is to two arbitrators, the two arbitrators may appoint an umpire at any time within the period during which they have power to make an award.

c. The arbitrators shall make their award in writing within three months after entering on the reference, or after having been called on to act by notice in writing from any party to the submission, or on or before any later day to which the arbitrators, by any writing signed by them, may from time to time enlarge the time for making the award.

d. If the arbitrators have allowed their time or extended time to expire without making an award, or have delivered to any party to the submission, or to the umpire a notice in writing, stating that they cannot agree, the umpire may forthwith enter on the reference in lieu of the arbitrators.

e. The umpire shall make his award within one month after the original or extended time appointed for making the award of the arbitrators has expired, or on or before any later day to which the umpire by any writing signed by him may from time to time enlarge the time for making his award.

f. The parties to the reference, and all persons claiming through them respectively, shall, subject to any legal objection, submit to be examined by the arbitrators or umpire, on oath or affirmation, in relation to the matters in dispute, and shall, subject as aforesaid, produce before the arbitrators or umpire, all books, deeds, papers, accounts, writings, and documents within their possession or power respectively which may be required or called for, and do all other things which during the proceedings on the reference the arbitrators or umpire may require.

g. The witnesses on the reference shall, if the arbitrators or umpire thinks fit, be examined on oath or affirmation.

h. The award to be made by the arbitrators or umpire shall be final and binding on the parties and the persons claiming under them respectively.

i. The costs of the reference and award shall be in the discretion of the arbitrators or umpire, who may direct to and by whom and in what manner those costs or any part thereof shall be paid, and may tax or settle the amount of costs to be so paid or any part thereof, and may award costs to be paid as between solicitor and client.

As the arbitrators are entitled to fees, and are empowered to award costs to be paid as between solicitor and client, the party losing an appeal runs a serious risk of having to pay anything between £20 and £50. Further, if the costs are not paid as ordered, payment can be enforced by execution, etc., as in the case of a court judgment. I strongly advise the Council of the C.B.U. to become acquainted with the requirements of the Arbitration Act, also strongly advise appellants to exercise their right to be legally represented when their appeals are heard. If I have taken an incorrect view of the terms of this Act, I hope to be corrected in your next issue by the Solicitor to the C.B.U. or some other gentleman equally learned in law.

AN AFFILIATED MEMBER.

THE CAGE BIRD UNION.

SIR,—In sending the list of societies voting in favour of Rule 17, I omitted to mention Blaydon-on-Tyne. Would you kindly announce this in your next issue? Please also announce that licences have been granted the following shows:—Redruth, July 3rd and 4th; Mansfield-Woodhouse, July 16th; Goole Society and Grimsby, July 18th; Knowle and Totterdown, July 26th; and Criccieth, July 27th.

GEO. W. F. LYTHGOE.

THE C.B.U. AND RULE 17.

SIR,—Personally, I am pleased that Rule 17 of the Cage Bird Union has been upheld, but consider that, as it now stands, it is lop-sided, and immediate action must be made to make it balance. I appeal for loyalty, and urge upon all to use their ability and to work through their respective societies for its improvement. To this end I purpose at the next meeting of the City and Suburban A.C.B.B. to move that this matter be referred to the Council of that body, for the purpose of framing an amendment to be sent to the Cage Bird Union, to be placed upon the agenda for the annual general meeting. If others will take similar action in their own societies, I feel sure it will result in the rule being made to act just and fair to all. Further, I am of an opinion the present method of election of the Executive Council of the Cage Bird Union is bad, and must be made democratic. Each affiliated society should have the right to nominate a candidate for their own district, the election to be by ballot; and every member of societies affiliated in the district should have the right to vote.

I am confident if we concentrate our efforts to improve the working of the Cage Bird Union, that in a short time we shall have an organisation of which we shall be proud.

A. C. BURN.

A MODEL NORWICH.

SIR,—I desire to thank your correspondent, Mr. Wm. Aitchison, for his kind remarks concerning my drawing of a model Norwich Plainhead, which you produced in CAGE BIRDS a fortnight ago. I have not the original drawing at hand, but on referring to your reproduction I am somewhat inclined to agree with Mr. Aitchison regarding the lack of substance in the legs. I do not think the fault is so apparent in the original, but is probably exaggerated in the reproduction, owing to the intensity of the shadow in the background. In conclusion, I assure Mr. Aitchison that I much appreciate his friendly criticism.

A. PADDOCK.

Several letters held over.

The Breeding of Scotch Fancy Canaries.

By J. RENWICK.

A Paper read before the Glasgow Confined Southern Ornithological Association on May 6th, 1907.

Mr. Chairman and gentlemen,—I am just afraid that the task you put upon me is one that, perhaps, I shall fall short in doing full justice to. However, I will do my best.

Personally, I have given the pride of place to the Scotch Fancy, as being the finest and the most perfect gem of the Canary tribe, a noble and graceful bird, and in my opinion having no equal. There are, as you know, many varieties of the Canary, but I think the bird that comes next in favour is the Norwich. This is also a beautiful bird, and, like the former, has many good points in its favour, and in England is considered their ideal, and is very largely bred, principally in Norwich, the town from which it derives its distinctive name. It is the opinion of myself and many others that the Norwich Canary has in many cases replaced the Scotch Fancy to rather an alarming extent, and it is remarkable when you think of it, the number of shows that do not have a class for Scotch Fancies, and of late years they have been rather on the increase. Now, I think you will agree with me when I say this is rather disappointing, and I am sorry to admit that in many cases price of stock has much to do with this state of affairs. However, this is an open question, and I for one will be glad to hear the opinion of others on this point, as there is certainly more reason than the one I have given. I have said the Scotch Fancy is the bird which holds the foremost place on the racks of Scotch breeders.

ROUGH OR SMOOTH, WHICH?

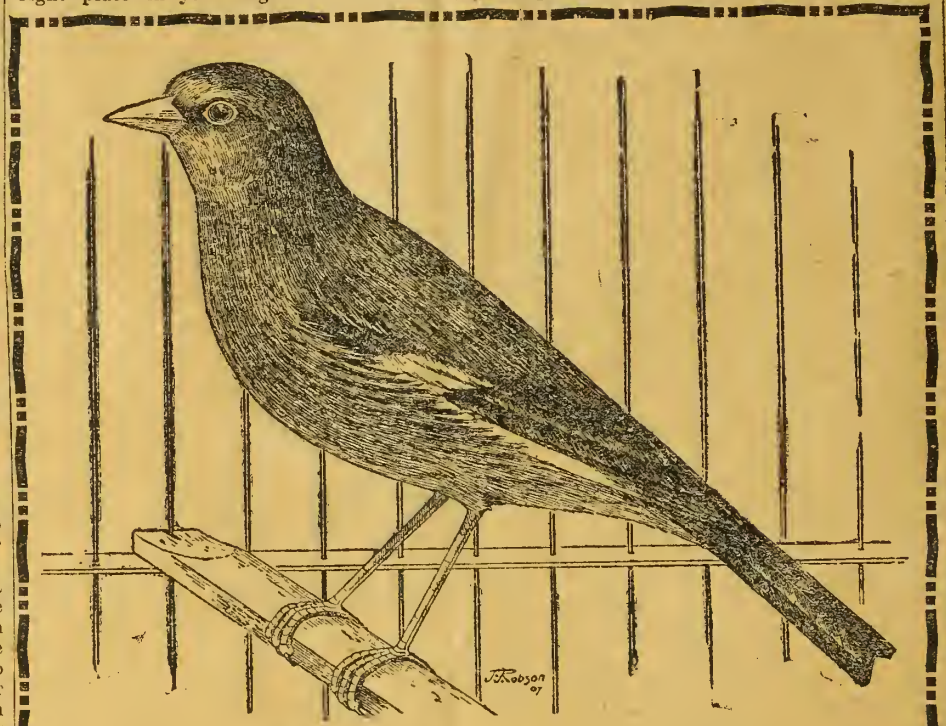
Last season I was much struck with the different exhibits of Scotch Fancy, and I must say, so far as it appeared to me and my judgment, there are in the eyes of different judges too many ideas of what goes to make a typical model of a Scotch Fancy Canary. Some judges favour a tight feathered bird, but they are in the minority, I regret to say, and others, again, are inclined to favour the loose and full feathered fronted bird. As regards the latter, I certainly say that a rough-feathered bird such as I have described, is not and cannot in my opinion hold any real claim as a true type of the Scotch Fancy, and is not to be compared to the bird tight in feather, and whose other points are as near perfection as possible. In my opinion it is next to impossible for any judge to give the reliable value in points between the two birds. With the tight-feathered bird he can, for example, form a very clear judgment, for depth through the chest, etc., but when we come to the full-feathered bird, what about depth through in its case? I say it is impossible to form any true judgment unless by handling the bird, and that, you know, is not practicable. There is much improvement wanted here, and those very rough-feathered birds, in my opinion, ought to go to improve the Dutch Frill Canary, to which class I venture to say they more truly belong, rather than the Scotch Fancy. I will now say a few words on the breeding of the Scotch Fancy Canary.

MATCHING SCOTCH FANCIES.

In the matching of Scotch Fancy, for breeding it is well to remember that the union of opposites are productive of the best results. In my opinion too much care cannot be taken in the selection of the hens, that they be of good size, shape and feather. I have always, as a rule, preferred that the hen should be as perfect as the cock, or even more so, but in so far as pairing up is concerned, much must be left to the fancier's own ideas, that is, the experienced breeder. To those who, like myself, are beginners, I would say a few words of advice in the selection of birds for breeding purposes. Place yourself in the hands of some well-known and respected breeder of repute on the show bench, and be guided largely by his advice, give the price you can best afford; better have one good pair than three inferior pairs, and you must not go away with the idea, supposing you have laid out a few pounds on your stock, that your reward will be all prize birds. To be a successful breeder you must possess, in a large measure, patience and perseverance, and, withal, good temper, as you will have much to upset you in Canary breeding. Granting you have all these three qualifications, and are prepared for any difficulties that may come in your way through losses in stock, there is little fear but that you will command success, as you go along.

CARE NEEDED IN PAIRING.

When you have your birds paired, you must keep a close watch on them to see that they mate properly. It is well to remember that they should not be mated until they show signs that they are ready. If you find the cock is not pairing with the hen, separate them for a time, but let them be within sight of each other. After a few days try them again, and you may be sure that things will go on all right. When paired give them a little hemp seed along with canary and hard-boiled egg. Let your egg boil for ten minutes. It is well that a little biscuit—I use the ordinary butter biscuit—should be mixed with the egg, and plenty of sand be given on the bottom of your breeding cages, along with a small piece of cuttlefish bone, either crushed or given in pieces betwen the wires. It is best to have a room with a southern exposure if possible for your birds. If matters are going on all right place in your cages some fine wool,



Dark Goldfinch-Canary Hybrid.

which must be pure. If you find they do not line their nests you had better put a little of the wool, well pressed with the finger, in the nests yourself.

In spite of all your care and attention you will at times find them lay away from the nest. In that case you must put the egg back, and most likely the second egg will be laid in its proper place. I adopt the plan of taking away the first egg, replacing the three when laid in the nest, which brings all the eggs out at the one time, but this is another point that may be questioned if it is advisable to do so. Of course, there is danger in breaking the eggs, and sometimes it disturbs the old birds, but care must be taken to avoid doing so as little as possible.

THE FIRST EGG.

Generally about the eighth day after pairing the first egg is laid, and each day after another egg is laid, until the whole four or five are produced, and in about 14 days the young ought to make their appearance; if not, it is better to wait a day or so longer, perhaps two days, and if no appearance, take them carefully out of the nest and put them in luke warm water for four or five seconds, then replace them in the nest, or if by holding up to the light you find any transparent then these are bad, or unfertile, or useless; this experiment may be adopted when the eggs have been sat on for eight days, and by doing this you both save time and likewise save your hen extra labour. It is not an uncommon thing for a hen to lay, perhaps, three eggs and then desert them. If you examine them, most likely you will find them bad. At other times you may find some of the eggs chipped, and sometimes thrown out of the nest. The cause of this, I think, is hunger, which makes them tamper with the eggs, and I feel sure supposing such a hen brings out young it is ten chances to one that she will forsake them or throw them out of the nest; in fact, she should not be allowed to sit on eggs of any special value, in case of accident. Certainly there are other causes, such as long nails, or the claws being dirty and clogged. The nails should be trimmed before the hen is allowed to sit.

FOREIGN BIRD ITEMS.

By F. FINN, B.A., F.Z.S.

THE "NOSE" OF A TANAGER.

A lady aviculturist has complained of late that an Olive Tanager she has is so greedy that he blocks up his nostrils when eating banana, into which he plunges his beak ravenously. This is a possibility whenever a short-billed and greedy bird is fed on this most wholesome, but highly pasty fruit, and the remedy is not to give the banana separate, but incorporate it with the soft food, which should always be crumbly in consistency. It should be borne in mind that fruit-eating birds naturally probably feed more on small berries, which can be swallowed whole, than on the large, luscious, squashy fruits which are the result of cultivation.

THE PEKIN PROBLEM.

With regard to the paucity of singing cocks among Pekin Robins, the solution is easy enough when one knows the whole of the facts as to how these birds reach us. They come here via Continental dealers, who pick out all the cocks they can; hence the consignments that reach us are mainly females—you can reckon on getting about one cock in four birds purchased, unless you have the luck to stumble across a lot that have not been picked over. In such a consignment it is easy enough to select cocks by the colour, which is generally brighter in this sex, chiefly on the breast. But in Pekins, as in Goldfinches, sex is not always equally easy to make out, and no doubt it is this fact that allows us to receive any cocks at all over here, unless the Continental dealers purposely leave in a few to keep our hearts up.

PACKING OF SOFT-BILLS.

The excellent condition in which these birds arrive here says volumes for the management abroad; with our dealers, penned up in boxes or small cages, and fed on bread and hemp seed, the poor birds soon go off in condition, though they have to be very bad before they get too far to be pulled round. I have found that two or three days on egg food produces a wonderful improvement in "rocky" specimens, and I should advise everyone to try this feeding in such cases, even if they do not believe in giving egg as a regular thing.

BARBARY DOVES AT LIBERTY IN LONDON.

The old strain of Barbary Doves (the cage birds commonly called Ring Doves) that used to live in St. James's Park, has now died out, but a pair of this species haunts Regent's Park, opposite the York and Albany. I saw them there last summer, but during the winter they disappeared, and I feared they had come to grief. However, a month or two ago they turned up again, and only last Sunday (16th) I saw one picking about on the cab rank as usual. The Avicultural Society has turned out some of these birds, as well as the Crested Australian Doves, in the Zoo grounds; but this was not till after the present pair had reappeared. I hope these Doves of both sorts, will become well established in the parks, as they are very ornamental.

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Progress of Scottish Hybrid Breeders.

An Encouraging Outlook.

By ST. MUNGO.

The Hybrid breeders are busy, and hopes are high; the season has begun, and the rumours are encouraging. Fertile eggs were reported from the Bullfinch by Goldfinch, Redpoll and Greenfinch; the eggs frequently go back, so that the chicks cannot yet be counted. The Siberian Bullfinch hen is the most suitable for Hybrid breeding (having substance and size), and produces higher colour in the young, a fact which the writer can speak on authoritively from personal experience, having bred three winners which proved themselves in the keenest of competition.

If the breeder aims at success in point of numbers, he should mate a Greenfinch cock, large and of high colour, with a big Siberian Bullfinch hen. Condition is of first importance with the hen; she must be healthy and vigorous, and free from moping. But if he wants a really valuable exhibit, the Redpoll should be chosen and matched to a rich-coloured British Bullfinch hen. In no department in the Fancy has more disappointments to be encountered, and greater need for perseverance. Commencing in June, the Hybrid breeder has to have all his wits about him; he must necessarily have a lot of foster parents to hatch the eggs, otherwise it is no use attempting Hybrid breeding. True, Bullfinch hens may sit, but the successful Bullfinch hens I have had would not hatch. They laid in the nest all right, but simply went on laying. One, a German pet, I had splendid results from laid clutch after clutch of eggs, and had in the one season close upon 50 eggs. The next hen I was fortunate with was a beautiful Siberian, and she followed very much on the same lines. I had fertile eggs from other hens, but they did not hatch. It is strange, but none the less true, that a large percentage of Hybrid eggs become addled; the eggs seem to be very sensitive and very easily affected.

Hamilton will, I think, take the lead this year in the effort to produce Hybrids. A fancier in that town, of whom Scotland has just reason to be proud of, encouraged by his past success, has this year entered upon the hobby with spirit, and has one of the finest collections to be seen anywhere. Redpoll-Bullfinch he is specially keen on, having bred a Redpoll-Bullfinch Hybrid. Another favourite is the Canary-Bullfinch. He had a very fine cross of that kind last year. He is also eager upon the Goldfinch-Bullfinch and Greenfinch-Bullfinch. It is reported he has a large number of eggs in course of testing. The writer recognises him as the king of Hybrid breeders; he has but to be known to be appreciated. Many, inspired by his success, are following in his footsteps, but few have sufficient practical knowledge to treat Hybrids by breeding them, judging them, and reporting upon them. The attention devoted to them is bound to mend matters and produce a real satisfactory state of things. Strange, but a truism, the majority of the best birds have been bred in Scotland. They have had, however, to find a home in England to be appreciated. Instance recent champions—the Goldfinch-Bullfinch successfully exhibited by Mr. Williams, of Liverpool, undoubtedly by far and away the most handsome of this cross which ever graced a show; the Greenfinch-Bullfinch Hybrid successfully exhibited by Mr. Alf. Shelland, of Cathays, Cardiff, a brilliantly-coloured and nicely-shaped specimen; and the famous Goldfinch-Redpoll shown by Mr. Lamb, of Kingston-on-Thames, with singular success. These outstanding Hybrids were treated very indifferently in Scotland, but the moment they crossed the Border they blossomed into fame; and, while in health and vigour, they will be hard to beat. Properly-fed Hybrids improve with age, and yield genuine satisfaction to the owner.

The object of this article is to diffuse a better appreciation and knowledge of the most attractive of cage birds. Hybids have been condemned because they do not breed. If they can be replaced each succeeding year, there is far more satisfaction in breeding Hybrids than any other class of birds. At any rate, that is my candid opinion, founded upon personal experience.

The Hybrid breeder, if he wishes to succeed, must have a good supply of reliable common Canaries, and as, even at the best, only one odd egg is fertile, it is a benefit to sit at the same time two or three common Canary eggs. A single Hybrid never thrives, and therefore it is an absolute necessity to support a solitary Hybrid in the nest by a couple of Canaries of the self-same age. A Hybrid is so precious that, when it comes into the world, every effort should be exercised to preserve it and promote its growth. The eggs should not be handled. For the sake of a few days, they should be left alone till the hatching period is up.

If this is not the record year with Hybrids, it is not for want of trying. Of course, many pairs have been mated from which champions can never be expected. A fresh-caught British Bullfinch hen is useful for a Redpoll, but for the others nothing can compete with a Siberian.

The best pairs I have come across are of very great promise. The first is a very rich-coloured Greenie, matched to a very massive Bullfinch hen in the pink of condition. It was obtained by writing to a London dealer. It cost a higher figure than what a Britisher could have been got for, but it is worth the small difference. They were only a week or so in the cage when they were observed feeding. The ordinary wooden wicker cage used by dealers for sending on stock was fitted up in a corner of the cage, and the hen is now busy building. They are working hard, and there is every appearance that the pair are likely to gladden the owner. They are an ideal couple.

Another fine couple is a proved Greenfinch and a very handsome Siberian Bullfinch hen, the latter also procured from a dealer. She is lively, and is busy nesting. A small box, perforated at the side, has been fixed inside the cage, and the hen has taken to it, and seems much attached to her habitation.

Siberians, as a rule, are late in starting, but when they commence they make up for lost time.

A really nice pair, with a cosy nest built, is a British Bullfinch hen with a tiny Redpoll. They are fairly mated, and, if fertile eggs are got, a valuable Hybrid should be forthcoming. A single male cross of this description is worth an entire season's breeding. Not a single specimen of this kind is known to exist in the United Kingdom.

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BRITISH BIRDS.

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From Messrs. Witherby and Co. comes No. 1 (June, 1907) of a new monthly magazine, entitled "British Birds." It is edited by H. F. Witherby, F.Z.S., etc., assisted by W. P. Pycraft, A.L.S., etc., and has for its scope the chronicling of interesting matters concerning the wild life of all species accepted on the B.O.U. list. The issue under notice is a 32-page number, admirably produced, and containing valuable photographic illustrations. Many of our leading present-day ornithologists are taking an interest in the new-comer, including the Hon. Walter Rothschild, Drs. E. Hartert and P. L. Sclater, and Messrs. Howard Saunders, J. H. Gurney, F. C. Selous, W. Eagle Clarke, C. Whymper and others.

In the current number Mr. Saunders enumerates the additions to the list of British birds since the publication of the 2nd edition of his "Manual" in 1899. These total no fewer than 20, and include the Dusky Thrush, Black-eared Wheatear, Siberian Stonechat, White-spotted Bluethroat, Siberian Chiff-chaff, Cetti's Warbler, Grey-headed and Black-headed Wagtails, Masked Shrike, Red-rumped Swallow, Citril and Snow Finches, Meadow and Yellow-breasted Buntings, and the Black Lark. Dr. Sclater discusses a supposed new British Tit, the "Willow Tit" (*Parus kleinschmidti*), said to be found at Coalfall Wood, Finchley, also at Tunbridge Wells and in the valleys of the Tweed, Forth and Spey, Scotland. It is suggested as being merely a form of the Marsh Tit, a British sub-species of which is already recognised (*Parus dresseri*.) Mr. Selous writes on the "Nesting Habits observed Abroad of some Rare British Birds." Mr. P. H. Bahr has a most interesting contribution entitled, "A Study of the Home Life of the Osprey," accompanied with three fine photoghaphs of his own taking. Concerning the methods of this fish-eating species he says: "The evenings and the early mornings are the favourite times for this pursuit. Then we would often observe some four or five circling round together, often at no great height above the water. One would make his mark, the great wings would close, and down on to the water, with a resounding splash, the bird would drop and disappear from view, to rise a second or so later with a silver fish, often, as we remarked with some surprise, of no great size. Then, shaking the spray off his plumage, he would slowly wend his way home. . . . The Osprey is not always fortunate in his fishing, and failures are many. He does not always manage to 'strike' in time, and often emerges from a plunge empty-handed. . . . The largest fish I ever saw being carried by an Osprey was a flatfish, which, although partially eaten, weighed at least three pounds. The captor, exasperated by my presence near its nest, eventually let the fish drop, and it narrowly missed my head."

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SOME PROBLEMS OF COLOURATION IN BIRD PLUMAGE.

By the Rev. D. PERCY HARRISON.

Notes on a Lecture delivered before the Members of the Swindon C.B.S. on April 17th, 1907.

If a feather be pulled out from a living bird and split longtitudinally, its interior will be found slightly moist and full of a net work of fine cells, far more dense and of a far more living aspect than appears in a section of a moulted feather, or one from a bird dead for 24 hours. It is through the living tissues of the shaft of the feather that apparently the colours rises into it. How it does so we are not able to say. What the colouring matter is we cannot say, but, at any rate, in some foreign birds of the Pigeon and Parrot genus it is, if I may use the expression, almost free. The red colouring, if wetted, will come off on the fingers.

COLOUR CHANGE WITHOUT MOULT.

This curious colour change without moult is best seen in the Black-headed Gull, when in February the white feathers of the head begin to assume a brown tinge. By the middle of March the bird has assumed a chocolate head and neck. It can also be observed in the bright red colouring which some of the Waders put on their breasts in spring, e.g., the Knot, the Curlew, Sandpiper, and the Godwit. Again does this change take place in the case of birds which spend the autumn and winter in an immature dress, and assume the adult plumage the following spring? Why the young Cuckoo leaves us a moulted, brown creature and returns, with an occasional odd exception, in the well-known grey dress, it is difficult to answer. I kept a young Cuckoo once through the winter in order to solve the question, but it was most troublesome to feed, and died just at the crucial moment when it was beginning the seasonal change (moult). Some few of the feathers were turning grey, but I saw no signs of any cast feathers in the aviary, neither do any seem to be shed by young Starlings in spring. In some species, I believe, a few neck and head feathers are moulted in the spring time, especially in the case of the Wood Pigeon and Thrush.

One of the most interesting, and at the same time most obscure, problems connected with birds is the mode in which the colour changes in their plumage at different seasons of the year. Birds are known to moult, and the rough and ready solution of the man in the street is that the change of plumage is produced by this process, but careful observation convinces us that this is only partially true, and does not account for some of the most striking alterations in bird dress. Roughly speaking the two greatest changes take place in spring and autumn, and, roughly speaking again, the autumn change is chiefly produced by moult, the spring change is by a gradual alteration in the pigment of the feathers themselves without moulting.

A STRIKING CHANGE IN THE SPARROW

Take, for instance, so common a bird as the Sparrow. In spring he assumes brighter colours. His gorget becomes more extended and of a deeper black. In his case and in that of many other birds of kindred species, the process is a double one. The winter feathers of the neck, head and back have ash grey tips to the webs. In spring these break off, and leave exposed the darker colouring of the lower part of the feathers, so that the markings become more pronounced and distinct. But, side by side with this, colour seems to rise into the feathers in some mysterious way. How, we are not able to say, but rise it does, as can be seen by the change which takes place at the same time in the colouring of the beak and legs and even claws, horny as they are. Witness the bright yellow of the Starling's bill in spring. We are apt to look upon a feather as dead matter. It is true that when at the moult new plumage is assumed. We can see for ourselves that the feathers are alive, the stalk is full of blood, and is obviously part of the living organism. When, however, the feather is fully grown, it appears lifeless, it no longer bleeds when cut, and the owner feels no pain if it be severed close to the skin. Yet I think it is really still alive and still in contact with the juices of the body as long as it remains attached to the pedicle from which it grows. The sporadic shedding of a few feathers while the new brilliance is put on is almost entirely due to a modification of the old winter dress by injection of colour from the interior juices of the living body.

FROM GAY TO DULL.

In my remarks above I have dwelt upon a change in colouration produced by intensification, i.e., the dull winter plumage becomes more ornamental in spring. But there are also instances in the bird world of an opposite change, viz., an obscuration of the bright plumage. This is especially noticeable in the Mallard, and in the males of some others of the Duck tribe, which, as is well-known, assume a dress very like the hen bird. I have often watched the process in the head of a drake, and I believe it to be brought about by the change of colour from green to brown, though there must be a certain moult, inasmuch as he loses his curly tail feathers. The true moult, however, begins when the drake begins to assume once more his original glorious apparel. I have noticed this eclipse dress in the Mallard, Pintail and Widgeon, but never in Pochard, though my observation has been confined to ornamental waters and I am subject to correction.

Of one thing I am sure, that if those who keep birds in confinement would make careful notes of the change of plumage of their pets, they would be adding greatly to our scientific knowledge of bird life. The subject has been very imperfectly studied, and much more evidence is needed before we can speak positively on many of the points I have raised, and I feel sure that to have a definite point before our eyes on which to make our observations is a sure means of enhancing the pleasure we get from any pursuit, and not the least from the amusement of keeping birds in captivity.

To be continued.)

WILD BIRD NOTES AND QUERIES.

Windy Weather.

Wild birds dislike the wind, and the inclement weather we are having must be very unpleasant to them. Yesterday I saw some young Rooks struggling gamely against the wind and rain, the old birds flying near them and giving encouraging caws, but they could not manage to make headway, and had to return to the open field, where they were previously feeding and resting.

The Plover.

One would think the Green and the Golden Plover would behave very much alike when disturbed during the nesting period. This, however, is not by any means the case, for the golden bird will allow one to almost tread upon her before quitting her charges, and the cock bird will run some distance, then stop and watch the intruder. The green bird is all noise and bustle, rising from the ground when the top of one's head is just visible over the hedge. He twists and turns and scrambles round the field, shouting repeatedly; the hen bird leaves the nest long before one can get near it. When these birds nest in higher latitudes, they appear to conform to the general rules, and commence operations some fortnight or three weeks later than the birds in the lowlands.

The Food of the Flycatcher.

A very conspicuous bird is the Spotted Flycatcher. When we walk along the high road or the footpath by the wood, he courts our immediate attention. From the post or fence he darts across the path to catch some passing insect. This he repeats time after time, so that one may be led to think that insects caught upon the wing are his only food; but if we visit the snug little nest, concealed among the ivy growing up the trunk of elm trees, we shall, from time to time, see that one of the parent birds conveys green caterpillars to the young ones quite as frequently as they do winged insects; possibly they find them of greater bulk and consequently more sustaining. When one has to feed a brood of hungry nestlings, it is necessary to feed with the food giving the best results. No doubt the Flycatchers think so to.

Our Friend the Sparrow.

A rather amusing correspondence has been going on in one of the daily papers concerning the House Sparrow. One writer complains bitterly of the London Sparrow; the bird is astir early in the morning, and by his incessant chirping prevents the writer from obtaining his full number of hours of sleep. He sighs for the country, and the sweet voices of the song birds. A writer hailing from Peckham Rye says he wakes early, and the cheerful chip-chip of the Sparrow tells him it is time to be up and doing. Yet another sighs for the town life. He cannot sleep at night for the incessant "jug jug" of the Nightingale and the melancholy hooting of the Owl, and at daybreak the early birds and the rooster; and later the farm horses, rattle of milk churns, dogs, etc., disturb his repose. What a pity it is that some of these discontented ones cannot change places.

Mimicry of the Song Thrush.

Very few of our resident birds are able to confine themselves exclusively to their own song. The Woodlark is one of the exceptions; and, generally speaking, we seldom hear the Skylark's melody mixed with that of any other, possibly on account of the great numbers of the species singing everywhere—although the bird is a sad mimic when confined, and a caged Lark with the true wild note is an exception rather than the rule. With regard to the Blackbirds and Song Thrushes, it is different. They mix with their song any peculiar sound that attracts their attention, some passages from the Blackbird sounding almost like spoken words. Recently I heard several Song Thrushes singing in a small plantation noted for the great number of Nightingales frequenting it, and some of these birds had undoubtedly borrowed certain passages from the night songsters, and they rendered them in a manner delightful to listen to. There was certainly an improved song prevailing throughout the wood.

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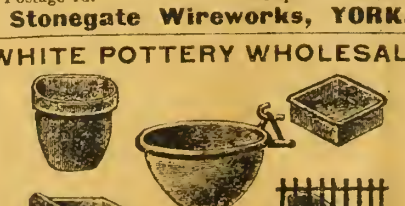

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H. B. T., Oldroyd House, Waterloo Road, Bedford, April 4th, 1907.
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H. Mills, 27, Duke Street, Northampton. November 13th, 1906.
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C. Fielding, 4, Glencairn Road, Streatham, June 10th, 1907.
When we were at the Crystal Palace Show we bought some of your seed, etc., from your stall, and, being very pleased with the quality, we desire a further supply, and enclose P.O. for same, with list of goods required.

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W. H. Laurence, 5, Milan Street, Cape Town, South Africa, December 5th, 1906.
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Stephen Laxton, Rippingale, Bourne, January 4th, 1907.
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Charles Conqueror, 68, York Street, St. Helens, Lancs., March 18th, 1907.
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H. Levitt, Hatfield Peveral, Witham, Essex.
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Geo. Bousfield, Naturalist, Market Hall Bird Stores, Derby, May 6th, 1907.
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Henry Hannah, 373, Main Street, Bonhill, Dumbartonshire, January 29th, 1907.
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R. Carter, 56, Danby Street, Bellenden Road, Peckham, June 10th, 1907.
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W. L. Murray, 40, Fort Street, Douglas, Isle of Man, June 2nd, 1907.
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Dr. A. G. Butler, 129, Beckenham Road, Beckenham, May 13th, 1907.
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S. A. Sandy, 133, Laitwood Road, Balham, May 9th, 1907.
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WANTED, Mules, Goldfinches, Linnets, Canaries, Parrots, any kind bird.—Baker, Herbert-st., Bedminster.

WANTED, dozen each hen Bullfinches, Goldfinches, 8d. each given for former, 1/- latter, also cocks, 1/6, 2/-.—74, Old Town, Chard.

WANTED, 5 by 4 reflex camera, exchange prize-bred Yorkshires.—Hallam, Dinnington, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Northumberland.

WANTED, a steady cock Cirl Bunting; exchange exhibition Yellow Bunting.—T. Evans, Main-st., Haverigg, Millom.

WANTED, young Norwich Canaries, exchange bedding, table, and window plants.—W. E. Stephenson, Florist, Acomb, York.

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CANARIES Wanted.—Surplus stocks of young Norwich and Yorkshires; must be cheap for cash.—C. Williams, 39, Warner-pl., Hackney-rd., London, E.

YOUNG or old Norwich cocks wanted for resale; state price and quantity.—Walter Lunnon, 65, Hosier-st., Reading.

WANTED, Fowls, Pigeons, common; exchange breeding Canaries, one pair of plated cycle wheels, 26 by 1½, nearly new; will exchange for Mules or Goldfinches; offers.—Long, 18, Prout-rd., Clapton.

WANTED, Norwich Canary, not rubbish, exchange Singer treadle sewing machine, in good condition, value £2 10/-.—Pearce, 11, Kennington-av., Dowend-rd., Kingswood, Bristol.

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WANTED, Pigeons, young rabbits, birds, Bantams; give good Airedale Terrier bitch or set of carvers, cost 17/6.—Deacon, 66, Scotland-st., Sheffield.

DRAWING instruments wanted, good ones, needle points, in exchange for Norwich Canaries, winners; cards sent with birds; no rubbish wanted or offered.—Graham Gould, Cage Works, 11, Little South-st., Coventry.

WANTED, Cockateels, Budgerigars, or others, for Saffron Finch, Pope, Whitish Java, Bishop, two Hartz Canaries; lot, and large cage, 15/-; sell singly; large Bullfinch, 2/9.—"Broadway," Westby-rd., Boscombe.

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SALE OR EXCHANGE.

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To be Sold or Exchanged

TWO 1907 hand-reared cock Thrushes, finger-tame, 2/- each, two 3/6; or exchange good cock Goldfinch.—Jones, 17, Henwalia, Carnarvon.

SPLENDID thoroughly cleaued, mixed wild seed, 2/- peck; exchange cock British Canaries; sample stamp.—Smith, Orchardleigh, Highworth, Wilts.

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GRAND twice house moulted breeding Linnet, 5/6; also 1906 cock Goldfinch, 3/6; exchange anything useful.—Gilman, Church Institute, Buxton.

SPLENDID pair Bullfinches and cock Redpoll, for useful exchange.—Clayton, 29, Manchester-rd., Stamford Hill.

WARRANTED, cock Linnets, 3/- dozen; will exchange young Mules.—William Fenn, Beck-row, Mildenhall, Suffolk.

WANTED offers, sale or exchange, hand-reared Little Owl, finger tame, splendid pet.—Downing, Rauuds, Northants.

RARA AVIS.—Cuckoo, hand-reared, amusing pet, show condition, 7/6; cock Goldfinch, father young twice this season, 6/-; offers exchange.—Salmon, Kilgerran, Pembrokeshire.

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To be Sold or Exchanged

EXCHANGE yellow Yorkshire cock for exhibition cock Bullfinch, or offers.—Urban Callead, Dawley, Shropshire.

GRAND young Norwich cocks, 5/- each, fifty to choose from.—Oakley, Coroner's Court, Warwick-pl., Whitecross-st., E.C.

FIVE healthy Norwich hens, four clear, proved breeders; exchange songsters; approval.—57, Riddings-st., Derby.

LARGE handsome pair Crested Canaries, hen nesting; exchange talking Parrot, or offers.—Blair, Ponderlaw-lane, Arbroath.

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HAVING finished breeding, can now spare 1906 Norwich cocks, full song, 5/-.—Connon, Hatton, Aberdeenshire.

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PRIZE Green large Crest hen, 15/-, worth £3; exchange good pair Yorkshires; Green Crestbred hen, variegated Crest hen, Yellow hen; exchange gramophone disc; or offers.—Edwards, 71, Swinbrook-rd., Westbourne Park.

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Cannot say how pleased.

The Leicester Lounge, Leicester-square, London. June 24th, 1907.—Bird arrived here quite safe, and must say in splendid condition. In fact, I cannot say how pleased I am with it, and shall always have the pleasure in sending to you, for all my friends greatly admire him.—S. J. Coates to W. Rudd.

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Not eat other nearly so readily.

"Helm," Windermere. June 24th, 1907.—Will you kindly send me a half-crown tin of Eggertine by return post? I have run short of it, and my birds do not eat other egg foods nearly so readily.—E. Nurse to W. Rudd.

40, High Burton-street, Miles Platting. June 26th, 1907.—I received the Goldfinch and two Canaries, and am highly pleased with them. They are all in good health.—R. Eyres to W. Rudd.

Wishes he had sent sooner—(so do thousands of others.—W.R.)

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FOR sale or exchange, one pair of prize Yorkshire Canaries, one pair of Cinnamons, eight young prize Norwich, 22 1907 and 1906 Canaries, five double breeding cages and six three-compartment cages, joiner made and new; also three English Goldfinches; exchange for ½-plate photo enlarger, good Columbia phonograph or photo accessories, anything useful.—Particulars, W. Walters, 27, Butcher-row, Salisbury.

Mainly Foreign
To be Sold or Exchanged

WOULD exchange an adult Cockatcel hen for a cock Cockatcel.—J. Gray, Cedars-rd., Hampton Wick.

EXCHANGE good Australian Grey Parrot and cage for three pairs of Budgerigars or good Whippet or Greyhound.—Hartles, 3, Alice-av., Seacombe.

SPLENDID talking Amazon Parrot, £2 10/-, or exchange Lancashire Coppies or Yorkshircs; approval both ways.—Eaves, East Cliff, Lytham.

SPLENDID Grey African Parrot, three years old, acclimatised, and saying hundreds of words, one of the best talkers in England, bargain, £6; approval, or would exchange for Canaries or Foreign birds.—Northern Aviaries, Preston.

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Sale or Exchange

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CYCLE tyres, new; exchange Canaries; offers.—M'Pherson, 14, Drive-rd., Govan, Glasgow.

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WANTED, Canaries, any variety; exchange good framed pictures or Pigeons.—Olivier, Picture Frame Maker, 185, Southwark Park-rd., Bermondsey.

SPLENDID new kitchen fire grate, exchange Canaries, anything, suit builder, allotment summerbouse.—60, St. Peter's-rd., Leicester.

SPANIEL Retriever liver bitch pup, six months, parents prize winners, sale or exchange.—G. Gaute, 96, The Crescent, Slough.

HANDSOME Spaniel pups, two blacks and one liver, six weeks old, 5/- each, or exchange.—David Buckley, Far-row, Swanwick, Alfreton, Derbyshire.

WILL exchange gent's cycle for 1907 Norwich or Yorkshires, or offer.—Miller, Craven-st., Barnoldswick, Colne.

EXCHANGE book, entitled "British Native Songsters," 350 pages, 72 coloured plates, for good Yorkshire cock; published 1853.—J. Nicholson, Quebec.

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GENT'S Warwick cycle, cost £10 10/-, sell 55/-, exchange for young Yorkshire cocks, genuine bargain, receipt sent.—Baker, 8, Clifton-ter., Soutb-rd., Erdington, Birmingham.

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BARGAINS.—Two good Cheetal Deers' heads, horns 26 in. long, heads, skins well tanned, only want stuffing, 20/- each, exchange Crests or Lancashires preferred.—Hatch, 4, Home Rule-cottages, Poundfield, Jarvisbrook.

SINGER'S nearly new treadle sewing machine, splendid worker and condition, cover and appliances, cost £8 7/6, sell £3, or exchange talking machine and records.—North, 120, Wornington-rd., N. Kensington.

FIVE Airedale bitch puppies, eleven weeks, champion pedigree, strong and healthy, also four large flight cages, sell cbeap, exchange cage birds or gent's cycle, offers.—M. Maidment, 158, Knigbton Fields-rd., Leicester.

WANTED, pedigree Homers, training basket (hold 25), or fishing tackle, in exchange for splendid brass-mounted mahogany-stained Norwich show case and two cages (value 12/6).—6, Lambpit-st., Wrexham.

VERY loud singing Thrush, tame, 5/6; mahogany one-dome aviary, in good condition, 24 in. long, 13 deep, 28 in. high, 7/-; gent's silver watch, 10/-; pair silver mounted carvers, by Joseph Rodgers and Son, Sheffield, 5/6; 12 good dinner knives, 8/6; one gross teaspoons, for ordinary use, 12/- lot, all new.—Lane, 29, Elphinstone, Hastings.

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FOR sale, a musical box, nearly new, plays eight tunes, 15/-.—C. Osborn, Winslow, Bucks.

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OWL, very tame, 3/-; Wall Lizards, 6d. each; Green Lizards, 1/-; large Grass Snakes, 1/-; Glass Snakes, 3/6; large land Tortoise, 1/-; smaller, 6d.; water Tortoise, 6d.; Salamander, 1/-; Frogs, 1/- doz.; Bronze Carp, 2/- doz.—Kocb, 216, Forest-rd., Walthamstow, Essex.

A GENTLEMAN wishes to dispcse of his £4 4/- military binocular glasses in saddler-made case, perfect definition, 10 achromatic lenses, will show a bullet mark at 1,000 yards; sacrifice, 11/6; willingly sent on approval before payment.—Captain, Caxton House, Upper Tulsc-hill, London.

TWO highly pedigree-bred dark sable Collie puppies, ten weeks old, immense coats, frills, and brushes, grand heads, well carried ears and brushes, clean, healthy, lovely specimens, lady's perfect companions, dog 15/-, bitch 10/6; approval; printed pedigree on application.—R. Marshall, Hagworthingham House, Spilsby, Lincolnshire.

HANDSOME highly pedigree-bred rare Persian male kitten, ten weeks old, black with white feet, breast, and collar, immense coat, frill, and brush, immense fluff, clean, healthy lovely specimen lady's perfect companion, sure winner, 12/6; approval; printed pedigree on application.—R. Marshall, Hagworthingham House, Spilsby, Lincolnshire.

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SINGING CONTESTS.

BLACKBURN.

The Blackburn Lark F.A. club contest was held at the Good Samaritan Inn, on June 29th, when three prizes were sung for. Mr. R. Sheffield's nomination again sang splendidly, winning the timepiece outright, having been first in two contests for the same. On the former occasion his bird sang through the whole of the ten minutes. The following are winners and times:—R. Sheffield, 9.48; J. Sheffield, 9.41; J. Hunt, 9.25.

There will be an open contest on Saturday next, July 6th, at the house of Mr. Holden, "The Cross Guns Inn," Guide, ten minutes banging, first bird to be hung at 2.30 p.m. prompt.—J. SHEFFIELD, Sec.

LEEDS.

Contest held at King's Head on June 29th, when seventeen of the best birds in Leeds sung for three prizes, given by Mr. J. Booth. Some very good singing was beard, to the delight of all present. 1st, Summers; 2nd, Hardcastle; 3rd, Wigfield. On June 30th twenty of the pick of Leeds sang before a crowded house from all parts of tbe country, when the best singing heard for a long time was enjoyed, and everybody was satisfied. 1st, Summers; 2nd, Hardcastle; 3rd, Crowtber. Judges, Messrs. Melia, Cooper, and Towers.—T. SUMMERS, Hon. Sec.

Usual contest at Skinners' Arms, Buslingthorpe, when 13 good birds competed for three prizes. 1, Galley; 2, Neat; 3, Dalton. Everyone satisfied that was present.—F. RAPER, Sec.

The members and friends of the Prince Albert Linnet Association met June 30th, to compete for three good prizes given by the landlord, Mr. J. R. Saynor. Tbere was a good attendance of visitors to hear the birds sing, but a poor entry, only 11 birds competing owing to a great many going into moult. Judges, H. Allen and B. Jackson. Result: 1, J. Chippendale; 2, W. Whitfield; 3, G. Richmond.—E. WOOD, Hon. Sec.

A Linnet Singing Contest took place at Timm's Coffee House, Skiningrove, on June 22nd, when some grand singing was done. 1, J. C. Havelock; 2, 3, M. Dobson. On June 29th six good prizes were given. 1, J. Calvert; 2, Long; 3, 6, Dobson; 4, Womack; 5, Hodge. F. Deadon, judge.—M. DOBSON, Sec.

SHEFFIELD.

At the Bird-in-Hand, Broughton Lane, Attercliffe, on June 29th, 27 birds sang for three prizes before a crowded house; two minutes' hanging. 1, Soldier Jack, 48; 2, Smedley, 45; 3, Smedley, 36. Club meeting at night; six new members, making a total of 19. Judges, Sweeney and Bollington.—F. WARSON, Sec.

LEIGH.

Contest for quality singiug held June 29th, at the Colliers' Rest, Westleigh Mill, Leigh, when 24 of the best birds from Leigh, Wigan, Blackburn, and Great Harwood competed for seven good prizes given by Mr. Joseph Edwards. The singing was very fair for the time of the year. The prize-winners were Mr. J. Mills, first and sixtb; Mr. J. W. Jones, second; Mr. D. Bentley, third; Mr. P. O'Neil, fourth; Mr. J. Edwards, fiftb; Mr. W. Barnes, seventh. The judges were Mr. T. Jump (Wigan), Mr. J. W. Jones (Leigh), and Mr. W. H. Topping (Blackburn); timekeeper, Mr. P. Wallin (Leigh). After the contest we enjoyed ourselves very mucb.

ACCRINGTON.

Lark contest at the Red Lion Hotel on June 29th; ten minutes' hanging; 13 birds competed for six prizes. Greenhalgh, 9-56; Jackson, 9-18; Hargreaves, 8-43; Sanderson, 8-35; Berry, 8-31; Berry, 5-31. Timers, H. Greenhalgh and J. Shorrock.—ALF. KNOWLES, Sec.

SALE OPEN O.S.

Meeting held June 24th. It was decided tbat all members' exhibits for the Nest Feather Show be staged not later than one o'clock. Owing to ill-health, Mr. T. Ellingham resigned the assistant secretaryship. Mr. J. Irlam was elected to fill the vacancy. Members' entries for the show, July 20th, must be made on the Monday nigbt previous, at the ordinary meeting.

EALING, HANWELL & DIS. F.S.

A well-attended meeting was held June 27th last. Mr. Kirkman gave a lecture on "Breeding for Colour," and by general request has promised to repeat it at a future date. Since the beginning of the year over thirty new members have joined the society. W. BIRD, Hon. Sec.
6, Broughton-rd., West Ealing.
[Notices relating to Poultry are not suitable for our columns.—ED. "C.B."]

THE SHOWS.

CITY OF BRADFORD O.S.

The First Feather Show in connection with the Members' Competition was held June 29th, club headquarters. Although not so large in numbers, the quality of the exhibits was very good. The bad breeding season with most fanciers about here accounts for entries not being so numerous as usual. Mr. W. Mann (Wibsey) judged, his awards being well received. CLR. OR TKD. YELL. YORKS., GREEN OR CINNAMON: 1, 2, 3, 4, Ludbrook; vhc, Wharton Bros.; c, Hartley. BUFF: 1, hc, Wharton Bros.; 2, 3, 4, vhc, Ludbrook; c, Lingley. UN. OR FOUL YELL.: 1, Lingley; 2, 3, Hartley. BUFF: 1, Lingley. NOVICE CLASSES, CLR. OR TKD. YELL. YORKS.: 1, 2, Fontnam; 3, Cowell; 4, Pollitt. BUFF: 1, 4, vhc, Horsfield; 2, 3, Fontnam; hc, Ramsden; c, Bateman. UN. OR FOUL YELL.: 1, Roberts; 2, Bateman. BUFF: 1, Horsfield; 2, Pollitt; 3, Warden. P. STANSFIELD, Sec.

DARLINGTON C. & B.B.F.A.

Members held their First Feather Show on Saturday, June 29th, at the George Hotel; judge, T. Cleminson (Darlington). YORKS. YELL.: 1, W. Sutton: 2, J. Cuthbertson; 3, E. Cuthbertson. YORKS. BUFF: 1, J. Cuthbertson; 2, E. Cuthbertson; 3, hc, W. Sutton; c, C. Cooper. NORWICH: 1, 2, J. O'Connor; 3, hc, C. Cooper; vhc, c, A. Stallard. A.O.V. CANARY: P. Wilcock, T. Metcalfe. BRIT. BIRD CLASS: 1, 3, vhc, Wildsmith and Hawkins; 2, C. Cooper; hc, T. Metcalfe; c, P. Wilcock.

POTTERIES C.B.A. AND CREWE O.S.

The first inter-club Nest Feather Show of the above societies took place at Stoke on June 29th, the splendid club room of the Red Lion Hotel being the venue. The show was a marked success, far surpassing any other show of the kind ever held in the district, both in numbers and quality. Norwich were a grand lot, some very fine youngsters being staged. Mr. W. Roberts won in clear yellows with an excellent specimen, in the pink of condition, which also captured the special for best Canary in the show, and well deserved the honour. In clear buffs, Mr. J. Pitchford accomplished the hat trick with a nice trio of promising youngsters, which should make up well. In marked yellows Mr. W. Yates led with a nice typical youngster of good quality, marked head and wings. He was closely pressed by Mr. Roberts with a bird marked very similar. Marked Buffs were a good class. Mr. C. Birks came out on top with a real good one, ticked on left eye, which was just caught at its best, but Mr. J. Rathbone was very close up with another nice youngster; the third was rather too young, and would do better in another week. Yorksbires were not so numerous as we should have liked to see them, but the quality would compare favourably with previous shows. The pick of this section was a really good clear buff, exhibited by Mr. G. E. Goodall. This was a very smart youngster, and ran a close race for the special, but was handicapped by a growing tail feather. Mr. J. Simcock and Mr. T. Crimes were also successful with birds of much merit. Mr. Hawley's birds were too far gone to do tbemselves justice. Mr. W. Yates staged two very promising Cinnamons, both of which could bave held their own in good company. Borders made a nice display, but competition was confined to Crewe fanciers, Mr. F. L. Handcocks having it all his own way. We liked the winning green marked buff very mucb. Goldfinches were a good class, and the winners well selected, but nothing standing out. Mr. W. Morgan and Mr. T. Crimes accounted for the opposition. In Brown Linnets Mr. T. Crimes won easily with a very fine specimen, in lovely feather. Mr. S. Potts was successful with a nice Bullfinch, and also showed a clinking Bramblefinch. The quality and condition of the British birds reflect great credit upon their owners, and the section proved very attractive to visitors, who, by the way, rolled up in good numbers, so that the venture should result in a substantial addition to the funds of the Potteries Club. A good number of the Crewe fanciers visited the show, and expressed their appreciation of the way in which the arrangements were carried out. The special for most points (a handsome tea service) in the show was won by Mr. J. Pitchford, with a total of 29 points. The awards were made by Mr. F. Bate, who gave every satisfaction. NOR. YELL.: 1, spl, Roberts; 2, vhc, Rathbone; 3, Pitchford; hc, Crimes; c, Birks. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Pitchford; vhc, Roberts; hc, Rathbone; c, Crimes. MKD. YELL.: 1, Yates; 2, vhc, Heaton; hc, Ibbs. BUFF: 1, Birks; 2, Rathbone; 3, vhc, Pitchford; hc, Heaton; c, Roberts. YORKS., YELL.: 1, 2, Simcock; 3, Goodall. BUFF: 1, Goodall; 2, Potts; 3, hc, Hawley; vhc, Huges. MKD. YELL.: 1, Simcock; 2, Fleet; 3, Goodall; vhc, Hawley. BUFF: 1, Crimes; 2, Fleet; 3, Goodall; vbc, Hawley. CINN. YELL.: 1, Yates. BUFF: 1, Yates. BORDER, YELL.: 1, 2, 3, Handcocks; vhc, Harden. BUFF: 1, 3, Handcocks; 2, vhc, Hardern. MKD. YELL.: 1, 2, Handcocks. BUFF: 1, 2, Handcocks. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, Handcocks; 2, Ibbs. GOLDFINCH BRIT.: 1, 2, hc, Morgan; 3, Crimes; vhc, Heaton; c, Bowker. LINNET: 1, Crimes; 2, Bettley; 3, Pitchford; vhc, Simcock; hc, Fleet. BULL OR GREENFINCH: 1, 2, Potts; 3, Bettley. CHAFFINCH, ETC.: 1, Potts; 2, Bowker. SOFTBILL: 1, Bowker. A.O.V.: 1, Bowker; 2, Bettley.

NORTH LONDON C.B.A.

The First Feather Show of tbe North London C.B.A. was held in the Public Hall, Stoke Newington, on June 29th, and was quite the best in the history of the Association. The entries were 34 in excess of last year's figures, whilst the quality was far in advance, especially in the Norwich section. This advance was not seen so much in one or two birds standing away from the rest as in a general levelling up right through the classes. Messrs. Morris and Hodder had a hard tussle in the Champion Norwich, the latter getting the best of it in the number of class awards, but missing the coveted specials. Each showed some lovely birds, combining type and quality. Messrs. Sweetman, Rennie, and A. B. Forse each put down a nice team of Yorkshires, and in each team were to be seen dissimilar characteristics. Mr. Sweetman's excelled in length, Mr. Rennie's in feather, and Mr. Forse's in shape and general quality; we liked the latter's second yellow very much, and had it possessed just a bit more length the awards would doubtless have been different, but Mr. Sweetman had that little bit extra in leg and reach which is so much in a Yorkshire. There was no competition in the Amateurs, Messrs. Cawthorne and Andrews, who each staged some useful looking birds, having the fight all to themselves in their respective classes. Those Novices again! The Novice Norwich at Stoke Newington were the section of the show, numbers and quality both being splendid. Messrs. Morley, Williamson, Morgan, Richardson, and Harper all staged most creditable exhibits, several of which would have pushed the champions very hard. In the Yorkshires Mr. Penton was the most successful exhibitor, and he, with Messrs. Spiers, B. F. Forse, Rowson, and Mrs. Morris are to be congratulated upon the quality seen in these classes. Crests and Crestbreds provided no competition. Some very choice birds were to be seen in the British section, and amongst the exhibits which filled our eye most we must mention Mr. Baldry's Redstart, Mr. Leclair's Whitethroat, Mr. Pike's Linnet, the Siskins of Messrs. Cawthorne and Marley, and the veteran Mortlock's Goldie. These were all of the "smart set." The exhibits were nicely staged, and Mr. Harper and his committee are to be most highly complimented and congratulated upon the good work the N.L.C.B.A. is doing, and the progress it is making. Mr. J.R obson judged.

CHAMPIONS, NOR. YELL. (8): 1, res., vhc, 2 spls, Morris; 2, 3, Hodder. BUFF (9): 1, res., Hodder; 2, 3, vhc, hc, 2 spls, Morris; c, Leclair. VAR. (4): 1, 2, 3, Hodder. YORKS. YELL. (6): 1, spl, Sweetman; 2, res., vhc, A. B. Forse; 3, Rennie. BUFF (6): 1, 2, hc, Rennie; 3, res., A. B. Forse; vbc, Sweetman; c, Preston. VAR.: 1, Sweetman; 2, A. B. Forse; 3, Renuie. AMATEUR, NOR.: All the prizes to Mr. Cawthorne. Mr. Andrews secured all in Yorkshires and Mules. NOV., NOR. (12): 1, 3, Marley; 2, Richardson; res., spl, Harper; hc, Williams; vhc, Morgan. BUFF (15): 1, Williamson; 2, Morgan; 3, 2 spls, Marley; vhc, Spiers; hc, Longridge; c, Nelson. VAR. (13): 1, res., 2 spls, Marley; 2, 3, Williamson; vhc, B. F. Forse; hc, Longridge; c, Spiers. YORKS. YELL. (6): 1, hc, Longridge; c, Spiers. YORKS. YELL. (6): 1, Spiers; 2, res., B. F. Forse; 3, Rowson. BUFF (4): 1, Rowson; 2, 3, B. F. Forse; res., Mrs. Morris. VAR. (6): 1, 2, 3, spl, Penton; res., hc, B. F. Forse; vhc, Mrs. Morris. CREST (3): 1, 2, 3, Woodward. CRESTBRED (3): 1, 3, spl, Anson. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (11): 1, res., spl, Mortlock; 2, Mumford; 3, hc, Marley; vhc, Pike; c, Williams. GREENFINCH (5): 1, Richardson; 2, Baldry; 3, Morley; vhc, Mrs. Kitson; hc, Pike. LINNET (6): 1, 2 spls, Pike; 2, 3, Mortlock; hc, Sadler. SISKIN, ETC. (4): 1, Cawthorne; 2, Marley; 3, Pike; res., Baldry. A.O.V. FINCH, ETC. (2): 1, Marley, Yellow Bunting; 2, Baldry, Corn Buntling. INSECTIV. (3): 1, spl, Baldry. REDSTART: 2, Leclair, Whitethroat.

CHELTENHAM C.B.S.

The members of the Cheltenham C.B.S. held their First Feather Show on June 29th, in the Victoria Rooms. Entries did not come up so well as last year, the poor breeding results met with by several of the members no doubt being the cause. There were a few nice exhibits staged, which will no doubt give a good account of themselves later on. We thought the marked buff Norwich Plainhead of Mr. Gwilliams about the best in the show, and had there been a special for best bird we think he would have annexed it. It looks like a bird with a future. The exhibits were nicely staged, the light was good, and a goodly number of visitors attended the show. The Hon. Secretaries, Messrs. Treasure and Hope, had everything in good order, and had the prize cards up as soon as each class was judged. Mr. W. H. Kilmister made the awards. CREST. CL. BODY (2): 1, Hands, dark, nice frontal crest, good back, trifle open in centre, nice droop; 2, Maddocks, grizzle, not quite so long in frontal crest. GREEN, ETC. (8): 1, 2, Hands, pied tail Green, well filled thick crest, good droop and radiation, smooth back, well filled centre, second not so wide in frontal crest, good droop, centre well filled; 3, hc, Treasure, ticked on thigh, nice dark crest; 4, Roylance, nearly green, nice round crest, good at back, bit short in frontal, we made third; vhc, Hands. CRESTBRED CL., ETC. (2): 1, Roylance, good shaped skull, nice entrance and body, fairly dense head feather; 2, Maddocks, good in shape of skull, bit gone in neck. GREEN, ETC. (10): 1, Miles, grand length of head feather, rare back skull, big body, full neck; 2, hc, Hands, rare cushion-shaped skull, wide entrance, good length of head feather; 3, Miles, slashing shaped body, full neck, nice length of head feather and good skull; 4, vhc, Roylance, good body and head feather, not so wide in skull; c, Brydes. NOR. CL. YELL. (5): 1, Gwilliam, good colour, nice quality of feather, shapely body, little long in flights and tail; 2, Merchant, pale colour, nice feather, good back, neat head; 3, Hiam good shape, full chest, nice head and neck, we think will be a buff; 4, Childs, nice feather and colour; vhc, Hadley. BUFF (5): 1, 2, Stephenson ,good shape, colour, and feather, nice head and neck, level back, good wings and tail, second good colour, nice shaped body, good head, not so good in feather as the leader; 3, Hiam, pale in colour, nice feather, neat tail, shapely body; 4, Childs, good shape and feather, neat head, nice wings and tail; vhc, Barnes. MKD., ETC., YELL. (6): 1, Gwilliam, cap mkd., nice shaped body, splendid quality of feather, good colour, fine back and chest, bit long in head; 2, Stephenson, cap, neck and rump mkd., grand shape, clean cut, nice colour, and feather, minus a few tail feathers, which may have let it down; 3, Hadley, neck tkd., nice shape, good flights and tail, nice colour; 4, Barnes, vgtd., nice shape and feather, good colour, crosses wings a bit at tips; vhc, Houghton; hc, Childs. BUFF (10): 1, 2, Gwilliam, mkd. left wing, eye, and neck, most beautiful quality of feather, splendid shaped body of good size, nicely cut away behind and gets well over perch, wings well braced, tail neat and closely packed, grand songster, second mkd. wings and neck, again beautiful quality of feather, nice shape, short flights and tail, neat head, looks like a hen; 3, Barnes, mkd. left eye and wing, beautiful shape, nice back, gets well over perch, bit slack on chest; 4, Merchant, saddle mkd., nice feather and short flights; vhc, Stephenson; hc, Houghton; c, Hiam. A.O.V. (1): 1, Maddocks, nice ticked buff Yorkshire, on the small side.

WIMBLEDON C.B.S.

The third annual Young Bird Show was held on July 1st, at Headquarters, 6, The Broadway, and proved a very pleasant and successful fixture. A good number of birds (83) was staged, and the quality right through the classes was of a high order. The champion Nor. classes did not bring out many birds, but Messrs. Wheeler and Lupton and Jordan staged some most promising youngsters. In the Yorks., too, Mr. Wheeler was prominent, though Mr. H. Smith got in front of him in the buff class; both fanciers put down typical specimens. The amateur section was exceptionally strong in Yorks., and Miss Walker and Messrs. Wall, Warley, and McLaughlin carried off the principal honours after a keen struggle. The Nor. were good in quality, and the popular Hon. Sec., Mr. Colman, got well amongst the prizes herein, almost evenly dividing them with Mr. R. Porter. The novice section could fairly be described as promising, so far as quality went, though the "beginners" did not stage any great number of birds. Mrs. Piper and Mr. Tutty in Nor., and Messrs. Found, Page, and Silverthorn in Yorks., did well. An excellent collection of Mules, British, and Foreign birds was put on view by the members, and proved a great attraction. Messrs. McLaughlin, Page, Standage, and Stoakley secured the premier awards. The exhibits were very nicely aranged, and the venture reflected every credit on the capable Hon. Sec., Mr. W. H. Colman, and his helpers. They were favoured with a goodly attendance of fanciers and friends. Mr. J. Robson judged. CHAMPION NOR. YELL. (4): 1, 2, vhc, Wheeler; 3, Lupton and Jordan. BUFF (5): 1, 2, Lupton and Jordan; 3, vhc, hc, Wheeler. YORKS. YELL. (7): 1, 2, 3, Wheeler; vhc, hc, c, Smith. BUFF (8): 1, 3, hc, Smith; 2, vhc, c, Wheeler. AMATEUR NOR. YELL. (4): 1 3, Porter; 2, vhc, Colman. BUFF (5): 1, 2, hc, Colman; 3, vhc, Porter. YORKS. YELL (8): 1, McLaughlin; 2, hc, Dell; 3, Warley; vhc, Porter; c, Miss Walker. BUFF (14): 1, vhc, Wall; 2, Miss Walker; 3, c, Warley; hc, McLaughlin. NOVICE NOR. BUFF (3): 1, Tutty; 2, 3, Mrs. Piper. YORKS. YELL. (5): 1, 2, Found; 3, Silverthorn; vhc, hc, Leonhardt. BUFF (6): 1, Found; 2, 3, Page; vhc, c, Wyatt; hc, Leonhardt. A.O.V.: 1 Archer. MULES (3): 1, 2, Standage. BRITISH (7): 1, 2, McLaughlin; 3, Page; vhc, Tutty; hc, Standage. FOREIGN (4): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Stoakley.

THE ORIGINAL CROOK C.B. & R.S.

Annual Table Show held June 29th, at the club room, Crown Hotel, when close on 100 entries of good quality were benched. The show was in every way a great success. The proceeds go towards buying cups for the Open Show. Messrs. Rand and Siddle and Dawson won the members' specials with a Yorkshire and Crest respectively. Mr. George Sweet (Willington) judged. NORWICH: 1, Siddle and Dawson; 2, T. Richardson; 3, F. Brown; 4, Jas. Brown. YORKS.: 1, spl, A. Rand; 2, R. Elliott; 3, A Rand; 4, Siddle and Dawson. CREST: 1, 2, 3, Siddle and Dawson. NOVICE: 1, A. Rand; 2, T. Richardson; 3, P. J. Keogan; 4, Jas. Brown. BRIT.: 1, 2, 3, J. Dohinson; 4, F. Brown. OLD BIRDS: 1, spl, Siddle and Dawson; 2, Siddle and Dawson; 3, R. Elliott; 4, Walt. Brown.—A. ROWES, Sec.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYME & DIS.

Table Show of Yorkshires. There was a very good entry, and Mr. C. R. Schofield, of Mossley, placed the cards, with general satisfaction, as follows:—1, 2, Foden; 3, Grayson; 4, c, Rosa; vhc, hc, Clayton. E. FODEN, Hon. Sec.

SHEFFIELD.

This Nest Feather Show took place on June 29th. The Montgomery Hall was utilised for the purpose. The room in which the birds were staged gave ample satisfaction. The attendance of fanciers and visitors, especially during the evening, pointed very much towards the function being of a most successful nature. The classification provided was for members only (ten miles radius), and a capital entry was obtained, considering the general outcry of this being a poor breeding season. Total number of birds, 228. The Yorkshire proved to be most numerous, and several very taking exhibits one brushed up against. The yellow owned by Mr. W. H. Spencer has every appearance of developing into a "right 'un," should the moult treat it kindly. The buff shown by Mr. A. Bradwell was also of a very neat order, also a bird to be admired was the ticked buff staged by Mr. H. Giddall. In the Norwich section, Mr. T. Hemmings had on view a marked headed yellow cock, of lovely shape, nice size, and fine silky feather, and with luck should be heard of again. Mr. G. Moore also put down a very pleasing buff cock, which with a little more time will improve greatly. Crests and Crestbreds were only small in numbers, Messrs. J. W. Crookes and J. M. Emmott answering for most of the spoil, with birds possessing good merit. British turned up fairly well. The Grey Wagtail shown by Mr. T. Bishop was a topper, not a feather out of place. This bird was the admiration of all, as was a lovely Greater Whitethroat (same owner), also a fine Nightingale and a Wheatear, the property of Mr. P. Walsh, a couple of exhibits beautifully put down and capable of beating more than beat them. In the Novice classes, the exhibits of Messrs. Whitaker, Furniss, Bishop (T.), Bower, Rodgers, Walton, Booth, and Clayton were a nice sample, giving credit to their breeders. Medal presented by Mr. J. C. Barnes for most points gained in these classes was captured by Mr. H. W. Walton, he showing a nice team of birds. Special for best Mule in show went to Mr. A. Somerfield, a buff Greenic-Can., full of promise, doing the needful. Other special winners were: Messrs. Spencer, Holt, Memmott, Crookes, Bishop (T.), Bingham, Walton, Rodgers, and Windle. Special prize given by Mr. W. Kelly to best bird shown by a first-year novice went to Mr. E. Johnson. Mr. T. Bishop (secretary) worked like a trojan, and is the right man in the right place, and much of the success of the show is due to the exertions he put forth. Judges were Messrs. W. Oxley, W. H. Dyer, T. Tow, and R. Colton. Mr. W. Kelly (president) and Mr. A. Bradshaw (vice-president) assisted greatly, and proved themselves a couple of most useful officials. Four very prettily-chased silver cups were on view, which are to be competed for at the Annual Show in November, which no doubt will command entries and create keen competition. YORKS. YELL. (7): 1, Spencer; 2, 3, Siddall; 4, Drabble; vhc, Binge; hc, Emery; c, Turner. BUFF (9): 1, Bradwell; 2, Spencer; 3, Emery; 4, hc, Siddall; vhc, Binge; c, Turner. TKD. YELL. (7): 1, Spencer; 2, Champion; 3, Emery; 4, Drabble; vhc, Binge. BUFF (7): 1, 4, Siddall; 2, Binge; 3, Spencer; vhc, Drabble; hc, Emery. CIN. MKD. (7): 1, Spencer; 2, Turner; 3, hc, Binge; 4, Bradwell; vhc, Lindsay; c, Champion. VAR. (4): 1, Lindsay; 2, Spencer; 3, Champion; 4, Bradwell. NOR. YELL. (5): 1, Hemmings; 2, Holt; 3, Thorpe; 4, Porter; vhc, Harrison. BUFF: 1, Moore; 2, Holt; 3, Lindsay; 4, Hemmings; vhc, Porter. TKD. YELL. (5): 1, Hemmings; 2, Holt; 3, Lindsay; 4, Harrison. BUFF (6): 1, Hemmings; 2, hc, Thorpe; 3, Lindsay; 4, Moore; vhc, Holt. VAR. (4): 1, Somerfield; 2, Holt; 3, Thorpe; 4, Harrison. CREST, LIGHT: 1, Crookes; 2, 4, Memmott; 3, hc, Moore; vhc, Peace. CRESTBRED YELL.: 1, Moore; 2, 3, Memmott. BUFF (7): 1, Moore; 2, Memmott; 3, 4, Peace; vhc, Crookes; hc, Godfrey. SELL., 12s. 6d. (4): 1, 2, Brewerton; 3, Binge; 4, Spencer. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (5): 1, Walsh; 2, Somerfield; 3, Clayton. LINNET (8): 1, 2, Savory; 3, Windle. SISKIN (4): 1, T. Bishop; 2, Furniss; 3, H. Bishop. REDPOLL, ETC. (7): 1, 3, vhc, Windle; 2, hc, T. Bishop; 4, H. Bishop; c, Ellis. A.O.V. HARDBILL (6): 1, hc, T. Bishop; 2, 3, Windle; 4, Somerfield; vhc, Moore. SOFTBILL (9): 1, 2, vhc, T. Bishop; 3, 4, hc, c, Walsh. FOR. (4): 1, 2, Windle; 3, Somerfield; 4, Porter. NOVICE, YORKS. YELL. (11): 1, Whitaker; 2, Bower; 3, vhc, Elshaw; 4, Jepson; hc, Jennett; c, Judge. BUFF (12): 1, Furniss; 2, Bingham; 3, Bradshaw; 4, Coates; vhc, Whitaker; hc, Revell; c, Bower. TKD. YELL. (10): 1, T. Bishop; 2, Judge; 3, Bingham; 4, Hancock; vhc, Cowley; hc, H. Bishop; c, Elshaw. BUFF (12): 1, Bower; 2, Bingham; 3, Hancock; 4, Cowley; vhc, Revell; hc, Judge; c, T. Bishop. CIN. MKD. (10): 1, Rodgers; 2, vhc, Cowley; 3, Coates; 4, Bingham; hc, Bower; c, T. Bishop. VAR. (3): 1, Whitaker; 2, Rodgers; 3, Jennett. NOR. YELL. (8): 1, Walton; 2, vhc, Godfrey; 3, Clayton; 4, Pilley; hc, Ellis; c, Bradshaw. BUFF (5): 1, Booth; 2, 4, Godfrey; 3, Ellis; vhc, Bingham. TKD. YELL. (8): 1, Clayton; 2, Walton; 3, Allison; 4, Ellis; vhc, Johnson; hc, Godfrey. BUFF (7): 1, Clayton; 2, Johnson; 3, Walton; 4, Bradshaw; vhc, c, Ellis; hc, Shirtcliffe. VAR. (7): 1, Shirtcliffe; 2, c, Bailey; 3, Ellis; 4, Godfrey; vhc, Walton; hc, Bradshaw. MULE (6): 1, Somerfield; 2, Spencer; 3, Lockwood; 4, Harrison; vhc, Bishop; hc, Godfrey.

QUEEN'S PARK C.B.A.

This Young Bird Show, held June 27th, was well patronised by members and visitors, and the management can congratulate themselves on a very successful show. Seventy-four birds were staged, the quality being good throughout, the Yorkshire contingent being a very fine lot, the champion class producing 14 exhibits and the novices 29, which contained a very level lot of birds and gave the judge some work in awarding the prizes. The only regrettable incident in connection with it was that Mr. L. Daintry, who has been a member since the society was started, announced that he was retiring from the Fancy and leaving the district. This will be a great loss, as he has given a great deal of his time in acting as steward at the shows, and also in his attendance at the meetings and valuable advice. We take this opportunity of recording our thanks for past and present favours, and wish him and Mrs. Daintry the best of health in their retirement, and if the fanciers of the various societies who are equally indebted to him wish to record their appreciation of Mr. Daintry's worth, we shall be pleased to identify ourselves with them for that object. Mr. Robson judged. CLASS I (5): 1, 2, Lethbridge; 3, vhc, Bassett. CLASS 2 (3): 1, 2, Lethbridge; 3, Bassett. CLASS 5 (4): 1, 2 spls, Churchard; 2, Lawrence. CLASS 8B (1): 1, spl, Bryant. CLASS 9 (7): 1, 2, Daintry; 3, hc, Hawes; vhc, c, Easterling. CLASS 10 (7): 1, vhc, c, spl, Daintry; 2, hc, Hawes; 3, Easterling. CLASS 13 (26): 1, hc, spl, Lewis; 2, vhc, Maisey; 3, Lawrence; vhc, Batchelor; c, Rogers. CLASS 14: 1, vhc, hc, c, Menhennet; 2, 3, Lewis. CLASS 15 (2): 1, 2, Bassett. CLASS 16 (3): 1, 2, 3, spl, Wynn. CLASS 17 (2): 1, spl, Battison; 2, Bassett. CLASS 18 (5): 1, 2, Wilde; 3, vhc, Battison; hc, Woodford. CLASS 20 (4): 1, spl, Battison; 2, Bassett; 3, Lawrence; vhc, Woodford. CLASS 21: 1, Bassett. CLASS 22 (4): 1, Wynn; 2, Woodford; 3, vhc, spl, Bassett.

BRADFORD WEST CAGE BIRD ASSOCIATION.

The above most prosperous and vigorous Cage Bird Association held an excellent exhibition of young Canaries in the Whetley Board Schools last Saturday week. The entries numbered close on 170, and that hard-headed Yorkshireman, Mr. H. W. Battye, judged with his usual conspicuous care and judgment. The quality of the winning birds, and, indeed, that of many of the card exhibits, was of the highest, and we shall look to see in the more serious competitions of the year many of these birds in the prize lists of the Open Shows. The attendance during the Show left nothing to be desired, and the management was of the best. The Secretary is a courteous, hard-working official, and the committee, which comprises several well-known fanciers, did their utmost to ensure success, which undoubtedly rewarded their efforts. The Clear Yellow Yorkshire class contained some promising youngsters of excellent type. We particularly admired the second bird, which carried itself wonderfully, was of grand shape, and very stylish. The winner in this class was a good quality, finely moulded, shapely young Yorkie, with grand head and back. In the clear buffs, first and special went to a bird of exquisite feather, plenty of leg and straight as a ram rod, a bird of most pleasing characteristics. The second bird in this class possessed grand wings and tail, was well up on leg, and of lovely quality. The ticked yellows were a hot lot. First and special had lovely shape and feather, was as straight as a rush, and had very neat carriage. The buffs were an equally good collection. First and special was shown in excellent condition, was of rare quality and style. In the unevenly marked class first and special went to a lengthy, grandly drawn bird of rattling shape and feather, and in the heavily marked class the winner left nothing to be desired in either shape, position, feather, or length. In the cinnamon marks the yellows were a particularly fascinating section, first prize going to a bird ticked wing and head, stylish shape, straight as a pencil, beautifully feathered, and the best of carriage. The winner in the buffs had very nice carriage and feather, was well up on leg and beautifully slim. Many of the birds with cards will undoubtedly change places with their more fortunate competitors after the moult. In the Norwich some fine big promising youngsters were to be seen. British were not remarkable for numbers, but contained several very excellent specimens. In the novice classes the winners were exceedingly typical, full of quality, and quite all there.

YORKS. CL. YELL. (11): 1, spl, Smith and Sharp; 2, Wood; 3, Midgley; 4, Holmes; vhc, Murgatroyd and Son; hc, Whittaker; c, Wilkinson. CL. BUFF (7): 1, spl, Holmes; 2, Smith and Sharp; 3, Howarth; 4, Wilson; vhc, Edmundson; hc, Tyler; c, Wilkinson. TKD. YELL. (10): 1, spl, Midgley; 2, Ross; 3, Holroyd Bros.; 4, Tyler; vhc, Wilson; hc, Brayshaw and Jowett; c, Edmondson. TKD. BUFF (15): 1, spl, Bastow; 2, Sykes; 3, Young; 4, Watson Bros.; vhc, Brayshaw and Jowett; hc, Bolton; c, Wilkinson. UNEVEN. MKD. (4): 1, spl, Bearpark; 2, Ross; 3, First; 4, Holmes; vhc, Clark; hc, Gooding; c, Brayshaw and Jowett. HEAVILY MKD. (12): 1, spl, Dewhurst; 2, Wilkinson; 3, Brayshaw; 4, c, Clarkson; vhc, Simon; hc, Bearpark. CINN. YELL. (12): 1, spl, Gooding; 2, Ferguson; 3, Bennett; 4, Ponder; vhc, spl, Blakey; hc, Sykes; c, Bottomley. CINN. BUFF (11): 1, spl, vhc, Bearpark; 2, Bottomley; 3, Brayshaw and Jowett; 4, spl, Hartley; hc, Blakey; c, Styles. NOR. YELL. (10): 1, spl, 2, 4, Worthington; 3, vhc, hc, Cowgill; c, Normington. BUFF (6): 1, spl, Clark; 2, Cowgill; 3, Dobson; 4, Clarkson. BRIT. (12): 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, Mason; 4, Wood; c, Myres. NOV. YORKS. YELL. (10): 1, spl, Taylor Bros.; 2, Gadgeon; 3, Brock; 4, Pratt; vhc, Oliver; hc, Hargrave; c, Casey. BUFF (10): 1, spl, Shoesmith; 2, Casey; 3, Armitage; 4, Smith; vbc, Bennett; hc, Varley.

GLASGOW & WESTERN COUNTIES NOR., CAN., MULE, BRIT. & F.B.C.

The usual monthly meeting and last Table Show for the season of the Glasgow and Western Counties Norwich Canary, Mule, British and F.B.C. was held at 122, Ingrave-street, on June 29th. The President, Mr. Peter Pettigrew, presided over an extraordinary large attendance. The following new members were admitted, viz.: Messrs. Thomas Ferguson, 76, Hill-street, Glasgow; David Buchanan, Glencairn-street, Motherwell; Matthew Cairns, 220, Thistle-street, Glasgow. Owing to the backward season, twelve classes were considered adequate for First Feather Show, the judge for same being Mr. Jas. Laurie, Govan. Seventy-seven classes were approved of for Annual Club Show, 7th December next, while the judges selected were Messrs. John Young, Rutherglen; Jas. Lappin, Rutherglen; John Taylor, Greenock. It was decided that no person could become a member unless he took the precaution to join eight weeks previous to the Club Show, 7th December, so that anyone desirous of becoming a member can have particulars from J. H. Adam, 15, Alexander-street, Sandyford, Glasgow. As no meeting will be held during July it was decided to have a ramble to Lord Eglinton's estate, Kilwinning, Saturday, 27th July, of which due notice will be found in the Fancy Press. Messrs. Smith, Hobson, Young, and Adam adjudicated the monthly show with much acceptance. Show results:—LIGHT MULE OR HYBRID (10): 1, McFarlane, even marked light Mule, the City of Glasgow winner, shown in faultless trim; 2, Malcolmson, Goldfinch-Greenfinch Hybrid, grand colour, fails in size, staged to perfection; 3, spl, Pettigrew, even marked Goldfinch Mule, good blaze, might have gone on up had he been rubbed; 4, Marlin, Redpoll-Greenfinch Hybrid, lively little chap, deserved his position; vhc, A. Roulstone; hc, Jack; c, Gadsden. DARK MULES (16): 1, Cassels, Goldfinch Mule, grand substance and colour, a rattling good exhibit, shown in the pink, staged A1; 2, Whitelaw, Goldfinch Mule of the Yorkshire persuasion, good colour, and well put down; 3, Rodie, Linnet Mule, good size and colour, presses hard; 4, Jack, Goldfinch Mule, fails in blaze to leaders, still a good one; vhc, spl, D. Hamilton, Twite Mule, grand condition and feather; hc, Marlin; c, spl, Lawson. BRIT. LARGE (9): 1, Fulton, Magpie, a real top sawyer, grand condition, very steady, well put down, a credit to you, Mr. F.; 2, Henderson, Harry, Song Thrush, a good one, very steady, well defined spangles, must have pressed the winner hard; 3, Pettigrew, Hawfinch, good sound colour, grand condition, well staged, "auld yin"; 4, Marlin, Jay, grand whiskers and condition, a rather nice exhibit; vhc, A. Roulstone; hc, spl, Harry Henderson; c, Cairns. FOR. (7): 1, Edwards, Yellow-fronted Amazon, in grand feather, a chatty fellow, champion whistler and mimic; 2, Lawson, yellow Budgerigars, in A1 condition, staged in grand style; 3, Pettigrew, Grey Parrot, shown in grand feather, was a bit cheery like his owner; 4, spl, Connelly, Blue-fronted Amazon, in clinking condition, grand whistler; vhc, Marlin; hc, A. Roulstone; c, Jack.

FIRST FEATHER SHOWS.

Dates inserted free of charge.

July 6.—Admiral Duncan (Notts) O.S.
July 6.—Creswell C.B.F.S.
July 6.—Hanley C.B.S.
July 6.—Glasgow and Western Counties.
July 6.—Eccles C.B.S.
July 6.—West of Scotland.
July 6.—City and Suburban A.C.B.
July 6.—Blackburn C.B.S.
July 6.—Bradford West C.B.A.
July 6.—Wallasey.
July 6.—Coventry O.S.
July 6.—Sutton-in-Ashfield O.S.
July 6.—Sunderland C.B.A.
July 6.—Manchester and N.C.O.S.
July 6.—Tamworth C.B.S.
July 6.—Garston B.B.A.
July 6.—Southport C.B.S.
July 6.—Wellingboro' C.B.S.
July 6.—Rochdale O.C.
July 6.—Attercliffe.
July 8.—Reigate F.A.
July 10.—Luton C.B.S.
July 10.—Southend-on-Sea.
July 10.—Bournemouth C.B.A.
July 11.—Welsh National C.B.S.
July 11.—Greenwich and Deptford C.B.S.
July 12.—Cumberland Yorkshire C.C.
July 13.—Hull C.B.S.
July 13.—Walthamstow F.A.
July 13.—Middlesbro' C.B.S.
July 13.—West London F.A.
July 13.—Leek C.B.S.
July 13.—Bolton O. and R.C.S.
July 13.—Hartlepools C.B.S.
July 13.—L.C.A.C.B.
July 13.—Middleton O.S.
July 13.—Macclesfield C.B.S.
July 13.—Ormskirk and Dis. C.B.S.
July 13.—Halifax O.S.
July 13.—Suffolk C.B.S.
July 13.—Wolverhampton C.B.S.
July 13.—Barrow C.B.A.
July 13.—Seaham Harbour C.B.S.
July 13.—Burton-on-Trent.
July 17.—Clapham and Dis. C.B.A.
July 17.—Birmingham C.B.S.
July 17.—S. and N. Shields C.B.S.
July 17.—Torbay O.S. (Paignton).
July 18.—Swansea C.B.S.
July 20.—Cockermouth.
July 20.—Goldthorpe, Thurnscoe and Dis. C.B.S.
July 20.—Sale O.S.
July 20.—Wallsend and Mid-Tyne C.B.S.
July 20.—Shipley O.S.
July 20.—Wibsey C.B.S.
July 20.—Birkenhead.
July 20.—Falkirk C.B.S.
July 20.—Preston O.S.
July 23.—Stoke Newington F.S.
July 25.—Wallsend C.B.A.
July 27.—Green C.A.
July 27.—Crewe O.S. and Potteries C.B.A.
August 3.—Northern Yorkshire C.C.

SCOTTISH CREST CLUB.

Committee meeting held in Nelson Temperance Hotel, Glasgow, June 29th. Present: Messrs. J. McLay, H. Moreland, G. McPhail, G. Shillinglaw, W. Griffiths, and Secretary. A note from Mr. H. Moreland, resigning his office on committee, was accepted; seeing he is one of the Vice-presidents he can have access to all meetings. Mr. Robt. Adamson was elected in his place, he being the next highest on the official voting list. The show cage drinker that was selected by the club was one sent in by Mr. J. F. Dewar, Edinburgh. The Kilmarnock Association are willing to grant the same classification as that at Perth last year, or they are willing to consider any further request. Mr. John Young has been appointed judge, which meets with the unanimous approval of S.C.C. committee, as he stands highest on the official voting list for that position. Mr. Jack, 13, Dundee Terrace, Edinburgh, was elected a member. The Secretary was instructed to send subscription circulars along with the classification list as early as possible. The next meeting to be held on September 23rd.

J. CHALMERS, Sec.

HAMILTON CADZOW OAKS O.S.

Meeting held Royal Hotel on Saturday, Mr. Shearer in the chair. The first business was the classification for the Open Show. It was decided to give Plainheads nine classes, Crests two, Borders fourteen, Mules five, British and Foreign sixteen. It was decided to hold an Open Young Bird Show in Royal Hotel, July 13th, birds to be staged by 4 p.m.; prize money, 5/-, 3/-, and 2/-; entry fee, 9d. each bird, including specials, Messrs. Marlin, Shearer, and Gadsden guaranteeing the classes, and will pay prize money in full after judging. Messrs. Marlin (Hamilton) and Jno. Young (Rutherglen) will judge. Six classes are provided—two for Plainheads and four classes for Border Fancy. The exhibition will close at 7 o'clock, to be followed by a smoking concert at 7.30 p.m. I shall be pleased to send a schedule to any fancier applying for one.

R. GADSDEN, Sec.

CRESTED CANARY CLUB.

Result of the voting:—(1) Shall the Crested Canary Club become affiliated to the Cage Bird Union?—Yes, 18; No, 52. (2) Are you prepared to adopt a closed ring for all young birds?—Yes, 28; No, 36. (3) Are you agreeable to register the birds you breed?—Yes, 38; No, 23. (4) Will you agree that all purchasers of exhibition stock be compelled to give the name of the breeder for publication in the show catalogues immediately following the name of exhibitor (as with horses)?—Yes, 47; No. 20. Seventy-seven voting papers received; 70 in order; one received unsigned; six arrived too late. (Signed)

T. HEATH,
ROBERT E. NORTH.
Clerk to the above, for J. S. Clarke.

SPECIAL WINNERS AT THE L.C.B.A. YOUNG BIRD SHOW.

The special prizewinners were Messrs. Wynn, Daintry, Lazarus, Hart, Neal, C. H. Cooper, Franz and Mrs. Litchfield (points specials), C. W. Baker (most points in show), R. Blackburn (most points first-year novice Crests), Mrs. Litchfield (best novice Nor.). The judging competition resulted as follows:—Champions: 1, 2, divided between Mr. W. H. Mugford and Mr. A. G. K. Robinson, with 21 points each. Mr. Rennie and Mr. Bennett also tied for third, with 15 points each. Amateur: 1, Mr. J. Carson, with 17 points; 2, Mr. A. W. Hart, 14 points. Novice: 1, Mr. G. B. Lewis, with 25 points; 2, Mr. A. C. Lucas, 24; 3, Mr. H. Trussler, 23; runner up, Mr. G. H. Neal, 21.

JUDGES OF CAGE BIRDS.

The attention of Show Secretaries is directed to the following list of gentlemen willing to act as Judges. Terms for insertion on application.

W. O. BARLOW, The Aviaries, Malpas, Cheshire. Judge of Canaries, British Birds and Mules. Terms moderate.

A. C. BARNES, 149, Duncombe Street, Walkley, Sheffield. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Long practical experience. Terms moderate.

W. P. BARNES, Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Life practical experience. Breeder and exhibitor. Reporter for Fancy Press. Commercial Road, Grantham.

J. BERTIE, 7, Mitchell-st., Nottingham, Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds; all classes; 30 years' practical experience.

W. A. COWGILL, 115, Washington Street, Girlington, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Over 25 years' practical experience. Terms moderate.

A. G. DAVIS, Judge of all Classes of Cage Birds. Long practical experience. Terms moderate. 110, Tib Street, Manchester.

J. DOBSON, 14, East Road, London, N. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds.

J. W. DRIVER, (Admitt & Driver), Gladstone Street, South Normanton, Alfreton. Judge of Cage Birds.

GEO. GARDNER, 11, Haverstock Road, London, N W. Judge of all kinds of Cage Birds.

C. A. HOUSE, 82, Upper Walthamstow Road, Walthamstow. Judge of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds.

A. LOVELL, 19, Islington Road, Southville, Bristol. Judge of Cage Birds (all varieties). Life experience.

F. MARWOOD, 1, Barnard Street, Thornaby-on-Tees, Mules, British and Foreign, a Speciality. 17 years exhibitor. Terms moderate.

W. R. MILES, The Aviaries, Chichester. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Life experience.

W. MUNDELL, 6, Carlisle Place, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds.

J. NORTH, 435, Oxford Road, Reading. Canaries, British and Foreign Birds. Author of "The Common Sense of Canary Rearing."

J. PATTERSON, Chiruside. Judge of Cage Birds All varieties. Wide practical experience. Specialist Border Fancy Judge.

J. H. PAYNE, 17, Northgate Street, Gloucester. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Cage Birds.

J. H. ROE, 167, Clarence Rd., Derby. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Twenty years' practical experience.

WILLIAM J. ROSS, 19, Haulgh Road, Inverness, N.B. Judge of Pigeons, Canaries and Cage Birds. All varieties. Life experience.

C. E. SILK, The Aviaries, Emsworth, Hants. Judge of Canaries and all Cage Birds. Life experience.

HENRY TAMS, Orchard Place, Longton, Staffs. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Birds. Twenty-five years Breeder and Exhibitor.

R. B. TOPE, Hoe Street, Plymouth. Judge of Cage Birds, Rabbits, Cats, and Cavies. Twenty-five years' experience.

J. WILCOCK, 14, Chapel Street, Eccleshill, near Bradford, Yorkshire. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. 25 years Breeder and Exhibitor leading shows.

J. C. WILMOT, 17, Sandhurst Road, Bedford. Judge of Canaries & British Birds. Thirty years' experience.

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CRICCIETH Poultry, Pigeon and Cage Bird Show. **July 27th.** (Under C.B.U. Rules.) Good Money Prizes and Specials. SCHEDULES READY. ——Entries close July 18th.—— T. BURNELL, Sec., Criccieth.

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WATERHOUSES & ESK (co. DURHAM). **39th ANNUAL SHOW** WILL BE HELD ON **August 3rd, 1907.** Have this year added Canaries and Cage Birds to their Schedule. Mr. T. J. AMBROSE will judge. Schedules from WILLIAM DUNNING, Sec., Waterhouses, co. Durham.

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CHURCHDOWN

Show, August Bank Holiday.

SCHEDULES on application to E. J. TRESEDER, Hon. Sec., Churchdown, Cheltenham.

BEGINNERS · READ THE ANNUAL.

The Show of the Kent County Cage Bird Association has been fixed for October 2nd and 3rd. Mr. Geo. Gardner will judge.

There seems every prospect of an excellent show at the City and Suburban A.C.B.'s headquarters to-day (Saturday), the Secretary, Mr. Wynn, notifying us that an entry of 182 birds has been received (incuding 75 British).

Fanciers will learn with regret, writes Mr. John Tyson, that owing to indisposition, Mr. J. S. Clarke was unable to perform the duties as one of the scrutineers for the voting on the Crested Canary Club, and all will wish him a speedy and complete recovery.

Applications for the patrouage of the Kent County Cage Bird Association should be made to the Hon. Sec. before July 31st, as after that date none can be entertained.—GEO. SANDERSON, Hon. Sec., 208, Folkestone Road, Dover.

The London and Counties Association of Canary Breeders' Young Bird and British Bird Show will be held on Saturday next, the 13th inst., at the "Bay Malton," Great Portland Street, W., a few minutes' walk from Portland Road Station or Oxford Circus.—ADVT.

The Nest Feather Show of the Watb Society is to be held on July 27th, Mr. G. Browning (Rotherham), as judge. I am sorry to say that the breeding season up to the present has been very poor in this district. Hope we may have better luck on the last round.—H. H. BRAMHAM, Hon. Sec.

The First Feather Show of the Northern Yorkshire C.C. is to be held in the Co-operative Assembly Room, Newgate Street, Newcastle, on August 3rd. Mr. F. Armstrong will judge the five classes provided. Mr. Crawhall asks us to request members to let him know at least the day before how many birds they are sending.

From Norwich we learn that Mr. W. Rudd, the well-known bird specialist, has lately sent consignments of birds, food and appliances to the following places abroad:—Natal, Canada, Grenada, Messina, Gibraltar, United States, Holland, Switzerland, Sweden, Trinidad, and East London (South Africa). This, with a largely-increased volume of home trade, has made things pretty lively at Mr. Rudd's establishments.

After taking CAGE BIRDS in, I thought I would try Mule breeding, writes Mr. T. D. Coley (Walsall). Last year I had a house-moulted brown Linnet with a Roller hen, and had one nest of young (three). When two days old the cock died, but the hen reared all three, and they were all cocks. This year I have had one cock Linnet with three Roller hens, with this result:—12 grand Mules and two hens still nesting.

At the Barrow and District C.B.A. Annual Nest Feather Show, on July 13th, writes Mr. W. Willison, the Sec., two silver cups are competed for, one for the best Border, and the other for the best bird in the show, which makes a very exciting competition. There are also three classes for novice members who have never won a prize before, which gives the latest recruits a chance of winning a prize. Mr. J. H. Winn (Lancaster) will judge.

Leeds Cage Bird Society hold their Members' Young Bird Show on Saturday, July 13th, in St. Luke's Schoolroom. Judge, Mr. Oates. The Leeds and President's Cups will be competed for; four birds to be nominated for Leeds Cup, six for President's. The four for Leeds Cup can, of course, form part of the six for President's Cup. Mr. Ramsden is giving a paper on "Norwich Plainhead" at our monthly meeting on Saturday, July 6th. All fanciers are cordially invited.—STEPHENSON and HORNBY, Hon. Secs.

Lancashire and Lizard F.A.

At the next meeting, held August 3rd, at the "Boar's Head Hotel," Stockport (Mr. F. Nelson's), all applications for the club's patronage will be dealt with. Societies should apply for it before that date, to save disappointment. Members' subscriptions are due, and should be paid as early as possible to enable us to purchase specials, etc. Novices kindly note that they will be again specially catered for. Full particulars from the Secretary.—H. OLIVER, 35, Hadfield Street, Glossop.

A Simple Device.

Spratt's Patent, Ltd., are issuing a new registered label, which they have adopted for sending exhibits to shows. The advantages of these duplicate labels over the old method of single labels will at once commend itself to all exhibitors, as they facilitate the despatch and safe return of exhibits from shows, dispensing with the tedious operation of reversing the labels under the old system. Messrs. Spratt, in writing us anent these labels, say: "We are always willing to effect any improvements possible in the interests of exhibitors and shows generally, and, although it will entail increased expense to us, we shall be glad if you will mention in your next issue that in future this new pattern will be sent to show secretaries, free of charge, in place of the ordinary single labels previously provided by us."

At Leek Show, on October 16th, Mr. J. Bertie will officiate as judge.

Halifax First Feather Show will be held on July 13th. Mr. Matt. Broadley will judge.

Leek First Feather Show, on July 13th, is open to a radius of fifteen miles, Mr. Fowler, the Hon. Sec., informs us.

Mr A. Wellings will judge—July 13th, Altrincham; July 20th, Widnes; December 6th, Belfast; December 13th, Barrow-in-Furness.

Falkirk First Feather Show will be held in the Oddfellows' Hall on July 20th. Mr. J. Jeancs will judge. Members joining now will be eligible to compete.—W. CLUBB, Hon. Sec. (14, Cockburn Street, Falkirk).

I cannot speak in too high praise of CAGE BIRDS. I would much rather do without my breakfast on Friday than CAGE BIRDS. I have nine promising young Canaries, and hopes of more. I am as yet only a novice. I am praising your paper to all interested in birds.—T. B. ALEXANDER (Greenhithe).

I have never kept birds before this season, and I consider I have had very good luck, as I have now 16 young Canaries from two pairs, and I have found many a guide in your paper that has been useful to me; and two questions which I asked were answered in a manner which has been very beneficial.—D. HANDFORTH (Gorton).

At the inter-club show held at Stoke on June 29th, the Potteries Club scored 124 points, against 77 scored by the Crewe Society, the visitors thus losing by 47 points. No doubt a strong effort will be made by the Crewe fanciers to reverse this result when the return fixture takes place at Crewe on July 27th. Mr. A. C. Brotherhood is to judge.

The first volume of the BIRD WORLD is now ready. This volume contains the first six numbers, with coloured plates and numerous illustrations, making one of the most fascinating books of bird literature ever published. Price, cloth bound, 2s. 6d. Cases for binding are also ready, price 1s. post free.—MANAGER, "Bird Word," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

The City and Suburban A.C.B.'s splendid show of young Canaries and Hybrids, British and Foreign birds, can be easily reached by rail (Metropolitan or Bakerloo), motor-bus, etc. All London bird-lovers should pay a visit to-day (Saturday, July 6th). The Church Institute, Paddington Street, off High Street, Marylebone; open 2 p.m.—ADVT.

Intending purchasers of Ramsden's pure peppers are respectfully requested to note that his premises will be closed from mid-day Friday (July 12th) to mid-day Tuesday (July 16th). Orders arriving after the first post on Friday, 12th, will be executed on Tuesday, 16th. A list of traders stocking Ramsden's 1907 peppers will be found under "Foods" advertisement in this issue.—ADVT.

Pelican City.

One of the most wonderful bird colonies in the world is on Pelican Island, Florida. This is a low island without cliffs or rocks, and thousands of Pelicans nest there and rear their young ones. They have at times been ruthlessly robbed and almost destroyed, but still remain faithful to this stretch of land.

Still Sitting.

It will be a disappointment to many Nottingham people who have been watching the sitting Swans at the Arboretum to learn that there is now no hope of any little Swans arriving this season. At first, we hear, there were four eggs, but two got accidentally pushed out of the nest into the water, and the other two are a fortnight overdue, though the birds are still sitting.

Would it?

Some gardeners use a variety of washes during early spring, and some of these are poisonous, says a writer in the "Journal of Horticulture." It is presumable that they may be partly absorbed by the tissues of the young buds. Now, any bird attacking buds would certainly avoid all those that had in them anything odorous or saponaceous; but, supposing a solution of arsenic had moistened the buds, would a bird detect this poison therein? I rather think it would.

Whitehaven's Tippling Goose.

I had occasion last week (writes a correspondent of the "Catholic Herald") to visit Whitehaven for the first time, and I found there an institution that I am quite unacquainted with in any other place—a fine brown-and-white Gander stalking unconcernedly down one of the main streets, followed by a small party of children, who occasionally stroked his neck, an operation to which he submitted himself, as it seemed, quite gladly. I hastened to ask whose Goose it was. "Oh," said a man, 'it's Barney, the town Goose, of course. I shouldn't be surprised if he's going for his beer." "Going for his beer?" "Yes," said the man, with an amused look, "he's a great pet in Whitehaven. The miners have taught him all sorts of queer things; there's some have given him a taste for beer; he's been seen quite drunk. He knows which houses give it him well enough."

SHOW DATES FIXED.

To secure insertion in this column a guarantee that the show will be advertised in "C.B." to the extent of at least 25/- must be sent to our manager.

* Under the Rules of the C.B. Union.

*Oct. 4 and 5.—**Burnley** (J.H.R.)
*Oct. 10.—**Peterborough C.B.A.**
*Oct. 11 and 12.—**Great Harwood** (J.P.H., D.B.)
Oct 12.—**Broughty Ferry C.B.S.** (J.K., W.W., C.C., P.P.)
Oct 12.—**The Original Crook C.B.S.** (H.W.B.)
*Oct. 16.—**Exeter & Devon P.P. & C.B.S.** (J.H.P.)
Oct. 16—**Leek C.B.S.**
*Oct. 16 and 17.—**Grimsby & Dis. C.B.S.** (J.C.B.)
*Oct. 16 and 17.—**Hayle & District F.A.** (J.H.R)
*Oct. 17 and 18.—**Dulwich and Peckham** (J.R., G.E.W., W.V.)
*Oct. 18 and 19.—**Rochdale O.C.** (C.A.H. & W.M.)
*Oct. 18 & 19.—**Newcastle** (T.H., J.C.B., C.H., J.P.)
Oct. 18 and 19.—**Accrington & Dis.** (J.R., J.W.)
Oct. 18 and 19.—**City of Glasgow O.S.**
*Oct. 22 and 23.—**Plymouth** (C.A.H., J.R., G.E.W.)
*Oct. 23 & 24.—**Potteries and Dis. C.B.A.** (W.V.)
Oct. 24 and 25.—**Battersea** (W.M., J.R.)
Oct. 25 & 26.—**Chesterfield & Dis. F.A.** (J.C.B)
*Oct. 25 and 26.—**Manchester and N.C. O.S.**
*Oct. 25 and 26.—**S. Shields C.B.S.** (H.W.B., F.M.)
*Oct. 26.—**Middlesborough C.B.S.** (W.M, F.M.)
*Oct. 26.—**Coventry O.S.** (J.H.R.)
Oct. 26.—**Dysart.** (J.H., J.F., J.G.)
*Oct. 26 & 28.—**Cheltenham C.B.S.** (J.H.P., J.R.)
*Oct. 30.—**Morecambe F.A.**
Oct. 30.—**Torbay O.S., Paignton** (J.H.P.)
*Oct. 30 and 31—**Gloucester C.B.S.**
*Oct. 30 & 31.—**Welsh Nation'l** (G.E.W., J.N., J.B.E.
*Oct. 30 and 31.—**Wellingborough** (W.V., J.G.)
*Oct 30 and 31.—**Wolverhampton C.B.S.** (J.R.)
Oct. 31.—**Oswestry F. & F.A.** (C.H.)
*Nov 1 and 2.—**Mansfield** (J.C.B., J.R.)
*Nov. 1 & 2.—**Blackburn C.B.S.** (J.H.R., J.W.)
*Nov. 1 and 2.—**Blaydon C.B.S.** (J.R., J.T.)
*Nov. 2.—**Rochdale Good Intent** (H.W.B., R.B.)
Nov. 2.—**Darlington C. & B.B.F.A.** (W.M.)
*Nov. 2.—**Bramley O.S. (Leeds)** (J.C.B., J.B.)
*Nov. 2.—**Cleator Moor F.S.** (C.H. & A.H.)
*Nov. 2 and 4.—**Leicester Hand in Hand C.B.S.**
*Nov. 2 and 4.—**Norwich Alliance** (W.E.G., J.R., W.W.P., A.W.)
*Nov. 5 and 6.—**York C.B.S.** (J.H.R., H.W.B.)
Nov. 6 and 7.—**Portsmouth.** [A.H.]
*Nov. 6 & 7.—**Swansea** (T.H.M., J.P., D.H.T., J.H.J.
*Nov. 7 and 8.—**Greenwich** (J.R., J.D.)
*Nov. 8 and 9.—**Preston O.S.** (J.C.B., P.R.)
*Nov. 8 and 9.—**Hinckley** (J.R.)
*Nov. 8 and 9.—**Sheffield Dis. C.B.S.** (A.A., W.V.)
*Nov. 8 and 9.—**Wallsend** (W.P.B., W.M., J.W.B.)
*Nov. 8 and 9.—**Warrington C.B.S.** (C.H., A.H.)
Nov. 9.—**Kirkcaldy C.B.S.** (D.L., J.P., A.C.)
*Nov. 9.—**Bo'ness.**
*Nov. 9.—**Stockton-on-Tees** (J.B., J.S., J.M.)
*Nov. 12.—**Cambridge C.B.S.** (J.R., J.F.H.)
*Nov. 12 & 13.—**City of Wakefield O.S.** (J.C.B.)
*Nov. 13.—**Luton** (J.R., J.F.)
*Nov. 14.—**Merthyr Tydfil** (J.H.P.)
*Nov. 15 and 16.—**Blackpool** (J.H.R.)
*Nov. 15 and 16.—**Leeds** (J.R., H.W.B., A.R., J.N.)
Nov. 15 and 16.—**Whitehaven** (S.H., C.H., J.H.)
Nov. 15 and 16.—**Glasgow & West of Scotland**
Nov. 16.—**Consett.**
Nov. 18.—**Galashiels** (J.D., G.F., W.H., J.W.B
*Nov. 16.—**Morpeth** (W.V., J.P.)
*Nov. 16 & 18.—**Nottingham** (J.H.P., W.E.G., C.H.
Nov. 19 & 20.—**Hastings United C.B.S.** (J.H.P.
Nov. 19 and 20.—**Southend-on-Sea.**
Nov. 20.—**Inverness O.A.**
Nov. 20and 21.—**Margate** (J.R.)
*Nov. 20 & 21—**Northampton Good Intent O.S**
*Nov. 20 and 21.—**Bristol C.B.S.** (C.A.H., H.N.)
*Nov. 21.—**Morriston & District C.B.S.**
*Nov. 22 and 23.—**Bolton O. & R.C.S.** (J.T.)
*Nov. 22 and 23.—**Hull** (J.C.B., C.H.)
*Nov. 22 and 23.—**Sunderland.** [J.S.]
Nov. 23.—**Perth** (J.S., M.McL., G.F.A., D.C., J.P.,
*Nov. 26 and 27.—**Bournemouth C.B.S.** (T.H.)
*Nov. 26 and 27.—**Derby** (J.B. J.R., J.H.R., J.H.S.)
*Nov. 27 and 28.—**Cardiff** (J.H.P. & J.R.)
Nov. 28 and 29.—**Woolwich F.S.** (G.G.)
Nov. 28 and 29.—**Y.C.C. of Ireland** (H.W.B.)
Nov. 29 & 30.—**Jarrow & Dis. C.B.F.S.** (J.H.P.)
Nov. 30.—**City of Dundee** (A.C., J.A., J.C., A.C.)
Nov. 30.—**Darlington C.B.S.**
Nov. 30.—**Eccles & District C.B.S.**
Dec. 3.—**Diss C.B.S.** (J.R.)
*Dec. 4 and 5.—**Bristol F.A.** (J.H.P., T.H.)
Dec. 4 and 5.—**Weybridge & Dis. F.S.** (J.R.)
Dec. 5—**Haverfordwest.**
*Dec. 6 and 7.—**Cockermouth F.C.**
*Dec. 6 and 7.—**Hartlepools C.B.S.** (H.W.B., J.M.)
Dec. 6 and 7.—**Rotherham C.B.S.**
Dec. 6 and 7.—**L.C.B.A. (Westminster).**
Dec. 6 and 7.—**Ulster O.S.**
Dec. 6 and 7.—**Wigan C.B.S.** (J.T.)
Dec. 7.—**Cupar** (E.G.W., J. McL., H.B., P. McQ.)
Dec. 7.—**Kilmarnock C.B.F.S.**
*Dec. 7 and 9—**Ilkeston O.S.** (C.H., R.R., J.H.R.)
Dec. 11—**Reading C.B.S.** (J.R.)
Dec. 12.—**Perth C.B.F.S.** (J.H.P. J.B.E.)
Dec. 13 and 14.—**Barrow C.B.S.** (A.W.)
Dec. 13 and 14.—**Edinburgh O.O.S.**
*Dec. 13 and 14.—**Gateshead** (W.V., G.G., J.R., J.S.W., G.E.W.)
*Dec. 13 and 14.—**Pendleton** (H.W.B., W.B.)
Dec. 14.—**Harrogate C.B.S.** (H.W.B.)
Dec. 14.—**Whitburn & Dis. C.B.S.** (J.F.D., J.K.)
Dec. 14.—**Hamilton Cadzow Oaks O.S.**
*Dec. 21.—**Seaham Harbour C.B.A.** (H.W.B.)
Jan. 1 and 2, 1908.—**Scottish National C.B.S.**
Jan. 1 and 2.—**Dunfermline & West Fife O.S.**
Jan. 8 and 9.—**Wimbledon C.B.S.**
Jan. 10 and 11.—**St. Helens O.S.**
Jan. 14.—**Llanelly C.B.S.**
*Jan. 31.— } **Great National (Crystal**
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IN THE COURTS.

NOTTINGHAM BIRD DEALER SENTENCED.

Nine Months' Hard Labour.

Long Series of Frauds.

At the Derbyshire Assizes, the case of the Nottingham bird dealer, Henry Tindall (reported at length in our issue of April 13th last), came on for decision. The "Derbyshire Times" prints the following report of the case:—

Through a transaction in birds which John Burge, a grocer's assistant, of Whittington Moor, had in the end of last year, he has been the means of exposing a long series of petty frauds carried on by a man named Henry Tindall, a bird and dog dealer, of Nottingham, who was charged with an offence which amounted to obtaining goods, not intending to pay. The fraud, as Mr. Stimpson, for the prosecution, described it, was performed by the defendant paying a little in some cases, hoping to keep outside the law. When they found that happening time after time, it was a question whether it came within the statute, and whether he obtained credit by fraud, as he never intended to pay.

The first case was that of John Brockbank, of Kirkby Stephen, who advertised a litter of Pomeranian puppies by "Little Conspirator." The prisoner wrote asking for the lowest cash price, and on being told that it would be 32s. 6d., wrote asking that two of the puppies should be sent off. He received them, and sent 20s. on account; but they had never received another farthing. The defendant evidently thought, said Mr. Stimpson, that by that payment he had "made a County Court job of it." William Hayward, a carpenter, of Bath, was the second man concerned, and he advertised four cock Goldfinch Mules, and the prisoner wrote for as many as he could spare, and five cocks, two hens, and one bird that Hayward was doubtful of, were sent off. The prisoner sent 10s. on account, promising to write again shortly. "Never a one of them had sung a note" was the complaint that Tindall, whose card described him as "a breeder of high-class toy dogs, etc., established 1864," next wrote, and added: "I begin to think they are all hens."

The complaint which led to that prosecution was made by John Burge, a grocer's assistant, of Whittington Moor, who sent a number of Canaries, worth 19s., and here again the complaint was that he (Tindall) was afraid they were all hens, and wouldn't sing. The sum of 5s. had been paid, and later he wrote to say that two of the birds had died. If this were an isolated case, said Mr. Stimpson, they would not think much of it; but there were others, and one of those concerned Walter Hughes, of Oswestry, who advertised "two lovely pairs of Bullfinches and a cock Canary." Here Tindall offered 9s., and the birds were sent; but soon after Hughes received a note with a wing of a bird. This was said to be the wing of his Canary, but in fact it was not. "I don't know," said Mr. Stimpson, "whether it is suggested that you could tell a cock from a hen by the wing, or whether it could sing; but it was evidently sent to prove that the bird was dead." Hughes, at all events, received no money.

"Thirty pairs of grand slim Yorkshire Canaries" were advertised by Henry Hardacre, of Greesley, near Leeds. He had heard of slim Boers, said Mr. Stimpson, but not of slim Canaries; but the advertisement added, "feather like wax," and 6s. 9d. a pair was asked. The prisoner's letters induced Hardacre to send 10 pairs, and Tindall, in reply, said they had arrived, but two of them panted badly—"broken winded," said Mr. Stimpson, amid laughter. Two birds were sent back, and Tindall wrote that three more had died.

One after another the fanciers concerned gave evidence, and regularly Dr. Tinsley Lindley (for the defence) asked whether the witnesses grievance was that he had not received the money immediately after the birds arrived? His questions were directed as to whether the excuses put forward by the prisoner were founded on truth.—Hardacre admitted that he had taken a County Court action against Tindall, who had arranged to pay 5s. a month. In one letter he wrote to the prisoner that "he meant to have the money or the man."—"Everyone expects to be paid," said Mr. Lindley once; "but they don't always get it."

Alfred Turton, agent for the house in which the prisoner lived, said the tenant of it was Gertrude Miles, who lived there.—Mr. Stimpson: Are there premises there suitable for a "breeder of high-class toy dogs, etc.?"—Witness: They might be in the upper rooms.—How many rooms in a house at 7s. 4d. a week?—There might be six or seven rooms altogether.

Detective-Sergeant Goddard, of the Nottingham City Police, said the prisoner's real name was Swift, but he traded in the names of Tindall and Miles. He knew that the prisoner had a stall in Nottingham Market.—Inspector Sharpe, of Whittington Moor, said the prisoner, on being charged, said: "It's not a fraud; it's a debt."

Mr. Lindley submitted that there was not a case to go to the jury, and argued that when the credit was given, there had been no fraud. The fraud must exist before the credit.—His Lordship: You must remember that the jury are asked to say that these birds did not die, and that these cocks were not hens—(laughter) and so on.—The foreman of the jury intimated that they had heard enough of the case to make a conclusion, but his Lordship said they must hear it through, and Mr. Lindley argued that where there was bona fide contention such as that of the death of the birds, it was a case for a civil and not a criminal court.

The jury found the prisoner guilty, and Mr. Stimpson said these were only a few of the cases of which they had knowledge.—Supt. Faulkner had had no fewer than 113 complaints, representing a sum of £37 outstanding on birds, etc., purchased.—His Lordship passed sentence of nine months' hard labour.

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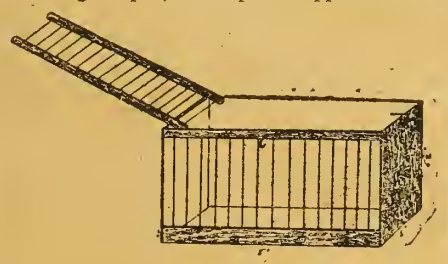
No. 115.

A NOVEL NURSERY CAGE.

Sent by J. H. Sharman, 38, Wood Lane, Derby.

I am sending you a sketch of a nursery cage I have used for some time in my bird-room and found most useful. It is made much on the usual lines, with the important exception that the door is placed at the top. There is then no chance of the young accidentally knocking it open, as is apt to happen with the



A Nursery Cage.

usual pattern of nursery cage. They can also be easily got at, for removal or examination. I make my own at a very small cost, with a pennyworth of cage wire and a dry soap box. They are 8 in. long, 5½ high, and 5 wide, the front rail being 1½ in. deep. I hook the nursery cage on the front of the breeding cages, and the door fastens with a wire button which turns in the usual way.—J. H. SHARMAN.

No. 116.

METHOD OF FIXING REVOLVING NEST DOOR.

Sent by W. B. Watson, 17a, Duke Street, Edinburgh.

Cut a piece of wood out of the cage about 1½ in. from top. This can be done with a fine keyhole-saw. But if it proves too small afterwards, another piece can be put in. Next hammer the head off a wire nail, about 1 in. long. Sharpen the head and drive it into the bottom of the hole cut, at the exact centre, leaving about ⅜ in. projecting (a). Then from top of cage drive in another wire nail—also at the centre—till the point appears at the opening (see b). Now take the piece of wood cut out, and having bored a small hole in the centre underneath, press the wood down on the lower nail; then push it into position. The top nail can now be hammered down till the head touches the top of the cage. It will then be found that you have a "swing door," which can be swung round to allow one to examine the eggs, etc. Care should be taken to cut the wood of such a size as to allow of the nest passing through opening. To make it clearer the top of the cage is left off in the illustration.—W. B. WATSON.

THE BRITISH ROLLER C.C.

From the hand-book of the British Roller C.C., just to hand, we notice there is a most gratifying increase in the number of members, and that the club generally is in a prosperous condition. Mr. Norris, the Hon. Sec., whose address is 31, Scylla Road, Peckham Rye, S.E., will be pleased to receive the names of any fanciers interested in Rollers, with a view to their becoming members. He also asks us to draw attention to the fact that there will be no meeting of the club this month. Quite recently the club has revised its standard, and below we give that which will in future be used in the contests governed by the British Roller C.C.

JUDGING STANDARD.

POINT VALUE OF TOURS.

Hollow Roll	to 8
Koller	,, 8
Hollow Bell	,, 5
Knorre Bass Roll	,, 5
Schockel	,, 5
Glucke	,, 5
Flute Notes	,, 4
Water Roll	,, 3
Water Glucke	,, 3
Deep Bubbling Water Tour	,, 3
Bell Tour	,, 2
Bell Roll	,, 2
Schwirre (Gentle Whizzing Tour)	,, 1
General Effect	,, 8

POINTS TO BE DEDUCTED.

Aufzug (Hard)	to 3
Sharp Flute Notes	,, 3
Nasal Flute Notes	,, 3
Schwirre (Hard)	,, 3
Bad Nasal Tours	,, 6
Bell Tour (Sharp)	,, 6
Ugly Interjections in the Song	,, 6
Schnatter (i.e., Iss, Iss, Sc, Sc)	to 12
Zitt	to 15
Chop	Expulsion.

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REVIEWS OF SCHEDULES.

Stonehouse (Glos.).—August 1st. Judge, Mr. J. H. Payne. Eight classes:—Nor., 3; Brit., 3; A.O.V., 1; sell., 1. Prizes 6s., 3s., 2s., and a card. Entry fee, 1s. Schedules from Messrs. Rees and Tanner, 1, Burdett Road, Stonehouse, Glos.

Leek First Feather Show.—July 13th. Open to a radius of fifteen miles. Judge, Mr. J. H. Roe. 16 classes:—Nor., 6; Crest, 2; Yorks., 2; Brit., 2; Members' 4. Prizes 5s., 3s., 1s. 6d. Entrance fee 1s. Entries close July 10th to Mr. J. Fowler, 9, Fountain Street, Leek.

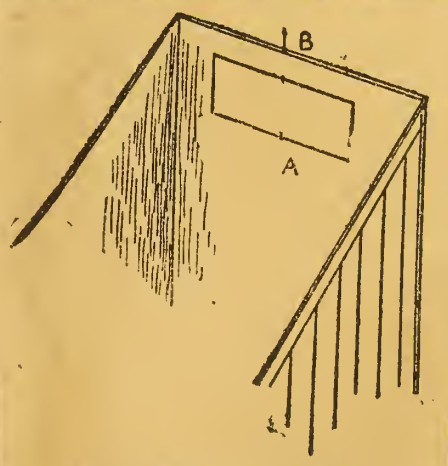
Barrow and Dis. C.B.A. First Feather Show.—July 13th, Greengate Hall; 20 classes. Judge, J. H. Winn. Entries close July 10th to W. Willison, Sec., 17, Cameron Street, Barrow-in-Furness.

Greenwich and Deptford First Feather Show.—July 11th. Judge, J. Robson. 18 classes—Nor., 2; Yorks., 2; Crest, 1; A.O.V., 1; Novice, 4; Mule, 1; Brit., 5; For., 1; Sell., 1. Entries close July 8th to Mr. G. W. Hill, Hon. Sec., Barkworth Road, Bermondsey.

Barnsley First Feather Show.—July 13th. Judge, Mr. J. C. Barnes. Eleven classes—Yorks., 3; Nor., 3.; A.O.V., 1; Mule, 1; Brit., 3. Prizes on sliding scale. Entry fee 6d. Secretary, T. Coward, 22, Blenheim Road, Barnsley.

Criccieth.—July 27th. Judge, Mr. P. Proud. Seven classes. Prizes 8s., 4s., and 2s. Entry fee 1s. 6d. Entries close July 18th, to Mr. T. Burnell, 4, Parcian Terrace, Criccieth.

Waterhouses.—August 3rd. Mr. T. J. Ambrose. Seven classes—Nor., Yorks., A.O.V., Sell., For., 1 each; Brit., 2. Prizes 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d. Entry fee 1s. 6d. Entries close July 27th to Mr. Dunning, 9, Dale Street, Waterhouses, Durham.



Revolving Door to View Nest.

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Accrington and Dis. C.B.S.—July 11th, at Headquarters, 8. Balance-sheet for Young Show, etc.—D. Harwood, Sec.

Bolton and Dis. O. and R.C.S.—July 7th. Ramble to Anglezarke; train leaves Bolton at 10 a.m.; members please note; all friends cordially invited.—Jas. Stringer, Sec.

Bingley and Dis. O.S.—July 9th, at Co-op. Rooms, Chapel Lane, 8 o'clock.—A. Livesey, Sec.

Bolton Woods C.B.S.—July 6th, at Victoria Hotel. First Feather Show; judge, Mr. P. Mason; birds to be staged not later than 2.30.—E. Shepherd, Hon. Sec.

Bradford (West) C.B.A.—July 6th, at Red Lion Hotel, Girlington, 2.30 p.m. Members' Show; class for A.O.V. Canary or Mule in their first feather, in addition to classes on schedule; W. H. Shackleton, judge.—T. Clegg, Sec.

Bramley O.S.—July 6th, at Carnival Committee Rooms. First Feather Show; birds to be staged at 2 p.m.; judge, Mr. Alf. Chew.—Jas. Metcalfe, Sec.

Brighouse C.B.S.—July 6th, at Round House Inn. First Feather Show; judge, Mr. W. Munn.—A. Morton, Hon. Sec.

City and Suburban A.C.B.—July 8th, at Church Institute, 60, Paddington Street, W., 8.15 p.m. Cage making demonstration by Mr. A. W. Curtis; presentation of prizes.—V. Wynn, Sec.

City of Wakefield O.S.—July 9th, at Victoria Cafe, 8.—Netherwood and Keeley, Sees.

Coventry O.S.—July 10th, at Sydenham Palace, 8.30.—G. Turrell, Sec.

Crewe O.S.—July 9th, at Headquarters, Nag's Head, 7.30 prompt. Important.—J. C. Heaton, Hon. Sec.

Dewsbury and Dis. C.B.S.—July 6th, at Royal Hotel. First Feather Show; birds staged 3 p.m.—B. Cook, Sec.

Dudley and Dis. C.B.S.—July 10th, at Headquarters, 8.30 prompt. Forthcoming shows.—J. J. Mullett, Sec.

Eccleshill C.B.A.—July 12th, at Fountain Inn, 8. Entries for Young Show; delegate to Yorkshire Union; judges for Members' Old Shows; date of Open Winter Show.—Walter Ashworth, Sec.

Gateshead and Dis. C.B.S.—July 10th, at Lockhart's Cafe, High Street, 7.30. Classification for show, December 13th, 14th, etc.—Thos. Taylor, Sec.

Glasgow and W.C. Norwich, Etc., Club.—July 6th, at 122, Ingram Street, 4 p.m. First Feather Show; judge, Mr. Jas. Laurie; four classes Norwich, five Borders, one Crest or Crestbred, one A.O.V., one Mule or Hybrid; members can exhibit as many birds as they desire; numerous specials.—J. H. Adam, Sec.

Gloucester and Dis. C.B.S.—July 13th, at Ram Hotel, 4.30. First Feather Show; all birds to be staged 5 p.m.; judges, Messrs. J. H. Payne and F. Mansfield.—J. Houghton, Sec.

Greenwich and Deptford C.B.S.—July 11th, at the Two Brewers, Church Street, Greenwich. Young Stock Show; exhibits to be staged before 7 p.m.; friends and fanciers invited; admission free.—G. W. Hill, Hon. Sec.

Guisbro' F.S.—July 6th, at Headquarters, 7. To arrange schedule.—W. T. Simpson, Sec.

Halifax O.S.—July 6th, at Griffin Hotel, 8.—J. F. Thackray, Sec.

Lancashire C.A.—July 13th, at Old Boar's Head, Middleton, 7. Stand and cages, support of open shows, etc.—Jas. Law, Sec.

Leeds C.B.S.—July 6th, at Lockhart's, Briggate, 7.30. Mr. Ramsden on "Norwich Plainhead"; all fanciers cordially invited.—Stephenson and Hornby, Secs.

L.C.B.A.—July 10th, at Napier, 25, High Holborn, W.C., 8.30 p.m. Several questions on the Yorkshire Canary; many blanks will be placed in a hat, and the person drawing a question will be expected to open a discussion on it; fanciers heartily welcome.—T. A. Wade, Hon. Sec.

Manningham C.B.A.—July 6th, at Mowbray Arms Hotel, 7.30. Cricket match re Bradford City; discussion on the constitution of ticks and uneven marks.—E. Kemp, Sec.

Metropolitan Association of Canary, Mule and Hybrid Breeders.—Next meeting, Thursday, July 11th, 8.15, Crown Hotel, Lavender Hill, S.W. Business; Pay prize money, medals, watches, bags, etc., etc., to successful competitors. Election and nominations. Lecture on colour feeding. Fanciers invited, and please note report of Young Bird Show in this issue.—A. J. Head, Sec.—ADVT.

Middlesbrough and Teeside C.B.S.—July 13th, at Crown Hotel, 3 p.m. First Feather Show; all fanciers and friends invited free.—Arthur Wake, Sec.

Middleton O.S.—July 8th, 8 p.m. Young Bird Show, etc.—R. Cowherd, Sec.

Morley C.B.S.—July 6th, at Band Room, 7.30. Coming show and other important business.—W. H. Groundwell, Sec.

Morpeth and Dis. O.S.—July 13th at King's Head Inn, 7.30 p.m.—A. Dippie, Sec.

Pelton and Dis. C.B.S.—July 6th, at Fleece Inn, 7 p.m. Important business; members are requested to attend.—L. Hall, Sec.

Pendleton and Salford O.S.—July 8th, at Derby Arms, Oldfield Road, 8. Half-yearly report and First Feather cards and specials.—W. Jackson, Hon. Sec.

S.W. London C.B.S.—July 11th, at Plough Hotel, 8.30. Pay out prize money and to discuss a Federation of London Societies.—W. Lilley, Sec.

Sutton-in-Ashfield and Dis. O.S.—The First Feather Show on July 6th will be postponed.—J. Smith, Sec.

Swansea and Dis. C.B.A.—July 11th, at Market Coffee Tavern, 7.30. Arrangements for First Feather Show.—Alf. Hitchings, Sec.

Wath and Dis. C.B.A.—July 7th, at Cross Keys Hotel, 7.30. Show business.—H. H. Bramham, Sec.

West London F.A.—July 13th, at Bush Hotel. Young Bird Show; J. Robson, Esq., judge.—J. Dewhurst, Hon. Sec.

Wigan and Dis. C.B.S.—July 8th, at Adelphi Inn, 8.—W. Ridge, Sec.

Wolverhampton and Dis. C.B.A.—July 9th, at Vine Hotel, 8. Arrangements Nest Feather Show.—F. Howes, Sec.

York C.B.S.—July 8th, at All Saints' Schoolroom, North Street, 7. First Feather Show; also other important business.—T. Boyle, Sec.

Norwich Plainhead Club.

Committee meeting at Manchester First Feather Show, Coal Exchange, Manchester, at 4.30 on Saturday next, July 6th, to confirm or amend the scale of points published in CAGE BIRDS, and to decide on a full-sized model. All drawings, suggestions, and scales of points to reach me not later than Saturday.—A. RAYNES, Hon. Sec.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

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CANARIES.

NORWICH PLAINHEADS.

Answered by J. H. PAYNE.

What Ails Him?

J.P.A. Llansamlet.—(1) Your young bird has evidently caught a cold. Give in the drinking water fresh daily for a fortnight ten drops of syrup of tolu, ten drops of ipecacuhana wine and six of paregoric. Keep him out of any draughts, and cover him over at night with a warm cloth. (2) Syrup of tolu is good for bronchial troubles. (3) You may try the Linnet and Canary ben again, when you may probably succeed in getting fertile eggs. He may not have been in breeding condition when the hen went to nest last.

Tailing and Flighting.

Chesham, Mid Bucks.—No, you will not have to flight and tail your young birds. Flighting is a practice, I am pleased to say, that has practically died out. You will find plenty of shows where classes are provided for unflighted birds. (2) Yes, you can exhibit at any open show, even if you are not a member of a society. (3) I am not able to tell you if there is a society near you that you could join. Write a short letter to CAGE BIRDS, asking the Secretary of the Cage Bird Society in the nearest town to you to communicate with you, and I have no doubt you will soon get a reply.

Surfeit and a Sweating Hen.

Novice.—Your ben is evidently suffering from surfeit, and your treatment is quite correct. I have no doubt by this time that she is much better. You may give her in the drinking water for a few days about ten drops of the juice of a fresh lemon. (2) I should advise you not to attempt to breed again this year with the ben that has sweated her young, as the season is getting well on towards the finish. She would probably do the same again, and perhaps then would have a slow dragging moult, whereas if you put her aside now she will be gathering strength for the moult, and next year probably do you good service. I have tried all manner of remedies to cure sweating hens, but I must say I know of no absolute cure.

A Seven-year-old Bird.

H. Green.—Give your bird in his drinking water fresh daily ten drops of syrup of tolu, ten drops of paregoric and six drops of whisky. You may let him have this for three weeks, and then dissolve a little best boney in a drop of warm water and let him have this to drink for a week or two. You may let him have the egg food as usual, to which you might add six drops of Parrish's Chemical Food. Keep him in a warm corner away from all draughts, banging below the level of the gas, and cover over at night with a warm cloth.

When Moulting.

Markham.—No, it is not advisable to give young birds that are just moulting a lot of linseed, either in the whole state or in a meal, as it will only make them too relaxed. Your best plan is to give them a little best English linseed when they are nearly through moult, say every other day. (2) You may give the iron right through the moult. (3) Gentian and saffron would not tend to neutralise the colouring properties of the red feed. (4) I should not give dandelion and shepherd's purse during the time they are moulting. Let them have nothing but best Spanish canary until they are nearing the finish, when you may give them the linseed. If you give them too many different kinds of seeds they will eat these and will not partake so much of the colour food as they would do if kept only on the plain canary.

YORKSHIRES.

Answered by H. W. BATTYE.

Swollen Feet.

Perplexed.—Wash the swollen part with warm water in which you have dissolved a few crystals of permanganate of potash; wipe dry, and then open the blister with a sharp instrument, a clean needle will do, squeeze out any fluid that may be in, and then anoint with a little zinc ointment every day for a week. I am of opinion there has been something about your cages that has set up the irritation of the parts affected in the first instance; perhaps the sand is not from a good source. Do you keep the perches clean? Attend to this, and try a fresh kind of sand. I hope this second bird will get round all right.

No Canary Seed.

Victorian.—I am not surprised at your pair of Yorkshires that are rearing a nest of three young ones nearly a fortnight old not seeming satisfied when you are keeping them without white canary seed, as this is undoubtedly, as bread is with ourselves, the staff of life to Canaries, and should be kept in the seed hopper over and above any other kind of food that is being supplied, whether feeding young ones or not. Your feeding in other respects seems all right, and no doubt you have seen same recommended frequently in CAGE BIRDS, but this other feeding is generally understood in addition to the white canary seed, which should be a standing dish for Canaries in 99 cases out of 100. Pleased to know you have found CAGE BIRDS of so much benefit in your breeding operations.

Is it Red Mite?

M. B. Dublin.—From what you write I am inclined to think your bird, and very probably his cage, too, are infested with the red mite. Catch your bird during the day time, and give him a good dusting with Keating's Insect Powder, getting well under the wing and among the loose feathers about the vent; wrap him up, except the head, in a thin cotton cloth for five minutes, and then put him in a clean cage, a new one for preference. I think you will find an improvement in the course of a week or two, though be may not get quite right about the wing butts till he again moults; the feather about his thighs that covers his legs is very probably there owing to the breeding of him.

CRESTS AND CRESTBREDS.

Answered by W. E. GREEVES.

Moulting Crests.

Clear Body.—To successfully moult a Crest, in the first place the bird must be strong and healthy, and when it starts moulting must continue throughout from start to finish without a check, commencing down each side of the breast and finishing with the crest. After the young birds are taken from their parents I prefer to put them in a flight cage, which, I consider, strengthens them. When commencing to moult, cage the best birds off separately, and cover the cage front over at night to keep the bird warm and free from draught. Warmth is the great essential when moulting, and this is also assisted by a moist atmosphere. Outdoor changes in the temperature are fatal when moulting Crests. If the feathers of the crest stick in the quills, and fail to come out as quickly as they ought, slightly damp the crest with warm water, using a small soft piece of sponge for the purpose. Give a small quantity of egg food twice a week, to which add a few drops of Parrish's Chemical Food, or add just a pinch of sulphate of iron to the drinking water twice a week. But if a bird is strong and healthy, I myself give nothing beyond good sound seed, a few groats occasionally, and egg food twice a week.

BORDERS.

Answered by J. PATTERSON.

Hen Gone Wrong.

Anxious.—I think the principal cause of your ben's illness is the damp room. There can be nothing worse, especially in such weather as we have had lately. Try and air it every morning as much as possible without letting any draught enter directly on to your birds. Also put down a shallow basin of water containing a few grains permanganate of potash, which change is often as you find discoloured. This will take away the damp smell. (2) Has the cock bird not pulled out the feathers? Some of them are very mischievous while the hen is sitting. If so, nothing can be done. They will come again after the moult, which will soon be here now. I think he will also be responsible for damaging the eye. Catch her and bathe round the eye with half milk and water mixed together daily; rub it with a little golden ointment got from your chemist. (3) Feed on best Spanish canary seed. Add every alternate day a third German summer rape. On the other days half a teaspoonful egg food, with a pinch of maw seed added. One hard-boiled egg to three Osborne biscuits. Stop the hemp seed until the parents have young to feed, and you will find them get on better.

Moulting.

J. Kay.—I am pleased to see you have done so well with your breeding. Cage the best looking young into single cages. Let the others remain in the flight. It should hold comfortably from 20 to 25 birds, but I do not care for flight at all unless to run the birds into once a week or so for a flight. You cannot regulate their diet so well, and some you will find will fight and swallow all tit-bits given, while the others have to starve. (2) Your feeding is quite correct, but you must add a little maw seed to the egg food, and put a pinch of linseed amongst their seeds when they are moulting. (3) Pull any of their tails that are shattered or frayed, or any of those with tails not corresponding to the length of their body. The same applies to frayed wings. Cover them over whenever you see them break away in the moult. Get a piece of thin cotton to cover say six cages, roll it up in your hands and put to back of cages, bring forward on to tops, let remain for one day, next day bring it further forward and pin in position until it is down at the front entirely. They fall gradually into their new surroundings when you do it by easy stages. Also keep the fierce rays of sun from striking direct on them, and they will come out better in colour.

ROLLERS.

Answered by "SCHOOLMASTER."

Yolk and White in Egg Food.

E.W.—Whether the yolk and the white should both be given to newly-hatched Canaries is a point on which most fanciers hold contrary opinions. Many give the white and have never, so far as they can see, had any ill-effects for so doing. Others, however, stick to the yolk only for at least the first three days (often longer), and they believe they meet with a greater measure of success through doing so. Personally, I prefer the yolk only; in any case, I never mix the whole of the white with the yolk when the birds are the age just mentioned. The white has not the same feeding properties as the yolk, which, in fact, is the food provided by nature for the first few hours of a young bird's life. It is known, too, that the white is not so easily digested—by man, at any rate. I think it safe to be guided from nature as far as we can. At the same time, I believe in a fancier following the lines that have brought him success in the past. I like "Gofio" to mix with the egg. It is a bread-like preparation, made without yeast or baking powder, and is much used by German breeders. It does not go sour, and is digestible and nourishing. Most of the large specialists advertising in CAGE BIRDS can supply it to you. To two tablespoonfuls mix the yolk and half the white of an egg (hard-boiled, of course), and a very small teaspoonful of small, moist sugar. If your hen caught a chill, which seems probable, that would be why she left off feeding and starved the young. I prefer freshly made egg food for feeding with; green food and seeds in addition, of course.

Weak on Legs.

H. Cole.—It sounds funny to hear of your cock bird being weak on his legs, and yet on full song. I shouldn't have thought he'd have sung if as bad as that. I should get a few pennyworth of a good stimulating liniment from a chemist, which is non-poisonous, and rub the legs gently twice daily with it. He will know what to give you if you explain what you want it for (or you could use Zam-Buk). Before you apply it, soak the legs for a few minutes in hot whisky and water. Give the bird a teaspoonful of egg bread (or a patent Canary bread of a good maker) with which you well mix 6 spots of syrup of hypophosphites (or Parrish's Chemical Food). This should be given every day, also a little maw seed. Keep him quiet and undisturbed until he recovers. If you can't manage egg bread, some very stale sponge cake, home-made if possible, with plenty of eggs, would be a good substitute.

Strange Behaviour.

Anticipation.—Your bird's strange behaviour is due to him being in high breeding condition, and wanting a mate. This causes him to "get quite excited at times, and rush about the cage flapping his wings." If you found him a wife I feel convinced this would prove to be the case. A bird in good condition and not wanted for breeding ought not to have the Eggertine every day, as this would only stimulate him. I should only give it him twice a week, and confine his seed diet to plain canary with one feed of mixed seed a week. Also let him have a fair amount of green food every day, and a little sweet apple now and again. If you can get him seeding chickweed and shepherd's purse, you can give these more freely than lettuce and watercress. There is nothing to worry about over its condition, but it is as well not to keep a bird too highly strung up in condition. The soft food can be given with benefit every day during the moult.

Wings Hanging Down Side.

Rollers.—It is a natural action with your bird to let the wings droop at his side, and you cannot do anything to alter it. You will do wrong to try, seeing that he is in such good health and song, for you might upset him by so doing. Probably it is his very good condition which makes them droop, for many cock birds when in high condition let their wings hang down stiff, as it were, by their flanks, and draw themselves up very tightly. After the moult, when he is not feeling quite so lively, no doubt he will carry the wings up on his back again. You are feeding him a little over generously. Rollers don't want hemp and maw seeds in the stock mixture. The latter should be: Canary, one pint, summer rape, half-a-pint, mixed. A little maw and hemp can be given in a separate vessel twice a week. Let the bird have a little green food (see other replies) every day, or a piece of ripe, sweet apple.

Sore on Middle Claw.

R.C.I.—If the claw has turned black and looks as though it is decaying (as you say) then you cannot do anything to mend matters. You ought to have tried some treatment when the sore first put in an appearance. The hen will, no doubt, lose this middle claw, but this will not affect her perching, nor is the trouble likely to extend to the other claws. You could wash the foot for a few minutes in a teacupful of fairly hot water in which has been dissolved as much boric acid as will just lie on a shilling. Afterwards gently rub into the claw a little carbolised ointment. You can get these two things from any chemist for a few pence. But if "rot" has sent in they cannot make the claw well again, though they would tend to cut the trouble short.

MISCELLANEOUS CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by "OLD JUDGE."

Size of Flight.

Is a flight, 4 ft. by 16 in. high, 9 in. wide, large enough for ten Canaries to moult in.—A.G.P.

A.G.P.—The flight you mention is not large enough for ten young birds to moult properly. It is all right for length, but is too low and too narrow. It should be 24 in. high, 18 in. wide to enable ten birds to moult in comfort. In the confined space you mention, you would be likely to have great and constant trouble by the birds plucking each other.

Samples of Grit.

A.M.W.—The three samples of grit are very good indeed, and, as you say, are a good natural grit. In addition to the ordinary grit properties, the iron should act as a valuable tonic.

Birds Dying.

Constant Reader.—It is quite impossible to say for certain why your young birds died. Your feeding is all right, and I can only put it down to the fearful weather we have experienced this summer. Breeders all over the country are experiencing the same kind of thing as yourself.

Hen not Sitting.

H.G.—Many hens will not sit until they have laid their full clutch. Don't worry. Your hen has served you well in the past; give her another chance. I expect by this time she is quiet and sedate enough, and the eggs will be all right. The second hen evidently is of little use, and I strongly advise you not to attempt breeding with her again.

Soft Food Recipes.

(1) Can you give me a good recipe for making a soft food that will keep after it is made some time, and mix with colour food? How is German paste made?—THELMA.

Thelma.—There are several very good soft foods, or egg substitutes, advertised in our columns, either of which will mix well with colour food. If, however, you prefer to make your own, you might try the following:—Take half a pound of arrowroot biscuits, divide into three equal quantities, and crush with a rolling pin. To each of these quantities use one egg. Boil the egg for fifteen minutes, then take it out of the water, strip the shell, and, whilst hot, roll egg and biscuit between the hands. The egg rubs into the biscuit, and it becomes like oatmeal. Egg food so prepared will keep for five or six days and not turn sour. It is because the egg rolls into the biscuit whilst hot, which it will not do when cold, as the white remains in lumps. If this does not suit, you might try making a cake of the following ingredients:—Eight eggs, ½ lb. pure lard, 1½ lbs. castor sugar, 1½ ozs. baking powder, 1½ ozs. salt, 3½ lbs. flour. Allow the loaves to stand about a week, and then rub them up as fine as possible. I also give you a recipe for the making of German paste. It is made as follows:—2 lbs. peameal, 1 lb. sweet almonds (blanched), ½ lb. fresh butter or lard, 5 ozs. moist sugar, ½ drachm hay saffron. Beat to a smooth paste with a sufficient quantity of cold water, granulate the mass by passing it through collander, and expose the product to the air in a warm place until quite dry and hard. The addition of two or three eggs improves it.

Two Hens Unfit.

Dean Bank.—In purchasing the birds you should have insisted upon their coming on approval. However, you did not, and must put up with the consequences. But what could you expect at 3/- each? One, I am afraid, is ruptured, and will never be any good. The other you should try giving 10 drops each of whisky and glycerine in the drinking water each morning. Don't attempt to breed with them.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

Mealworm Boxes Going Damp.

South Wales.—Have never had any mealworm boxes "go damp," so cannot say as to the cause of your trouble. Do you ventilate them properly with at least a row or two of holes bored round the top, at the sides and in the lid? Also do you keep them in a dry, warm spot? If so, then I don't see how they could "go damp," unless you turn in very damp bran, etc. I certainly believe in changing the contents of the tins every so often (every few years, the exact time depending on how heavily stocked the boxes may be). The top layers can be removed wholesale to fresh tins (or boxes), but the contents towards the bottom should be well sieved before being transferred. All the small, dust-like matter is waste. If I put in dog biscuit I always crush it as finely as possible beforehand.

Indoor Aviary Wanted.

Gwendolyn.—The nicest-looking aviaries for drawing or living rooms are those which have come to be known as Crystal Palace aviaries, but, as with men (it hurts me to say it) the nicest-looking are not always the best. Quite the best, if you can find a wall to fix it on, or a well-lighted recess in which it can stand, is a kind of large flight cage—that is, wired at front only. If enamelled inside very light green or blue, and black outside, and fitted with smart glass or pot drinkers, etc., such a cage looks very smart indeed, and suits birds admirably. All open-wire aviaries are so apt to be draughty, and unless birds are very steady, they are nervous therein and won't stand to be looked at, much more admired. You could get a fairly large flight of the type I advocate for 10s. 6d. I am afraid you could not expect to breed therein with birds of different species all mixed together. One or two pairs of Canaries might breed in it, or two muling couples. When kept in a confined space such as this would be birds when breeding prefer a little "home" all to themselves.

More Cuckoos.

South Walian.—In another reply this week you will find some remarks on exhibiting the Cuckoo. They are eligible to be shown; it rests with the discretion of the judge whether a prize is awarded them. They are not on the N.B.B. and M.C. list. I doubt whether you will get it to stand much showing. They are very apt to break and soil their plumage when caged. As you are used to feeding both large and small Softbills, its diet will not trouble you. It is many years since I kept one, and I don't want another—as a "pet," anyway. Mine thrived on Thrush food, prepared in the usual way, with vegetable or fruit or green stuff added, and liked all kinds of live food, including mealworms and garden worms when small. It is an offensive bird so far as excreta and habits are concerned, and does not live long, as a rule, in a cage.

Canary's Strange Task.

W.E.C.—I should say the nest and eggs found are those of the Lesser Whitethroat. Your description answers perfectly for that species. This being so it was only waste of time (and good young birds) taking the eggs home and putting them under a Canary, for she is not likely to rear young Warblers. If she hatches them out, however, don't give her seed to feed with (only a little canary seed for herself), and well mix some best quality ant's eggs with the egg food; also some mashed-up mealworms. Now you have gone so far in the matter you might as well try to carry it through.

Disappearing Eggs.

H.G.S.—Thirty birds are not too many in an outdoor aviary with 70 feet of floor space; yet they are plenty where successful breeding results are desired. I think you go a little too far in suspecting the Siberian Goldfinch of being responsible for the disappearance of all your eggs. Where a mixed lot of birds is kept troubles of this and like nature (such as nest "ragging") are practically inevitable—he is lucky who escapes them. Have you never noticed any of the other birds interfering with the nests? And are you sure mice, etc., are not the cause of the trouble? You could remove the Goldfinch for a time, of course, and this would soon settle the point as to his culpability or otherwise.

Sparrow-Canary Mules, Swallows and an Aviary.

(1) Are Sparrow-Canary Mules pretty and of any value. (2) My aviary is a great success. I put a pair of Dippers in it, and they are doing well. I have 15 pairs of birds in it, Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Linnets, Corn, Snow, Ortolan, and Yellow Buntings, Quails, Sparrows, Chaffinches, Yellow Grey and Pied Wagtails, Long-tailed and Bearded Tits. The Wagtails, Goldfinches, and Linnets bred, and I sold the young. Have I too many? (3) What is the best food for Sparrows? They nearly always die with me. (4) Am thinking of introducing a pair of Swallows into my aviary. What food is best to hand-rear them on? I hand reared a couple last spring, but they died in the moult. —MISS D. K. F.

Miss D. K. F.—(1) As I have never either seen Sparrow-Canary Mules or heard of them being bred, I cannot speak as to their looks, good or otherwise. If the markings of the adult cock Sparrow appeared in the Hybrid, the latter would undoubtedly be pretty. It would certainly be valuable. (2) I congratulate you on the huge success of your aviary. Fancy being able to sell "home-

grown" Wagtails and Goldfinches. I hope you will let me know if your Dippers continue to do well, also your methods of feeding, for the keeping of this species has proved a sore stumbling block to many of my friends. Regret I can't express any opinion as to the over-crowding or otherwise, as you don't tell me how big the aviary is. It would hardly answer so well, however, if there were anything radically wrong in this respect. (3) Sparrows ought to find all they want in your aviary, and I'm sure I could not suggest anything you do not already place therein for the food of the other birds. Philip, however, does not make a good aviary bird; he is wild and a "worrit." (4) Why not use the same food as was tried with success last year? The best things possible would be flies and small smooth caterpillars and grubs, if obtainable with sufficient ease. If you mix best quality ants' eggs (freed from all rubbish) with equal parts of crushed maizena wafers and hard-boiled yolk of egg (beaten up fine), you have a food which will accomplish the band rearing. At the time of feeding chop and mash up some mealworms and add to the portion required, afterwards moistening it to a sloppy consistency (like cream) with new milk. The food must be always quite sweet and fresh, and now and again a pinch of powdered cuttlefish bone should be stirred amongst it. All the small flies and grubs you can get must also be given, of course. The moult is always a ticklish time for captive Swallows, and it is no great matter for surprise that you lost yours at that period.

in an Aviary.

S. Shore.—You don't say how big your aviary is; I presume, however, you know better than to overcrowd it. Song Thrushes, Sky and Wood Larks, Blackbird, Redwing, Stonechat, Wren, Grey Wagtail and Meadow Pipit are "Softbills" which you could quite likely keep in such a well-sheltered and covered outdoor aviary all the year round. It is not at all unlikely, too, that a Redstart, Wheatear, Yellow Wagtail, Blackcap and Nightingale might winter out in it, though the two latter species are doubtful, the 'Gale especially so. I should not keep more than one Blackbird or Skylark. Don't include a Robin on any account. A good soft-food mixture would suit all the insectivorous species. Here is a recipe: Melox and plain sweet biscuit both finely crushed, three parts each; ants' eggs, three parts; dried flies, meat meal (or the finest crissel) and silkworm pupæ, two parts each. Prepare in the usual way with vegetable ingredients, and add egg flake or hard-boiled egg now and again, clean grocers' currants, etc., while fruit and live food must be liberally supplied. The difficulty with the latter is to ensure the more delicate species (which, of course, require the larger share) getting an adequate supply. The bigger, bolder birds gobble it all up and leave them repining. Read up back replies on feeding insectivorous birds.

Shepherd's Purse, etc.

Duffryn.—Had posted a sample of shepherd's purse to you before your letter arrived. The latter contained a specimen of the real Simon Pure. I thought you would find it in plenty once you knew what to look for. Glad to know you have hatched out the Mules. I trust you may rear them; also successfully rear the new cage bird society. Book of rules posted at same time as the shepherd's purse.

Will they be Fertile?

Norwich hen laid three eggs before she went in with the cock Linnet. After she had been mated three days she laid two eggs. She has now been sitting seven days. I do not think the cock has been very intimate with her, and he does not attempt to feed her while she sets. Do you think the eggs will prove fertile?—NOVICE IN DOUBT.

Novice in Doubt.—I cannot possibly venture to say whether the eggs will or will not be fertile; the furthest I can venture to go is to say that they can be fertile. An interval of three days between the introduction of the male and the laying of the eggs is quite sufficient to allow of them being fertilised. The fact of the clutch being an irregular one, however (two eggs only), is certainly against the probability of any young putting in an appearance. Your remark about the cock Linnet not being very intimate with the hen made me smile, for it never occurred to me there might be degrees of intimacy 'twixt birds. Probably he declines to feed her now she is sitting as a sign of his displeasure at her haste in cutting short his attempts at closer intimacy. Anyway, you can easily test the eggs and see whether fertile or otherwise. When you catch the hen off the nest, lift the latter out of the cage for a moment, and hold the eggs 'twixt forefinger and thumb up to a strong light (say to the window). If you can see through them they are unfertile (i.e., clear), but if opaque, then they contain chicks. Should they prove clear, as seems likely, don't put the nest back, but give the hen two days rest by herself. Then reintroduce the cock Linnet, and try your luck with a last nest.

A Varied Trio.

Pryderns.—(1) If your hen Canary has not built nor shown any signs of building, it cannot well be the Greenfinch's fault. I should think she has never been in proper breeding condition yet. I have heard of one or two others acting similarly, their owners laying the blame on to the wretched sample of weather experienced this year. You are sure, I suppose, she is not an old, worn-out or barren hen? (2) Yours is not the first hen which has persisted, in spite of all one could do, in laying her eggs on the cage floor. Personally, I wouldn't bother with such a lunatic, unless specially valuable, for such are more trouble than they are worth. Replace her with a more sensible hen. (3) The bird you describe is a very common species, viz., the Lesser Redpoll. As it has red on the breast it is a cock; hens never show this. The Redpoll is familiarly known as "Jo-ey," this word resembling its call note (which you describe as "tow-he" or "you-ee").

Some Old Faces Again.

Have had a nest of five Thrushes given me. They have started to peck, and I am feeding on one part Melox, one part crissel, one part ants' eggs, one part dried flies. Am I correct? (2) At what age shall I be able to sex them? Also state the time of moult and if you advise colour feeding. (3) I have two singing Larks. Will song of Thrush affect their song, or vice versa? (4) What size of cage is suitable for male Thrush.—JOSH-O'-BRUM.

Josh-o'-Brum.—Three out of your four questions I have answered repeatedly just lately, oh Joshua!—or is it Joseph? (1) My mixture for a Thrush stock food is melox (or game meal) three parts to one part each of ants' eggs, dried flies meat meal and dried silkworm pupæ. You are very nearly correct, you see. For full details, see issue of June 15th date. (2) The only sure method of sexing Song Thrushes is by hearing them sing—cocks and hens are precisely the same in plumage, though the former are possibly a slightly richer tone of brown on the back. See also June 15th issue for fuller details. They moult at the same time as other birds—broadly speaking, any time from the middle of July to the end of August. I think colour feeding undoubtedly improves the ground colour of a Song Thrush; therefore, as depth and richness of colour is a great point in an exhibition bird, you will do well to let yours have some sweet pepper. (3) This question is also answered in issue of June 15th. Your young Thrushes are certain to pick up many of the notes of the Skylarks, especially if they only hear the latter while learning their song. They should be tutored under a good singing Thrush (or even Blackbird). Adult British birds are not prone to pick up strange notes. (4) A box pattern cage, 2 ft. 6 in. to 3 ft. long by 20 to 24 in. high by 12 to 16 in. wide would answer admirably for a Thrush, either male or female—the larger the better. Any good cage maker would fix you up with the right article.

Sedge Warbler or Reed Bunting?

Is this the Sedge Warbler? He sings during the night, imitates other birds, and will start with the Greenfinch note and then chirp like the Sparrow. His local name is the "Chirmuffet." My wife is rearing a nest of them for the coming shows. Will they stand a good chance if put down to perfection?—WILLOW REN.

Willow Ren.—Your query is a little bit of a puzzle. The local name is no guide to me, as I never heard it before personally, and cannot find it recorded anywhere. The particulars you give might apply to any of three species—viz., the Reed and Sedge Warblers and the Reed Bunting. The latter, however, you could quickly tell by its short, thick bill; the Warblers, of course, having a long, slim, fragile-looking beak. The Reed Bunting has lots of Sparrow-like notes—seems to imitate many birds, in fact—but is not a great night songster. It builds on or near the ground, close to water, often amongst rushes or coarse grasses or at the foot of a bush. Both the Sedge and Reed Warblers are great disturbers of the peace at night, and have a very "creaky" kind of song, which can well be held to contain Greenfinch and Sparrow-like notes. The Reed Warbler is a plain brown bird above, running to whitish on the throat and underparts. The Sedge Warbler is greyish-brown above, and similar to the Reed underneath—it has, however, a broad, well-defined, yellowish-white eye-streak, which serves at once to distinguish the two species, also a more-or-less striped appearance above, owing to the dusky centres to the feathers. The Reed Warbler usually weaves its nest round the stems of reeds; the Sedge Warbler does not. Either of the Warblers, if staged in good form, would be almost sure prize-winners on the show bench. The Reed Bunting is not, of course, so valuable an exhibit.

Rape Seed: Feeding Young Birds.

J. Wise.—I do not care at all for the sample of rape seed you send—that is, as a seed to give to young birds. It would probably be all right to give British birds in an aviary. But for young Canaries or young Mules I should not give any kind other than genuine summer (German) rape. The sample you send tastes hot and bitter when chewed in the mouth, consequently is clearly not this rape at all. The proper German rape has a very pleasant, sweet, nutty flavour when chewed, and can certainly be given to any young birds when feeding themselves. If you cannot get it in the town where you reside, send to one of our advertisers for a supply. The young birds should have canary and maw seeds when first weaned, with soaked summer rape seed in addition, and a little lightly-cracked hemp daily. Afterwards, about a week later, add a little rape (unsoaked) to the canary seed, and give the hemp uncracked; also give a good feed of cracked sunflower seed every day. Remember, all cracked seed must be freshly prepared each day. As regards green food, if giving lettuce or watercress, use it but sparingly, but if you can gather the seeding heads of chickweed and shepherd's purse (you certainly ought to) they should be freely given. Egg food is best dropped entirely when the young are feeding themselves, substituting milk sop for it. A little home-made egg cake (baked), with a spot or two of milk over it, is excellent, however. Read reply to "Cuisine" last week. Management on common-sense lines should carry you through all right.

A Catchy Matter.

Avic.—I should certainly advertise the horned Owls (are they the Short-eared or Long-eared, by-the bye?) if you want to dispose of them. I don't for one moment think you would experience any trouble of the kind you indicate. Nightingales will be caught towards the end of July and beginning of August. I do not agree with anyone catching them during the breeding season, while breeding operations are actually in progress, and whoever does so deserves to get caught himself, and punished. Pleased to know you yourself hold the same view. There is opportunity in plenty to catch 'Gales, etc., on the spring migration, and just before they leave us on their autumnal journey. The former period is the more popular, of course, as Nightingales are then very easily located. In the late summer it is not at all easy to say exactly where one is likely to light upon them. They are birds which expose themselves very little.

Light Linnet Mule, etc.

T. D. Coley.—Have posted you a sample of shepherd's purse. Very glad to hear of your great success. A light Linnet Mule has always a value higher than a dark. Yet everything depends on the bird itself. If it is a hen, for instance, its value drops very considerably. If you sent me a rough sketch of the bird, a little later on, showing the dark and the light parts of its plumage, I could advise you better. Coming from a Roller hen, however, it is almost certain to be on the small side, and this is a point telling against it. Of course, I am thinking of keen competition. At the smaller shows a cock Linnet Mule with a decent proportion of light plumage on him is almost certain of recognition in the prize list.

Inflammation and Other Things.

W.J.S.—Inflammation of the stomach is a difficult matter to treat, and once well established the death of the bird affected is practically a certainty. The trouble lies in the fact that most fanciers leave the question of treatment until the bird is already three-parts dead. If taken in time, then I have never found anything beat the application of a little turpentine to the stomach. This is a dangerous remedy, however, unless used with caution. Only just a smear should be applied, either with a tiny camel hair pencil brush, or the tip of a bird's tail feather. If too much is put on the bird obviously suffers. Water should be withheld for a time, to get the bird thirsty (this doesn't take much doing when inflammation is present). Mix into two tablespoonfuls as much prepared chalk (from a chemist) as can be picked up on a shilling; use a glass or pot vessel, and give the mixture in a well stirred-up state. Let the bird have five or six good drinks at this, then change to plain water. Keep it quiet and cosy, and give a change of food—on to milk sop, or soaked ants' eggs, if possible. If no improvement next day, repeat the painting with turpentine, but instead of chalk give Dover's Powder (also from a chemist). The latter, however, is best given amongst food, and if the bird is eating milk sop, mix as much as will just cover a threepenny piece amongst a teaspoonful of this. Sweeten the milk sop. In a case of inflammation the bird should not be allowed to consume an inordinate quantity of water, which only aggravates the trouble. I must give the "bareness" of the Chaffinch up as a puzzle; possibly it is due to some constitutional cause. The best mating for the Bramblefinch-Chaffinch cross is cock Bramble to hen Chaffinch. The cage would have to be a very large one; a small aviary is best. A good insectivorous mixture is best for a Cuckoo. This species is not on the list of the National British Bird Club, but might be awarded a prize at a show. It is a difficult bird to get on to the show bench, however, and stands travelling and the cold very badly. I question if it will live.

Skylark Laying an Egg.

Novice.—Sorry you are disappointed with the indisputable token of sex your Skylark has presented to you. It is quite true that hens of almost any species of British cage bird will sing when kept by themselves in confinement—though, as a rule, "but poorly for a cock," as you say your own did. I have known hen Linnets and Goldfinches, however, sing in the spring as well as some cocks, and when, too, being kept in a flight along with cock birds. I don't think you would succeed in breeding Skylarks in a cage; it would have to be a very large one, anyway. They have been bred in an aviary. In fact, an interesting account of such an occurrence was published in CAGE BIRDS some six months or so ago, and no doubt you can get a copy of the issue by sending the necessary stamps to our manager, if you feel you would like to read of it. As to leaving the cage door open, and letting her wing her way to the fields, that must rest with yourself. It will be an excellent thing to do if you have no use for her. Give her a good feed some fine morning (including a few mealworms), then let her away.

Assorted.

Mug at the Game.—I am certainly not surprised to hear of it raining at Manchester—you'd feel hurt if it didn't, I fancy. "Six p.m.: thunder, rain, and hail—and midsummer (only a dream)." Well, that about sums it up down here. Pleased to know my previous answer has turned out "correct to the letter." You will have time to try again yet, providing your hen Canary does not drop into moult. Good luck, say I. Fleetwood sand is good sand, you say, not dusty but rather coarse, and with plenty of shell in it; Liverpool sand is very dirty; Southport sand clean and golden, but very fine and very dusty. I don't know anything about it personally, but some reader or other may profit by the information. This is not the time of the year to buy Linnets by the dozen—not if they are newly-caught birds, anyway, and at the price you quote they must be that. If you can pick up one or two good young Linnets in a week or two's time they might (if good in show points) turn out well for the shows next season. If you are buying adults, I advise you to wait until the end of September or middle of October; but please yourself in the matter, of course.

Mainly About Greenfinches.

(1) Are Greenfinches hard to tame? (2) What is their food in confinement? (3) What birds may they be paired with for breeding? (4) How many birds may be kept in a cage 36 ins. by 13 ins. by 12 ins., and what kinds?—BERTIE.

Bertie.—(1) Greenfinches vary in disposition, of course—like all other species—but taking them on the whole, I should certainly not call them difficult to tame. If you get a young bird, or an adult caught during the autumn, you should not experience any trouble to steady it. Adults caught on the verge (or during) the breeding season are the troublesome customers—often impossible to reconcile to caged existence. If you get a "mad" bird, let it go, and try another. (2) The principal food is sound white sunflower seed. This is best given in a separate dish. The stock mixture can consist of canary and teazle seeds, one pint each, summer rape and charlock a half-pint each, hemp and linseed a quarter-pint each. Try with any of the usual green foods and seeding (wild) weeds. (3) If you want to experiment, you can try the Greenie with many species. But if you want something that has already been bred, then you can put up the male with either Canary, Bullfinch, Linnet, Siskin, or Goldfinch hens, and the female with either Goldfinch, Linnet, Redpoll, Siskin, Twite or Canary cocks. The hen often makes a very good breeder in captivity—either in an aviary or a large cage. (4) This cage is just a nice size for one Hybrid couple. If you keep cock birds only, it will hold four or five small Finches—say Goldfinch, Linnet, Bullfinch, Redpoll, and Siskin. Four, however, are really ample.

Sex of Young Skylarks.

Could you inform me how to distinguish the sex of young Larks? Have not seen this question answered, but only on adult birds. Is it any guide as they sit in the nest as regards the top birds being cocks?—C. HASLAM.

C. Haslam.—It is an old "tip" that the top bird in a nest is bound to turn out a cock. But long ago, in my schoolboy days, I found it most decidedly not the "dead certainty" I was given to understand it to be. I had both hen Thrushes and Blackbirds when being guided by the method, and no doubt you would be likely to get hen Skylarks, too. Only this spring I saw a brood of Blackbirds, and one was quite perceptibly larger and more forward than the others, yet I considered it a certain hen. Possibly its more forward development was a mere accident of birth. For all this, however, I am not going to say that you will not be wise, if you want only one bird, to select the most forward-looking nestling. You will have little other guide, anyway, for both cock and hen Skylarks are exactly alike when in nestling plumage (as they are also as adults). But you must not overlook this point: Go for the best-coloured of the youngsters—in addition to the most forward—as I fancy they invariably turn out the cocks. Unfortunately this difference is but slight, the cocks, roughly speaking, seeming more yellowish-brown, the hens more greyish-brown. It is a fine point, however. Possibly some kind readers will give their experiences.

Clear Eggs from Goldfinches.

From Goldies, last year's birds, hand-reared, and in breeding condition, all the eggs I have had have been clear. I have cock Canaries in the same room. Do you think they should be out of hearing of the hen Canaries? This is my first year of Mule breding, and I haven't found it so easy as Canary breeding.—A.B.C.

A.B.C.—I quite agree with your conclusion that Mule breeding is not quite so easy as Canary breeding. But much of this rests with one's birds. As every practical Mule breeder will tell you some Finches cannot be induced to fertilise eggs, although seemingly in quite as good breeding condition as others in the same room which fill every clutch. Why this should be so is a mystery no one can satisfactorily explain, especially where the clear-egg getters are known to go through the act of coition. I presume you have seen your Goldies acting their proper part with the hen Canaries? It certainly seems odd that your hand-reared Goldies should prove such failures as stock-getters. I am certainly inclined to think the presence of the cock Canaries in the room has had something to do with it. My own experience led me to banish cock Canaries from my own room. The hen Canary's natural instinct must be to fall in love with a male of her own species. The latter are in breeding condition long before the Finches as a rule, and consequently the hen Canaries are almost certain to form attachments with them, and thus resent the "intrusion" of the Goldies when they are ready to be "married off." When the latter is the case, however, they often let you know it unmistakably by attacking and squabbling with the Finches. If you read an up-to-date book on Canary breeding you will find this tendency to form attachments to birds by voice, etc., dealt with therein. You have yet time to try a last nest, and you could remove the cock Canaries, and see if this puts a different complexion on things. To be sure of the hens "calling" to the Goldies (presuming you are not satisfied on the point) you could take in a cock Canary and hang him in front of the breeding cage just as the hen is beginning to build, and when he bursts into song she is almost certain to at once "call"—then the Goldie, who, of course, will be along with her, should accept the invitation. If he does not, then the clear eggs may be his fault. Keep out of sight yourself when trying this dodge.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S.

Birds for Cage.

How many Foreign birds can I keep in a cage 3 by 2 by 1 ft. that will breed? What diet and nesting accommodation must I supply? Will Red-billed Weavers breed, and how can I tell the sex?—PERCY.

Percy.—When attempting to breed Foreign birds in cages, it is a safe axiom to say one pair only, and I certainly do not recommend more in your cage, and a cheap, pretty, and interesting pair for you to commence with would be Zebra Finches, these would be almost certain breeders, and only cost you 3/6 to 4/6 for the pair; their treatment is very simple, see reply to R.R.C.A. in last issue, you will find there full details as to food and treatment. Red-billed Weavers are most indefatigable weavers of their quaint nests all over the cage or aviary, but for them to attempt to sit or rear young is rare indeed. During the summer season the male dons a nuptial robe, when his black mask and rosy orange underparts will readily distinguish him from the female, her garment being the same all the year round, mostly brown streaked with darker.

Finches and Waxbills for Cage.

(1) In my cage, 4 by 2 by 3 ft. high, I have ten Finches and Waxbills. Will it hold another three pairs Waxbills? (2) Is it usual for both sexes of Java Sparrows and Avadavats to utter the song? (3) Do green Avadavats have a seasonal change of plumage? (4) Would enclosed sketch of site be suitable for outdoor aviary?—AMATEUR.

Amateur No. 100.—(1) You have sufficient in this cage already, but if you pay strict attention to cleanliness you might perhaps add a pair of Zebra Waxbills. (2) No, yet such cases are not uncommon. At the same time I have never personally come across a singing hen Java Sparrow, she is usually a very silent member compared with her mate. I have known many cases in which the female Avadavat has sung almost as well as the male, but the majority of females have little more than a single note. (3) The green Avadavat has no seasonal change of plumage, but the plumage of nearly all species assumes an added brilliancy and lustre, if nothing more, during the breeding season. (4) The enclosed sketch would answer well enough if you provide a snug and well-lighted shed for retirement, but if you can provide another site down the garden giving an almost or full south aspect, that would certainly be the better. However, if the plan as sketch sent is more convenient, and the house would partially shelter the front of aviary from north winds, it would answer very well indeed. Make it as large as possible, and do not overcrowd it with birds.

Procuring a Talking Parrot.

Please advise as to the best talking Parrot? Also as to whether to get a young one or an acclimatised bird? As I am a novice, can you recommend a good book on same?—MID-SUMMER.

Mid-Summer.—You will require either a Grey or Amazon Parrot, as these two head the list of the talking species, the Grey being the most fluent of all the talking Parrots. The Amazon is the easier to acclimatise and keep in condition, but if you procure a healthy and acclimatised bird, a Grey is not difficult to keep, once it is acclimatised. I certainly recommend you to get an acclimatised and talking bird; you will have to pay a good price, but it will be cheaper in the end. Losses are very numerous among newly-imported Greys. If you read the replies on Amazon and Grey Parrots for a few weeks (there have been many such replies during the past month), you should not be in doubt as to how to feed and treat. Two useful books are "The Grey Parrot, and how to keep it," and "Popular Parrakeets," both by Dr. W. T. Greene, and procurable from the Editor of CAGE BIRDS. I think their cost is 1/- each, plus postage.

Grey Parrot Breathing Hard.

I procured my young bird three weeks ago; it is moulting, and is troubled with running at the nose, and breathes heavily. It will only eat boiled maize as yet. How must I treat?—A. J. PALMER.

A. J. Palmer.—Continue to supply the boiled maize (it only keeps fresh one day) till you find it eating the seed mixture; to induce it to eat the latter, keep the tin half filled with same and put the boiled maize on top; also supply ripe fruit, plain biscuit, cuttlefish, and water to drink, not continuously in the cage, but permitting it to satisfy its thirst three or four times a day. For one day only put half a teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia over its boiled maize, and repeat the dose after an interval of three days—this may be repeated as often as necessary to keep the bowels moving freely, but must not be permitted to become watery loose. Spray its nostrils with diluted glycothymoline, and get from your chemist the following mixture:—Ipecacuanha wine, oxymel of squills, and glycerine in equal parts; put half a teaspoonful of this in one tablespoonful of water, and let it have only this to drink till the breathing becomes easier. The best seed mixture is two parts each canary and oats and one part each wheat, dari, hemp, and sunflower seed.

Cutthroats Sitting on Linnet and Canary Eggs.

The birds are in an aviary 11 by 5 by 7 ft. high. Will they be likely to rear the young if hatched, and how must I feed?—T. UMPLEBY.

T. Umpleby.—You would have stood a better chance of rearing the Linnet and Canary Hybrids

if you had put the eggs under Canaries. However, the case is not by any means hopeless. If any young are hatched out, supply the usual diet—canary, white and spray millet, green food, and while they are feeding the young, a little soft food daily—say, crushed Osborne biscuits, crumbled sponge cake and best ants' eggs, in equal parts and made crumbly moist for use. Do not examine the nest too frequently, and when doing so let it be in an unobtrusive manner, and only when the birds are off.

Budgerigars Killing Young.

Thanks for reply in last issue. Herewith are particulars asked for:—(1) Size of cage 3 by 1½ by 2½ ft. bigh, fixed against wall 2 ft. from the ground; there is nothing else in the room. There are no signs of mice or insects. It contains three cocks and five hens. (2) What size aviary should I require for six pairs (or four pairs)? (3) Would Budgerigars and Canaries agree and breed in the same aviary? (4) Is there any good work published on breeding Budgerigars?—AIGFURTH.

Aigfurth.—(1) Your cage is not half large enough for the number of birds you have, and the inequality of sexes is quite sufficient to account for the disasters and ill-luck you have had. Two pairs at the most should be kept in this cage, and then the young removed as soon as able to fend for themselves. At least, after the trouble you have had, I should catch up all but one of the nesting pairs—cause as little excitement as possible in doing this, but at any rate the odd females must be removed, and at most two pairs retained in the cage. (2) It is not merely space for the six pairs that is required, but also space for the young; it is quite possible to have at least a score or more young leave the nest at once from such a number. In an aviary 4 ft. deep and of suitable height, 1 ft. of frontage should be allowed for each breeding pair. This only provides space for the young while they are being tended by their parents. (3) Canaries and Budgerigars have been kept together, but the practice is fraught with danger, and periodically scalped and maimed birds are the result, and I cannot recommend it. At any rate, they must not be at all crowded, fully the space in reply (2) must be allowed. (4) You would find Greene's "Popular Parrakeets," 1s. 2d., post free for this office, helpful.

Wintering Foreign Birds.

I am enclosing sketch and full particulars of my outdoor aviary, with list of birds it contains. Will they safely go through the winter out of doors? There appears to be a terrible waste of food. Can this be avoided? I have seen a large rat near aviary. How can I get rid of these.—FAIR VIEW.

Fair View.—I gather that one of the wire netting sides of your aviary is open to the east; if so, I should certainly have a wood and glass made, which could be placed in position during all cold weather, more particularly during easterly winds, and I should cover in another three feet of the roof by putting a glazed sash over the wire netting. With these precautions all the birds you name, excepting perhaps the Red-faced Lovebirds, should safely pass the winter. The use of self-feed seed boppers helps to keep seed down to a minimum, but with pairs of Quails, Ground Doves (say Diamond, Picui, and Indian Green-winged), the waste should not be so great, as these birds mostly feed on the seed the other birds scatter about, but I am afraid a rather large percentage of waste is unavoidable. As regards the rats, the use of rat Virus, advertised in CAGE BIRDS, will keep these pests down. I presume you have carried wire netting down into the floor for eighteen inches or so, so as to act as a check to them burrowing into the aviary. Virginian Creeper will do the birds no harm; several prominent aviculturists have it growing largely inside their aviaries. Some time during the year, the series of articles now running in CAGE BIRDS on "Housing and Keeping of Foreign Birds" will be published in book form; this will fully cover your need. Bechstein's "Cage Birds" is useful. Apply to the Editor, "C.B."

Building Outdoor Aviary.

I am about putting up an outdoor aviary 22 by 3½ by 8 ft. high, with an inner compartment for cold weather. Is enclosed sketch suitable? Can I keep a pair of Pheasants with English and Foreign birds, and what kind do you recommend?—FIDO.

Fido.—Your proposed aviary should be a great success. You make no mention of its aspect though. The front of it should be as near south as you can get it. The brickwork foundation will be ample, as you suggest, but I certainly recommend you to let them have access continuously to the inner compartment, and put up many of your nesting receptacles therein; it will be better for them in every way, and they will mostly use it at nights. Put up plenty of twiggy branches (pea sticks answer well) all round the walls, and the same in the inner compartment too, but keep the centre of inner and outer portions fairly open. I think the Pheasants would be all right, but I consider a pair of Quails would be more satisfactory; several species are really handsome, and all of them are very attractive, the Chinese especially so, and very small too. A larger variety is the Californian Quail, also very handsome, and there are several small handsome African species too. Confine the British birds to Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Brown Linnets, and Siskins. While as to the Foreign, put in pairs each of the Orange-cheek, Zebra, Grey, and St. Helena Waxbills, Yellow-rump, Zebra, Ribbon, Chestnut, Ruficauda, Pectoral, and Gouldian Finches, Bronze, Black-headed, White-headed, and Tri-colour Mannikins, Grey and White Java Sparrows, Grey and Green Singing Finches, Diamond Doves (very small), and Pekin Robins. The above would form a very beautiful and varied series, easy to keep in condition and not very costly to purchase.

Finches, etc., with Budgerigars.

Would it be safe to put Zebra, Fire, and Lavender Finches, Waxbills, etc., with Budgerigars, in an aviary 15 by 3½ by 6 ft. high? Would they winter in the aviary, aspect S.W. During cold weather and at night I could put up a shutter. Shall I let the birds live together or separately?—NEMO.

Nemo.—An aviary for the purpose you require, viz., to winter out of doors such as Fire Finches, Cordon Bleus, Lavender Finches, etc., should have a well-lighted and weather tight shed at one end, with a door opening into flight, and one third of the roof of flight should be boarded in, the whole of the front and remainder of roof to be covered in with ½ in. mesh wire netting; the portion of the front corresponding with the boarded portion of roof of flight should be glazed outside the wire netting. In such an aviary you could winter all the birds you name. Your present aviary, so far as I comprehend its construction, would not afford sufficient protection for Lavender and Fire Finches and Cordon Bleus, even with the addition of a shutter in bad weather. It is most unsafe to keep Budgerigars with Finches, Waxbills, etc. Some do it for a considerable period, but in an aviary with a floor area of 300 ft., my losses were so numerous last year that I had to make a separate enclosure for Budgerigars and Parrakeets. Budgerigars are very fond of mauling and maiming young nestlings the first day they leave the nest, when in a measure they are helpless, and I have had many annoying losses therefrom. I cannot advise you to keep Budgerigars with Finches, etc. You could keep such as Cardinals and birds of similar calibre with your Budgerigars, providing you don't overcrowd.

Amazon Parrot with Diarrhœa.

A week ago I bought a Green Amazon, which appeared healtby, active, and tame. Yesterday it began to retch and vomit, and its voidings are very liquid, and it has taken little or no food. What is the remedy?—E.C.S.

E.C.S.—Put the bird on the following diet:—For the present give it a little boiled maize daily (this only keeps fresh one day), also prepare a seed mixture consisting of two parts each canary and white oats, and one part each wheat, dari, hemp, sunflower, and Indian corn, well mix and keep up a regular supply; a little ripe fruit and plain biscuit should also be given. For a few days put 4 drops of aromatic sulpburic acid to each ounce of the drinking water; remove and destroy the bird's droppings at once. Keep it warm, quiet, and out of draught, yet not in a stuffy corner of the room. For one day only put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia over its boiled maize; also stir 2 drops of laudanum and a pinch of prepared chalk into one tablespoonful of water, and give this direct to the mouth, or rather beak, say once daily for three days. Follow the above treatment with a course of Parrish's Chemical Food till the bird is in condition again. As soon as the diarrhœa yields it will be well to give a little green food, nuts, raw carrot, and a small piece of boiled potato, so as to provide a varied diet. As soon as the bird has recovered its appetite it will be sufficient to give the boiled maize twice a week.

Senegal and Zebra Finches.

(1) Can you name a pair of Finches, called by dealer Senegal Finches, from description herewith? (2) Will they agree with Zebra Finches, and are they free breeders? (3) What is tbe correct diet for Zebra Finches?—J.H.

J.H.—(1) Grey Waxbills (*Estrilda cinera*). It is a native of Africa, being very common in Senegambia and Equatorial Africa. (2) Yes, unless the cage be a very small one, and then not unless the Zebra Finches attempted to nest, when they would keep the Waxbills to the opposite end of the cage, and possibly harrass them a little. As regards plumage, the sexual distinction is very slight, but if both your birds are adult, and one of them is more lustrous in its plumage than the other (this should be the male), you have a true pair. They are not free breeders, not even in large outdoor aviaries; a stray brood now and again is about all they have reached so far, and this appears to apply to all the Waxbills, the St. Helena being the one which is most ready to breed in captivity. On the Continent they have been more successful, and they have been bred both in cages and aviaries. (3) This is very simple, and will apply equally to both the Grey Waxbills and Zebra Finches. Canary, brown, white and spray millet, green food, grit, cuttlefish, and water for drinking and bathing. When they have young to feed, a little soft food (crumbled sponge cake, ants' eggs, and dried flies, equal parts) should be given just crumbly moist. If you can procure the green food (grass in flower, while procurable, is about the best), covered with green fly or any form of blight, it will be very wholesome for the birds and tend to keep them in the finest condition; or the blight may be gathered with a camel hair brush from any kind of non-poisonous shrub and vegetable growth.

Sexing and Breeding Budgerigars

(1) How can I tell sex? (2) What food should be given while they are feeding young? (3) Will they breed in a cage; if so, what size should it be?—PARTICK BUDGERIGAR.

Partick Budgerigar.—(1) By the cere covering the nostril, which is bright blue in the male, and ruddy brown or buff in the female. This distinction is very marked when they are in breeding condition, and the veriest tyro need not err in sexing adults. (2) Canary, white and spray millet, with a few oats twice a week. You must also supply green food (grass in flower is the best, let them have as much as they will eat, lettuce stands next), cuttlefish, grit, and water. When you notice them pairing up, crush up what egg shells are left from table and mingle these with sand, or merely scatter them over sand tray. (3) Supply oats daily when they are feeding young, also a dry crust of stale household bread. Liberal supplies of grass in flower (grass in the ear) should be given at this period. The above is in addition to the ordinary diet.

Avadavats, Lavender and Fire Finches.

(1) What is the correct diet? (2) Can they be kept together in same cage? I have one pair of each.—FOREIGN BIRDS.

Foreign Birds.—(1) Canary, white, brown and spray millet, a little soft food mixture, equal parts of crumbled sponge cage, ants' eggs (best), and dried flies, in equal parts, and made crumbly moist is as good as any. You must also keep up regular supplies of grit, green food, and water for drinking and bathing. Also keep a piece of cuttlefish hanging in the cage. See reply to J.H. In this issue as to green food and minute insects; these latter are not really essential, but they are very wholesome, and tend to keep the birds contented and in finest condition. (2) Yes, if your cage is not smaller than a Crystal Palace type cage; if your cage is of this type you must stand it where a draught cannot pass through it. These little birds kept in all wire cages soon go off, simply killed by draught. Waxbills and the smaller Finches when confined in cages frequently pluck on another's heads bare. About the only remedy is to remove the plucked birds and cage them separately till their feathers have grown again. You might try making the feather of the bead and napo distasteful with quassia solution.

Taming Grey Parrot.

My bird was purchased three months ago. Have got it on the seed mixture all right. It is very wild. How can I tame it? I am keeping it in a box cage 2½ by 1½ by 1½ ft. Is this suitable?—ESPERANTO.

Esperanto.—I can only suggest being very quiet in your movements when cleaning the cage or supplying food, and if you have any young people do not permit them to rush about in its vicinity. At the same time, keep it in your ordinary living room where it will have plenty of company and gradually get used to one and another. Talk to it frequently in a quiet tone, and in time it will get over its wildness. I expect the rough handling, noise, and bustle they have to endure during importation is largely responsible for the scared condition they arrive in, and with some individuals if is not very easy to eradicate, but gentleness will gradually overcome this. If it screams there is no better method than covering the cage up while the paroxysm is on, but the cover must be put quietly and gently (not hurriedly) over the cage, otherwise you will only aggravate the complaint. Certainly your box cage will do to keep it in, and at present will be better than any other, as it will give it more privacy. The moult, particularly the first one, in this country is frequently very protracted with many species of Parrots. Put it on a course of Parrish's Chemical Food for a month at least, giving clear water to drink once a week. The drinking water should be made tbe colour of pale port with the Chemical Food.

Parrakeets and Budgerigars.

In my outdoor aviary, consisting of shed and 7 ft. flight, can I keep an Indian Ring-necked Parrakeet with Budgerigars and Cockatcels? If not, what other species could I put in?—A BIRD LOVER.

A Bird Lover.—You can keep other Parrakeets with your Budgerigars, but taking into consideration the size of the shed, into conjunction with the size of the flight, when all the birds are breeding you have not much spare space. In such an aviary I cannot advise you to put in the Ring-necked Parrakeet, though in larger aviaries they have been kept with Budgerigars and many other species of Parrakeets without any mishap. You could put a pair of Rosella Parrakeets in with the Budgerigars and Cockatcels with perfect safety. These are handsome, showy birds, and would look well in comparison with the others.

What Bird?

(1) Body, light slate, tail and head, black, white patches under eyes, and pink beak. What kind of Finch is it? (2) Will they breed, and what is their treatment?—A.C.

A.C.—(1) It is a Grey Java Sparrow (*Munia oryzivora*). It is a native of Java, Sumatra, and Malacca. (2) Yes, but not so readily as the white variety, though ultimately they will settle down and bring up a brood, but not always during the first year. The best way to get a free breeding strain is to pair up a white hen with a grey cock; their progeny would be free breeders, and the hens paired up with imported Greys would throw nearly all pure Greys, and what few birds are pied are usually very handsome. Diet: Canary, white and spray millet, paddy rice (rice in the husk), green food, grit, cuttlefish, and water for drinking and bathing. They will require a little soft food mixture when feeding young. See reply to "Foreign Birds" in this issue. A Hartz travelling cage makes a good nesting receptacle, from which you must remove the fittings, and cut out two of the bars, so that the birds may have ingress and egress. Hay and long grass will be all the nesting material they require.

Budgerigars Moulting.

(1) The first egg was laid on June 23rd, when may I expect young? She is moulting. Will this affect the rearing of the young? (2) Is this the time they usually moult, as all my three pairs are doing so? (3) My aviary has only a wire front, with wooden roof, back and ends. Is this sufficient protection from London fogs?—B.S.F.

B.S.F.—(1) Somewhere about July 9th or 10th you should have young in tbe nest, which they will not leave till they are four or five weeks old. Sometimes this would affect the rearing of the young, but I have not found it so with these birds as a rule, if she hatches out. I should say she would successfully rear them. (2) Most Budgerigars are either moulting or just about through now. They need no special treatment so long as they appear well. Supply plenty of cuttlefish and grass in the ear, and if they should appear ailing, make the drinking water just saline (for one day) with Epsom Salts, and put them on a course of Parrish's Chemical Food till they are through the moult. (3) It would be advisable to have a wood and glass shutter (mostly glass) made, which would leave only one foot frontage of the wire netting exposed; this could be closed each night during the winter, and also in the daytime during severe weather, letting it only remain open during genial and open weather.

Other Birds with Budgerigars.

(1) I have a 6 ft. sq. lean-to greenhouse with a 9 by 5½ flight attached containing two pairs Budgerigars and one pair Madagascar Lovebirds. What others can I keep with them? (2) One of the cock Budgerigars appears ailing—sitting about in a lumpy manner. I have had the birds six months. How can I treat?—C.H.

C.H.—(1) One pair each Cockatcels, Red Rosellas, and Passerine Parrakeets. If adult birds are procured they should breed with you next season; many Parrakeets do not settle down to breeding the first year. (2) It would be better caged up for a week or ten days (not in a small cage) or till better. Make its drinking water just saline with Epsom Salts for one day, following this by a course of Parrish's Chemical Food. Crush some cuttlefish and sprinkle on sand tray, and supply as much grass in the ear as it will eat. During the summer months you cannot supply too much of the latter to your Budgerigars and Lovebirds, also a little fresh lettuce.

Breeding Ribbon Finches.

Can I breed these indoors? What kind of nest box and material do they require? How must I feed and treat?—H. SOUTHERN.

H. Southern.—Yes, these will breed in either an outdoor aviary or roomy box cage. Hang up in one corner a Hartz travelling cage (any dealer will supply you with one for a few coppers); take out the fitting and cut out two of the bars, so that the birds can get in and out, push in a little hay, and supply the birds with hay and long grass, and all should go well, but note they are late breeders, and it may be quite late autumn before they hatch out. Diet: Canary, white and spray millet, cuttlefish, green food, and a few ants' eggs; when they are feeding young supply a little soft food—crushed Osborne biscuits, ants' eggs, dried flies, and crumbled sponge cake in equal parts; make crumbly moist for use.

Waxbills and Budgerigars.

(1) I have five Orange-cheeked Waxbills. Should they have a daily bath winter and summer? They are fed on white millet. Is that correct? (2) One of my Budgerigars died from egg binding. I treated with sweet oil, but she died. What more could I have done? (3) A Yellow Budgerigar has hatched out three eggs; she appears out of sorts, and her cere is getting pale. How shall I treat?—DORKING.

Dorking.—(1) Supply canary, white and spray millet, green food (grass in the ear, etc); keep a piece of clean cuttlefish hanging in the cage; occasionally give a small piece of sponge cake, and scatter a few ants' eggs on sand tray. Offer the bath daily, but in winter weather it is best to have the bath standing in the room a couple of hours before permitting the birds to use it. Their restlessness (though they are active, vivacious little birds) rather points to their cage being infested by insects; if such is the case, it must be baked or scalded, for the birds will never thrive while they are being worried by these pests. If any insects have got on the birds, they must be lightly sprayed with Quassia solution. (2) It all depends how far the bird was gone when you gave the treatment. Holding the bird's vent over a jug of hot water would have probably given relief; but prevention is better than cure with this annoying complaint. Supply old mortar rubbish and crushed egg shells on their sand tray or aviary floor. (3) As the bird has young on hand, you can only make the drinking water just saline with Epsom salts for one day, and follow this by lightly colouring it with Parrish's Chemical Food. Supply also a little lettuce and as much grass in the ear as they will eat. A few crushed oats will lighten her labours in feeding the young.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. J. North, 435, Oxford Road, Reading, will examine cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for a reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post-mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to J. North, with fee. Any sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

Young Blackbird (11, Moorside-road).—Sudden "chill," or acute inflammation of lungs and liver, possibly caused by changeable temperatures.

Canary (R. T. Campbell).—Acute inflammation of bowels and liver. Green food should not be served to the youngsters in the flight cage except the weather be very hot.

Lavender Finch (A.M.M.).—Chronic disease of liver. It would be prudent to decline the purchase of any such bird deficient in head and neck feather. It is a sure sign of liver disease or parasites.

Three-weeks-old Canary (C. F. Bilson).—Inflammation of liver, lungs, and spleen, all the symptoms of "bird fever"; not often seen in chicks. There is no cure. (See answer to J. H. Cawood in last issue)

Canary Cock (W. Rudkin).—Death caused by "bird fever." As you have had this bird in your possession only 12 days it is quite certain your previous losses are not attributable to him, but he might have become infected while with you. Please read last week's answers. (Copies of Dr. R. H. Clarke's standard book on bird fever can be had from this office, post free, 7d.—ED. "C.B.")

GENERAL.

Answered by the EDITOR.

Stratford Report (E. H. Waddell).—The report you forward deals with the Pigeons only, and therefore is not suitable for our columns.

Aviary Query (Fair View).—We cannot trace receipt of your query previously. Are you quite sure you addressed it correctly? An answer appears this week.

Report (J.B.).—Many thanks for your kindness. We utilise the report this week. As regards the letter, however, we regret we cannot see our way to insert this.

HASTINGS U.C.B.S. OUTING.

A few days ago the members of the Hastings United Cage Bird Society had their summer outing, journeying by brakes to Sandhurst, Kent, the route being through Sedlescombe and Hawkhurst, which is one of the prettiest drives in Sussex, arriving at the Swan Hotel, Sandhurst, about 1.30. They were met by the host, Mr. H. Ormonde, who is one of the vice-presidents of the society, and he had provided a splendid repast for them. After dinner a few speeches were made, Mr. Sanders, late of Ramsgate, being in the chair. Mr. Ormonde said it gave him great pleasure to be one of our vice-presidents. He had been a fancier for over 30 years, was one still, and he hoped that now the two societies had buried their differences and joined together, we should have the best society and finest show on the South Coast, seeing that we had upwards of 85 members, and so many good fanciers amongst them. The chairman also remarked on the pleasure it gave him to be with them. He had every hope of their making their show a success. Mr. Godden, on behalf of the members, returned thanks to Mr. Ormonde for the excellent manner in which he had catered for them, Mr. Ellis presided at the piano. The return journey was made by way of Robertsbridge to the Royal Oak, Whatlington, where tea was awaiting us, and we arrived home about 9 p.m., after a most enjoyable day, with perfect weather.

A. E. GODDEN, Hon. Sec.

GLASGOW SOUTHERN O.A.

Monthly meeting held in the National Hall, July 1st. In the absence of the President, Mr. G. Gray, through bereavement, the Vice-President, Mr. John Renwick, occupied the chair, and, in opening the meeting, referred in feeling and touching terms to the sad bereavement which had overtaken their esteemed President, in the loss of his wife, a lady who was not only a loving wife, but also for many years took a deep interest in this association, by frequently presenting valuable special prizes for competition. Her kindly and affectionate disposition towards those who had the pleasure of her acquaintance endeared her to all, and her friends were many. He also stated that a wreath had been sent, with a suitable inscription, from the members of the association. The Secretary was instructed to send a letter of sympathy and condolence to Mr. Gray and his son in their sad bereavement. The Secretary also read a letter which had been received from the President, Mr. Gray, acknowledging the receipt of the wreath. It read as follows:—"Please convey to the members of the club my most sincere and grateful thanks for the beautiful memorial wreath they so kindly sent. I assure you that their action and sympathy has deeply impressed me in my sore trial and affliction. With kind regards.—Yours truly, G. Gray." Mr. Marr sent his resignation, intimating his intention of giving up the Fancy at a near date. Mr. McQuillan said that his motion made at a previous meeting, of making the time limit a month or so earlier than what had been the custom, would in a great measure tend to lessen the number or resignations. This seemed to meet the views of the majority of the members present. He also suggested that during the winter months, along with papers read, questions of interest might be put at each meeting, for discussion among the members, so that those members who did not feel inclined to give papers might get these questions of all round general interest from time to time. The Chairman took the census of young birds bred this season, which, when totalled up, gave an average per member of a shade over four young birds each. The result was considered very satisfactory. A vote of thanks to the Chairman brought the meeting to a close.

R. JOLLIFFE, Sec.

GREAT HORTON GOOD INTENT.

Held June 29th, at the Church Schools, when Mr. J. Wilman made the awards, and gave general satisfaction. This was the second of a series of First Feather Shows. YELL. YORKS.: 1, Chubb; 2, Oldfield. BUFF: 1, Holden; 2, 4, Schofield; 3, Kay, Birbeck; vhc, Riley; hc, Ketteringham. TKD. YELL.: 1, Holden; 2, c, Riley; 3, hc, Firth; 4, Kay; vhc, Birbeck. BUFF: 1, hc, Holden; 2, 4, Firth; 3, Ketteringham; vhc, Chubb; c, Kay. CINN. MKD. YELL.: 1, Firth. BUFF: 1, 3, Oldfield; 2, Holden; 4, Firth. A.O.V.: 1, Atkin.

LEICESTER C.B.S.

A most successful First Feather Show was held on June 22nd, at Hare and Pheasant Hotel. Mr. E. Noakes judged, and his awards gave the best of satisfaction. Upwards of 80 birds were staged, the quality throughout was very good. The awards were as follows:—NOR. YELL. (11): 1, 3, Lawrance; 2, Stevens; vhc, Edwards; hc, Heighton; c, West. BUFF (7): 1, 2, 3, Edwards; vhc, Stevens; hc, Heighton. NOR., A.O.V. (10): 1, Smith; 2, 3, Lawrance; vhc, Edwards; hc, Gray; c, Heighton. MULES (7): 1, Clarke; 2, 3, Archer, vhc, Heighton; hc, Whitmore; c, West. NOVICE NOR. YELL. (16): 1, vhc, Claypole; 2, hc, Harrison; 3, c, Moore. BUFF (9): 1, Claypole; 2, c, Lowe; 3, vhc, Clarke; hc, Burbidge. NOR., A.O.V. (10): 1, Claypole; 2, Burbidge; 3, Curtis; vhc, Wood; hc, Holmes; c, Harrison. BRIT. FINCH (6): 1, Collins; 2, 3, Archer; vhc, Lemon; hc, West; c, Heighton. LINNET, ETC. (5): 1, Moore; 2, Heighton; 3, Collins; vhc, West.

ROTHERHAM.

Rotherham C.B.S. held its Annual Nest Feather Show on June 29th, at Wheatsheaf. Considering the bad breeding season many fanciers have had, the entries turned up well. The Yorkshires were a show in themselves, Messrs. Greenfield, Oakes, Bagnell, and Stringer showing some very nice birds. The Norwich were only moderate; Messrs. Hunt and Turner put some good stuff down. The attendance was good all day. Mr. G. Browning judged, and his awards gave every satisfaction. YORKS. CL.: 1, 3, vhc, hc, Greenfield; 2, Oakes. TKD.: 1, Bagnell; 2, 3, vhc, c, Greenfield; hc, Pearson. NOR. CLEAR: 1, vhc, Hunt; 2, 3, Turner; hc, Woodhouse; c, Bagnell. TKD.: 1, Turner; 2, 3, Hunt. NOVICE, YORKSHIRE: 1, vhc, Hincheliffe; 2, 3, hc, Woodhouse. OLD BIRDS, YORKS.: 1, Stringer; 2, Hayes; 3, Greenfield; vhc, Pearson; hc, Oakes; c, Hincheliffe. NOR.: 1, Turner; 2, Bagnell. BRIT.: 1, Hunt; 2, vhc, Bagnell; 3, Hincheliffe.

METROPOLITAN ASSOCIATION OF C.M. & H.B.

This society's Young Bird Show proved one of the largest held in the neigbbourhood, there being nearly 100 entries. There was a very fair attendance of visitors, and amongst the ladies were Mesdames Cooper, Tindall, Gill, Peck, Kearney, and McGregor. The principal winners were: Mr. J. Peck, who secured the half-guinea for best bird in the show with a smart well-shown Yorkshire; the silver watch went to Messrs. Cooper Bros., buff Norwich, a bull-dog type of bird; the lady's bag was captured by Mrs. Gill, with a stylish Yorkshire of promise; and the silver plate for best foreigner went to Mrs. Kearney's Black Nuns. Mr. J. Robson judged, and catalogues with the awards printed in the margin were on sale at tea time. NORWICH CL.: 1, two spls, Cooper Bros.; 2, 3, vhc, hc, Kearney; c, Smith. A.O.V.: 1, spl, Cooper Bros.; some were here wrong classed. NOVICE NOR. CL.: 1, spl, 2, 3, vhc, hc, McGregor; c, Sawyer. A.O.V.: 1, Sawyer; 2, 3, vhc, hc, c, Portell. YORKS. CL.: 1, three spls, 3, vhc, hc, Peck; 2, Best; c, Humphreys. A.O.V.: 1, 2, vhc, Best; 3, Humphreys. YORKS., NOVICE: 1, two spls. 3, vhc, Mrs. Gill; 2, hc, c, Head. A.O.V.: 1, c, Head; 2, vhc, c, Gill; c, Arnold. BORDERS: 1, 2, 3, Honeysett, a nice trio. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, 2, 3, Martin, all Lizards. MULES: 1, 2, Best, old winners. LINNET: 1, Honeysett; 2, Allison; 3, Smith. GOLDFINCH: 1, spl, Peck; 2, Arnold; 3, Mrs. Tindall. FOREIGN: 1, spl, 2, Mrs. Kearney, Budgerigars and Nuns respectively.

ACCRINGTON C.B.S.

First Feather Show June 29th, at Central Conservative Club—members' show. There was only a poor entry, it having been a very bad breeding season. The quality of the exhibits was very good, and some of them ought to be heard of again. Mr. A. Hirst won the Ribgy Challenge Cup for best three birds, and Mr. W. Dormer the Leeds Challenge Cup for second best. The same gentlemen won the specials for most points in Norwich and Cinnamons respectively. Our President, Mr. J. Smith, won the special for most points in Yorks., and Mr. J. W. Philpott special for most points in British. Mr. A. Taylor won special for best bird in Gift. The following are the awards:—NOR. YELL.: 1, Hirst; 2, Wade. BUFF: 1, 2, Hirst. TKD. YELL.: 1, Wade. BUFF: 1, Hirst; 2, 3, Wade. GREEN NORWICH: 1, Dormer. YELL. YORKS.: 1, Smith; 2, Reddy; 3, vhc, Ferguson. TKD. BUFF: 1, Ferguson; 2, Smith. CIN. MKD. YELL.: 1, 2, Hirst; 3, Smith. BUFF: 1, Smith; 2, Ferguson; 3, Dormer. GREEN YORKS.: 1, 2, 3, Haworth. BUFF CINN.: 1, Dormer. GIFT: 1, Taylor; 2, Dormer; 3, Haworth; vhc, Ferguson. BRIT. HARDBILL: 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, Philpott; 4, c, Smith.

PENDLETON AND SALFORD O.S.

The First Feather Show of this society was held on June 29. The entries were smaller than is usual at this fixture, chiefly owing to the bad breeding season, and the first round of birds being rather too old and the second nest not old enough; nevertheless, a few good birds were staged. Mr. Jackson, the secretary, carried out the work satisfactorily, being supported by a few good workers in Messrs. Hindley, Stringer, and Brennan and others. Mr. S. Cook judged, his awards being well received. YORKS. YELL: 1, 2, 3, Lindsay. BUFF: 1, Lindsay; 2, McCann. TICK. YELL.: 1, 2, McCann. BUFF: 1, McCann; 2, 3, 4, Stringer. NOR. YELL.: 1, 3, Hindley; 3, Boswell. BUFF: 1, Hindley. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Fish. GOLDFINCH: 1, Hindley; 2, Millar. A.O.V. BRIT.: 1, Jackson; 2, Richardson. MULES: 1, Whalley. NOVICES, YORKS. YELL.: 1, Aspinall; 2, Fisb; 3, Cassin; 4, Holland. BUFF: 1, Williamson; 2, Jackson; 3, Aspinall; 4, Cassin; vhc, Ashton. TICK. BUFF: 1, 2, Aspinall; 3, Cassin; 4, vbc, Jackson; hc, Cassin; c, Millar. TICK.: 1, Boswell; 2, 3, Whalley. Special best Novice Yorks. and best vhc Yorks. and most points, Aspinall; most points (Open), Lindsey. Other specials were won by Messrs. Jackson, Cassin, Lindsay, McCann, Hindley.

LAISTERDYKE B.F.A.

The above society held their second First Feather Show in the medal competition on June 29th. About 70 birds competed for points and specials. Some previous winners in the open shows were staged. Mr. C. Stebbings judged, and gave every satisfaction. Results:—YORKS. YELL: 1, 2, Moreament; 3, Bracewell; vhc, Jones; hc, Langford; c, Bottomley. BUFF: 1, Casey; 2, vhc, Padgett; 3, Bracewell; hc, Hudson; c, Langford. TKD. YELL.: 1, 2, Hudson; 3, Bottomley; vhc, Pownall; hc, Jones; c, Langford. TICKED BUFF: 1, Padgett; 2, Langford; 3, Bottomley; vhc, hc, Casey; c, Moreament. CINN. MKD. YELL.: 1, 2, Bottomley; 3, vhc, Parker. BUFF: 1, Bottomley; 2, Parker; 3, Pownall. NOR. YELL.: 1, Bracewell. BUFF: 1, Bracewell. SELL., 10s. 6d.: 1, Padgett; 2, Bracewell; 3, Casey; vhc, Hudson; hc, Moreament. NOVICE, YELLOW: 1, Taylor; 2, Hiles. BUFF: 1, 2, Shoesmith; 3, vhc, Swaine. TKD. YELL.: 1, Swaine; 2, Taylor. BUFF: 1, Taylor; 2, Shoesmith. UNEVEN OR FOUL: 1, Shoesmith; 2, Swaine; 3, Hiles; vhc, Swaine. FOUL MARKED (OPEN): 1, Pownall; 2, Bottomley; 3, Moreament. BEST YELL. (OPEN): W. Moreament. BUFF: Bottomley. BEST YELLOW (NOVICE): Swaine. BUFF: Shoesmith.

WIGAN AND DIS. C.B.S.

Annual Show of Canaries (in their nest feather) and British Birds held at the Adelphi Inn, on June 29th. There were 90 entries, which was considered very satisfactory, as the society is only small in membership. Mr. J. Trengove judged in his usual painstaking manner. There was a fair gate, and amongst the visitors were several fanciers from Blackpool, Runcorn, Widnes, Leigh, Liverpool, etc. The open Norwich classes were very strong, both in numbers and quality, as were also the British Hardbills, these being greatly admired. NORWICH YELL. (15): 1, Thompson, beautiful quality, nice carriage, rich level colour; 2, Simpson, another good one, fails to winner in colour only; 3, Abbott, another really grand bird, close up. BUFF (12): 1, 2, 3, W. Dyer (the popular chairman of the society), three very nice birds, but showing signs of coming moult; vhc, hc, Thompson; c, T. Fenny. The second bird wins special for best bird shown by a member. GREEN (7): 1, 2, Hawkes; 3, vhc, hc, Abbott. We could not follow the judge in this class, as we considered the third prize the best, a grand thick bird, lovely colour, in the pink of condition, which will bo heard of again. First and second were slimmer and showing signs of moult—c, Bloor, unwell, died during the day. YELL. YORKS. (8): 1, Cavanagh, nice bird, the winner at Leigh last week; 2, 3, Horn, very fair birds; vhc, hc, Lane; c, Bennett. BUFF (5): 1, 2, Lano; 3, Lycett; No. 4, Bennett, wrong class; hc, Bennett. SELL., 12s. 6d.: 1, R. H. Davies; 2, T. Fenny; 3, C. Crabtree. LINNET (5): 1, Rothwell, a gem; 2, Lightbown, similar bird, fails a little in colour; 3, Senior; vhc, hc, Dyer. HARDBILLS (9): 1, J. Boardman, Snow Bunting, well-known and looking grand; 2, Lightbown, grand Goldie, steady as a rock, rich full blaze; 3, Mort, nice Brambiefinch; vhc, Murry; hc, Miller; c, Smith. A grand class, every exhibit full of merit; must have been a task to separate them. MEMBERS, NOR. YELL. (6): 1, vhc, Simpson; 2, 3, Dyer; Nos. 1 and 2, Crabtree, wrong class. BUFF (4): 1, 2, Dyer; 3, vhc, Crabtree. A.O.V. (5): 1, Lomax, Crest; 2, 3, hc, Simpson; vhc, Bennett. NOVICE: 1, 3, Lomax; 2, Reid; vhc, Vickers; hc, Hilton.

LEIGH AND DIS. C.B.S.

Nest Feather Show held at the Railway Hotel, on June 22nd. There was a fair entry considering the bad breeding season. Mr. J. Trengove (Rishton) judged. John Cavanagh secured the prize for best bird in show, with his clear yellow Yorkshire. The second best went to R. Davies for his Norwich buff; the third best to W. Gaskell, a Norwich clear yellow. NOR. YELL.: 1, 2, Gaskell; 3, Shuttle vhc, hc, c, Davies. BUFF: 1, Davies; 2, Ordish; 3, Gaskell; vhc, Davies; hc, Clare. YORKS. YELL.: 1, Cavanagh; 2, Whittaker; 3, Slater; vhc, hc, Cavanagh; c, Lycett. BUFF: 1, Cavanagh; 2, Lycett; 3, Whittaker; vhc, Cavanagh. BRITISH: 1, Hart; 2, 3, Marsh; vhc, Slater; hc, Gaskell. SELLING CLASS: 1, Gaskell; 2, Davies; 3, Cavanagh; vhc, Davies; hc, Cavanagh; c, Shuttle. GIFT: 1, Davies; 2, Cavanagh. OLD BIRDS, NOR.: 1, Clare; 2, Davies; 3, vhc, Marsh. YORKS.: 1, Slater; 2, Lycett; 3, Parks; vhc, Slater; hc, c, Parks. STOCK BIRDS: 1, Shuttle; 2, vhc, Davies; hc, Shuttle; c, Davies.

NELSON.

The Nelson C. and C.B.S. held their annual show on June 22nd. There were some capital young birds, also some grand British and Forcign birds, considering the bad breeding season; the entries came up to about 80. The British and Foreign birds were much in advance of past years, both in number and quality. Mr. M. Broadley, of Shipley, judged, and his awards met with general satisfaction. Mr. L. Hawkins won the medal presented by the society for the best bird in the show, with a grand yellow Yorkshire, and also the medal presented by Mr. R. Leonard for the best bird shown by a novice. Mr. Leonard won the special for the second best bird in the show, with a very fine yellow Norwich, and Mr. J. England the special for most points. The prize-winners were as follows:—YELL. YORKS.: 1, spl, also spl best in show, Hawkins; 2, Wilkinson; 3, Leonard. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, spl, Leonard. CINN. MKD. YORKS.: 1, 2, spl, Pearson; 3, Wilkinson. YELL. NOR.: 1, 2, 3, spl, also spl second best bird, Leonard. BUFF: 1, spl, Leonard; 2, Pearson; 3, Oates. SELL., 10s. 6d.: 1, spl, Leonard; 2, Roberts; 3, Leonard. BRIT.: 1, spl, 2, Oates; 3, England. FOR.: 1, 2, spl, Holden; 3, England.

MANNINGHAM C.B.A.

This society held their Members' First Feather Show at Headquarters, the Mowbray Arms Hotel, on June 29th. This was the first of the series of four shows for the silver cup and gold and silver medals offered by the society. Great enthusiasm was shown by the members in making a good entry, 96 birds being staged in the seven classes provided. The exhibits throughout were of excellent type and quality. The card for best bird in show was placed on the buff exhibited by Mr. J. W. Battye. Mr. T. Murgatroyd, of Girlington, officiated as judge, his placing of the awards, which are as follows, giving general satisfaction. YORKS. YELL: 1, hc, Kemp; 2, c, Western; 3, Suggitt; 4, Holroyd; vhc, Smith. BUFF: 1, Battye; 2, F. Grange; 3, A. Grange; 4, hc, Hersey; vhc, Huddlestou; c, Varley. CINN. TKD.: 1, 2, hc, H. Grangec; 3, Western; 4, Normington; vhc, F. Grange; c, Newton. UNEVEN MKD.: 1, Bennett; 2, F. Grange; 3, hc, Wellock; 4, Dennison; vhc, Holroyd; c, Clarke and Williams. A.O.V.: 1, hc, A. Grange; 2, c, Newton; 3, Armstrong; 4, Smith; vhc, Varley. NOR.: 1, 4, Ross; 2, hc, Kemp; 3, Dennison; vhc, c, Normington. CLASS 7: 1, 3, Suggitt; 2, Normington.

BOLTON AND DIS. PROGRESSIVE C.B.S.

Held a nice little Nest Feather Show on June 29th, in the "Olinda Cafe." Entries totalled some 50 birds, very fair considering the poor breeding season which the majority of the members have so far experienced. Special prizes for members staging greatest number of exhibits were gained by Messrs. Allen, Bancroft, Langham, and J. and F. Leach in the order named; ditto for most points by Messrs. Bancroft, Langham, Allen and J. and F. Leach, the latter showing a very nice team of Foreign birds, in excellent condition. Special for best Norwich in show (bred 1907) was captured by Mr. Langham's 1st prize clear buff, a splendid youngster, of rare colour and nice size, combined with type and quality. Special for best Yorkshire fell to Mr. Bancroft's winning clear yellow, a bird of rare length, which with luck ought to make a clinker. Special for best in show, any age or variety (exclusive of Nor. and Yorks.), went to same owner's 1st prize Thrush, a grand bird of excellent markings, possessing lovely ground colour, staged in the pink of condition. Special best bird shown by a novice was awarded to Mr. P. Brierley's green Yorkshire. Mr. Wm. Bowyer, of Leckenfield, and his awards were well received. NORWICH CL. YELL.: 1, Bancroft; 2, 3, Allen. BUFF: 1, 2, vhc, c, Langham; 3, 4, Bancroft; hc, Allen. TICK. YELL.: 1, Allen. BUFF: 1, Allen; 2, 3, Langham; vhc, Bancroft. YORKS.: 1, 2, 3, Bancroft. TICK.: 1, 2, Brierley. BORDERS: 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, hc, c, Bancroft. MULE: 1, Leach. BRITISH: 1, Bancroft; 2, 4, Naylor; 3, vhc, Cleworth. FOREIGN: 1, 2, 3, J. and F. Leach. SELL., 12s. 6d.: 1, Allen. DITTO, 7s. 6d.: 1, 2, 3, 4, Allen.

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6. Competitors must have the results of their breeding operations attested to by two responsible officials of any recognised Cage Bird Society; or may swear a declaration attested to by two responsible witnesses. Declaration Forms (see extracts printed below) are now ready, and will be sent any competitor post free on application; a postcard will do.
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CAGE BIRD UNION RULES.

SIR,—I have read the letters re C.B.U. rules with interest. I have obtained a copy of the Arbitration Act of 1889, and after carefully considering the same I am of the opinion that it is practically impossible for the Executive Council of the C.B.U., as at present constituted, to conduct a meeting in strict conformity with the Act. I have arrived at this conclusion after consultation with a well-known arbitrator, also with Mr. Tweed, the Hon. Solicitor to the C.B.U. I therefore most respectfully suggest to the Executive Council of the C.B.U. that they rescind that part of rule 19 that refers to the Arbitration Act. If this does not meet with their approval, I would suggest that at future meetings held under the Act they engage a solicitor to assist them in conducting the meeting in a legal manner, in accordance with the Act. The point that has impressed me most is that, unless the meetings are conducted in the legal manner required, any appellant not satisfied with the award may appeal to the Courts to have the award set aside, and such an appeal would be very expensive for all parties concerned. If rule 19 be revised as I suggest, I am of opinion that a new rule should be framed dealing with the question of costs. It is surely unfair for any man with a grievance against the decision of a district committee to be able to appeal to the Executive Council on payment of a deposit of 10s., and without further liability. If the Executive Council are of the opinion that any appeal has been made without just cause or reason, then they should have power to order the party making a vexatious appeal to pay the costs. Provision might also be made for the Executive Council to decline to hear an appeal from a district committee's decision unless they were satisfied that there were good grounds for such an appeal. This would safeguard the funds of the C.B.U. to some extent, for at present any member can lodge an appeal without just cause, and run the Union into a useless expenditure of some £8 or £10. There is one point that your correspondent has not mentioned, and that is that according to the strict reading of the C.B.U. rules only affiliated societies or registered members have the right of appeal to the Executive Council. An exhibitor who is not a registered member of the C.B.U., signing the usual clause on the entry form, has the right of appeal to the Show Committee, and then to the District Committee, but not to the Executive Council. I believe the solicitor to the Union has ruled that this is so, and non-registered exhibitors would do well to note this.

J. W. RAMSDEN.

MR TYSON'S REJOINDER TO MR. PRETTY.

SIR,—Mr. R. J. Pretty again belabours the point of an affiliated member being able to exhibit at a show in classes provided for open competition, on the ground that he was a member of the society holding such show. He says I have misquoted him, and adds that you reported his explanation correctly (which is identical with my version; see page 489 of June 1st issue). I quoted "Watford" instead of "West Herts" in error, and have already admitted that. All that I can further say on this point is that the C.B.U. rules distinctly and absolutely debar an affiliated member from showing at a non-licenced or unaffiliated society's show in classes provided for open competition, notwithstanding him being a member of that society.

I am grateful to Mr. Pretty for reminding me of the Scots Fancy incident, and quote his letters, which can only go to prove that he also is not only a humbug, but otherwise highly qualified to hold the position to which he has been elected. I will not only quote the letters, but forward the originals for your inspection, Mr. Editor, to show that they are not in any way "cooked." The first is as follows:—

The Scotch Fancy Club,
6, Old Burlington Street, W.,
London, Oct. 16th, 1902.

Dear Mr. Tyson,

Is there time to arrange for the above Club Show at the Aquarium? If so, let me know, so that I can arrange matters. Mr. Brown called on me last night, and said that, as Mr. Dewar was going to judge, perhaps it could be arranged for him to do our classes. Of course, we should pay something extra to do it. Awaiting your reply, and trusting you are well, with kind regards,

Yours truly,
R. J. PRETTY.

P.S.—We have an idea of giving additional prize money.

Subsequently Mr. Pretty interviewed me at my house. The Association had only arranged for two classes, but, in consideration of Mr. Pretty agreeing to guarantee an extra class, I agreed to do so, and in reply to a post-card announcing the state of affairs at the advertised date of closing entries, I received the following reply:—

Dear Mr. Tyson,

Your card to hand. It is simply cruel. I sent a notice to every member that there were only 15 entries in the three classes, and asked them to send on by return. . . . If the classes do not reach the number required (9), cancel them without the slightest hesitation, for if they have not come up to the scratch now, you may rest assured it is no go. I am very sorry; it is enough to give you the "pip." Very busy, or should have written before.

Yours truly,
R. J. PRETTY.

The three classes were allowed to stand, with nine entries in each; entry fees, 54s.; prize money, according to schedule, 90s.; loss on the section, 36s. Nothing further transpired until the time for preparing the balance-sheet, when I wrote Mr. Pretty as follows, dated, as he says, January 14th, 1903:—

Dear Mr. Pretty.—On reference to the notes made at the interview we had re an extra Scotch Fancy class, I note you agreed to guarantee at least that class from loss, and that you might possibly share with the L.C.B.A. the loss on the section. I shall, therefore, be pleased to hear from you re this, as I am sorry to say the show has not turned out the success I anticipated. With kind regards,

I am, yours, etc.,
JOHN TYSON.

By what streteh of imagination even Mr. Pretty can term the above letter a "demand," and one justifying his contempt, passes my comprehension. Suffice it to say that, notwithstanding his previous letters, he never paid a single penny towards the loss, and the loss on the extra class was returned as a bad debt in the L.C.B.A. balance-sheet for 1904. He says he paid the judge extra for judging. What right had he to do that? Did not the L.C.B.A. pay his fee for his services on that day, and should not any recognition be (Mr. Pretty) was prepared to make have been made to the L.C.B.A., whose servant Mr. Dewar was for the time being? Again, what occasion was there for him to pay a judge anything unless he had guaranteed the extra class provided?

He says I am telling a falsehood (that is a long word for such an expression from him) about the late C.B.C. I will readily turn to the schedule:—Handsome gold medal, ditto silver, for first and second most points gained by a member of the C.B.C. or L.C.B.A. As the L.C.B.A. was affiliated, surely the superfluity of the letters L.C.B.A. do not make my statement untrue? Now he tries to fix me by a paragraph I wrote in answer to a "Country Member's" request to give the C.B.U. a chance to settle down. By what more humane process would he propose to relieve any prolonged suffering, and by what more respectful method would he desire to commemorate its memory? I will again state for his edification that I do still believe in the C.B.U., or some such governing body. Even its most ardent admirers cannot fall into ecstacy over its past working, but healthy criticism should sustain it. Perhaps Mr. Pretty, in the fullness of his knowledge and authority, will be able to reply to a previous question, still unanswered—namely, What has the C.B.U. done to warrant such an expenditure on its first year's working? In conclusion, I must absolutely decline to go on any longer with this correspondence, much of which is irrelevant. It would be neither wise nor prudent to say all one knows in the Fancy Press, and Mr. Pretty's opinion of me is quite immaterial and of very little interest to the Fancy.

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THE CRESTED CANARY CLUB AND THE C.B.U.

SIR,—Mr. Greeves now accuses me of "prevarication of the truth." Well, I am content to let his own letters stand as my answer. What could have been his object in writing them, if not to influence other members of the C.C.C.? Mr. Greeves is welcome to write as many as he likes. But he ought not to object to either myself or anyone else who differs from him in opiuion showing up the weak sides of his arguments. I freely admit (why not?) that my own letters "influence towards affiliation." Mr. Greeves seems ashamed to own that his tend to the contrary! If my statements are "veneer," then they ought to be easy to smash. If every fancier "sat on the fence" and waited for societies to become established and do something before joining them, how could they come into existence? What would have been the fate of the Crested Canary Club in the first instance, Mr. Greeves, if fanciers had adopted towards it the uncharitable attitude you advocate towards the Cage Bird Union? I can assure Mr. Tyson that if "convincing" him had been the only object in writing, I should never have penued a single letter.

If Mr. Crisp will refer to my first letter, he will find good reason giveu for my use of a nom-de-plume—to me, that is, and what he himself thinks I am not concerned with. The Editor has my eard. I have indulged in no personalities whatever, except those which any fair-minded person knows were provoked by Mr. Tyson himself. Mr. Crisp, although he in one breath deprecates the practice, in the next pours out a string of abusive epithets. Possibly he is a believer in "preferential treatment" (for himself). Anyway, if he is one who will not work for the good of the whole without getting some "jam" out of it, then the C.B.U. has not much to mourn in his loss.

A COUNTRY MEMBER.

SCOTCH FANCY MODEL.

SIR,—"Advocate for Model," please do not forget I am at liberty to express my opinion on Mr. Wright's photo of Scotch Fancy Canary, and when I reflect on this business concerning this photo, the greater the disgust. You further state the committee worked hard. I say they did not. The majority did not take ordinary interest, let alone do any work. The sub-committee meeting was only attended by four members of that committee, two submitting models (names given in previous letter), and at the next committee meeting to be held the committee did not turn up in time to hold a meeting. Yet "Advocate for Model" would have us believe the committee worked hard. The only members who took their parts were Messrs. W. Hart and T. Smith. I would like to ask "Advocate for Model"—and he evidently resides in Greenock, by his inquiry—how many fanciers he can find in that town in possession of 20 Scotch Fancy, seeing that last year the Derby Show numbered about 17 birds in all? It's not the number of birds one keeps, or possession of this world's goods, that fit men to judge important questions. Your best judge in Greenock, the only time I was at his house, had only three pairs of Fancies; but they were good birds, not other fanciers' diseased, cast-offs. Again, he says they want solid Scotch fanciers to take this business up and carry it through. For my part you can have them; but I shall ever oppose the Wright photo. But why did the committee elect one Englishman aud one Scotchman residing in England on this committee? You say they worked hard, "Advocate for Model." What do you mean hy such a statement? It evidently concerns you greatly as to my whereabouts. Anyway, I am within the reach of CAGE BIRDS, which is quite enough for you to know. I agree with "Advocate for Model" solid fanciers are required to take this matter up. Yes, and I would debar all men who are in the habit of showing borrowed birds, and disqualify for life any man who ever has showed a borrowed bird and judged it, whether in error or not. Advocates would, no doubt, then be required. An advocate is much needed at present to look into the affairs of a local Derby, not a thousand miles away from Greenock, and for your interest, when next in Scotland, will look into this affair. Some clever men, who strive to go the right way, so they say, are done with their eyes open. Yet they appear, "Advocate for Model," to trouble much about other people's business. I confess the few years I have resided in Scotland I have had my eyes opened on cage bird matters. "Piebald," yes, your statement is correct re this letter, and but for an accident it would not have been known to me. The facts are, Mr. Wright, after a visit to Glasgow, learnt the news of this letter from Mr. T. Smith, and Mr. Wright iuformed Mr. J. Hart, of Greenock, who in conversation told me of this letter, and informed me that Mr. Wright had told him. Now, "Piebald," I do not for one moment believe Mr. J. Hart intended to tell me; it was a slip. As I have informed you, I have had no satisfaction in this matter, and cannot find anyone else except those herein named. But I contend the letter should, if the facts are true, have been placed on the table before the committee.

J. HARRISON.

SIR,—I notice a letter from "Advocate for Model." Might I suggest to "Advocate" to prove the truth of his nom-de-plume by showing his earnestness to pen nothing for publication on this question but such matter as may prove, without doubt, his earnest desire to assist, not retard? There is nothing in his letter calling for more special attention from me than what I suggest. "PIEBALD."

DOES VIBRATION AFFECT EGGS?

SIR,—I have had only two years' experience in breeding Canaries, and the above question has been a source of anxiety to me until now, owing to the position of my house, which is situated between a road which is traversed by three heavy motor waggons, to and fro, daily, and within 15 yards of the back door the G.W. Railway sends along fast expresses, including the Irish boat train, travelling 60 miles an hour. The house itself is built on sand, with concrete foundation; but with that a geranium fairly shakes for fully two minutes after a train passes. Yet all the vibration, I may say, has not affected my eggs this year, only having had one unfertile in a nest, which is, I think, a usual thing. The season has been very prosperous with me. The first round the hens would not feed the young (the general complaint in this district). Since then everything has been going well, thanks to the columns of CAGE BIRDS. More experienced persons' opinion and experience on this subject would be of interest.

R. THOMAS.

LONDON BIRD LIFE.

SIR,—It gives me great pleasure to assure Mr. F. Day of the safety of both the nesting Gulls; also to inform him that the successful breeding of these handsome birds, especially this variety, is by no means an uncommon event in our public parks, gardens, etc., under such ideal conditions. Happily for the interested public this particular pair have chosen their nesting site in a prominent position, in full view from the road, immediately behind the India Offices. Whilst looking at them on Saturday last I overheard many expressions of delight from the spectators who witnessed the novel sight (certainly for a Londoner) of the parent bird feeding its young. I can strongly recommend a visit to this delightful enclosure to any of our birdy friends who should be in the vicinity. There is, to my mind, a greater event which takes place at this spot every year. For several years past the trees over the island have been the rendezvous or roosting place of countless numbers of Starlings. It is the greatest meet I have ever witnessed of this description, and I have seen a great number in various parts of the country. From all quarters after the breeding season is over huge battalions of these birds may be seen going through their wonderful evolutions prior to roosting in the trees. One moment flying at a great height, hardly discernible to the naked eye, then a great concerted movement by the whole body, and the next minute we see them wheeling into line over the trees, filling the air with their incessant chatter. And this interesting phenomena in ornithology takes place in our midst—in a London park! The question arises, Do we take our full measure of Nature study that is placed before us through the medium of our parks, museums, zoological gardens, etc.? I am afraid we do not patronise them sufficiently for this object. It is a step in the right direction now that we see such a number of our clubs organising outings, and what delightful reading the accounts of their respective rambles make. I was very much struck with the continued improvements that are going on week by week. This applies to the housing of birds as much as anything. There is a good deal of flight room in the Pheasant enclosures, etc., and this is utilised by the introduction of different species of small birds, both Hard and Soft Bills, Stonechats, Redstarts, Bearded Tits, Swallows, Nightingales can be closely inspected almost under natural conditions. Then we have nearly all the members of the Bunting and Finch tribes. At the time of my visit most of these were nesting. Just the length of my walking stick from where I was standing a cock Linnet was feeding his mate; previously he had sung his love song, and what a melody! It was the vehemence and passion he put into it that drew my attention to his position. The keeper informed me that Goldfinches, in fact, nearly all the Finches, had successfully reared broods last year in the aviaries. Then we have the Small Birds' House. This handsome and well-furnished bequest is being rapidly filled, and I question if there is a better collection of small birds to be found anywhere. True, the inmates are mostly foreigners, but we cannot expect to find our northern and tropical friends thriving in the same temperature. Considering the great number to be catered for, the exotic and delicate nature of some of the species, the mortality is indeed very small. This speaks volumes in favour of the careful management, and I was very pleased with the courteousness of those in charge. I was shown the skins of past gems of the collection, also a Parrakeet in quarantine, which I rescued from a horde of Sparrows a few days before. Passing a tier of cages a familiar song arrested my attention. The frozen canal, with its fringe of alder bushes glistening with frost came back to me in a flash. Tea! L-e-a-v-e-s!! is the Siskins' call note as we know it here in England, and I shall never forget that winter's morn in Hertfordshire, or the large flock of Siskins busy amongst the alders. And yet we have their tropical cousins, with almost the same song, the same cage mannerisms, that peculiar backward tumble from perch to wire roof and back again which my own Siskins love to exhibit being performed by the Columbian and Black-hooded Siskin of Venezuela. What problems are presented to us in bird life! The deeper we probe the greater its mysteries, and withal how absolutely interesting. I fear I have overstepped the margin, but will continue, with your kind permission, another time.

S. R. FULLER.

ANOTHER CRIME LAID AT THE STARLING'S DOOR.

SIR,—In a recent number of the "Scotsman" a correspondent signing himself "M" says:—I regret to have another serious indictment against Starlings. A friend of mine who is a keen observer, and takes a great interest in birds, informs me that a small coterie of Starlings have taken up their abode under the eaves of his house, and are at present rearing their young families. In the immediate vicinity a few Swifts (*Cypselus apus*) have also nested, and are constantly circling round in pursuit of flies, their natural food. A few days ago my friend observed a Swift flying between his house and the one adjacent. A posse of Starlings, who had evidently been lying in wait, darted out, intercepted its flight, and fiercely attacked it. He saw the Swift fall to the ground, and when he picked it up it was quite dead. A few days previously he found in front of his house a Swift in a dying condition. He could not then divine the cause, but now he had no difficulty in solving the mystery. Is this another trait of this otherwise interesting bird? I wonder if any reader can throw further light on the matter?

J. WALLACE.

BIRD-NESTING IN BEDFORDSHIRE.

A Strange Nesting Place.

SIR,—My friend Mr. W. Murrell joined me the other afternoon in a ramble to a lovely spot not many miles from Bedford, our object being the study of birds and bird life in their native haunts. We cycled as far as Cardington, then left our cycles with a friend and started across the fields, until we reached a place that was well studded with trees and plantations—an ideal spot for bird-nesting—and we were not long before being rewarded with a most extraordinary freak of Nature—viz., a Moor-hen's nest, built with coarse rushes and flags, containing ten eggs, and situated in a large hawthorn bush about 5ft. from the ground. I have certainly met with many strange things in connection with my forty years' study of the habits of birds, but this experience is the most extraordinary I have come across, and I can only account for it upon the following reasons:—There is a running stream within a few yards of the nest, but recent floods have caused the brook to overflow; consequently there was no opportunity for Mr. and Mrs. Moor-hen to build their nest in the usual place, by the side of the stream, and this caused them to choose the strange place I have mentioned. I brought away one of the eggs, which I shall be pleased to show to any of your readers who may wish to see it, or I would take them any afternoon to see the nest for themselves. I mention this because it is possible some who read this may probably be sceptical upon the question. We came across a large number of Blackbirds and Thrushes nests, some with eggs and others containing young. One Thrush with young refused to leave the nest until my friend poked her with his walking stick. We also saw a Blackbird sitting on her nest, and could easily have snapshotted her had we brought a camera with us. We next came across a nest of young Starlings up an elm tree, the old ones feeding them as we lay watching them upon the grass. Our next find was a Chaffinch's nest containing five eggs; this bird could also have been snapshotted. Walking down one of the plantations up flew a Woodpecker, but we failed to find the nest. Our next find was a Hedge Sparrow's nest and two Yellowhammers' nests, one containing four, the other five eggs. We also saw a number of Whitethroats, Blue Tits, Fly-catchers, Jenny Wrens, Greenfinches, Linnets, etc., etc. It was an ideal day for the sport, and we both thoroughly enjoyed ourselves, and promised another similar outing before many days are past.

J. C. WILMOT.

THE FERTILIZATION OF EGGS.

SIR,—In a Fancy paper not long ago I noticed a novice asking the specialist whether it was needful for the cock bird to perform the act of fertilisation daily to ensure the eggs being fertile? He replied, Yes, until the third egg was laid. But my experience last year and this year tells me this is not so if the cock is with the hen before the clutch begau to be laid. I found it out by accident. Having paired a cock Goldfinch with a young Norwich hen, every time I was watching them the hen was driving the Goldie about like a Hawk; and, thinking that only clear eggs would be the result, I shut him off from her after they had been together for a week. I put the cock Cnary in with her, and copulation took place many times in a very short period. The second day afterwards she laid her first egg, and laid four eggs in all, the cock Canary treading daily. Now, I was thinking to get a nest of Canaries; but, to my surprise, they were four Mules, and not one Canary. What have other readers got to say?

W. J. SALMON.

PROPOSED C.B.C. FOR NORTH SHIELDS AND DIS.

SIR,—Owing to our not having a cage bird club in North Shields and District, I have pleasure in asking you to put this letter in your valuable paper, for I think there are plenty of cage bird fanciers in the district to form a good substantial club. I hope we shall make it a perfect success. Will all who intend becoming members please communicate with me?

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MULES—DO THEY BREED?

SIR,—The more one goes on reading, and especially a beginner as I am, the more one gets perplexed, and I find that I am not the only one. I have asked several breeders and they cannot answer me, or at least will not, with any certainty. The question is, What do you mean by Mules, cocks or hens, or both? One keeps on reading Mules will not breed! and on the face of this I enclose you two advertisements from this week's CAGE BIRDS. One offers Goldfinch Canary cock bred winner, the other "Six pointed house-moulted Goldfinch, father four Mules." I want to go in for Mule breeding (Goldfinch-Canary). Now, will the young from same breed again by pairing son to daughter, or will either the cocks or hens from Goldfinch-Canary breed with Canary?

NIL DESPERANDUM.

COAL TAR AS A REMEDY FOR ASTHMA IN CAGE BIRDS.

SIR,—I see Miss Bushnell gives her experience of using coal tar. But may I ask her to tell me where she obtained the coal tar, as I tried a chemist's, also the drug stores; but they could only supply me with oil of tar? Then I went to an oil shop, and they kept it, so I asked the price, and it was 8d. a gallon. Well, I did not want so much, so I had a pennyworth, and I tried it in the bird's drinking water; but failed to see where the milky-white colour comes in. I stirred, and kept on stirring, but it was more like an inky black on top of water, than it was white. I may say that the coal tar that I have is much like this stuff that they are putting down on the roads to lay dust. I have two hens which have both got a touch of asthma, and would be glad to hear of this fine curing coal tar. I should indeed like to profit by Miss Bushnell's experience, if she will kindly reply.

H. REES.

SIR,—I see a correspondent asks where to get coal tar from. Now, when I first wrote you about the cure for asthma, etc., a gentleman inquired through your paper where to buy. I wrote directly after, telling him where he could procure it; but I am afraid my letter must have miscarried, as I have not seen or heard any more about it. The tar I use is merely common tar, such as is used for tarring sheds, and is obtained from gas works. Many builders keep it in stock, and would sell anyone two pennyworth. Of course, it will make a mess of the bottle; but, if used in the following way, it is invaluable as a cure for asthma, wheezing, etc.—viz., drop four or five drops in the drinking water each morning for a week. Hoping this will prove of some benefit to your readers.

JOHN PATRICK.

THE ROUGH-FEATHERED SCOTCH FANCY CANARY.

SIR,—I agree with Mr. Renwick's remarks in his lecture that winners should be smooth in feather. The rough feathers have been all the rage, and there have been some wretched specimens seen. If the Southern Albert would take it in hand, we would soon see the "frills" a thing of the past ages. The rough-feathered Scotch Fancy is a big, clumsy bird, difficult to keep clean, and one that never stands a show season.

A FANCIER.

PARASITES ON CANARIES.

SIR,—I thought my letter in last week's issue would have finished this correspondence for my part; but I should like to give the correct sentence that Mr. Proctor has twisted so well to give a ridiculous meaning of his own. It reads:—"First finding the value of it when I was keeping Larks. I had a great deal of trouble to keep them clean. I used, etc." There is no mention of the species of lice that infested them, and certainly not any ridiculous statement such as he implies. His old cry about powder needs no comment from me, as others have said often enough it will not kill them all with one application. See also Mr. Haddow's cutting in issue of 22nd ult. I washed the infested bird on Sunday last, but only two turned up to see it. One was a novice who is going through his first season. I don't think he will write you, though he was interested and seemed very pleased with the method. I offered a small reward for each live louse they found on the bird, but I had nothing to pay out. They did search for them, I can tell you, and several feathers were pulled out that had lice on them, and carefully examined; but they were all dead. More fanciers would have come but for the rain, as six promised to attend.

R. ALLEN.

SIR,—Seeing Mr. Allen's letter, I thought I would go and watch him wash his birds by the method that he recommended in your paper. The birds he washed were a Norwich hen and a Yorkshire hen. The Norwich had a good many grey lice on her, and I must say that after he had washed her all the grey lice were found dead. Before he started washing the birds he promised me 6d. for each insect I found alive, but, alas! they were all to be found dead in the feathers. I think anybody troubled with this pest would do well in using the same method as Mr. A. I myself shall. I must say that I have been a member of the Bolton C.B.S. for five years, so your readers will see I have had a little experience.

W. LANGHAM.

REPORTED REDPOLL-BULLFINCH.

SIR,—I am pleased to see notes on Scottish Hybrid Breeders by St. Mungo. In the above he states there is not a single specimen of the Redpoll-Bullfinch cross known to exist in the United Kingdom. I may say that I have a hen of this cross, as fine a hybrid as anyone could wish to see.

JOHN DIXON.

MULE BREEDING EXTRAORDINARY.

SIR,—I have a Linnet I bought two years ago. It was caught by net on the Crumbles, near Eastbourne. As I always do with my birds, I gave it its liberty in my living room. It very soon tamed down. Now I allow it to roam about the house where it likes—upstairs and down—paying no regard to doors and windows. It's a champion songster. A short time ago I bought a Canary to mate with it. They paired in three weeks. Result, five eggs; hatched out, two birds; three eggs unfertile. They are both good feeders; they got their babes on so quick that they were out of the nest and flying about on the fourteenth day; three days later they were feeding themselves; on the eighteenth day they both took a bath placed for them on the window sill; at three weeks the hen was sitting again on five eggs. So, within seven weeks, the hen will have hatched out two lots of eggs, and, with luck, I shall have two nestings of young birds on the wing in nine weeks. This is my first atempt at bird breeding. A very good start, isn't it—and Mule breeding, too?

H. GILL.

THE NOVICE DEFINITION FOR THE LONDON DISTRICT.

SIR,—According to the wishes of the meeting held to discuss the definitions of a novice and amateur in members' classes for the London Police area, voting papers have been sent to every secretary for their members. May I ask the favour of every member to show his earnestness in this important question and record his vote in favour of one of the definitions sent out, also to vote for the establishing of a Federation of Societies for London and District, should he be in favour of such?

J. W. RENNIE.

A DISASTROUS SEASON.

Civil Service F.A. Breeding Results.

I find, on making inquiries, that this breeding season has been a most disastrous one for members of the C.S.F.A. Whilst one or two have had very good results up to the present, others have not been able to rear one youngster. Among the fortunate ones are Messrs. R. Dohin and J. Russell. The former, whose space is rather limited, has four pairs of Crests up, from which he has 16 on the sticks, seven about to leave the nest, and one hen sitting on five eggs. Mr. Russell has just on 40 Yorkshires, the majority being on the sticks. Mr. G. Bleach, of Manchester, has 31 Yorkshires on the sticks from 12 pairs, and 11 Norwich from five pairs. Up to the present he has had about 113 eggs, very few being clear; but the hens have refused to feed, presumably owing to the wet season and very cold nights. He is looking forward to better results from the third round. Mr. H. Dancer, who is engaged in breeding Crests and Yorkshires, has only managed to rear one. Mr. H. D. Thickbroom, whose variety is Cinnamons, has only three young about to leave the nest. He has had about 30 hatch out from eight pairs, but they have died about the fifth day. He has five more nests due to hatch during the next few days. Mr. J. Slattery has had a large number of Norwich hatch out, but has had trouble with the hens refusing to feed. He has a hen sitting on four eggs from Canary-Bullfinch, which are due in a day or so. Mr. T. Smith, of Wood Green, has only nine Yorkshires on the sticks and two about to leave the nest. He has also two Linnet-Canary Hybrids, two or three days old; a hen paired with a Goldie sitting on four eggs, three of which are fertile. Another hen, paired with a Greenie, has laid her third egg. Mr. G. S. Barton is among the unfortunate ones, having only three or four young Lizards in the nest, and none on the sticks. Mr. E. J. Voss has not up to the present obtained any Hybrids. His first hen to lay was paired with a Goldie. He gave the nest a good dusting with "Keatings," put the nest back into the cage, when the hen refused to go back on the eggs. He has another hen paired with a Greenie, which has commenced laying. I, like the majority, have come off very badly. My stock is not large, having only six pairs of Yorkshires and two Hybrid pairs. From the Yorkshires I have only managed to secure three, which are on the sticks. I have had 55 eggs; 30 were clear, seven chicks dead in shell. I lost five young during that bitter cold night of May 1st. The others I lost when but a few days old. My Hybrid pairs are Redpoll-Twite and Linnet-Greenfinch. From the latter I have not had an egg, but I've had five from the Twite. She made a nest in half a cocoa-nut shell, which is painted green and lined with a drab-coloured felt. She filled it up with the stems of shepherd's purse and lined it with cow-hair from the ordinary penny nest-bag. I placed two of her eggs under a Canary, and left her with the remaining three. She sat very close for three days, when somehow the Redpoll got out of the cage, which seemed to worry the Twite. She ate one egg and broke another. The other I placed under the Canary, but to-day I find I have only one fertile, which is due to hatch on the 28th. I hope to get one or two more Yorkshires before breaking up. I have one hen sitting on two fertile eggs, due on the 25th, and another on four eggs.

A. WATSON, Hon. Sec.

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THE TYPE OF THE NORWICH.

Southern Norwich P.C.

SIR,—The club's patronage is given to the following shows:—Dulwich, Champion and Novice; L.C.B.A., Champion and Novice; National, Champion and Novice; W.C.O.S., Champion; Hastings United, Champion and Novice; Welsh National, Champion; Bournemouth, Novice. We have one more for Novice section. Will any society (not mixed show) write from eastern counties who may wish us to give our patronage? The type of Norwich could not be settled, as voting was not quite settled with judges, but was passed that the best model be sent on to Norwich Plainhead Club, then forwarded on to Scotland, as soon as I get the result, to try and adopt the universal model, as well as the universal standard, when the clubs can agree on all points. We cannot arrive at any satisfactory working yet for contest between clubs, as there must be a giving way before any hopes can be entertained of members showing their birds under the present conditions asked for by Scottish Plainhead Club. Result of voting:—First place, Mr. Norman 4 (Mr. Lydon 2); second place, Mr. Norman 3; third place, Mr. R. J. Stewart, Glasgow, 3.—F. S. MATTHES, Hon. Sec.

A FEW NOTES BY A SCOTTISH BIRD LOVER.

SIR,—Bridgeton, situated the east side of Glasgow, has a population composed exclusively of the working class. Since travelling facilities have reached their present state people are either in a terrible hurry or lazy. Yet when looking around there is every scope even for one of limited means, to enjoy a nice day in the country. Having changed my clothing, and with my camera over my shoulder, I was all ready to depart; still it was but three o'clock. My Canaries were singing, also my Linnets, and I just wondered how they sang so much then. Could it be Saturday with them, too, or did they know I was going out to see their little fellow-creatures who were allowed to romp as they pleased, while they were imprisoned in a small wire jail? I did not order my chauffeur to be ready at such and such a time, but simply left the house on the carriage Nature had provided. The wind was high and the sun shining, and everything—even in the city—was quite enticing for any out-door recreation. The foothall season being over, many men don't hurry home as they did, but lounge about the pub, thriftlessly wasting their hard-earned cash. Not being gifted of a fine sea or ocean at our door, we have to content ourselves with the river, the Clyde—and only too proud of it we are. Such extremes! When you go down to the mouth of the river and see the big ships, then come up and up, what a marvellous change! Having previously visited where I was now going, I had everything mapped out, so as to waste no time thinking of what to photograph. So, striking off Springfield Road, I was soon walking alongside the Clyde. On the left Belvedere Hospital, and further up an old bridge (it seems to have been used at one time for carrying coals, or such like, as there are old rails crossing it, which seem to have been a long while unused). Passing on the left a large field where many men and women alike are working hard with big rakes, even on a Saturday afternoon, while we are free to enjoy ourselves gazing at them as a picture postcard. Indeed, it makes a very nice impression on the mind of the city bred. On the right you have the river winding its way to the sea, but before reaching it, it has many duties to perform. On the other side of the river are green fields, while the cars can be seen running for quite a distance. All along the way I have those little tyrants accompanying me. Why do they call them tyrants? Is it that old nursery rhyme—

"Who killed Cock Robin?
I, said the Sparrow,
With my bow and arrow—
I killed Cock Robin," etc.?

Well, if that is so, I would ask them to drop it. A little onward and we have Dalbeth. Here everything is charming. There are trees in abundance, and a picnic on the field. Everyone seems to be enjoying themselves. Why shouldn't they? Nature itself has provided sport for them. Everything I see, every sound I hear, strikes me like magic. The trees and hedges are rustling; they are all alive—many living souls resting and singing upon them. Far from the madding crowd, all the birds are in their glory. What charms me most is a splendid Blackbird, on the top of a large tree, making love to his black coon sitting on her nest with four eggs. How considerate he is! Could man not take an example of those affectionate little things? Within an area of 50ft. or so there are a great variety of nests, with eggs in each. I sit down and enjoy a biscuit and cheese which I had thoughtfully put in my pocket. While doing so I gaze with much admiration at these nests, and I am sure they are a credit to both builder and architect. On my homecoming I visit an old shed, an outhouse to an ancient mansion, and on the wall head there are a few nests. In one there are two dead young, but too decomposed to make out what kind they were, or to judge their age. Continuing my way home, in a flooded field six or seven little boys are bathing. Having still one plate unexposed, I will make good use of it by snapping those little kids. Coming back Springfield Road, it is much different from what I left; small groups congregating here and there, seeming never to leave the street, in case of getting lost.

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THE COLOUR FEEDING AND MOULTING OF CAGE BIRDS.

Paper read before the Crewe O.S. on June 8th, and the Potteries C.B.A. on June 15th.

I have much pleasure in acceding to the request of your Secretary for a paper on some subject of interest, and with this object in view I purpose giving you a few hints on "Colour-feeding and Moulting for Exhibition." I understand you have a number of young fanciers amongst you who have recently taken up our delightful hobby, therefore the subject is one that should especially appeal to them, for unless this branch of the Fancy is not properly mastered not much success on the show bench can be expected. Colour, as everyone knows, is a necessity to exhibition specimens, whether they be Canaries, British birds, or Hybrids.

VARIETIES TO BE FED.

The varieties of Canaries in which artificial colour-feeding is essential for success are Norwich, Yorkshires, Cinnamons and Lizards. It is useless exhibiting any of these, however good in type, quality and condition, unless they are colour-fed. Especially is this the case with Norwich. Colour being one of its chief points for which it is judged, this should convince you of the necessity of artificial colour-feeding for exhibition purposes. Get your birds as good in colour as you possibly can; you cannot get them too hot for present-day competition.

Opinions differ as to the effects of colour-feeding on Canaries and cage birds. Personally I have found it beneficial during the moulting season. Birds which I have been colour-feeding have gone through the moult quicker and better than others that have not had any; neither do I find that it affects their powers of song or re-production. It is a noteworthy fact that Norwich and Yorkshire Canaries, which are practically all colour-fed for exhibition purposes, are more numerous than all the non-fed varieties put together, and, with the exception of the Border Fancy, possess a more robust and stronger constitution.

OBJECTIONS TO COLOUR FEEDING.

Many fanciers object to artificial colour-feeding, but in my opinion some of these are more concerned about the extra trouble enforced on them by a course of colour-feeding than the welfare of their birds. In the early days of colour-feeding nothing but cayenne was used, and I can quite believe that it was then injurious to the health of our birds. Times and customs have changed since then, and cold pepper is now generally used for the purpose. This is a vegetable fruit, something like a tomato when growing. There are many colour-food vendors who advertise their goods in CAGE BIRDS, most of whom claim to have the best in the world. Of course, I am unable to say which is the best; but I have had satisfactory results from the use of the peppers supplied by a well-known Lancashire vendor.

HOW TO MIX FEED.

I mix my colour-feed in the following manner :—To one pound of cold pepper add four ounces of hot Natal pepper, four ounces of moist brown sugar (commonly called pieces), and two ounces of best olive oil; this should be well blended together and put in an air-tight tin or covered jar for future use. Some fanciers use the cold pepper only, just as received from the vendor; but you will get better results from the blend aforementioned. The addition of the hot pepper tends to fix the colour and give it a deeper tone; it also counteracts the effects of the cold pepper, which is of a somewhat purgative nature. The olive oil is added for several reasons; it helps the ingredients of the feed to blend together, gives sheen to the new feathers, causes the colour to spread over the whole of the bird's system, and so ensure an even, level colour, which is so essential. The sugar, whilst being nourishing, renders the whole more palatable to the taste.

WHEN TO COMMENCE FEEDING.

The proper time to commence colour-feeding adult birds is just before they commence their autumn moult; for young birds when they are about eight or nine weeks old. Commence by giving a teaspoonful of the colour-feed to one egg and biscuits, gradually increasing the quantity up to three teaspoonfuls, and continue at this strength throughout the moult, allowing each bird one teaspoonful of the egg-food, as prepared, each day. The seed need not be taken away unless you find your birds are not partaking of the colour-food as they should do. In this case a good plan is to take the seed away over night and replace it on the afternoon of the following day; by so doing you ensure the birds consuming a sufficient quantity of the colour-food to bring about the desired effect. A little linseed should be added to the usual plain seed, which will help to give a bloom and finish to the process of colour feeding. Put a small piece of sulphate of iron, about the size of a split pea, in the drinking water about three times a week; this acts as a mordant in fixing the colour, and is also a good tonic.

THE USE OF THE BATH.

A bath may be given with advantage on bright, warm days during the moult. It is very invigorating and strengthening, and assists the growth of the new feathers. It is indispensable for the proper moulting of British birds and Hybrids for exhibition that baths should be supplied freely during this period.

Whilst the birds are moulting it is beneficial to cover over the front of the flight, or cage, with a piece of thin calico or other material which will admit a fair amount of light, yet will protect the birds from the rays of the sun, which act as a bleacher of colour. This covering will also keep them quiet, warm and clean, so that you will be able to exhibit your birds at several shows before they will require washing.

A STRANGE DIFFERENCE.

It is a singular fact that a young Canary comes out of the moult richer and deeper in colour than does an older specimen, yet the reverse is the case with British birds and Hybrids between British birds, which are not seen at their best until they have passed through the second or third moult; so that, if any of you become possessed of a promising young Hybrid or British bird which is deficient in colour, don't discard it on that account, for, with proper care and attention, it is bound to improve with age. Practically all the winning Mules and Hybrids staged at our shows at the present time are colour-fed, and also many British birds; so that, if you are interested in this branch of the Fancy, you must follow suit, or you will not meet with much success on the show bench.

BRITISH BIRDS AND FEEDING.

The varieties of British birds which are considered to be improved by colour-feeding are the Thrush, Blackbird, Cornish Chough, Hawfinch, Bramblefinch, Yellowhammer, Linnet, Siskin, Greenfinch, Bullfinch, and several others which I need not mention. In moulting British birds for exhibition plenty of natural colour-food should be supplied, such as blackberries, privet berries, mountain ash berries, shepherd's purse, etc., in addition to the prepared egg and colour-food. It must be remembered that British birds are bred and reared under different conditions to Canaries, and also need a different diet; so that by supplying plenty of natural colour-food, such as I have mentioned, you are giving the very foods your birds would partake of if at liberty. This brings my paper to a close. If there is any point connected with the subject which I have omitted to mention, I shall be pleased to enlighten you thereon to the best of my ability. I hope this paper will be the means of assisting a few of your novice members in the art of colour-feeding Canaries and cage birds; if so, I shall feel well repaid for the trouble taken in preparing it.

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FOODS FOR FOREIGN BIRDS WHEN BREEDING.

Some Useful Tips.

By F.Z.S.

It is a notorious fact that most of the commoner varieties of foreign birds of the hard-billed or seed-eating class are extremely frugal in their feeding habits—so much so, that given a sufficient and regular supply of good white millet seed, little else will as a rule tempt them to seek any variety or change. If there is another seed for which they show any preference or choice, it is the spray millet in the bunch, and this certainly proves a very tempting change to a large number of seed-eating foreigners, who appear to revel in picking the seed out of the bunch for themselves, the novelty of doing so being, perhaps, the sole cause of the choice. True, a considerable amount of Canary seed is consumed by these birds, but, in my experience, the choice is quite a secondary one, and it is only after the major portion of the millet is consumed, and the canary becomes, as it were, in the way of an obstruction, that the birds attack it seriously.

READY BREEDERS.

This class of bird which is now indicated is also, as a rule, the readiest to attempt to breed, and is just the class which is likeliest to come into the hands of the ordinary amateur bird keeper, who will doubtless be well acquainted with the general belief that the more variety the bird can have whilst breeding the greater will be the chances of success.

MODIFYING OLD BELIEFS.

This belief, however, requires to be somewhat modified in these days. Formerly, when Canaries and Mules were the principal varieties of birds that one attempted to breed it might have answered well enough, but it scarcely applies with equal force to this great class of exclusive conservatives who simply ignore such tempting blandishments as delight the taste of their more epicurean brethren, and remain staunch and practical advocates of the "simple life." How, then, can one treat such birds on the variety plan when nesting? The answer to this question must, to a certain extent, depend upon the owner, as, by persevering efforts, some of the most extremely frugal birds can be educated to add variety to their diet. For example, one man's stock of Canaries will devour mealworms with the utmost relish, whilst the stock of another fancier would perish of starvation rather than touch one. The explanation of such an anomaly is that one owner perseveres in repeated offerings of an article that is at first rejected, whilst the other probably discontinued his efforts after a second or third failure.

WANT OF EDUCATION.

In dealing with the birds in what one may call an uneducated condition it is evident that one's choice of variety must be limited. Still there are a few things which may be of service and increase one's successes in breeding these birds if properly utilised. Of small foreign birds the Bengalee is perhaps one of the first for the beginner to try to breed. Being already a domesticated variety, a large proportion of the birds will take the usual form of egg food readily. If they do not a little crushed sponge cake, either with or without a sprinkling of moistened ants' cocoons, forms an excellent and attractive substitute. Should this fail a saucer of white millet seed, which has been boiled until soft and drained dry, is very often an irresistible dainty.

A TEMPTING DISH.

The Java, both Grey and White, are also readily tempted with this boiled millet, or a little rice boiled until soft in a good supply of water, so that the grains do not become sticky. Rice in the natural husk—usually known as "paddy rice"—is another favourite which rarely fails to tempt these birds. The Zebra Finch must be dealt with on its merits. Many of them partake of egg food freely, others are just as conservative, but the same foods as are offered to the Bengalee may be given to this species.

PREPARATION OF THE BREAD.

Soaked bread is a very successful food with some fanciers; with others it fails. Doubtless the cause of failure is that it is not properly prepared. A good thick slice should be cut and thrown into a vessel of clean cold water. After soaking for some time take it out and squeeze it in the hands until no more water can be extracted, then break it into a crumbly mass. Many birds will eat it very readily, and it forms an excellent pabulum for rearing young birds, particularly if prepared with a good wholemeal bread. The latter I should always prefer, but any good unadulterated household bread will do. It is of great value for helping Budgerigars and other small Parrakeets to raise their numerous and ravenous broods, as well as many other kinds of smaller birds. I must return to this subject at some other time, as I fear I have already used up too much space.

The Housing and Treatment of Foreign Birds in Captivity.

By WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., etc.

(*Continued from page* 349.)

TANAGRIDÆ.

TANAGRA.—The genus *Tanagra*, though not as gorgeous or glittering as the genus *Callistæ*, are yet quite as handsome and beatuiful. They are mostly larger in size than the *Callistæ*; thriving upon similar treatment, consume a larger quantity of insects. Their taste for these should be indulged, and there should be no lack of ripe fruit. At times these birds will drop off their perches and die immediately, when apparently in the best of health and condition. However, if fed as indicated, and supplied with a roomy cage, giving space for exercise, the majority are neither delicate nor short lived, once they have recovered from the hardships of importation.

THE BLUE TANAGER (*Tanagra episcopus*).—A pair of this lovely species were sent me about a year ago by my esteemed friend and fellow-cultivator, E. W. Harper, from Guiana. They did not become reconciled in an ordinary flight, 6ft. square by 6ft. high, but on May 1st I turned them into a garden aviary, 30ft. by 10ft.; they quickly settled down at once, and will already take a mealworm from the hand. They have added nothing since being in my possession, and in spite of the cold spells have been called upon to endure, are in very fine condition. The female constantly carries nest material about, and appears a strong probability of their breeding. Adult male: General body colour, pale lavender grey; wings and tail, blackish, edged with blue, the blue more or less suffusing the black; lesser wing-coverts pale bluish white (irridescent), changing their hue like mother-of-pearl owing to light refraction; throat, breast and rump are tinged with violaceous; bill, blackish-horn. Total length 6in., tail 2½in. Adult female: Similar to male, but slightly shorter and thicker in build; her bill is shorter and flatter than that of the male, his culmen being quite arched in comparison; the beautiful bluish-white of the lesser wing-coverts being partially absent in the female except when the wing is expanded; her plumage not as resplendent as that of the male. Total length 5¾in., tail 2½in. Habitat: Rio Janeiro, Upper Amazon Valley, and Colombia.

Tanagra cælestis.—The female very similar to the male, but violaceous tinge much deeper and its area greater; the blue parts not as pure in colour as in the male. This distinction will readily identify the species should they be kept together. There are two subspecies, *typica* and *leucocoptera*, which differ but little between *episcopus* and *cælestis*. *T. cælestis sclateri* is very similar in body colour to the above, but can be distinguished by its shining violet lesser wing-coverts. If living specimens of the three preceding species should arrive in this country they would undoubtedly be offered as either Blue, Pale Blue, or Silvery Blue.

THE SILVER-BLUE TANAGERS (*Tanagra cana*).—Adult male: General body colour, pale lavender-grey, darker on the upper back; wings and tail, dull black, edged with bluish-green; upper coverts, rich glistening blue; bill, dark horn colour; legs and feet, blackish. Total length 6in., tail 2¾in. Adult female: Similar, but greyer and duller in colour, and her bill is broader at the base than that of the male. Habitat: Ranges over Southern Mexico, Central America, Venezuela, Colombia, Ecuador, and N. Peru.

THE GREENISH-BLUE TANAGER (*Tanagra cyanoptera*).—Adult male: General body colour, bluish-grey, slightly washed with greenish on the upper parts; the under surface is paler, middle of abdomen being very pale bluish-grey wings and tail, dull black, suffused and edged with greenish-blue; lesser wing-coverts, glistening blue; beak, blackish-brown; legs and feet, brown. Total length 6½in., tail 2¾in. Adult female: According to the British Museum catalogue she is similar to the male, but duller in colour, and her lesser wing-coverts are greenish blue; her bill also is broader at the base than that of the male. Habitat: Southern Brazil, Paraguay, Buenos Ayres, and Bolivia. (*Cat. B. M.*, Vol. XI.)

Tanagra glaucocolpa.—Very similar to the preceding species, but may be distinguished by its paler underparts, violaceous breast, and greenish-blue lesser wing-coverts; middle of abdomen and under wing-coverts white. I do not know of any instance of this species having been imported alive into this country. Habitat: Venezuela.

THE PALM TANAGER (*Tanagra palmarum*).—If not so brightly coloured as some of its congeners, this is a really handsome bird, usually very tightly feathered, and the plumage covered with a sort of bloom, such as seen on ripe plums, grapes, etc. Prim[illegible] olive green, lighter on the head; wing[illegible] tail, black ish-brown; wing-coverts, mar[illegible]ed with ol[illegible]e; bill, dark horn; legs and fe[illegible] brown. Total length 7½in., tail 3in. The female is slightly smaller, paler on the upper surface, and markings more diffused; her tail is rather longer and broader at the base and her plumage generally lacks the brilliancy and richness of that of the male. Habitat: Southern Brazil, Bolivia, Trinidad, Venezuela, Colombia, Panama, and Costa Rica. The Museum catalogue gives two sub-species—(*a*) *typica*, (*b*) *melanoptera*. The differences, however, are infinitesimal, and the species so variable as a whole, that they are only determinable by a comparison with skins.

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When Nightingales Sing and Nightjars Churr.

The voice of the Cuckoo can still be heard although the summer is passing and it will not be long before he leaves our shores. By this time we are somewhat used to the singing of the migrants, now we must make the most of them, for those that stay with us until the summer is past will soon cease to charm us with their songs. The melody of the Nightingale sounds through the copse more frequently now during the daytime than formerly, his mate is carrying out her duties patiently; his courtship is over, he has no rival to combat, and food is plentiful, so just now he is having a lazy time of it, and fills the intervals between visiting his mate with snatches of song. Although he is so musical during the daylight, he does not neglect to render his bewitching music during the hours of darkness; sometimes it is well past sundown before he commences, at others the shadows are still visible, the sun is sinking, and we are fast approaching that delightful hour of a June evening, when sight begins to fail, and sound vibrates sharply in the still air. The Nightingale, Thrush and Blackbird sing in chorus, accompanied by the lesser Warblers and Finches. One by one they retire, until the "King of Songsters" has the woods to himself. We may sometimes think that the bewitching hour of night lends charm to his song, possibly it does, but none can deny the richness, power, and variety of the melody. It will soon be past. After the young ones appear the Nightingale seldom sings, for he is an attentive parent, and young 'Gales grow fast, and need feeding frequently.

In favoured localities, during twilight, one may hear the song of the Nightjar. This is a dull churring noise, resembling a sound that one may make by vibrating a thin piece of wood, fixed at one end. Although so unlike the song of a bird, it is undoubtedly the song of the Nightjar, for the cock bird alone is responsible for it. This bird winters in Africa, and arrives here rather later than the majority of our Spring migrants. It feeds upon the wing, catching moths, cockchafers etc., during the evening, and doubtless throughout the night, for I have seen one at midnight, and also in the early morning just before daylight. There is no reason why they should not do so, as they rest in the daytime, and are seldom seen upon the wing unless disturbed, and then they soon settle again.

A peculiarity of the Nightjar is the habit of perching lengthwise upon the branch of a tree, quite different to the usual method of perchers. In such a position it is most difficult to locate, for the mottled brown plumage assimilates closely with the local colour of the branch. One may occasionally put a pair up while crossing some rural common land, where the heather and bracken grow abundantly, for these birds seem to be exceptionally fond of such localities, and one may sometimes have the good fortune to find the two marble-like eggs deposited upon the bare earth, or, as I once found them, upon a few chips left by the woodman in the winter.

Head of the Nightjar.

There is no semblance of a nest whatever, even when the eggs are highly incubated, for the hen bird sits lightly. There is no reason why the Nightjar should not increase considerably in numbers, for the young ones are as difficult to locate as the nest, and yet there appears to be no more of them about now than in years gone by. It is one of the puzzles of Nature that, no matter how much some species are protected or left unmolested they never increase. Take the Raven as an example; a pair may be protected for years, and yet no advance can be noted, for although we know the old birds drive the young away from the district, there should be a corresponding increase elsewhere. The Peregrine Falcon has been practically exterminated, but the Kestrel and Sparrow Hawk are daily persecuted and destroyed, yet still hold their own—they refuse to be wiped out.

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* Hand-reared Canaries.

My mother had a pair of Yorkshire Canaries which had four eggs. As luck would have it they all hatched out. When they reached seven days old the hen was taken ill, but continued to feed them to the ninth day. On the evening of the same day my mother found her on the nest, with her wings spread out. Immediately after being removed she died. Finding that the cock would not feed the young mother thought she would try and feed them herself, which she did successfully on hard-boiled egg and cracknel biscuits, mixed in a stiff paste, which was given to them on a little stick every few hours, and by following advice of CAGE BIRDS they have turned out four nice birds, two of them singing beautifully.—HAROLD COOK (age 15 years), 17, Byam-street, South Hackney.

* A Clever Cat.

My father has got a lot of birds, both Yorkshires and Norwich and Lizards. We have also a cat called Smut, and each night we go to the bird room she is waiting to go in and look if there are any mice in the traps which my father sets. She walks under the cages and never touches the birds. Our little Bullie is dead, and I am very sorry, for he won us many prizes.—EDWIN GILBERT (age 8 years), High-street, Tideswell.

[illegible] of Sound Judgment.

[illegible] is a bird of sound judgment, and common-sense. He knows that [illegible] always ready to fall a [illegible] he has learnt that nothing appeals more to the English heart than a confiding nature. Therefore, when the snow falls and food is not easy to find he takes courage in both hands so to speak and boldly enters the portals of his human neighbours, demanding as plainly as possible their patronage and protection. He knows full well that the sight of a helpless little one always touches a weak spot somewhere in that big human heart. Other birds would rather starve than beg, toil and slave all day rather than accept charity, but not so the Robin, who knows from experience the power of an appeal, even if he has not learnt that it is logical fallacy, but that little matters to him so long as the result is the same.—ALICE CUNNEBER (age 12 years), 17, Amberley-street, St. Simon's, Bristol.

A Longing.

My brother has a beautiful coloured plate from CAGE BIRDS of Foreign birds. I think they are better in colour than British birds. There are the Budgerigars, Pekin Robin, Ribbon Finch, Java Sparrow and the Red-crested Cardinal, all of which are very beautiful birds. The one I should like best would be the Red-crested Cardinal, which comes from America. Its beak is broad and thick like that of the Hawfinch, and is well adapted for their seed-crushing habits. The Red-crested Cardinal is a very good songster.—Sent by M. PALFREYMAN (aged 11 years), Cook's Cross, South Malton, N. Devon.

The Cuckoo.

The Cuckoo, Spring's harbinger, has, in all ages, obtained for itself a name at once pleasing and disreputable—pleasing because its well-known notes are a sign that the cold winter is gone, and disreputable because it usurps the nests of other birds, of which the Hedge Sparrow is the usual victim. In its nest the Cuckoo deposits one of its own eggs, which are remarkably small in proportion to the size of the bird.—Sent by COLIN SMITH (age 10½ years), Tansley, Matlock, Derbyshire.

Notes and Queries.

"Looking after the Wine."

Robins have built their nest in the warehouse of a wine and spirit merchant at Trowbridge, in an old wine bottle basket hanging from a beam. Last year the birds hatched out a brood of young, and returned this year to their old quarters, where five eggs have been laid, on which the mother bird is busy hatching. The other day the basket was taken from the beam into the open and photographed with the mother bird on her nest.

Giant Pheasants.

Herr Carl Hagenbeck, the celebrated Hamburg dealer in wild animals and birds, says that he has produced a new breed of Pheasants. By cross-breeding between the European and Asiatic Pheasants, and a careful process of selection, he has produced a stock that weighs three to four pounds heavier than the present European bird. More than three hundred birds of the new breed have already been sent to the Hon. Walter Rothschild at Tring, and more are to follow. Herr Hagenbeck declares that in a few years the game of Europe will be revolutionised if his ideas are carried out.

Avocets Breeding in Captivity.

One of the great attractions of the Zoological Gardens for persons specially interested in British birds is the charming waders' aviary at the back of the lion-house. For some time a flock of Avocets has been kept there. For nearly a century the species has ceased to breed in this country. Recently two of the Avocets in the Gardens paired up and chose a nesting place. Three eggs were laid, the birds began to sit, and after an incubation period of 25 days three chicks were hatched. Two were accidentally killed, but the third is doing well, and it is very curious to see the little fellow taking refuge from some fancied danger between the long legs of its mother. This appears to be the first record of Avocets breeding in captivity. Observations made on the sitting birds show that the statement of Naumann as to both parents taking part in incubation is incorrect; on the other hand, the incubation period of "17 or 18 days," given by him, and echoed by nearly all later writers, is shown to be erroneous.

Deserved—And Received.

For curious cases coming before the County Police Court, commend us to Compton Chamberlayne, says the "Salisbury Times." The latest was about a Tom-Tit. A not very small boy, in company with smaller boys and a girl, made a raid on the nest, hauled out the bird, tied a length of string to its leg, and then swung it round and round until the leg was torn away from the body. This barbaric method of inflicting torture sends a thrill of horror through us. No doubt it was wrought by want of thought, but some sort of instruction ought to be given to the youngsters to have a care for the feelings of dumb creatures. In all probability, the boy who was summoned was not very much worse than the others in the party, but we hope the taste of the [illegible] which by this time has tingled his [illegible] will make [illegible] amongst the [illegible] Chamberlayne. Cruelty [illegible] showing [illegible] culprits [illegible] thought [illegible] ment [illegible]

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SCRAGGY CREST: When the feathers forming the crest are short, narrow and deficient in substance. The proper shape and droop of the crest suffers as a natural consequence. See also *Mop* and *Hairy* crests.

SELFS: A term applied to Cinnamons and Greens whose plumage is unbroken by any other colour. It does not, however, imply the absence of the dark pencilling, which is a characteristic of these varieties.

SHEEN: See *Burnished* and *Bloom*. Is also, but inaptly, sometimes used to denote the mealy colour of buff birds.

SHIELD CREST: Indicates that the crest, when viewed from above, is shaped somewhat like a shield, being round in front, widening a little backwards, and terminating in a straight line across the back of the skull. The shield-shaped crest always loses points in competition with a circular shaped crest of equal quality.

SIB-BRED: Birds bred in-and-in (*i.e.*, paired to near relations, brother to sister, mother to son, etc.) for many generations. Such birds are much sought after for mule breeding. If overdone, sib-breeding results in degeneration.

SIDE: Is a term usually applied to the Scotch Fancy, in which the proper formation of the sides of the body is of some moment. The wings should be folded closely and firmly to the body, and the sides of the body appear flat. See also *Long-sided*.

SIX-MARKED: An even-marked bird with six points, viz., marks on each eye, both wings, and each side of tail.

SIX-POINTED: Synonymous with *Six-marked*, which see.

SLACK: A looseness of plumage, generally seen at the thighs. The term is applied to Yorkshires and Norwich and all varieties in which tightness of feather is essential, and where slackness of feather is objectionable as showing a tendency to frilliness.

SLIPPED TOE: Is a crippled condition of a toe, usually the hind toe, more often seen in young birds soon after leaving the nest. The toe curls under the foot, and is directed forward. The method of cure is to take a quarter-inch of india-rubber tubing, such as is used on a baby's feeding bottle, pass it over the front toes, and, keeping the hind toe in the ring, push it up the shank of the leg. The rubber ring may be removed in about a fortnight, but should be replaced at once if the toe again comes [illegible]

SMOKY: This is a term generally applied to Greens. In the former it denotes a want of distinctness between pencilling and ground colour and a smudgy appearance. The same remark will apply to the Lizard, except that spangling loses its distinctness, and has a tendency to merge gradually into the ground colour. See also *Dull colour*.

SNAKY: A term applied to the long, thin neck, and drawn-out, finely cut head and beak of the Scotch [illegible]

SNAKY-HEAD: Is sometimes applied to the well-formed head and beak of Greens, but is more applicable to the finely-chiselled head and beak of Scotch Fancy and Belgian; also the lengthy beak of the Goldfinch.

SNIPPY-HEAD: Synonymous with *Pinched Skull*. Is a narrow skull, giving the head a drawn-out appearance very objectionable in most birds.

SOFT CONDITION: A loss of energy and vitality. May be due to fatigue from over-showing. Birds want a complete rest and a tonic. See *Over-shown*.

SOFT MOULT: See *French Moult*.

SOUR HEAD: A term usually applied to Yorkshires with slightly over hanging eyebrows. It is a bad point. See *Beetle-browed*.

SPANGLED: See *Spangling*.

SPANGLING: The series of small black spots adorning the plumage of the Lizard, and one of its most essential characteristics. The spots should be profuse, bold and distinct, and as black as possible, and be sharply separated from the ground colour. Applied also to the markings of the Starling, Wryneck, etc., and to the markings on the back of the Bramblefinch. See also *Rowing*.

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